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Railway wagons await passengers near the Standard Gauge Railway project site at Gerezani in Dar es Salaam, as captured yesterday. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

MPs alarmed as three lakes face extinction

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By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Committee on Industries, Trade and Environment yesterday called for urgent steps to address alarming rates of deforestation as three lakes near extinction.

Tabling the committee's report on the financial year 2019/20 budget estimates for the President's Office (Environment) yesterday, the committee deputy chairman Col (rt) Ali Khamis Masoud (Mfenesini, CCM) said lakes Manyara, Jipe na Chala all face extinction.

Available evidence points to human activity within and around water catchment areas feeding the water bodies including excessive cutting of trees as the main problem, he said.

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deforestation including desertification and dwindling water resources, the committee called on the government to significantly scale up environmental protection programmes, starting from the coming financial year.

He said that at present around 61 per cent of the country was in danger of turning into desert, with the most affected regions as Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Manyara and parts of Kilimanjaro.

"Studies show that a forest the size of a football pitch is being felled in the country every hour. These figures have made Tanzania one of the five countries that lead in deforestation in the world," said Khamis.

Tanzania has in recent years emerged on the list of countries facing water scarcity, he said, insisting on measures to address

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Embassy of China says: What we've launched is just office for liaison

By Guardian Reporter

THE Chinese Embassy in Tanzania has said the office it opened in Dodoma last Friday is only for liaison purposes and would not involve itself with offer consulate services such as processing applications for Chinese visas or passports - or actually issuing the documents.

It said this in a clarification note to this newspaper yesterday following an earlier report in the media suggesting that what was opened was a full-fledged consulate.

China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Wang Ke, said last week's office inauguration ceremony in Dodoma that the Government of Tanzania had put in place initiatives that have generated a new trend and provided strong impetus to economic and social development.

Among those initiatives is the shifting the nation's capital from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma, a long-cherished wish first proposed by founding president Mwalimu

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Acacia Mining in 13pct first quarter gold output decline

By Guardian Reporter

ACACIA Mining has reported a 13per cent fall in gold production for the first quarter of this year, attributing the decrease to lower output at its North Mara and Buzwagi mines.

The company's interim CEO Peter Geleta says in a statement accompanying a quarterly report that gold production stood at 104,889 ounces, with ounces sold for the quarter standing at 104,985 and in line with production.

Production in the first quarter was affected by unanticipated production issues at North Mara, which produced 66 324 ounces of gold for the quarter, cited as a 14 per cent year-on-year decrease.

The lower output was mainly driven by the consequence of a fall of ground in the Gokona underground mine in December, as well as an excavator breakdown in the Nyabirama open pit.

The fall of ground at Gokona prevented access in the quarter to two higher-grade stopes in the

east, impacting mine sequencing and head grade which, at three grams per tonne, was 19 per cent lower year-on-year and below expectations for the quarter.

The miner has since taken steps to address the issues at North Mara, including the introduction of a revised mining plan in mid-March for both the underground and open pit mines.

Meanwhile, the Buzwagi mine produced 28,577 ounces for the quarter, a 20 per cent lower year-on-year but in line with expectations, as a result of the mine having fully transitioned to a lower-grade stockpile processing operation.

The Bulyanhulu mine, however, produced 9,999 ounces of gold for the quarter, a 17 per cent year-on-year increase and in line with expectations, owing to the higher grades recovered from the retreatment of tailings, as well as improvements in plant throughput.

All production continued from the retreatment of tailings as a result of the mine being placed on

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E-tax stamps raise revenue from cigarettes and alcohol

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has been losing about 4bn/- per month in uncollected taxes on locally produced cigarettes and alcoholic beverages before Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) started being used in January this year.

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Commissioner General Charles Kichere told reporters yesterday that last month TRA collected 42.8bn/- on the products compared to 39.3bn/- collected the same month last year.

"This is an addition of 3.5bn/- in monthly collection which is equal to nine percent increase," he said.

Kichere said that lost revenue is estimated to be higher than that because some producers are

yet to enter ETS due to some reasons and the real amount of money that was being lost will be known once all manufacturers use the new tax system.

He said all local manufacturers as well as importers of cigarettes and alcoholic drinks have until the end of this month to install and start using ETS. After that period products bearing paper stamps will not be allowed into the market, he stated.

The commissioner said all four cigarette companies, seven beer brewers as well as 12 wine and spirit makers already use ETS technology while seven producers stick the stamps manually under supervision of TRA. They still use old technology that cannot support the system, he

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Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Anna Henga (L) and Norway's Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen, exchange documents in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly signing a memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the two parties. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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freetail deforestation caused mainly by avoidable causes.

The country is likely to become water-stressed by 2025 if resources are not managed well, experts have warned in recent expert gatherings.

"The committee advises that the government allocate enough money from internal revenue sources towards environmental conservation. The recent trend is that environmental issues are left to foreign aid funding, and this is not right," he told the House.

Environmentalists warn that more than 370,000 hectares (915,000 acres) of tree cover is being cut in Tanzania

every year, mostly for fuel.

Statistics show that 2.3 million tonnes of charcoal are consumed in the country annually, roughly half of it in Dar es Salaam, and the demand is projected to double by 2030.

A forest inventory by Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) in 2015 found that forests and wooded areas cover over 48 million hectares of land, underlining that wood remains the main source of fuel for Tanzanians, even in urban areas.

Biomass energy provides 92 percent of energy needs for Tanzanians, which is causing an unsustainable use of forest resources, the report intoned.

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explained.

He said that 14 importers of cigarettes and alcoholic beverages have already joined the new system, with the second phase of implementation of ETS starting on May 1, targeting soft or carbonated drinks, water, juices and CDs/DVDs.

Installation of ETS in factories and dealership points for the second phase has already begun with 45 tax stamp applicators having been put up in 18 industrial establishments.

Kichere expressed hope that once all local manufacturers and importers of cigarette and alcoholic beverages as well as carbonated drinks, water, juice and CDs/DVDs go electronic, this will boost revenue collection significantly as the old paper stamp system shortchanged the public in uncollected revenues.

"For instance, there is one liquor

producer who paid between 140m/- and 160m/- per month in excise duty before ETS but is now paying 274m/-," he said.

President John Magufuli recently said outlawed paper tax stamps entrenched systemic corruption whereby government officials entrusted with revenue collection colluded with the private sector to evade taxes.

Speaking in Njombe region last week, the Head of State said billions of shillings were being lost in uncollected taxes, thanks to the partnership of a few unscrupulous TRA officials and big businesses.

Giving an example, President Magufuli said much of the white collar theft took place in the alcoholic beverages industry.

"There is a time tax stamps worth 10bn/- were illegally printed at TRA and distributed to beer and liquor manufacturers leading to loss of government revenues," he added.

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reduced operations in late 2017.

The miner similarly said its cash balance as on March 31, stood at about USD99-million, representing

a decrease of net cash of about USD 17million during the quarter, primarily as a result of lower production.

Throughout the quarter, Acacia continued to engage with its parent company Barrick Gold in its direct

negotiations with the government.

The company anticipates receiving a detailed proposal for a comprehensive resolution of its disputes with the government once Barrick's negotiations have been concluded, the

report indicated.

Despite the challenges, Acacia remains confident that it will deliver against its full year production guidance of between 500 000 ounces and 550,000 ounces, it added.

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Julius Nyerere in 1973.

"It is significant for the central government to maintain close ties with the regions and strengthen linkages between the coastal areas and inland regions to promote common development," said the ambassador.

"President John Magufuli is committed to realising this long-cherished wish within his term of office for he has shown extraordinary courage and resolve by overcoming various difficulties and making remarkable progress," she added.

She said the Chinese embassy attached great importance to the president's proposal when he handed out title deeds to diplomatic missions for plots to build embassies in Dodoma in July 2018.

"In order to start the construction of a new embassy at an early date when the necessary conditions become available, we have been accelerating communication with the relevant authorities in the government," she stated.

The launching of the liaison office is in response to President Magufuli's proposal and demonstration of China's firm support for the implementation of major development initiatives and strategies set by the government.

To set up the office, the Chinese embassy is seeking to enhance and deepen cooperation between the two countries for even more tangible results, she said.

Officiating at the event, Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi commended the embassy for opening a liaison office in Dodoma, noting that it was a significant and welcome gesture.

"China is one of the very first embassies to open a liaison office here in Dodoma. To be precise, it is the second after the Federal Republic of Germany," the minister noted.

"This is testimony to the importance of diplomatic relations between the

United Republic of Tanzania and the People's Republic of China and reflects the close relations that exist between our two countries," he said.

"From the outset of our bilateral relations, China has assisted Tanzania with a variety of generous economic aid programmes, the most notable being the TAZARA Railway - built from 1970 to 1976 with Chinese funding, labour and technical assistance," the minister pointed out.

He observed that despite it was at a time when China's economy was frail and developing, the TAZARA railway was built in record time, adding: "To date, the Tanzania-Zambia Railway remains one of the biggest projects China has ever undertaken overseas and one of its largest aid endowments."

In recent years, Sino-Tanzanian ties have evolved into more modern and pragmatic relations with greater and diversified engagements in trade, infrastructural development and investments, the minister affirmed.

China remains Tanzania's largest trading partner, with bilateral trade volume amounting to US\$ 1,550.4 million as of December 2017.

As of 2018, China is a lead investor and has invested in 723 projects worth USD 5.96 billion, creating 87,126 jobs. China is also Tanzania's second-largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI).

Prof Kabudi noted that the economic, financial and technical relations between the two countries have grown from being just government-to-government engagement to include exchanges between private companies and individual traders.

There are currently more than 600 Chinese companies registered with the Tanzania Investment Centre, he added.

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Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega addresses herders at Ugansa village in Kaliua District, Tabora Region, yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Idda Mushi

Cholera hits Nairobi Hospital, one worker dies

NAIROBI

A member of the Nairobi Hospital staff died and seven were admitted following a cholera outbreak at the premier health facility in the Kenyan capital.

The eight employees work in the hospital's catering department and offer services at the staff canteen.

The hospital's cafeteria was closed indefinitely as the management battled to contain the spread of the outbreak.

Colleagues at the hospital said the male worker died on Tuesday morning

after "a short illness."

The hospital confirmed there were eight staff affected but denied there was an outbreak of the disease.

"There is an upsurge of cholera cases in the county of Nairobi. We have had several cases admitted to our hospital. Unfortunately, we had eight staff affected. There is no outbreak of cholera in the Nairobi Hospital," said the management in a statement.

The statement added no patient was at risk and the management is monitoring the situation and all precautionary measures had been put

in place.

The hospital, however, assures the public that no one within the facility is at risk as they are closely monitoring the situation. "No patient is at risk and we are closely monitoring and all precautionary measures are in place", said the Hospital.

Other officials said there were at least 23 cases of the water-borne disease that had been reported at the facility in April alone.

The Nairobi Hospital is a private facility and is the biggest regionally.

The incidents come barely a month

after the Nairobi County Health Service warned residents of an outbreak of cholera in the city. This was after it emerged some sewage had mixed with water flowing through pipes to homes.

On March 21, County Director of Health Lucina Koyio said the outbreak was spreading rapidly in all sub-counties and asked all facilities in the city to reactivate their responses.

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Tanzanian shilling remains stable for two years - govt

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania shilling has for the past two years remained relatively stable against the US dollar due to effective supervision and implementation of monetary policy, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Finance and

Planning Dr Ashatu Kijaji told the National Assembly that control of inflation rates was also among the reason for Shilling stabilization.

She was responding to a question from Tumbatu MP (CCM) Juma Othman Hija who sought to know over the strategies taken by the government to control shilling fall against other

currencies.

“The Shilling value dropped by 2 per cent in the year 2017/18 and 2016/17 compared to the fall of 22 per cent in 2015/16. So in the last fiscal year, the Shilling remained relatively stable compared with the franc of Rwanda which fell by 5 percent and Ugandan shilling by 3.8 per cent,” Dr Kijaji

explained.

According to her, in maintaining the shilling stability, the government was taking a number of initiatives

including promoting the increase of local production of goods and services as well as increasing exports, among others.

“Controlling the bureau exchange business is also a key initiative taken by the government to ensure that our shilling remains stable,” she added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in tête-à-tête with Mikumi legislator Joseph Haule in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: PMO

African visionaries invited to join MIT inclusive innovation challenge

By Guardian Reporter

Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) has announced Liquid Telecom, official partner for the 2019 Inclusive Innovation Challenge (IIC) in Africa which challenges entrepreneurs around the world to re-invent the way technology innovation is harnessed.

A press statement issued by the telecom company yesterday said this year the challenge will take place on five continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the US and Canada. Liquid Telecom will serve as the IIC's outreach partner for Africa, where it will play an important role in recruiting African entrepreneurs and innovators to participate in the challenge.

The 2019 IIC has four categories focused on creating solutions to help people prosper in the era of automation. These are technology access, financial inclusion, skills development and opportunity matching, and income growth and job creation.

It said that Liquid Telecom will be encouraging African based start-ups, innovators and technology companies to take part in the various challenges.

The IIC will award a total of \$1.6 million this year –including \$ 250,000 to each of the four winning organizations.

Liquid Telecom's Group Chief Technology

and Innovation Officer, Ben Roberts said: “Liquid Telecom is looking forward to working with MIT on delivering the IIC in Africa as it is aligned with our mission to support innovation, using digital technology, across the continent”.

IIC Executive Producer, Devin Cook sees a ‘revolution afoot’ to create high-tech jobs and skills training that bring people more fully into the digital age.

“Our vision is an economy that works for all,” she said adding to achieve its target, the IIC serves as a catalyst to accelerate entrepreneurs who are already making their vision a reality.

Since 2016, 3,000 organisations have registered for the IIC from more than 100 nations. It has worked with more than 100 Global Outreach Partners, 500 judges, and drawn 3,300 event attendees.

There were 100 winners in last year's competition, awarded a total of \$3.5 million, which developed

solutions ranging from agricultural climate apps for African farmers to training courses for US healthcare workers and coding boot camps in India and the Middle East.

Director of Initiative on the Digital Economy (IDE) Erik Brynjolfsson said: “We believe that inclusive innovation use technology to generate increased economic opportunity for moderate and low income earners”.

He added: “The question we should be asking isn't ‘what is technology going to do to our economy and society, but rather, what will we do with technology”.

The Liquid Telecom Innovation Partnerships initiative supports the growth of digital technology innovation across Africa. It helps technology companies originated and founded in Africa to scale through mutually beneficial partnerships.



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Lawmakers form alliance for assisting states in achieving targets on food and nutrition

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

MEMBERS of Parliament from Eastern African nations have formed an alliance to supporting their countries to achieve food and nutrition targets as set out by the Malabo Declaration of 2014.

Dubbed 'Eastern Africa Parliamentarian Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (EAPA FSN)' the Alliance seeks to follow up on the fulfillment of the commitments made by the Eastern African governments to eradicate food insecurity and malnutrition by 2025.

Recognised the insufficient progress made in this regard, the sub region called for a parliamentarian alliance to enact laws and regulations, monitor law enforcement, influence national development plans, determine the design and allocation of national budgets, and hold their governments accountable for policy implementation related to food security and nutrition.

In his remarks during the official launching of the Alliance in Arusha yesterday, Speaker Job Ndungai, noted that the move to form the Alliance is timely when agriculture in Africa and Eastern Africa in particular is undergoing major transformations.

"This requires innovative actions in terms of institutional environment, resource allocation, effective coordination and accountability," he said.

According to him, MPs as representative of the people cannot be left out in the transformations since they have a big role in strengthening the institutional and legislative environment towards achieving the Malabo Declaration targets as well as the Sustainable Development Goals.

In his speech FAO sub-regional coordinator for Eastern Africa and FAO representative to the African Union (AU) and to the United Nations Economic

Commission for Africa, David Phiri, said that despite numerous efforts, food insecurity and malnutrition are still a big threat to many countries.

"Governments are making efforts to achieve a world without hunger and malnutrition by 2030, but progress is still slow and many countries will likely not achieve their targets if they continue doing business as usual," he said.

Dr. Phiri disclosed that FAO has been engaging with Members of Parliaments (MPs) in the last decade in many part of the world including the creation of the Parliamentary Front against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"This has yielded many achievements and lessons learnt which could serve as examples for Eastern Africa. FAO has also collaborated with the European Parliamentarian Alliance on Food Security, and more recently with the Pan-African Parliamentarian on Food security and nutrition issues," he added.

The head of health, nutrition and population at the Africa Union Commission, Dr. Margaret Agama-Anyete, commended the move and underscored the important role that MPs play in ensuring food security and nutrition in countries.

"Members of Parliament play a crucial role in alleviating hunger and malnutrition. They are the ones who enforce laws and regulations and influence national development plans," she said adding that: "They also determine allocation of national budgets, besides holding their government accountable," she said.

The meeting is aiming at officially establishing and launching the EAPA FSN. It also provides an opportunity for exchanging experiences among the MPs in the sub-region. It is being attended by over 40 MPs from 9 countries, IGAD inter-parliamentary Union and East African Legislative Assembly.



Ladislaus Karlo (L), Tigo's head of sales for Mbeya and Rukwa regions, briefs journalists in Mbeya city yesterday on how to use mobile phones in making payments. This was at the launch of Government e-Payment Gateway (GePG) services in Mbeya Region. Others are Tigopesa commercial manager Dennis Sakia and Mbeya Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority assistant PR manager Kadri Makongwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Retirees paid 888.4 bn/- so far - Mavunde

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

DEPUTY Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment and Disabled) Antony Mavunde has said 888.4bn/- in pensions were paid to retirees until February 28 this year.

He was responding to a question from Mbozi lawmaker Pascal Haonga (Chadema). The legislator had wanted to know when government would pay dues to the retirees, who were members of Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF).

Haonga was concerned that it is almost a year that the government had yet to

pay some of retirees in several councils, making them face economic hardships.

According to Mavunde, the amount was paid to 9,971 retirees under the PSPF pension scheme.

The Deputy minister asserted that PSSSF had completed setting up a pension payment system that will enhance payments at regional level.

The system he said would enable retirees to get paid within 60 days from the date of submission of the payments forms as required by law.

Last year, the government restructured pension funds from five namely NSSF, GPF, LAPF, PPF and PSPF to two - NSSF and Public Sector Social Security Fund.

According to the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and Disabled, Jenista Mhagama, the process of merging social security funds considered their financial capacities because other pension funds were tottering on the brink of collapse.

PSSSF was formed following the merger of the PPF, PSPF, Local Authorities Pension Fund (LAPF) and Government Employees Provident Fund (GEPF).

The government has also come up with new regulations for pensioners whereby those under NSSF receive 25 per cent in lump sum, while the remaining 75 per cent is set for monthly packages.

Government avails 33bn/- for implementation of TARURA projects across the country

By Guardian Reporter

Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Selemani Jafo said the government has set aside additional budget of 33bn/- for the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to enable it implement its projects across the country.

Jafo noted that the additional budget allocation follows an outcry by Members of Parliament that most of the rural roads in the constituencies were not constructed. He said with the funds, TARURA is expected to construct more rural roads at tarmac level.

He said the budget for the agency have been increased to 496.5bn/- from the previous 463.5bn/-

He however said his ministry is working to improve issuance of taxpayers' identity cards for small-scale entrepreneurs as per directives of President John Magufuli.

Last year President Magufuli launched the programme to provide vendors and small-scale entrepreneurs with special taxpayer ID directing regional commissioners, to ensure proper distribution of the cards.

The ID cards which are renewable annually are available at a price of 20,000/-

He added that so far a total of 13,632 teachers have been employed and have already reported at their working stations. He said the government will employ another 4500 teachers to fill the gaps in both primary and secondary schools.

He said the government plans to employ 44,807 public servants, 13,002 in other departments including public university lecturers while around 290,625 will be promoted.

Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance), George Mkuchika while tabling ministerial budget estimates for 2019/2020 said the government plans employ civil servants in various sectors including 13,526 teachers, 9,467 health workers, 3,725 police officers, 2,141 agriculture, livestock and fisheries officers, 500 fire officers, 685 prison wardens and 1,262 in other fields.



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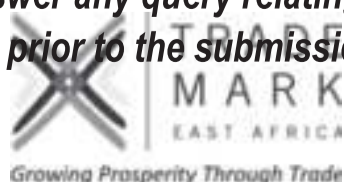
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GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

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OVERVIEW:
The Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance - Tanzania (GHSC TA-TZ) project, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) as well as essential medicines and medical supplies. In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC TA-TZ assists Government of Tanzania (GoT) health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

JOB SUMMARY:
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RESPONSIBILITIES:
Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Identify training needs for LMS staff, according to roles and responsibilities as outlined in the LMS Charter, LMS Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual, and job descriptions
- Develop approach for ongoing capacity building of LMS staff and related curriculum, tools, job aids, etc.
- Utilize a variety of training methods/approaches: mentoring, OJT, classroom training and e-learning to build the capacity of LMS staff
- Act as a technical resource to LMS staff
- Cultivate leadership and management skills of individuals responsible for managing the LMS, including leadership at PSU, MSD, and Po-RALG.
- Assist in monitoring the performance of the LMS, highlighting areas of improvement, and developing plans to address those areas.
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- learned
- Serve as a technical resource for project staff for implementing supply chain improvement strategies and management approaches
- Prepare presentations, participate and/or represent the project in stakeholder meetings.
- Complete and submit in a timely fashion written technical and trip reports.
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A qualified Pharmacist, Degree in Supply Chain Management, Public Health, Statistics, or related degree with at least five years of experience in health programs.
- Experience working in Tanzania's public health supply chain.
- Ability to analyze supply chain data, conduct root cause analysis, and prepare quality presentation/reports
- Experience providing supply chain trainings
- Knowledge of various electronic health information systems such as eLMS and E9
- Ability to coach and mentor public sector stakeholders
- Proven strong leadership skills and ability to build strong interpersonal relationships
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, set priorities and work independently.
- Excellent technical writing and oral presentation skills highly desired
- Excellent written and verbal English
- A proven ability to work as part of a team and to be self-managing
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Experience working with the Government of Tanzania and other NGOs preferred.
- Previous work experience with USAID-funded projects desirable.

Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letters, Curriculum Vitae with names and contact details of 3 work related references, enclosing certificate copies of relevant education and training.

Submission may be sent to ghsc.recruitment@gmail.com by 30th April, 2019.

Only candidates meeting the minimum requirements will be contacted. If you have not heard from us within two weeks after the closing date, kindly assume that your application was not successful.

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NOTICE OF THE 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CRDB BANK PLC will be held on Saturday, 18th May, 2019 at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Simba Hall, commencing at 9.00 a.m. and the following Agenda will be transacted:

- 1) **Opening of the Meeting.**
- 2) **Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.**
- 3) **Adoption of the agenda.**
- 4) **Confirmation of the minutes of the Twenty Third Annual General Meeting.**
- 5) **To discuss the Matters Arising.**
- 6) **Adoption of the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements for year 2018.**
 - 6.1. Directors' Report.
 - 6.2. Audited Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2018.
 - 6.3. Declaration of Year 2018 Dividend.
- 7) **Directors Remuneration.**
- 8) **Appointment of the External Auditors.**
- 9) **Election of Board Members**
 - 9.1. Three (3) Board Members to represent shareholders owning shares below 1%.
 - 9.2. One (1) Board Member to represent shareholders owning shares above 1% and below 10%.
 - 9.3. One Independent Director
- 10) **To deliberate on Proposals received from Shareholders.**
- 11) **Any other business with leave of the Chair.**
- 12) **To set the place, date and venue of the next meeting.**
- 13) **Closing of the meeting.**

NOTE:

1. The Shareholders Register will be closed from 10/05/2019 and will be opened on 11/05/2019.
2. All proposals to be discussed under Agenda no. 10 must be received by the Secretary not later than **4.00 p.m.** on **Thursday, 02/05/2019.**
3. Papers for the meeting may be collected from CRDB Bank Branches from **06/05/2019** and will also be available in Arusha from **17th to 18th May, 2019** and Bank's website on 06/05/2019
4. Costs for transportation and accommodation will be borne by shareholders themselves.

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS SEMINAR

Notice is hereby given that there will be a shareholders seminar on "Corporate Governance", "Exploiting Opportunities towards Industrialisation Drive" and "CRDB Bank's Loans, Pensioners Products and Wakala Opportunities" on 17th May 2019 starting at **9.00 a.m.** at the **Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Simba Hall.**

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28th March, 2019
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NOTICE

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 2018

The Board of Directors of CRDB Bank Plc recommends a dividend of TZS 8 per issued and fully paid up share in line with the Bank's Dividend Policy subject to obtaining approval from the Annual General Meeting of shareholders to be held on 18th May, 2019.

Pursuant to approval of the dividend recommendation, the timetable for dividend payment will be as follows:

Announcement of Dividend Payment:	12th April, 2019
Trading of Shares Cum Dividend:	12th April - 4th May, 2019
Trading of Shares Ex-Dividend:	6th May, 2019 onwards
Closure of the Members Register:	10th May, 2019
Re-Opening of the Register:	13th May, 2019
Dividend Payment on/or about:	3rd June, 2019

Dividend will be paid directly to shareholders bank accounts, through M-Pesa, Airtel Money and Tigo Pesa for those who have issued instructions.

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SGR trial run locomotives due to arrive from Turkey

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A trial run of locomotives from Turkey will arrive in Tanzania in the next three months for the laid 30 kilometers infrastructure under standard gauge rail (SGR).

Minister for Works, Transport and Communication Isack Kamwewe said this recently at the launch of the 30 kilometers SGR rail infrastructure held at Soga site in Coast Region.

He said the locomotive will be operational effective July this year, as soon as they arrived in the country. He said the testing exercise is meant to evaluate the infrastructure to see whether they comply with the required standards.

"We have ordered locomotives for trial operations of the SGR infrastructures from this July. We want to evaluate its quality standards as the contractor continues connecting other parts of the country", said Eng Kamwele.

The minister noted that the flush butt welding currently in the process is aimed at increasing durability and safety of the railway. He said the technology also increases comfortability and assurance of safety to users, and reduce possibilities of sabotage.

Eng Kamwele said the government expects to sign a contract (without mentioning the specific company) for procurement of locomotives and 1400 wagons that will be used in the SGR.

Kamwewe took time to advise local

experts to utilize the expertise skills from the ongoing project to be able to independently handle such projects in future.

Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) Director General, Masanja Kadogosa said the rail welding came after track consolidation and re-alignment. He said rail welding is performed to reduce renovation costs and increase durability.

"Welding of the railways helps to increase safety and durability of the infrastructure", he said.

In 2016, the government signed a consortium agreement with two constructing companies, the Turkish and Portugal to construct the Dar es Salaam - Morogoro section at a cost of 2.7trn/-.

It was reported recently that the government had already disbursed 2trn out of 2.7trn/- for construction of Standard Gauge Rail (SGR) section from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro Region (300 kilometres).

Dr Kijaji hinted that the government had also already paid compensation worth 78bn/- to all people residing along the central line to pave way for the ongoing construction.

Completion of the railway will facilitate transportation of people and cargo from the Dar es Salaam port. It will also boost government revenues.

The SGR will also help ease the flow of goods and people in the neighbouring landlocked countries of Uganda, Zambia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi and Rwanda.



Temeke Regional Police Commander Amon Kakwale (2nd-L) inspects iron bars to be used in the construction of police quarters in Dar es Salaam's Kigamboni-Kibada suburb after they were handed over by Kamal Steels Limited Chief CEO Ajah Jha (3rd-L) at a function held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

INVESTORS and farmers in southern regions of Tanzania have said President John Magufuli is sincere on attracting investments and truly wants to end red tape that frustrates investors who want to start industries in Tanzania.

The chairman of the Wood Foundation, Sir Ian Wood, said President Magufuli's public condemnation and abhorrence of the red tape was evidence that the president is determined to end bureaucracy that frustrates prospective investors in industries and curtails the pace of investment in the country.

Sir Ian also said the Wood Foundation will continue to work very closely with the Southern Agricultural Growth

'Magufuli winning hearts and minds of investors in the southern regions'

Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot), saying the impressive agricultural reforms currently being witnessed in southern regions were a result of Sagcot's hard work and good coordination. "Sagcot has proved to be an important link between us. Being one of the partners, we shall continue to work very closely with Sagcot," he pledged.

A famous Njombe avocado grower, Christom Mkole, praised the industrialization drive in themi Cluster that is being spearheaded by Sagcot

with the support of the president. "The Kabambe Tea Factory that has been launched by President Magufuli is a big liberation to tea growers. It guarantees them a reliable, permanent market," he said.

Sagcot Chief Executive Officer, Geoffrey Kirenga, said Sagcot has been happy to witness two new industries being opened in the corridor by President Magufuli inside 12 months. The president opened Silverlands factory that produces chicken feed

and has a huge hatchery and recently opened Kabambe Tea Factory.

Kirenga said President Magufuli is a practical person and makes consistent follow-ups on development projects. He said the factories opened in the corridor give the investment drive a new push.

Kirenga called on experts to visit the corridor to see for themselves the public private partnership at work and see contribution of the private sector to farmers.



Mohamed Baucha (L), Head of Zantel in Zanzibar, presents a dummy cheque for 1m/- to Ihilhal General Hemed - the second monthly winner of the firm's 'Tumia EzyPesa Ushinde' raffle at a function held in Zanzibar municipality at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

AFAP organises training hub for agro-dealers in Lake zone regions

THE African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP) have organised a training hub for agro-dealers in the Lake zone regions to build capacity for them to serve farmers adequately and promote agricultural sector development.

Speaking to journalists yesterday, AFAP country manager, David Kijazi said the two-day training aims to educate agro-dealers on the importance of timely distribution of fertilizer to farmers to boost the agriculture sector.

He said once agro-dealers are knowledgeable about the use of fertilizer they will be able to serve farmers accordingly, hence ensure development of the agriculture sector which employs majority of the

country's population.

He said that agro-dealers have been trained on how to manage stocks and record keeping that can help them to know whether they operate on profit or not.

AFAP that is currently operating in 19 regions in the country also engages in building of warehouses for farmers, preparation of demonstration plots and farmer field schools.

According to Kijazi, the demonstration plots help farmers to learn practically and easily adapt to modern farming practices. He said that AFAP also sensitizes farmers on the importance of using pesticides, quality

seeds as well as need to conduct soil testing before planting crops.

He said that currently, that NGO works in collaboration with 40 hub agro-dealers in the country that have a network of small agro-dealers who reach farmers directly.

One of the dealers, Julius Mshana said the move had given them useful knowledge on how to run their businesses.

A dealer, Suzan Sabuni said the training will stimulate their businesses because they will be able to keep businesses records.

Last week when inaugurating the Mafinga - Nyigo - Igawa road in Njombe

region, President John Magufuli decried smuggling of the agro-inputs to neighbouring countries, a situation which hinders farmers from realizing their productivity potential.

The Presidents said that most of the imported farming inputs are illegal sold outside the country, by unscrupulous dealers and distributors.

In June last year, President Magufuli launched phase two of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP) that is expected to revolutionize the agricultural sector. The programme will be implemented in two phases which started in the year 2018/2019 to 2023/2024.

CBOs applauds management of SOS children's villages Tanzania

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

MUFINDI community based organisations (CBOs) has applauded the management of the SOS children villages Tanzania for training and equipping them with CBO management and resource mobilisation skills in a bid to fight households poverty in the country.

Speaking during the training Suzana Kapungu who is the chairperson for Amkeni CBO based in Mafinga Town Council, Mufindi district in Iringa region said that the acquired skills will enable their organisation stand on their own (two) feet and be able to mobilise resources without much help from donors.

According to her, the training had come at the right time when a lot of CBOs are failing to manage their organisations due to lack of capacity to mobilise local resources to implement their projects.

The four-day training aimed at empowering CBOs to develop annual plan and resource mobilisation plan coordinated by SOS children villages Tanzania (SOS-CVTZ) through Women Empowerment and Children Rights Project in Mufindi District, Iringa Region.

For his part, Kilian Ngungulu a member of Twiyendage CBO based at Ihowanza Ward in Mufindi District Council also commended SOS villages organisation for recognising the gap and being ready to support CBOs.

The SOS children villages Tanzania supports a total of 60 members of 15

CBOs in Mufindi District in project proposal writing and CBO management and resource mobilisation so that they can stand up and look for funds to run their organisations.

In his opening remarks, the Mufindi District Council chairperson Festo Mgina noted that resource mobilisation is crucial to any organisation because it ensures the continuation of the organisation's service provision to clients, supports organisational sustainability and also allows for improvement and scale-up of products and services the organisation currently provides.

He said that SOS-Tanzania was doing a great job on women empowerment and protecting children against gender based violence (GBV) and violence against children protection because it has brought a number of initiatives and strategies that did not existed before.

The Women Empowerment and Child Rights Project is funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and implemented by SOS children villages Tanzania in Mufindi District.

According to the SOS children villages Tanzania programme coordinator Victor Mwaipungu, the Women Empowerment and Children Rights Project wants to ensure CBOs and structures have functional capacity and responsiveness of towards promoting the rights of the children and woman empowerment in Mufindi district by 2020.

"We have decided to empower the CBOs so that they can have the capacity to mobilise resources and stand on our own (two) feet without help from donor support," he said.

NEMC set to enforce ban on plastic bags

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) said it will totally enforce the ban on plastic after the June 1 government deadline.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the NEMC director general, Dr Samuel Gwamaka called on stakeholders to observe the deadline to stave off possible inconveniences and punishment.

"We advise all concerned to observe the government deadline because after the deadline we shall strictly enforce the ban using provisions of the Environment Act and its regulations," he said, explaining that in enforcing the ban there will be no discrimination or partialities. "All culprits will be punished under the law irrespective of race, position in society or other considerations," he warned.

He said the ban means a lot to preservation and protection of Tanzania's environment, explaining that enforcement will be countrywide and from the ward to national levels.

"At all these levels we have offices. Therefore we are in a good position to enforce the ban effectively and we have prepared ourselves to do that," he said.

Meanwhile, the Assistant General Manager of the Mufindi Pulp Factory, Engineer Gregory Chogo, said their plant has the capacity to produce raw materials for producing alternatives to banned plastic bags.

"The government ban has come at a time when our factory is in a good position to produce raw materials for those who plan to produce alternative bags," he said explaining that the factory can produce 4500 tonnes a month.

He explained that for quite some time now Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya have banned plastic bags and the three countries were importing raw materials for making alternative bags from

Mufindi.

The manager said the national needs for raw materials range between 20 and 25 per cent of the plant's installed capacity, explaining that the rest is exported to countries that have already banned the use of the plastic bags.

On Monday, the Vice-President's Office, Ministry of Union and Environment, organised in Dar es Salaam a meeting to expose business opportunities to prospective makers of alternative bags to plastic ones.

The meeting was attended and addressed by Minister for Industry, Joseph Kakunda, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), Angela Kairuki.

Winding up his office's budget for 2018/19 financial year Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the country is to enforce a total ban on the use of plastic bags by June, 2019, to protect the environment from choking mounds of the deadly plastic waste.

He said that manufacturers of plastic bags are expected to use the two months window to unwind their businesses estimated to run into billions of shillings. With the ban, Tanzania joins other countries such as Kenya, Rwanda and Zanzibar to enforce a total ban on the use of plastic bags.

Environmentalists have campaigned for many years for authorities to ban the use of plastic but business interest groups have often prevailed due to fear of job and tax losses.

Majaliwa told the National Assembly that the decision to ban the materials was meant to protect the health of people and animals, as well as protect the environment. "Letting plastic bags serve as the main carrying items constitute a serious hazard to the environment," said the Premier.

He urged manufacturers to start producing alternative bags that are environmentally friendly.



Linda Riwa (2nd-R), Vodacom Tanzania's commercial business unit director, and colleagues in celebratory mood at yesterday's launch of a Vodacom shop at Masaki in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA District has set aside 7.5m/- from its 2019/2020 budget for procurement of girls' towels to be distributed to secondary school students to ensure they are safe and cared during their monthly periods.

Mbeya district chairman, Mwalingo Kisenba made the statement yesterday during the launch of a special campaign to protect girls which was held at Tembele ward. The campaign is championed by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP)

Mwalingo said they arrived at the decision after realizing that most of the mature girls cannot afford to purchase the sanitary pads, thus forcing them to miss classes during their menstrual cycle.

Mbeya District sets aside 7.5m/- for procurement of girls' sanitary towels

He said the district has been working closely with TGNP in identifying and finding solution to the many challenges that face school girls in both primary and secondary schools.

"We commend TGNP for supporting us in improving learning environment for the girls. We have allocated more funds for the purchase towels this year compared to last years' 1.6m/-", said Mwalingo calling for stakeholders to support their endeavour.

Tembele ward community development officer, Nestory Maguja urged parents to provide towels for their

children. He said his office has been receiving a number of cases where parents do not want to provide their children with towels, the matter that had led into some of them engaging in crimes.

The government in its 2018/2019 national budget announced the removal of the Value Added Tax (VAT) for sanitary pads as part of ensuring healthy and safe menstrual periods of women and girls in Tanzania.

TGNP executive director, Lilian Liundi commended the government's efforts in ensuring girls are safe and

cared during their monthly periods.

Liundi said the move was a huge result for TGNP Mtandao and other human rights actors since the issue of sanitary pads and menstrual hygiene management has been a cry for a long time.

"We are glad to see our government addressing issues of women and girls", she said.

She said their vision was to see the sanitary pads distributed freely to girls in schools because most of them in the rural areas can't access or afford to buy the product.



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ESTABLISHING UN WOMEN CIVIL SOCIETY ADVISORY GROUP IN TANZANIA

UN Women is setting up a civil society advisory group (CSAG) as a consultative body for advancing shared objectives in promoting women's rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women. The goal of establishing this group is to build on existing close relationships and increase strategic dialogue with civil society partners, provide a dynamic source for innovative initiatives, ideas and policy perspectives to assist UN Women in achieving its strategic goals.

UN Women CSAG in Tanzania will be a consultative forum for regular dialogue between UN Women and civil society in Tanzania. The goals for the group are:

- To enable UN Women to consult with civil society and draw upon the rich and diverse expertise, experience, outreach and networks, perspective and knowledge that civil society can offer.
- To foster dialogue and engagement, with a view to advancing goals of gender equality and women's empowerment.
- To serve as a consultative forum of ideas and strategies, including identification of the most pertinent and emerging gender equality issues in the region.

UN Women Tanzania CSAG is being established to facilitate effective, on-going and structured consultations between civil society and UN Women at a country level. Rotating every two years, this Advisory Group will focus on the provision of strategic perspectives on advocacy issues, strengthening UN Women's engagement with civil society and supporting, as relevant, intergovernmental processes and forums.

The Group's composition must ensure that the diversity of women in the country is represented. Members will be drawn from gender equality networks, women's organizations, academia, the private sector as well as other non-governmental and grassroots organizations which are committed to the core values of the United Nations.

Therefore, UN Women is calling for all interested individuals to apply for membership by filling in the Application Form. More detail on the requirements and Group's composition are available in Terms of Reference.

Download from the UN Global Market Website: <http://africa.unwomen.org/en/about-us/announcements> or <http://africa.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2019/03/announcement-tz>

Terms of Reference: UN Women Civil Society Advisory Group Tanzania (PDF)
CSAG Application Form (Word Document)

Please send your application and CV to procurement.tanzania@unwomen.org NOT later than 1st of May 2019 and indicate "Tanzania CSAG application" in your email subject line.

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SALE OF VEHICLE, FORKLIFT, OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

The office of the **United Nations World Food Programme** in Dar es Salaam has a list of used Vehicle, Motorized Forklift, Office furniture and equipment for sale on "as-is-where-is" basis to the highest bidder. Prospective buyers will be responsible for payment of duty, VAT and other related charges as established under Government rules and regulations. Only bids with precise prices will be accepted. WFP reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids should be quoted in Tanzanian Shillings.

The items can be viewed at the following places and on the indicated dates and time.

Viewing Sites	Date	Time
WFP Dar es Salaam Country Office	23.04.2019-25.04.2019	0900hrs-1300 hrs
WFP Dodoma Sub office	23.04.2019-25.04.2019	0900hrs-1300 hrs
WFP Isaka Sub office	23.04.2019-25.04.2019	0900hrs-1300 hrs

Sealed bids should be addressed to the **WFP Representative & Country Director, P.O. Box 77778, Plot No. 133 Mwindu Lane Street, Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam** and marked "BID FOR PURCHASE OF USED VEHICLE, FORKLIFT, OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT NO. 02/2019" and should reach the UNWFP Dar es Salaam Office before Monday 30.04.2019 at 13.30hrs. Successful bidders will be required to pay and will collect the unit they have purchased within 7 working days after being notified of their successful bid. A successful bidder will be notified starting from 10.05.2019

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3		Chair low back		Worn out	Dar es salaam
4		Chair - High back		Worn out	Dar es salaam
5		Chair Low Back NT205L BLK		Worn out	Dar es salaam
6		Office Chair Low Back NT205L		Worn out	Dar es salaam
7		Chair Low Back NT205L BLK		Worn out	Dar es salaam
8		Table		Good	Dodoma
9		Chairs		Worn out	Dodoma
10		Chairs LB NT205L		Worn out	Dodoma
11		Microwave Oven		Working	Dodoma
12		Sewing Machine (Stitching)		Working	Dodoma
13		Wooden Chair		Worn out	Dodoma
14		Wooden Chair		Worn out	Dodoma
15		Wooden Chair		Worn out	Dodoma
16		Chair		Worn out	Dodoma
17		Switch		Working	Dodoma
18		Desk phone AASTRA		Working	Dodoma
19		Desk phone Panasonic		Working	Dodoma
20		Shelf		Worn out	Dodoma
21		Chair (Wooden)		Worn out	Dodoma
22		Chair (Wooden)		Worn out	Dodoma
23		Table		Worn out	Dodoma
24		Table (Wooden)		Good	Dodoma
25		Table (Wooden)		Good	Dodoma
26		Chair (Wooden)		Worn out	Isaka
27		Chair (Wooden)		Worn out	Isaka
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Agricultural productivity crucial for sustainable development

AGRICULTURAL productivity is measured as the ratio of agricultural outputs to agricultural inputs. While individual products are usually measured by weight, their varying densities make measuring overall agricultural output difficult. Therefore, output is usually measured as the market value of final output, which excludes intermediate products such as corn feed used in the meat industry. This output value may be compared to many different types of inputs such as labour and land (yield). These are called partial measures of productivity.

Agricultural productivity may also be measured by what is termed total factor productivity. This method of calculating agricultural productivity compares an index of agricultural inputs to an index of outputs. This measure of agricultural productivity was established to remedy the shortcomings of the partial measures of productivity; notably that it is often hard to identify the factors cause them to change.

The productivity of a region's farms is important for many reasons. Aside from providing more food, increasing the productivity of farms affects the region's prospects for growth and competitiveness on the agricultural market, income distribution and savings, and labour migration. An increase in a region's agricultural productivity implies a more efficient distribution of scarce resources. As farmers adopt new techniques and differences, the more productive farmers benefit from an increase in their welfare while farmers who are not productive enough will exit the market to seek success elsewhere.

As a region's farms become more productive, its comparative advantage in agricultural products increases, which means that it can produce these products at a lower opportunity cost

than can other regions.

Therefore, the region becomes more competitive on the world market, which means that it can attract more consumers since they are able to buy more of the products offered for the same amount of money.

Increases in agricultural productivity lead also to agricultural growth and can help to alleviate poverty in poor and developing countries, where agriculture often employs the greatest portion of the population. As farms become more productive, the wages earned by those who work in agriculture increase.

At the same time, food prices decrease and food supplies become more stable. Labourers therefore have more money to spend on food as well as other products. This also leads to agricultural growth. People see that there is a greater opportunity to earn their living by farming and are attracted to agriculture either as owners of farms themselves or as labourers.

AS farmers across the country complain of delayed agricultural inputs, President John Magufuli recently decried smuggling of agro-inputs to neighbouring countries, a situation which hinders farmers from realizing their productivity potential.

The president said that most imported farming inputs are illegally sold outside the country by unscrupulous dealers and distributors.

However, it is not only the people employed in agriculture who benefit from increases in agricultural productivity. Those employed in other sectors also enjoy lower food prices and a more stable food supply. Their wages may also increase.

Agricultural productivity is becoming increasingly important as the world population continues to grow. India, one of the world's most populous countries, has taken steps in the past decades to increase its land productivity.

Belt and Road Initiative is decisive in easing excess industrial capacity

THE Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), also known as the One Belt One Road (OBOR) or the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-century Maritime Silk Road is a development strategy adopted by the Chinese government involving infrastructure development and investments in 152 countries and international organisations in Europe, Asia, Middle East, Latin America and Africa.

The paramount leader of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping, originally announced the strategy during official visits to Indonesia and Kazakhstan in 2013. 'Belt' refers to the overland routes for road and rail transportation, called 'the Silk Road Economic Belt' whereas 'road' refers to the sea routes, or the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.

Until 2016 the initiative was officially known in English as the One Belt and One Road initiative but the official name was changed as the Chinese government considered the emphasis on the word 'one' as being prone to misinterpretation.

The Chinese government calls the initiative 'a bid to enhance regional connectivity and embrace a brighter future'. Some observers see it as a push for Chinese dominance in global affairs with a China-centered trading network.

The initiative was unveiled by Chinese paramount leader Xi Jinping in September and October 2013 during visits to Kazakhstan and Indonesia, and was thereafter promoted by Premier Li Keqiang during state visits to Asia and Europe. The initiative was quickly given intensive coverage by Chinese state media and became the most frequently mentioned concept in the official newspaper People's Daily by 2016. 'Indeed, B&R is a connectivity of system and mechanism (Kuik 2016). To construct a unified large market and make full use of both international and domestic markets, through cultural

exchange and integration, to enhance mutual understanding and trust of member nations, ending up in an innovative pattern with capital inflows, talent pool, and technology database.

The initial focus has been infrastructure investment, education, construction materials, railway and highway, automobile, real estate, power grid, and iron and steel. Already, some estimates list the Belt and Road Initiative as one of the largest infrastructure and investment projects in history, covering more than 68 countries, including 65 per cent of the world's population and 40 per cent of the global gross domestic product as of 2017.

The Belt and Road Initiative addresses an 'infrastructure gap' and thus has potential to accelerate economic growth across the Asia Pacific area and Central and Eastern Europe: a report from the World Pensions Council (WPC) estimates that Asia, excluding China, requires up to US\$900 billion of infrastructure investments per year over the next decade, mostly in debt instruments, 50 per cent above current infrastructure spending rates. The gaping need for long term capital explains why many Asian and Eastern European heads of state 'gladly expressed their interest to join this new international financial institution focusing solely on 'real assets' and infrastructure-driven economic growth'.

In late March 2019 China's paramount leader Xi Jinping signed an infrastructure plan with Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte. Italy became the first European power to join the Belt and Road Initiative, which Western Europe sees as a push not just for more business but for greater geopolitical influence. Rome has reassured its allies that the agreement is not fully binding and does not undermine Italy's commitment to its Western political and security alliances.

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Devaluation and importation of goods

By Boniface Chizea

AFTER Presidential aspirant Atiku Abubakar announced on the campaign trail that he was going to float the Naira and considering the position he occupies as a strong contender for the Presidency of Nigeria, I thought it was our duty not to sit on the fence and keep quiet despite what we know regarding the deleterious consequences for such a policy thrust. It was better to shout out and be at peace with one's conscience even if nobody listened.

I have since then written a paper which was well considered and was generously published in which I canvassed a position which advised against such a policy thrust as such experimentations, in my humble opinion contributed in no small measure to the lackluster performance of the Nigerian economy.

Not long after that I watched an interview granted by Mustafa Chike-Obi on Arise Television where he was introduced as Economic Adviser to the Presidential hopeful Atiku Abubakar during which he expounded his views, which as himself admits are radical on the policy thrusts for giving the economy a shot in the arm and I was able to connect the dots to conclude that the position taken by Atiku Abubakar regarding floating the Naira must have been sold to him by this gentleman. Some of the content of this interview would form the kernel of this paper. I since did an enquiry on Chike-Obi's background and found out that like myself he read Mathematics at the University of Lagos with a First Class degree and later attended Stanford University for a Master in Business Administration whilst I had my Doctorate in Business Administration from Manchester Business School in England. It would therefore appear that we cut our teeth in Economics as part of the mandatory foundational studies for our tertiary qualifications in related disciplines.

What really concentrated my attention to do this paper was a recent interview which Mustafa Chike-Obi granted during which he canvassed the view that a policy of weaker value currency could be pursued as a strategy to discourage the unbridled appetite of our citizens for importation. Well for me that was a novel position. I have been in this business since early/mid 80s. Yes it is correct to observe that one of the collateral consequences for having a weak currency is that it discourages marginal propensity to import but I have never heard it propounded as a major objective of such a strategy. Usually what one hears is that relatively weaker currency is a strategy for growing market share at the international market and



Devaluation as policy thrust causes macroeconomic instability and runaway inflationary

sometimes for addressing balance of trade issues between countries with bilateral relations. And one of the reasons which made some economists to oppose currency devaluation in Nigeria is that we do not have the capacity to optimize this opportunity since foreign exchange earnings in excess of 80 per cent is from oil whose quantity and price are fixed for Nigeria by OPEC. And since despite best efforts we have not been able to diversify the economic base of the country; not for want of trying but probably due to lack of determined and focused implementation.

What devaluation as policy thrust or even as a fall out of policy measure has done experientially in Nigeria is to cause macroeconomic instability, precipitate runaway inflationary spiral, result in loss of productivity and jobs and worsen the misery index in the country since such importations are not amenable to be discouraged by mere increase in costs as they are structural. We cannot also in one breadth be talking of floating the currency which to all intents and purposes amounts to leaving the determination of the exchange rate of the Naira to market forces even as there is hardly any market for the dollar in the country! How do we define as a market a situation where there is only one dominant supplier; the Central Bank with multiple almost insatiable demands from economic agents? But in the context of floating currency it is illogical to still be talking of devaluation. In such a situation the most appropriate term for loss in value is depreciation. Devaluation only arises as managed loss in value of currency in a fixed exchange rate environment.

During the interview with Arise Television under reference Chike-Obi did indicate as part of the discussions

on the recommendation to float the Naira that one of the first steps an Atiku Abubakar administration would take will be to jettison the official window at N305 to the dollar as he rightly observed and we agree that it is ill informed to have two values for a currency in any economy as it encourages rent seeking behaviour and fosters other distortions. But this again is not in my opinion something to terminate the following day upon assumption of office. The recommended approach will be to be cautious and deliberate. And also there is the need for a word of caution here. We must constantly bear in mind that monetary policy comes under the strict purview of the Central Bank which enjoys instrument autonomy therefore no attempt must be made to dictate to the bank. Therefore such a decision must be left for the sole consideration of the Governor of the Central Bank and it might not be right to tempt the President not to respect this autonomy. In fact the President should be receiving on going briefing from the Governor of the Central Bank during which he must insist to be carried along and thereafter he must resist the temptation to dabble into such matters in the public. This is one reason why most international commentators query the independence of Central Banks in developing countries of the world.

Chike-Obi also observed during this interview that there must be in place a policy template to grow the economy by at least 10 per cent for a number of years going forward as anything less would not cut the ice particularly as we are all concerned about the burgeoning statistic of the unemployed not minding the under employed. Growth is the only antidote; the only panacea for reducing unemployment and giving a boost to the quality of life of

the citizenry, the *raison d'être* of good governance. When asked how he was going to achieve that level of growth he intoned by adopting expansionary policy measures. Well as often heard; talk is cheap! Besides the inflationary consequences of expansionary policy, there is something like the absorptive capacity of the economy to be taken into account.

There is a limit to the amount of cash you inject into the economy beyond which it would amount to throwing money at the problem which barely has any positive effect. In this connection there are policy guidelines to contend with such as the Fiscal Responsibility Act which clearly stipulates a maximum deficit of not more than three per cent of GDP as a result of the fears we have expressed herein. What is more in recent memory even in the best of times we have not been able to manage growth in excess of six to seven per cent. And with the latest figure in this respect at 2.38 per cent, it is most unrealistic to expect that anyone is going to formulate any policy measures which would grow the rebased GDP by 10 per cent certainly not in the foreseeable future.

It is commendable to be upfront with intentions on such policy measures. This is the preferred approach to ventilate and to get inputs which no doubt would enrich policy and ensure that we downgrade considerably experimentation which has honestly been the bane of rapid growth and development of this economy. We have a collective interest for economic conditions to improve radically and very soon but we must not inadvertently permit measures that we know would delay us as there must be a consensus that we are in a hurry to grow this economy and catalyze development.

International Day for Street Children: We need to highlight the efforts to have their rights respected

By Correspondent Zuena Shame

APRIL 12 is International Day for Street Children. A special day recognizing the strength and resilience of millions of street children around the world. Celebrated globally since 2012, it is our opportunity to recognize their humanity, dignity and defiance in the face of unimaginable hardships. We want to rally governments and individuals worldwide to work together to ensure their rights are protected no matter who they are and where they live. Join us in our quest to recognise the potential in every street child.

Why street children?

There are millions of children in the world whose lives are inextricably connected with public spaces: streets, buildings, and shopping centers, etc. Some of these children will live on the streets, sleeping in parks, doorways or bus shelters. Others may have homes to go back to, but they rely on the streets for survival and sustenance.

They may be referred to as 'street children', 'homeless children' or 'homeless youth'. Also - at times - they may be described in more negative terms such as 'beggars', 'juvenile delinquents', 'thieves' and all-round 'bad kids'. Labels that judge a child in this way disguise the fact that these vulnerable children are owed the care, protection, and above all, respect due to all children.

In the words of our patron, The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH, "When children are not cared for by governments and individuals - have all let them down. It is extraordinary that street children have been left so far behind for so long. Extraordinary - and indefensible. It is as if they are invisible to the conscience of the world."

This is why, every year on 12th April we celebrate the lives of street children and highlight the efforts to have their rights respected and their needs met in a caring and respectful manner.

Street Children Have Rights

Just like all children, street children have rights enshrined in The Child Rights Convention, which has near universal ratification and support. In 2017, the United Nations have specifically acknowledged these children's rights in a document called the General Comment (No.21) on

Children in Street Situations. The General Comment tells governments how they should treat street children in their countries as well as how to improve current practices.

"The Convention on the Rights of the Child has been signed by every country in the world bar one [the US] but governments have always told us, 'we can't apply this convention to street children because it is too difficult.' The General Comment will enable us to show them how to implement it to ensure street children are offered the same human rights protection as all other children," said Caroline Ford, CEO, consortium for Street Children.

The short history of Brandina

Brandina, 13, is mentally challenged and lives with her grandmother at Majengo Street in Arusha. Her father died when she was 11 and her mother suffered a mental illness and left for the streets when Brandina was a very young - her current whereabouts remains a mystery.

With no one to support them, Brandina was often spotted on the streets begging for food and sometimes collecting leftovers from local restaurants which she took home and ate with her grandmother who has a lower body paralysis. Conditions on the streets were not safe for her as she was exposed to various risks including sexual abuses - as people would often take advantage of her mental condition.

She lived this kind of street life for one year until two months ago when she was spotted by a street worker from Amani Centre, one of RCA's project implementing partners, as she was loitering on the streets around Kilombo Market. A series of meetings followed and she was later connected to a family worker who conducted a thorough assessment as regards the



The plight of Mwanza Street children in Tanzania

support she needed. Arrangements were quickly made to support her get specialized mental health care, counselling services, food and nutritional support. According to a Mental Health Specialist who has been treating Brandina, childhood malnutrition is one of the causes of mental retardation in children as most of them live in streets and hence don't get balanced meals which help children grow mentally and physically well. Meanwhile, Amani Centre continues to support Brandina and her grandmother with food and their condition is improving significantly. The family worker has also managed to identify Brandina's relative who is now living with Brandina and her grandmother. Brandina has been enrolled back to Burka Primary school where she attends special education classes. While she is at school, her relative takes care of her grandmother. "I'm very happy to return to school. I want to study hard and become a doctor so I can treat my grandmother and other needy people," Brandina said.

Case study - Empowering poor families to keep children off streets Michael, 12, was born in a happy family. Both his Father and mother engaged in small scale businesses which earned them enough money to support the family. But it wasn't long before things changed. His mother suffered a chronic illness and could no longer take good care of Michael, who was also often sickly.

Eventually, Michael's mother died and it was revealed the cause of her death was an AIDS related illness. This forced Michael's Aunt to take Michael for HIV testing - he tested positive and was put on Anti-retroviral treatment right way. From this point on, Michael stayed with his grandmother, Giliment Sanga, 70, at Ilemi in Mbeya. His father lives in Morogoro, about 500km away from Mbeya where he works as a street vendor. He rarely supports Sanga and Michael.

Sanga earns a living by selling Kande, a traditional cuisine of cooked maize mixed with beans at Mapelele trading centre.

I earn up to Tsh.10, 000 (US\$4) on a good day, but sometimes as little as Tsh.2, 000 (US\$1).

However, she also practices subsistence farming - mainly growing maize.

She uses the money to buy food, clothes and cover school costs for Michael. One day, to Sanga's surprise, Michael disappeared from home. She alerted her neighbours and community leaders about it and they helped her look for him around the nearby villages, but they couldn't track him down. A few weeks later she got wind her grandchild was seen in the company of street children around Mwanjelwa business centre, about 10km away from home.

Although the news that Michael was seen alive at Mwanjelwa gave Sanga some sigh of relief, she said she spent sleepless nights for the five months Michael was away from home. "I lost hope he'll ever return home and resume school. And I was particularly very concerned with his health since I knew he'd discontinued his ARV treatment", Sanga said.

According to Sanga, this development was preceded by some sudden change in Michael's behavior. He suddenly becomes troublesome. He became so rude that he refused to help her with household chores such as fetching water, cleaning kitchen utensils and washing clothes.

He sometimes stole the money she got from her Kande business and often absconded from school.

She said "He'd leave home as if he was going to school but ended up in the streets with 'bad groups' - watching video in the video halls and he'd come back home late at night"

Sanga reported the matter to Michael's teachers and they made several efforts to discipline him, but little did he change.

Meanwhile he'd go several days without even taking a bath.

"He was so stinky and shabby - looking older than his age. He couldn't listen to anyone. At some point, community leaders instructed that Michael must be taken to the police station where he was subjected to corporal punishment after which he was forced to take a bath."

But according to Sanga, soon

after this Michael took to the streets where he stayed for five months until they were reunited two months ago.

While on the streets, Michael was spotted by Caritas street workers. A few days later he became friends with them and shared the challenges he was going through on the streets.

Michael said, "We sleep at the damp and we struggle to get food. I don't have a blanket and it's so cold at night. Life becomes even more difficult when it rains."

Michael also disclosed he was living with HIV and that he had stopped taking medication since he left home.

"When I left home I didn't take the drugs with me because I didn't want my friends to know I was on HIV and AIDS medication."

Alicia, a social worker at Caritas, said when they first met him, it was evidently clear Michael was in desperate need to return home. Alicia said, "He looked sickly but was visibly so happy when we offered to reunite him with his grandmother."

On the day Michael was brought home, his teachers and community leaders came to witness the reunion. They all expressed their happiness at seeing Michael and his granny reunited and re-enrolled back at Ilemi Primary school where he is in grade 4.

"I'm so happy Michael is back. He's now a changed boy. He now attends school regularly and no longer steals from me. The Caritas social worker visits us regularly and supervises him so he takes his medication consistently", said Sanga.

Sanga said she is so happy that Michael's teachers and community leaders are helping her to counsel him so he doesn't go back to the streets again.

Alicia said Michael had been so choosy when it comes to food. He didn't like the usual food that his granny cooked at home - Ugali with vegetables and Kande. He preferred chips, rice and bananas.

"He therefore used the money he stole from his granny to buy alternative food such as chips and bananas", he said.

But now, with funding from the British people, Caritas, RCA's partner organisation, provides nutritional support to the family i.e. rice, sugar, cooking oil and fish. This has helped to ensure Michael doesn't go to the streets again. Also it's encouraging the members of the community including teachers are working together to support Michael.

We have also supported Michael's grandmother to attend a training on agribusiness where she learned useful skills and she looks forward to expanding her business so she can make more money to support herself and Michael.

Today is the International Day for Street Children when Railway Children Africa and other street children campaigners, including street children themselves across the world are calling on their governments to commit to equality for all people, including children living and working on the streets. We, at Railway Children Africa wish to commend the Government of Tanzania for its immense support for our work, most notably, the street children reintegration process as well as the recent headcount survey for street children. However, we feel there is still much more that needs to be done.

Our recent survey reveals that 100 per cent of children on the streets experience violence. They are rounded up, attacked, beaten, abused and reviled by the community around them, just because they spend time on the streets.

Zuhura, 17, from Dar es Salaam said life is very tough for street children as they struggle so much to get food and other basic needs. "The situation eventually forced me to engage in sexual activities with multiple partners in exchange of money to buy food. I earned at least 2,000 shillings per sex encounter", she said.

"During my short stint in commercial sex work, I was subjected to various gruesome experiences. Despite being raped several times, I was beaten to near death by a man who refused to pay after having sex with me", said Zuhura who has now been rescued and reunited with her family.

If no deliberate efforts are made to protect children in street situations such as Zuhura, we are abandoning a generation of vulnerable children who will become tomorrow's disenfranchised youth.

The Law of the Child Act gives the Government of Tanzania a duty as well as legal obligations to protect children. Allocating budgets to work that supports children, including children living and working on the streets, would help them to fulfill those obligations and strategic development goals. They need to ensure that street children are prioritized when budgets are planned, and must be deliberately targeted as beneficiaries of the existing cash transfer programmes.

It is therefore in this regard that as we commemorate this significant day, we want to encourage the government to ensure that laws, policies, plans and programmes reflect the fact that street children have access to the same rights and protection as all other children.

In the six cities alone - Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Iringa, Mbeya and Mwanza - that we surveyed, we identified 10,595 children living and working on the streets. They end up there for a vast range of reasons such as poverty, violence and family breakdown.

Without the support and intervention of services such as ours the chances of them managing to establish a meaningful existence and reach their potential are so slim. Railway Children Africa supports children in street situations with immediate first aid and encourages them to attend our drop in centres where they can access advice, food, basic education, life skills and health care, including HIV testing and treatment.

We also empower them to consider alternative options to a life on the streets, whether that involves family reintegration, care placements or the chance to establish an income and support themselves. Our approach works and we have successfully changed the life trajectory of thousands of children. "With ongoing support from the American and British people, through our USAID and DFID grants respectively, we've been able to increase the numbers of children and youth that we've contacted on the streets and support to turn their lives around", said Pete Kent, Railway Children Regional Director for East Africa.

"I am excited about the year ahead and the potential we have to make a step change in Tanzania towards our mission of creating a world where no child has to live on the streets."

As part of our commemoration for this day, a number of CSOs who are working with us in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Iringa, Mbeya and Mwanza have lined up a number of activities and will be engaging government officials at district and regional levels on how best to ensure children living and working on the streets have the same rights and opportunities as any other children and that they access very specific and targeted services to support them such as health and education.

The problem of street children in Tanzania is a big one, but it is not insurmountable. Together we can transform the outlook for some of the most marginalised children in society.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018			
(Amounts in '000 of shillings)			
		Current Period 31 Dec 2018	Previous Period 31 Dec 2017
A	ASSETS		
1	Cash	16,440,170	10,807,868
2	Balances with Bank of Tanzania	29,667,816	46,009,373
3	Investment in Government securities	52,472,546	78,798,198
4	Balances with other banks and Financial Institution	45,544,442	8,465,621
5	Cheque and items for clearing	251,212	207,073
6	Interbranch float items	-	-
7	Bills negotiated	-	-
8	Customers liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9	Interbank Loans receivable	-	-
10	Investment in other securities	-	-
11	Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowance for probable losses)	133,821,490	139,133,282
12	Other Assets	10,699,058	7,757,718
13	Equity investments	-	-
14	Underwriting accounts	-	-
15	Property, Plant and Equipment	11,351,973	12,654,108
16	TOTAL ASSETS	300,248,707	303,833,240
B	LIABILITIES		
17	Deposit from other banks and financial institutions	2,000,000	15,000,000
18	Customer deposits	160,517,418	136,057,085
19	Cash letters of credit	-	-
20	Special deposits	-	-
21	Payment orders /transfers payable	-	-
22	Bankers cheques and drafts issued	-	-
23	Accrued taxes and expenses payable	8,136,665	6,766,766
24	Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25	Interbranch float items	-	-
26	Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27	Other liabilities	785,965	522,385
28	Borrowings	60,259,617	47,838,851
29	TOTAL LIABILITIES	231,699,665	206,185,088
30	NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	68,549,042	97,648,153
C	SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31	Paid up Share capital	49,023,111	49,023,111
32	Share premium	161,724,689	161,724,689
33	Retained earnings	(143,491,881)	(121,084,527)
35	Revaluation reserves	-	4,376,395
36	Statutory reserve	1,293,123	3,608,485
37	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	68,549,042	97,648,153
38	Contingent liabilities	71,467,524	63,414,049
39	Non performing loans and advances	27,080,885	39,222,143
40	Allowance for probable losses	(18,904,143)	(23,013,029)
41	Other non performing assets	-	-
D	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i)	Shareholders funds to total assets	22.8%	32.1%
(ii)	Non performing loans to total gross loans	17.7%	24.2%
(iii)	Gross loans and advances to total deposits	83.4%	102.3%
(iv)	Loans and Advances to total assets	44.6%	45.8%
(v)	Earning assets to Total assets	77.2%	74.5%
(vi)	Deposit growth	7.6%	5.6%
(vii)	Asset growth	-1.2%	-4.5%

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018			
(Amounts in '000 Shillings)			
		Current Period 31 Dec 2018	Previous Period 31 Dec 2017
I. Cash flow from operating activities:			
Net income/ (loss)		(19,049,034)	(8,627,073)
Adjustment for :			
- Impairment on loans and advances		8,117,788	19,619,772
- Impairment / amortization		3,688,217	2,852,525
- Interest expense on borrowing		2,259,556	-
- Net change in Government Securities		26,325,652	(26,919,837)
- Net change in loans and advances		(12,684,654)	(26,814,739)
- Gain/(loss) on sale of assets		-	(27,319)
- Net change in fair value		-	4,150,016
- Net change in deposits		11,460,332	8,061,365
- Net change in short term negotiable securities		627,021	645,512
- Net change in other liabilities		1,260,997	(21,538,694)
- Net change in other assets		(3,240,020)	838,890
- Tax paid		(171,378)	(138,632)
- Others (SMR)		(2,436,368)	3,116,739
Net cash provided/ (used) by operating activities		16,158,109	(44,781,474)
II. Cash flow from investing activities:			
Dividends received		-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		(707,506)	(4,006,009)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	27,319
Purchase of non-dealing securities		-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities		-	-
Others(Purchase of Intangible assets)		(478,615)	(45,205)
Net cash provided/ (used) by investing activities		(1,186,121)	(4,023,895)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:			
Repayment of long-term debt		-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital		-	-
Payment of cash dividends		-	-
Borrowing from related party		11,040,000	2,500,000
Others (Interest paid)		(2,078,790)	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		8,961,210	2,500,000
IV. Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Net increase /(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		23,933,198	(46,305,370)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		53,474,909	99,780,279
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		77,408,107	53,474,909
The above extracts are from the financial statements of the bank for the year ended December 31, 2018. The financial statements were audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers and received a clean report. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:			
Chairman	Michael Brian Vacy-Lyle		29-Mar-19
Director (CEO)	Warren Adams		29-Mar-19

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018			
(Amounts in '000 of shillings)			
		Current Period 31 Dec 2018	Previous Period 31 Dec 2017
Interest Income		26,750,196	29,090,431
Interest Expense		(6,458,208)	(11,164,580)
Net Interest Income		20,291,988	17,925,851
Bad debts written - off		(21,306,928)	(6,755,238)
Impairment losses on Loans and Advances		13,189,140	(12,864,534)
Net Interest Income after impairment of loans		12,174,200	(1,693,921)
6.1 Foreign exchange income		4,452,035	6,330,974
6.2 Fees and Commission		4,773,551	23,940,640
6.3 Dividend income		-	-
6.4 Other operating income		-	-
Income from operations		21,399,785	28,577,693
7.1 Salaries and benefits		(23,761,372)	(20,741,865)
7.2 Other operating expenses		(16,687,447)	(16,462,901)
Operating Income/ (Loss)		(19,049,034)	(8,627,073)
Income Tax		(175,999)	(178,086)
Net Income / (Loss) after Income Tax		(19,225,033)	(8,805,159)
Other comprehensive income			
Item that may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss			
Fair value gain on available-for-sale investment -net of tax		-	4,150,016
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(19,225,033)	(4,655,143)
Number of employees		236	272
Loss per share - Basic and Diluted Earnings per share		0.39	0.39
Number of branches		9	10
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			
i) Return on Average Total Assets		-6.3%	-2.8%
ii) Return on Average Shareholders' funds		-28.0%	-9.0%
iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income		-189.0%	-130.2%
iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets		5.9%	5.3%

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31st December, 2018							
(Amounts in '000 shillings)							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
A. Current Year 1.1.2018							
Balance as at beginning of the year	49,023,111	161,724,689	(121,084,527)	2,633,794	974,691	4,376,395	97,648,153
Changes on initial application of IFRS 9	-	-	(5,497,683)	-	-	(4,376,395)	(9,874,078)
Balance as at beginning of the year (Restated)	49,023,111	161,724,689	(126,582,210)	2,633,794	974,691	(0)	87,774,075
1 Loss for the year	-	-	(19,225,033)	-	-	-	(19,225,033)
2 Other Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Regulatory reserve	-	-	2,315,362	(2,633,794)	318,432	-	-
6 General Provision reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period 31.12.2018	49,023,111	161,724,689	(143,491,881)	-	1,293,123	(0)	68,549,042
B. Previous Year 1.1.2017							
Balance as at beginning of the year	49,023,111	161,724,689	(120,150,438)	10,844,128	635,427	226,379	102,303,296
1 Profit for the year	-	-	(8,805,159)	-	-	-	(8,805,159)
2 Other Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	4,150,016	4,150,016
3 Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Regulatory reserve	-	-	7,871,070	(8,210,334)	339,264	-	0
6 General Provision reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period 31.12.2017	49,023,111	161,724,689	(121,084,527)	2,633,794	974,691	4,376,395	97,648,153

Note. '6.2 Fees and commission decreased by 80% YoY
Primarily due to the reversal of service level agreement charged out to Group amounting to TZS 20 billion in 2017. In spite of this, core growth of 37% YoY was achieved'



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AfDB hails Canada's \$1.1 billion pledge in callable capital support

By Guardian Reporter

CANADA has announced a US \$1.1 billion commitment in temporary callable capital to support the African Development Bank.

The announcement was made on sideline of the World Bank-IMF Spring meetings by Maryam Monsef, the Canadian Minister of International Development and for Women and Gender Equality.

"Canada is demonstrating its commitment to African countries and our confidence in the African Development Bank by announcing that

we are going to subscribe up to US \$ 1.1 billion in temporary callable capital, if required", Minister Monsef said.

He was addressing members of the Diplomatic Corps based in Washington D.C., governors of the African Development Bank, executive directors, including executive director David Stevenson, who represents Canada, China, Korea, Turkey and Kuwait.

The announcement comes a day after a meeting of the Bank's governors in Washington D.C. to continue discussions on a 7th General Capital Increase.

"The African Development Bank is a key partner for Canada and we are committed to supporting the Bank's African member countries. Canada and Canadians are proud of our long history of partnership and collaboration with Africa," Monsef noted.

He said that Canada was determined to ensure that "no less than 50 percent of bilateral development assistance is dedicated to sub-Saharan Africa by 2021-2022.

The Bank's President, Dr Akinwumi Adesina said Canada's commitment and support is a huge boost to the African Development Bank

since it will allow the Bank to increase lending to member countries while discussions are ongoing among all shareholders for a general capital increase.

"Your announcement is a clear indication that Canada has strong confidence in the African Development Bank," Adesina added, while extending the Bank's appreciation to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for Canada's unwavering support.

In a follow-up bilateral meeting, Minister Monsef and President Adesina discussed values and interests in common on gender and in-

creasing access to finance for women, as well as on climate and renewable energy issues.

Canada has been a member of the African Development Bank since January 1983 and has participated in all general capital increases of the Bank.

As at 30 June 2018, Canada's total capital subscribed amounted to US \$ 3.5 billion of which US \$ 252 million has been paid in and US \$ 3.22 billion stands as callable capital, making Canada the 4th largest shareholder among the Bank's non-regional member countries.

Journalist who has devoted her life's work to telling the different story tells her very own story

By Taylor Mulcahey

ALTHOUGH she's spent most of her life in a conflict zone, Aliya Bashir has devoted her life's work to telling different stories. She focuses on human rights and gender justice in a region where many people are focused on just one thing - the conflict.

"Mostly in international coverage or the national coverage, it's only about negative stories of women," said Bashir, adding: "I do not belittle the fact that women are being affected in conflict, but life goes on. Even if there's a bombing on some day, life goes on. It's not like there's nothing here. That's what inspires me."

Bashir was born and raised in Indian-administered Kashmir, where she now spends half her time, along with New Delhi. After spending years as a freelance reporter, with stories in The Guardian, Huffington Post, News Deeply and more, she now works as a senior reporter for Global Press Journal.

She's written about the widows left behind during the conflict in Kashmir, the ways climate change is affecting women, community radio and more.

She has faced numerous challenges throughout her career, including government surveillance, internet shutdowns and curfews. She has also experienced sexism and has worried about her safety - concerns stemming from working in a society unaccustomed to women reporters.

Bashir found a Pulitzer Centre hostile environment train-



Community radio work in Mewat, Haryana

ing opportunity through IJNet, as well as several other grants and opportunities. She received a reporting grant from the International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF) Howard G. Buffett Fund for Women Journalists, and another reporting grant from the Population Reference Bureau (PRB).

"I think that, as a female journalist and a journalist who covers conflict or sensitive topics, hostile environment training is really important to know," said Bashir.

"My reporting has never

been the same. On the weekends people plan holidays and I plan special hours to look at IJNet to see what's available for me during the week," she added.

We spoke with Bashir about her work, the challenges she has encountered and her advice for young journalists.

IJNet: What inspired you to become a journalist and to cover women in particular?

Bashir: After I completed my graduation, things start-

ed getting bad in Kashmir. Being a Kashmiri, being a local, I found that there was only a handful of women journalists working in Kashmir. That's an unfortunate and sad reality of today. We have only a handful of women journalists in Kashmir. I felt like: why not contribute in my own unique way?

I literally yearned for these stories of women. I would always see these feature stories, they were always from male reporters, and the issues were always male. So I would ask my mother, "Are

any of the issues female out there?"

I was curious about those things. I would think, "Why do they always show women as helpless, poor women?" Women were always doing the work, but they would not get highlighted like to try to give them dignity.

IJNet: Tell me about a story that you did and the challenges you encountered.

Bashir: For the PRB grant, I went to rural Kashmir, which is really difficult to do considering the security point of view. Then, convincing people to talk about health stories was a challenge because at that time the conflict was really high and there was a mindset: you are not to talk about anything other than conflict. Getting the two stories out was really difficult for me. I had to delay my reporting for 1.5 months because the government had no data.

Every day, there are stories of conflict, whether that be foreign journalists or local journalists - they only write about conflict. Then there's no accountability force on the government. Journalists do not come forward asking different questions and looking for different data. So the government doesn't feel responsibility. You also do not have strong civil society organisations and intellectuals.

I produced two long stories on healthcare affecting these rural populations. The healthcare system in Kashmir is totally in a shambles and everyone says the reason is conflict. That is not the reality - life goes on, that's an easy way they can get out of it.

IJNet: What other challenges have you encountered?

Bashir: Not everyone has access to internet. Some people are illiterate or do not have mobiles in rural areas. They do not understand - because I do not have a hard copy to show them. That's difficult because if I say to someone: "The piece will come on Huffpost." They were like: "What's that? We do not understand. We need the copy of the magazine."

Big organisations mostly hire locals as fixers. They do not understand that you cannot use original journalists all the time as fixers. I have turned down some very great offers by big organisations that I do not want to name. I'm like "Ok, but what about my credit?" They'll give money for it. I do not want money. I want credit. I turned them down. They kind of feel like local journalists can help you with special editions all the time, but they do not respect and give you dignity as contributors.

IJNet: What advice would you have for young journalists?

Bashir: Being a woman journalist is a strength in itself. If you value your gender, if you give dignity to who you are - rather than seeing it as a weakness - then it really shows in your work. I've always felt that, as a female journalist from a conflict zone, as a Muslim, I have felt power in who I am. That has always shown up in my work. That's what keeps you going - believing in yourself and consistently pushing yourself and getting out of your comfort zone. It's never going to be easy. The more work you do, the more your readers expect from you.

This IJNet interview was edited for length. IJNet is a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists (ICJ).

The climate strikes are what we've all been waiting for

By Helen Clarkson

THE generation with the most to lose from continued inaction on climate change is stepping forward with bold demands for the world to act with urgency. And this is exactly what we've all been waiting for

Today hundreds of thousands of young people will take to the streets worldwide to protest the continued inaction of adults to stop climate change. They are calling for politicians and others in positions of power to implement the solutions they know are available to combat climate change.

For the last 20 to 30 years the environmental movement has been waiting for the public to care about the climate. Somehow, we haven't really been able to capture the collective imagination until recently. It was all too distant, too far away, too hard to deal with.

Meanwhile, those seeking to slow warming have been using a top down framework. It is in the power of governments and large businesses to implement the solutions to climate change at a bigger scale, and many of them have been leading the charge.

It can be frustrating to think of individual responsibility compared with the challenge of global warming. There are actions that we can take to reduce our carbon footprints - like switching our household lightbulbs to LEDs, saving up to 70 percent energy.

But when a whole city switches to LEDs - that's when you see real impact. Chicago has recently replaced 270,000 old fashioned street lights, which will save taxpayers \$100 million over 10 years and avoid over 11,000 metric tons of CO2 annually.

That's the power of climate

action at scale, introduced at city, state, or regional level.

Anyone who says that individual action makes no difference should look to teenager Greta Thunberg. Starting out as one person sitting outside the Swedish parliament holding a 'Skolstrejk för Klimatet' banner, just 30 weeks later she was joined by 1.4 million other school children in 2,233 cities and towns in 128 countries around the world.

Greta Thunberg, along with the hundreds of thousands of teenagers like her taking to the streets to protest, is bringing exactly the energy and urgency that is needed to transform the conversation. They are impatient with the current pace of change, which is why the proposals of the Green New Deal are so appealing. They recognise that time is running out, and that we need a complete overhaul in the way we are using and consuming.

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Ebola resurgence tests global response

“DESPITE a worsening Ebola epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the World Health Organization on Friday again decided not to declare the outbreak a global health emergency. While expressing ‘deep concern’ about the number of increasing cases in parts of Congo, and the potential risk of the disease spreading to neighbouring countries, the W.H.O. said the epidemic did not meet the criteria for declaring an international public health emergency.” - New York Times, April 12, 2019 (<http://tinyurl.com/y5ochm2v>)

With more than 750 deaths since first reported in August 2018, the epidemic in north-eastern DRC is the second largest recorded, behind the multi-country epidemic in West Africa which left 11,325 dead in 2014-2016. The DRC outbreak has not yet crossed international borders, and the coordinated response is taking advantage of new solutions, including an effective vaccine tested in 2015. But many global health experts argue that the remoteness of the location and the lack of international media attention is again leading to underestimation of the danger and an inadequate global response, as happened in West Africa. As of late March, WHO had received less than half of its \$148 million funding request for Ebola response over the next six months.

If the Trump administration’s budget proposal of the 2020 fiscal year were enacted, global health funding would fall even further short, as that budget zeroes out US funding for UNICEF and cuts US contributions to WHO by 47%. The budget proposes a \$1.3 billion (20%) cut for the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which is a key global institution for technical research and support in fighting epidemics.

Fortunately, as indicated by congressional hearings in March, there is bipartisan support for funding for global health. “I consider this every bit as much of a defense budget as anything at DOD [US Department of Defense],” ranking Republican representative Tom Cole (R-OK) said ... “As I’ve said on many, many occasions, we’re much more likely to die in pandemics than in terrorist attacks.”

This **AfricaFocus Bulletin** contains excerpts from the testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee by CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield, as well as links to other sources of relevant information on the DRC Ebola epidemic.

On funding for global health

“The undersigned 225 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least \$7.8 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s programs in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.”

CDC is working, in collaboration with interagency and international partners, to end this outbreak and ensure the health and security of our country. We have comprehensive Ebola response capabilities developed over 40 years at the forefront of Ebola virus research and further refined by more than 20 Ebola outbreak responses. In the wake of the worst Ebola outbreak in history, the 2014–2016 West Africa outbreak that claimed over 11,000 lives, CDC has made significant advancements in Ebola science, surveillance, and response. For example, we confirmed that live Ebola virus can persist in specific body fluids, such as in seminal fluids, for over a year following infection. In response to the epidemic, we also trained



epidemiologists and laboratory scientists and provided testing materials and support to African countries at greatest risk of Ebola outbreaks. In addition, in June 2015 we established CDC’s Global Rapid Response Team, a cadre of over 500 highly-trained responders ready to deploy on short notice anywhere in the world to respond to global health emergencies.

In response to the current outbreak in the eastern DRC, CDC has deployed 133 expert disease detectives to the DRC, neighboring countries, and the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva.

The current outbreak of Ebola is in the northeast corner of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which borders South Sudan, Uganda, and Rwanda. The area affected is more than 1,000 miles by air from Kinshasa, the capital of the DRC.

The complex situation in the DRC has limited CDC’s direct participation at the outbreak’s epicenter, which is located far from the capital city of Kinshasa in an area threatened by armed conflict, crime, and civil unrest, as well as heavy cross-border movement.

In August 2018, before the security situation escalated, I was able to visit the DRC city of Beni to see first-hand the work being done. I heard directly from our international partners on the ground how valued and desired CDC’s contribution is, with their greatest request being expanded CDC technical leadership and expertise in the field. My visit reinforced for me the essential role CDC can play in changing the trajectory of the Ebola outbreak. The current outbreak is the largest and longest single country Ebola outbreak to date, with case counts continuing to increase and key response indicators going in the wrong direction.

Status of the Epidemic

On August 1, 2018, the DRC Ministry of Health and Population reported an outbreak of Ebola virus disease in North Kivu Province. It is now the largest Ebola outbreak in the DRC and the second largest ever since the virus was discovered there in a village near the Ebola River in 1976. As of March 7, 2019, 907 cases have been reported, including 569 deaths (63%). This includes 841 laboratory-confirmed cases and 66 probable cases. Due to challenges in detecting and reporting cases

posed by the security situation, CDC suspects the true number of cases is much larger.

Past outbreaks of Ebola in the DRC typically occurred in sparsely-populated, rural areas. The current outbreak—like the prior outbreak in West Africa—includes densely-populated urban areas, increasing the likelihood of human-to-human spread. Since the outbreak began, the greatest number of cases has been in Beni town (235 cases), which has a municipal population of 340,000 and a greater area population of about 1 million.

North Kivu health zones of Katwa (260 cases) and Butembo (84 cases) are also heavily-affected, and encompass an urban area with a population of approximately 1 million. The affected region is about 780 miles away from Equateur province, where a prior Ebola outbreak was reported in May 2018 and declared over in late July. Although both outbreaks were caused by Zaire ebolavirus, genetic differences between the viruses suggest the two outbreaks are not linked.

Status of Response Efforts

The DRC Ministry of Health and Population is leading the response, with strong assistance from WHO. CDC is providing technical guidance to the DRC government, bordering countries, and partners, bringing to bear decades of experience, global health investments, and lessons learned in the West Africa Ebola response. For example, CDC has updated ring vaccination protocols, which strategically focus vaccination efforts on the contacts of cases and people who are in close contact with those contacts.

CDC has also updated vaccination training materials, trained 150 and deployed 127 Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) graduates, and developed two new Ebola databases for surveillance and vaccination tracking to replace a manual record-keeping system. All partners are working together toward one goal: to end this outbreak as soon as possible. In August, CDC deployed Ebola experts to Beni, but they were removed due to security concerns [related to elections]. ...

The departure order was lifted on January 31, 2019 following the peaceful completion of the electoral process. CDC’s Country Director for the DRC has returned, and CDC has deployed five staff to Kinshasa. CDC is ready to deploy more teams to support the DRC and WHO and the integrated U.S. Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) emergency outbreak response, as required.

Specifically, CDC would apply its technical and scientific expertise to help strengthen contact tracing and

infection control practices in the field, two critical factors affecting ongoing transmission in the area. We are working closely with other U.S. government agencies, such as Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of Defense, National Security Council, and others to consider all potential options for support and deployment. CDC is continuing to support contact tracing, infection prevention and control in health-care settings, border health, risk communications and health education, and vaccine administration - key pillars of the Ebola outbreak response.

In addition to CDC’s presence in the DRC, CDC also has deployed staff to augment our country offices in the neighboring countries of Uganda, Rwanda, and South Sudan, which are preparing for the possibility of imported cases arriving from the DRC. ...

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is finding everyone who comes in contact, either directly or through contaminated materials, with a sick Ebola patient. Contacts are watched for signs of illness and if ill, taken to a health facility before they can infect others. One missed contact can keep the outbreak going. When someone is not known to be a contact, they are usually only identified in a late stage of illness and have spread the infection to others already.

As of March 7, 2019, a total of 4,265 out of 4,950 (86%) known contacts of people with Ebola were followed. However, of recent cases, only 65% were known contacts and only 38% were known contacts that were being followed at the time of symptom onset. The high proportion of cases that are not known contacts or lost to follow-up indicates that contact tracing must improve if the outbreak is to be contained. CDC designed “train-the-trainers” courses for frontline response workers, focusing on contact tracing methods. CDC also created an Ebola “Exposure Window Calculator” app for case investigators, which can be downloaded for free on smartphones.

Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Settings

Healthcare settings have played an important role in amplifying transmission in this and many prior outbreaks. Implementing proper infection control and prevention practices is critical to stopping the spread of the virus within the healthcare delivery system and to the community. Prompt identification and isolation of patients arriving at healthcare facilities with possible Ebola virus infection is essential so they may be

safely evaluated and, if necessary, transported to an Ebola Treatment Unit for further care. CDC estimates that, as of February 27, 2019, approximately 42% of cases were still not being effectively identified and isolated to prevent transmission to others. Infected people who are not initially recognized to have Ebola may receive care at multiple facilities before Ebola is suspected, exposing numerous patients and healthcare workers to the virus. As of February 27, 2019, 73 local healthcare workers have contracted Ebola in the DRC.

CDC is providing assistance to response partners and surrounding countries to improve the capacity of healthcare facilities to rapidly identify and isolate suspected Ebola cases, train personnel, and improve infection prevention and control. At least 150 healthcare personnel have been trained by CDC in Uganda and Rwanda since October 2018.

Using information from interviews conducted at border crossings, refugee transit centers, and district health offices, CDC identified clinics and hospitals in border districts of neighboring countries that would be most likely to receive an imported case of Ebola from the outbreak area. CDC assessed triage practices at these facilities, interviewed and informed staff about risks of imported Ebola, and prioritized facilities for additional training and support.

Border Health

The two DRC provinces affected by this outbreak, North Kivu and Ituri, border Uganda. North Kivu also borders Rwanda and Ituri province touches South Sudan. There is significant population movement across these country borders.

The Mpondwe Border Crossing is the busiest official ground crossing on the border between Uganda and the DRC, with a peak of 19,000 travelers passing through each day. At the Rubavu District Point of Entry between Goma, DRC and Gisenyi/Rubavu City, Rwanda, 60,000 people cross daily.

This high volume of movement, which includes pedestrian, commercial car, and truck traffic, poses significant concern for potential cross-border transmission of infectious diseases. The WHO assessment is that there is a very high risk of spread regionally.

Preparedness activities in bordering countries are ongoing and CDC is providing technical assistance on their border health security efforts. Building on collaborations from the earlier 2018 outbreak, CDC is working with the

DRC Ministry of Health and Population and other partners to adapt and implement screening protocols at country-prioritized airports and ground crossings, and to map population movement into and out of the outbreak zone to determine where surveillance should be enhanced. As of March 3, 2019 about 40.4 million travelers have been screened at 80 priority ports and crossing points in the DRC since the outbreak began.

Risk Communications and Health Education

CDC social and behavioral scientists have been deployed to WHO headquarters and several countries bordering the DRC to guide risk communication and community engagement strategies. Risk communication leads from CDC, WHO, International Red Cross, and UNICEF have set a strategic direction for risk communication activities and produced a framework that has been shared widely with response partners.

CDC and the Red Cross are leveraging the unique strengths of each of their organizations to bring the perspectives of DRC residents to the attention of Ebola response teams.

Red Cross volunteers engage with and educate DRC community members about Ebola and document individuals’ beliefs, observations, questions, and suggestions about combating Ebola. Red Cross sends this information to CDC, where scientists analyze it and develop reports for all participating partners to inform outreach efforts. Data are being collected and analyzed at regular intervals to monitor changes in knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions as the outbreak evolves and to assess the effectiveness of health communication messages.

Vaccine Administration

CDC conducted a clinical trial in Sierra Leone during the West Africa Ebola outbreak, enrolling and vaccinating nearly 8,000 healthcare and frontline workers. Although this and several other studies have shown that the investigational vaccine is safe and protective against the Ebola virus, more scientific research is needed before the vaccine can be licensed. Therefore, the investigational vaccine is being used in the current outbreak on a compassionate basis. WHO and the Ministries of Health lead the vaccination program, but CDC contributes expert technical support and our experience continues to be valued in each new country undertaking the process.

CDC has played a critical role in identifying and implementing preventive vaccination of high-risk healthcare and frontline workers in the DRC.

In the field, CDC’s Ebola vaccination implementation expert has provided supervision to national-level teams to ensure high-quality vaccination implementation. We have embedded CDC staff in the DRC Vaccine Commission within the Emergency Operations Center to assist with data analysis of vaccine indicators and improving the quality of the ring vaccination efforts.

As of March 7, 2019, the remaining number of vaccine doses in Beni was approximately 11,490. Our projections show that, depending on the vaccination strategies used and other contextual factors, demand for Ebola vaccine could exceed supply sometime between May and mid-September of 2019, indicating a need to augment the available vaccine supply. ... As of March 7, 2019, 85,877 individuals have been vaccinated. CDC has also collaborated with WHO colleagues in Uganda, South Sudan, and Rwanda to translate ring vaccination concepts for Ebola preparedness, and has provided technical assistance to countries as they have considered the use of Ebola vaccine.

In addition, we have applied our expertise to update Ebola vaccination protocols, operating procedures, and training and communications materials for use at national and local levels, and facilitated trainings for national staff.

BUSINESS

ACTIVISM

Brimstone to exit SA dairy deal on anti-Israel pressure

JOHANNESBURG

The Brimstone Investment Corporation will exit a deal led by an Israeli company to buy South Africa's biggest dairy producer after protests by a pro-Palestinian activist group.

The investment-holding firm is in "advanced talks" with a replacement shareholder that could see it exiting its entire shareholding in Milco SA - the entity that has offered R4.8bn deal to buy Clover Industries - by the end of the year, it said in a statement Friday.

The Central Bottling Company, based in Tel Aviv, is leading the transaction along and is the biggest

shareholder in Milco. A CBC unit will buy Brimstone's interest on December 31, if it hasn't found an alternative investor by then, the South African company said.

The ANC had close ties to the Palestine Liberation Organization during the apartheid era and Israeli interests are frequently the target of protests in South Africa. Brimstone says on its website that it has "impeccable empowerment credentials and a values-driven corporate identity".

The deal was opposed by Boycott Divestment Sanctions South Africa, a group with a history of anti-Israel activity. "We will actively initiate, support and/or join the call for direct action and a militant but peaceful campaign," the organisation said. That will include "protests and disruptions against Clover and a boycott of all of its products."

BDSSA in 2014 led calls for a boycott of Woolworths because of its sale of figs, pretzels and pomegranates imported from Israel. Woolworths said at the time that some of its customers and staff had been intimidated during protests inside its stores and pig heads were left in some outlets.

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INVESTMENT

Alibaba to open e-commerce class for Rwandan students

KIGALI

China's e-commerce giant Alibaba will launch an undergraduate programme in its Business School this September for students from Rwanda.

According to information from Alibaba's Business School, 30 Rwandan students will join its International Business Cross-border eCommerce class and spend four years in Hangzhou city, where Alibaba is based, studying subjects including the Internet, international trade and cross-border e-commerce.

The project is part of the agreement signed last year between the Rwandan government and Alibaba to build the Electronic World Trade Platform (eWTP).

Launched in 2018 in Rwanda, the eWTP aims at promoting public-private dialogue in Africa to improve

policy and business environment to enable small and medium-sized enterprises to participate in cross-border electronic trade.

The Alibaba Business School was established in 2008 under the direction of Alibaba founder and Executive Chairman Jack Ma. The school kicked off its first international class last year, welcoming 18 students who are on track to earn an undergraduate degree in a four-year programme focused on e-commerce and how to excel in a digital economy.

The inaugural international class, with an average age of 18, came from six countries in Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Rwanda was the first African country to launch eWTP. It is one of the initiatives the country has engaged in as it aims to become a regional hub of information communication technology.



TRA taxpayer services and education Director, Richard Kayombo. File photo

TAXATION

TRA upbeat to collect targeted 18trn/- by June

By Francis Kajubi

THE over 6trn/- which Tanzania Revenue Authority needs to collect between now and June 30 this year will be realized, the revenue collecting body's spokesman, Richard Kayombo has assured.

Having already collected 11.96trn/- in the past nine months against the targeted 18.4trn/- for fiscal year 2018/19, Kayombo said they are confident of collecting the balance because many people prefer to settle their tax bills before the deadline.

"We are more confident in meeting the target as many people rush to pay their taxes at last days of the financial year, particularly property tax and tax related to outdoor billboards," Kayombo said.

"On the other hand taxes such as

corporate tax and income tax will also contribute much to our meeting the targeted amount," Kayombo noted. The TRA Director of Taxpayer Education however called on the public to settle their tax bills on time and avoid last minute scrambles which may lead to penalties if the deadline is missed.

In the latest tax collection figures released on Monday, TRA said it has been collecting an average of 1.3trn/- since last July but admitted that in order to beat the 2018/19 target, such collections should peak over 2trn/-.

Kayombo said during the week that in the first quarter of the 2019, the revenue body collected a total of 3.96trn/-, being 1.30trn/- in January, 1.23trn/- in February and 1.43trn/- last month.

"TRA is grateful to all taxpayers who contributed to this success by paying their tax on time. I would like to encourage those who hesitate or

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sometimes find ways to avoid paying taxes to refrain from such a habit because defaulters will be severely punished," he warned.

According to him, in efforts to

broaden the tax base, TRA has arranged a simple and direct way of Tax Payer Identification number (TIN) through close collaboration with Nation Identification Agency (NIDA) whereby currently, TIN is issued at regional and district levels instead of Dar es Salaam.

Kayombo reminded the public to pay property tax on time as stipulated by the law to avoid penalty if deadline passes. "I urge all those who are engaging in illegal acts of duplicating fake electronic fiscal device receipts to refrain from such acts or risk jail term," he added.

TRA has however made significant progress in collecting taxes this fiscal year with 1.20trn/- collected in last July 2018, a figure that increase to 1.27trn/- in August before leapfrogging to 1.36trn/- in September and thereafter registered a record monthly collection with 1.63trn/- realized in December 2018.

TECH SAVVY

Google's African scientists are teaching machines to solve problems



Moustapha Cisse, Lead of the Google Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Lab in Accra, Ghana.

ACCRA

Google has launched a new centre in Accra, Ghana, that will allow African-based researchers to shape Artificial Intelligence (AI) to solve African problems.

"AI is a critical tool used today and used to accelerate all sorts of sciences in physics, chemistry and engineering. But most of the people working and advancing the science and developing it in the field are based mostly in Western countries. It's important that such an important field [can address] a diversity of the problems that the world faces today, and Africa is accurately represented," said Moustapha Cisse, Head of Google AI.

In just seven short years, Google's AI technology has progressed at breakneck speed. Take the example of identifying objects in images: In 2012, AI programmes made mistakes with 26% of the objects. These days, the AI error rate is on average 3% - which is better than humans (5%).

"We've managed to train machines to

identify pixels, and they can transcribe audio and translate languages for us. We want all people in Africa to benefit and access this information," said Cisse.

New AI technology able to "read" ones facial impressions

New tech developed by a US-based AI company can scan your face and read your emotions. Affectiva has developed emotional detection technology that can be used to translate human facial expressions.

The new centre plans to help address problems that farmers experience. They plan to integrate technology already in existence which help Ugandan farmers identify sick Cassava plants by taking a photo of it. The app, which works offline and in rural areas, identifies sickness and can recommend treatments. Making apps like these accessible across the continent could help greatly with food security.

Other projects are in healthcare, and getting AI to count populations and predict population migration using satellite imagery. But the new centre will have to address the way Africans access

the internet: primarily through low-performance cellphones.

Which is why among the projects the centre is looking at is finding ways of dumbing down AI - which runs complex algorithms on massive data sets - so that it can run on basic cell phones.

Google also wants to make the AI available offline, to compensate for those who struggle to get their internet once or twice a day. Limited access to connectivity and high data costs is something that requires even further simplification of AI as most Africans use phones with 512mb of storage.

Another challenge: developing AI to understand the 2,000 African languages spoken on the continent. "Africa is linguistically the most diverse place on this continent. It would be nice if people could communicate beyond these language barriers. Many Africans speak up to three languages, but if we could have machines that can speak hundreds of languages imagine who would be able to speak to the 2.4 billion people projected to be living on the continent in the next 30 years."

CRISIS

Abu Dhabi shipbuilder Privinvest out to sue Maputo in relation to debt scam

MAPUTO

Abu Dhabi-based shipbuilder Privinvest said on Monday it had begun arbitration proceedings to claim compensation against three Mozambican state-owned companies at the centre of a \$2 billion debt scandal.

Privinvest's claim comes nearly two months after Mozambique named the company in a lawsuit against firms involved in arranging loans meant primarily to fund a fleet of fishing boats but which ended up tipping Mozambique into a debt crisis.

The U.S. Justice Department alleges several people, including a former employee of Privinvest, facilitated \$200 million in bribes and kickbacks to themselves and government officials from the \$2 billion loans.

The loans were not disclosed to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as required for those nations seeking financial assistance, and included an \$850 million "tuna bond" to finance a fleet of fishing boats in 2013.

In a statement, Privinvest spokesman Jeffrey Birnbaum did not specify the amount of money being claimed for breaching contractual supply agreements. He declined to tell Reuters what arbitration mechanism was being used or where it was taking place.

The company had signed contracts with three Mozambican state-owned companies - Mozambique Asset Management, Ematum and ProIndicus - to supply ships, run shipyards and provide maritime security for the country. Calls to the Mozambique Attorney General's Office and companies involved went unanswered.

The southern African state admitted in 2016 to the undisclosed lending, prompting the IMF and foreign donors to cut off support. That triggered a currency collapse and a default on Mozambique's sovereign debt. It is still struggling with the economic impact.

DIGITIZATION

Mbeya city residents to pay water, other bills through e-govt platform

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS of Mbeya City who use water from Mbeya Urban Water and Sewerage Authority (Mbeya UWASA) can now pay their monthly bills through Government's Electronic Payment Gateway (GEPG) QR Code.

In addition, the Tigo Tanzania Limited mobile phone subscribers can also pay for bills, fees and commissions to

over 300 government agencies, departments and regulatory bodies through GEPG QR code.

Speaking at a ceremony to launch the GEPG platform in Mbeya for Tigo subscribers yesterday, Mbeya UWASA's assistant Public Relations Manager, Kadri Makongwa said the government platform provides a payment gateway by which ministries, agencies and other public institutions can receive electronic payments via mobile money, bank cards or

online banking.

"This system of payment is much easier, safe and efficient enabling people to settle bills using their mobile handsets," said Makongwa.

His observation was backed by Tigo's Territory Manager for Southern Zone, Ladislaus Karlo who pointed out that GEPG is also risk free. "Supporting government plans to increase financial inclusion in Tanzania has always been one of our strategic objectives," noted

Karlo who urged residents of Mbeya city to make use of the technology.

He said Mbeya residents join more than seven million Tigo customers countywide who are using Tigo Pesa application to pay for different goods and services. "Our Tigo Pesa services now have more options to make quick, easy and secure payments to many other private suppliers of goods and services in the country.

"Our subscribers can settle

bills with ministries, government departments, agencies and other public utilities through Tigo Pesa USSD, Tigo Pesa App or QR code," said Tigo's Head of mobile financial services business to business, Ally Maswanya added.

Apart from Mbeya UWASA, Tigo subscribers can also pay their bills to Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Tanesco, Local Government Authorities (LGAs), Tanzania Ports Authority, Tanzania National Parks Authority, Tanzania Forest

Services (TFS), Muhimbili National Hospital and Higher Education Student's Loans Board, among many others.

After completing the payments, Tigo customers will receive an electronic text message receipt confirming the transaction. The e-receipt is acceptable as proof of the payment and eases traceability of the transactions because it is easy to save, retrieve and trace as opposed to physical receipts that could easily get lost or damaged.

ROW

Uganda, Rwanda tiff scares Bamburi Cement as profits drop

NAIROBI

Cement manufacturer, Bamburi Cement has expressed concerns over the Uganda-Rwanda border row, warning it could derail its earnings.

This comes amid a drop in net profit for the year 2018, reported at Ksh614 million (US\$6.1 million) down from Ksh1.9 billion (US\$18.8 million) in 2017.

"The difficulties experienced in the Uganda-Rwanda border have significantly impacted exports to Rwanda from Uganda and the Group hopes this matter is resolved expeditiously," the company said in its financial statement signed by Chairman John Simba and Group Managing Director Seddiq Hassani.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) listed firm has however reported a 3.7 per cent jump in turnover, from Ksh36 billion (US\$3.6 billion) in 2017 to Ksh37.2 billion (US\$3.7 billion) in 2018 as cement volumes grew by nine per cent.

"The Group achieved this growth despite a market decline of five per cent in Kenya, our biggest market, and a flat cement market in Uganda. Increased competitive pressure fuelled by a growing gap between installed cement grinding capacity and the shrinking market has played a key role in market dynamics," the firm has said.

However, the overall top line growth in a declining market is a clear indication that the execution of its "Building Growth" strategy has put the firm on solid track to consolidate its market leadership position.

The group operating profit reduced to Ksh800 million (US\$7.9 million) in 2018 from Ksh4.2 billion (US\$41.6 million) in the prior year. Despite the increase in turnover, there was a higher cost environ-



Bamburi Cement's Chairman John Simba

ment relating to higher energy costs (power, coal and petcoke), imported clinker and raw materials' input prices, the firm has noted.

Uganda was further impacted by additional provisioning mainly on receivables. The net re-

sult of all these being that operating profit in Kenya remained flat compared to 2017 and declined in Uganda. Cash generated from operating activities as Ksh3 billion (US\$29.7 million) was lower than for prior year at Ksh5 billion (US\$49.5 million),

mainly on account of lower operating profit. Uganda closed the year in a net borrowing position; while Kenya remained cash positive, the company's financial indicate. In the second half of 2018, the Group completed the first phase

of the capacity expansion projects both in Kenya and Uganda, at a total cost of Ksh7.9 billion (US\$78.2 million).

"These have put us in a strong position to leverage growth opportunities in our markets and to further solidify our market

leadership position," the management notes. The market is expected to rebound in both countries in 2019 though fears remain on the export market mainly products to Rwanda from Uganda.

The group will continue to execute "Build-

ing for Growth" strategic agenda, while maintaining focus on cost of optimization in order to grow profitability and competitively. The board has recommended payment of a final dividend of Ksh4.10 per ordinary share.

OVERHEADS

Load shedding is tripping up banking - FNB CEO

CAPE TOWN

"It's tough." FNB CEO Jacques Celliers makes no bones about the impact of load shedding on the ability to deliver banking services.

The CEO spoke to Fin24 on the sidelines of an event marking the bank's 180th founding celebration at the bank's offices in Cape Town on Monday.

From flamingo feathers to fintech the bank has transformed from its earliest days in 1838 when it stored flamingo feathers and wool for safekeeping, to the innovative fintech giant with its sight set on autonomous vehicles and drone delivery in the next few years.

When asked how load shedding impacts the bank's business, given its strong digitisation strategy, Celliers is frank in his response. "For innovative trusted banking platforms to survive and to be able to operate we need trusted infrastructure," he tells Fin24. This includes telecommunications



FNB CEO Jacques Celliers.

infrastructure and energy infrastructure.

"Without those things, it's hard to deliver services." Even though load shedding does not create an "ideal environment" in which to operate, Celliers said that the bank has to have contingency plans in place or "plan B, plan C and plan D," as he phrased it.

"We are very well positioned to accommodate and absorb the unfortunate consequences of load shedding," he assured.

'Big responsibility' Commenting on the impact of load shedding on the SA economy overall, Celliers said that it was disappointing. "Every day of load shedding takes so much momentum out of an economy that is struggling to keep its head above water."

For this reason load shedding must be addressed to not only keep the banking system functional but to keep the SA economy thriving, he explained. "It's a big responsibility for everyone to keep the lights on," he added.

Previously at a briefing on the status of the electricity system, Public Enterprise Minister Pravin Gordhan said that Eskom would at most implement Stage 1 load shedding over the winter months.

STRANGE

Pot sales expected to double on 'special day' in April



One of the two Toronto pot legal stores.

NEW YORK

Cannabis retailers should prepare themselves for a minimum doubling of sales on April 20, the stoner's Fourth of July, according to new data.

The origins of 4/20 are obscure, but the most common story is about a group of 1970s high-school students who'd meet outside their school at 16:20 to search for a legendary abandoned marijuana crop (which, needless to say, they never found). Whatever its source, 4/20 has become the busiest cannabis sales day of the year, according to data provided by Headset.

It was the industry's single biggest day of sales in 2018, with sales up 111% compared with the four Fridays before and after the holiday, according to Headset, which compiled sales data from Washington state, California, Nevada and Colorado.

By comparison, beer sales during the two-week period

including July 4 were up 33% versus an average two weeks in 2018, according to Nielsen, which has partnered with Headset to analyse the US legal pot market for consumer packaged-goods companies.

Sales on April 20 don't appear to be affected by the maturity of the legal market. Each of the four states examined by Headset saw sales at least double last year, when the celebration fell on a Friday, typically the busiest sales day of the week.

With April 20 falling on a Saturday this year during the Easter long weekend, retailers should prepare themselves for a rush of customers on both Saturday and "4/20 Eve," Headset said.

This will also mark Canada's first April 20 since the country legalised recreational pot last October. Retailers may find it difficult to achieve the same jump in sales as their US counterparts due to the ongoing supply shortages that have plagued the legal market.

There will undoubtedly be long lineups, especially in under-retailed cities like Toronto, which currently only has two legal stores to serve its population of nearly 3 million.

Earnings outlook 'far too high' There'll be further insight into legal sales from two Canadian producers this week, with Aphria and Organigram scheduled to release results Monday for the quarter ended February 28. Analysts expect the companies to report revenue of C\$83 million (\$62 million) and C\$24 million respectively, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

It may be time to significantly lower expectations for the sector as a whole, according to Scotiabank analyst Oliver Rowe and Ben Isaacson, who published a note last week saying first-quarter estimates are "far too high."

The analysts expect aggregate revenue in the calendar first quarter to

come in below fourth-quarter results, while the Street as a whole is looking for a 35% increase. They also expect total cannabis sales volumes to fall by 25% quarter-over-quarter due to a dearth of new stores.

As a result, investors should brace themselves for "some companies trading sharply lower on earnings day," they said. One outlier may be Moncton, New Brunswick-based Organigram due to its strong inventory position. "This could translate into substantial sales in the coming quarter which may come as a surprise for a sector that should generally disappoint."

Despite flying under the radar compared to its larger, higher-profile peers, Organigram has turned into an analyst darling. The stock has 10 buys, no holds and no sells and a 12-month price target of C\$11, about 20% above current levels, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

COMPETITION

Airbus secures \$35bn China deal in fresh blow to Boeing

PARIS

Airbus SE secured a \$35bn jet deal from China during a state visit by President Xi Jinping to the French capital, dealing a fresh blow to Boeing as it grapples with the grounding of its best-selling jet.

The mammoth order comprises 290 A320-series narrow-body planes and 10 A350 wide-bodies, French President Emmanuel Macron's office said at a briefing Tuesday. The latest A320neo model has a list price of \$10.6m and the A350-900 sells for \$317.4m before discounts.

Boeing's 737 Max narrow-body, the chief rival to the A320, has been idled following two crashes in five months. The US planemaker is also struggling with the fallout from a China-US trade war that's seen sales to the Asian nation dry up.

A major deal for Toulouse, France-based Airbus was first touted by Macron in January 2018 during a trip to Beijing, when a figure of \$18bn was put on the transaction. A firm order failed to materialise despite a second French state visit in June and a delegation of top Airbus executives in September.

The deal announced in Paris will include both Neo - for new engine option - and so-called classic or CEO versions of the A319, A320 and A321, though the majority will be A320neos and A321neos, according to officials. China typically orders planes in large batches and allocates them to airlines later.

The Asian power has become the most important market for Airbus and Boeing as its fast-growing middle class spurs demand for travel. While the US company's order prospects have been complicated by the trade clash, Airbus has bolstered its position with an offer to expand a production line in Tianjin.

The deal will provide a boost for the European company's incoming chief, Guillaume Faury, who takes over from Tom Enders in April. Airbus sales have had one of the slowest starts in the past decade, with the planemaker registering 103 cancellations and just four new orders in the first two months. Airbus shares pared declines of as much as 1.7% earlier in the day to close 0.5% lower in Paris.



An Airbus A320neo plane.

FUNDRAISING

Luxury billionaires promise \$339m to restore Notre Dame

PARIS

France's luxury-goods tycoons pledged 300 million euros (\$339 million) to help in the reconstruction of Notre-Dame cathedral after the Paris landmark was ravaged by fire on Monday, answering a call from President Emmanuel Macron for a fund-raising campaign.

Francois-Henri Pinault, the chairman and chief executive officer of Gucci owner Kering SA, and his father, Francois Pinault, will donate 100 million euros from their Artemis investment company, the family said Tuesday in an emailed statement.

Their archival, the Arnault family, responded minutes later with a pledge of

200 million euros and the architectural and design resources of their LVMH fashion conglomerate.

"This tragedy is striking all the French people, and beyond that, all those attached to spiritual values," Francois-Henri Pinault, 56, said in the statement. "Faced with this tragedy, everyone wishes to give life back to this jewel of our heritage as soon as possible."

Macron vowed to rebuild Notre-Dame in central Paris after the fire hit the 850-year-old Gothic monument. He called for donations to reconstruct the building and said he would draw on the world's best talents for the task.



WEDNESDAY 17 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Shamba shape up
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Korean: The Great Queen Seonduk
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Ijue Sheria
- 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TFDA
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Aibu Yako! Hata wewe?
- 21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
- 21:40 Kipindi Maalum
- 22:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tatu mzuka
- 22:10 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 2:00 CNN International

THURSDAY 18 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Igizo: Riziki
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Igizo: Elininyo
- 11:15 Kesho leo rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijue Sheria
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Sanaa na wasanii
- 13:30 Tanzania yetu
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Jagina
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
- 23:00 Habari

23:30 The Base

- 00:30 CNN International

FRIDAY 19 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 11:20 Kesho leo
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Jagina rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
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- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
- 18:30 Shamba lulu
- 19:00 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Kipima joto
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 CNN International

SATURDAY 20 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 9:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 11:30 Usafiri wako
- 12:00 Shamba lulu
- 12:30 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:45 Igizo rpt: Riziki
- 15:15 Igizo rpt: Elininyo
- 15:45 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Kimya Milele
- 16:30 Igizo: Mtego rpt
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Igizo: Elininyo
- 19:00 Sanaa na wasanii
- 19:30 Jungu Kuu
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Igizo: Kimya Milele
- 21:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 22:30 Isidingo rpt
- 01:00 CNN International

SUNDAY 21 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera

09:00 Watoto Wetu

- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:45 Aibu Yako
- 11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
- 12:50 Bongo Movie rpt: Magic house 2
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 Korean drama: The great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 Mjue zaidi
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:45 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:00 Bongo Movie: It wasn't me
- 22:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)

CAPITAL

Sun 14 April

- 08:00 CNN International
- 09:00 In good shape
- 10:00 Capchat rpt
- 11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
- 11:30 Iron chef rpt
- 12:00 Out n' about rpt
- 12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
- 13:00 Ripoti Maalum
- 13:30 Series rpt: Life is a teacher
- 15:15 Aibu yako
- 15:30 Drive it rpt
- 16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
- 16:45 Mizengwe rpt
- 17:00 The Decor rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
- 20:00 Korean Drama rpt: Emperor of the sea
- 21:00 Shift
- 20:00 Series: Life is a teacher
- 21:15 Capchat live
- 22:15 Series rpt: Ilijimae
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Mon 15 April

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 08:00 CNN International News
- 09:00 Al Jazeera
- 10:00 Kumekucha
- 10:30 Kumekucha Michezo
- 11:30 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 12:00 Turning the spotlight rpt:
- 12:30 Drive it rpt
- 13:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 13:45 Series rpt: Ilijimae
- 14:30 Usafiri wako rpt
- 15:00 Cookery rpt: Culinary Delight
- 15:30 Toyota world of wildlife rpt
- 16:00 CNN International
- 17:00 EcoAfrica rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Documentary: Rainmakers 3
- 19:30 Business edition
- 20:00 Series: Life is a teacher
- 20:45 The Monday Agenda
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Kipima Joto
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Tues 16 April

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 08:00 CNN International News
- 09:00 Al Jazeera
- 10:00 Kumekucha
- 10:30 Kumekucha Michezo
- 11:30 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 12:00 The Decor rpt
- 12:30 Mizengwe rpt
- 12:45 Aibu Yako
- 13:00 Series rpt: Life is a teacher
- 13:45 Series rpt: Ilijimae
- 14:15 Local pgm rpt: Business Edition
- 15:00 Bundesliga kick off
- 15:30 Out and About rpt
- 16:00 Capchat rpt
- 17:00 Usafiri wako rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Innovation
- 19:30 Jagina
- 19:30 Ripoti Maalum
- 20:00 Series: Life is a teacher
- 20:45 Series: Ilijimae
- 21:30 Capital Prime
- 22:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 22:30 Iron Chef rpt
- 23:30 Al Jazeera

Wed 17 April

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 08:00 CNN International News
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- 09:00 Al Jazeera
- 10:00 Kumekucha
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- 15:15 Capchat rpt
- 16:15 CNN International
- 17:00 Innovation rpt
- 17:30 Meza Huru
- 19:00 Sports Gazette
- 19:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 20:00 Series: Life is a teacher
- 20:45 Series: Ilijimae
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Dakika 45:
- 22:45 The Décor
- 23:15 Al Jazeera

Thurs 18 April

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 08:00 CNN International News
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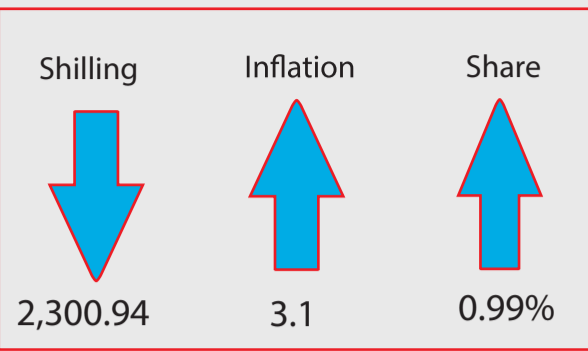
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- 20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
- 20:45 Series: Ilijimae
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Sat 20 April

- 08:00 CNN International
- 09:00 Drive It rpt
- 09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 10:00 Culinary delight rpt
- 10:30 Innovation rpt
- 11:00 Out n' about rpt
- 11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
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- 17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:45 Bundesliga kick off
- 18:15 Capchat rpt
- 19:15 Mizengwe
- 19:30 The Decor
- 20:00 Iron Chef
- 21:00 Out n' about
- 21:30 Movie: Absolute zero
- 23:00 Grapes of Justice rpt
- 01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 21 April

- 08:00 CNN International
- 09:00 In good shape
- 10:00 Capchat rpt
- 11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
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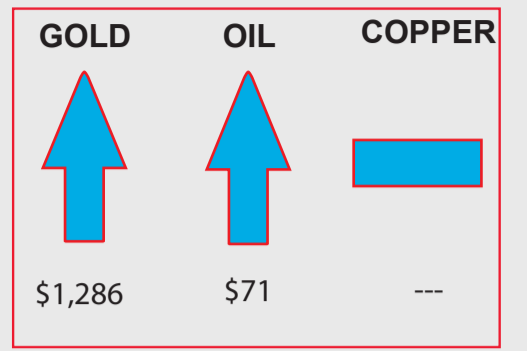
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AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	5364.00	Finger Millet	144052.63
Rice	183125.00	Wheat	129866.67
Sorghum	80476.19	Beans	175416.67
Bulrush Millet	84066.67	Round potatoes	71458.33

Exchange Rates (DSE)

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: April 12, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	5,900.00	5,950.00	-0.84
CRDB	125	125.00	0
DCB	340	340	0
DSE	1,260	1,260	0
EABL	4,720.00	4,720.00	0
JHL	9,150.00	9,150.00	0
KA	120.00	130.00	-7.69
KCB	1,020.00	1,020.00	0
MBP	490.00	490.00	0
MCB	500.00	500.00	0
MKCB	800.00	800.00	0
MUCOB	400.00	400.00	0
NICO	170.00	170.00	0
NMB	2,340.00	2,340.00	0
NMG	1,400.00	1,380.00	1.45
PAL	400.00	400.00	0
SWALA	490.00	490.00	0
SWIS	1,700.00	1,700.00	0
TBL	11,400.00	11,400.00	0
TCC	17,000	17,000.00	0
TCCL	600.00	600.00	0
TICL	385	385.00	0
TOL	660.00	660.00	0
TPCC	2,100.00	2,100.00	0
TTP	120.00	120.00	0
USL	10.00	10.00	0
VODA	800.00	800.00	0
YETU	600.00	600.00	0

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

TSI	3,482.64	+0.00
DSEI	2,068.93	-7.63

TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln)	19,942.10
Equity Turnover	6,422,030.00
Total Volume	47,399
Total Deals	14

TOP MOVERS

CRDB	125	47,010
DSE	1,260	280
SWIS	1,700	100

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
ACA	5,900	-0.84%
KA	120	-7.69%
NMG	1,400	+1.45%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
11/Apr/2019	1.50	2,309.00	2,298.45	2,300.94
10/Apr/2019	1.65	2,310.00	2,298.50	2,300.96
9/Apr/2019	1.30	2,310.00	2,298.40	2,300.92
8/Apr/2019	1.25	2,310.80	2,298.45	2,300.93
5/Apr/2019	1.50	2,311.00	2,298.60	2,300.97
4/Apr/2019	1.50	2,311.00	2,298.55	2,300.94
3/Apr/2019	1.60	2,313.00	2,298.60	2,300.95

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
11/Apr/2019	39,000	6.00	5.00	5.15
10/Apr/2019	43,300	6.00	4.90	5.18
9/Apr/2019	40,100	5.50	4.90	5.04
8/Apr/2019	41,500	5.50	4.90	5.12
5/Apr/2019	17,500	6.00	5.00	5.06

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USD/TZS traded at 2,310.0000 on Monday April 15. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2360 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Gold dips to 1-week low as equities gain, slowdown fears recede

* Gold may revisit its April 4 low of \$1,280.59 - analyst
* Asian shares near 9-month high
* Gold specs raise net longs in week to April 9 - CFTC

LONDON, April 15. (Reuters) - Gold prices fell to a more than one-week low on Monday as solid Chinese data and positive signs on the U.S.-China trade front boosted equities and allayed concerns about a global economic slowdown.

Spot gold edged 0.2 percent lower to \$1,286.92 per ounce as of 0740 GMT, having touched \$1,286.15, its lowest since April 5, earlier in the session. U.S. gold futures fell 0.4 percent to \$1,289.70 an ounce.

"Gold prices have fallen because of improving macro-economic data which is favouring risk-taking," said Margaret Yang, a market analyst with CMC Markets, Singapore.

Among factors weighing on gold prices are better-than-expected credit and export growth figures from China, a positive kick-off to the earnings season in the United States and hopes of a U.S.-China trade spat resolution, Yang added.

Asian shares neared nine-month highs after U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he hoped U.S.-China trade talks were approaching a final lap and amid strong Chinese export data.

Gold, which is usually considered a hedge against economic and political uncertainty, suffers along with the Japanese yen when risk sentiment revives.

The yen hovered near its lowest level this year on more signs of stabilisation in the Chinese economy.

Chinese customs data showed on Friday that

exports for the country rose 14.2 percent from the previous year in March, the strongest growth in five months.

The yellow metal may now revisit its April 4 low of \$1,280.59 per ounce, according to Reuters technical analyst Wang Tao.

A stronger U.S. economic picture of late has also dampened the appeal of the non-yielding metal with upbeat U.S. reports on Friday showing import prices surpassed expectations and consumer sentiment seen stabilizing.

"The U.S. Federal Reserve hit the brakes hard in first quarter but as data has improved rate cut chances are lower," Alfonso Esparza, senior market analyst at OANDA, said in a note.

"If retail sales (due later this week) outperform it would start building a case for an interest rate lift later this year despite the Fed's dovish turn in January."

However, speculators increased their bullish wagers in COMEX gold in the week to April 9, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said on Friday.

In other metals, increased inflows were observed into platinum, totalling \$0.5 billion, while palladium saw outflows for a seventh consecutive week, analysts at Societe Generale wrote in a note.

Spot platinum was unchanged at \$886.30 per ounce whereas palladium fell 0.3 percent to \$1,367.67 per ounce.

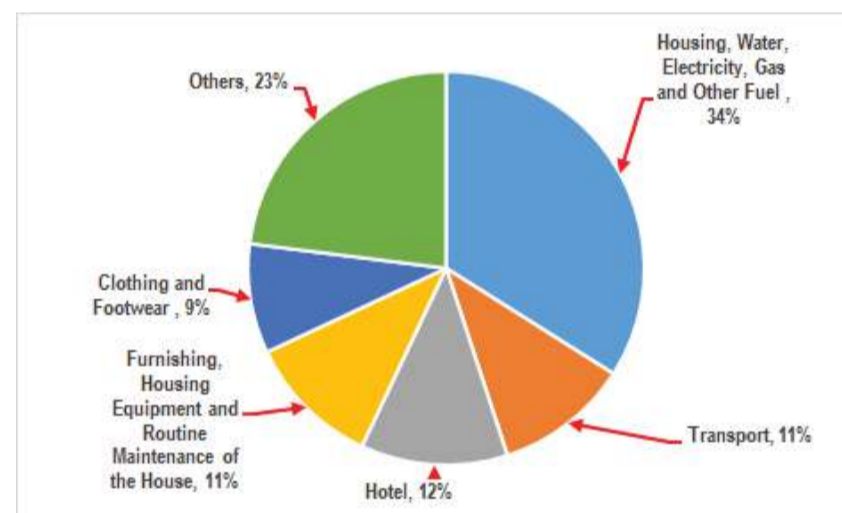
Silver was 0.1 percent lower at \$14.94 an ounce.

All Share Index : 15 April 2019

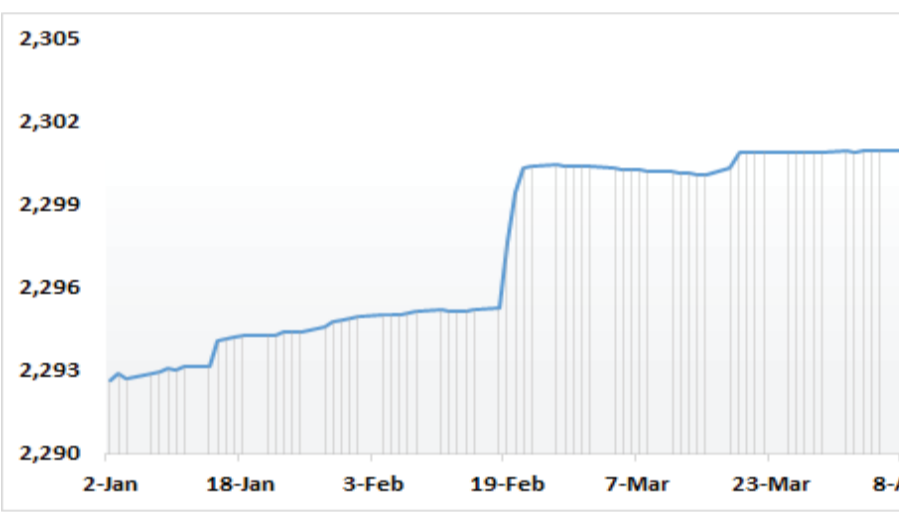
Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	29,560	212.85	0.73%	-0.19%	-5.74%	-27.07%
JALSH-All Share	58,088	317	-0.54%	0.27%	2.42%	2.49%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	51,861	280	-0.54%	0.32%	2.94%	3.49%
Egypt EGX 30	15,037	69	-0.46%	-0.19%	0.33%	-14.40%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,015	0.00	0.00%	-0.01%	0.25%	-14.57%
NSE All Share	158	0.38	-0.24%	-1.05%	1.78%	-17.48%
Nairobi 20	2,915	4.02	-0.14%	2.39%	1.35%	-23.40%
DSEI	2,069	7.63	-0.37%	-0.42%	-0.44%	-15.14%
TUN	6,953	39.19	0.57%	-0.21%	0.85%	-2.46%
GGSECI	2,371	6.20	-0.26%	-1.47%	-1.95%	-30.88%
Gaborone	7,864	0.75	-0.01%	-0.11%	-0.18%	-7.44%
NSX Overall	1,382	0	0.00%	0.87%	3.18%	0.22%
SEMDEX	2,168	1	-0.06%	-0.81%	-0.99%	-5.40%
Zimbabwe Industrial Index419	0.99	-0.24%	3.32%	-7.37%	38.06%	

The DSEI increased 36 points or 1.79% since the beginning of 2019, according to trading on a contract for difference (CFD) that tracks this benchmark index from Tanzania. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

Inflation 3.1% - February 2019: Top Movers



Fluctuation of a Shilling



Oil pauses; focus on future supply direction

LONDON, April 15. (Reuters) - Oil prices nudged lower on Monday after international benchmark Brent hit a fresh five-month high in the previous session, with investors eyeing mixed signals on global supply.

Brent crude oil futures were at \$71.44 a barrel at 0629 GMT, down 11 cents, or 0.2 percent, from their last close, having hit their highest since Nov. 12 on Friday at \$71.87.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were at \$63.63 per barrel, down 26 cents, or 0.4 percent, from their last settlement.

"I would expect oil to trade in a relatively tight band around \$70 per for the time being," said Virendra Chauhan, oil analyst at Energy Aspects in Singapore, pointing to differing signs from the United States and OPEC on future supply.

"Leading edge indicators on U.S. supply suggest activity levels are stepping up, which is supportive for strong production growth in the second half," said Chauhan

But at the same time, "murmurings from various ministers of the OPEC+ pact suggest supply from the group will not be ramped up pre-emptively as per last summer," he said.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies meet in June to decide whether to continue withholding supply. OPEC, Russia and other producers, are reducing output by 1.2 million bpd from

Jan. 1 for six months.

OPEC's de facto leader, Saudi Arabia, is considered keen to keep cutting, but sources within the group said it could raise output from July if disruptions continue elsewhere.

The head of Libya's National Oil Corp warned on Friday that renewed fighting could wipe out crude production in the country.

Meanwhile, Russia's Finance Minister Anton Siluanov was quoted by the TASS news agency as saying on Saturday that Russia and OPEC may decide to boost production to fight for market share with the United States but this would push oil prices as low as \$40 per barrel.

"The danger is to the downside as both contracts are still very overbought from a technical standpoint," said Jeffrey Halley, senior market analyst at OANDA in Singapore.

U.S. energy companies last week increased the number of oil rigs operating for a second week in a row, bringing the total count to 833, General Electric Co's Baker Hughes energy services firm said in its closely followed report on Friday.

The rig count fell for the past four months as independent exploration and production companies cut spending on new drilling to focus on earnings growth instead of increased output.

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (S'wanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

Foreign Exchange- April 15

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.13153	0.00153	0.14%
GBPUSD	1.30951	0.00141	0.11%
AUDUSD	0.71715	0.00005	0.01%
NZDUSD	0.67667	0.00067	0.10%
USDJPY	111.95	0.06	-0.05%
USDCNY	6.70679	0.00151	-0.02%
USDCHF	1.00208	0.00032	-0.03%
USDCAD	1.3336	0.0009	0.07%
USDMXN	18.7614	0.0102	0.05%
USDINR	69.26	0.0800	0.12%
USDBRL	3.88	0.0230	0.60%
USDRUB	64.2553	0.0347	-0.05%
US Dollar	96.83	0.14	-0.14%
BTCUSD	5,154.33	91	1.79%

Exchange Rates for April 15, 2019

Currency in 100 Units	Spot Buying	Spot Selling
EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES		
Kenya SHS	2,257.81	2,275.88
Uganda SHS	57.41	61.52
Rwandan Franc	251.71	254.84
Burundi Franc	218.12	219.76
OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES		
USD	227,812.87	230,091.00
Pound STG	298,662.67	301,764.35
EURO	257,838.61	260,509.03
Canadian \$	171,005.01	172,663.21
Switz. Franc	227,790.09	229,976.01
Japanese YEN	2,034.95	2,054.93
Swedish Kronor	24,615.91	24,854.01
Norweg. Kronor	26,859.02	27,114.83
Danish Kronor	34,552.70	34,892.94
Australian \$	163,501.30	165,182.33
Indian RPS	3,295.14	3,327.03
Pakistan RPS	1,531.11	1,620.36
Zambian Kwacha	18,188.29	18,481.20
Malawian Kwacha	290.38	308.87
Mozambique-MET	3,537.47	3,567.30
Zimbabwe \$	42.63	43.49
SDR	316,628.00	319,794.28
Gold (T/O)	294,699,482.08	297,711,822.74
S. African Rand	16,359.05	16,514.93
UAE Dirham	62,027.03	62,635.36
Singapore \$	168,388.55	170,009.61
Hong Kong \$	29,048.13	29,337.49
Saud Arabian Rial	60,745.24	61,351.06
Kuwait Dinar	749,285.85	756,306.08
Botswana Pula	21,505.54	21,904.66
Chinese Yuan	33,963.90	34,294.34
Malaysia Ringgit	55,401.96	55,888.03
South Korea Won	201.21	202.86
Newzealand	153,955.94	155,587.53

World Commodities (\$) 5 April 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil Brent	62.0835	0.06%	3.27%	10.47%	0.07%
Natural gas	2.6412	-0.23%	-0.78%	-7.03%	-2.21%
Gasoline	1.9297	-0.38%	1.83%	7.89%	-1.25%
Heating oil	2.0091	-0.14%	1.83%	2.84%	2.84%
Ethanol	1.2931	-0.84%	-3.86%	-3.78%	-9.82%
Naphtha	542.85	-0.25%	1.87%	3.46%	-5.01%
Propane	0.				



A grab from a broadcast on Sudan TV on April 13, 2019 shows Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan Abdulrahman, new chief of Sudan's ruling military council, in the capital Khartoum. (AFP)

Sudanese leader calls for efforts to strengthen ties with China

KHARTOUM

SUDAN is willing to lift Sudan-China relations to a new high through joint efforts, Chairman of Sudan's Transitional Military Council Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said on Monday.

Sudan values its partnership with China and hopes to promote bilateral ties, Al-Burhan said when he met with Chinese Ambassador to Sudan Ma Xinmin.

Al-Burhan spoke highly of the relations between the two countries and sincerely thanked China for its long-term support and selfless help for Sudan. He said Sudan will make every effort to ensure the security and interests of Chinese citizens and institutions in Sudan.

Ma said China pays great attention to the current situation in Sudan and hopes the country will maintain peace and stable.

China and Sudan have maintained a traditional friendship, mutually beneficial economic and trade cooperation, deep political mutual trust and people-to-people exchanges, on the

basis of respecting each other's core interests and major concerns, Ma said, adding that China and Sudan are good brothers, true friends and strategic partners and China is willing to continue its friendly ties with Sudan.

China firmly believes that every country and international organization should respect Sudan's sovereignty and political independence and not interfere with its internal affairs.

China believe that Sudan has the ability to handle well its internal affairs and safeguard its national security and stability, Ma said.

Ma also met with Omer Zainal-Abdin, chairman of the Political Committee in Sudan's Transitional Military Council, on the same day.

Zainal-Abdin said Sudan and China are strategic partners, enjoy deep-rooted relations and the two peoples have deep feelings toward each other.

He hoped the two sides will continue to make greater achievements in bilateral ties and make new progress through cooperation and coordination in all fields.

Xinhua

Kremlin: No full clarity on date, place of Putin's meeting with Kim Jong-un

MOSCOW

NO final decision has been made on the date and place of a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"I can confirm that preparations for the meeting are underway, we have been talking about it for quite a while," he pointed out.

"As soon as there is full clarity on the date and place of the meeting, we will inform you," he added. "We can't provide any specific information at

the moment," the Russian presidential spokesman noted.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said earlier, citing sources in Moscow, that Kim Jong-un might visit Russia next week.

According to the agency, the Russia-North Korea summit is likely to be held in the Far Eastern city of Vladivostok. Yonhap pointed out that on April 26-27, Putin is expected to attend the One Belt One Road forum in China.

The agency's sources believe that the Russian president's meeting with Kim Jong-un will take place shortly before the event.

Agencies

British PM on walking holiday as her ministers seek consensus on Brexit plan with Labour

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Theresa May has headed to the mountains of Wales with her husband as ministers in London continued to search for a Brexit breakthrough. An official spokesperson at 10 Downing Street confirmed Monday that May had left London to go on a walking holiday.

Political commentators recalled that it was on a walking holiday in Wales in 2017 that prompted the prime minister to call a general election.

Instead of winning a bigger mandate from voters, May saw a government with a slender majority replaced by a minority government with fewer than the 326 seats needed to stay in full control.

May is not thinking about holding an election, her spokesperson is said to have told Reuters Monday. Following the 2017 election May reached a supply and confidence arrangement with the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in Northern Ireland. Their 10 MPs gave May a wafer-thin majority in the House of Commons.

The Daily Telegraph reported Monday that tensions have grown between May's Conservative government and the DUP recently after DUP MPs at Westminster repeatedly refused to back May's Brexit deal.

The DUP accused her of failing to stand up to the European Union on the Irish border backstop issue. It is a failure to resolve the border issue on the island of Ireland that has caused a logjam in Brexit negotiations.

Agencies

BEIJING

BRI brings rare development opportunities to Panama - expert

THE Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has brought opportunities to Latin America and contributed to the harmonious progress of human society, said Eddie Tapiero, a Panamanian specialist on international affairs during a recent interview with People's Daily.

China is willing to see the

development of other countries and regions around the world, he said, adding that the BRI connects the whole globe and provides opportunities for common development.

Tapiero is the author of La Ruta de la Seda y Panamá, or Silk Road and Panama, the first book on Belt and Road study in

Latin America.

Starting researching and collecting related information before China and Panama established diplomatic ties, Tapiero spent five years on writing the book.

He introduced that his original intention to write this book is to understand what the BRI

truly is, as the initiative is believed to be opportunities by some and a threat by the others.

The BRI is indeed an initiative of peace and development, said Tapiero, noting the 21st century is a time of high civilization in which wars and conflicts shouldn't occur so

frequently any longer.

He believes the BRI is an opportunity for all participants to have equal dialogues and a platform for exchanges in various fields at different levels. It enables each party to find solutions and seek common development through consultations, he stressed.

Sharing similar experience in history, Latin America and China have both created splendid civilizations and weathered hardships, Tapiero said, raising a question that how could it be possible for a peaceful country like China to cause such hardships for other countries?

Today, the international

situation is going through profound changes. The BRI proposed by China is not for intensifying competition but promoting coordination and cooperation, as China is a country that is willing to see the common development of mankind, Tapiero noted.

The BRI has enriched bilateral relations between China and Panama, Tapiero said.

Xinhua

Hackers target Ecuadorian govt after it expels Assange

QUITO

ECUADORIAN state agencies have suffered more than 40 million hacking attacks since the government stripped WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange of political asylum last week, an Ecuadorian official said on Monday.

Most cyber attacks started Thursday and came from Britain, France, Romania, the United States, Brazil and Ecuador, Deputy Minister of Telecommunications Patricio Real told a press conference.

State-run websites that have come under attack include the President's Office, the ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Interior, and the Central Bank.

"There were a couple of (online) pages belonging to Decentralized



Autonomous Governments that were hacked, but have been reestablished.

The problem didn't spread further because the situation was resolved in a few hours," said Real.

The international hacking campaign was aimed at disabling government websites, he said. Ecuador ranked No.31, up from No.51, on the list of countries suffering the most cyber attacks in just four days, the deputy minister said.

Assange (pictured) was arrested on

Thursday by British police in London after the government of Ecuadorean President Lenin Moreno stripped him of political asylum granted to him by the previous government in 2012.

Assange, who at the time was being pursued by Swedish authorities for sexual misconduct, argued he was being politically persecuted for his role in revealing U.S. war crimes.

Ecuador on Monday said it received assurances from the British authorities that Assange would not be extradited to a country where he could face the death penalty.

Since Assange's arrest, the global hacktivist group "Anonymous" has issued a threat saying "Free Assange or you will pay," said Real. Ecuador has accepted Israel's help in fending off cyber attacks, officials said.

Xinhua



Russian court jails Norwegian for 14 years for espionage

MOSCOW

A RUSSIAN court found a Norwegian man guilty yesterday of gathering espionage about nuclear submarines and jailed him for 14 years in a verdict that could strain ties between Moscow and its NATO-member neighbour.

Frode Berg, a 63-year-old retired former guard on the Norwegian-Russian border, was detained in Moscow in December 2017 and tried behind closed doors this month. He pleaded not guilty to charges of espionage on behalf of Norway.

Berg (pictured) will not appeal the verdict and plans to request a presidential pardon from Vladimir Putin that would see him freed, his lawyer, Ilya Novikov, said.

Berg, who was wearing a suit and was handcuffed as he watched proceedings from a glass cage, has admitted to being used as a courier for Norway's military intelligence but said he had no knowledge of the operation he took part in.

Putin last week appeared to leave the door open to the possibility that Berg could be pardoned or possibly exchanged as part of a prisoner swap.

Asked during talks with Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg about the possibility of a pardoning, Putin said: "We must wait for the court proceedings... We will take a look at what we can do with this depending on the court's decision."

State prosecutors had asked the court to jail Berg for 14 years. The maximum penalty for espionage is 20 years.

Defence lawyer Novikov said ahead of the hearing that he was expecting a guilty verdict and a lengthy sentence, and that the defence was hoping diplomatic talks would now possibly lead to Berg's freedom.

"The question is how successful diplomatic efforts will be to secure his release," Novikov said.



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Notre-Dame blaze probably accidental, French prosecutors say

PARIS

THE fire that tore through Notre-Dame cathedral was probably caused by accident, French prosecutors said yesterday after firefighters doused the last flames in the ruins overnight.

More than 400 firemen were needed to tame the inferno that consumed the roof and collapsed the spire of the eight-centuries-old cathedral. They worked through the night to bring the fire under control some 14 hours after it began.

"We are favoring the theory of an accident," Paris public prosecutor Remy Heitz said, adding that 50 people were working on what was expected to be a long and complex investigation.

One firefighter was injured; no one else was reported hurt in the blaze which began after the building was closed to the public for the evening.

From the outside, the imposing bell towers and outer walls, with their vast flying buttresses, still stood firm, but the insides and the upper structure were eviscerated by the blaze.

Investigators will not be able to enter the cathedral's blackened nave until experts are satisfied its stone walls withstood the heat and the building is structurally sound. Television images showed firefighters atop the towers.

"The fire is fully extinguished," fire service spokesman Gabriel Plus told reporters. "Our job today is to monitor the structure and its movements."

The fire swiftly ripped through the cathedral's timbered roof supports, where workmen had been carrying out extensive renovations to collapsed balustrades and crumbling gargoyles, as well as the spire's wooden frame.

The Paris prosecutor has opened an investigation into "involuntary destruction by fire". Police on Tuesday began questioning the workers involved in the restoration, the prosecutor's office said.

Hundreds of stunned onlookers had lined the banks of the Seine river late into the night as the fire raged, reciting prayers and singing liturgical music in



The Notre Dame Cathedral on fire in central Paris, capital of France. The fire at the Notre Dame on Monday afternoon destroyed the spire of the 850-year-old historical cathedral. (Xinhua)

harmony as they stood in vigil.

"It's a symbol of our country that risked being destroyed," Culture Minister Franck Riester said.

Firefighters who entered the burning building saved many of its treasures, Riester said, although some paintings remained inside and risked smoke and water damage.

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DONATIONS

President Emmanuel Macron promised France would rebuild Notre-Dame, considered among the finest examples of French and European Gothic architecture and visited by more than 13 million people annually.

Notre-Dame is owned by the state and has been at the center of a years-long row between the nation and the Paris archdiocese over who should bear the brunt of costs for badly needed restoration work.

It was too early to estimate the cost of the damage, said Bertrand de Feydeau of the Fondation du Patrimoine, a charity which works to protect French heritage, but it is likely to run into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Two of France's wealthiest men, Francois-Henri Pinault, chief execu-

tive of the Kering group which owns brands including Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent, and Bernard Arnault, the main shareholder of luxury group LVMH, said they would donate 100 million euros (\$113 million) and 200 million euros respectively. The city of Paris pledged 50 million euros.

Other campaigns were launched in the United States as well-wishers around the world pledged contributions via social media.

Paolo Violini, a restoration specialist for Vatican museums, said the pace at which the fire spread through the cathedral had been stunning.

"We are used to thinking about them as eternal simply because they have been there for centuries, or a thousand years, but the reality is they are very fragile," Violini said.

A centuries-old crown of thorns made from reeds and gold, and the tunic believed to have been worn by Saint Louis, a 13th century king of France, were saved, Notre-Dame's top administrative cleric, Monsignor Patrick Chauvet, said.

Copper statues representing the Twelve Apostles and four evangelists were removed by crane last week as part of the restoration work.

Agencies

Zimbabwe marks 39 years of independence amid positive vibes for former white farmers

HARARE

ZIMBABWE tomorrow marks 39 years of independence from Britain as the government pledges to compensate former white farmers who lost their land to previously landless blacks during land reforms.

The Zimbabwean government recently announced that it would soon start paying interim advance payments to former white commercial farmers as compensation for improvements on their former land.

The move will most likely go a long way in thawing relations between Zimbabwe on the one hand and Britain and the European Union on the other.

The former farmers have since started registering for the compensation after the government availed 53 million RTGS dollars (a new tran-



President Emmerson Mnangagwa

sitional currency) in the 2019 budget for the program.

Land was at the center of the majority black Zimbabweans' struggle for independence as a few thousand white farmers occupied the best farming land while blacks were huddled in tribal trust lands with generally poor soils.

The independence anniversary comes at a time the nation is still grappling with the effects of Cyclone Idai

which ravaged some eastern, southern and central parts of the country mid-March, resulting in at least 344 deaths.

The government has since launched an international appeal for at least 612 million U.S. dollars for food, shelter and reconstruction of critical infrastructure, including water and sanitation.

The cyclone has also had a telling effect on the country's economy which has been under-performing for years. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said last week that in view of the disaster, it intends to expedite the implementation of the forthcoming Staff Monitored Program (SMP) for Zimbabwe to boost government efforts to turn around the economy.

Zimbabwe and the IMF agreed on steps that will pave way for the SMP, which entails the monitoring of the

country's economic targets and policies by the financial institution with successful completion of the program helping in the country's re-engagement drive.

IMF managing director Christine Lagarde said the institution was ready to support Zimbabwe's economic reform program through the SMP.

"And it is particularly appropriate that we do that expeditiously, given the hardship and the loss caused by the recent cyclone," she told a press conference in Washington on the sidelines of the IMF spring meetings.

Zimbabwean citizens are currently suffering from depleted buying power as prices of basic commodities continue to rise while incomes remain stagnant. Prices have risen by between 25 and 75 percent in recent weeks while the rate of inflation was at 59.39 percent at the end of March.

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Donald Trump

Tiger Woods

Trump to award Tiger Woods the Presidential Medal of Freedom

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday said he would award Tiger Woods the Presidential Medal of Freedom after the golfer won the Masters for the fifth time on Sunday.

"Spoke to @TigerWoods to congratulate him on the great victory he had in yesterday's @TheMasters, & to inform him that because of his incredible Success & Comeback in Sports (Golf) and, more importantly, LIFE, I will be presenting him with the PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM," Trump tweeted.

The victory on Sunday was one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, as the 43-year-old ended an 11-year major title drought having overcome personal and professional setbacks including a highly-public divorce and multiple surgeries.

The one-stroke win at Augusta National led to an outpouring of support from sports greats and politicians including Trump.

Trump, an avid golfer, and Woods have played together in the past including in February when the pair joined golf great Jack Nicklaus for a round at Trump National Golf Club in Jupiter, Florida.

Trump appeared to follow the action at this year's Masters closely, tweeting well-wishes to the field on Saturday and encouraging people to tune in when Woods had the lead with just two holes left to play on Sunday.

"Congratulations to @TigerWoods, a truly Great Champion!" Trump tweeted shortly after Woods sank a short putt to secure his 15th major title.

"Love people who are great under pressure. What a fantastic life comeback for a really great guy!" he added later.

The medal is the highest civilian honour in the United States and is given annually to people who have made outstanding contributions to the security or national interests of the country, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavours.

Since taking office Trump has given the award to several athletes including former professional NFL players Roger Staubach and Alan Page and late professional baseball player George Herman "Babe" Ruth, Jr.

Meanwhile, Tiger Woods' victory at the Masters golf tournament on Sunday, his first major victory since 2008, is expected to lift sales for sponsors, broadcasters and golf courses lucky enough to host a tournament with Woods playing.

The competition put the 43-year-old back on top of a sport he helped transform 25 years ago.

"Tiger sells golf," says Eric Smallwood, president of Apex Marketing Group, Inc., a Michigan analytics firm. Apex found that Nike earned \$22.5 million worth of brand exposure

just from Woods' final round, with Nike's "Swoosh" logo splashed on his hat, shirt, pants and shoes. Nike stock was up about one percent on Monday.

Tournament broadcaster CBS Corp saw a ratings bump. Based on preliminary data, the final round of Sunday's tournament was the highest-rated morning golf broadcast since 1986, when CBS started collecting that data. The tournament, which is usually broadcast in the afternoon, was rescheduled to the morning because of weather.

CBS has the rights to the PGA Championship in May and expects prices for advertising time that is still available to rise as a result of Woods' Masters victory, according to a source familiar with the matter.

The golf demographic is wealthier and better-educated than other sports fans, so TV ratings are valued more highly because they're more apt to turn into sales, even of big-ticket items, said Neal Pilson, president of Pilson Communications and former president of CBS Sports.

"Historically, events where Tiger Woods is on leaderboards on Sunday generated 30 to 40 percent higher ratings in the United States for those tournaments," Pilson said.

MAKINGS OF A COMEBACK

Woods was a 20-year-old prodigy when he turned pro in 1996. Less than a year later he was ranked No. 1 in the world. He struck lucrative endorsement deals - including a five-year, \$40 million deal with Nike - and golf experienced a surge in popularity.

Then Woods' personal life collapsed and with it, his brand. In 2009, after the news of multiple infidelities, he lost endorsement deals with companies like AT&T Inc and Accenture Plc. Other sponsors, such as Procter & Gamble Co's Gillette and Berkshire Hathaway Inc's NetJets, kept their contracts with Woods but stopped using him in marketing.

Four back surgeries later, Woods continued to suffer professionally and in the public eye. In 2017 police arrested him for driving under the influence; he pleaded guilty to reckless driving and entered a programme for first-time offenders.

In 2018 Woods began a professional comeback that culminated at Sunday's Masters. After his victory, Nike, which stood behind Woods throughout his darker years, posted an ad on its website titled "Tiger Woods: Same Dream."

"In sports you have heroes, villains and underdogs," said Benjamin Horde, founder of digital marketing and advertising firm DXAgency. "Tiger has lived all of it. That's amazing from a storytelling perspective. People will root against him, but they're watching."

REUTERS

Warriors squander 31-point lead, Clippers tie series at 1-1

OAKLAND, CALIF.

LOU Williams led the Los Angeles Clippers to the largest postseason comeback in NBA history.

Landry Shamet hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 16.5 seconds left. Stephen Curry couldn't answer on the other end, and the Clippers somehow rallied from 31 points down on the road to stun the Golden State Warriors 135-131 on Monday night and even their first-round playoff series at one game apiece.

The comeback topped a 29-point rally by the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1989 Western Conference semifinals over Seattle. The Clippers confirmed it's the best comeback ever.

"That's a record we didn't necessarily want to have. We'll take it," Williams said. "You're competitive and you get lost in the game. Once you cut the lead to 12, you cut the lead to 10, then you realize you've got a game going. I'm one of those guys who can get hot."

Curry scored 29 points and put the Warriors up 131-128 with 58 seconds left before Shamet's dagger on a night the two-time defending NBA champions lost DeMarcus Cousins to a leg injury in the first quarter.

"We changed a couple things offensively and defensively in the third on the fly. It worked out for us. But I thought it was our spirit more than anything," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "Just every single guy. I loved the end of the game."

Williams tied the game on a jumper with 1:10 to play then Curry immediately answered. Williams scored again at 46 seconds and finished with 36 points and made 8 of 10 free throws in as the teams combined for 64 fouls and 76 free throws attempted.

"When I say we stopped playing, we stopped playing, like defense, offense, execution-wise we were not as engaged as we needed to be," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "We got exactly what we deserved. The Clippers were great. They executed, they were hungry, they stayed connected. They were together."

Cousins injured his left quadriceps muscle in the first quarter and was done for the game, but Golden State's depth shined and the Warriors built a 23-point halftime lead they pushed to a 31-point advantage before failing to hold off Los Angeles late.

Williams' jumper and three-point play with 5:34 left pulled the Clippers within 120-117 then he rebounded his own miss and scored the putback at the 5:05 mark and cut it to 121-119. "The wheels fell off," Curry said.

Cousins was scheduled to undergo an MRI exam after the injury in just his second career playoff game following a nine-year wait. The big man returned in January from a nearly year-long absence following surgery for a torn left Achilles tendon.

He won't play in Game 3 on Thursday at Staples Center and Cousins' entire postseason is in serious doubt.

Kerr said Cousins will be out "a while."

"There's a pretty significant quad



Los Angeles Clippers guard Garrett Temple (17) shoots against the Golden State Warriors during the first half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oakland, Calif., Monday, April 15, 2019. (AP Photo)

injury," Kerr said.

Cousins hobbled to the locker room at the 8:09 mark of the first quarter. At the 8 1/2-minute mark Cousins stole the ball from Patrick Beverley in the back court and tried to retrieve the loose ball when went down in front of the Golden State bench and grabbed at his left quad.

LeBron James tweeted prayers for Cousins, who fouled out of Saturday's 121-104 Game 1 win with nine points, nine rebounds and four assists in 21 minutes.

Kevon Looney picked up the bulk of the extra minutes in Cousins' absence and scored a career-high 19 points making all six of his shots but the Warriors had their seven-game postseason winning streak snapped that dated to last year's run to a repeat championship. Durant had 21 points, five rebounds and five

assists. Klay Thompson scored 17 points and Draymond Green 14 with nine assists.

Curry followed up a 38-point performance in Game 1 that gave him the most 3s in postseason history with another nice showing but Golden State hurt itself with too many miscues.

The Warriors committed 21 turnovers in Game 1, then 22 more Monday - nine by Durant. "We let our guard down. We weren't the aggressors anymore. We didn't deserve to win that game," Thompson said.

Los Angeles wanted to do a better job stopping the late bursts each quarter the Warriors had in Game 1, and the Clippers were somehow able to claw their way back.

Both coaches challenged their teams to be more poised in Game 2 following the ejections of Bever-

ley and Durant in the opener. Beverley again pushed the limits but the sides avoided a testy encore, and he fouled out with 4:33 to go to roaring cheers from the sellout crowd. Kevin Durant fouled out at 1:21 with a third straight offensive foul.

DURANT'S APOLOGY

At morning shootaround, Durant apologized for being tossed from Game 1.

The two-time reigning finals MVP has two technicals, and if he reaches seven during the postseason it brings an automatic one-game suspension.

"I don't want to disappoint my coaches and my fan base and owners who expect me to be out on the floor, so I apologize for being thrown out the game," Durant said. "Just keep my mouth shut, just play the game. Simple."

AP

Mercedes look more dominant than ever

LONDON

THE first three races of the Formula One season have made a mockery of pre-season predictions that Ferrari would set the pace and leave Mercedes struggling to keep up.

The standings may not tell the full story, and luck has played a part, but on paper Mercedes are more dominant than ever while Ferrari have fallen well short of expectations.

"We've soon got to stop talking about Ferrari this, Ferrari that, Ferrari amazing power... because they are not delivering," said former grand prix driver and Sky Sports commentator Martin Brundle.

Mercedes, the team that have won every championship for the past five years, completed a hat-trick of successive one-two finishes at Sunday's Chinese Grand Prix.

The only reason Mercedes cannot claim a perfect start is the introduction this season of a point for the fastest race lap, with

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc quickest in Bahrain and Red Bull's Pierre Gasly in Shanghai.

Otherwise, they have done something that escaped even Ferrari during the golden era when they won six successive constructors' titles and Michael Schumacher five championships in a row between 2000-04.

The last team to start a season with three successive one-twins was Williams, with Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese, in 1992.

And yet five times champion Lewis Hamilton, team mate Valtteri Bottas and principal Toto Wolff were still talking about luck, small margins and tough battles ahead after winning Formula One's 1,000th world championship race.

"Considering it was a real struggle this weekend, I'm really grateful for the result, said Hamilton, Sunday's winner.

SOLID WEEKEND
The Briton was right to point out it would have been a different story if Charles Leclerc's Ferrari had not lost power while leading in Bahrain

but 'could have, would have, should have' never won anything.

"I'm just not sure they've really hooked up a proper solid weekend just yet," said Hamilton, now back in the overall championship lead.

"It was looking like it was going to be a solid weekend for them in Bahrain and then it started to tail off. This weekend, they were a bit up and down.

"I think we're over-delivering a little bit at the moment to our true potential but there's still more to come," he added.

Ferrari were quicker down the long main straight in China but Mercedes, whose engine has been the best of recent years, gained through the corners.

China was seen as a track where Ferrari would have the upper hand but it was Mercedes whose drivers lined up first and second on the grid.

"Our car is maybe a bit draggier than theirs," said Wolff. "On the speed and power we need to leave no stone unturned but in terms of managing the tyres, the downforce

levels helped obviously."

The champions also got their strategy spot on, double-stacking their drivers brilliantly in a seamless pitstop on Sunday, while Ferrari invoked team orders in a move that backfired.

The battle for supremacy is between Mercedes and Ferrari, with Honda-powered Red Bull challenging for podiums, but Ferrari leave China with more pressure on them.

Nico Rosberg, the retired champion who won the 2016 title with Mercedes, agreed the Italians had work to do.

"I'm hearing from the Ferrari guys that they've got their car in the wrong aerodynamic window at the moment," he said. "They need to make changes internally but it's going to take time.

"They are only very good at the ultra-high speed tracks at the moment and as soon as there are more corners, then they are struggling. So they're in the wrong place at the moment with the car."

REUTERS

Foster 'sorry' after howler helps Arsenal into 4th

LONDON

ARSENAL boosted their hopes of a top-four finish in the Premier League after a bizarre 10th-minute goal by striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang gave them a 1-0 win at 10-man Watford on Monday.

The result lifted the Gunners two places up to fourth on 66 points from 33 games, one behind third-placed Tottenham Hotspur. Arsenal are ahead of fifth-placed Chelsea, who have played a game more, on goal difference. Watford stayed 10th with 46 points.

Arsenal manager Unai Emery was pleased with his team's first away clean sheet of the season.

"A clean sheet is very important," he told the BBC. "It is going to give us a lot of information, this match."

The fast-paced clash took a decisive turn in a frantic one-minute spell early on, as Aubameyang found the back of the net in unlikely fashion before Watford striker Troy Deeney was shown a straight red card for elbowing Lucas Torreira.

The home side's goalkeeper Ben Foster dwelled on Daryl Janmaat's back pass for too long, allowing Aubameyang to close him down and block his attempted goalmouth clearance as the ball ricocheted into the back of the net.

Foster made no excuses for his howler.

"I've said sorry to the lads," he said. "I tried to drag it on to my left and pass it out but before I knew it Aubameyang was bloody on me. He is too quick. In hindsight you have to get rid [of the ball] as quick as you can, even if it goes into goal."

Torreira was taken off at half-time with a "small injury," said Emery, who also cited the atmosphere surrounding the Uruguayan

international after the Deeney incident.

"First I decided to do the change of Lucas Torreira because, after the red card, the atmosphere is against him," he said.

"Also, the doctor said to me in the first half that he has a little pain from Thursday's game against Napoli and I decided 'okay, it's the moment [to take him off]'"

Asked what he thought of Deeney's red card, the former Sevilla and PSG boss said he never saw the clash.

"I didn't see the red card. I leave the decision for the referee," he said. "It's clear it helped us, with the decisions, because we played with one more player from then on. It's more difficult for them. But our goal gave us the advantage in the first half and after the red card also."

Despite their numerical disadvantage, Watford kept pressing and missed a string of chances to draw level, having twice been denied by the woodwork as well as by some good saves from Arsenal keeper Bernd Leno.

The home side missed their best opportunity in the 80th minute when Arsenal substitute Ainsley Maitland-Niles slid in to block Andre Gray's goal-bound effort after the Watford forward rounded Leno.

Aubameyang, Alex Iwobi and Henrikh Mkhitaryan also came close at the other end but Arsenal were forced to hang on in the closing stages with Watford throwing men forward.

The home team's manager Marco Silva praised his team for their fighting spirit in the face of adversity.

"We did a lot of things to try to win, a big effort," he said. "We didn't get any points but we played well. It was a difficult game with 10 men."

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Zidane: Real must play better after woeful draw

MADRID

REAL Madrid stumbled to a 1-1 La Liga draw at Leganes on Monday, the latest disappointing result in a nightmare season for the European champions.

Zinedine Zidane's side, who are third in the table and 13 points behind leaders Barcelona, were uninspired against local rivals Leganes.

Madrid put in the kind of lethargic performance which has plagued their season, with Marco Asensio and Raphael Varane missing good first-half chances.

"For me as coach, and them as players, we must keep trying to play better," Zidane said. "We can play better, and we must play better. The first half was not so good, the second half a bit better. Even if this might have been a bad season, we must all give a bit more."

Jonathan Silva fired Leganes ahead in the 45th minute with their first chance of the game, driving home from the edge of the box.

Karim Benzema equalised at the start of the second half and Marcelo saw a shot tipped away as Madrid enjoyed a short period in ascendancy.

Leganes, 11th in the table, went close to winning the game but Youssef En-Nesyri had a goal correctly disallowed for offside.

Asked if Benzema annoyed by persistent talk that the Bernabeu hierarchy would sign a new striker this summer, Zidane said: "I don't know -- you'd have to ask him about that."

"[Benzema] is used to that, new players coming," Zidane said. "But he has shown his personality and that's it. He is a fantastic player and this year what has changed is that he has scored many more goals, so I am happy for him."

A Madrid player whose future remains uncertain is Welsh galactico Gareth Bale, who made little impression during a late run as a substitute.

"[Bale] is an important player of the squad," Zidane said. "He has played three of the last four games, I think. Today I wanted to make a change, that's all. Playing 10 or 15 minutes is difficult for those who come into the game, it was the same with Lucas [Vazquez]. We make the changes to win the game, and we did not do that today."

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'Mkhitaryan has UEFA support over visa'

LONDON

HENRIKH Mkhitaryan and Arsenal will be given the full support of UEFA in order to secure a visa for the Armenia international to play in the Europa League final in Azerbaijan next month if the club reach the May 28 showpiece in Baku, sources have told ESPN FC.

Arsenal face Napoli in Italy on Thursday on the brink of a semifinal encounter with either Villarreal or Valencia having secured a 2-0 quarterfinal first-leg victory over Carlo Ancelotti's team at the Emirates last Thursday.

But if Arsenal reach the final, they must overcome the issue of Mkhitaryan playing in Azerbaijan -- a country which currently prohibits the entry of citizens from Armenia due to an ongoing territorial conflict over the status of the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Mkhitaryan was omitted from Arsenal's squad for the Europa League group game against Qarabag

last October for unspecified reasons, prompting Qarabag coach Gurban Gurbanov to claim that the London club were "afraid" of travelling to Azerbaijan with the Armenia captain in the team.

The former Manchester United midfielder also sat out a trip to Azerbaijan in 2015, when Borussia Dortmund chose to leave him in Germany for a clash against Gabala due to "security reasons," despite assurances from Azerbaijan's authorities that a visa would be granted to Mkhitaryan.

Armenia, however, sent athletes to compete in the 2015 European Games in Baku due to a visa exemption for sporting participants, and sources have told ESPN FC that UEFA are confident that Mkhitaryan and Arsenal would be successful in any bid to secure an Azerbaijan visa.

European football's governing body has insisted that all efforts will be made to ensure that the process runs smoothly.

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CAF Secretary General Amr Fahmy fired after accusing chief of corruption

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICAN soccer's ruling body has fired a senior official after he made corruption accusations against the organisation's president in a potential blow to FIFA's efforts to clean up the game after a raft of scandals worldwide.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) sacked general secretary Amr Fahmy after the Egyptian accused his boss Ahmad Ahmad of bribes and misuse of hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to officials and an internal document.

The document, sent on March 31 by Fahmy to a FIFA investigations committee and seen by Reuters, accuses Ahmad of ordering his secretary-general to pay \$20,000 bribes into accounts of African football association presidents.

They included Cape Verde and Tanzania.

The document also accused Ahmad of costing CAF an extra \$830,000 by ordering equipment via a French intermediary company called Tactical Steel.

Furthermore, it accuses him of harassing four female CAF staff, whom it did not name; violating statutes to increase Moroccan representation within the organisation; and overspending more than \$400,000 of CAF money on cars in Egypt and Madagascar, where a satellite office has been set up for him.

Senior CAF officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fahmy was fired in reprisal for compiling the document with the allegations against Ahmad, from Madagascar, who took the top African soccer post two years ago.

CAF confirmed to Reuters that Fahmy lost his job at an executive committee meeting in Cairo on Thursday, prior to the draw for the Africa Cup of Nations finals.

It declined to give more details about the reason for his dismissal. "There's no explanation. It's the



Executive Committee decision," communications director Nathalie Rabe said in an email exchange with Reuters on Sunday.

FRENCH FIRM DENIES IMPROPRIETY

Ahmad, who is also a vice-president of world governing body FIFA, did

not respond to requests for comment on the allegations against him.

Requests for comment to the football presidents and authorities of Cape Verde and Tanzania were also not immediately answered.

Sabine Seillier, president of Tactical Steel, said her company won the contract with CAF because it was the only group that could guarantee delivery of the equipment sought in a tight timeframe of three weeks.

Asked if Tactical Steel has been involved in kickbacks to Ahmad or his associates, Seillier said: "Absolutely not. Tactical Steel complies with French law."

Seillier said her husband's friendship with an acquaintance of Ahmad had nothing to do with winning the order.

The allegations against Ahmad follow a string of scandals related to FIFA's practices in Latin America and Asia in recent years, which have led to the indictment and jailing of numerous senior football

administrators.

The corruption scandals first broke in 2015.

The CAF case is potentially problematic for FIFA president Gianni Infantino - set to be re-elected unopposed in June for a four-year term - as Ahmad is one of his deputies.

FIFA declined comment.

"The Ethics Committee does not comment on potential ongoing proceedings nor on whether or not investigations are underway into alleged ethics cases," a spokesperson said.

Ahmad, 59, served as Minister of Fisheries in Madagascar and in the country's senate before a quick rise to the CAF presidency. His accuser Fahmy, 35, was appointed as general secretary in late 2017, keeping up a family tradition that stretches across three generations.

Fahmy was replaced by Mo uad Hajji, from Morocco.

REUTERS



Ahmad Ahmad

Amr Fahmy

Emery's tinkering shows lack of a consistent plan

LONDON

ON the face of it, this was an excellent night for Arsenal -- three points, back into the top four, and at long last, a clean sheet away from home.

But this was a hugely disappointing performance, especially when Arsenal's two matchwinners here were actually opposition players. Ben Foster's dawdling when attempting to clear a back pass resulted in him thumping the ball against Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and into his own net for the lone goal. Moments later, Watford captain Troy Deeney needlessly threw his arm into the face of Lucas Torreira, and was shown a straight red card.

Ten minutes in, Arsenal had a one-goal and a one-man lead, thanks entirely to Watford errors.

This, then, should have been a stroll in the park for the Gunners -- stretch the play, keep the ball, tire Watford and then exploit gaps in the closing stages. Instead, Arsenal provided a peculiarly tame, casual performance and were fortunate not to be punished by Watford in the closing stages.

Watford manager Javi Gracia will feel he got the better of Unai Emery -- his old Real Sociedad teammate -- in the tactical battle. Gracia was forced to shift from a 3-5-2 to a 4-4-1 after the red card, and Watford were rarely overawed in midfield. In Abdoulaye Doucoure and Etienne Capoue they boast arguably the division's most combative midfield duo, while Will Hughes took up clever positions and threaded passes into attack. "It's not fair to speak about the game only in relation to the result," Gracia said afterwards. "We showed our spirit, our character, we created chances when we were able to -- one crossbar, one post. I think my players deserve recognition."

Arsenal, for long periods, struggled to make their numerical advantage count, and Watford twice hit the woodwork: first Craig Cathcart's shot was turned onto the post by Bernd Leno, and later Adam Masina

unleashed an outstanding long-range drive that clipped the angle between post and crossbar.

From an early stage, Emery realised things weren't going swimmingly. Midway through the first half he called down an assistant, located up in the stands to get a proper view of the tactical battle, and they conducted a lengthy discussion about how to reformat, although there was no immediate change in approach.

At half-time he turned to his bench, introducing Mesut Ozil for Lucas Torreira, and moving Aaron Ramsey into a deeper role. He then brought on Matteo Guendouzi for Konstantinos Mavropanos and moved from a 4-2-3-1 to a 3-4-2-1, which Arsenal's defenders seemed bemused by -- and makeshift wingers Alex Iwobi and Henrikh Mkhitaryan didn't look any more convinced of. Less than 10 minutes later, Ainsley Maitland-Niles was summoned in place of Aaron Ramsey, as Emery returned to the back four. His players looked comfortable in neither system. "We didn't control the match like I wanted, and I was thinking three centre-backs would be enough and to use one player more in the midfield, but this didn't give the control that I wanted, and went back to 4-2-3-1," Emery explained afterwards.

And this is the concern about Emery: he's too much of a tactical tinkerer, too inconsistent with his approach. It's a stark contrast to 22 years of Arsene Wenger, who would barely change system and generally made straight swaps, an approach which was rightly criticised as Arsenal were undone by more tactically astute managers. But under Emery there's a danger Arsenal have gone too far the other way. This, after going 1-0 ahead, should have been a simple task for Arsenal: play your natural game, keep the ball. They seemed incapable of frustrating Watford, and Emery incapable of sticking to a set plan.

A curious element of Arsenal's approach this season is the situation upfront, where Alexandre Lacazette and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang have generally rotated for big games, and sometimes been fielded together with mixed levels of success against smaller sides. Lacazette and Aubameyang are very different in style: the former is good at coming deep and linking play, the latter always wants to sprint in behind to get on the end of through balls, and is barely involved in link-play.

Aubameyang wasn't particularly involved here, completing just 15 passes in the game, as Lacazette remained on the bench throughout.

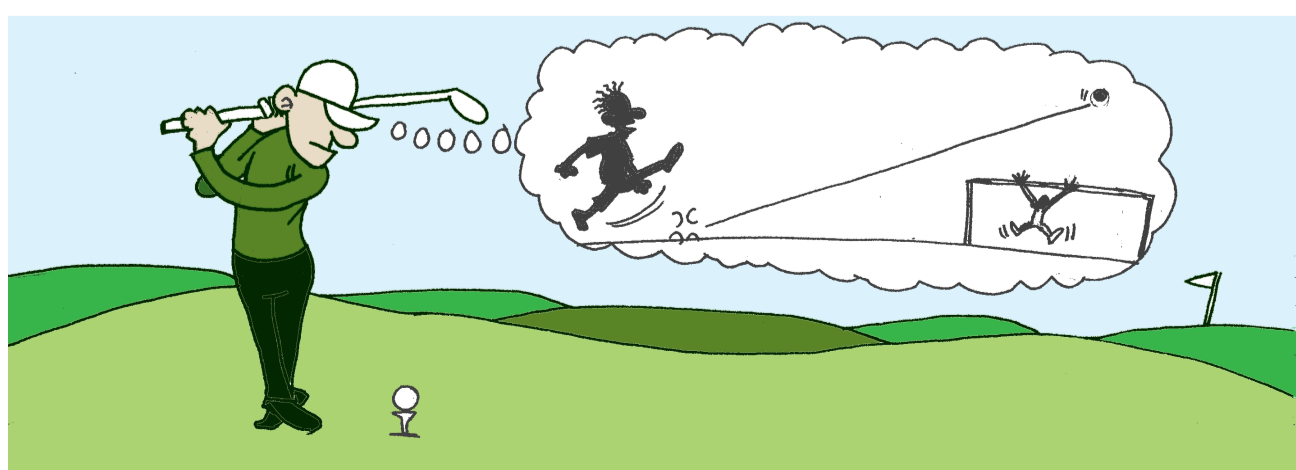
It's likely that Aubameyang will now be omitted from the starting XI for the trip to Napoli, with Lacazette fielded from the outset, tasked with holding up the ball and bringing others into play. Strangely, Arsenal could probably have done with that here.

Emery probably likes having two different forwards to use: he can deploy the two tactically at different times, according to the situation at hand. But maybe this summarises Arsenal's problem: they're not accustomed to playing to the strengths of a particular forward, and their approach varies too much from week to week. The sporadic use of Ozil is a similar issue; while there are games that the German isn't suited to, it's peculiar that in some games Arsenal's side is based almost entirely around him, and in others he's been omitted from the squad entirely.

Arsenal are now on course for a fourth-place finish, which would qualify as a great success in Emery's first season. For Arsenal to progress in his second campaign, though, you sense there's a need for more of a default style, more of a Plan A. Being a reactive manager has its benefits, but constantly adapting to lower-placed opposition when 1-0 down and one man down for 80 minutes isn't a positive look.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



Simba, Yanga step up title chase



Yanga

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE 2018/19 Mainland Premier League gets into action today as domestic giants, Simba SC and Yanga, will be away today against Coastal Union and Mtibwa Sugar respectively.

Simba who are currently occupying the third position in the league's log with 57 points, will confront Coastal Union at Mkwakwani Stadium, Tanga and league leaders Yanga will face Mtibwa Sugar in Morogoro.

Simba, fresh from being eliminated from the CAF Champions League, will be looking to recover from the defeat to by Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) football big guns, TP Mazembe, by beating Coastal Union while Yanga are eager to cling on to the top spot.

Mtibwa Sugar, placed fifth in the log with 45 points, and Coastal Union that has been placed eighth with 41 points will look to upset the tables

with the aim of having realistic chances of remaining in the league.

Patrick Aussems, Simba head coach, said his charges are looking forward to collecting three points as their aim is to defend the league's title.

He said after crashing out of the CAF Champions League, the focus now is on domestic

league games.

"The team is ready for the game, our focus now is to defend the premier league top honour, the game against Coastal Union will not be easy but we are ready for them," he said.

Simba must brace for stiff opposition in today's match given Coastal Union are good

at home. The Tanga outfit has recorded impressive results in recent matches.

Yanga's head coach Mwinyi Zahera, speaking of today's match, said their aim is to maintain their position in the league.

Zahera will depend on the services of the team's top scorer, Hetier Makambo, to get three points. The presence of skipper,

Ibrahim Ajibu, is likely to boost the team attacking department.

Mtibwa Sugar's head coach Zuberi Katwila said his charges are well prepared for the encounter.

"My team is ready, we are well prepared and my boys know the importance of winning the Wednesday (today) game," he said

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CAF Secretary General Amr Fahmy fired after accusing chief of corruption

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Women soccer competition to spice up Castle Lager Africa 5s tourney

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Breweries Limited (TBL) through Castle Lager brand yesterday announced it will organize a women soccer tournament known as Castle 5-a-side, which will be held at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Speaking to journalists in the city yesterday, Castle Lager brand manager, Pamela Kikuli, said that the tournament will involve 16 teams from different parts of the city and Coast Region.

The tournament is part of this year's men's soccer tournament, dubbed Africa's biggest 5-a-side tournament is held in Tanzania for the second time and has been taking place in other African countries.

Tanzania participated in the last year's tournament at the international level in Zambia.

The tournament as well involved participants from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, and Lesotho.

"This year, we're expecting to have competitive games that will make us get better teams that will represent us in international tournaments, that's why we have decided to involve women in order to spice up the tournament," Kikuli said.

She added: "The idea is to provide a platform for customers to realize their dreams by taking part in the international tournament, which in turn promote Tanzania before the international community."

Castle Lager Brand Ambassador, Ivo Mapunda, lauded TBL for bringing in women in this year competition in order to make the tournament competitive, urging Dar es Salaam residents to come out and participate at the Leaders Club grounds.

According to Mapunda, women teams that are taking part in the tournament include Chinga Queens from Kariakoo, Siza Sisters (Kariakoo), Tabata Queens (Tabata), Dragon (Mwananyamala), Bulyaga (Temeke), Mwangaza Queens (Temeke), Furaha Queens (Gerezani), Umoja Queens (Kidongo Chekundu), MRJ Queens (Mlandizi), Wema Dallas Queens (Mlandizi), Jupita (Buguruni Sukita), Mercury (Msimbazi), La Capilla (Mbagala), Santiago (Mbagala), Girls Queens (Msimbazi) and Msimbazi Queens (Msimbazi).

TBL's Sponsorship and Customer Communication Manager David Tarimo said that winners will get trophies, gold medals, and cash worth 900,000/-.

Unpaid fees still preventing Dar from participating in international netball tourneys

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA will continue missing out on international netball competitions as the

country's netball governing body, Chaneta, has not paid annual fees to International Netball Federation (INF) and Africa Netball

Association.

Chaneta chairperson, Devota Marwa said, they have yet to pay fees for more than five

years and, due to this, they will remain out of the international games.

She could not disclose the actual amount of cash they owed by the two international associations, but said it is more than 10m/-.

She said Chaneta's coffers are dry and, thus, the body cannot even organize national championship.

The official asked companies and organizations to help her association financially.

She disclosed that at the last African Netball Championship in Zambia that was held alongside the Africa Netball Association Congress, she asked the international body to write off Tanzania's debt.

She, however, said up to know the continental netball governing body has not responded to the request.

"Our coffers are truly dry, we don't have money, we are failing to even organize national championship... we are asking for sports lovers to help us," she said.

The country has been inactive on INF and African Netball Association's recognized events for many years due to unpaid arrears the current Chaneta leadership inherited from the previous leadership.



Netball players participate in a recent international tournament in Dar es Salaam.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

