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## Ministry cuts DAP, urea fertiliser prices

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

FARMERS may soon have reason to smile as the government yesterday announced a reduction in prices of fertilizer in the country ahead of the next planting season.

The Ministry of Agriculture announced that the retail price for a 50-kilogram bag of UREA and DAP—the key fertilizers for plant nutrition and growth have dropped by 1,316/- and 2,860/- respectively in the 2020/21 season.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, Agriculture Minister Japhet Hasunga (pictured) said that the price has been further reduced to farmers purchasing the commodity through Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS).

"It was our expectation that prices would be significantly reduced but due to currency fluctuations, it has been reduced slightly from the prices offered last year," he said.

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affordable to farmers to increase access and raise productivity, the minister noted, elaborating that the government attributes currency woes to effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tanzania imports 90 per cent of its fertilizer demand, while the current strategy is to ensure that fertilizer arrives at the homesteads before the start of the farming season, he said.

He directed regional and district authorities as well as the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) to ensure sufficient availability of the vital input to farmers across the country before the end of this month.

This is part of an aggressive push to increase the use of fertilizer per hectare from the current 23 per cent level to 50 per cent of real needs. On average, farmers on the continent use less than 11 per cent of required fertiliser amounts, while the

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# Religious leaders stress justice for peaceful poll

By Henry Mwangonde

RELIGIOUS leaders have called on state institutions to ensure that justice is observed by all political parties and other stakeholders so that the upcoming General Election is seen to be free, fair and credible.

Under the Interfaith Standing Committee on Economic Justice and Integrity of Creation (ISCEJIC), leaders of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) and the Muslim Council of Tanzania (Bakwata) who converged in Dar es Salaam released a message underlining that without justice there can be no peace.

Shelkh Khamis Mataka, the Bakwata chairman and also ISCEJIC co-chair said the meeting was aimed at discussing the role of institutions and the society to ensure peace during and after the general election.

"We know election stakeholders have a role to play, mostly the electoral commission because we need peace before, during and after the-polls," he said.

He said all electoral stakeholders including voters, the National Electoral Commission, security organs and religious leaders are major stakeholders, in which case they are required to conduct justice for peace to prevail.

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Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Dr Frederick Shoo said peace was important during this exercise, noting that religious leaders have seen the importance of coming together to discuss such issues because peace was a vital part of this process.

The decision to change the voting day from Sunday arose from a request by religious bodies, he said, expressing gratitude to the commission for considering the plea and implementing it.

"The electoral commission has a role to play. My plea now is to call upon the commission and security agencies to ensure justice by respecting the rights of every participating group in the exercise," the senior cleric intoned.

Bishop Augustine Shao of the Catholic Diocese of Zanzibar said peace was a result of justice, urging security agencies to refrain from receiving orders from one party to act on the other.

"What we want is a peaceful election. Peace is built when there is justice, therefore our expectation is to see that institutions entitled to oversee the poll conduct their work by being mindful of the tenets of the law," he said.

He cautioned the media against biased

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National Electoral Commission chairman Judge (rtd) Semistocles Kaijage (R) presents presidential candidacy endorsement forms to CCK candidate David Mwaijolele (L) in Dodoma city yesterday. Related photos on Page 2. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Reporter

INSPECTOR General of Police Simon Sirro has warned politicians against the use of inflammatory language that can incite violence during this electioneering period.

Speaking to ITV's Dakika 45 programme Monday evening, the IGP said there are politicians whose utterances can easily plunge the country into chaos.

And as custodians of peace and security, Sirro said the police force is ready to pounce on those whose actions and messages point to violence.

He said the language being used by some leaders who seek political office in the October 28 General Election is akin to provoking law enforcers to take action against them.

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"I respect all politicians from all parties but they should respect the laws and mind their language," he cautioned.

"If you listen carefully to the kind of language some politicians use, you will not fail to notice aggression."

The top cop went ahead to tell political actors who wish to engage in the election campaign to shape up or ship out and find

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## Govt readying to take back human trafficking victims

By Guardian Reporter

HOME Affairs minister George Simbachawene (pictured) yesterday said that the government is working on logistics to bring back home victims of human trafficking who are living abroad.

Speaking in Dodoma at a ceremony to



mark the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, the minister directed that children under the age of 18 not be allowed to travel from one region to another, regionally and internationally without written permission from their parents and local government.

He asked the permanent secretary to liaise with his opposite number at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation to compile a list of Tanzanians feared to be facing abuse in foreign countries for them to be brought back home.

Human trafficking is a big problem in Tanzania, he said, noting that apart from those

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National Electoral Commission chairman Judge (rtd) Semistocles Kaijage (R) presents presidential candidacy endorsement forms to Civic United Front candidate Prof Ibrahim Lipumba - who doubles as the party's national Chairman - in Dodoma city yesterday, as running-mate Hamida Abdallah Huwaweshil looks on. Photos: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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something else to do.

Some political leaders seem to have forgotten that they enjoy the freedom to conduct politics because of peace and tranquility that exists, but which they threaten with reckless utterances, he stated.

He appealed to politicians taking part in this year's polls to adhere to the law of the land as well as regulations laid out by the National Electoral Commission, which oversees the electoral process.

"There is this attitude of some

politicians that they can speak whatever they want and there is no one to question them; that is wrong. I want to remind them that there is life after the polls," he said.

Sirro warned that the police are there by law to ensure there is peace and they cannot stand by and watch while there are signs that peace is being threatened.

"We are ready to do our job. I don't expect them to complain when we start dealing with them."

Voters are expected to turn out

massively in the October polls where the Union president, the president of Zanzibar, members of Parliament, members of the House of Representatives and ward councilors will be elected.

President John Magufuli is seeking reelection for his second and final term in office. He will square it out with a number of opposition candidates including ACT-Wazalendo's Bernard Membe.

The former long-serving Foreign Affairs minister who decamped to

the opposition outfit was recently endorsed alongside the party's national chairman Seif Shariff Hamad, who is the candidate for Zanzibar.

Also in the race is Tundu Lissu of the erstwhile leading opposition party Chadema. The firebrand ex-Singida East MP returned to the country recently from Belgium where he lived since January 2018.

He was flown there for specialized treatment after being rained with bullets by assailants in September 2017 while on official duties in Dodoma.

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reporting which he said was dangerous during the campaigns and voting.

The role of religious leaders was to inform voters of their role and responsibilities during the election as

well as what they are supposed to do, he stated.

During such moments no political appointee is allowed to issue statements on such matters except for electoral commission officials, the Isles prelate intoned.

## Hides stakeholders urged to make full use of leather plant due in Dodoma city

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

HIDES and skins stakeholders have called upon to grab opportunities created by the hides and skins processing factory being built in Dodoma to produce various leather products.

The call was given here early this week by the Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade Stella Manyanya during her inspection visit at the factory

Manyanya said when completed, the project will turn the entire area into a "hides and skins village" hence it was the right time for stakeholders to assess themselves and ensure the raw materials reach the factory.

She said hides and skins would also be sourced from other areas in the country.

"Hence I would like to tell stakeholders in hides and skins that things are now hotting up, it's time to grab the obtaining opportunities at the country's Dodoma capital," she said.



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who are flown abroad and usually exploited, trafficking is also thriving in big cities with children and youths lured from upcountry regions.

He urged law enforcement agencies to make sure that no more people are trafficked within and outside the country. "I bet that if we go to the main bus stand right now and conduct an inspection, we will find at least three or four girls who do not know what they are going to do in their destinations," he said.

Law enforcers should not continue with 'business as usual' by waiting to receive complaints in their offices but go out there and stop trafficking from being conducted.

Simbachawene said there are individuals who profit from luring young girls from vulnerable upcountry families and offer them to urban households for a free as housemaids.

While they earn commissions from the supposed employers, the victims end up in dreary daily labour while earning little or nothing at all.

"There as those who host vulnerable girls in rented places and start

prostituting them. This too must end," he declared.

People trafficking and modern day slavery is a massive worldwide problem with very few countries immune to human trafficking, and the world day established by the United Nations is meant to raise awareness and beef up curbing of such practices.

UN agencies estimate that thousands of men, women and children end up in the hands of traffickers every year, often through being tricked and misled to believe that they are being taken to work that will make their families better off.

It is also not strange that force, kidnapping or even handing over by families living in abject poverty, expecting that handing them over shall enhance their children's ability to survive.

"There are many ways that people get caught up in trafficking, but the result is the same, they lose their rights and identity and are used and abused, and it is a global problem, an industry not far behind drugs and arms in terms of profit for traffickers," officials underlined.



NEC chairman Judge (rtd) Semistocles Kaijage (R) presents presidential candidacy endorsement forms to NCCR-Mageuzi contender Yerima Maganja (C) in Dodoma yesterday, with running-mate Haji Ambari Hamisi looking on.

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Abuja Declaration of 2014 calls for up to 50 per cent level of necessary use of fertilizer to one hectare.

"This is directive also stems from President John Magufuli in the wish to ensure that access to fertilizer and other inputs is made available and on time," he asserted.

The ministry said in a statement that the 50kg bag of Urea will be traded in Arusha at 47,775/-, in Dodoma at 46,321/-, Dar es Salaam (41,462/-), Kigoma (51,546/-), Mwanza (50,583/-) and Mbeya (48,689/-). As to DAP, the new price list indicates that in Arusha a 50kg bag will fetch 52,991/-, Dodoma (51,627/-), Dar es Salaam (47,951/-), Kigoma (55,962/-), Mwanza (55,692/-)

and Mbeya (53,885/-).

On average the 50-kg bag of Urea will be sold at 48,070/- compared to 49,386/- in 2019/20 season. "The price of DAP by the national average will be 55,573/- per 50kg bag, down from 58,433/- in the previous farming season, the statement noted.

The cap price for DAP and Urea at AMCOS outlets during the 2020/21 farming season for a 50-kg bag will be 50,000/- and 43,500/- respectively, it said.

TFRA set up a Bulk Procurement System (PBS) for fertilizer imports, mostly Urea and DAP back in 2017, reducing the transport cost for shipping a 50-kg bag dropping from 23,000/- to 2,350/-, the statement added.

## Ginger farmers in Buhigwe District seek factory, markets for the crop

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

GINGER farmers at Mnzeze village in Mnzeze Ward, Buhigwe District, Kigoma Region have appealed to the government for help in finding investors for establishing a factory for the processing of the crop that is now largely cultivated in the District.

Speaking during the just-ended Nanenane exhibition in Western Zone at Fatma Mwasu Grounds in Tabora, they said the crop is widely

grown in the four villages of Mnzeze Ward - Mnzeze, Kishanga, Kigogwe and Mrungu where over 90 per cent of the residents grow ginger crop.

Among the farmers, including Ezekiel Joseph (46), resident of Mnzeze village said the crop had benefitted them greatly as it is not expensive to grow and also withstands drought.

He said last season for example, he cultivated two acres from which he harvested 16 tons of the crop earning

him 9m/-, adding that this season he expects to harvest 32 tonnes from four acres he had cultivated.

Another farmer, Amos Kayage from Kishanda village said ginger was a commercial crop and if they get a reliable market or a processing factory they will benefit greatly economically. He said ginger, if industrially processed can produce many products including ginger powder, fertilizer and others as opposed at present situation.

Buhigwe District Agricultural Officer Mjajiri Baraka concurred that the crop has greatly benefitted farmers in the Ward saying that on average they harvest up to 1,200 tons of ginger per year, but their main challenge was a reliable market, on which the government was working.

He said despite lack of the market, they sell the ginger to various areas in the country including neighbouring countries of Burundi, Rwanda and Congo DRC.





Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga (L) presents a trophy to NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi in recognition of the bank's contribution to the success of the just-ended Nane-Nane Agricultural Exhibition held in Bariadi District, Simiyu Region. The bank was the weeklong annual event's main sponsor. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NBC Bank injects 115m/- in assistance to agriculture, education sectors in Simiyu

By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has dished out 114.7m/- to support education and agriculture in Simiyu Region in order to compliment the government's efforts to boost the important sectors in the region.

Simiyu Regional Commissioner (RC), Anthony Mtaka received the bank's contribution during the just ended Nananene exhibitions which were taking place at national level in his region, where he directed that part of that money be spent in drilling a water well at Maswa girls secondary school as well as putting up a 50-hacre farm at the school as a sign of appreciation to the bank.

Because NBC has been at forefront to help us in matters that leave proper records like building infrastructure in the agriculture and education sector, as the region we have decided that we pay tribute to this bank because they deserve to be respected.

The RC commended the bank for being listed among five African banks out of over 200 banks that will compete in the SME Bank of the Year award, an important milestone to have been recorded by the Tanzanian bank.

NBC Managing Director, Theobald Sabi said that out of 114.7m/-, about 40m/- was spent to sponsor Nananene exhibition, while 10m/- will be spent in

the construction of Simiyu secondary school whereby 541 bags of cement will be purchased for the construction of the school.

"About 19.9m/- will go to help in the construction of Anthony Mtaka secondary school which is enough to buy about 1080 bags of cement, and the remaining 44.8m/- will be spent in drilling a water well for an irrigation scheme of potatoes groups of women in Maswa District.

Sabi outlined some of the initiatives being undertaken by his bank in helping farmers and entrepreneurs including rolling out of training programmes on agribusiness in collaboration with Tanzania Women Business Association (TABWA) and Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tan Trade) being undertaken during the Nananene exhibitions.

"We have equally come up with a special service for farmers dubbed 'NBC Shambani' targeting to help agriculture stakeholders to fulfill their business ambitions and it provides an opportunity to have special groups accounts like Agricultural and Marketing Cooperative Society (AMCOS)," he noted.

The occasion to hand over the money to Simiyu RC was attended by different government officials as well as several agriculture stakeholders from the Lake Zone.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

## Majaliwa defends govt performance

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has defended the performance of the government in the past five years, noting that over six million jobs were created, spurring growth that saw Tanzania become a low middle income country.

Majaliwa was speaking here early this week when opening the First General Conference of Tanzania Higher Learning Institutes Students Organisation (TAHLISO).

He said one among the government's

pledges was to strengthen the economy including tackling the unemployment challenge.

He said the main industrial, agricultural, commercial, mining, tourism and strategic infrastructural sectors, including the simplified loans system have produced adequate employment opportunities to Tanzanians.

He said the construction of new

factories led to creation of 482,601 jobs while the implementation of huge strategic projects created 6,032,299 jobs.

"Also, through Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) more than 935,94bn/- has been dished out to households living in abject poverty, as well as the implantation of 8,384 projects that created 230,738 short term employment opportunities.

He added: "Various funds including, for example, Youth Development Fund that dish out low interest loans to the youth in every local council whereas more than 5.4bn has been provided creating more than 26,97 employment opportunities."

He said the government also issued special identity cards at low cost to small entrepreneurs to enable them conduct their business activities

without bother whereas 1,591,085 of them received the IDs.

Meanwhile, Majaliwa directed higher learning institutions which so far lack gender desks to establish the desks at once.


Last month, the World Bank declared Tanzania a lower middle income country, meaning it now has access to international credit markets.

However, this status also ends the


country's eligibility for low-cost loans and preferential access to regional trading blocs.

Tanzania joined Benin from Africa in moving up the ladder from the low income to lower-middle-income categories after attaining the World Bank's new minimum gross national income (GNI) per capita threshold of \$1,036 this year.

The leap for East Africa's second-largest economy after Kenya, came five years ahead of projection underlining the country's rapid growth in recent years.



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# Dar-Arusha train services due back by end of August

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TRAIN services for both goods and passengers from Dar es Salaam to Arusha are expected to begin at the end of this month after repairs to the dilapidated permanent ways are completed.

In the circumstances, the Arusha Regional Commissioner Idd Kimanta has appealed to village and areas executives in Arumeru District living near the Moshi-Arusha portion of the railway line to ensure they guard infrastructure.

He issued the directive early this week when he met with the local leaders and called on them to convene public rallies in their areas to educate the people the importance for the protection of the railway line passing their areas.

He said: "Goods and passenger train services from Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Moshi up to Arusha were discontinued 20 years ago, but will officially now restart at the end of this month following major revamping on the permanent way."

He said goods train services will also reduce destruction to the tarmac ads infrastructures built at high cost, but will also benefit traders in carrying

their goods in bulk cheaply.

Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) Head for Communications Jamila Mbaruku said revamping of the Arusha-Moshi railway line that had been dilapidated through many years of disuse will be completed before the end of this month.

She also used the opportunity to call upon leaders in the area to caution people not to engage in human activities near the railway line.



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Mussa Hassan Zungu (L), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), has a word with Fibreboard Industries director Tosky Hans in Arusha yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Allan Isack

# Use interlocking bricks to end classroom shortage - RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GEITA Regional Commissioner Robert Gabriel has directed district commissioners, district executive directors and education officers in the region to use interlocking bricks to end

shortage of classrooms in the area.

Speaking here on Monday, the RC said the use of bricks that do not require use of cement will save more resources and time as well as ending the shortage of rooms in both primary and secondary schools.

"We need over 16 million bricks to

build enough classes and so far we have managed to make only 400,000. The best way to bridge the gap quickly and save resources is to use interlocking bricks," he said.

Gabriel spoke at Nyanza primary school in Geita town after receiving 215 cartons

of sanitary towels meant for needy girls in various primary and secondary schools in the region. The pads donated by Plan International will benefit 1800 girls in 77 schools.

"All district executive directors should submit implementation report of this

project to my office every month," he said.

The RC added that since it has been established that this type of brick costs less and saves time, he does not expect any type of excuse from the leaders but implementation.

Interlocking bricks - as the name

suggests lock themselves with other bricks and it is these interlocks which give strength to the wall. No cement mixture is needed for the bonding.

As opposed to normal bricks, interlocking bricks are not baked, it is just mud in high density pressed using a pressing machine and allowed to solidify by drying naturally. Some chemicals may be added to increase the bond strength.

Gabriel commended Plan International for the donation as well its other projects in the region, including the ongoing sensitization of communities to embrace hygienic behaviours such as hand washing to keep diseases at bay.

Speaking earlier, Manager of Plan International in Geita Region Adolf Kaindoa said the pads worth 63.9mn/- aim at ensuring that girls to not miss classes because of periods.

"In the past three months alone we trained over 600 teachers, we provided hand washing stations as well as exercise books and pens to needy students," he said.



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**Reports to** : MIS Team Lead.

### 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 Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists Government of Tanzania 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:

The Software Developer will work under the guidance of the MIS Team Lead and in collaboration with other developers he/she will be for maintaining tier 3 support of eLMIS both in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. S/he will work to support system development and health information exchange across the multiple systems in the health sector including eLMIS, DHIS2, mSupply and Epicor. S/he will work in collaboration with national stakeholders such as the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC), the President's Office of Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Medical Stores Department (MSD), and the Ministry of Health of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:
- Develop software feature enhancements in Java and JavaScript, conduct testing, and provide maintenance and support for existing functionality of eLMIS
  - Use eLMIS Web-based bug tracking systems (Jira) to log bugs and enhancements and to update bug resolution status.
  - Liaise with the global OpenLMIS Core team to become familiar with the latest architecture and software development practices of OpenLMIS v3.x.
  - Utilize global standard practices/templates for software development, to brief on progress being made on software development projects, and to collaborate and contribute to software development practices of OpenLMIS v3.x.
  - Participate in the full software development lifecycle (SDLC) by supporting the review of new redesign requirements, finalizing user stories and prioritized backlog in consultation with project managers. Develop and manage release plans.
  - Work closely with users to design and develop specifications for software development work including wireframes, report layouts, business rules and user interfaces.
  - Develop automatic functional and performance test script for eLMIS.
  - Preparing a plan to support long term capacity building to MoHCDGEC and PORALG ICT staff on OpenLMIS code base.
  - Prepare technical documentation and user/training manuals for software applications.
  - Conduct regular reviews and evaluations of all systems and related applications and implement improvements accordingly.
  - Provide regular updates to the supervisor, technical

team, and project management team on work progress and any local database development issues that may be of concern.

- Work as part of the Management Information System (MIS) team and be available for deployment to support the systems and users whenever need arises.
- Support integration of eLMIS with other digital system on health sector like DHIS2, mSupply etc.
- Support GOT on the development of pharmacy and inventory modules on facility level systems (GoTHOMIS and AyaCare).
- Participate in in-country system linkages in areas of synergies like GoTHOMIS/AyaCare using health information exchange.
- Perform other duties as assigned

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications in Education & Experience:

- B.Sc in Computer Science or IT or related field from recognized University/College
- Familiar with/ Experience with health sector digital systems like DHIS2, AyaCare, GoTHOMIS and HFR.
- At least five years of experience in developing web-based applications in Java
- Knowledge on the Tanzania health information systems including HMIS, eLMIS and DHIS2.
- Experience with PostgreSQL and PostGIS, proficiency in SQL, and stored procedures.
- Experience with Javascript and HTML, CSS, AngularJS, ReactJS, and/or NodeJS.
- Experience with Model - View - Controller (MVC) based application development
- Experience in source control systems such as git, bitbucket, SVN, or CVS
- Experience with deployment management tools (Jenkins, chef/puppet)
- Experience with ant/gradle scripting
- Experience with selenium/jasmine/cucumber automated testing frameworks
- Experience in working with MOHCDGEC-National Malaria Control Program, Ministry of Health Zanzibar, Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program (ZAMEP) and USAID funded projects is desired.

### Other Qualifications:

- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Established cultural competency in partnering with racial, cultural and linguistically diverse groups.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel) and comfortable in a fast-paced technical environment.
- Good communication skills with strong verbal and written English.
- Ability to work in a dynamic team-oriented environment but self-managing of own time, take on responsibility and follow-through on assignments.
- Ability to work with Linux operating systems and shell scripting language such as bash
- Familiarity with apache/nginx web server and tomcat/jboss application server
- Understanding of networking and information security
- Experience using software development methodologies

If you are interested in applying this positions please send your resume, cover letter and copies of your academic certificate to [ghsc.recruitment@gmail.com](mailto:ghsc.recruitment@gmail.com). And kindly include title you are applying to in the subject line.

While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for interview will be contacted. Deadline for submission shall be on 18th August, 2020. GHSC - TA - TZ is an equal opportunity employer.

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## NFRA in US \$55m worth project to expand food storage capacity

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) is implementing a new project worth US\$55 million aimed to modernize and heightens the agency's capacity to reserve food in the country. NFRA's Estate and Investments Manager, Eng Imani Nzobonaliba said that the ambitious initiative will see construction of 60,000 modern food reserve warehouses as well as 190,000 high-capacity silos.

He said that the ultra-modern warehouses will be developed in Manyara, Njombe, Ruvuma, Rukwa, Katavi and Shinyanga regions. It is expected to be completed in March next year.

Eng Nzobonaliba added that, "the silos will also be constructed in the above mentioned regions as well as Dodoma and Songwe regions."

"The facilities which are under construction are high-tech as they will comprise useful automatic control mechanisms to prevent aflatoxins, temperature and humidity," he explained.

He added that the envisaged silos complex will also comprise an improved system for clearing and sorting of grains, drying as well as

storage and delivery (packaging and bulk shipping).

Dr Silvano Mwakinyali, NFRA's Director of Food Reserve said that some of the key modern facilities to be installed in the crucial project include moisture meters, sieve, sampling spears, weighing scales, sampling bucket and other projective gears.

"The focus is to ensure food produces are preserved in a better place to guarantee its quality and safety," he said.

For his part, NFRA Chief Executive Officer Milton Lupa said during this season, the agency is targeting to procure and reserve at least 300,000 tonnes of food, including maize, paddy and sorghum.

"We are receiving and buying crops (maize, sorghum, rice) from farmers and at friendly prices. We want to continue ensuring that Tanzania is a place with enough food reserve," he added.

He further said that the state-owned agency is also running a series of training to impart the farmers on how best to produce the crops in reflect to recommended standards.

The training among other things focuses on how to curb aflatoxins, post-harvest losses and best ways in food preservation.



Batuli Sunna, NMB Bank Plc's business banking department deputy relations manager, has a word with over 150 NMB Business Club members and business owners in Geita Region at a recent one-day business and financial literacy seminar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt limits importation of power cable insulators

By Guardian Reporter

THE government announced here that it has curtailed the importation of power insulators because the products are made locally in large quantities.

The government's decision was announced by Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemami after inaugurating the Polymeric Insulator Factory which produces electricity accessories including insulators that link power

cables to poles.

"The idea behind making locally these electricity accessories is to reduce importation of these products. It is for this reason I am announcing the government's decision to limit importation of these products because we want to protect the local industries that have been started to promote the national industrialisation agenda. We have enforced this controls since 2017 to support our government led by

President John Magufuli," the minister explained.

He said the government support the company because production of the products locally enhanced the industrialisation agenda and would create employment for young people, increase the gross domestic product (GDP), adding that the products had a huge local market.

He called the main consumers, Tanzania Electric Company

(TANESCO), the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) to join the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to ensure factories produce quality products that would remain competitive on the free market and protect consumers for buying appalling products.

Strategic consultant of the two sister companies -Inhemeter and Polymeric Insulator-Dr Adelhelm Meru, said industrialisation was important at this juncture because

Tanzania had become a middle-income nation that needed a strong economy, further explaining that companies producing import substitution should be supported by the government and local consumers to achieve that goal and enhance creation of jobs and growth of the national economy.

He called local importers to urge foreign companies to establish companies in Tanzania.

Polymeric Insulator Company Managing Director, Abraham Rajakili, thanked the government for remaining true to its word, explaining that their company had enjoyed state support all the time.

"We have received great support from the government all the time. If this kind of support will continue we shall be able to do big things relating to jobs, technology and producing quality products," he said.



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### NOTICE

#### 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Meeting of the Shareholders of TOL Gases Limited for the year ended December, 31, 2019 will be held via ZOOM video conferencing on 28th August, 2020 at 9.00 am to transact the following business:-

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the year 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 28th June, 2019.
3. Matters arising from minutes of the year 2018 Annual General Meeting.
4. Chairman's Statement.
5. To receive the Directors' Report, Auditors' Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December, 31, 2019.
6. To approve Dividend Payment.
7. To approve Directors' Fees.
8. To appoint Auditors for the year 2020.
9. Any other business (Duly notified at least seven days before the meeting)

Registration for participating in the ZOOM Video Conferencing should be done through phone no **0685750201/0685750203**.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint any person (whether a member of the Company or not) to attend and vote in his stead.

All proxy forms or letters appointing proxy must be lodged at the office of the Company Secretary at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or via email to [mjuliana@tol-gases.co.tz](mailto:mjuliana@tol-gases.co.tz) /[nlulu@to.gases.co.tz](mailto:nlulu@to.gases.co.tz)

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Hivyo basi Mwanahisa ambaye hajalipwa gawio anapaswa kutuma taarifa za kibenki (Namba ya Akaunti na Jina la Benki), Namba ya Simu ya Mkononi pamoja na nakala ya nyaraka zifuatazo:

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD  
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By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

WORKS, Transport and Communications Minister Isack Kamwelwe has instructed Tanzania Roads Fund Board to allocate 4bn/- to the Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) in Morogoro Region for the construction of Kiegeya Bridge along the Morogoro-Dodoma highway that was swept away by floods.

The minister issued the instructions during his visit at the bridge site where he inspected the ongoing construction of the road diversion and preparations for the Mkanga Kiegeya Road swept

## Works minister orders 4bn/- to be set aside for Kiegeya Bridge construction

away by floods since March 2 this year, greatly disrupting road traffic between Dodoma and Morogoro as well as economic activities.

"I am instructing the road fund board to sit again to allocate the amount so that the bridge's construction starts immediately, we want the work to be

completed come December this year," he said.

He said the work should be done through direct labour by TANROADS by utilising experts from various companies.

"For example, we have acquired an expert for survey work named Frank

Pail, and since all procedures have been finalised, I direct the Agency to let him begin work as from Monday this week and when I come here next week I would like to see him here with his equipment. Her promised he would finish work within two weeks after which Umoja Contractors who are building the Ludewa-Kilos Road will come, said Kamwelwe.

In regard to the road diversion, he said the three initial layers of the road were complete and what remains was the top tarmac layer.

TANROADS Manager for Morogoro Region Nkolate Ntije explained how prepared they were for the bridge construction adding that they have already communicated with Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)

to shift their electric transformer close to the construction site.

He said there were also other equipment that will be brought to the site by various contractors after the current equipment used by initial contractors are taken away.

When at Magole area where President John Magufuli promised its residents to provide 100m/- for the construction of business stalls, Minister Kamwelwe said the work would start immediately.

"I want the work to be done trustfully...the 100m/- should not enter into the pockets of some people, I will be passing here often to ensure that does not happen," he said.

## Gold mine in Songwe wins govt's praise for protecting environment

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

IN a rare government endorsement, Deputy Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office, (Union and Environment), Musa Sima, congratulated Shanta Mining Company on good management of toxic waste by building a high-quality storage facility in rural Tanzania.

Accompanied by environment experts including chairman of NEMC Board of Directors, Professor Esnati Chaggu, NEMC Director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka, the deputy minister praised the company for building a reliable facility in rural Tanzania that guarantees protection of environment and living things in Saza area that hosts New Luika gold mine. The structure is called by experts a tailing storage facility (TSF).

"I congratulate you on putting in place this facility that will ensure the environment is not contaminated by toxic waste from the mine," the minister said adding that the facility was built based on requirements detailed in the Environmental Management Act (EMA). He called on other investors to do the same.

The deputy minister called on Songwe district council and mines officials to identify areas for small miners and give them licences without drama so that their activities could be monitored in order to protect the environment as called in EMA and its regulations.

Professor Chaggu said that New Luika was a very huge gold mine surrounded by many small miners who had little or no mining knowledge. She called on the mine to forge good relations with small miners, give them appropriate mining knowledge so that host communities could benefit from

the existence of the project.

Dr Gwamaka said the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) was satisfied with the way the TSF was built, in comparison with other companies in gold industry in Tanzania. "We salute Shanta Company

for containing toxic waste in an expert way. For if the toxic waste entered residential areas, lakes and rivers the nation will suffer terrible and irreversible harm and lives of living things would be compromised," he told the delegation.



Students of Dar es Salaam's Feza International Schools students pictured yesterday lifting their colleague, Yousuf Moustapha, whom they were congratulating after he won sponsorship for pursuing studies in biomedicine at Harvard University in the US. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt warns RITA officials against abuse of office

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE government has warned officials from the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) who are registering and issuing birth certificates to children under the age of five to stop using the programme as an opportunity to gain personal income.

Mwigulu Nchemba, the minister for Constitution and Legal Affairs made the remarks yesterday here during the launch of the "Decentralised Birth Registration System" for the Kilimanjaro and Tanga Regions.

According to him, the registration and provision of birth certificates to the group is provided free of charge where he called on parents to bring their children in the designated centres for them to get their right.

"I am saying this because we have witnessed in some of the regions where the programme has passed, some officials violating ethical conduct by demanding cash from parents to register their children, this is intolerable," he said.

He directed regional and district leaders as well as security organs to invest their efforts to unearth those who will be found violating rules, regulations and basics of the programme.

"Tanzanian government has also waived fee for registration under this initiative where the copy of the certificate is given free of charge, so no one should be charged to access the service," he said.

He noted that the decentralised birth registration system moves the points of registration closer to the community so as to register and provide birth certificates to all children.

Nchemba added that this system is very important because it will also help the government know the exact number of births and plan well its development plans and service provision.

For her part, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) Emmy Hudson said that the exercise has been a great success whereby so far more than 36 percent of under-five children in Ruvuma Region have been registered and given birth certificates during the Covid-19 period.

She said that the institution also has several proactive initiatives to improve the registration system with the ultimate objective of reaching down as far as possible to the grassroots of the Tanzania community in the villages and urban areas.

Government of The Republic of Malawi      African Development Bank Group      Government of The United Republic of Tanzania

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
Grant No: 5550155001701  
IFB No: S-SRBC/SRBDF/2020/2021/C/01

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TRANSBOUNDARY DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING (TDA/SAP)

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in the UNDB online Project ID: P-ZI-EAZ-054 of 4th March, 2020 on-line and on the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group's Internet Website.
- The **Secretariat of the Joint Songwe River Basin Commission** has received a grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the African Development Bank towards the cost of the implementing **Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Songwe River Basin (STCINRM-SRB) Project**. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contract of for **Provision of Consultancy Services for Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis/Strategic Action Planning (TDA/SAP)**.
- The **Secretariat of the joint Songwe River Basin Commission** now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in the service undertaking consultancy services on the **Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis/Strategic Action Planning (TDA/SAP) for the Songwe River Basin (SRB)**. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting consultants' profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
- This advertisement is open to all eligible Consulting firms as defined in the African Development Bank Group Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants (May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012) which can be consulted from the AfDB website. A short list of six consultants will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in that document.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information including Terms of Reference, from the office of the **Secretariat of the joint Songwe River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 300, Kyela, Tanzania**, from 09:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs (EAT) from Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- Any request for clarification with regard to this assignment shall be addressed to the undersigned not less than seven days before the deadline for submission. The Client shall respond to the request for clarification received within three working days from the date of receipt of the request.
- Expressions of Interest (**Eoi**) must be delivered to the address below: **The Acting Executive Secretary, Songwe River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 300, Kyela, Tanzania, Former Water Department Building (Idara ya Maji), Kalumburu Area, Near Kyela Resort Hotel, at or before 11:00 hrs (EAT) on 26th August, 2020**. The opening shall take place immediately after the deadline for submission in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Late and electronic Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

**ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
SONGWE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION  
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**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

**IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL  
AT DAR ES SALAAM**

**APPEAL NO. 13 OF 2020**

**BETWEEN**

**KWANZA BROADCASTING LIMITED  
T/A KWANZA ONLINE TV ..... APPELLANT**

**AND**

**TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY  
AUTHORITY ..... RESPONDENT**

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

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) in respect of online publication of news contents in violation of Regulations 7(1)(a),(b) and 12(1) of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Online Content) Regulations, 2018 and Regulations 11(1)(a) and 15(2)(b) of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Radio and Television Broadcasting Content) Regulations, 2018 in which TCRA banned the appellant for the duration of 11 months.

The appeal is based on the grounds that TCRA acted beyond its powers; erred in law and fact by not affording the appellant fair trial; erred in law by invoking a wrong decision in reaching the decision; and erred in fact in the interpretation of the news posted. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders to quash and set aside the decision with costs and general damages.

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

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 11th August, 2020.**

**REGISTRAR**

**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

**IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL  
AT DAR ES SALAAM**

**APPEAL NO. 14 OF 2020**

**BETWEEN**

**TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY  
COMPANY LIMITED ..... APPELLANT**

**AND**

**NG'WANANCHAMBI RICHARD  
MADUHU MATANA ..... 1ST RESPONDENT**

**ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES  
REGULATORY AUTHORITY ..... 2ND RESPONDENT**

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

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) given on the 1st July, 2020 in which EWURA held the Appellant liable for negligence resulting into loss of the 1st Respondent premises due to an overvoltage in the Appellant's infrastructure.

The appeal is based on the grounds that the decision was made in an error of the law and fact by relying on improper evidence. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders to set aside the decision with costs.

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**REGISTRAR**





Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga (2nd-L, foreground) and Igunga district commissioner John Mwaipopo (L) pictured at the weekend witnessing cotton being offloaded from a lorry ready for the weighing stage and subsequent effecting of payments to farmers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NARCO demarcating its ranch blocks to put invasion in check

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE National Ranching Company Limited (NARCO) is demarcating all ranch blocks to curtail invasion.

Acting general director for NARCO, Masele Shilagi Mipawa said that invasions to earmarked ranch blocks stands as a great barrier that for years have been retarding efforts to improve standards and animals' welfare and security in NARCO areas.

He said that the company has found it vital to place permanent boundaries to all ranching blocks as part to ensure security, but also attract more investment.

"Usually, investors need to invest in

an area with guaranteed security and safety. So, we are doing this, firstly, for the betterment of animals' welfare, but also, for attracting more investors to come and invest," he added.

He said as per the scheduled time frame, at least by end of October this year, all blocks in the country will have official boundaries.

Mipawa added that the company was also implementing an exercise to earmark special grazing blocks and lease them to livestock keepers at fair prices.

"The aim is to overcome and slash to zero land conflicts, often brewing due to few grazing areas," he detailed.

According to Mipawa, at least two potential investors from Egypt and Namibia have already lodged

applications to invest into meat processing industries.

"So far, at least 120 giant and 200 small scale investors are currently with diverse contracts with the state-owned company in different regions in Tanzania," he noted.

With at least 14 well established ranches, scattered in different regions, NARCO has a key role to produce improved livestock species, as well as other vital animal's related products.

In his remarks during the climax of this year's Nanenane farmers exhibitions, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the fifth phase government, through NARCO will ensure settling of enough grazing areas in all districts within the country.

## NGOs ordered to submit reports on their activities

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

NON-GOVERNMENTAL organisations are required to submit reports on their activities to the community in meeting their goals of assisting the government.

The order was given by the Acting Kigoma Regional Administrative Officer Samwel Tenga at a joint meeting with the NGOs and the coordinating team from the office of the Registrar of NGOs.

Tenga said the main aim in establishing the NGOs was not primarily in seeking employment but to identify the existing gap in serving the people.

He said from Kigoma Region's experience, communication has not

been good as out of 150 NGOs in the region that are identified, those which submit reports are not more than ten.

"It is a challenge because the government in the region or district is supposed to know its stakeholders and their contribution to the community, there is the issue of providing reports on projects under implementation, but there is a communication gap," he said.

Coordinating and Assessing Officer from the Registrar of NGOs Musa Leitura said the government recognizes NGOs' contribution in serving the community.

"We have visited some of the NGOs and found many projects satisfactory, in the circumstances we recognise that you are doing good work in assisting the government," he said.

He said some of the deficiencies identified include lack of offices, non-submission to the registrar, lack of sustainable planning in regard to projects and nonpayment of fees.

Kigoma Community Development Officer Msafiri Mzunusi stressed on the need for NGOs to involve the government about their projects plans before their implementation.

*"It is a challenge because the government in the region or district is supposed to know its stakeholders and their contribution to the community, there is the issue of providing reports on projects under implementation, but there is a communication gap"*



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021

#### A. Background

1. The Children's Dignity Forum (CDF) is a voluntary, private, non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit-making Civil Society children's rights organization based in Dar es Salaam as its headquarters, founded and registered in 2006 under the NGO Act No. 24/2002. CDF operates in Dar es Salaam, Tarime District (Mara Region) and Mpwapwa District (Dodoma Region)

2. The CDF office invites applications from eligible, competent and qualified Companies to apply for pre-qualification for provision of Goods and Services for its operations in Tanzania as below:

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
1	Stationeries
2	Publications and Printing
3	Supply of Motor Fuel, Generator and Lubricants
4	ICT Equipment's & Services
5	Office Furniture's and Fittings
6	Vehicle Maintenance, tires and spare parts supplies
7	Supermarkets
8	Conference Packages (Meetings/trainings/ workshop)
9	Catering Services
10	Media Houses
11	Consultancy Services: I. Research, Monitoring, Evaluation, Result Bases Management and Management Information System II. Accounting, Procurement and Process Management system (Software Developer/Vendor)
12	Auditing Services
13	Travel Agents
14	Insurance (Medical, health equipment, Assets)
15	Internet Service Provider
16	Security Services
17	Office Repair and Maintenance (plumbing, carpentry, printer maintenance, AC)
18	Transportation Companies
19	Fleet Management System (Car GPS and tracking)
20	Legal Services
21	Event Planning and Decorations
22	Infrastructure construction
23	Car rentals
24	PA Systems
25	Generator maintenance
26	General Cleaning Company
27	Authorize Dealers (HP/DELL and LENOVO)
28	Courier services
29	Others (Please specify)

#### B. The purpose of this EOI:

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## Stunted growth in Tanzanian children must end; this can't wait

**S**TUNTED growth is a reduced growth rate in human development. It is a primary manifestation of malnutrition or more precisely under-nutrition and recurrent infections, such as diarrhea in early childhood and even before birth, due to malnutrition during fetal development brought on by a malnourished mother. The definition of stunting according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) is for the "height for age" value to be less than two standard deviations of the WHO Child Growth Standards median.

As of 2012 an estimated 162 million children under 5 years of age, or 25 per cent, were stunted. More than 90 per cent of the world's stunted children live in Africa and Asia. Once established, stunting and its effects typically become permanent. Stunted children may never regain the height lost as a result of stunting, and most children will never gain the corresponding body weight. Living in an environment where many people defecate in the open due to lack of sanitation, is an important cause of stunted growth in children. The causes for stunting are principally very similar if not the same as the causes for malnutrition in children. Most stunting happens during the 1,000-day period that spans from conception to a child's second birthday. The three main causes of stunting in most developing countries, are poor feeding practices, poor maternal nutrition, and poor sanitation.

Against the backdrop, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed regional commissioners in the Southern Highlands zone to initiate study and action to reverse high rates of stunting

among children in the key farming zone considered as the country's grain basket.

In a speech read on his behalf at the weekend by the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr Tulia Ackson at the climax of the Nanenane agricultural exhibition held at the John Mwakangale grounds in Mbeya city, Majaliwa said it was a shame to have severely malnourished children in a zone with abundant food.

He stated that stunting levels in southern highland regions have now reached 42.9 per cent which is much higher than the national average of 31.8 percent. The premier said there is so far no clear scientific explanation as to why the problem grows annually even as food production also increases, hence the need for a study to recommend solutions.

He said that regions in the Southern Highlands zone produced 11.4m tonnes of various food crops in the past harvest season, and that the regions collectively surpassed their food production expected levels by 201 percent.

"There is no reason for children to be stunted because you have enough food. I direct regional commissioners to collaborate with stakeholders to conduct research on the source of the problem and come up with strategies on how to end it," said the premier.

Dr Ackson said that while inspecting different pavilions at the exhibition grounds, she noticed that most food items produced in the regions are nutritious enough to curb stunting.

The Southern Highlands zone is made up of Mbeya, Njombe, Rukwa, Iringa, Ruvuma and Songwe regions.

## Challenges humanity faces require global engagement, participation of young people

**I**N 1999, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth that 12 August be declared International Youth Day. International Youth Day gives an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.

The theme of International Youth Day 2020, "Youth Engagement for Global Action" seeks to highlight the ways in which the engagement of young people at the local, national and global levels is enriching national and multilateral institutions and processes, as well as draw lessons on how their representation and engagement in formal institutional politics can be significantly enhanced.

As the United Nations turns 75, and with only 10 years remaining to make the 2030 Agenda a reality for all, trust in public institutions is eroding. At the international level, against the backdrop of an increasingly polarized world, the international system of governance is currently undergoing a crisis of legitimacy and relevance.

Enabling the engagement of youth in formal political mechanisms does increase the fairness of political processes by reducing democratic deficits, contributes to better and more sustainable policies, and also has symbolic importance that can further contribute to restore trust in public institutions, especially among youth.

Moreover, the vast majority of challenges humanity currently faces, such as the COVID-19 outbreak and climate change require concerted global action and the meaningful engagement and participation of young people to be addressed effectively.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in severe economic and social impacts around the world. Young people are particularly vulnerable to the disruptions the pandemic has caused. Young people will form a key

element in an inclusive recovery and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during this Decade of Action.

COVID-19 affects all segments of the population, with young people playing a key role in the management of this outbreak and the recovery following the outbreak. Though much is still unknown on how the disease affects young people, governments are mandated in the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) to ensure their services meet the needs of young people. In these circumstances, it is important to ensure that youth are heard alongside other community and patient voices in the rollout of health and non-health interventions in response to COVID-19.

Building up the capacity of youth to be able to make their own decisions on health and to take responsibility for health is also a key element of WPAY. In this context, health education, public health promotion, and evidence-based information are critical in combating the spread and effects of COVID-19, especially to challenge the spread of disinformation online.

The role of governments as well as youth organizations and community groups will be essential to ensure that trustworthy public health information is disseminated. Young people themselves are also utilizing online technologies to spread public health information in engaging ways such as videos to promote effective handwashing or explain how social distancing can save lives.

Young innovators are already responding to the virus through social impact innovation. Around the world, a number of initiatives are being developed to leverage young people's efforts to generate and deliver support to at-risk populations or populations affected by the pandemic. Many youth-driven technology innovation hubs are supporting startups to develop effective solutions to address COVID-19.



## Proper breastfeeding builds a strong base for a lifetime of good nutrition

By Tigest Ketsela Mengestu

**W**E congratulate the United Republic of Tanzania on the commemoration of the World Breast Feeding Week - from August 1 through 7, 2020.

The visibility of the week's activities, starting with a speech by the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (HCGEC) in Muheza in Tanga Region, has emphasized the importance of breastfeeding.

This natural way of nourishing children with mother's milk is still the best in the 21st century, just as it has been since time immemorial.

Breastfeeding provides every child with the best possible start in life. It delivers health, nutritional and emotional benefits to both children and mothers. And it forms part of a sustainable food system.

However, while breastfeeding is a natural process, it is not always easy and readily available. Mothers need support - both to get started and to sustain breastfeeding.

We are proud to be working with Tanzania as it implements the Innocenti Declaration on the Protection, Promotion and Support of Breastfeeding as a global goal for optimal maternal and child health and nutrition.

All women should be enabled to practise exclusive breastfeeding, and all infants should be fed exclusively on breast milk from birth to six months of age.

Since the declaration in 1990, Tanzania has put in place institutional environments that facilitate health workers to educate and help women breastfeeding after delivery at public and private health facilities.

Regulating trade in the distribution of supplemental milk for children; maternal and paternal leave from work and having set a national committee of experts on women, children and adolescent's nutrition were the other measures taken to promote breastfeeding.

It is also noteworthy that Tanzania has made encouraging progress in this regard as a result. According to the Tanzania National Nutritional Survey 2018, about 97 per cent of infants under two years of age are breastfed. Moreover, about 53 per cent of infants were breastfed within one hour and 58 per cent were exclusively breast fed for six months - without any supplementation.



Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu

These numbers are encouraging but, there is still more work to be done. Therefore, we call on the Government and all stakeholders to implement five concrete actions that will increase the number of infants benefiting from their natural right to breastfeeding.

First, the Government needs to invest in making skilled breastfeeding counselling available to every woman. Ensuring availability of skilled breastfeeding counselling to every woman will require increased financing for breastfeeding programmes and improved monitoring and implementation of policies and programmes that have been put in place.

Second, healthcare workers, including midwives and nurses, should be trained on ways to deliver skilled breastfeeding counselling to mothers and families. As noted, breastfeeding is natural. However, in order to do it properly, new parents and the community in general need to be well oriented.

Third, the national health system needs to ensure that counselling is made available as an integral part of routine health and nutrition services that are easily accessible.

Based on available guidelines, health facilities should set time to provide mothers with breastfeeding counselling. This should continue and be monitored as an indicator of

performance of each health facility.

Fourth, the Government can take advantage of civil society organisations and associations of health professionals available in Tanzania collaborating for provision of appropriate counselling services.

Fifth, we all know that the baby food industry is advertising alternative methods of feeding infants - that is, apart from breastfeeding. They do so by offering solutions in supplemental feeding so that people can pursue their ever-busy lifestyles.

We must protect healthcare workers from the influence of the baby food industry. Our health workers should not provide mothers with alternatives to breastfeeding.

I want to particularly note two developments that, if well taken advantage of, can bring considerable progress in achieving the breastfeeding indicators.

In 2012 the HCDGEC ministry developed early childhood development guidelines, and Health minister recently launched a media booklet on awareness about children, women and adolescent nutrition.

These two documents are quite complementary in that the early childhood development programme has three core policy goals: establishing an enabling environment; implementing breastfeeding widely; and monitoring and assuring the

quality of health service delivery. If these core goals are well implemented, they can result in all children reaching their full potential.

That is why I argue that a well implemented breastfeeding programme must be a launching pad for proper nutrition for the whole family: young children, adolescents, women and adults.

The value added to the health of the whole family is immense when emphasis on proper nutrition focuses on all members of the family.

Caring about what children and family members eat can help to reduce the risk of communicable and non-communicable diseases, improve recovery from illness or injury, and promote the general well-being of individual members of the family.

The secret to feeding a healthy family lies in serving delicious nutrient-rich foods at every meal. If we influence families and individuals to properly feed infants, the loving and caring built in a family that values breastfeeding will make a platform for a lifetime of care.

Therefore, starting from right breastfeeding, parents should be made aware that proper feeding is a lifetime culture.

• **Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu is the World Health Organisation's Country Representative to Tanzania.**



# Facing the reality of Covid-19 is less scary than wishful thinking

By Andy Slavitt

THE happy talk from the White House is hurting Americans who are being led to expect miracles, like a vaccine by autumn, rather than face the challenges head on.

With thousands of people dying every day, cases climbing across the US, and an economy frozen for lack of a commitment to a safe reopening plan, false hope isn't a friend.

The idea that the end is in sight, that the economy is ready to rebound, and we are close to having packed Alabama football games, will prolong the virus, the death toll, and misery.

It is true that two vaccines are in human trials. But we need to tell the difference between hopes and prayers, and things we should plan on. We make many wrong decisions by thinking in terms of weeks and months, instead of a year or years.

If you listen to Tony Fauci, who leads vaccines for the NIH, he always adds the words "best case" to his answers. And when (President Donald) Trump is not around, Fauci follows "best case" with "12-18 months" - meaning that we could still be working against this enemy in 2022.

It's true that there is a vaccine in human trials in the US and it's true that we could even be in parallel manufacturing soon - while we wait to test it. But it's also true that this company has never made a vaccine before and that their type of vaccine (RNA) is promising, but new.

Injecting the virus in hundreds of millions must be done safely. And as importantly, even if the vaccine works, its dosing is safe, and its side-effects are minimal, the immunity could potentially be 30-40 per cent like a flu vaccine - and not 97 per cent like measles.

Sadly, the vaccine likely won't be available to everyone including some of the people who need it most - like people with significant immune system issues. A combination of a partially effective vaccine and many being excluded could mean social distancing significantly into the future beyond a vaccine.

There are six other vaccines in process but of the seven, only two of the developers have actually made a vaccine before - Pfizer & Sanofi. These will take longer to start but could accelerate. What isn't said out loud is that the furthest along in the trials are the Chinese. Don't expect us to see that vaccine any time soon in the US.



While the vaccines have promise, the most likely case is that the early ones are unlikely to pan out, or if they do, that more vaccine work will still be needed for new strains. Even then, we are well into next year before enough manufacturing capacity is added.

In the meantime, there is discord on how to begin manufacturing and trial design which would need to begin immediately to have a vaccine even early next year. Of course, if those trials fail, there are about a dozen more vaccines that haven't yet entered into trials and 80 more where work has begun. There will be a vaccine, but the question will be when.

While we aim for a big early win, we should know that if a vaccine doesn't materialize next year, it would be much more typical. People sometimes say "we must do X until there's a vaccine", as if we're standing on one leg and it will be over soon. But we need to think differently and plan for a marathon. What would we do differently with this knowledge? There are quite a few possibilities or courses of action, including sticking to our plan of creating comprehensive testing, tracing and isolation capability.

We could also plan an economy and jobs around needed industries such as manufacturing, science, technology, food distribution and public health; retrofit public areas for safe entry; ex-

pand safety at small businesses and small gatherings; and invest in interventions to reduce transmission like reusable high quality masks.

We could create flux capacity for all medical centres; provide health coverage; build remote services for high-risk patients; improve food supply chains; upgrade the safety of work environments; temporarily close and retrofit meat factories; create grants for small businesses to go on line; and plan for a year-round blend of distance and in-person school environments.

The most important thing we can do in planning for an extended bout with Covid-19 is simply to make the disease less lethal by continually investing in new therapies and prophylaxis - that is, prevention of disease.

This would change the equation on herd immunity: at today's fatality rate, getting 10 per cent immunity means hundreds of thousands additional deaths. But imagine if the virus were treatable - then, the risky ideas of the herd immunity crowd would make more sense.

If we knew we could be tested and get early treatment, living with Covid-19 would be more like living with a bad, but not fatal, virus. It would still do damage, but not enough to really slow us down much.

Today's treatments like Remdesivir aren't going to be the ones that do that.

But the good news is that therapies and prophylaxis can be tested much more quickly and manufactured more easily. Trump either won't face, or doesn't think we can handle, the truth of the challenge that Covid-19 presents. But the truth actually isn't scary. It's more manageable than anyone's lies: only 15 cases, testing is overrated, the virus is disappearing, 60,000 total deaths.

We shouldn't live by these extemporaneous and thoughtless guideposts. "A vaccine before we know it", is a different song of the same tune.

We can exist with viruses like Covid-19 a lot better if we give ourselves the tools - and if we also adjust our mindsets so we don't feel like we face constant disappointment.

We all want to be hopeful. And we all occasionally fall into the trap of believing what makes us feel better. But we also stomach bad news better than we stomach lies.

None of us remembers the exact month the 1918 flu was defeated. We remember the high death toll and that, once it was defeated, a period of prosperity followed. Patience is hard, but it's an asset in getting through this successfully.

**A Medium Coronavirus Blog dispatch. Andy Slavitt is a former medicare and Medicaid head for former US president Barack Obama.**

# Six potential solutions to ease COVID-19 news media crisis

By Patrick White

THE ongoing coronavirus-fueled media crisis has in fact been in the works for more than 30 years. It is not a new phenomenon.

In the early 1990s, we saw mergers of major radio networks. The advent of the internet and cable news outlets during the 1990s changed the game and challenged the dominance of news agencies, since audiences had access to live events in real time all the time. The emergence of social media in the 2000s and 2010s continues to transform the role of the media today.

The media in crisis is a constant; it was simply amplified by Covid-19. But it's still taken a toll.

More than 135 Canadian media organisations have closed shop since March 2020. In March and April, 2,000 positions were cut across Canada, according to the Canadian Association of Journalists.

In the United States, 36,000 journalism jobs have been lost since the beginning of the pandemic, the New York Times reported in April. Poynter has been keeping a running tally of this ever-growing number.

The causes of the enduring media crisis worldwide are known: a dramatic drop in advertising revenue for media to the benefit of Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon and Microsoft, who now share the pie and pay little or no taxes in Canada.

But there was also a reluctance to embrace technology by American news organisations, and those in Canada too. The digital shift happened too late in many cases.

News media underestimated the role of smartphones: 94 per cent of young readers consume news on their phones or through social media, according to the latest research from the Québec-based CEFRIQ research centre.

News audiences are also more fragmented than ever before, with an increasing number of specialised news sources, whether it is sports, finance, lifestyle, etc. This overabundance of information has caused some citizens to tune out, overwhelmed by the avalanche of news.

## Some successful models emerging

Nonetheless, there are some glimmers of hope. Groupe Capitales Médias filed for bankruptcy last year in Québec. However, its six newspapers, representing about half of the daily newspapers in the province, were revived as a non-profit cooperative in 2020.

There are other business models working well in the country, like the one used by Montréal-based Le Devoir, based on paid subscriptions, advertising and donations. The small newspaper launched its paywall in the 1990s, specialised its content - (politics, culture, social issues - and made a major digital shift. This resulted in a \$1.6 million surplus last year.

Are there other possible solutions for solving the crisis in Canada and elsewhere?

## Six potential solutions

There are several suggestions. First: The financial media assistance promised by Canada's federal government (\$600 million over five years) has still not arrived, two years after it was announced. That's shameful. Provincial aid to media organisations - \$250 million over five years - is already being distributed in Québec. Government funding

remains essential to preserve democracy and fight news deserts.

Second is content monetisation. Local media have no option but to set up paywalls on their sites and sign piecemeal agreements with Apple News, Facebook and Google News for better revenue-sharing. News organisations also need to attract philanthropic donors and pursue crowdfunding to finance specific news projects that will benefit readers.

Third: Diversification of production is necessary. Content needs to be diversified with specialised newsletters, podcasts, videos, event and conference management and brand content that could replace traditional advertising.

Fourth is value-added content. Media organisations should let news agencies like QMI and The Canadian Press deal with daily breaking news and focus now on long-form journalism, investigative reporting, features, interviews, newsletters, explanatory content, etc. This will force media organisations to value data-driven, investigative and solutions journalism.

Now more than ever before, citizens want to read content that's thoughtful, important or hopeful.

Fifth: Tackling fake news and distrust in the media is paramount. There needs to be an active push against the prevailing public cynicism by employing more fact-checking, possibly with the help of artificial intelligence. Media organisations also need to reconnect with their audiences, young people in particular, by covering a wider range of topics. In classrooms, we must set up civic media education seminars to demystify the work of journalists and the media.

Sixth: There is a severe lack of diversity in newsrooms across Canada, especially Québec. There are not enough journalists from racialised groups and Indigenous communities. There will need to be a profound change on this issue all across Canada so that news organisations reflect the country's population and report on the issues that matter to diverse audiences.

Newsrooms just can't help keeping up with changing demographics. There's no question that media organisations must reinvent themselves, and have needed to do so both before Covid-19 and today.

But the situation is not desperate. Traffic on news sites has been up sharply since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, but it's not well-monetised.

News organisations must go where readers are: on their phones. News sites have to be more user-friendly in terms of design - the recent success of the myFT app from the Financial Times in this regard is a great example of what works.

Whether there will be media mergers or other closures this year, or next year, remains to be seen. But, in the meantime, we can make better use of technology by using automation for certain content - sports and financial news; translations - in order to free up newsroom reporters to focus on value-added journalism.

Hopefully, alliances and collaborations can also be formed among local media outlets across the country and national news organisations that could entail sharing content or other technology-based partnerships.

**A WAN-IFRA dispatch. Patrick White is a journalism professor with the University of Quebec in Montreal.**

# China's Covid-19 response sets example on human rights protection

By Chang Sheng

PUTTING the health and lives of the people above everything has been the broadest consensus during China's COVID-19 response, which manifested the value in the governance of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the largest ruling party in the world.

The fight against the epidemic is also a war in defense of human rights. China has mobilized the entire country to combat the virus, fully demonstrating its people-centered approach in human rights protection.

To determine how much a country respects human rights, it is necessary to know how much it respects and safeguards lives in crises.

Since the outbreak, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, has taken personal command and planned the response, emphasizing that people's lives and health must come first.

China has always placed saving lives in the first place during its fight against the epidemic. The government has covered all the cost for treating COVID-19 patients, which maximally raised the testing and cure rates, as well as lowered the infection rate and fatality rate as possible as it could.

Hubei Province received nationwide support during China's epidemic response at the height of the pandemic. Besides, the country has managed to construct the Huoshenshan Hospital in Hubei's capital Wuhan within just 10 days, and built 16 makeshift hospitals in the city at a speed of 1.5 hospitals per day.

It demonstrated the vital importance attached by the CPC, a Marxist ruling party, on its people, as well as the efforts made by a socialist country to protect

human rights.

The fact that the country and its ruling party have mobilized the whole nation to safeguard lives also showed that human rights are an integration of individual and collective rights. Individual rights can only be maximized when combined with collective rights.

How a country treats the socially disadvantaged groups is an important indicator measuring its level of civilization and human rights protection.

"We will never give up on any patient," said a doctor at the Hanyang branch of the Wuhan Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

He said that when Xu Ming, a 95-year-old recovered COVID-19 patient came to him to express gratitude on April 16.

Besides, China has introduced and implemented a series of measures for the socially disadvantaged groups to strengthen their capacity to cope with the risks, such as distributing relief funds among people in need and extending the service terms for public service jobs.

The rights to subsistence and development are the primary and basic human rights. The effective guarantee of the rights to subsistence and the steady improvement of living standards are the preconditions and foundations for fulfilling and developing all other human rights.

While preventing and controlling the epidemic, China has made efforts to ensure the basic supplies for people, allocated funds to help companies and stabilize jobs, and progressed in eliminating poverty.

It has not only relied closely on the people to combat the epidemic, but also engaged in improving the well-being of the people, creating the environment for guaranteeing people's rights.

As it has managed to contain the virus



Residents in a community of Shuanghe, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, purchase vegetables and fruits amid the city's lockdown on July 29. (File Photo)

domestically, China has strived to build a global community of shared future amid the pandemic, which is also one of its attempts to safeguard human rights.

It has reported the epidemic to the World Health Organization promptly, shared the genetic sequence of the virus with other countries, and endeavored to help other countries purchase much-needed medical supplies and equipment in China.

As of the end of May, China had shared diagnosis and treatment plans as well as prevention and control formulas with over 180 countries and more than 10 international and regional organizations, dispatched medical teams to countries with urgent needs, and provided medical assistance to nearly 150 countries and four international organizations.

While it bought some precious time

for the world in the fight against the epidemic, it has shouldered its responsibility as a major country, demonstrating humanitarianism for the international community.

Living a happy life is the primary human right and the biggest prerequisite for a happy life is to guarantee the lives and health of the people.

China has mobilized the whole nation and paid great cost to protect the health and lives of its people, which is a perfect interpretation of human rights protection.

China's fight against the epidemic has not only created a miracle in the history of preventing and controlling infectious disease, but also written a glorious chapter in the human rights undertakings and advanced the international cause of human rights. **People's Daily**



## SPECIAL INTERVIEW

## Ambassador Ruhinda: Mkapa was an extraordinary strategist

- His capacity for homework and analysis served him well in 1995
- As a strategist, he could not have left Kikwete out of his Cabinet

By Correspondents Salva Rweyemamu, Saidi Nguba and Tido Mhando

**Y**ESTERDAY, we brought you the first in a series of three articles based on a recent interview with Ambassador Ferdinand Kamuntu Ruhinda. The articles are meant as Mzee Ruhinda's public tribute to his closest friend of more than 50 years - former president William Benjamin Mkapa, who passed away on July 23 and was buried at his home village of Lupaso in Masasi District, Mtwara Region. This is the second part of excerpts from the interview a former Deputy Ambassador of Tanzania to Sweden, High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Mzee Ruhinda has also served as a highly journalist, political advisor and strategist and newspaper editor.

Ambassador Ferdinand Ruhinda retired from the public service, specifically the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Tanzania's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. It was in 1993. Back at home, he was asked (in 1994) to offer professional advice to the Dar es Salaam-based Business Times daily newspaper, as published along its sister Kiswahili publication, Majira.

In other words, Mzee Ruhinda retired at an opportune time, just in time for the intense political activities of 1995, as the country prepared to bid farewell to President Ali Hassan Mwinyi and elect the third president of the United Republic of Tanzania - after Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Mwinyi himself.

This is what Mzee Ruhinda says: "In 1995, an unusually high number of candidates came forward to declare their interest in succeeding President Mwinyi. Every candidate had his own core group of supporters, right from the start of this political process. On behalf of Benjamin Mkapa, a few of his friends - mostly political and work-related colleagues - also started preparatory meetings. I remember there was General Hashim Mbita, Walter Bgoya, Ambassador Saleh Tambwe, Ambassador Suleiman Hemed as well as Patrick Qorro and Mateo Qaresi and others..."

Three of these have since passed away: Hashim Mbita, who had then retired as Executive Secretary of the OAU Liberation Committee, former Member of Parliament Patrick Qorro and Ambassador Hemed. Walter Bgoya is the Managing Director of TPH (Tanzania Publishing House), which has published almost all of Benjamin Mkapa's many publications and remains Tanzania's leading publishing house. Ambassador Tambwe and Mateo Qaresi, another former Member of Parliament and regional commissioner for Mbeya, are now retired public servants.

Adds Mzee Ruhinda: "At the start, our group was a bit disorganised. In the circumstances, Hashim Mbita proposed that we needed a coordinator - and he proposed my name. This is how things evolved and I ended up as Coordinator for the Private Office of Ben Mkapa's 1995 Presidential Campaign as well as his Campaign Manager. Mkapa never appointed me to manage his campaign. Rather, it was circumstances that dictated this process."

Mzee Ruhinda, who played a similar role for Jakaya Kikwete's successful presidential campaign of 2005, explains: "That responsibility was unusually difficult. We did not get much support or even cooperation from CCM headquarters."

In my view, it was for two reasons. First, Mwalimu Nyerere's active participation in shaping the 2005 CCM presidential primaries had left the party almost paralysed and directionless. Second, senior influential officials at the head of the party lost interest in the process after all of their preferred candidates had been defeated. So, our campaign found itself almost on its own and having to shoulder additional responsibilities, including scheduling of Mwalimu Nyerere's campaign rallies in the regions."

He comments further: "In my position as campaign coordinator and later



campaign manager, I accompanied Ben on a nation-wide tour - seeking sponsorship for his candidacy in the primaries in our attempt to get him nominated by his party as its presidential candidate. We travelled by train and on road. We went to the Lake (Victoria) Zone...to Tabora, Shinyanga, Mwanza and Kagera before the first round of voting. Later, my other colleagues accompanied him to other parts of the country, specifically to the northern and southern regions."

He adds: "At the start, Ben had little political visibility...He was not very popular nationally, and his main base was in the southern part of the country, where he had served as Member of Parliament and where people, especially voters, knew him as well as his political strength. There, he was popular. But he had little popularity in other parts of the country."

"His most important attribute and source of political strength, which constituted the base in which he probably could beat the competition, were his ability and power of analysis. He had done proper homework and sampled the country exceedingly well - its challenges and its needs, and possible solutions to those challenges - every zone was thoroughly analysed."

On possible support for Benjamin Mkapa by Mwalimu Nyerere in the early stages of nomination battle, Mzee Ruhinda says: "Mwalimu neither supported nor showed any preference for Ben's candidacy, contrary to what many people seem to perceive and claim. I also know that Ben was not Mwalimu's preferred candidate for the presidency in 1993 - at the start of the process. Mwalimu played proper referee, leaving the stage open for competition."

"What Mwalimu did, and said publicly on many occasions, revolved around the need to articulate the most important attributes that Tanzania's third president needed to have, given the circumstances and challenges facing the nation then."

Ambassador Ruhinda is emphatic: "It was an open secret then that Mwalimu's preferred candidate for the presidency in 1995 was Salim Ahmed Salim, who was then serving as either Secretary General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) or as Chairman of the African Commission... For reasons which have never been clear to me, Ambassador Salim hesitated to face the challenge, leaving the field of competition wide

open. He explains: "The 1995 General Election was the first competitive elections since the re-introduction of multi-partyism in our country following a major policy change in 1992 to allow political competition. Indeed, it was a well-contested election. However, as a campaign, we never were too worried or afraid of Mrema. His approach and strength never scared us. For those of us who knew him well enough from his days as a cabinet minister, he was a bit of a fragile and light-weight competitor. In any case, we had carried out thorough research and analysis about his strengths and weaknesses. We knew him very well."

Adds Mzee Ruhinda: "What is important to underscore here is that our country then, as it is now, needed a serious leader who knew the country and its challenge well and who knew how the world works. Even our serious media then repeatedly wrote about this important attribute for our president."

"In my view, two events totally derailed Mrema, and both were a result of Mwalimu's intervention in the campaign. First, were Mwalimu's two speeches at campaign rallies in Kilimanjaro and Mbeya regions during which he pointedly articulated the attributes of the leader he said Tanzania needed - a president with ability and willingness to confront the nation's major challenges of corruption, tribalism and strong sentiments of belonging in the Union - of Zanzibaris against Tanganyikans."

"To me, these were - and still are - landmark speeches for our country and they need to be published so that we can continue reading and making reference to them, forever. People should know or even remember what Mwalimu said because some, indeed most, of the challenges he articulated then are still with us today. "The second event was Mwalimu's speech at CCM's mammoth rally at Jangwani in Dar es Salaam, as the parties concluded their campaigns. Without mentioning Mrema by name, Mwalimu derided Mrema politically by declaring: 'If somebody wants to be lifted and carried shoulder-high, and there are people available to lift and carry him...let them go ahead and do the lifting.'

"I do not want to narrate the rest of Mwalimu's statement. In general, Mrema, as I have mentioned, was fragile and light-weight. True, he still garnered 27 per cent of the votes, which was a high percentage in the circumstances, but generally many serious people did not consider him a serious candidate by."

Mzee Ruhinda says that the 1995 campaign, as well as that of 2005 campaign - which he also managed as Jakaya Kikwete sought to be the country's fourth president - brought him even closer to politicians in ways and aspects unheard of before and which enabled him to offer his political advice at close quarters.

He narrates: "I was able to offer advice on many issues. Indeed, most of my advice was heeded and acted upon. However, some of the advice they would just not accept. One of the pieces of advice they refused to accept was with regard to their long-held habit of referring to

CCM as State Party ('Chama Tawala'). To me, a political party belongs to its members and the people and referring to it as State Party unnecessarily alienates it from its important stakeholders. On this one, I fully accept that I failed to convince them. This reference strongly appeals to them, and I have always failed to find out reasons for that attraction."

Mzee Ruhinda then also comments on the formation of Mkapa's first Government - in late 1995 - and especially the decision by him as new president to include in his Cabinet his strongest competitor for nomination, Jakaya Kikwete, by appointing him to the senior position of Foreign minister.

He says: "Benjamin Mkapa was, by his thinking, his education, his experience and his philosophy in life, an extraordinary strategist. First, he knew Jakaya (Kikwete) very well and for a long time, since the days when Jakaya was CCM secretary for Masasi District and Ben Mkapa was Member of Parliament from the district. They also served together in the Cabinet under President Mwinyi."

"Above all, Kikwete had demonstrated his political strength beyond any doubt in 1995. He had a massive following of an army of young people, and these followers had huge strength. Ben, being the strategist that he was, could not afford to leave him out of his Government. He just had to take him into his Cabinet. As to whether there were other considerations, I really do not know."

Why then did Benjamin Mkapa not appoint Ambassador Ruhinda to any Government position after the running of such a successful campaign?

"I never requested for a job, and he never offered me any," responds Ambassador Ruhinda, with a trademark sly grin, adding: "I could have requested for a job, and he would not have refused me one. Alternatively, he could have offered me a job, and I could not have turned it down. In hindsight, I now believe that not serving in Ben's administration was probably the best decision both of us made in our lives - as close friends. This enabled us to remain close friends, and even cemented our friendship."

Ambassador Ruhinda's refusal to serve in his best friend's administration, probably more than anything else demonstrates the true characters of true friends and how deeply sensitive both Benjamin William Mkapa and Ferdinand Kamuntu Ruhinda were to matters related to public service and governance, and the potential conflict of interest such matters can cause.

**All three writers are Tanzanians boasting decades of highly regarded experience in media practice Salva Rweyemamu Rweyemamu and Saidi Nguba are currently directors in the Dar es Salaam-based Pioneer Communications Limited, while Tido Mhando is Managing Director with Azam Media Group. Tomorrow: the third and last article in this series on Ambassador Ferdinand Kamuntu Ruhinda's public tribute to his close friend, the late former president Benjamin William Mkapa.**



President John Magufuli and former president Ali Hassan Mwinyi pay last respect to former president Benjamin Mkapa. (File photo)



# African Dev Bank adds to its climate-linked funding

By Boris Ngounou

CLIMATE financing allocated by the African Development Bank (AfDB) increased further in 2019 from 32 per cent to 35 per cent of total annual project approvals. This is according to the new Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) report on climate finance, released recently.

Climate finance continues to gain ground in the financing provided by the African Development Bank (AfDB).

According to the Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Climate Finance Report 2020, in 2019 the AfDB has committed USD 3.5 billion across the continent to finance climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, with the main sectors targeted being renewable energy and resilient agriculture. This climate financing represents 35 per cent of the total 2019 approvals of projects worth US\$ 10.2 billion, representing an increase of 0.3 per cent over 2018 and 26 per cent over 2016.

"As African economies face the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, relaxing action or redirecting financial resources away from climate change will further exacerbate these impacts in diverse and complex ways," says Anthony Nyong, AfDB Director for Climate Change and Green

Growth. In its report on climate finance published in 2019, the pan-African financial institution pledged to allocate 40% of its project approvals to climate change financing by 2020.

Essential finance for achieving the objectives of the Paris agreement

The climate funds released by the AfDB are crucial for compliance with the resolutions of the 21st United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21), adopted on December 12, 2015 in Paris, France. These funds enable the member countries of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Among other things, this results in the implementation of innovative projects in the energy sector, climate resilience, sustainable forest management and the mobilisation of additional funds from public and private sources.

It should be noted that at the global level, climate financing is also increasingly flowing. The total of such financing provided in 2019 by all seven the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) of the world amounts to a record \$61.6 billion. This is an increase of 30 per cent from the \$43.1 billion that was released in 2018.



Mussa Sima (R), Deputy Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), gives instructions to Shanta Mining Company general manager Honest Mrema (in crash helmet) and production manager Honorati Manan (L, foreground) when the former toured the New Luika gold mine at Saza village in Songwe District at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Extend investment in decent jobs for youth, ILO tells African govts

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE International Labour Organisation (ILO) has suggested the need for African governments to extend investment in decent jobs for youth.

This includes protection of young people's human rights, employment and training guarantee programmes, social protection and unemployment insurance benefits for youth.

Global Survey on Youth and Covid-19 conducted by partners of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth between April and May 2020, shows that one in six young people (17 per cent) who were employed before the outbreak,

stopped working altogether, most notably younger workers aged 18-24, and those in clerical support, services, sales, and crafts and related trades.

Working hours among employed youth fell by nearly a quarter (for example by an average of two hours a day) and two out of five young people (42 per cent) reported a reduction in their income.

Young people in lower-income countries are the most exposed to reductions in working hours and the contraction in income that results.

The disproportionate effect of the pandemic on young people has exacerbated inequalities and risks reducing the productive potential of an

entire generation, said the UN agency said in a statement.

Since the outset of the pandemic, over 70 per cent of youth who study or combine study with work have been adversely affected by the closing of schools, universities and training centers, according to an analysis by the ILO.

According to the report 'Youth and Covid-19: impacts on jobs, education, rights and mental well-being', 65 per cent of young people reported having learned less since the beginning of the pandemic because of the transition from classroom to online and distance learning during lockdown.

Despite their efforts to con-

tinue studying and training, half of them believed their studies would be delayed and nine per cent thought that they might fail.

The situation has been even worse for youth living in lower-income countries, who have less access to the Internet, lack of equipment and sometimes lack of space at home.

The report also calls for urgent, large-scale and targeted policy responses to protect a whole generation of young people from having their employment prospects permanently scarred by the crisis.

This highlight large "digital divides" between regions: while 65 per cent of youth in

high-income countries were taught classes via video-lecture, only 18 per cent in low-income countries could keep studying online.

"The pandemic is inflicting multiple shocks on young people. It is not only destroying their jobs and employment prospects, but also disrupting their education and training and having serious impacts on their mental wellbeing. We cannot let this happen," said ILO director-general Guy Ryder.

According to the report, thirty-eight per cent of young people are uncertain of their future career prospects, with the crisis expected to create more obstacles in the la-

bour market and to lengthen the transition from school to work.

Some have already felt a direct impact, with one in six youth having to stop work since the onset of the pandemic. Many younger workers are more likely to be employed in highly affected occupations, such as support, services and sales-related work, making them more vulnerable to the economic consequences of the pandemic.

Forty-two per cent of those who have continued to work have seen their incomes reduced.

This has had an impact on their mental well-being. The survey found that 50 per cent

of young people are possibly subject to anxiety or depression, while a further 17 per cent are probably affected by it.

Despite the extreme circumstances, young people are using their energy to mobilize and speak-out in the fight against the crisis. According to the survey, one in four did some volunteer work during the pandemic.

Ensuring that youth voices are heard is critical to delivering a more inclusive response to the Covid-19 crisis. Giving young people a say in decision making to articulate their needs and ideas improves the effectiveness of policies and programmes and gives youth the chance to participate in their delivery, says the report.

# Zainab Ansell named best tour operator

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE founder and managing director of Zara Tanzania Adventures (ZARA Tours), Zainab Ansell, has been named as the best tour operator of the year 2020, proving her extraordinary efforts to shape the multi-billion-dollar tourism industry.

This is the second year in a row the female tour operator is recognised as the best tour operator after she scooped the overall winner in the male dominated industry in the maiden Tanzania National Parks' (TANAPA) prestigious awards in 2019 in a colorful event held in Arusha.

Ansell (pictured) was particularly celebrated as an extraordinary woman who fought extremely hard to emerge at the top of the male-controlled business and shape the tourism industry through her dedication, hard work and innovation.

She positioned herself as an exemplary leader in the industry and helped her company stand out of the crowd.

"This certifies that Zara Tanzania Adventures has been awarded the best tour operator 1st prize for an outstanding business contribution among tour companies engaging in mountain climbing activity," reads the certificate of recognition which the Natural Resources and Tourism Minister, Dr Hamis Kigwangalla, handed over to her during this year's award gala.

Zara Tanzania Adventures was also feted as the overall runner-up for immense business input among tour firms operating in the popular Tanzania's northern tourism circuit comprising Serengeti – the country's flagship national park – and Mount Kilimanjaro, Tarangire, Manyara and Arusha.

As if that was not enough, Zara Tours was also honoured the best tour firm among its peers in selling walking safaris. Her Serengeti Wild Camp also scooped the 3rd position as the best seasonal camp for its significant business contribu-



tion. Internationally, Zainab Ansell was last year recognized for innovating appropriate model for transferring tourists' dollars to hundreds of poor women in Tanzania.

During the Global Gender Summit (GGS) 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda, she was awarded in recognition of her innovation and sustainable business model that has uplifted and impacted hundreds of marginalised women in the tourism host communities of Tanzania.

Congratulations to Zainab Ansell, Winner of the Invest to impact for creating jobs, improving lives and fighting climate change within her communities," writes Impact

# Primary and secondary school children ought to get lots of nutrients - minister

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

PRIMARY and secondary schools need to get lots of nutrients such as providing milk to students on regular basis to address dietary deficiencies amongst children.

Ummu Mwalimu, the minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children made the call here when speaking at the just-ended Nane Nane Agricultural Exhibition.

She said that it's high time for schools to feed children veggies and fruits, which are high in iron and other nutrients in order to curb dietary deficiencies.

The minister said: "We've been giving school girls iron and folic acid supplements, something which can be found in milk, vegetables and fruits. That's why we're encouraging milk-drinking culture for students."

She further urged primary and secondary schools to stop providing folic acid supplements and

instead they should invest in vegetable, fruits production as well as providing milk.

According to her, not only women of mentioned age but children under 5 ages faced with dietary deficiency while eastern regions like Morogoro, Tanga, Dar es Salaam are in better position to cultivate more food to address the challenge.

She said that the eastern zone Nane Nane Agricultural Fair should remain as an area for farmers and other people to go and learn a number of issues throughout the year.



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Date: 12<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020

1. WAJIBU- Institute of Public Accountability has set aside funds for the operation during the financial year 2020. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for **Consultancy Services as explained below;**
2. WAJIBU- Institute of Public Accountability now invites eligible consultants to submit proposals in providing the following consultancy services: -
  - Lot No.1: Production of Documentary video on the importance of access to Accountability information in improving social services delivery.
  - Lot No.2: Developing of The SP 2021-2025
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4. Selection will be conducted through the **Quality and Cost Based** selection.
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# Through Covid-19, a newspaper firm relies on strength of local journalism

By Jerry Simpkins

IT takes a lot to impress me. I've been around newspapers and printing for more than 30 years.

I've been fortunate enough to be part of operations that were on the forefront of new technology and innovative thinking.

I've shared new ideas with people from janitors to CEOs, and worked with newspapers that have closed their doors right up to ones who continue to flourish in these tough times.

Covid-19 has taken us to a dark place I never thought I'd see. Maybe I'm operating in a dream world ("Jerry's world" as my wife and most of my employees call it), but in the period leading up to Covid-19, many of our community newspapers had just started scratching their way out of the hole we've dug over the past decade or so and started to see light at the end of the tunnel.

I've seen a resurgence in community support from advertisers, who I believe finally understand that our newspapers are right in there with them, supporting local news and local business as a partner in their success or failure. Much like in the case of Covid-19, we are all in this together.

Overnight, it seemed like the bottom fell out for us all. We went from a first quarter that was nothing short of spectacular to a second quarter that saw many less sustainable properties closing their doors, record drops in commercial print revenue, advertising revenue and changes in our business model that we may never recover from.

As many of you know by now, I remain a strong proponent of hyperlocal coverage and believe that it is the path to success and sustainability for our industry.

However, with the recent "adjustments" to our staffing, particularly in newsrooms, who is going to continue to cover communities and spread the word to support local business and our economically challenged new Covid-19-impacted world?

One company, Community Impact Newspaper (CI), has provided me with an impressive story to share. The firm currently produces 35 print editions and covers 59 communities across Texas, Arizona, Tennessee and Georgia.

I recently exchanged emails with Lauren Itz, community relations manager at CI, to discuss how the company is handling things during this crisis.

In one of her emails, she stated: "While everyone is in some way dealing with Covid-19, it's also important to keep in mind that not every journalism operation is facing doom and gloom."

Now, I was more curious than ever to hear how CI was planning on approaching the post-pandemic world from an operational, advertising, editorial and internal platform. One thing I wanted to learn was what



was being done as we all come out of these rough times, and how things look through the eyes of CI for the future of print.

**For answers to these questions, I spoke with the firm's CEO, John Garrett. Excerpts from our interview:**

**E&P: How has CI been affected by the recent downturn in pre-prints and ad revenues?**

**Garrett:** We have been hit with a significant decline in advertising revenues. Local businesses are core to our business so we haven't had to suffer through preprint loss, but many of them are struggling to stay open. We have great local relationships, and our sales teams are taking a long-term approach to nurturing these relationships. Our unique position in the marketplace as an essential business that helps inform residents and business leaders is a high honour to us. Although we are being hit hard with loss of revenue, we believe our future is secure in our communities because of the unique role we play. Community Impact Newspaper continues to be a light in the midst of all the uncertainty.

**Although that uncertainty continues to exist, how optimistic are you that ROP revenue and pre-prints will return to pre-Covid levels?**

**Garrett:** We are optimistic that our ROP (we call it in-paper) revenue will return in the autumn. Preprint is not a significant part of our business.

**What will be the driver for this to happen?**

**Garrett:** Currently, our focus is on living out our purpose. We are prioritizing our staff's security - keeping them informed as we go - and we are committed to informing citizens right now. From a sales perspective, we have the hardest-working, most committed sales team in the business that is bought into our mission and company. We will work our way out of this together with grit, determination and purpose.

**How soon does CI see this happening?**

**Garrett:** We see that we have hit the bottom now, with slight improvement in June and uncertainty in July, but we see steady revenue improvements through the third quarter into Q4.

**How has the recent Covid-19 economy changed the approach CI is taking in their markets?**

**Garrett:** Editorially, our hyperlocal news operation is covering many stories of people helping each other and local businesses finding innovative ways to keep their companies afloat - and thriving, in many cases. We created a daily email newsletter product that has been very successful in keeping our readers updated daily. And we created a new "CI Patron" programme that has allowed our loyal readers to help us financially.

**As we all suffer with revenue**

**challenges like our business has never seen, what thoughts went into your not putting employee cost-reduction steps into place?**

**Garrett:** Jennifer (CI co-owner) and I had empathy for our employees in that no one wants to feel insecure during these uncertain times. But, on the other hand, we believe that the best way (and maybe the only way) out of this mess will be ensuring that our people are fully engaged.

Our reporters and editors have the market knowledge and sources to keep our paper relevant; our salespeople have the relationships to help local businesses navigate their way through this with advertising options; and our operations and management team knows the areas we can work on to improve efficiency while maintaining our company values.

We truly believe that our best path forward is the work of our people and we trust them to help us get to the other side. There is no question in our mind that this was a smart strategy to keep April, May and June revenues as high as we have been able to be, considering what we were up against.

**Have you put a hiring freeze into effect?**

**Garrett:** Yes, we had to hold off new hires and open positions, although we have added new people in certain circumstances. We have cut back on expenses - although the shelter-in-place has also actually helped with expense reductions.

**Could you please explain some of the outside-the-box approaches CI has taken throughout this crisis?**

**Garrett:** We moved fast on some new programmes. We converted our weekly email newsletter to a daily product. We also built in less than two weeks a home-grown Patron programme that we see will have long-term benefit to us connecting to our readership in new ways. However, the most outside-the-box thing we did was being open with staff on financials. It has helped us stay open and transparent, and the staff has let us know that they appreciate the honesty. When times are good or times are bad, employees who know the financial situation will help the company achieve goals.

**Will these carry over into post-Covid times?**

**Garrett:** Yes, our email newsletter, Patron programme and open-book management will continue.

As things open up around the country, advertising salespeople as well as your customers may continue to be weary of meeting face-to-face. With masks and gloves being a part of our new post Covid-19 world, how do you see this affecting advertising sales and direct interaction of your sales crews?

**Garrett: We are taking a safety-first, one-day-at-a-time approach to this.**

While some people argue that print publications are dying, CI has proven to be an exception. Has your hyperlocal news approach helped to maintain or grow your market penetration even in this difficult time? Have you seen growth even in this pandemic?

**Garrett:** Our model is free. Everyone gets it in the mail model, so naturally our circulation has grown with population growth. Our commitment to the company's mission and our passion for hyperlocal news means that we don't give up during hard times. In addition to our strong print product, in recent weeks we have expanded our digital efforts by debuting new offerings.

These are: daily newsletters for 30+ hyperlocal editions, upgraded from weekly newsletters; Community Patron reader revenue model (nearly US\$70,000 in one-time or recurring contributions so far); and custom-developed digital planning tools (no third-party vendors).

Executive editor Joe Warner added: "We believe that these improvements will make us better than we were before coronavirus by building a long-term relationship with our digital readers now that our digital audience

(2.5 million users in March) nearly matches our print audience (2.7 million mailboxes per month)."

**Do you see the scales tipping between digital and print as an ongoing trend?**

**Garrett:** For the foreseeable future, we see digital as a fraction - but profitable portion - of our total sales to print advertising revenues. Right now we believe that digital revenue is falling short of our original expectations. As print revenues that have long supported publications and kept many local newspapers afloat continue to shrink and digital offerings grow, what are your feelings on maintaining a sustainable news operation?

**Garrett:** I can't speak for other publications, but the data are clear to us: digital advertising revenues and digital subscriptions will not support the future of our local journalism operations.

Many of us active in commercial printing have seen reductions in revenue tied to less page counts and print draws from our customers. How has the recent pandemic affected this area of your business?

**Garrett:** Printing has been down for us as well. But we have a strong balance sheet and fundamentals and feel confident that we can get through this crisis.

In 2016, CI opened a 36,000-square-foot facility to print all of its publications under one roof, installing a US\$10 million press to complement its strong focus on print. How has Covid-19 slowed that progress, and what is the future of print for CI?

**Garrett:** We still see this both as a temporary challenge and as an opportunity. We see more growth in our short-term future.

On the operations side, what did you have in place to ensure the safety of your line employees (press, mailroom, etc.) throughout the more active parts of the pandemic?

**Garrett:** We are a safety-first shop and strive to provide the best work environment for all our employees. We didn't just transition the convenient team members to WFH (work from home); rather, we transitioned everyone that we feasibly could enable to work from home, even if it meant completely revamping job duties and internal processes.

For employees in our production side, who had to be on-site to produce and mail our physical goods, we followed all guidelines recommended by OSHA, CDC, and local/federal authorities.

We took several other steps, including putting in place single points of entry/exit, restricting all outside vendors from access unless deemed essential to our operations, screening all incoming employees, initiating mandatory hand-washing during job changeovers and even starting a hand-washing competition on a weekly basis.

We also enforced maximum social distancing, ran an education and sensitization campaign across all our facilities, adjusted cleaning crews to allow for elevated cleaning and disinfecting of premises during non-working hours, removed as many points of contact as possible - from doors to reusable cups, across all our facilities, and temporarily increased the hourly pay of our team members working on the production floor to ensure that we met our mission as an organisation.

Moving forward, we will maintain a number of the improved processes that have been put in place. As we all know, any disease can spread through a facility, causing unexpected absences and productivity loss. By ensuring that we are continuing to follow our safety-first mantra, our employee's safety isn't just a values-driven business decision, but is also smart business.

**Community Impact Newspaper is based in Pflugerville, Texas. Jerry Simpkins of E&P (Editor&Publisher) has more than 30 years of experience in printing and operations in the newspaper industry.**

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## MOBILISATION

## RMO for Dar pleads with corporations on ambulance services

By Francis Kajubi

CORPORATE leaders have been called upon to back Dar es Salaam Region's campaign to buy 16 ambulances required by the commercial capital's public hospitals to timely attend emergency patients.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday after receiving an assortment of medical equipment from Korea International Cooperation Agency, Regional Medical Officer, Dr Rashid Mfaume said the region has only eight ambulances against the minimum requirement of 24.

"I call upon development partners and corporate leaders to consider assisting us with a donation of ambulances of which we are in urgent need," he said stating that ambulances are an important part of the health system.

"If next time you wish to donate medical equipment please consider bringing us even one ambulance," Dr Mfaume pleaded after receiving KOICA's 162.19bn/- worth of medical equipment to benefit five hospitals of the commercial capital's maternal

and child health services.

In remarks at the event, KOICA Country Director, Kyucheol Eo said recently, the agency secured US\$70,000 from Health Sector Basket Fund to support procurement of medical equipment for the five hospitals namely: Amana and Temeke Regional Referral Hospitals but also Ilala and Kigamboni District Hospitals and Sinza Hospital.

"The support is part of KOICA's continued long term partnership with Dar es Salaam regional authorities to ensure continuity in health care quality and development including addressing emerging infectious diseases and ensuring that the hospitals have adequate equipment to tackle emergence of such diseases," said Eo.

The KOICA official noted that since 2002, the agency was officially established in the country with key interventions in health particularly maternal and child health. Over 50 percent of Official Development Assistance for Tanzania, supports health intervention. One of the key health interventions supported by KOICA



Dar es Salaam Regional Medical Officer Dr Rashid Mfaume (L) receives a consignment of medical equipment from KOICA country director Kyucheol Eo in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Francis Kajubi

was the extension of maternity wards at Mnazi Mmoja, Mbagala Rangitatu and Sinza Hospitals between 2010/12.

The three health facilities have continued to receive support from the South Korean agency to strengthen

MNCH services. Between 2014 and 2019, KOICA collaborated with Ilala Municipal Council in construction of Korea-Tanzania Friendship Maternity hospital located at Chanika Ward in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

At Amana Hospital, the agency also supported

training of 78 health care workers as part of plans to improve provision of quality health care services and are already working at Chanika Hospital.

## PROMO

## Brewer lures customers with 'Serebuka' campaign's 1m/- cash prize

By Guardian Reporter

BOOZERS in the country stand a chance to win up to 1m/- by drinking and taking part in A Serengeti singing and online uploading campaign that will last the next three months.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the campaign's launch, Serengeti Breweries Limited's Head of Beer, Anitha Msangi said the engaging campaign's main objective is to stimulate local customers celebrate life to the fullest.

Msangi said the campaign will be sponsored by SBL's two most popular brands, Serengeti Premium Lager and Serengeti Lite. "The 'Serebuka' campaign is for all Tanzanians and is meant to cheer-up our consumers and ensure that they have that rare opportunity of enjoying themselves as they enjoy our loved brands. We will have fun-filled challenges that will be graced by famed local celebrities who will be regaling Tanzanians with entertaining moments throughout the campaign period," she said.

The SBL Head of Beer further added that the campaign comes along with pomp, pageantry and a lot of presents for winners of the Serengeti

Anthem competition. "Our consumers will have a chance to 'Serebuka' by uploading videos of themselves participating in an anthem challenge to win fantastic branded prizes and could also win up to 1m/-cash," she added.

In order to qualify for the prizes, customers will download the 'Serebuka' Anthem available on Mdundo, Facebook, Instagram after which, consumers will record their own while interacting with four different Chui characters that will be entertaining them across the country for the period.

SBL is the producer of the country's first 100 percent malt beer, Serengeti Premium Lager and one of the most popular home-grown lite beers, Serengeti Premium Lite. Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer brewer in the country with its brands accounting for over 20 percent market share by volume. The brewer has three plants in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Kilimanjaro.

Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by EABL/Diageo in



Serengeti Breweries Limited's director of marketing, Mark Mugisha (C), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launch of the brewer's campaign dubbed 'Serebuka' through its Serengeti Lager and Serengeti Lite brands. He is accompanied by the firm's consumer planning manager, Lulu Kihwelo (L) and head of beer department Anitha Msangi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

2010 has seen increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities

for the people of Tanzania. Other SBL brands include Pilsner Lager, Pilsner King, Tusker Lager,

Tusker Lite, Kibo Gold, Guinness Stout and Kick. The company is also home to world's renowned spirits such as

Johnnie Walker Whisky, Smirnoff Vodka, Gordon's Gin, Captain Morgan Rum and Baileys Irish Cream.

## CAUTION

## Barrick to play it safe even as wave of pandemic aid boosts gold

TORONTO

BARRICK said in its second-quarter earnings statement that it will increase its quarterly cash dividend 14% to 8 cents a share.

The torrent of pandemic-relief money likely means a higher floor price for bullion, according to Barrick Gold Corp.

But that doesn't mean the world's second-largest producer will be taking a more aggressive approach.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Bristow said gold probably has some room to go higher on a real-dollar basis, but the company will continue to make decisions based on a long-term price of \$1,200 an ounce.

Gold has shot past the all-time record set in September 2011 in the past month and is trading above \$2,000 an ounce.

The "base price of gold" is definitely going to rise, Bristow said Monday in a telephone in-

terview. "What is that number? I can't tell you. But it's below the current gold price, I'm sure."

Barrick said in its second-quarter earnings statement that it will increase its quarterly cash dividend 14% to 8 cents a share. Strong cash generation shows the quality of Barrick's assets and its ability to capture the full benefit of higher prices, it said. Barrick fell 0.5% to \$28.72 Monday in New York after earlier rising as much as 3.7%. The shares have climbed more than 50% this year.

Asked if Canada-based Barrick had any intentions to move its primary listing to New York or London, Bristow said "we are very happy where we are in Canada."

In a follow-up email, a spokeswoman said Barrick considers its Toronto and New York listings to be "equally weighted," while the company remains headquartered in Toronto.

"Domiciling in the US just to be able to get on the S&P; that's a questionable decision," the CEO said on the call. Bristow said Barrick is "fully engaged" in trying to settle a dispute over its giant Porgera gold mine in Papua New Guinea. Earlier this year, the government said it wouldn't renew the license.

The current offer would see the benefits shared 57%-43% in favor of Papua New Guinea, he said Monday.

"It's the best deal that Papua New Guinea has in its resource base today," Bristow said. On the earnings call, Bristow said the company would continue to pursue deal-making, but its overall acquisition strategy won't change because of higher prices. Barrick still expects to shed some non-core assets but the value has obviously risen with gold prices, he said.

Other results: Adjusted earnings came in at 23 cents a share

versus the average analyst estimate of 18 cents; All-in sustaining costs increased 8.1% to \$1,031 an ounce in the second quarter from the previous three months amid precautions for the coronavirus; and Barrick reiterated it's on track to meet its guidance for 2020 production estimated at a range of 4.6 million to 5 million ounces.

That target was lowered in May in part because of a conflict with the government of Papua New Guinea over Porgera.

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Barrick Gold Corp's CEO, Mark Bristow



## RELIEF

# Absa Bank chief says 125bn/- offered to clients in restructured loans

By Guardian Reporter

In a bid to assist their customers navigate the coronavirus outbreak, Absa Bank Tanzania Limited has restructured loans amounting to 125bn/- in line with Bank of Tanzania directives.

In a statement to celebrate Absa Group's winning of the Euromoney 2020 Excellence in Leadership in Africa Award as a result of its approach to the Covid-19 response for employees, clients and communities, Absa Bank Tanzania Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed said, "In Absa Tanzania, we have taken a number of actions to ensure our staff and customers remain safe in line with Ministry of Health guidelines."

Mohamed said as part of the bank's social responsibility agenda, donations of personal protective equipment which included mask, sanitizers and gloves, were given to Minister for Health on behalf of the government.

"Absa Tanzania recognizes the impact of Covid-19 on some of our customers' businesses, we have instituted a debt relief programme, in line with the guidelines of Bank of Tanzania. This is done to alleviate the impact and after thorough discussion and agreement with the

clients," he added.

The relief programme implemented by Absa Group demonstrates their ability to adapt business operations to changing circumstances, providing solutions to clients, while supporting and enabling key stakeholders, particularly employees.

Commenting on the Absa Group's award, Chief Executive of Absa Corporate and Investment Banking, Charles Russon; "We are very happy to receive this award, as it demonstrates our commitment to Africa, which is our home and our source of strength as a business."

The Euromoney Award looks at what corporations in the banking industry have done for their employees, clients, communities, industry and economies in Africa to avoid Covid-19 contamination. Absa is one of six banks globally that have been recognized for outstanding performance during an unprecedented era of constant change and uncertainty as a result of the global health crisis.

From a societal perspective, Absa has to date, contributed R10 million to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, a fund established by the Government of South Africa to respond to and combat the COVID-19 pandemic.



Absa Bank Tanzania Limited's managing director, Abdi Mohamed.

ic. In total R55 million has been donated to government initiatives and other civil society ef-

orts across Absa's markets.

"Our success lies in the direct integration of financial

operations and close-knit relationships with employees and

clients, and this has made us

a trusted advisor and natural

banking partner for our clients," noted Russon.

## SUPPORT

## Ten Exxaro's EARN Agripreneurs graduate from 12-month training

GAUTENG

TEN Exxaro EARN Lephalele Cluster Agripreneurs recently graduated from the 12-month EARN Agripreneur Development Programme. The programme focuses on capacity building through practical business, technical skills training, coaching and mentoring programmes, as well as other financial and non-financial support.

The first three months of the programme is known as the Activate Phase and begins with a competitive agripreneur assessment and candidate selection. This is then followed by intensive on-site skills development dedicated to practical business experience as well as insight into the technical nature of agri-business.

During the remaining nine months of the programme, known as the Accelerate Phase, candidates will gain practical experience by completing a one-season growing cycle. This allows them to gain practical commercial production experience while learning on the job. Everything they produce, they sell. In other words, they earn while learning to have

enough seed capital when they get onto their own land.

Creating an enabling environment Says Kobang Maluleka, MD at EARN, "Our goal is to create an enabling environment for African entrepreneurs to grow profitable sustainable businesses that will compete regionally, nationally, and internationally. This will enable our people to earn a decent living, earn independence and respect and earn dignity and pride and that will, in turn, earn the continent the respect it deserves."

To assist in the training, Exxaro's Enterprise and Supplier Development (ESD) programme, through a joint Exxaro-EARN Committee, met regularly to ensure that everything remained on track during the 12-month period.

"The EARN Agripreneur Development programme is an excellent example of community collaboration as it assists in powering better lives in Africa and beyond. We are incredibly proud of the graduates and cannot wait to see how they make a difference within their communities," said Mzila Mthenjane, Exxaro's executive head of stakeholder affairs.



Tigo Tanzania Limited's managing director, Simon Karikari (in tie), listens to an exhibitor at the mobile phone service provider's pavilion at the just-ended 'Nane-Nane' Agricultural Exhibitions held at national level at Nyakabindi grounds in Bariadi District, Simiyu Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## INTEGRATION

## Sango-Maputo highway to open up trade links

HARARE

ZIMBABWE and Mozambique are working towards the construction of the Sango-Maputo highway, which will facilitate connectivity between the two countries.

Zimbabwean Transport and Infrastructure Development Minister Joel Matiza and Mozambican Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Veronica Nataniel Macamo Dhlolo held a virtual meeting last week to discuss infrastructure development.

The virtual meeting was facilitated by Zimbabwe's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Dr Sibusiso Moyo. The road is expected to significantly facilitate connectivity between the two countries and enhance trade.

Minister Matiza said that the road is very vital in linking the two nations and also a very high value economic infrastructure that if completed will contribute immensely to the economic growth of both countries. Minister Matiza said will carry

the project through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement.

Government, he said has already engaged the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) to finance the entire stretch. "As Government we want to go on a PPP model, which we have discussed with our partners who are keen to work on the other side of the road in Mozambique.

"There has been a bit of delay on the side in terms of signing the agreement, which we have done this side. Now the funder DBSA, do not want to fund a lock-sided part of the road just in Zimbabwe only, but want to take the whole structure. It is a joy for the two countries to have this done.

"We have been trying frantically to see how we can assist the partners here and this culminated in this discussion," said Minister Matiza. Minister Matiza said since Zimbabwe has already signed the agreement, the financier is now waiting for Mozambique to sign an agreement.

"We would want to inform you



Zimbabwean Transport and Infrastructure Development Minister Joel Matiza.

that once that have been signed both countries can enjoy the fruits, but as it stands we had been informed that it's a matter of signing an agreement not a Memorandum of Understanding.

"An MoU will not be acceptable. It's critical that we have funders who are available, funders who are ready to fund this infrastructure. I think the only thing that we need to do is to

agree and make sure that those projects sail through.

"Our plea is that obviously because of your elections and Covid-19 there was some delay. Now we need to think with in the process of technology and make sure probably we get on with the game, by both countries satisfying the requirements of the funders," he said.

Minister Dhlolo said Mozambique

has already started constructing the highway with more than 50km already covered. She also expressed willingness for her country to use the PPP model to speed the construction of the road.

Minister Dhlolo said they are constructing the 322km in Mapai from Maputo to Chicualacuala and they have already finished more than 50km. "The PPP is very interesting to us. So we want the details of the PPP proposal so that we can consider it as well," he said.

Responding to his Mozambican counterpart on the PPPs, Minister Matiza said, it is an agreed position. "What we have to do is to make sure the PPP partner avails more information to the Ministry of Public Works in Mozambique. "I will liaise with my officials and the permanent secretary to assist the PPP partners so that they contact the relevant ministries and the relevant officials in Mozambique. If they have interest, then we have somewhere to start and I will take it up," he said.

## ACQUISITIONS

## ICEA Lion spends Sh263m on buying Stanlib operations in Kenya, Uganda

NAIROBI

ICEA Lion Asset Management Limited (ILAM) has paid 43 million rands (Sh263 million) to purchase rival fund manager Stanlib's operations in Kenya and Uganda.

The transaction was completed in June. Johannesburg-based insurance group Liberty Holdings, the parent firm of Stanlib, says it did not make a profit or loss in the deal, which is part of a strategy to exit struggling businesses.

"By June 30, 2020, effectively the entire business operations in Stanlib Kenya and Stanlib Uganda Limited, encompassing segregated mandates, REIT (real estate investment trust) management, unit trust management and umbrella fund administration have either been transferred to the ILAM or a new asset manager designated by the client," Liberty says in a trading update.

"The sale was concluded at the carrying value reflected as of December 31, 2019, and therefore no profit or loss on sale was realised." In separate disclosures, Liberty valued Stanlib's Kenya and Uganda business at R33 million (Sh202 million) and R10 million (Sh61 million) respectively as of the referenced period.

Stanlib Kenya had incurred significant operating losses and the cost of investing in the subsidiary had been impaired, the multinational said ahead of the conclusion of the sale. The change of control at Stanlib saw clients transfer R10 billion (Sh61 billion) in assets to ILAM and other fund managers.

"Total group assets under management declined...due mainly to the exit of asset management operations in Stanlib Kenya and Uganda and the associated transfers of mandates to other external managers of R10 billion (Sh61 billion)," Liberty said.

Clients were notified of the pending transaction and were given an option of leaving or remaining with ILAM, the new owner of the business. In seeking to cut losses, the multinational was looking for a firm that could purchase Stanlib within a short timeframe.

ILAM, owned by the Philip Ndegwa family, stepped in to buy the company in a transaction that has scaled up its asset management arm besides launching it into the listed property fund business. The deal is estimated to have lifted ILAM's asset pool to more than Sh200 billion, placing it first or second in the rankings of fund managers in Kenya.

The asset manager also inherited the role of promoter and manager of the Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed ILAM Fahari I-Reit from Stanlib Kenya. The property firm, whose net earnings rose 12.5 per cent to Sh86 million in the half-year ended

## ACQUISITION

## Saudi Aramco still eyes \$15 billion stake in India's Reliance

RIYADH

SAUDI Aramco said it is still working on a deal to buy a \$15 billion stake in Reliance Industries' refining and chemicals business, even as lower oil prices forces it to slash investment spending.

Reliance's shares fell in mid-July after chairman Mukesh Ambani said a transaction had been delayed "due to unforeseen circumstances in the energy market and the Covid-19 situation".

A deal with Reliance would help the world's biggest crude exporter join the ranks of the top oil refiners and chemical makers. State-owned Aramco is already a major supplier of crude to India, while Reliance sells petroleum products, including gasoline, to the kingdom.

"We are still in discussion with Reliance," Aramco chief executive Amin Nasser said on a call with reporters on Sunday. "The work is still on. We will update our shareholders in due course about the Reliance deal."

Aramco reported on Sunday that second-quarter net income was down almost 75 per cent from a year earlier. It has been affected by the roughly 33 per cent drop in oil prices in 2020. The coronavirus pandemic halted travel and business, slashing demand for crude and fuel.



ANTITRUST

# EU probes Google's Fitbit deal amid health-data fears

BRUSSELS

GOOGLE faces a lengthy European Union probe into its \$2.1 billion takeover of Fitbit Inc. amid concerns about how health data could strengthen the search giant's power in online advertising.

The EU will investigate how information from Fitbit's fitness trackers will increase Google's "data advantage" in online advertising that rivals would struggle to match, the European Commission said in a statement on Tuesday. Officials set an initial December 9 deadline to approve or veto the deal.

Regulators are increasingly scrutinising Silicon Valley takeovers, aiming to prevent the already powerful firms from conquering innovative new markets where data is often the most prized asset. Privacy and consumer advocates have been calling on the EU to exam-

ine how the deal could allow the Alphabet Inc. unit to expand into healthcare.

"This data provides key insights about the life and the health situation of the users of these devices," said Margrethe Vestager, the EU's antitrust commissioner. "Our investigation aims to ensure that control by Google over data collected through wearable devices as a result of the transaction does not distort competition."

The EU will focus on online search advertising where it says Google is dominant in most of Europe and on online display ads where it says Google holds a strong market position in 20 European countries. It will also examine ad tech services, how the deal will affect digital healthcare and whether Google could make it harder for rivals to make devices that work well with its Android mobile phone software.

Google insisted the "deal is about devices, not data," according to a blog post. "There's vibrant competition when it comes to smart-watches and fitness trackers, with Apple, Samsung, Garmin, Fossil, Huawei, Xiaomi and many others offering numerous products at a range of prices. We don't currently make or sell wearable devices like these today."

Google said it won't use Fitbit health data for Google ads and will give Fitbit users the choice to review, move or delete their data. The company will also "support wide connectivity and interoperability" of Google products with others. Google and Fitbit shares were little changed at 11 a.m. in New York.

**'Insufficient' concessions**

The EU said Google had offered to store some of Fitbit's data separately from other Google data.



Margrethe Vestager, the EU's antitrust commissioner

Regulators said that was insufficient to address its concerns and would not have covered all of the Fitbit data that could be valuable for advertising. The wide scope of the probe seems to be a response to criticisms that antitrust authorities have failed to curb deals that extended Silicon Valley's control into new industries.

The Fitbit deal is set to be "a worrying game-changer" said Monique Guyns, the head of European consumer advocacy group BEUC.

The EU probe is crucial "because wearable devices like Fitbit's could in future give companies details of essentially everything consumers do 24/7 and feed digital services back."

Many big tech takeovers of small firms have escaped EU regulatory reviews since target firms made little or no revenue. The US Justice Department is also investigating the takeover, while Australia's merger authority flagged preliminary worries in June over Google's access to health data.

The deal sparked antitrust and privacy concerns as soon as it was announced in November with US lawmakers and consumer groups voicing criticism. It came in the midst of a separate antitrust investigation by the Justice Department into whether Google illegally monopolised digital advertising markets.

EU regulators started a sweeping inquiry into devices made by Google and others that collect consumer data last month. Vestager mentioned wearable devices such as Fitbit as one of the many data-collecting products that officials will scrutinise.

OPTIMISM



Helal Saeed Almarri, director general of Dubai Tourism.

## Dubai sees 'green shoots' of revival in tourism industry

DUBAI

DUBAI is seeing "green shoots" of revival in its tourism and hospitality industry after the emirate opened its doors to international visitors last month, the government said on Monday.

Major players in the industry are seeing a surge of interest from international tourists after the Middle East travel hub allowed holiday-makers to resume flying into the city on July 7, the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DTCM) said.

"We have been greatly encouraged by the market's response in the current second phase of our recovery strategy, which was activated along with the gradual resumption of economic sectors, as well as the staggered and tentative restart of travel across the world," Helal Saeed Almarri, director general of Dubai Tourism, said. The emirate allowed the return of international visitors more than three months after the UAE's airspace was closed as a precautionary measure to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Dubai, the Middle East's tourism and financial hub, attracted 16.73 million travellers last year to its beaches, luxury hotels and shopping malls. Tourism is a major source of revenue for the emirates, contributing 11.5 per cent to its gross domestic product.

Dubai-based hospitality chain Jumeirah hotels said its online bookings doubled in the week after the re-opening to tourists compared to the previous week. Its properties registered an

average daily increase of 109 per cent in booked room nights. "We have received considerable interest from international markets, particularly Europe and Russia," Jose Silva, chief executive of Jumeirah, said.

Dubai-based Emirates plans to serve 70 destinations worldwide in August, while Flydubai is set to expand its network to 66 destinations over the summer. "People are much more optimistic and well informed now and are ready to go on holidays to destinations that are safe and have put in place strong health and safety protocols," Mr Almarri said.

On July 7, Dubai allowed international holiday-makers to resume air travel. The emirate is currently among the top five destinations for internet searches or tourist considerations, according to Dubai Tourism.

The city has also seen a revival in domestic tourism demand since May, with hotels offering staycation deals, the statement said. "The domestic market has proven extremely important and we are seeing increased demand at Jumeirah properties, particularly over the weekends," Mr Silva said.

With numbers in the initial reopening phase showing promise, Dubai aims to maximise opportunities once the tourism sector is fully reopened. "We expect to see significant progress and are looking forward to galvanising growth as confidence builds further in the months ahead," Issam Kazim, head of DTCM, said.



# ISIDÍNGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM



**ITV PGM SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY 08 Aug**

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Art and lifestyle
- 21:30 ITV TOP 10
- 22:10 Hawavumii lakini wamo
- 22:45 Isidingo rpt
- 01:30 DWTW

**SUNDAY 09 Aug**

- 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
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: The heart attack
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: Najuta mie
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

**MONDAY 10 Aug**

- 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
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera News
- 12:30 Mtego rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Mjue Zaidi
- 13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:10 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Aibu yakoo rpt
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:45 Kesho leo
- 19:00 Afya ya Jamii
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari

**TUESDAY 11 Aug**

- 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
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Kipindi maalum:
- 13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Yu wapi
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:00 Jarida la wanawake
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Tanzania yetu
- 21:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 22:15 Telenovela: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

**WEDNESDAY 12 Aug**

- 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
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 13:45 Kipindi Maalum rpt:
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama rpt: The great queen Seonduk
- 19:00 Ijue Sheria
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
- 21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Watumishi housing
- 21:45 Ripoti Maalum
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera

**THURSDAY 13 Aug**

- 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
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Ijue Sheria
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- 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 DWTW

**FRIDAY 14 Aug**

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Usafiri wako rpt
- 11:00 The Base
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
- 13:00 Jagina rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibada ya kislamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Utalii
- 19:00 Shamba lulu
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Kipima Joto
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

**SATURDAY 15 Aug**

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu

**DWTW**

- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Art and lifestyle
- 21:30 ITV TOP 10
- 22:10 Hawavumii lakini wamo
- 22:45 Isidingo rpt
- 01:30 DWTW

**SUNDAY 16 Aug**

- 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
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Najuta mie
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: Before wedding
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

**MONDAY 17 Aug**

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu

**DWTW**

- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Art and lifestyle
- 21:30 ITV TOP 10
- 22:10 Hawavumii lakini wamo
- 22:45 Isidingo rpt
- 01:30 DWTW

**CAPITAL**

**Sat 08 Aug**

- 08:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Business edition rpt
- 13:30 Eco@Africa rpt
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:45 Bundesliga kick off
- 18:15 Capchat rpt
- 19:15 Mizengwe
- 19:30 The Decor
- 20:00 Korean Drama: Beating Again
- 21:00 Out n' About
- 21:30 Movie: A lobster tale
- 23:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 01:00 Al Jazeera

**Sun 09 Aug**

- 08:00 Aljazeera
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
- 13:30 In good shape rpt
- 13:30 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 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: Beating again
- 21:00 Shift
- 21:15 Capchat live
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

**Mon 10Aug**

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 13:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 The Décor rpt
- 19:30 Shamba lulu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice

**DWTW**

- 20:45 The Monday Agenda
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Kipima Joto
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

**Tues 11 Aug**

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Innovation
- 19:30 Jagina rpt
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime
- 22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt
- 22:30 Eco@Africa
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

**Wed 12 Aug**

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:00 Innovation rpt
- 17:30 Meza Huru
- 19:00 Sports Gazette
- 19:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:45 The Décor
- 23:15 Al Jazeera

**Thurs 13 Aug**

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:00 In good shape
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the spotlight
- 19:30 Tanzania yetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Capchat rpt
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

**Frid 14 Aug**

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Rev
- 19:30 Eco@Africa
- 20:00 Aibu Yako
- 20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

**Sat 15 Aug**

- 08:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny



## WORLD

## Russia is first country to approve a COVID-19 vaccine, says Putin

MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that Russia had become the first country in the world to grant regulatory approval to a COVID-19 vaccine after less than two months of human testing, a move hailed by Moscow as evidence of its scientific prowess.

"As far as I know, this morning the first vaccine against the novel coronavirus infection in the world was registered this morning," Putin said Tuesday at a televised government meeting.

The development paves the way for the mass inoculation of the Russian population, even as the final stage of clinical trials to test safety and efficacy continue.

Putin said the vaccine, developed

by Moscow's Gamaleya Institute, was safe and that it had even been administered to one of his daughters.

"I know that it works quite effectively, forms strong immunity, and I repeat, it has passed all the needed checks," said Putin. He said he hoped the country would soon start mass producing the vaccine.

A spokesman for the World Health Organization (WHO) said the organization and Russian health authorities were discussing the process for possible WHO prequalification for its newly approved vaccine.

Regulators around the world have insisted that the rush to develop COVID-19 vaccines will not compromise safety.

Russian health workers treating COVID-19 patients will be offered the



President Vladimir Putin

chance of volunteering to be vaccinated soon after the vaccine's approval, a source told Reuters last month.

Putin's announcement came as Russia registered 4,945 new cases on Tuesday, pushing its infection tally to 897,599, the fourth highest in the world.

The official death toll rose to 15,131 after authorities said in their daily coronavirus report that 130 people had died in the previous 24 hours.

## Iran nuclear deal at risk as UN prepares for arms embargo vote

NEW YORK

THE UN Security Council is paring to vote this week on a US proposal to extend an arms embargo on Iran, a move that some diplomats say is bound to fail and put the fate of a nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers further at risk.

A last-minute attempt by Britain, France and Germany to broker a compromise with Russia and China on an arms embargo extension appeared unsuccessful so far, diplomats said.

A Chinese diplomat at the United Nations, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that "extending the arms embargo on Iran in whatever form lacks legal basis and will undermine efforts to preserve"

the nuclear deal, adding that there is "no chance" the US text will be adopted.

The embargo is due to expire in October under a 2015 deal among Iran, Russia, China, Germany, Britain, France and the United States that prevents Tehran from developing nuclear weapons in return for sanctions relief.

Even though US President Donald Trump's administration quit the accord in 2018 - with Trump dubbing it "the worst deal ever" - Washington has threatened to use a provision in the agreement to trigger a return of all UN sanctions on Iran if the Security Council does not extend the arms embargo indefinitely.

Renewed sanctions - a move known as snapback - would likely

kill the nuclear deal because Iran would lose a major incentive for limiting its nuclear activities. Iran has already breached parts of the nuclear deal in response to the US withdrawal from the pact and Washington's imposing strong unilateral sanctions.

"This US administration's goal is to terminate the Iran nuclear deal," said a European diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

US Special Representative for Iran Brian Hook alluded to the United States wanting to reimpose all UN sanctions when he said last week, "We need to restore the UN Security Council standard of no enrichment."

A snapback of UN sanctions would require Iran to suspend all enrichment-related and reprocess-

ing activities, including research and development, and ban imports of anything that could contribute to those activities or to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems.

It would reimpose the arms embargo, ban Iran from developing ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons and reimpose targeted sanctions on dozens of individuals and entities. States would also be urged to inspect shipments to and from Iran and authorized to seize any banned cargo.

## 'ZERO CHANCE'

Richard Gowan, UN director for conflict prevention advocacy body the International Crisis Group, said there was "zero chance" the US attempt to extend the arms embargo

would be adopted and that it was "a ploy to get to snapback."

The council is operating virtually so once a vote is called the 15 members would have 24 hours to submit their decision and the result would be announced at a public meeting, but diplomats say there is little support for the current US text.

The draft resolution needs at least nine votes in favor to force Russia and China to use their vetoes, but some diplomats question whether Washington can even secure those nine votes.

"Everyone at the UN understands that this resolution is just the curtain-raiser for a much bigger fight over the Iranian nuclear deal," said Gowan.

Xinhua

## EU calls for dialogue as tensions escalate between Greece, Turkey

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THE European Union said yesterday recent developments in the eastern Mediterranean are "extremely worrying" and warned of escalating tensions between Turkey and Greece, who are at odds over overlapping claims for hydrocarbon resources in the region.

"The latest developments are extremely worrying," European Commission foreign affairs spokesman Peter Stano told a regular news conference.

"What is needed to be done is to engage in solving all the open issues in line with principles of good neighbourly relations, international law and positive engagement," he said.

Turkey will issue gas exploration and drilling licences in the eastern Mediterranean this month, its foreign minister said on Tuesday, further raising tensions with Greece, which said it would seek an emergency EU meeting to address the issue.

On Monday, Turkey sent an ex-

ploration vessel into a disputed area, ending a brief period of calm brokered by Germany. Ankara said a maritime deal Greece signed with Egypt last week showed it could not trust Athens, and vowed to continue surveying waters that are also claimed by Greece and Cyprus.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Ankara would issue new seismic exploration and drilling licenses by the end of August. "Our determination is unflinching here," he told reporters. "We will not compromise in any way from this."

Backing up Cavusoglu's unyielding tone, Turkey's communications director Fahrettin Altun tweeted video footage of Turkish fighter jets, warships and exploration vessels deployed at sea.

"Every drop of our blue homeland is sacred," Altun tweeted, referring to a doctrine championed by recent Turkish naval commanders calling for Ankara to adopt a more muscular approach in its coastal waters.

Turkey says it has the longest



View of Turkish General Directorate of Mineral research and Exploration's Oruc Reis seismic research vessel docked at Haydarpaşa port. (File photo)

coastline in the eastern Mediterranean but that it is penned in to a narrow strip of coastal water by the presence of numerous small Greek islands close to its shore. Greece and other regional states cite a United Nations accord to support their maritime demarcations.

## Athens seeks emergency EU meeting

Greece will request an emer-

gency meeting of the European Union foreign affairs council, the prime minister's office said, while Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias urged Turkey to "immediately leave the Greek continental shelf". Athens would defend its rights, he said.

In a video call with military commanders, Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar said Turkey had completed preparations to protect

Turkish interests.

The European Union, which has imposed an entry ban and asset freeze on two Turkish energy executives over previous Turkish exploration in disputed waters, called for dialogue. "The latest developments are extremely worrying," European Commission foreign affairs spokesman Peter Stano said.

The United States also appealed for a resumption of direct talks between Turkey and Greece, which Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said had been under way for two months until they were broken off last week.

The contacts had led to "an understanding" between them, which was then scuppered by Thursday's announcement of the Greek-Egyptian deal, he said.

"The moment the accord with Egypt was announced, we received very clear orders from our president. 'Stop the talks,'" Kalin told broadcaster CNN Turk at the weekend.

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## China's top legislature adopts decision for 6th HKSAR LegCo to continue performing duties

BEIJING

CHINESE lawmakers yesterday voted to adopt a decision for the sixth Legislative Council (LegCo) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to continue performing duties.

The decision was passed at the 21st session of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

After Sept. 30, 2020, the sixth LegCo will continue performing duties for no less than a year until the term of the seventh LegCo starts. The term of the seventh LegCo will still be four years when it is formed in accordance with the law, according to the decision.

On Saturday morning, lawmakers heard explanations to a bill submitted by the State Council asking the NPC Standing Committee to make a decision for the sixth LegCo to continue operation.

On Saturday afternoon, members of the NPC Standing Committee held group discussions to deliberate the draft decision.

Lawmakers agreed that as the local legislature of the HKSAR and an important component of the political structure of the HKSAR, the LegCo exercises important powers and functions in accordance with the law, including enacting, amending and repealing laws, examining and approving budgets, and approving taxation and public expenditure.

The HKSAR Chief Executive in Council has decided to postpone the election of the seventh LegCo, which was originally scheduled for Sept. 6, 2020, for one year, in response to the severe COVID-19 epidemic situation in Hong Kong.

In order to uphold the constitutional and law-based order in the HKSAR, ensure the normal governance of the HKSAR government and the good running of the society, it is necessary and appropriate for the NPC Standing Committee to make the decision on the sixth LegCo's continued performance of duties and on other related matters, lawmakers said, adding that the decision is in line with the provisions and principles provided by the Constitution and the HKSAR Basic Law.

Xinhua

## Zimbabwe celebrates 40th Heroes' Day anniversary

HARARE

ZIMBABWEANS celebrated the 40th anniversary of Heroes' Day on Monday amid the COVID-19 pandemic that is ravaging the nation.

Held without the usual festivities and funfare due to the current lockdown in place, President Emmerson Mnangagwa said the occasion occupies a special place in the history and development of the country as the nation takes time to pay tribute to fallen heroes and heroines who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of the country from British colonial rule.

In a televised speech to mark the day, Mnangagwa bemoaned that this year's celebrations were taking place against a renewed onslaught on the country by its perennial detractors in and outside the country.

"Let us however, not lose heart or be discouraged but look back to our rich history and draw lessons from our departed, who since the 1980s, united and showed resilience in their gallant fight against oppressive forces," Mnangagwa said.

He urged the nation to remain united, continue to foster peace and defend its natural resources for the development of the nation. "The divisive falsehoods and concoctions by renegades and supremacists who want to pounce on our natural resources will never win the day," Mnangagwa vowed.

He said his government will honor some of the country's distinguished liberation war fighters from both the First and Second Wars of independence, among them former President Robert Mugabe and former vice presidents Joshua Nkomo and Simon Muzenda.

Construction of a statue of the 1890s female liberation war icon, Mbuya Nehanda, in Harare's central business district had already started, as government moves to immortalize the supreme sacrifice paid by the gallant fighters. "Other heroes and heroines from the early wars of resilience will also be honored in a similar manner. We must as a people appropriate our liberation war heritage and shape the narratives by telling our own journey to freedom and independence," Mnangagwa said.

He said the list of the country's monuments is being reviewed to include liberation war shrines while liberation war shrines in neighboring Mozambique and Zambia will continue to be rehabilitated.

Mnangagwa said his government was accelerating national development, although this was being affected by the effects of climate change and Western sanctions. Maximum land and mining rights utilization will be enforced, as government consolidates the gains of the liberation struggle, Mnangagwa said.

Xinhua

## To carry forward Beidou spirit in new era

A COMPLETION and commissioning ceremony for China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS-3) was held in Beijing on July 31. Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee attended the ceremony and officially announced the commissioning of the system.

It marked the completion of China's independent, open and compatible global navigation satellite system, and the BDS-3 has entered a new stage of global services to benefit all human beings.

Global navigation satellite system is a vital spatial infrastructure that concerns both national strategies and people's livelihood. To build an independent global navigation satellite system is an important major strate-

gic decision made by the CPC Central Committee, the State Council and the Central Military Commission. General Secretary Xi has attached high importance on the construction of the system and made important instructions.

The completion and operation of the BDS-3 mark a significant milestone in China's efforts to boost science and technology and advance the country as a major power in space.

The system is a major contribution to the global public-service infrastructure as well as a remarkable strategic achievement of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Carrying generations of efforts of Chinese aerospace experts, and the persevering spirit of the Chinese nation,

it has a profound and far-reaching significance for promoting the building of a modern socialist China and a community with a shared future for mankind.

The system is developed by a massive science force that has overcome tremendous difficulties and made painstaking contributions, and will serve the innumerable people and benefit generation after generation.

Since getting official approval in 1994, generations of aerospace scientists have made unremitting efforts to complete their mission of making China stronger through aerospace and scientific technology, with a sense of responsibility to put national interests, the cause of the CPC and loyalty

to Chinese people above everything. They have overcome unimaginable difficulties, making a new exploration in an unfamiliar area and starting from scratch to develop high-end technology. They illuminated the BDS-3 with their conviction, and made the constellation shine in the universe and serve both China and the rest of the world.

From the three-step strategy to adopting a technological development path different from other countries, and to launching a total of 30 satellites with 18 rockets, the BDS-3 demonstrates the ambition of the Chinese nation to develop independently and manifests the political advantages of the country's socialist system to

concentrate resources to accomplish large undertakings.

Beidou is so far China's largest complicated space-based system that covers the widest area, features the best services, and has the closest relation with people's daily lives. More than 300,000 scientists, engineers and technicians from over 400 domestic institutes, universities and enterprises have been involved in Beidou's development and construction. They have always been carrying forward the Beidou spirit of the "independent innovations, unity and collaboration, overcoming difficulties, and the pursuit of excellence." It is another spiritual milestone on the journey of the Chinese aerospace scientists to make Chi-

na a scientific power, a legacy of the manned spaceflight spirit. The BDS-3 is also a valuable spiritual treasure that features distinctive characteristics of the times, spurring Chinese scientific workers to keep making efforts and building a magnificent power for the Chinese people to realize the Chinese dream.

General secretary Xi pointed out that China is willing to share the achievements of the BeiDou system with other countries, and promote the development of global satellite navigation systems. The BDS-3 is now providing services for over a hundred million users in Belt and Road countries and regions, and its products have been exported to more than 120 countries and regions.

People's Daily





Readers read at a bookstore in Xinhui, Jiangmen, Guangdong Province, during the "Reading Half Hour" activity held by the Shenzhen Library.

## Online reading, an innovative way to enjoy the charm of books

A "Reading Half Hour" activity was held by Shenzhen Library in South China's Guangdong Province on the World Book and Copyright Day which falls on April 23 each year. Applying augmented reality (AR) technology, the activity encouraged people from Guangdong, Hubei and the Macao Special Administrative Region to read together and livestreamed the process on internet platforms.

Thanks to the continuous advancement of digital technologies in the recent years, cultural resources are better protected and exploited. Digital technologies have brought whole new exhibition forms and user experience, which enables people to enjoy the charm of culture without stepping out of their houses.

The "Reading Half Hour" activity has an AR venue and four sub-venues in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Wuhan and Macao. It was joined by nearly 150 libraries and 430 other sites, including schools, enterprises, residential communities, hospitals, industrial parks, cafeterias and families in Guangdong, Hubei and Macao.

The event aimed to encourage citizens to open the books and enjoy the pleasure of reading, said Huang Jing, an employee with the Shenzhen Library.

Apart from the "Reading Half Hour" activity, the Shenzhen Library also es-

tablished a cloud library to better help citizens read books where they can acquire massive digital resources online. A reader card is all they need to move almost the entire library into their phones. The readers of the library do not have to turn pages of heavy and thick books to finish thesis, as information is acquired easily after a few clicks on their screens.

To offer comfortable experiences of digital reading, the Shenzhen Library also launched a digital reading room - a mini program on social platform WeChat. Having no more need of waiting in a long line for the library to open in the morning, readers are now more enthusiastic about reading. The mini program was visited by 36,000 people in the first week since it was launched, and its resources were visited over 340,000 times.

"To read at home is not only the last choice made due to the COVID-19 epidemic, but also a possible new model of reading in the future," said Xiao Yongshan, director of the general office of the Shenzhen Library.

Due to epidemic prevention and control, the library suspended operation for two months, but its resources were visited 250,000 person-times, up 21 percent from a year ago. A total of 2,400 gigabits of resources were downloaded, up 58 percent year-on-year.

*People's Daily*

## Xi signs order to award 4 for contribution in COVID-19 fight

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday signed a presidential order to award four people the national medal and honorary title for their outstanding contribution in fighting the COVID-19 epidemic.

Xi's presidential order came after the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress voted at the 21st session to adopt a decision to confer the national medal and honorary title on the four renowned specialists.

The Medal of the Republic was conferred on renowned respiratory disease expert Zhong Nanshan.

The national honorary title, "the People's Hero," was conferred on Zhang Boli, a traditional Chinese medicine expert who presided over the research of the COVID-19 treatment scheme combining traditional Chinese medicine and Western medicine, Zhang Dingyu, head of Wuhan's designated coronavirus-treating Jinyintan Hospital, and Chen Wei, a military medical scientist who made major achievements in COVID-19-related basic research and development of vaccine and protective medicine.

In the fight against the COVID-19 epidemic, many exemplary individuals have emerged. The decision was made to commend people who have made outstanding contribution in the fight, and carry forward their loyalty and dedication and other noble qualities.

Presenting to these people the nation's top honor aims to fully demonstrate the Chinese people's spirit of uniting as one and their extraordinary courage, and to pull people together for the great cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics and achieving the first centenary goal.

*Xinhua*

## Released Russian journalists leave Minsk to be escorted by diplomats to Russian border

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN journalists Semyon Pegov, Anton Starkov, Dmitry Lasenko and Vladislav Zizdok, who were released after detention in Belarus, have left capital city Minsk and will be escorted by Russian diplomats to the Russian border, Daily Storm Editor-in-Chief Alena Sivkova told TASS yesterday.

"They have left Minsk. As far as I understand, they will be escorted by our diplomats," she said. "I exchanged messages with Anton and spoke with Dmitry. They feel all right, if I may say so, missing home and families."

According to Sivkova, they are expected to arrive in Moscow by the end of the day.

On Sunday, Belarus held its sixth presidential election since declaring independence in 1991. Mass protests and clashes with police took place in Minsk and other Belarusian cities on Sunday night into Monday morning after exit poll results were made public.

On the same day, Vasily Polonsky and Vladimir Romensky, reporters of the Russian television channel Dozhd, and their cameraman Nikolai Antipov were detained in Minsk when cover-

ing the Belarusian election.

According to Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova, they had no accreditation. Meanwhile, Dozhd Editor-in-Chief Tikhon Dzyadko told TASS that documents for accreditation had been submitted back on June 15. The journalists were deported from Belarus overnight to Monday.

It was reported on Monday that Daily Storm and Meduza journalists and defense correspondent Semyon Pegov had been detained on Sunday when the police were dispersing protests in Minsk.

*Agencies*

## Stronger coordination needed as COVID-19 pandemic tops 20m cases

BEIJING

GLOBAL COVID-19 cases reached 20 million on Monday, with more than 730,000 deaths worldwide, according to the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University.

The global case count reached 20,001,019, with a total of 733,897 deaths worldwide as of 2335 GMT, the CSSE data showed.

The bleak number of global infections has doubled in less than two months as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage across the world.

With 5,085,821 cases and 163,370 fatalities, the United States has suffered the most from the pandemic, accounting for a quarter of the global caseload. Brazil recorded 3,057,470 cases and 101,752 deaths, second only to the United States. India confirmed more than 2.2 million cases.

Some countries in Asia and Europe have seen a second wave of infections arrive, while Africa and Latin America are also trying to slow down the spread of the virus.

Facing the grim milestone, as World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus recently urged, world leaders need to "choose the path of cooperation and act now to end this pandemic."

"It's not just the smart choice, it's the right choice and it's the only choice we have," the WHO chief said.

MOMENTUM GROWS

One day before the global milestone, U.S. coronavirus case count crossed the 5-million mark on Sunday, double the number since the end of June, though it boasts the greatest economic strength and one of the most advanced medical systems in the world.

With more than 163,000 COVID-19 deaths, the novel coronavirus has now become the leading cause of death in the United States, killing more people per day than cancer or heart disease, according to a graph published in Newsweek in April. The disease has killed more Americans than the Korean War, Vietnam War, War in Afghanistan and Iraq War combined.

The United States is in a new phase in its fight against the pandemic, Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus task force coordinator, told CNN earlier this month.

"What we are seeing today is different from March and April. It is extraordinarily widespread. It's into the rural as equal urban areas," she said.

Meanwhile, the pandemic is also grave in other regions around the world. Brazil, the second hardest-hit in the world, has registered more than 3 million confirmed cases and 100,000



Medical workers conduct COVID-19 tests for taxi drivers in Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 26, 2020. (Xinhua)

deaths on Saturday.

Ricardo Kuchenbecker, a professor of epidemiology at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, said the pandemic in Brazil remains worrying.

"Although there is a decrease in cases and deaths in the north and northeast, they are still occurring at a very high level," the epidemiologist said.

India now is the third country in the world to cross the 2-million mark. At the rate India is growing right now, it seems poised to overtake Brazil in about a month, said a report published in English daily "The Indian Express."

In Africa, COVID-19 cases increased to pass the 1-million mark on Friday, as South Africa alone accounts for around half of the continent's total cases.

Countries with more than 400,000 cases also include Russia, South Africa, Mexico and Peru. Other countries with over 30,000 deaths are Mexico, Britain, India, Italy and France, according to the CSSE.

As lockdown and anti-pandemic restrictions were eased to promote economic and social activity, countries like Germany and France in Europe, Japan and the Philippines in Asia and Iran in the Middle East have seen an uptick in coronavirus infections over the past few weeks.

MULTIPLE CHALLENGES

In the arduous fight against the virus, a prominent challenge is to ensure the implementation of recommended health and social measures.

In the United States, top infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci urged the public to adhere to the five principles of universal mask wearing, avoiding crowds, physical distancing of at least six feet (about 1.83 meters), typical hand hygiene and avoiding bars or closing them where possible.

John Nkengasong, director of the Africa Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (Africa CDC), also said Friday in a statement that "as the pandemic continues to gain momentum in Africa, we must increase compliance to the public health and social measures so we can protect ourselves and protect our economy."

The Africa CDC together with the WHO and more than 40 other global, regional and national organizations and institutions have initiated the Pandemic Action Network, which launched the World Mask Week that envisaged increasing the use of face coverings in public in Africa and beyond.

In many African countries, prevention and control measures in health facilities are not fully implemented, according to a WHO report published on July 23. Many health centers were found to lack the infrastructure necessary to implement key infection prevention measures or to prevent overcrowding.

Another challenge posed by COVID-19 is the pandemic-induced economic recession. The pandemic has made the United States suffer its worst economic decline on record, as the nation's gross domestic product plunged by 32.9 percent in the second quarter, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

In Europe, according to the European Central Bank's projection, economic activity in the eurozone is unlikely to return to the pre-COVID-19 level by the end of 2022, indicating a quite protracted process of recovery.

As countries are seeking to ease restrictions to reboot economy, the process is also full of different challenges. Among them, with the new school year approaching, the temperature of debate over re-opening schools has risen. With the virus still spreading, Washington continued to push schools to re-open in the fall. Analysts say school reopening is seen as a crucial step to re-starting the country's economy for the current administration's reelection campaign. *Xinhua*

## Africa cranks up efforts against disease

NAIROBI

CONFRONTED by a rapid increase in coronavirus cases, governments across Africa are stepping up efforts to curb the pandemic even as they gradually reopen national economies.

Many governments, in partnership with international organizations like the World Health Organization, are scaling up training for healthcare workers to build capacity as well as buying equipment to strengthen testing capabilities.

Africa has recorded more than 1 million coronavirus cases, with some of the harder-hit countries being flagged as travel risks by some governments outside the continent.

For many African countries, the government response has been to bolster engagement with communities and improve public health awareness.

Kenya, with a rising caseload, is equipping its counties' health facilities with more resources in case it has to deal with a full-blown coronavirus outbreak. The government's actions follow an easing in movement restrictions that has seen reopening of transport links across counties and the resumption of domestic and international flights.

Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe and other officials have been touring counties across the country to assess their preparedness to handle a major outbreak.

Isolation centers

County governments have set up isolation centers in health facilities, introduced virus awareness programs and guidelines for managing outbreaks. With this comes enhanced surveillance, screening and contact tracing, Kagwe said.

Kenya is seeing a daily average of more than 600 infections. The United States government on Sunday issued an alert warning against travel to the East African country.

As with Kenya, the authorities in Nigeria are also looking at how they can get public health facilities operating at their best.

"We remain committed toward strengthening subnational health security as well as the capacity to manage disease outbreaks," the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control said in a statement on Sunday.

In Uganda, the government has been distributing masks across the country in an effort to curb spread of the virus, which has infected over 1,200 people. The door-to-door exercise is being coordinated by leaders of communities.

The country's ministry of health, in partnership with the WHO, is training 1,180 health workers across Uganda's 54 districts on infection prevention. According to the WHO Regional Office for Africa, the trained medical workers will go on to mentor and train other staff within their network.

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, with the African Risk Capacity group, have launched two coronavirus modeling tools: the COVID-19 Potential Outcomes Scenarios and the COVID-19 Spread Simulation Tool for Africa.

The models will help countries evaluate the potential magnitude of coronavirus outbreaks and aid in governments' responses.

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## Trump's repeated vows for quick DPRK deal may be far-fetched, say experts

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump in recent weeks has claimed more than once that if he's re-elected, he would cut a deal with Pyongyang "very quickly." But U.S. experts on Asia and the Korea Peninsula said such statements are far-fetched.

"If and when we win," Trump said at a press conference Friday in the U.S. state of New Jersey, he would make deals with both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Iran.

But U.S. experts said any such a deal is highly unlikely and is mainly aimed at November's elections.

"Trump is nowhere near a

deal" with the DPRK, Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Michael O'Hanlon told Xinhua.

"I think Trump was indulging in magical thinking, hoping that invocation of his toughness against Pyongyang, followed by summitry and no conflict, will convince voters he did a good job," said Douglas Paal, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"The facts are completely otherwise," Paal told Xinhua.

Experts said the DPRK is carefully watching the U.S. electoral process. With Trump falling behind in the polls, Pyongyang is reluctant to come to the table.

Troy Stangarone, senior director at the Washington-based non-profit Korea Economic Institute, told Xinhua: "(The DPRK) understands U.S. electoral politics well and is unlikely to want to negotiate with the Trump administration with the president trailing in the polls," noting that Trump is falling behind against rival Joe Biden.

There have been no working-level talks since the breakdown in Stockholm, and the failure of the summit in Hanoi demonstrates why working-level talks are necessary if there is to be an agreement reached with the DPRK, Stangarone said, referring to previous



negotiations.

Former CIA analyst and current RAND Corporation policy analyst Soo Kim told Xinhua: "The objective here appears to be less about

addressing the U.S. and regional concerns about a growing (DPRK) nuclear capability and more about securing a deal for demonstrative purposes."

Indeed, Friday was not the first time Trump vowed to cut a quick deal with Pyongyang, despite what seems a lack of interest among DPRK leadership.

In a statement published last month by the DPRK's official Korean Central News Agency, Kim Yo Jong, first vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the younger sister of the DPRK's top leader Kim Jong Un, said that another summit with Trump was

"useless" as it would only benefit Trump politically and "we have nothing to gain."

However, she added that it "does not necessarily mean the denuclearization is not possible. But what we mean is that it is not possible at this point of time."

That followed U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's statement last month that the United States is "very hopeful" about resuming talks with the DPRK.

Trump and the DPRK's top leader have engaged in person three times since 2018. But talks have stalled since their second summit, which took place in February 2019.

Some experts believe the DPRK is waiting until the U.S. elections have concluded, as U.S. policy toward Pyongyang could change if contender Joe Biden is elected president in November.

Jenna Gibson, an expert on the Korean Peninsula at the University of Chicago, told Xinhua that the DPRK is "always ready to come back to the table, for the right deal."

"They have all the time in the world, and I'm sure they would be perfectly happy to meet with Trump again at any point if he offers up a big enough incentive," Gibson added.

*Xinhua*





CRDB Bank staff, Joyce Loth (L), hands over sports equipment to Ibrahim Kingamila, who is expected to feature in the bank's charity half marathon, to be held in Dar es Salaam on August 18. The race gears towards raising funds for children who are suffering heart disease. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANJE JUMA

## All Night Long: Lionel Richie recalls closing 1984 Olympics

By TIM DAHLBERG

WITH the Tokyo Olympics postponed for a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, The Associated Press is looking back at the history of Summer Games. Lionel Richie, then just starting his solo career, spoke to the AP recently about his performance at the closing ceremony of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Lionel Richie was just beginning his career away from the Commodores when he got word he was wanted for what would be the biggest solo gig of his life.

The Los Angeles Olympics were just a few months away and closing ceremony producer David L. Wolper had a problem. He wanted to put on an all-star singing finale to close out the games, but the stars weren't cooperating.

Michael Jackson was out because he was a Pepsi spokesman and this was a Coca Cola Olympics. Frank Sinatra wasn't available, and neither were other artists whose managers didn't want them appearing in an ensemble act. So it was left to Richie to bring the curtain down on the first Olympics in the United States in 52 years.

"Next thing I know I'm on a football field out in the (San Fernando) valley somewhere rehearsing with all these people diving and dancing all over," Richie recalled in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I was just getting my feet wet after the Commodores. I think I had done a couple Vegas shows just to warm up, but nothing like this."

The audience would be vast, so the song had to be good. Some 92,000 people had tickets to the LA Coliseum that night, and an estimated 2.6 billion more would tune into the closing ceremony on television.

Richie's new solo album had several hits, but he knew there was only one song to end the celebration that was the successful Los Angeles games.

He would do "All Night Long." And he did it almost all night long, singing for 9 minutes as athletes danced on the field and people rocked in their seats. "I basically just re-enacted the entire All Night Long video and brought it to life on stage," Richie said. "For the first time in my life they were saying don't worry about the budget and just do the song. It was a brilliant moment."

Before Richie took the stage there had already been a spaceship dubbed "The Aluminum

Taco" by producers that hovered over the Coliseum, depositing a 10-foot-tall alien who got out and hung around the Olympic flame. The E.T. movie had just come out two years earlier, and aliens were still a theme.

Break dancers were big at the time, too, which is how Richie found himself surrounded by several hundred of them as he paraded around the stage inside the Coliseum. Among the break dancers was a 16-year-old named Cuba Gooding Jr., who would go on to big things of his own in Hollywood in later years.

"He turned to me and said, Mr. Richie I want to make sure this works, we'll make you look good," Richie recalled. "I said, kid, your mom and dad aren't going to be looking at me they'll be looking at you. Go out and have the best time of your life because they'll remember this for a lifetime. Years later he came up to me and said do you remember me backstage?"

Richie hit the stage in white pants and a sparkling open blue glitter blazer. As he began singing some of the break dancers began crashing around him because the stage was slick with evening dew.

As the words came out, the dancing in the stadium began. Athletes from around the world partied like it was 1984, and kept partying until they were finally told to leave the stadium.

"Well, my friends, the time has come," Richie sang in the song's Calypso style, "to raise the roof and have some fun."

Richie was already a star on the verge of breaking out. Now he was a global superstar, something he found out quickly enough the next day. "I was sitting in traffic and a guy four cars up was crossing the street and saw me and yelled 'Lionel Richie, All Night Long, All Night Long.' All the people started honking their horns and a Japanese family on the way to visit Disneyland started screaming," he said. "I realized, holy crap, I'm no longer the invisible man." It was an iconic Olympic moment that elevated closing ceremonies which were mostly an afterthought at previous Olympics to a new status.

And it was a signature moment for Richie, whose career is still in high gear at the age of 71. Richie is a judge on "American Idol" and would have been touring Europe this summer had the pandemic not interfered.

"That was it as far as a performing highlight," he said. "You can't get any bigger than the whole world watching."

AP



In this Aug. 12, 1984, file photo, American singer Lionel Richie performs during the closing ceremony of the Summer Olympics Games in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

# Waluguru Original Band thrills fans in album launch

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MOROGORO'S Waluguru Original Band last weekend launched its new album, titled 'Kikao cha Wahenga' in the region, with scores of music fans turning up for the launch.

The thrilling event took place at Terminal Pub, with Waluguru Original Band being accompanied by prominent artiste, Ally Choki, and The Bambazi Band led by veteran artiste Mulemule 'FBI', both based in Dar es Salaam.

The Terminal Pub had already been filled with lots of music lovers at 8.30pm when the latter were treated to blues music, prior to Waluguru Original Band musicians taking the stage to perform their songs at 11pm.

The troupe performed several songs, which are all in the new album, namely 'Morogoro Yetu', 'Mwanzo wa Mapenzi', 'Cha Kupewa', 'Ngalile Mwanangu Ndole', 'Supu' and 'Nataka Nilewe'.

Music fans could hardly leave the stage at the time the troupe was performing the songs.

Choki later took the stage and put his skills to show for 20 minutes, sending the fans into frenzy with popular tracks, which won him fame during his time at African Stars Band 'Twanga Pepeta'.

The Bambazi Band artistes took the stage at 1pm to showcase their prowess, with prominent rappers, Toto Ze Bingwa and Khalidjo 'Kitokololo', impressing fans with the duo's skills.

The show also served as an opportunity for the Dar es Salaam-based troupe to introduce itself to



Music fans dance to a track performed by Waluguru Original Band at the troupe's new album launch, which took place in Morogoro last Friday. PHOTO: SABATO KASIKA

music enthusiasts.

Choki said the Waluguru Original Band has managed to find its way into Morogoro music followers' hearts.

The musician called on the troupe's artistes to value the strong bond that exists in the troupe, insisting the quality will help them reach great heights and effectively challenge the already well established troupes.

"Launching a troupe and winning fans is something the artistes should be proud

of. I therefore ask them, particularly the troupe's director Deogratius David, they should value the strong bond the artistes have, they will achieve a lot," he disclosed.

David noted he has set out to see to it that Morogoro regains the enthusiasm the region had in dance music in the past.

The musician was adamant the last weekend's event is merely a good start and he will never turn back, adding the launch is a good sign for the troupe.

"We had earlier launched our first album, titled 'Rosemary' in 2014, the album though did not have much success therefore we opted to regroup," he stated.

"This time around, we have come out much stronger with this new album that you have witnessed the manner in which we launched it," he disclosed.

# Kuzma's 3-pointer lifts Lakers to 124-121 win over Nuggets

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.

KYLE Kuzma hit a 3-pointer with 4 seconds left and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Denver Nuggets 124-121 Monday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

LeBron James threw an inbound pass to Anthony Davis, who flipped it to Kuzma on the right wing for the game-winner as the clock ran down.

The Lakers, outplayed down the stretch by Denver's bench, got 29 points and 12 assists from James, who hit two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. Anthony Davis had 27 points and Kuzma 25.

P.J. Dozier had a chance to put the Nuggets up by one with 4.4 seconds left but missed the second of two free throws. Kuzma rebounded and the Lakers called timeout to set up the winning play.

"I got an open look. It's a play we ran in practice a few times prior to the restart," Kuzma said. "Coach had faith in me, called my number and it paid off. It just shows that my teammates and my coaches, they trust in me, the trust they have in me, every time we ran that play in practice I've kind of hit that shot. Obviously the play 9 out of 10 times is going to LeBron, but they called my number. It's all about trust."

Dozier had been fouled by Kuzma while driving the lane after a miss by James.

James had given the Lakers a 121-119 lead by converting a 3-point play with 45.7 seconds to go. Monte Morris made one of two free throws for the Nuggets.

The Lakers had clinched the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference before their losing streak started. They are 3-4 in the bubble with one game to go.

"I think the biggest thing is for us to build habits, winning championship habits, especially since we locked up first place," Kuzma said. "There's a little bit of time you can chill and relax. We don't really have that margin for error. Like most teams, we have new parts and are trying to fit new guys in and I think the biggest thing, is try to build camaraderie with the new group."

Dozier scored 18 and Michael Porter Jr. had 15 for the Nuggets, who are currently the No. 3 seed in the West. "I couldn't be more proud of our group," Denver coach Michael Malone said. "They played extremely



Denver Nuggets' Bol Bol (10) hangs on the rim after a dunk during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers, Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (AP Photo)

hard against the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference. It was the fourth time we played them and every game has been a battle down to the wire. For us to sit out starters the whole fourth quarter and to have the guys on the bench out there giving them all they could handle, it was a heartbreaker. It's always tough, but just so proud. I could not ask for a greater effort, greater focus, energy, whatever you want to call it."

The Lakers took an 87-80 lead late in the third quarter after two buckets by Kuzma and two free throws by Davis. But the Nuggets went on an 8-1 run to finish the quarter in an 88-88 tie. Mason Plumlee made a jumper and Bol Bol and Morris each made a 3-pointer. Davis grabbed the rebound of Kuzma's miss for a slam dunk at the halftime buzzer that gave the Lakers a 64-59 halftime lead. Davis also made a similar play off miss by Kuzma in the last minute of the first quarter.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Butler returned to the Miami lineup and everything started clicking again for the Heat.

Butler returned from a foot injury and scored 19 points, Derrick Jones scored 18 off the Miami bench and the Heat kept T.J. Warren largely in check on the way to a 114-92 win over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night. Butler also had 11 rebounds, five assists and four steals.

"He was dictating the game," Heat coach

Erik Spoelstra said. "The ball was going through him. That's the definition of a go-to player."

Tyler Herro scored 17 while Duncan Robinson and Jae Crowder each added 14 for Miami, which snapped a two-game slide. The Heat took control for good in the third quarter, blowing open what was a tie game with a 35-17 run.

Goran Dragic scored 11 and Bam Adebayo added 10 for Miami.

Warren scored 12 for Indiana on 5 for 14 shooting in 29 minutes. He came into Monday averaging a bubble-leading 34.8 points per game on 61% shooting from the field, 56% from 3-point range, but never got rolling against Butler and the Heat.

"They came out as the aggressor and they made shots," Warren said of the Heat, after Miami improved to 3-0 against Indiana this season. "They're a well-coached team. They play hard."

Victor Oladipo scored 14 and Malcolm Brogdon added 12 for Indiana.

Miami moved a game ahead of Indiana in the race for the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference. The Heat (44-27) and Pacers (43-28) both have two games left, and sixth-place Philadelphia (42-28) ends its regular season with three games in four days starting Tuesday.

The Heat own the tiebreakers over both

Indiana and Philadelphia, so one more Miami victory would lock up a spot in the No. 4 vs. No. 5 series that will start early next week. The teams play again Friday in the seeding-game finale for both teams and could meet in the opening round of the playoffs that start next week - raising the possibility that Miami and Indiana could face off as many as nine times in a 10-game span.

It was the first meeting between the clubs since Jan. 8, a game in Indiana where Butler and Warren's individual matchup stole the show.

What happened that night, in seven seconds of court time, has been talked about for seven months since. Warren grabbed Butler's arm on a drive midway through the third quarter, and the reaction by each player resulted in double-technical. Butler fouled Warren on the next possession, Warren taunted him with some clapping after the call and got ejected.



### Why Juventus is trusting a novice coach

By Leander Schaerlaeckens, Yahoo Sports

GOING forward, the most powerful soccer team in Italy and one of the true aristocrats of the global game will be led by a man with nine days of managerial experience. A team that has won the ever-competitive Serie A an astounding nine seasons in a row has appointed a head coach who has yet to actually oversee a competitive game, for his appointment to his last team came over the summer.

On July 30, Andrea Pirlo was put in charge of the Juventus under-23 team, which plays in the third-tier Serie C. It had been less than a year since he had enrolled in Italy's fabled Coverciano coaching academy, where the doctrine of defending, organizing and nursing narrow leads is stamped on future managers.

On Saturday, the 41-year-old Pirlo, less than three years removed from his playing career, got promoted to first-team manager after Maurizio Sarri was fired for his failure to reach the Champions League quarter-finals, win the league by a wider margin or, apparently, to get along with the expensive veterans who were never going to suit his up-tempo system anyway.

So now it is Pirlo, who is known for the precision with which he delivered passes as a player, orchestrating his teams to a World Cup title, two Champions League crowns and six Serie A trophies – including four with Juve. Pirlo, who is known for having really nice hair and growing a hell of a beard, Pirlo, who looks so regal holding a glass of wine that it is as if wine was invented expressly for him to hold in a crystal glass, to make him look so good.

Pirlo, the pricey, immovable bust at New York City FC in the last few whippers of his storied career, long after he'd earned the nicknames of "the architect" and "the professor" and "maestro" and "Mozart." But for all the things Pirlo lacks, he also holds a key asset Sarri never had or acquired during his unhappy one-year stint with the club: Pirlo is steeped in the club culture. Pirlo was around for the first four years of

this unprecedented rampage of consecutive titles.

In 2011, he'd been discarded by rival AC Milan, which deemed him old and used up after a decade of transcendent service, only to mastermind a new dynasty and lead Juve to the Champions League final in his last season there.

Pirlo, while hardly a one-club man – he came up with Brescia, briefly joined Inter Milan and Reggina and finished up in Major League Soccer – is Juventus. He understands it. He grasps it intuitively. He has played with and against many of its stars. He will relate to them. That, these days, is a quality in prospective managers that appeals as much to clubs as an extensive resume does.

And in that sense, he fits in perfectly with a recent trend that has seen clubs rethink the benefits of handing control to a strong and established manager. Until recently, most major clubs would hire a manager whose vision for the team spoke to them and whose resume suggested he could deliver on it.

That meant that the look of a team changed dramatically from one manager to the next, and while such flux might bring trophies (or not), it was also an expensive and inconsistent way of doing business, necessitating a great deal of player turnover in the pivot from one system to the next.

Take a step back and the amount of control given to head coaches was often astounding, given that they are essentially middle-managers in a much larger structure. Leaving your manager in charge of personnel, policy, philosophy and budget all at once, as was the norm until quite recently, is akin to a chain of department stores allowing a single store manager to plot out strategy for the entire company.

But in the wake of Real Madrid's success with promoting Zinedine Zidane to manager – a position he was, in the traditional sense of the word, wholly unprepared for – and seeing a return of three Champions League and two La Liga titles in just under four seasons, the model has become enticing to others.

### Football Leaks 'whistleblower' under witness protection

LISBON

RUI Pinto, the Portuguese man believed to be the mastermind behind Football Leaks, has been freed from house arrest and is now in witness protection as he awaits trial for attempted extortion and other crimes, police said late on Monday.

Prosecutors have said Pinto, 31, created Football Leaks – a trove of 70 million documents exposing the dealings of European soccer clubs including transfer fees, contracts and information relating to players' agencies.

His lawyers have described him as a "whistleblower" who acted in the public interest.

Pinto was detained in Hungary in January last year on a European arrest warrant issued by Portuguese authorities. He was then extradited to his home country.

Portuguese prosecutors brought various charges against him, mostly related to allegations of unauthorised access to data, attempted extortion and violation of correspond-

ence. He had been in pre-trial detention in Lisbon since March 2019 before going under house arrest in April this year. He was released at the weekend.

Portugal's criminal investigation police agency (PJ) said in a statement Pinto was now in witness protection and that it "reserves the right and the duty to use all legal means at its disposal to discover the truth of the crimes it investigates".

According to Portuguese law, special protection measures can be applied to witnesses when there is danger for life, health, freedom or property.

Pinto's trial is set to start next month.

Earlier this year, Pinto also took responsibility for disclosing hundreds of thousands of files about alleged financial schemes used by billionaire Isabel dos Santos to build her vast business empire. She has repeatedly denied wrongdoing.

REUTERS

### Ronaldinho set for August 24 release - judicial sources

ASUNCION

BRAZIL great Ronaldinho could be freed on August 24 following five months detention in Paraguay over a forged passport, judicial sources told AFP on Monday.

The former Barcelona, AC Milan and Paris Saint-Germain star was detained alongside his brother Roberto de Assis Moreira on March 6, accused of entering Paraguay in possession of false passports.

They spent a month behind bars before paying a \$1.6 million bail and being released to house arrest at the plush Palmaroga Hotel in the historic centre of the Paraguayan capital Asuncion.

Judge Gustavo Amarilla has set a date of August 24 to hear the case against the brothers.

Prosecutors have submitted a pro-

posal to the judge that would see Ronaldinho, 40, pay a \$90,000 fine "to repair social damage" but be allowed to return home to Brazil where he would have to appear before a judge every three months for a year.

Ronaldinho denies having any knowledge the passports were fake.

His brother – who allegedly knew about the false passports – would have to pay a \$110,000 fine and appear before a judge every three months for two years.

Prosecutors also asked for a two-year suspended prison sentence for Roberto de Assis Moreira, who is also Ronaldinho's business manager.

The brothers arrived in Paraguay on March 4 without any issues, with Ronaldinho, 2005 Ballon d'Or winner, due to take part in event in support of disadvantaged children.

(Agencies)

# Relief for Atletico as negative tests give green light for Leipzig quarter-final

By Thomas ALLNUTT

ATLETICO Madrid breathed a sigh of relief on Monday after further coronavirus tests on their players and staff turned up negative, allowing the team to travel to Portugal on Tuesday for their Champions League quarter-final against Leipzig.

Tests at the weekend had revealed two coronavirus cases at the club, which Atletico confirmed on Monday to be players Angel Correa and Sime Vrsaljko.

Both players are asymptomatic and will remain isolated at home while the rest of the squad will return to training in the Spanish capital on Monday afternoon, before flying to Lisbon on Tuesday for Thursday's game against Leipzig.

"The first team and members of the coaching staff underwent new PCR tests yesterday, the result of which has been negative in all of them, after the appearance of two positive cases in the tests carried out on Saturday," Atletico announced on Monday.

"As a result, 21 first-team footballers plus academy players Alex Dos Santos, Manu Sanchez, Riquelme and Toni Moya will travel to the Portuguese capital tomorrow to gather for the Champions League quarter-final."

The club said the case of Vrsaljko "is considered resolved by the health authorities as he generated antibodies several months ago".

Atletico added that "tests were also performed on relatives living with the two positive cases, all of which were also negative."

The original plan was for Atletico to travel to Portugal on Monday night, with a session scheduled on Tuesday at Benfica's Seixal training ground.

The timetable has had to be adjusted but the team will stay in the same hotel in Lisbon, where all the Champions League's remaining games are taking place in a compressed format without fans.

UEFA had stated Atletico would have to have a minimum of 13 players available, including one goalkeeper, to fulfil the fixture, amid fears that more positive cases could emerge.

A planned training session on Monday morning had been called off, with all players and staff instructed to stay at home.

Regular testing - The "final eight" format begins with Atalanta against Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday, with the final scheduled for August 23.

UEFA protocol for the tournament states all clubs must undertake testing between 10 and 14 days before their first game in Portugal, as well as another round of tests before leaving their home country.



Atletico Madrid named Argentinian forward Angel Correa (L) as one of two players who had tested positive for coronavirus. (Agencies)

Final tests are then completed the day before kick-off, which will be replicated for all further fixtures in the competition.

Atletico were keen to reassure UEFA that they have followed a strict protocol since the La Liga season ended on July 19. Weekly tests were carried out by the club on July 26 and August 2.

More tests were then held at their training ground in Majadahonda on Saturday and after receiving the two positive results, Atletico alerted the Spanish and Portuguese health authorities, as well as UEFA, the Spanish football federation and the Spanish

government's Ministry for Sport.

Spain has been one of the countries worst affected by the coronavirus pandemic, with 310,000 registered infections and 28,500 deaths.

Although most sports have returned in some form, there are concerns that case numbers are beginning to rise again.

In recent days, Spain has seen local quarantines imposed in the Basque Country, Catalonia and Aragon while protective face masks have been made compulsory in several busy areas, especially in the Madrid region.

Last month, Atletico's city rivals Real Madrid announced forward Mariano Diaz had tested positive for COVID-19.

Sevilla's Nemanja Gudelj also tested positive but further tests on the rest of the squad and staff turned up negative before their Europa League win over Roma last week.

Madrid were knocked out of the Champions League by Manchester City on Friday. Sevilla will face English club Wolves in the quarter-finals in Germany on Tuesday.

AFP

## In Portugal, probes and attacks a routine for soccer clubs

By TALES AZZONI

PORTUGAL is taking center stage for soccer during the next two weeks - a country where rivalries between clubs go well beyond the field of play.

The decisive stages of the Champions League will begin on Wednesday in the southern European nation where back-and-forth accusations and legal actions involving the country's top teams are routine.

Club officials are not afraid of attacking each other publicly. The government is often probing teams for alleged wrongdoing. Not even players and their agents are free from controversy.

It wasn't long ago that search-and-seizure operations took place simultaneously at the headquarters of Benfica, Porto and Sporting Lisbon, the country's three biggest clubs. It happened just before the coronavirus pandemic struck, as authorities investigated possible tax fraud and irregularities in soccer in an operation called "Offside."

Presidents of all three clubs have been accused of some sort of wrongdoing over the past years, though they have always claimed innocence and actual convictions have been rare.

Benfica, a two-time European champion in the 1960s and Portugal's most successful club with 37 league titles, has been targeted in more than a handful of cases in the last five years. Trading of its shares was temporarily suspended last month after the latest accusations were made against the club over alleged tax fraud.

Benfica is coming off one of its biggest legal victories, though, in a 2019 high-profile case in which a Porto media officer was accused of systematically releasing information from internal emails obtained from the rival.

Porto was ordered by a judge to pay nearly 2 million euros (\$2.3 million) in damages to Benfica, as well as to return any documents it still possessed related to the case. Porto said at the time the emails showed a corruption scheme that benefited Benfica, something that has not been proven in court. Porto claimed it only released information that the court itself had considered to be true.

Details about the case were constantly discussed in sports shows and across Portuguese media outlets, which often resort to anonymous sources to publish information about court cases involving the clubs.

After a recent round of accusations against Benfica president Luis Filipe Vieira were published by local media, the club's lawyers released a statement lamenting the way the official was being publicly scrutinized.

"It's regrettable," the statement said. "Judgments are being made in the court of public opinion and in the media. Justice would be better served if everyone kept to their own businesses."

Benfica, the nation's most popular club, has also faced accusations - not yet proven - related to alleged match-fixing and corruption of referees. Some of them were made public by former Sporting Lisbon president Bruno de Carvalho, who himself was accused of wrong-



In this July 16, 2020 file photo, FC Porto fans celebrate in downtown Porto, Portugal, after their team beat Sporting CP 2-0 to win the championship. (AP Photo)

doing while in charge of his club.

Among the charges De Carvalho faced was masterminding a fans' attack on players who were at odds with him. About 50 fans with their faces covered forced their way into the team's training center and assaulted players and staff in the incident that made worldwide headlines two years ago.

De Carvalho, who reportedly used to belong to a radical fan group, was detained but denied any wrongdoing and eventually was found not guilty.

Porto president Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa earlier this year denied wrongdoing after a local magazine said the club and high-profile agent Jorge Mendes were being investigated for tax fraud and money laundering related to the transfer of players such as Radamel Falcao and Iker Casillas. Mendes is the agent of Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo.

Porto said at the time that neither the club nor Costa were ever approached by authorities about the investigation. It said the timing of the release of the information was suspicious, coming just before a decisive Portuguese league match against rival Benfica.

Porto, the European champion in 1987 and 2004, is the second most successful club in Portugal with 29 league titles, including the one it won this season after the league resumed amid the coronavirus pandemic. Sporting is next with 18 league titles. Only two other clubs outside the top three have won the Portuguese league - Belenenses in 1946 and Boavista in 2001.

They will all take a backseat during next two weeks as the Champions League arrives. And maybe, just maybe, their off-the-field controversies will be put aside for a while as well.

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## Dar pool player wins Nane Nane tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR ES SALAAM'S pool player, Seif Hamad, emerged the winner of the Kenice Nane Nane competition which took place in the city last weekend.

The Kinondoni-based Hamad, who in pool circles is known as 'Mzimu', beat Patrick Nyangusi 8-7 in the best of 15 frames' final.

The winner, who was awarded cash prize of 500,000/- has also been included in a five-man national pool team which will compete at African Championships slated for later this year.

Nyangusi went home with 150,000/-, 50,000/- reserved for the third-placed player went to Innocent Samy who earned the position.

The competition also involved veterans' category, which had Obaira Anyoti ending as the winner and was awarded 200,000/-.

Abuu Stopper was the category's runner up and got 100,000/- while the third spot went to Baraka Kiula who went home with 50,000/-.

Michael Machellah, who was one the competition's organizers, said it involved two regions, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro. Hosts Dar es Salaam fielded outfits from Ilala, Temeke and Kinondoni districts.

He said Kinondoni were the winners after beating Morogoro and the former were awarded 300,000/-.

Machellah hailed all individuals and regions which competed at the championship, saying it was an extremely entertaining event and successful.

"Firstly, I thank the sponsors, Kenice Company, who are makers of pool tables in the country, for their sponsorship and also all players and regions which competed at the championship, this year event was very successful and we promise to come back next year with other good things," he said.

Eustance Kisanga, a Manager at Kenice Company, thanked all players and individuals who competed at the championship.

He said the Nane Nane competition has helped them prepare well for the coming Kenice 88 Pool Competition to be hosted next year.

## Azam FC opts to retain midfielder



Azam FC midfielder, Salum Abubakary. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AZAM FC have withdrawn their midfielder Salum Abubakary from the transfer market after failing to get suitable bid for the player.

Abubakary, who is better known as 'Sure Boy', was on

the market and Young Africans SC (Yanga) showed interest in signing the player but they failed to meet the price.

Azam FC information officer, Thabit Zakaria, confirmed the development

and said the player has now joined his team mates to start preparations for the 2020/21 season which kicks off early next month.

He said Yanga were the only local club

which publicly showed its interest in signing the diminutive midfielder but their 35m/- bid was rejected by his club.

"Salum Abubakary was on the market and Yanga were the local club which approached us, their first bid was 20m/- but it was rejected as it was on the lower side," the Azam FC official disclosed.

"They came again with 35m/- offer but again it was rejected as to us, the player is more than that amount, due to that we have withdrawn him from the market, he has joined his fellows in camp," he said.

Yanga are in the process of rebuilding their team after playing second fiddle to their age old rivals, Simba SC, for three years in a row.

Yanga have so far released 14 players and, since the main transfer window period opened, the Jangwani Street-

based outfit has been active on the market.

They have signed Waziri Junior from Mbao FC, Yassin Mustapha from Polisi Tanzania, Bakari Mwangeto from Coastal Union, Zawadi Mauya from Kagera Sugar, Abdallah Shaibu 'Ninja', and Kibwana Shomari from Mtibwa Sugar.

They are also linked to roping in winger Deo Kanda from Simba SC, who was on loan from DR Congo's TP Mazembe, and former Azam FC midfielder, Farid Mussa, who was playing for CD Tenerife in Spain.

Sure Boy, who is also a senior and utility performer for senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, had in the just ended season been a menace in the midfield for his club.

He played a crucial role in helping his side finish third in the 20-team league.

## Buffalo Blasters end losing streak in 2020 Advanced Players Cricket League



Patel Samaj Club's batsman, Vishal Patel, in action against Jain Sangh Club in the previous season's GP Gymkhana Shield showpiece clash, which was played in Dar es Salaam. Patel's heroics at the crease were instrumental in Buffalo Blasters' victory over Chui Challengers in the 2020 Advanced Players Cricket League (APL) clash, held in the city yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

By Guardian Reporter

BUFFALO BLASTERS' cricketers have put their losing streak in the 2020 Advanced Players League (APL) to an end, posting a comprehensive six-wicket victory over Chui Challengers in a clash, which took place at Gymkhana Club's oval in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)-organized league, which started last Saturday and will climax on Sunday, takes place with a view to raising the standard of the sport at the domestic level.

Chui Challengers went on to score 84 runs all out once they won the toss and chose to start batting in the duel, played in the morning.

Notable performance in the side's innings, which was to a great extent less impressive, came from experienced all rounder, Khalil Rehemtullah, and his youthful team mate, Abdullah Jabiri.

Rehemtullah's contribution with the bat came in handy once his side had experienced quick dismissals of opening batsmen, Ejaz Aziz and Kishen Kamanina, and Jitin Pratap Singh that batted at number three.

He notched 29 runs which consisted of two boundaries to somewhat give Chui Challengers hopes of ending the innings with respectable total.

After Chui Challengers had two more dependable batsmen in skipper Riziki Kiseti and Nandakishan Pottachira dismissed in quick succession, Jabir stepped up to slightly boost their score.

The youthful all rounder notched 18 runs, which consisted of a boundary and a six.

With the rest of Chui Challengers' batsmen facing early exits, the club's efforts to amass an imposing total ended in vain.

Buffalo Blasters' medium pace bowlers, Goodluck Andrew and Salum Jumbe, and Ankit Baghel tormented Chui Challengers' batsmen almost at will, ending their bowling spells with two wickets each.

Jumbe had a four-over spell, which had the bowler leaking 27 runs and posting an economy rate of 6.75.

Andrew leaked 15 runs in 3.2 overs, recording an economy rate of 4.50. Baghel leaked six runs in three overs.

With a modest target of 85 runs in their sight, Buffalo Blasters did not drain

a sweat, given they mounted a successful chase, dropping four wickets in 16 overs.

Opener Baghel led the chase with his 21 runs which consisted of three boundaries and a six.

Skipper Vishal Patel made certain of Buffalo Blasters' chase, recording 14 runs not out.

He had an impressive, brief partnership with Jumbe, who as well recorded 14 runs, to see to it the squad is within reach of the victory.

A quick dismissal of youthful batsman Wilbert Martin (six runs) that was caught by Chui Challengers' Aziz from Laksh Snehal's bowling could not frustrate Buffalo Blasters' chase.

Snehal was so far the only bowler with an impressive figure in Chui Challengers given he took two wickets and leaked 15 runs in three overs.

Buffalo Blasters had started the league on a wrong foot, given they conceded two losses in their first two matches.

They succumbed to a three-wicket loss to Simba Kings in the first clash, which took place last weekend.

The second clash, played the same weekend, had Buffalo Blasters losing to Twiga Titans by 48 runs.

Chui Challengers, deemed as serious contenders for silverware in the tournament, had, as a result, suffer their first defeat.

They had emerged victorious in their previous two outings, cruising to 30-run victory over Tembo Stars in the first and thereafter notching a 47-run victory over Simba Kings in the second.

Tembo Stars were expected to confront Royal Rhinos in the day's other fixture at the venue.

Six franchises are participating in the T20-formatted showdown. The outfits are Simba Kings, Chui Challengers, Royal Rhinos, Twiga Titans, Tembo Stars and Buffalo Blasters.

The 2020 APL sponsors are Delta, Westpoint, Tanfoam, Sterling, Computer Center, Hitech Sai, Unity Computers, Spik and Span, Crystal Management & Maintenance, G1 Security and Reliance Insurance.

## Yanga to create new post for Mbatha

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YOUNG Africans SC (Yanga) have said they will create a new position, which will be headed by former Simba SC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Senzo Mbatha.

Mbatha joined Yanga three days ago, but he has not been officially introduced to the public and his job is not known as Yanga do not have the CEO post, which he was heading at Simba SC.

Hersi Said, an official at GSM Group that are Yanga's kit sponsors, said the club will create a post which will be headed by the South African, saying they consider naming him the chief advisor of the club.

He said Mbatha has vast experience in football management and the club believes he will be of great help to its aim of transformation to become a commercial entity and also maintain the relationship which Yanga has with Spain's La Liga.

Said also said Mbatha will be influential in professional football administration of the club and recruiting of players for the club.

"Mbatha has vast experience in running football, we are of the view that his experience and knowledge will help Yanga in many ways, we will create a position which will be suitable for him to execute his duties," he said.

After Mbatha was seen signing for Yanga, there have been many views as some sections of domestic soccer lovers are of the view that Yanga should amend their statutes to create the CEO position and outline the post's responsibilities.

They argued that by becoming an advisor to the club management, his post is bound to overlap between the functions of Secretary General and club president, a situation which will not be healthy for the club.

While at Simba, some of Mbatha's primary goals were internal restructuring of the club, transformation of football, promotion of Simba brand and development of new business.



Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Selemu Jafo (2nd L), presents a dummy cheque of 10m/- to Lindi-based Namungo FC official (2nd R) after the outfit had emerged fourth in the Vodacom Premium League, which climaxed last month. The function took place in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Looking on are Commercial Director of Vodacom Tanzania, Linda Riwa (L), and Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president, Wallace Karia (R). PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

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11:00 DADAZ LIVE  
12:00 Weekend Movie (r)  
13:30 Kaili Za Wana  
14:00 Planet Bongo (r)  
14:30 Bongo Hits  
15:00 Funguka  
15:30 Nirvana (r)  
16:00 Skonga (r)  
16:30 #HASHTAG  
17:00 SSELEKT  
17:55 Kurasa  
18:00 eNewz  
18:30 Music/Soap  
19:00 EATV SAA 1  
19:45 MJADALA  
20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 Kiblashara Zaidi

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Coverage of the days current events accompanied by interviews with prominent people on diverse topics ranging from national to social interests.

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