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US offers to support conservation efforts

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE United States has pledged to support implementation of various projects in conservation, health, and agriculture in Morogoro Region, Regional Commissioner Martine Shigela sidi here at the weekend.

The RC made this observation after holding talks with the US Ambassador, Dr Donald Wright, citing the projects to be assisted as conservation areas of Mikumi, Uzungwa nd the newly created Mwalimu Nyerere Park cut from the sprawling Selous Game Reserve.

Projects of the Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) in the region will also be assisted, he stated.

The envoy was on a one-day visit where he briefed the RC on how the US was developing its relations with Tanzania, and areas of interest in health and agriculture in the region, assuring the RC that US investors will be coming to the region to conduct an exhibition in agriculture-related fields.

This year marks 60 years of bilateral ties since Tanganyika became independent, where the 35th US president John F. Kennedy struck a convivial relationship with founding president Julius Nyerere.

Earlier, the US envoy visited TAWA head offices along Dar es Salaam Road in Kingolwira area, holding a brief conversation with TAWA officials.

TAWA senior official Musika Nyangabo said that since 2017 the US government has been assisting TAWA in its conservation activities via various programmes.

The US envoy visited its head offices to inspect patrol communication systems and on how TAWA was benefitting from the system in combating poaching in TAWA managed areas, he said.

Assistance provided by the US government has enabled TAWA game wardens to swiftly communicate with each other in patrol operations against poachers, he added.

Health minister must resign, says Gwajima



The American Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Donald Wright (4th-R), presents a plaque to the chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on HIV/AIDS, Fatma Hassan, at the weekend as a gesture of handing over Ipinda and Matema health facilities in Kyela District. The construction of the facilities was funded by the US government through the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, part of the US Department of Defence. Story on Page 6. Photo courtesy of US Embassy

By Correspondent Ani Jozeni

EMBATTLED Kawe MP and head of an independent religious assembly in Dar es Salaam, Josephat Gwajima, yesterday urged Health minister and namesake Dr Dorothy Gwajima to resign.

He issued this appeal in his weekly address at his Glory of Christ religious ministry at Ubungo, the traditional place where the controversial preacher struck headlines a decade ago with a spirited effort to restore to life a youthful MP, Amina Chifupa who died after telling the National Assembly she had a list of drug dealers in the city.

The preacher, who doesn't shy away from controversy, has meandered again into the limelight with a clarion call for non-participation in the Covid-19 inoculation rollout, attracting the ire of a breadth of state agencies and especially in the Ministry of Health.

The minister, Dr Gwajima lately called on the police force to arrest the preacher, who is identified as bishop in his church but for three consecutive weeks appears in T-shirts in his assembly, as would any casual or low ranking member of the church assembly.

Going through the usual ritual of praying for the top leadership of the country as well as the nation as a whole, the combatant parliamentarian who is under a summons to appear before a parliamentary committee

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Zitto: My focus is on building my party, not on some presidential appointment

By Guardian Correspondents

ZITTO Zuberi Kabwe, Leader of the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo), has dismissed suggestions in the social media

that he is interested in some form of presidential appointment.

He said in a one-on-one interview in local TV station at the weekend that even if such an appointment indeed came his way, he would "respectfully decline

the offer on account of the fact that my focus at the moment is on building and strengthening ACT-Wazalendo".

The outspoken politician, commonly referred to only as Zitto, had been asked if he would accept an appointment to

serve in President Samia Suluhu Hassan's government.

The programme's host was referring to a previous appointment of one of the party's founders and advisers, Prof Kitila Alexander

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Overpacking onion skims farmers of billions yearly

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ONION growers are up in arms against overpacking of the produce by dealers, saying the practice cause them huge financial losses in the business that yields over 40bn/- annually.

Though the locally grown vegetables command huge revenues when exported to neighboring countries, the fact that buyers

force farmers to overpack their sacks just serves to drive growers further into poverty, their representatives maintain.

That was among the concerns raised by vegetable growers at Ilkiding'a ward of Arumeru district at a ceremony to launch an onion growers' cluster, an initiative hatched by the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA), which oversees horticultural activities.

At Ilkiding'a there was already an onion growers' union where its secretary, Evelyn Mollel stated that they had started to work with the apex body on the problem.

"We are already benefiting from a training series provided by TAHA, as it also working to strengthen our union for better products and a reliable market in future," she said.

She however expressed concern that farmers are compelled to over-pack their sacks as demanded by buyers so that a single



Selemani Jafu (L), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), with various stakeholders including NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (C) and National Environment Committee chairman Seif Ali Seif (R, foreground) participate in the sprucing up of Dar es Salaam city's Msasani beach at the weekend. The initiative was coordinated by Rotary Club of the Dar es Salaam Peninsula, with the bank among the sponsors. Story on Page 3. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Tanzania Petrol Station Operators Association secretary general Augustino Mmasi (R) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. He appealed to the authorities concerned to install genetic equipment to test whether fuel is taxed before entering the market, thus avoiding needless inconveniences. He is with TAPSOA board member Joel Mabiba. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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(ethics and privileges of MPs) for his remarks, struck an adamant tone.

He declared that President Samia Suluhu Hassan "should be left to continue working on development efforts," while urging that the minister, as his principal foe in that matter, to resign - or he proceeds forth with a spirited rebuttal in her direction.

Since his remarks two weeks ago, the public has had sharply

contrasting sentiments on his position, with a large following in the early hours of his remarks, ranging from religious anti-vaxxers who are firm that 'Jesus is enough,' and secular anti-vaxxers who consider the vaccines as unsafe, and Covid-19 more of a passing threat to most people.

Still there are indications that the sharp wave of Delta variant infections especially in the northern regions of Kilimanjaro and Arusha altered

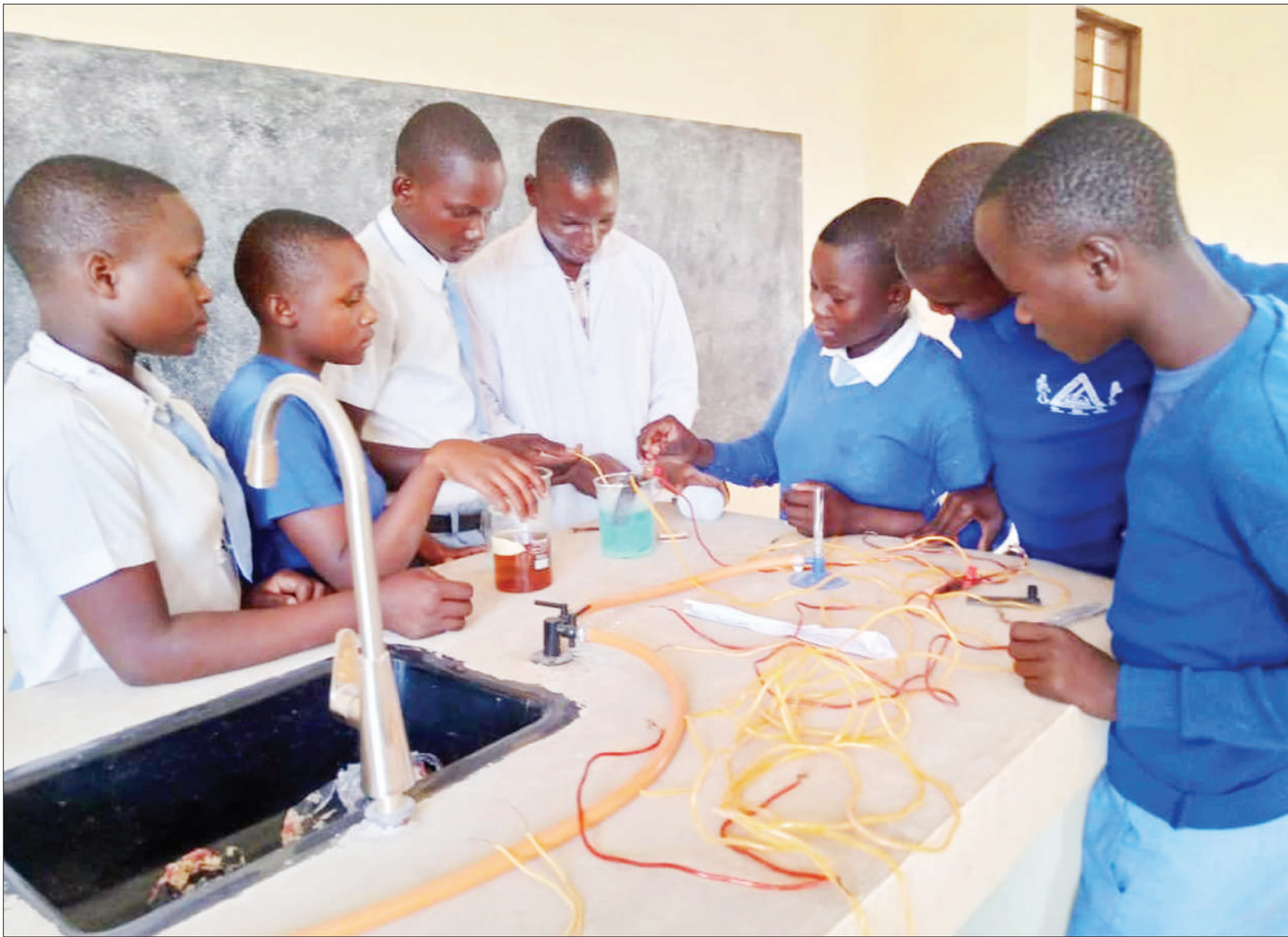
the minds of a number of admirers of the 'pastorpreneur,' as a number of priests of various denominations have also succumbed to the disease.

While the minister was firm in her position that the preacher, who doubles up as a brother in law, ought to be arrested for undermining the work of the government in its vaccination drive, some observers think nature may do a better job than the police.

So long as people in his church

have not been infected with any observable case or by any noticeable number, it is evident that the bishop's authority on his followers will be firm, but if cases appear in his city congregation, then his position will be untenable.

"Arresting him may provide him with unnecessary popularity and an excuse for some irritated individuals to disturb the peace," an elder of another denomination commented upon hearing his remarks yesterday.



It's time for Chemistry practicals for these students of Mugango Secondary School in Musoma Rural constituency, as found at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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pack could actually carry twice the volume of onions that would enter into the same bag packing to ordinary capacity.

"Therefore farmers end up being the losers. It is like selling a consignment at half the price, or selling two sacks at the price of one, and growers compete in stuffing their consignments with extra onions," she explained, noting that through the newly formed onion cluster it is possible the problem will be addressed.

The new onion growers' group

is meant to assist local farmers with extension services as well as securing potential market outlets for their produce. The value of fresh onions grown in Tanzania keeps growing each year, with the current value of the vegetables' exports standing at 42.5bn/- at the latest, she stated.

Kelvin Remen, the TAHA business environment manager, said the body oversees horticultural activities, last year individual farmers in the country exported 42 tons of onions.

Speaking during the 'Onion Growers' Cluster' launch at Ilkidinga

ward of Arumeru, Remen said that onion growers sell their onions to other East African countries, especially Kenya, Uganda and South-Sudan.

"And they do it on individual basis, imagine if they could join together and start exporting their produce as a union. Chances are they will grow more, sell more and become better recognized," the TAHA official noted.

Previously in 2019 local farmers exported 39 tons of onions, earning 38bn/- from the vegetables, while through the newly established cluster,

TAHA has now moved to assist small-scale growers to further formalize their onion producing and exporting industry.

The group intends to widen the farming of unions, seek loans from financial institutions and extension services, while TAHA works to secure markets abroad, the secretary affirmed.

Salome Stephen, the TAHA gender and nutrition coordinator, said that apart from educating the growers on proper farming methods, they are also instructed on the best ways of preparing onions as part of a beneficial diet.

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Mkumbo (50), whom former president John Magufuli appointed in early April 2017 to serve as permanent secretary in the Water and Irrigation ministry.

However, an early December 2020 cabinet reshuffle by Dr Magufuli saw the education and psychology professor named Minister of State in the President's Office in charge of the investment portfolio. He is currently Industry and Trade minister as well as legislator for Dar es Salaam's Ubungu constituency on the ruling CCM's ticket.

"We cannot build our nation with weak parties. We have to strengthen political parties that would produce strong governments able to weather any challenges," said Zitto.

He added: "For now I am bent on building ACT to enable it to produce a government able to serve the nation effectively. That said, if appointed, I would thank the President for the faith she would have shown in me - but while respectfully declining the offer."

Commenting on President Samia's leadership, Zitto commended the President for having made what he called significant changes in the country within a relatively short time - including with respect to the press freedom record.

But he noted that more changes are expected, one being with regard to how State organs operate vis-à-vis the activities of opposition parties.

He said it was on great importance for political parties to have an audience with the president, "with a view to exchanging ideas on the way forward, including on ways to conduct politics".

He also underlined the need for all concerned to ensure that all civic, parliamentary and presidential elections are truly free, fair and transparent.

"I have done a lot for Kigoma (his home-place constituency) in the 15 years that I have been active in politics, and there is no way I would lose any fair election in any constituency in Kigoma (Region)," Zitto said.

He admitted, though, that many CCM candidates who were declared winners had indeed won the elections "fair and square".

Receiving the 2020 General

Election report at State House in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, President Samia said it was not proper for election laws to mean denying some candidates their rights.

She consequently called on the National Electoral Commission (NEC) to review the Election Act in such a way as to ensure that elections do not pose a challenge to particular candidates.

"The issue of having names misspelled during the filling of forms is one of the areas which you (NEC) should look into and review. We experienced this in the last election where a number of people were disqualified merely owing to people's names having typing errors," she stated.

On whether to merge some articles in the Election Act and the Local Government Act so as to simplify the electoral process, the president said she wanted to see the issue taken before stakeholders "for their views and later submission of recommendations to the government".

She meanwhile added: "Despite recording higher numbers (of prospective voters) in the voters' register, women are still back in contesting various leadership positions. CSOs have a huge role here to encourage and attract more women into vying for political and other leadership positions."

She appealed to political parties to trust women and support more of into competing for various levels of leadership positions.

President Samia also stressed the need for the authorities concerned to invest more in information and communication technology as a way of further simplifying the electoral process.

"Some of people fail to reach voting centres owing to various reasons, including economic activities. However, if we could have a special ICT-supported system under which everyone could vote from wherever they are, it would help a lot," she said.

She hailed the electoral commission for supervising the 2020 General Election to satisfaction and the Tanzanians in general, including religious leaders and the media "for ensuring that the election ran smoothly "on the whole".

Mbeya receives 1bn /- for building 4 health centres

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AUTHORITIES in Mbeya Region have received 1bn /- from the central government for the construction of health centres to reduce walking distance for people seeking healthcare services.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera said this over the weekend when presenting a report on the implementation of the ruling CCM's election manifesto at the meeting of the party's Regional Political Committee.

He said the money came from deductions from mobile money transactions which started recently.

The RC said the centres will be built in four district councils - Kyela, Chunya, Mbeya District and Mbeya City Councils and that each council will be given 250m/- for the construction of the facilities.

"For the first time the Unyakyusa Division in Kyela District and Kipembawe Division in Chunya District are going to get health facilities, so I urge Tanzanians to be patient and accept the cut because the fruits are visible," said RC Homera.

He said even he and other government officials are cutting the deductions so he urged the people of Mbeya Region to continue to be patriotic by agreeing to cut the money to bring development.

Homera said apart from the construction of health facilities in the region, the government has also constructed education infrastructure, water and roads, which help people to achieve development.

CCM regional chairman Rev Jacob Mwakasole commended

the government for properly implementing the priorities of the election manifesto and that the party is satisfied and will continue to oversee the government.

He said in the party's political committee has traveled to all districts in the region to review the implementation of the manifesto and is satisfied that the projects are being implemented properly while the people are also participating.

He said what is confusing about the charges on phone transactions is that the people lack adequate education before they can be used and that is the reason why Tanzanians feel they are being robbed.

He said if Tanzanians were properly educated no one would oppose the development, so he urged Tanzanians to continue to be patient while the Government continues with the process of improvement.

"I do not believe that there is a Tanzanian who does not want to contribute to development, now it is possible that some are protesting for their own reasons and others are protesting because they feel it was decided by a few without their participation," said Mwakasole.

He urged government officials in the region to properly manage the development projects being implemented to avoid public grievances that could lead to distrust of the Government and stop contributing to development.

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) regional manager, Matrida Kunenge said in the 2020/2021 Financial Year, the region collected 70bn/- out of 74bn/- they had planned to collect.



Dar es Salaam City mayor Omary Kumbilamoto (R) presents a prize to one of eight women who emerged winners in the second season of a value-added campaign for food vendors campaign conducted by East Africa Radio and EATV as part of 'MamaMia' programme. It involved some 400 women in total. The event was held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Dar food vendors scoop prizes from 'Mama Lishe campaign'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam City Mayor Omar Kumbilamoto has urged food vendors who scooped prizes in the just ended 2nd season of "Mama Lishe campaign" to ensure that they utilise the education and tools given to them to improve their business.

Run by East Africa Radio and EATV, the Mama Lishe campaign is meant to support and increase the value of women food vendors by capacitating them with more skills and tools to lift up their activities.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the event to hand over awards to eight women food vendors who emerged the best, Kumbilamoto wanted the winners to ensure that they go and change not only their businesses but other people's lives.

The eight women were among 400 other mama lishe who were listed in the campaign.

The Mamalisha campaign aired under the stations' MamaMia session which is hosted by three female presenters Maryam Kitosi, Ritha Chuwalo and Yusta Msowoya.

The overall winner of this season is Magreth Swai popular as Mama Neema, a food vendor at Tegeta area in Kinondoni District in the city. She went out with a motorcycle, gas stove, flour, sugar, rice, cooking oil and 50,000/- cash.

Mayor Kumbilamoto also topped up and issued 200,000/- as a gift for the eight winners wanting them to go and improve their businesses.

"I got an opportunity to meet with the late Dr Reginald Mengi, executive chairman of IPP Media and he told me to strongly reject poverty as it is not a good cloth to wear, and this what I have been doing and supporting others to fight poverty," he said.

He wanted the women vendors to be more innovative, go and use the equipment well so as to bring profit

in their businesses.

"My office has been supporting a number of women to improve their lives; we have been dishing out soft loans to women and other groups to support their economic projects," he said.

Kumbilamoto however said some of them have been misusing the loans in unnecessary issues thus failing to fulfill intended goals and failing to repay the funds.

"I commended EA Radio and TV for coming up with this project as it touches one of the important groups in society. Women are very important in society, they contribute a lot in the country's development, so we should continue supporting and capacitating them to rise," he said.

In her part, Kitosi said they came up with the idea to initiate the campaign to support mama lishe as they are the ones who serve the majority of people daily by ensuring that they eat and remain strong.

"In the first season, we had our supporter Jaden Home Store who provided various kitchen tools such as fridges, blenders and mixers. In this season we have more sponsors who have issued more prizes," she said.

She named other winners as Lisa Haurelia from Mbezi Makabe, Ubungo District and Amina Mvungi from Goba who got a blender, cooking stove, flour, sugar, rice, cooking oil and fire control tools.

Salma Iddy popular as mama Dulla from Magomeni who got a cooking stove, fire blanket, flour, sugar, rice and cooking oil.

Others are Mariam Kisenga from Temeke Stereo) who got a stand mixer, chapchap cooking stove, flour, sugar, rice and cooking oil. Theopista Stanslaus (Kinondoni B) got a blender, chapchap cooking stove, flour, sugar, rice and cooking oil.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

DC bans children under 18 yrs to work in mines

MBARALI District Commissioner Reuben Mfunne has banned all children under 18 years of age to be seen in the district's mining areas and threatened to take legal steps against people who use children in mining activities.

Mfunne made the remarks at a public rally at Mapogoro and Lugelele wards within the nearby gold mining area, saying the areas were not safe for children and it was also against the laws to engage

children in mining activities.

In addition, DC Mfunne called on residents working in the mine area to make sure they abide by all safety guidelines to avoid mine disasters including min collapses.

"I prohibit the practice of bringing

children in the mine area when we again come here and find them, what will befall you will live to regret, first it is illegal to employ small children, leave alone in mining activities," he added.

He said for those with children must leave them at home or attend school for school-going children.

He said they came to the area with the aim of providing education, but steps will start being taken if employing children in the mines continues.

NBC Bank employees join minister Jafo and Rotary Club to clean Dar beach

By Guardian Reporter

Minister of State in the Office of the Vice-President, Union and Environment, Selemam Jafo led an extensive community including, Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Peninsula, NBC Bank staff members to clean up Msasani Beach located in Mikocheni, Dar es Salaam.

Speaking during the exercise, minister Jafo commended all the stakeholders for their efforts while instructing Kinondoni, Ilala, Temeke and Kigamboni Municipalities to ensure they address the environmental challenges facing all beaches along their municipalities including the lack of basic sanitation facilities such as toilets or latrines.

"Improving essential services on our beaches is not only the responsibility of the respective municipalities but also one of the sources of income and employment for them. If we invest well in our beaches even the number of people visiting the areas will also increase and thus increase our income as well," he said.

Further, Minister Jafo added that the government is still not satisfied with the sanitation of many beaches, especially in Dar es Salaam and efforts to address the challenge continue through experts and various stakeholders working with the government to solve the challenge.

"That is why I commend Rotary Club for their commitment to work with the government to address such challenges in collaboration with other stakeholders such as higher education institutions, private companies and financial institutions including NBC Bank... this is a way to go, congratulations," he commended.

For his part, NBC Bank Managing Director, Theobald Sabi said the bank's participation in this important exercise is part of its commitment to preserving the environment through various efforts that the Bank directs in the hopes of achieving environmental and community sustainability.

"At NBC Bank, we make it a point to prioritize initiatives like these not only because they bring together multiple members of our society, but also because they have such an important impact on our ability to achieve long-term sustainability."

"We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in this move, which will undoubtedly benefit everyone involved and our greater community." He said

For his part, the Chairman of the National Environment Committee, Mr Seif Ali Seif, commended the government for its cooperation with various stakeholders in improving the environment in the country.

"Furthermore, it is my advice that the responsibility to protect the environment should be everyone's responsibility, that is to say everyone should feel that he/she has a responsibility to take care of and protect our environment." He advised.

PS asks banks to support fisheries sector to generate jobs for youth

By Guardian Reporter

PERMANENT Secretary to the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, responsible for fisheries, Dr Rashid Tamatama, yesterday urged banks and financial institutions to lend fisheries projects, saying money that will go into the sector will create jobs for thousands of young people and further improve the national economy.

He told his listeners at the headquarters of the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) here that national requirements for fisheries products stand at 750,000 tonnes a year while only 483,000 tonnes are put on the market. He attributed the deficit to small and poor quality fishing gear, explaining

that majority of Tanzanian anglers lack capital and other necessary support to undertake modern and sustainable fishing. This deficit is huge, he said adding, This deficit is also an investment opportunity to financial institutions. If this opportunity will be put to use, jobs will be created.

The PS appealed to the TADB to motivate banks and other financial institutions to give capital loans to fisheries projects so that the sector can generate employment and contribute significantly to growth of the national economy.

The TADB is the bank with the responsibility to promote agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors. This

bank must win over other banks to offer capital to people who are keen to invest in the fisheries sector, he said, adding that prospective investors have a big field to choose from because, he explained, Tanzania has big water bodies: a massive territorial ocean zone, lakes and rivers where people can invest.

Dr Tamatama said focused investments in Tanzania's water bodies will create jobs for the Tanzanian youth and generate fisheries products for local and foreign markets.

The TADB Managing Director, Mr Frank Nyabundege said their bank supports governments strategy to promote the fisheries sector and that it was pertinent for Tanzanian anglers to get loans to

increase production. The fisheries sector employs many people.

Improving the fishing environment in the country means increasing income of many Tanzanians who are dependent on this occupation, he said adding that during the current fiscal year the government has set aside money for the bank to carry out the tasks it was created for by promoting agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors. The fisheries sector will get a deserving push, he pledged.

According to the 2021/2022 budget estimates of the ministry of livestock and fisheries, the fisheries sector currently employs 255,000 people and 4.5 people are directly benefiting from economic activities in that sector.

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Adjust your policies to tackle Covid-19 shock on farming, financial institutions advised

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

AGRICULTURAL stakeholders have called on banks and other financial institutions to review their financial policies to accommodate recent changes and challenges caused by covid-19 on agricultural sector.

Discussing monetary policy measures to mitigate the impacts of covid-19: eye on agriculture sector via zoom meeting over the weekend, the stakeholders namely Members of Parliament, academicians, agricultural and financial experts said failure to review policies and provide special economic relief and stimulus packages such as credits, agricultural sector and smallholder producers in particular will continue suffering from the impact of covid-19.

Discussing the topic, Executive Director for Agricultural Non State Actors Forum (ANSAF) Audax Rukonge hailed monetary policy measures taken by Bank of Tanzania (BOT) to mitigate the impacts of covid-19 but cautioned that the most badly hit sector is agriculture.

He said the covid-19 disaster has badly affected agricultural sector. However, different groups have been affected differently, citing smallholder farmers specifically women and the youth as the most hit groups.

"Experience shows that pastoralists, farmers and fisheries have been hardly hit. I called on BOT to translate its statement into actions that reflect the real situation on the ground," he said.

He also challenged other financial institutions saying availing smallholder producers with credit facilities should not only be the responsibility of Tanzania Development Bank (TADB), TAHA and PASS alone but it also other financial institutions should bought a leaf.

"For us ANSAF, we think there is a need to bring all these groups together to have a wider consultation, inclusive and common understand so we can all be on the same page," he said.

He cautioned that relying on AMCOS sometimes is dangerous

to progressive young producers because operations of AMCOS must comply to the seven Cooperative principles.

"Cooperatives around the world generally operate according to the same core principles and values, adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance," he added.

A Member of Parliament for Vunjo constituency Dr. Charles Kimezi said that the credit facilities can easily reach out to smallholder producers through cooperatives, farmers groups and out growers. He advised financial institutions

He said 40 percent of credit facilities that goes to agriculture foreexample is provided by CRDB bank, this shows that many financial institutions have not yet adequately invested into agriculture.

Process Temu from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), said that agriculture employs almost 67 percent of the people and most of them are smallholder producers, therefore, if old policy approaches continue being used to address modern societal challenges such as COVID-19, agriculture sector will be heavily impacted.

He said covid-19 has affected agricultural inputs markets because improved seeds and fertilizers are being imported at 80 percent.

Citing another example, he said tourism sector foreexample, employs more than 1.5million people which if there shall be no adequate stimulus, the development of the sector will slow down.

"Despite the fact that Bank of Tanzania to support commercial Banks, yet the Banks have not adequately and timely reached smallholders farmers on the ground due to tough conditions associated with the credits.

Earlier on, ANSAF commissioned a rapid study on the impacts of COVID-19 on agriculture and food security in 2020. The study highlighted the monitory measures taken by the government to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 on the business sector. However the study pointed out that policy measures taken may not directly benefit smallholder producers whom mostly self financing from own saving.



Erick Kitali (L), an ICT director with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a certificate of attendance to Hamis Mlowa during the closing of a printer and photocopier maintenance and repair seminar for experts from cities and municipalities. It was organized by the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology. Looking on (C) is DIT principal Prof Preksedis Ndomba. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Correspondent Michael Eneze

MEMBERS of the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy in the city of Dar es Salaam are bracing for a requiem mass for the recently departed Tumaini Media director, Fr. Paul Haule, at St Peter's church in Oysterbay area of the city.

Tumaini Radio provided details of the funeral proceedings, with the requiem mass expected today, and then the body will be taken to the Pugu pilgrimage centre of the church.

Fr Haule had led Tumaini Media since its inception 15 years ago, at which point he has also been a padre

City archdiocese braces for Fr Paul Haule requiem mass

for 15 years since being elevated to that rank in 1991.

City archbishop Jude Thaddeus Ruwaichi is expected to lead the congregation at St Peter's, where the late padre was also assistance parish priest for that church.

It wasn't clear in Tumaini Radio briefings early yesterday whether their late director's body will be taken to his home region of Songea for

burial or the proceedings at Pugu shall also constitute the climax of funeral observances that enter their fourth day today.

The late media director was born in January 1964, thus aged 57 at the time of his death, throwing the city episcopacy and followers in general into acute soul searching as definitely he had years of service ahead of him.

In a memorial rebroadcasting of some of his homilies, he once distinguished the two prominent Catholic radios, Radio Maria and Radio Tumaini, where he noted the latter as devoted to 'the whole person,' thus capable of reaching out to non-Catholic and non-Christian listeners, while the other channel is entirely devoted to issues of faith.

Zanzibar police hold two govt officials over 'fraud'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TWO officials of Zanzibar's Ministry of Education and Vocational Training have been detained by the police in Unguja urban West Region over fraud.

At a press briefing, Unguja Urban West Regional Police Commander Awadh Juma haji named the two as Biubwa Sudi Mohammed (48), resident of Mweru and teacher at Fuoni Primary School, and Haji Ali Amour (45), the ministry's statistician in the education department in Unguja Urban District.

He said the total number of suspects was three, but one of them, Ali Khamis Rashid (42) a Tomondo resident and former government employee was dismissed from the government over fraud.

The RPC said the suspects are alleged to obtain money through unlawful means whereby in July last year at different dates and locations of Unguja Urban West Region jointly obtained money fraudulently from 20 people.

RPC Awadh said the suspects cheated the 20 that by September last year they would have secured for their employment as teachers and office attendants in the government and called on them to provide 1m/- each, hence they fraudulently obtained 19m/-.

"By September last year, these suspected continued cheating them saying they should continue

to be patient until after the general elections in October, and after the elections, they continued lying them, thereafter the victims discovered that they had been swindled,' said RPC Awadh.

He explained that all the suspects were in custody and upon completion of investigations they will appear in court.

He also called on members of the public to be careful with people using various deceptions saying they would assist them to obtain employment and called on them to report these people to the police.

He also said the police were holding 10 people who he said were among suspects in various crimes including theft.

He said the suspects were arrested by the police on August 11 this year at Ziwatuwe and Maborobori area in Unguja urban district from their ongoing campaign to fight crime in his region.

He mentioned the suspects as Sadamu Khamis Makame (25), Husein Ali Ninamia (22), Amour Zahor Said (22), Hassani Rashid Ame (18) Mohamed Hussein Mohamed (18), and Ibrahim Hamadi Kitunda (19), all from various areas of Unguja.

Others are Ramadhani Kombo Juma (35), Abdalla Juma Abdalla (35), Mtumwa Khamis Faki (26) and Ibrahim Salum Juma (25).

He said they will appear in court after investigations are completed.



Rahim Hussein (with microphone), a Form Two students at Joyland Secondary School in Dar es Salaam's Kigamboni-Toangoma suburb, explains to Tanzania Rural Energy Authority's (TARURA) Dar es Salaam regional lawyer, Bonaventure Mwambaja (L), on the human skeleton. It was all part of a graduation ceremony held at the school at the weekend. Second left is the school's director, Fredrick Otieno. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Special Correspondent

WILDLIFE conservation groups and charity organizations in Africa are worried over the rising cases of lion poaching, mostly in West Africa where these famous animals are critically endangered, while poaching has increased across the eastern and southern African region.

Rising demands for lion parts in Southeast Asia has fueled poaching in Africa.

The encroachments of livestock keepers on wildlife conservation parks have so far caused conflicts between nomadic livestock keepers.

This is leading to killings of lions by poisoning, shootings by spears, and poisoned arrows.

Wildlife and tourism experts worried over survival of African big cats - study

"High incidences of lion poisoning have also been reported in East Africa as nomadic communities retaliate after attacks on their livestock," said Edith Kabesiime, wildlife campaigns manager at World Animal Protection's Africa office in Kenya.

She said that demand for lion products, like bones and teeth, in the fast-growing herbal medicine industry has also fueled their poaching in the African wild.

Kabesiime said that other threats to the African lion include

captive breeding and trophy hunting, adding that enactment of new policies, regulations, and heightened campaigns are key to saving the carnivore and sustaining the resilience of the continent's natural habitats.

The population of African lions is estimated to have declined by as much as 50% over the last 25 years.

Conservation experts said there is a real threat to lion survival from loss of habitat, persecution from human conflict, and growing illegal trade in lion parts.

"Lions form a crucial part of our biodiversity and natural ecosystems, and this event will help not only to raise awareness for their plight but also to shine the spotlight on the many more successes that we need to scale up to ensure their future sustainability," Kenyan Tourism Minister Mr. Najib Balala said.

Statistics from World Animal Protection indicate that Africa's lion population is currently estimated at 20,000, down from about 200,000 lions a hundred years ago.



Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro (L) and Ramada Resort by Wyndham Hotel director of finance Saleem Aboonhi pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend jointly unveiling a plaque to launch the 25m/- Jangwani Beach police station built with funding from the hotel's management. Looking on are Dar es Salaam Special Police Zone Commander Muliro Jumanne and other senior police officers. Photo: John Badi

IGP Simon Sirro hails investor on funding of police station building

By Getrude Mbago

THE Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro has inaugurated a newly constructed Jangwani Beach police station at Kilongawima Street, Kunduchi ward in Dar es Salaam, in an effort meant to ensure better surveillance in the area.

Worth 25m/-, the station has been constructed with funding from Ramada Resort by Wyndham. The hotel also donated a 2.9m/- motorcycle to support operations at the station.

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony during the weekend, IGP Sirro wanted police officers and other staff who will be stationed at the facility to practise a friendly policing approach in serving the community.

He commended Ramada Resort for extending support to construct the police station saying that the move will contribute highly to strengthen security services in the area.

"We appreciate the Ramada Resort for the support. You have left a positive mark here, this police station will help keep a better check on the area and enable residents to live freely as they are assured of 24/7 security," he said.

He urged investors to emulate and see the possibility of supporting police stations.

IGP Sirro also wanted the station to be a place of education and not as a distress stimulator.

"Police officers should not be a source of frustration to people. Do not ever disturb motorcycle and tricycle drivers, they work hard to

get something for living, so leave them free as long as they do not go against laws," he said.

Saleem Aboonhi, director of finance at Ramada Resort said the decision to construct the police station came after realising increasing demand of close security support in the area.

"Our aim is to support security and safety of people in this area but also guests at the hotel and neighbouring buildings. We hope that this station and the donated motorbike will further strengthen security initiatives in the area," he said.

He added that residents and guests in the Jangwani Beach area are now more assured of safety and security for their families and properties following the launch of the police station.

The Kinondoni Regional Police Commander, Ramadhan Kingai hinted on the note calling on residents to utilize the presence of the police station in the area.

"We are going to work hard to strengthen security in this area, my call to everyone is adherence to laws, we will not tolerate any incident that ruins peace," he said.

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By Guardian Correspondent, Mara

UNDP calls upon Butiama residents to abandon subsistence farming methods

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has cautioned Butiama District residents to abandon subsistence farming practices, and instead concentrate in commercial farming to raise their incomes and reduce poverty in their areas.

Speaking at a two-day conference that discussed Butiama District economy, UNDP Country Projects Director Amon Manyama said there was a great need to transform Butiama District and its residents who have been toiling to find solutions to their problems, but without knowing how to do it due to lack of money.

"I appeal to all political leaders

and council officials to make sure you educate to the people in better livestock keeping practices, profitable farming in order to have surplus money for their better living standards," he said.

He said Butiama District cannot develop while its residents have no money, the area was well known but it is lagging behind in development compared to many new districts.

For his part, Butiama District Commissioner Moses kaegele called on Butiama residents to safeguard the respect of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere

by enhancing poverty reduction activities in their communities by establishing projects that will provide income making opportunities.

Butiama District Planning Officer Alphonse Mlawa said the average income of the district's households was 572,000/-, hence they plan to increase that income through resources earmarked in priority areas, especially in education, health, water, agriculture and livestock keeping.

For his part, Senior Lecturer from Mwanza Planning and Rural

Development College, Bonamax Mbasa said that good strategies that will involve all people from both ends of the society are needed.

He said the the function of the college is to write projects' papers in order to access funds from donors that will finance strategic projects designed to spur rural development.

Speaking on behalf of district officials and other departmental heads, Butiama District Executive Director Patricia Kabaka called on Councilors to forget the past, and start a new page for the district's development.

TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF CLEARING AND FOWARDING SERVICES

23rd August, 2021

1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk fuel storage facility with its share divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
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7. All tenders (one original and one copy) respectively must be enclosed in a single envelop, addressed and delivered to the Tender Committee Secretary, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER), P.O Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam
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9. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of circumstances.
10. TIPER reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

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Traders in Bukoba municipality query TRA on estimation of commodity taxes

By Correspondent Mutayoba

Arbogast, Bukoba

TRADERS in Bukoba municipality, Kagera Region have urged the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) officials to visit them at their working places so as to get actual estimations of taxes instead of guessing them from afar.

The traders made the call here during a special workshop organized by TRA to educate the group on the new changes in tax laws and regulations.

Justus Kandokola, one of the traders said it was illogical for the TRA to reject prices of brought goods submitted by traders without even taking time to go and inspect the commodity physically.

"It happens when a trader goes to TRA presenting an actual price of the vehicle he/she bought but the authority keeps insisting to raise taxes contrary to the vehicles' expenses. Why can't they visit the car and see how old it is and I am sure by doing so will enable them to witness and estimate the tax fairly," he said.

Kandokola added: "I don't see the reason behind why someone is obliged to pay for a poster at his/her site of business while the business itself pays tax."

Allice Katarwa was happy to hear that not all houses in rural areas will pay a property tax, but only those built with bricks.

Alex Mwambenja, TRA officer in charge of taxpayer services and education in Kagera said they have been visiting places of work to meet the traders to know their challenges and way forward and recruiting new taxpayers.

He said TRA Kagera targets to collect 83bn/- for the 2021/22 financial year from traders and other taxpayers, calling them to dedicate voluntary tax paying instead of being forced.

According to him, TRA in the region has enrolled 3,000 new taxpayers in the financial year 2020/21 and the exercise is going on.

Explaining some of the changes, Mwambenja pointed out the property tax has risen to 12,000/- from 10,000/- for ordinary houses and 60,000/- for storey building.

He also acknowledged that farmers, fishermen and pastoralists will contribute to national income by 2 per cent deduction which will be paid by the companies and Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS) which buy products from them or pay directly unless producers sell to AMCOS.

The government has scrapped a number of taxes, among them the tax in workers' Pay as You Earn (PAYE) posters, importation of thick cotton and polyester wrap pieces (vitenge) so as to further create a conducive environment for businesses.



Officials with the northern zone of a national association crusading for the rights of passengers aboard a bus that was just about to make a trip from Arusha city yesterday. Their mission was to underscore the importance of travellers taking precautions against Covid-19 infections. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government wants Tantrade to become a commercial centre

By Guardian Reporter

TRADE and Industry minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo has called on Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE) to become a commercial centre that will provide reports, correct statistics and better commercial services within and outside the country.

Prof Mkumbo made the statement in Dar es Salaam at the weekend in brief event for launching a new TANTRADE board of directors.

Launching the board, Prof Mkumbo called on it to implement TANTRADE responsibilities including the establishment of a database with trade information as well as making research to know which goods are produced in abundance in the country, which goods are in short supply and which goods are in high demand outside the country.

"I want to see TANTRADE becoming a hub to connect traders with producers, processors and traders from producing areas to where both local and foreign customers are by disseminating the correct data and better commercial services," said Prof Mkumbo.

He also called on the board to make sure TANTRADE enhances creativity in the application of various online systems aimed to improve trade reports to enable procurement of both internal and external markets for products and services available in the country.

The Board has also been required to work together with various other institutions and other private sectors in educating and mobilising for the improvement of goods produced in the country, procurement of markets, engaging in business activities, transport of the goods to small and middle entrepreneurs in order to secure both local and foreign markets.

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US govt hands over to Tanzania two health facilities in Mbeya and Songwe regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

THE US government, through its Walter Reed Research Foundation has handed the Tanzania government two centres for treatment of HIV/Aids in two regions in the Southern Highlands Zone that aim to enhance the fight against new infections of the disease.

It also handed one clinic for mother and child maternal health services with better treatment services to reduce infant mortality in the country.

The regions that have benefited by the assistance are Mbeya and Songwe regions whereby Mbeya received a centre for HIV/Aids treatment as well as a child maternal health clinic while Songwe Region received a centre for treating people with HIV/Aids.

In Mbeya Region, the centre for HIV/Aids treatment is located at the hospital rub by Lutheran Church Konde diocese at Matema in Kyela District while the clinic for child maternal health is built at Ipinda Health Centre in Kyela District.

In regard to Songwe Region the HIV/Aids treatment centre is located at Mwambani Hospital in Songwe District.

The US Ambassador to Tanzania, Donald Wright presented the centres at the weekend at an event at the Matema Lutheran Hospital in Kyela District saying the assistance was part of the US government's aims to assist Tanzania to improve the lives of Tanzanians.

"Tanzania and the US have maintained cordial relations for 60 years now, hence this year when you are celebrating 60 years of your independence, we shall work together with you to mark our relations, hence the centres handed are part of efforts to strengthen those relations," said Ambassador Wright.

He said they will continue to work together with the government

and other stakeholders to make sure better health services reach all Tanzanians without any kind of discrimination.

For his part, Walter Reed Tanzania Director Mark Breda said the health centres will assist people living with HIV to get improved services in private.

He said the centres will also help in the war against HIV infections as the people will be provided with counselling in private as well as education on HIV/Aids without any fear.

The Chairman of Parliamentary HIV/Aids, TB, Narcotics and Incommunicable Diseases Committee, Fatuma Taufiki appealed for the services provided by Walter Reed institution to be expanded to other areas in the country.

Receiving the centres on behalf of the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children, Kyela District Commissioner, Ismail Mlawa thanked the US government for the assistance and called on Tanzanians to start depending on themselves.



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A small trader at Zanzibar's popular Darajani market pictured yesterday displaying to tourists the spices he sells. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

ZAFELA trumpets up for good governance and democracy for a just society - official

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) director Jamila Mahmoud Juma has said there is the need for good governance and democracy in their areas to build up an equal and just society.

She made the remarks in Unguja yesterday at the completion of a three-day training seminar for 60 youth from all Unguja districts who will be tasked to mobilise the society

on the importance for women to participate in leadership and democracy.

She said the group of youth will also educate others in the society to mobilise women to participate in leadership positions.

She said they believe through such education many women will emerge to vie for leadership or even to ensure they elect good leaders to serve their interests.

Some of the training's participants said the training has come at the

right time and believe they will utilize appropriately.

Earlier, coordinator from Tanzania Media Women Association-Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) Salma Amir Lusangi said the project aims to reach 6,000 women to enable them fight for their rights in leadership.

She called training participants to understand that they have a big responsibility to mobilise the women to fight for their rights in leadership including in political,

economic and social rights.

For her part, Fransiska Camillus Clement, a training participant said the existence of special leadership positions for women is a thing that should not be removed as it provides opportunities for many women to prepare themselves.

She also said there was a need for the society to support women who emerge to vie for various leadership positions because, she added, women were more blessed compassion than men.



Mwanza resident Monica Andrew (C) smiles shortly after receiving a power tiller prize for emerging a winner in the 5th draw of the 'Shinda na Balimi Extra Lager' promotion conducted by Tanzania Breweries Limited in the Lake Victoria zone. This was at a handover ceremony held at Kisesa in Mwanza Region at the weekend. Right is TBL's head of sales in the zone, Issa Makani. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Take all precautions against COVID-19, Latra-CCC calls upon commuters in Dar

By Erica Kyomo, TUDARCO

THE Land Transport Regulatory Authority (Latra)-Consumer consultative council (Latra-CCC) is calling on public transport owners, drivers and passengers to continue taking precautions measures provided by health experts so as to protect from COVID-19.

Acting executive secretary of the Latra-CCC Leo Ngowi told 'The Guardian' that users of public transport should always think about their health's safety when travelling.

"After the order issued by the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner to require passengers to ensure they wear masks and cars to load at level seat, the council has taken up the directive and started implementation immediately," he said.

Ngowi said the council has started providing Covid-19 self-defence education through various media outlets with the aim of reaching more passengers easily urging drivers and conductors not to load passengers who are not wearing masks.

"We also provide education in commuter bus stations to enable people to protect themselves from Covid-19 and with this we have seen the awakening of some passengers but education is still needed especially considering most passengers need education on the importance of wearing masks, how long they have to wear, how to store and the importance of regular hand washing using running water and soap," he said.

Ngowi also urged owners, drivers and conductors to always abide by the directive as the nation is facing a Covid-19 struggle and it was imperative that stakeholders could assist the government in the fight.

"We also advise owners with additional vehicles to seek temporary passenger transport licenses so as to serve the public and reduce congestion in stations," he added.

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'TEA recognises VTF contribution to the education sector in Tanzania'

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Education Authority (TEA) has presented a certificate of recognition to Vodacom Tanzania Foundation (VTF) for its ongoing contribution to growth of the education sector in the country.

This recognition comes as a result of the organization's commitment to using Vodacom Tanzania's wide network to deliver on its promise to leave no one behind by fostering inclusivity in education through technology.

Inclusive Education is one of the company's strategic pillars where through technology-driven programs, VTF aims to create equitable access to quality education for students and providing teachers with the right tools by increasing adaptation of e-schools across the country. The Foundation works in partnership with the government through the Ministry of Education to help accelerate the delivery of national ICT goals in tandem with advancing SDG 4: Quality Education where to date, over 100,000 learners have utilized free educational technology platforms through the Vodacom Foundation E-Fahamu project (previously known as Instant Schools).

VTF's investment in education harnesses the breadth and strength of the Vodacom network as it aims at fostering inclusive and equitable quality education in Tanzania as part of the Foundation's purpose to "Connect for good" and making sure that no one is left behind. Through its continuing investment in this sector, the Foundation supports TEA's core objective in providing access to quality and equitable education for all.

By Special Correspondent, Brazzaville

WITH 620 million COVID-19 vaccine doses set to arrive in Africa through COVAX alone by the end of 2021, African countries are set to roll out a range of different vaccines, each with their own unique storage, transport and administration requirements.

"It's a huge and complex task, and it is crucial that we plan well, ensure resources are in place and keep documenting, learning and sharing lessons as we go. Countries must also share all relevant data with WHO, as we use it to allocate vaccines, track progress and tailor our support," says Dr Phionah Atuhebe, New Vaccines Introduction Officer with the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa.

Many existing preparatory steps remain relevant for the next phase of Africa's COVID-19 vaccine rollout, but a number of new tools, resources and guidelines are now available.

Progress reviews

Intra-action reviews help countries find and fix key challenges quickly and keep learning and improving over time. The reviews can identify practical areas for immediate remedy, such as introducing vaccines to different priority groups, rolling-out multiple vaccines, and in wider COVID-19 response reviews,

The E-Fahamu project demonstrates the power of the Vodacom network and technology in building a resilient digital economy through strategic social investments where all the websites containing education content are zero-rated to allow users to gain access to school and university related websites at no cost.

"We are honoured to be the recipient of such high recognition from the Government of Tanzania. This co-sign strengthens our resolve to continue working with and supporting the Government in giving access to free education for all," said Rosalynn Mworia, Director for the Foundation.

E-Fahamu is a platform that facilitates teachers with materials that enhance their lesson delivery and gives access to extensive learning content to students that enables them to self-learn and better understand what was taught in the classroom. It has filled the gap of lack of text books by providing access to more than enough learning materials for free. The program helps teachers have an easier time forming their lessons and notes due to quicker access to the information they need. One such teacher is Mwalimu Damian Mtono of Mtakuja Secondary School.

"I used to browse text books to create notes for my students, it takes a lot of time and effort and has many of us struggling because you first have to find the books which are already a scarce resource," said Mwalimu Damian.

"Instant Schools changed everything. I could find and consolidate materials faster and with ease and as a result of using this program I became the best

teacher in Biology at District level in the national examination with a 71% pass mark," he added. Science subjects are generally perceived as hard to grasp but the learning materials that are contained within the Instant Schools platform are easy to read and understand and widely expound on the subject matter. Students also rave about the benefits of the platform. "The Instant Schools platform is so good that I even use it to teach my younger siblings who are in early education because it has books and educational programs from nursery school level to secondary school level," said Happiness Juma, a then student at Mtakuja.

Over 190 schools are utilizing the instant schools' platform to date. This initiative and other interventions carried out by VTF owe their success to Vodacom's wide and strong network. Vodacom is committed to supporting socioeconomic development by using its network to solve everyday challenges faced by society. This is in line with the brand's social contract to support the government's digital priorities.

"Vodacom Tanzania has over 2000 active 4G sites providing the fastest internet in the country. This coupled with zero-rated access to educational sites is accelerating our goal to reach 1 million learners by 2025," said Mworia. "We have seen impressive, positive change through this program. This program improves the quality of education received by learners which can be seen in the increase in ICT literacy and uptake, improved confidence, more enthusiasm towards learning and improved academic performance," she added.

WHO supports countries rolling out multiple COVID-19 vaccines

putting the right public health and social measures in place.

With WHO assistance, 11 African countries have conducted COVID-19 intra-action reviews. Seven are in the planning phase and nine more have expressed interest in conducting them.

Financing

The first phase of Africa's COVID-19 rollout saw a number of African countries unable to unlock funds for key expenses, including hiring vaccinators, cold-chain storage and logistics and transport and administration, by leaving them out of their costing plans.

The WHO COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and Deployment Costing Tool (CVIC) is key to helping countries determine their funding needs. Once completed, African countries can request more resources through the WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform.

A range of financing opportunities are available. Gavi, the vaccine alliance, recently approved a further US\$ 775 million to deliver vaccines to low-income countries and the World Bank will provide over US\$4 billion to purchase and deploy vaccines to 25 African countries.

Sharing lessons

WHO documents and shares key lessons from Africa's rollout of COVID-19 vaccines. This includes building a database of valuable information and creating case studies on positive experiences and how countries are overcoming key risks and challenges. So far, 10 African countries have shared experiences and valuable lessons through regional webinars.

Driving demand

WHO assists African countries in reaching communities to drive up demand for vaccines through a network of risk communication and community engagement professionals.

The WHO-hosted Africa Infodemic Response Alliance (AIRA) shares safe, proven facts on health and works to counter misinformation online. So far, AIRA has aided around 20 African countries in building up their infodemic management capacities. Viral Facts Africa, AIRA's content production arm, has produced over 188 items of online content that have been viewed over 100 million times in 34 countries. To access all Viral Facts content please visit this link and click "Request Access".

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Why is used clothing popular across Africa?

MANY people in Africa buy second-hand clothes sent from Europe and the US. But East African countries could ban imports of used clothes and second-hand cars, putting an end to a lucrative trade in the region. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda could all ban second-hand clothes and leather, among the countries which make up the East Africa Community (EAC).

The EAC directed member countries to buy their textiles and shoes from within the region with a view to phasing out imports. In 2019 the EAC also proposed a reduction in imports of used cars. The EAC suggested phasing out imports. However, that it depends on the heads of state all agreeing to a common industrialisation policy. The proposal suggests a ban would only come in after an increase in local textile production. The idea is to give a boost to local manufacturing, and help the economy.

One argument is that the imported clothes are so cheap that the local textiles factories and self-employed tailors can't compete, so they either close down or don't do as well as they could. A release from a previous EAC manufacturing and business summit says the leather and textile industries are "crucial for employment creation, poverty reduction and advancement in technological capability" in the region.

Across the African continent second-hand clothes from developed countries are a mainstay of many informal traders, dominating local market stalls. East African Community (EAC) proposed ban aims to encourage local production and development within member countries: Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and

Uganda alone imported \$151m of second-hand clothing in 2018, most of which was collected by charities and recyclers in Europe and North America. In the 1970s, East Africa's clothing manufacturing sector employed hundreds of thousands of people, but when the debt crisis hit local economies in the 1980s and 1990s, local manufacturing struggled to compete with international competition and factories were forced to close. Today, the small sector remaining is geared towards production for exports.

People in countries like the UK donate used clothes to charity. A research conducted recently in Britain explains that demand for the clothes sold in charity shops is low compared to supply. More than 70 per cent of all UK reused clothing goes overseas, where they are sold. People believe that their clothes will be given to those in need or sold in high street charity shops to raise funds and don't realise that their donations will be traded abroad for profit.

Second-hand underwear has been called unhygienic. The EAC urged governments to make sure that used-clothes imports complied with sanitary standards urging East African governments to make sure that used-clothes imports complied with sanitary standards. Used knickers were banned in Ghana in 2011 and a Ugandan bill also proposed a ban in the country last year. Second-hand cars have also been blamed for causing accidents. In Uganda, second-hand garments account for 81 per cent of all clothing purchases. According to UN figures from 2013, South Korea and Canada combined exported \$59m worth of used clothes to Tanzania while the UK alone exported \$42m worth of used clothes to Kenya.

We need to do the most we can to rid our country all manner of criminality

INTEGRITY is the practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values. In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions. Integrity can stand in opposition to hypocrisy, in that judging with the standards of integrity involves regarding internal consistency as a virtue, and suggests that parties holding within themselves apparently conflicting values should account for the discrepancy or alter their beliefs.

The word integrity evolved from the Latin adjective integer, meaning whole or complete. In this context, integrity is the inner sense of "wholeness" deriving from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character. As such, one may judge that others "have integrity" to the extent that they act according to the values, beliefs and principles they claim to hold.

In ethics when discussing behaviour and morality, an individual is said to possess the virtue of integrity if the individual's actions are based upon an internally consistent framework of principles. These principles should uniformly adhere to sound logical axioms or postulates.

One can describe a person as having ethical integrity to the extent that the individual's actions, beliefs, methods, measures, and principles all derive from a single core group of values. An individual must, therefore, be flexible and willing to adjust these values to maintain consistency when these values are challenged—such as when an expected test result is not congruent with all observed outcomes. Because such flexibility is a form of accountability, it is regarded as a moral responsibility as

well as a virtue.

An individual value system provides a framework within which the individual acts in ways that are consistent and expected. Integrity can be seen as the state or condition of having such a framework and acting congruently within the given framework.

One essential aspect of a consistent framework is its avoidance of any unwarranted (arbitrary) exceptions for a particular person or group—especially the person or group that holds the framework. In law, this principle of universal application requires that even those in positions of official power can be subjected to the same laws as pertain to their fellow citizens. In personal ethics, this principle requires that one should not act according to any rule that one would not wish to see universally followed.

For example, one should not steal unless one would want to live in a world in which everyone was a thief. The philosopher Immanuel Kant formally described the principle of universal application in his categorical imperative.

The concept of integrity implies a wholeness, a comprehensive corpus of beliefs often referred to as a worldview. This concept of wholeness emphasises honesty and authenticity, requiring that one act at all times in accordance with the individual's chosen worldview.

We should give President Samia Suluhu Hassan the thumbs-up for what she has been doing during the hundred days in office. She and her Second Vice President Philip Mpango and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa have been running the country in a way that the President herself likes. She has been sending out clear messages to all friends and enemies as to how she would like to see the country run.

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By Haile Demeke

THE chaotic situation in Afghanistan and the uncertainty hanging over the war-torn country are just only the tip of the icebergs of U.S.'s failed foreign policy towards many nations.

Following the withdrawals of the US Army from Afghanistan hundreds of people poured onto the tarmac at Kabul's international airport, desperately seeking a route out of Afghanistan this week on Monday, after the Taliban's seizure of power sparked a chaotic Western withdrawal and brought to a crashing end the United States' two-decade mission in the country.

Afghanistan's chaotic turn drew a sharp condemnation against Biden by both democrats and republicans at home. The situation in the country leaves a deep scar in Biden's foreign policy track record and is pushing Afghanistan into uncharted territory as a cloud of uncertainty hanging over the war-torn country.

Alluding to the situation in Afghanistan, many experts are warning against the U.S. interference in the Horn of Africa particularly Ethiopia.

The U.S. announced that it has withdrawn its troops from Afghanistan after 20 years of presence in the country without bringing any positive impact. This shameful foreign policy failure is a lesson for the U.S. that is following the same foreign policy towards the countries of the Horn of Africa including Ethiopia. Washington has been putting unwarranted pressure against Ethiopia.

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations at University of Gondar, Andargachew Tesfahun told The Ethiopian Herald that the intervention of the western in the horn and beyond is mainly aimed at degrading the countries by using their leverage and influence.

The recent turn of events in Afghanistan is a testimony that the US has failed in Afghanistan. At the same time, the US is trying to repeat what happens in Afghanistan in the Horn of Africa. As the Horn region is a strategic area and powerful countries have a huge interest in the region and want to control the area by installing puppet governments that will execute their interest. This is what we are witnessing in Ethiopia now and if the country didn't accept their orders, they exert maximum pressure by all means so as to weaken that state, he added.

"Western intervention resulted in many failed states in countries like Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Libya and others. On the contrary, other countries like Venezuela, North Korea, Iran and Cuba that resisted

Afghanistan a stark reminder of failures in foreign policy



western interferences through the unity of their people."

On the other hand, currently, there is global power competition and there is a shift of power globally. The U.S. is highly worried about the influences of rising powers and the number one priority of Washington is to control the Horn region by any means, he said adding that the U.S.'s failure in Afghanistan set a solid lesson to the country and the world that improper foreign policy is not acceptable by any means and will be counterproductive.

"I think the world is well aware of U.S.s foreign policy and the recent failure in Afghanistan clearly exposed the true color of its policy. America and Europe need to revise their foreign policy. They need to reshape their old-fashioned policy of interference and prepare for a win-win approach."

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Bahir Dar University Yayew Genet shares a similar view. He said that the U.S. foreign policy towards Ethiopia needs to be revised as its current policy encourages an intervention mechanism and also prioritized its interest only than considering the interest of the other countries.

If we see the case of Afghanistan as an example, U.S.'s involvement in the country in the past two decades has brought nothing without causing more destruction and continuous war in the country. The US engagement in the area has highly damaged the economy of Afghanistan in particular and the U.S.

The recent chaotic situation in Afghanistan and botched withdrawal boldly highlighted the failure of the US foreign policy globally. The intervention of the western and other Europeans resulted in military crises and others. This should be taken as a good lesson and the West needs to design balanced foreign policy to avoid a similar tragedy in other countries, he added.

The Horn of Africa is one strategic area in the continent and globally and there is a huge interest of superpowers in the region. On the other hand, the area is facing challenges from terrorist groups and they were challenging the peace and security of the region. The US is intervening in the internal affairs of many countries across the world and challenges the internal affairs of sovereign countries which are unacceptable.

The continuous pressure from some western countries which is being exerted in Ethiopia is also as a testament to the improper foreign policy of the westerners that they have towards the country. They need to reshape their interventionist foreign policy in a proper way in which it secures the benefit of all countries. They need to revise their foreign policy and follow cooperative foreign policy.

"Interventionists need to learn from Afghanistan's intervention as the Horn Region is beyond the Afghan and if the policy is continued in this way the output will be the same."

On the other hand, the competition between the western world and the

Middle East sends a warning signal to Washington and if the US does not revise its foreign policy, it may lose its power in the global political order. The diplomatic failure of the US will open space for Asian and Middle East powers and beyond, he said.

In a message posted in his social media account lately, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD) said that if there is the only way to confront and resist the western intervention is standing together.

A number of nations in the world had experienced similar conspiracies that created the threats of disintegration at one time or another in countries like Yugoslavia, Syria, Somalia and Libya had fallen with these conspiracies.

However, "Germany, Japan, Korea and Vietnam are some of the pioneering nations that successfully thwarted the crises they had gone through by confronting them with strong unity and currently, these nations are among the key models for their economic might, modern political system, technological capabilities and civilized social values.

The premier said these countries had been tested by the dreadful and most challenging predicaments, however, surpassed them and become prosperous now by using the challenges as a springboard. The western world uses international media outlets and other international organizations to pressurize nations that they are interested in by conducting enormous campaign, he added.

START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY ...officially mugged in Moshi!

WELL greetings, and thanks to those who liked the blah blah last week...and maybe even those who didn't...so what can we chew on today whilst I'm feeling cheerful?

.....except I'm not really...cheerful...I mean, because Tanesco is yet again terrorising my small household, as opposed to the 'normal tormenting' instead.

It occurred to me as I typed the above words, that I've been monitoring the national power house for many...many... years, interspersed with doing likewise via Dawasco, both state assets, who've massively defaulted on serving their customers at every level, aided by their flexible mandate.

Hopefully, in pursuance of that, they are now suitably reformed, though I'm not sure because I've been absent for some time. Anyway, maybe both organisations should have monthly meetings over tea and biscuits, to compare their ongoing shortcomings...or lack thereof...?

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-Well let's stay with the public utilities today, then I won't bore readers till next month...OK?

It's over half a decade since I made a magic journey to Moshi, but arriving late at night to a small shamba house on the slippery rain drenched slopes, it wasn't magic that was needed, but people, and welcoming lights. Instead of which, it was to dense darkness, and a meter showing no Luku credit.

After some clever business via a mobile phone, (not done by me) 20,000 /- worth of Tanzania's most problematic product was purchased with enough electricity on low usage to last for a week or so.

Given the traffic clogged, chaotic, disorganised and ugly environment of the once pleasant Dar es Salaam, waking up to the lush cool beauty and peace of the mountain, was an exhilarating experience.

I'd just started to enjoy the surroundings, when there was a power cut on the second day, and I wondered how I'd read or write if it lasted into the night. Plus with the water going off, it was back to the Dar life style we'd left behind...but with the mountain as compensation!

.....except that it wasn't a power cut or rationing, but simply sh. 20,000 /- worth of electricity had finished in less than two days, instead of the expected two weeks.

I was in a compound of two small houses, which uses a few light bulbs only, so where had the Luku



Blessed by magical Mount Kilimanjaro, which overlooks the compact town of Moshi. The people that live on the maintain's slopes find life easier now that they have electricity from the national grid. (File photo)

balance gone? A scary ride down the slippery slopes to the Tanesco office in town, gave me an answer nearly as alarming as the journey.

Complaining loudly to the pleasant Acting Regional Manager, he took me to see the Revenue Accountant, who supplied the answer.... the credit was finished!

Out of the 20,000 /- spent, unbelievably, the 15,364 /- appeared to be either for backdated 'service charges', or a penalty payment for non-usage since December, leaving only 4,636/- for the actual electricity. This felt like being mugged!

During a time of public anger with this company, with letters being written to the media, I occasionally published some of my own rage inducing Luku receipts, and one memorably showed that out of 3,000/- credit, 2,900/- was a 'service charge', with only the remaining 100 /- for the electricity. On this occasion, Tanesco informed me it was a mistake, as of course was the whole concept of this dishonest strategy.

It seemed that if you were on a certain tariff scale, you have to maintain the momentum, or be 'fined' for not doing so. Being on a lower scale avoids this, but probably not if you ever reach it.

(Are you with me?) Despite the explanations of the senior accountant, the complexities of the pricing structure, and the penalties euphemistically called 'service charges', appeared confusing, but no doubt to Tanesco's advantage.

When this charging procedure was being planned some years ago, I wrote it would be like being billed in a restaurant for meals you'd eaten in the past. In fact, it would

have been more accurate to say being charged for meals you hadn't eaten at all, judging by my current Luku assessment at the time.

Apart from the lunacy of being billed for non usage of their product, the state utilities high service charges were unacceptable if little service was rendered from them.

This is going back over half a decade, but still the short comings were considerable.

At the time, the Luku operation seemed virtually self service, with the onus on the customer to acquire the product themselves. Then THEY travelled to collect it, THEY installed it in their meter. THEY replenished it when necessary, so what immediate costs did Tanesco incur. Some customers received meter readings, but were they included in the service charge...I don't know, as no breakdown was given.

.....well here we are, many years later, and a quick check around this office, and I'm told Tanesco is "reformed"...that leaves Dawasco and 'their doings', but how many more public utilities are there to check on....and do we need them?

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-Well, time to close, but I've just recalled, many years ago, Moshi municipality officers, said they intended to stop their citizens "from drinking local brew.... (POMBE) from dawn to dusk, as it inhibited development and socio economic activities.....".It's interesting to know how this was achieved, if at all....but working in local government at the time, was a gentleman called John Pombe Magufuli.... I hope he played a part in this health exercise!

Time bomb South Africa: The building blocks that triggered, facilitated and sustained the civil unrest

By Susan Booysen

AS clues accumulate as to who cast the match that ignited Time Bomb South Africa, it is clear that the insurrection 'masterplan' built on known factors ranging from state weakness and ANC paralysis, to the lawlessness and realities of poverty and deprivation.

At the core of South Africa's July uprising was the political spark of "Free Zuma". It has been taking shape since the pre-Polokwane times when former president Jacob Zuma and his cohort planned and executed the takeover of ANC and South African state power. A few years of rule by President Cyril Ramaphosa have not defused this political catalyst.

The political-cum-socioeconomic uprising was enabled by the weakness of the South African state. The feeble state then interfaced with a long-standing popular culture of lawlessness and the ANC government's practice of "soft law" against citizens and factions. Soft law refers to the ANC's reluctance to act against citizens breaking the law for fear of this causing alienation and lack of electoral support.

This analysis explores these building blocks that helped build the facilitative context for the uprising to take place. It asks whether both the stark

and the contributing factors are likely to persist or disappear.

The weaknesses of the South African state are at the core of the problem of having enabled the events of chaos and anarchy that engulfed much of KwaZulu-Natal and parts of Gauteng. There are indications that dark forces within the state security apparatuses, with links to the dark side of civil society, have been masterminds. These forces, constituting parallel structures and processes, were identified in the 2018 Report of the High-Level Review Panel on the State Security Agency into the malfunctioning of the State Security Agency (SSA), soon after Ramaphosa came to power. Security experts reported this week that to this day nothing significant has been done to clean up the deep network of illegal intelligence operations that served, or still serve, Zuma.

The week's government security pronouncements demonstrated the fragility of available state intelligence operations. The week's briefings represented the insights from the Nat-Joints structure that brings together intelligence by the police Crime Intelligence, military intelligence and the SSA. Despite assurances that much had been thwarted, this Justice, Crime Prevention and Security cluster instilled little confidence. Beyond

these structures, the deputy minister of intelligence reported that from interacting with communities at the sites of ravaged shopping malls he had learnt about the causes, unearthing details the security services had not been privy to!

The minister of defence on Monday authorised the deployment of 2,000 troops to support the police in securing infrastructure and did not want to deploy larger numbers "for the sake of deploying". By late Wednesday, the optimal number was raised to 25,000.... Also bear in mind that citizens know from experience that the military comes scarred, its reputation dented by the early Covid-19 deployment casualties.

The South Africa Police Service (SAPS), in the words of the minister of police, is not trained to handle an uprising (they only handle policing, he says). This was clear amid images of the police being spectators as shopping malls were looted (more than 200, it is estimated) and often torched. There was a flood of statistics on the number of arrests. Yet, from experience, we know that a fraction of these cases will be prosecuted, and those numbers are most likely to fizzle out too, a phenomenon that I write about in my book, Precarious Power.



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under non-governmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) and Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), The Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health (MoH) in Zanzibar with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through strengthening of health and community systems for comprehensive quality health services including HIV/AIDS; Tuberculosis; prevention of GBV; reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH) services; laboratory and health management information systems (HIMS).

THPS is implementing a USAID Police and Prisons Activity in 64 health facilities across 26 regions of Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, aimed at supporting the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) in providing comprehensive quality HIV and TB prevention, care and treatment services. THPS therefore is seeking highly experienced, committed and motivated Tanzanians to fill in its vacant positions for this activity to be based at the facilities Countrywide.

Job Title	: CTC Clinician (3 positions)
Direct Reports to	: Medical Officer in charges of the health facilities
Location	: Kambarage Police Dispensary - Shinyanga, Tabora Police Dispensary - Tabora and FFU Mbeya Dispensary - Mbeya in Tanzania

Purpose and Scope of Job: Provision of high-quality clinical HIV and Tuberculosis services according to the local (Ministry of Home Affairs, MoHCDGEC) and international standards, including reporting as per donor government and requirement.

Duties and responsibilities:
HIV services

- Attend all clients (PLHIV and Non-PLHIV) enrolled / attending CTC to ensure clinical service are provided according to the national and international HIV treatment guidelines.
- Ensure all clients attending all service points at your facility are offered HIV counselling and testing in accordance to MOHCDGEC and MoHA guidelines.
- Ensure all patients/clients attending all service points at your facility clients are screened for their eligibility for HIV testing and all those eligible are tested.
- Conduct and facilitate index testing to sexual partners of PLHIV newly identified or attending CTC services at your facility (except prisoners).
- Ensure Linkage case management model is well understood and implemented as a routine service to all new identified clients except for prisoners.
- Supervision and coordination of lay counsellors to ensure all positives identified are attached, followed, and enrolled into ART.
- Ensure all clients identified to be HIV positive are linked to care and started on ART on the same day (Same day ART initiation)
- Ensure all clients on treatment are categorized according to their stability to allow application of Differentiated Care Model for stable and unstable clients.
- Ensure pediatric population attending the facility are screened for optimized PITC using children specific screening tool.
- Ensure all positive children are started on optimized ART and those who are on old regimen to change the regimen to TLD.
- Ensure adherence and retention on ART of pediatric clients hence successfully viral suppression
- Coordinate and participate facilitate children Saturday clinics and teen clubs.
- Ensure availability is pediatric job aides, posters and working tools.
- Ensure HIV Viral Load coverage at your clinic is at 95%
- Facilitate monitoring and evaluation (ensure proper documentation of all services provided and reports are developed and submitted as per MOHA, MOHCDGEC, THPS and USAID guidance.
- Ensure HIV QI Team is available and QI activities are implemented successfully correctly.
- Implement PMTCT activities in the health facility

TB& TB/HIV services

- To work with expert clients/peers at OPD to ensure that all clients who become eligible for HIV testing due to TB symptoms are also subjected to TB testing
- To attend all clients presumed to have TB and ensure that they are subjected to appropriate TB diagnostic workup
- to ensure all pediatric patients diagnosed with any form of malnutrition are f evaluated for TB
- Work with the DOT nurse(s) to ensure all contacts of contacts of confirmed Pulmonary TB patients are reached and subjected to appropriate diagnostic workup
- Ensure TB screening is done to all PLHIV on ART during routine clinical visit.
- Ensure evaluation of patients on anti-TB is done at month 2 and month 5 and outcome of treatment is documented
- Design and update the facility's TB infection control plan and ensure that it is displayed and being used at all services delivery points
- Ensure appropriate TB documentation is made across all TB registers and reporting tools.

Qualifications & Experience

- Diploma /Advanced in clinical Medicine from a recognized institution and must be registered with the relevant professional body in Tanzania.
- At least two years' working experience in providing HIV/AIDS care and treatment and TB services
- Computer literacy, with comfortable working experience with the basic Microsoft packages (Word, Excel & power point, and Access).
- Excellent written and oral communication in English and Kiswahili.
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines.
- Ability to plan, implement independently or in a team.
- Ability to work under minimal supervision

Position Title	: ART Nurse; 7 positions
Reports to	: Medical Officer in charges of the health facilities
Location	: Oyster Bay Police Dispensary, Ukonga FFU Dispensary -Dar es Salaam, Morogoro FFU Dispensary -Morogoro, Buyekera Policeline Dispensary -Kagera, Moshi Chuo Cha Police Dispensary - Kilimanjaro and Ruanda Prison -Mbeya

Purpose and Scope of Job: Provision of high-quality clinical HIV services according to the local (Ministry of Home Affairs, MoHCDGEC) and international standards, including reporting as per donor government and requirement

Duties and responsibilities

- Attend all clients (PLHIV and Non-PLHIV) enrolled / attending CTC to ensure clinical service are provided according to the national and international HIV treatment guidelines.

- Ensure all clients attending all service points at your facility are offered HIV counselling and testing in accordance to MOHCDGEC and MoHA guidelines.
- Ensure all patients/clients attending all service points at your facility clients are screened for their eligibility for HIV testing and all those eligible are tested.
- Facilitate and conduct index testing to sexual partners of PLHIV newly identified or attending CTC services at your facility (except prisoners).
- Ensure linkage case management model is well understood and implemented as a routine service to all new identified clients except for prisoners.
- Supervision and coordination of lay counsellors to ensure all positives identified are attached, followed, and enrolled into ART.
- Ensure all clients identified to be HIV positive are linked to care and started on ART on the same day (Same day ART initiation)
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- Ensure adherence and retention on ART of pediatric clients hence successfully viral suppression
- Coordinate and facilitate children Saturday clinics and teen clubs.
- Ensure availability is pediatric job aides, posters and working tools.
- Ensure HIV Viral Load coverage at your clinic is at 95%
- Ensure TB screening to all PLHIV on ART, suspects are diagnosed and treated and those eligible for IPT are initiated and successfully complete.
- Facilitate monitoring and evaluation (ensure proper documentation of all services provided and reports are developed and submitted as per MOHA, MOHCDGEC, THPS and USAID guidance.
- Ensure HIV QI Team is available and QI activities are implemented successfully correctly.
- Implement PMTCT activities in the health facility.
- Perform other duties as requested by your supervisor

Qualifications & Experience

- At least Form Four level of secondary education.
- Must be an Enrolled Nurse
- Knowledge on computer will be an added advantage. (Ms Word, Excel, and MS
- At least three experiences of working with HIV/AIDS program at CTC.
- Capable of independently or under minimal supervision.
- Fluent in Kiswahili and English

Job Title	: Assistant Data Officer (ADO 17 position)
Direct Reports to	: Medical Officer In charge and Indirectly to Zonal SI Officer
Location	: Health Facilities, Country wide

Purpose and Scope of Job: To implement high-standard computer and paper-based HIV Testing (HTS) Services, care and treatment (CTC) and TB data and record management in accordance to Facility, District, Regional, Government and PEPFAR guidance

Duties and responsibilities:

- Primarily responsible for transcription of patient visit information to paper-based pre-ART, ART registers, and TB register.
- Review relevant clinic records and perform paper-based data quality checks on CTC 2 cards, ART registers, Pharmacy and TB registers.
- Ensure proper filling client files
- At computerized sites, conduct data entry for the CTC 2 database from CTC2 cards, PITC registers and HEI cards.
- Update all patient's laboratory results on CTC2 database (CD4, Viral Load etc.)
- Perform data quality assurance checks for the electronic data
- Update all clients visits in the CTC2 database on daily basis and update in the CTC3 macro as frequent as required by the program.
- Perform daily back up of CTC2 database into external hard drive
- Conduct data triangulation between CTC2 database, ANC and TB units (TB-HIV and ANC positive clients)
- Produce/Compile Prepare Quarterly reports for care and treatment, Mother child cohort report, HTS reports and TB reports.
- Produce TB defaulters, missed appointment /LTF reports on monthly basis and update final status of clients.
- Collaborate with site personnel, personnel at other health facilities and community-based organization in tracing patients who miss visits or are lost to follow-up.
- Assist facility, R/CHMT in all data-related requests and reporting.
- Ensure weekly data are entered into patchy excel to facilitate weekly performance review.
- Enter performance of each sub granted staff in the database on monthly basis.
- Participate in all QI meeting in the facility.
- Facilitate accurate and timely data collection and submission at your facility on weekly, monthly and quarterly basis with minimal or no support from THPS staff.
- Communicate closely with District, Regional and Headquarters THPS staff to ensure smooth uninterrupted availability of HIV interventions in your facility

Qualifications & Experience

- At least Form six level.
- Certificate from Health Record Management training Institute
- Must have verifiable knowledge on computer (Ms Word, Excel, and MS Access)
- Nursing, counselling, and/or records keeping skills will be an added advantage
- Familiarity with the health system and hospital medical records.
- Capable of independently implementing the duties described above.
- Fluent in Kiswahili and English

How to apply:

Interested applicants should send an email recruitment@thps.or.tz attaching their application cover letter one page maximum and CV four pages maximum by **September 3rd 2021** with a position title as a subject line, for example: "PMTCT Field Officer". Only short-listed applicants will be contacted. Please do not attach any certificates when submitting online.

THPS is an equal opportunity employer; women, people living with HIV/AIDS and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.

The pyramid scheme opportunity



A FRIEND calls to ask if I recommended her for this 'opportunity' she'd been called to attend, which I did not, and then calls again the following day, ecstatic, to tell me how it went. Her voice was higher-pitched than normal and she was elated. She tells me she'd have to explain in full detail for me to understand the eye-opening experience she just had.

On a fateful day, a group of late-teens to early twenty-somethings were gathered in a hall at that day and became recipients to a speech so powerful that when they left, some of them concluded, it was the most impactful and perhaps most important speech they were ever going to hear in their life. A turning point to how they would forever view their finances.

They walked out empowered, believing the world was theirs for the taking and that they didn't need credentials or anyone's permission for that matter, to go chasing what they want.

Been in college is a critical age where we can be impressionable, and the more this friend spoke, the more apparent it became, she had just had the wrong kind of brainwashing. She had been initiated into a cult, that would stop at nothing until they've recruited everyone. Their speaker in his mighty eloquence had just introduced them to the world of Multi-level marketing (MLM).

For just Tshs.500,000, you were presented with the opportunity to join a community so hungry about success that within the coming year, you'd be on your way to becoming a millionaire. At that age, without any substantial income, there's no way you would not see that as THE opportunity. The amount got you a package of medical and beauty products you could sell, and make your money back. At the same time, make life better for you and your customers. That's a fine way to make small money, but to join the big leagues, you purposed to recruit people. Your recruits would fall under you, and you would earn from their earnings, and earn from the earnings of their recruits for a couple of levels down. They'd insist, you just had to recruit 5 people and you'll be set for life. You even had the option to open several accounts and voila! you would have bid poverty goodbye.

They were two possibilities here. One, the guy who risked it all and jumped on that 'opportunity,' and

isn't that what life is all about, risking. How they wouldn't have to work hard or be part of the rat race; they'll just 'work smart,' their earnings compounding, and in a few years, they would be unrecognizable. They'd be driving the most luxurious cars, taking vacations abroad, and most importantly, they'd be doing all that while they were young. Who wants to be old to enjoy their money? The opportunity presented the opportunity to live your best life while you were still young, not having to wait.

Two was he who waited too long, foolish not to jump on at the earliest. Those were promised to regret, twice. Once, when you're struggling at your day-job earning a meagre salary while you watch your mates living the life you could've had, driving these beautiful cars, living in the most amazing mansions, and you would think back to that day in that hall, like damn, that could've been me. And the second regret is that you'll regret waiting

for too long to join. All the people who didn't wait will be far much ahead of you in life. They had the advantage of the head start and now have a huge network of referrals under them. It was repeated that you might walk out of that room and want to mention what got discussed there to family. You were advised against that for family would discourage you. Family won't get it. That they don't even understand the life that you want. That they're already enslaved to the system and here you are trying to go unscripted. So, they urged them to make a commitment and put up even if it's just Tshs.400,000 as you look for the rest. And don't listen to naysayers who won't understand, they'd conclude. There are people who will tell you that this is a scam. But wait till they see you in your car!

By the time my friend left that room, she already had coughed a portion of the amount, but unfortunately for her, she made the same mistake she was told not to make. She talked to me THE naysayer.

The thing about being young is that you live in a state of urgency. You always feel that you're running against a clock. You have to have everything figured out by a certain age. You watch some of your friends get ahead in life and feel left behind. If it was up to you, you'd want to be the one with the head start and everyone holding you as the blueprint of what they should have achieved by now. But it's not up to you, so you're the one comparing yourself, and it hits you again and again how inadequate you are. You haven't made anything out of yourself. You're not there where you wanted where you should be. And anyone who throws you a lifejacket to get you out, you'll regard them your savior. But sometimes you are the opportunity and you aren't aware of it yet.

The way out of this is to decide that it ends with you. No matter your losses. The moment we all embody that mentality, there is no business. I'd like to think my friend did understand that as I explained it to her, and that she didn't let the idea of the sunk cost get to her.

We all have to beware that not everything presented to you as an opportunity is. Any good orator can be enticing and end up having you believe what isn't. It's witchcraft I call it, the ways of the tongue. But to be formidable for a speaker's spell not to work on you, you must carry with you an awareness. Knowledge is the filter that can have you separate what's right from what just feels right.

The first thing anyone presenting this business to you, they'll tell you it's not a pyramid scheme. Why? Because pyramid schemes have a bad rep. But if I may be bold, it often is a pyramid. Businesses are about people. About making things better for your customers, employees, shareholders and your community. As a rule of thumb, anything sold to you to profiteer at the expense of someone else, a basic self-centeredness,

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Why one woman is out to end job seeker syndrome

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

AS education experts ponder how to reverse the growing trend of Tanzanian higher education system producing more job seekers compared to job creators, one woman thinks she has the answer.

Noelle Mahuvi, Founder of Great Hope Foundation, says the solution to job seeker syndrome lies not in the lecture rooms at higher learning institutions but lower down the ladder in secondary school.

Through the organization she founded in 2010, Mahuvi says if entrepreneurship skills are imparted in young Tanzanians at secondary level, the trend can be reversed with more creators than seekers of job upon graduation from universities and colleges.

"At the foundation we initiated Uwezo Award project in 2016 with a goal of empowering secondary school students with entrepreneur-

ship skills. The project is implemented in a competition model whereby students design entrepreneurial community change projects," she said in a recent interview.

"Currently, we have around 35 volunteers at the foundation and for the past five years (2016-2020), we have reached over 420 secondary schools in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions."

The awards are organized in three categories namely Outstanding Project (Gold Trophy) with scores between 80 to 100 marks, Great Achievement (Silver Trophy) with scores of between 61 to 79 and Good Achievement (Bronze Trophy) with scores between 50 to 60 marks.

"Students are required to come up with their own original ideas. We don't brainstorm with them. We even discourage teachers from doing that. The Community Change Project should be designed and implemented by students themselves. Teachers play advisory roles only just as parents or guard-



Noelle Mahuvi (right), founder of Great Hope Foundation, presents a certificate to winner of a community change project called Uwezo Award in a past event. Photo courtesy of Noelle Mahuvi

ians," she said.

She said Kibaha Secondary School was the overall winner of the Community Change Project Uwezo Award 2020 after presenting The New Era Project whose aim was to reduce fungal and abdominal diseases at the school and improve hygiene by cleaning water tanks and unblocking bathroom drainage systems, save lives of pregnant mothers at

Tumbi hospital by donating 9100 millilitres.

In 2018, Kibasila Secondary School won the second best Gold Trophy whereas in 2017 Mugabe Secondary School won the first Golden Trophy, said Mahuvi.

I chose entrepreneurship and students because young people should not solely rely on employment. Out of almost 1million people getting to the labour market only

half get employed," she said.

"The rest fall into self employment; if young people are exposed to entrepreneurship at a tender age, they can easily find opportunities and capitalize on them as they get out of learning institutions."

Currently, Mahuvi said she and her team are working on two other sister projects namely Uwezo Forum and Uwezo Champions, say-

ing the ideas are the result of feedback.

"In Uwezo Forum, the goal is to give exposure to young people who are about to get into the labour market on how they should prepare and what they should focus on whereas Uwezo Champions aims at recognizing young people who are doing business so as to encourage them to grow into bigger national and even multinational businesses," she said.

"My passion falls on community development and my niche, I would say, is young generation development and empowerment. I am just in love with community work, when it involves empowering and developing young people to bring the best out of their potential."

Mahuvi said she has been nominated for the Foya Awards which are given to young people who have initiated various organizations to acknowledge, recognize and inspire them.

"I am under the category

of Social Founder of the year along with other nine nominees. I hope we will bring the trophy home; I have made it to the list of the top three nominees," she said..

This year Foya is organized for contestants from eight countries namely Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria and Zambia and it is designed to recognize and appreciate young founders contributing to the African continent's economic growth while creating employment and other income-generating opportunities through entrepreneurship, thereby inspiring others to be founders in their own right.

Mahuvi holds a bachelor's degree in Procurement and Supply Management from Moshi University of Cooperatives and Business Studies and a master's degree on Development Policy and Practice for Civil Society from Bradford University, a course that was offered in collaboration with Mzumbe University.

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Universities support insect-based food and feed systems

By Reuben Kyama

UNIVERSITIES are contributing to the up scaling of insect-based food and feed systems in Sub-Saharan Africa, which have economic, environmental and social benefits that could support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

These efforts come at a time when the importance of science to secure improved nutrition and food security has been highlighted at dialogues in preparation for the 2021 United Nations (UN) Food Systems Summit in September.

Various higher learning institutions from Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Zambia, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe have been taking up the challenge and redirecting resources towards studying the potential of insects for food and feed systems.

In addition to tackling food security and nutrition challenges, the initiatives could also contribute to waste management.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, small-scale farmers in Africa are witnessing a sharp increase in the price of animal feed. At the same time, malnutrition and food insecurity remain a serious problem in Sub-Saharan Africa due to limited access to proteins.

Scientists have now reiterated the importance of edible insects as an inexpensive alternative source of animal protein for humans and livestock due to their nutritional value and efficiency in food conversion.

The black soldier fly

In Kenya, black soldier fly farming (commonly known as BSF) is gaining momentum. Some experts say it is a pathway to improving livelihoods as farmers struggle to overcome the impact of COVID-19.

Partnerships with farmers

The Rockefeller Foundation is supporting the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (or ICIPE) in Kenya with a grant of US\$600,000 to test business models for scaling up insect-based feed for poultry and fish farming.

"We have been pioneering this area of research since 2013," Chrysantus Mbi Tanga, a senior scientist who specialises in research on insects for food, feed and other uses at ICIPE, told University World News in a recent interview.

He added that "since then, we have been training farmers" to rear protein-rich maggots and insects on their farms.

"ICIPE has partnered with many universities," Tanga said, indicating the central role that higher education continues to play in enhancing food security and nutrition.

The universities involved include Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, University of Nairobi, Egerton University, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (Kenya), Makerere University (Uganda) and University of Pretoria (South Africa). Others are Copperbelt University (Zambia), Hawassa University (Ethiopia) and Chinhoyi University of Technology (Zimbabwe).

Partnerships with farmers
Shem Ariwi is among more than 2,000 smallholders in Kenya who have been trained to set up insect-based enterprises. He is determined to use insects as an alternative to overcome the rising costs of poultry feed.

For Ariwi, some help has come from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (or JKUAT), which has conducted research on insects for food and feed systems since 2006.

"In poultry farming, the feed,



itself, is a very big component of the cost of production and we've always been looking for ways to reduce that," he said recently, adding that JKUAT trained him to raise insects used as animal feeds.

"They trained us and told us about the black soldier flies, which have much higher production returns than crickets," Ariwi explained.

"Black soldier flies are exceptional," said Dr Isaac Osuga, a senior lecturer at JKUAT's department of animal sciences, who has undertaken joint research with ICIPE on insects as protein feed additives for poultry, pigs and fish. "In the feed industry," he said, "among all the other insects, the BSF is what I would call the king." He said it is also the easiest to rear because it thrives under ordinary conditions and feeds only on organic waste and is not a pest.

In recent years, JKUAT has performed joint supervision of BSc, MSc, and PhD students with ICIPE. ICIPE researched more than 28 insect species, including locusts and crickets, before settling on the black soldier fly larvae as the best way forward.

Food safety standards

Studies carried out in Kenya and Uganda demonstrated that insects, such as the black soldier fly and crickets, can be safely fed to poultry without compromising food safety standards.

"This work started in 2013 when the UN

Food and Agriculture Organisation started promoting the use of insects for human food or animal feed," Osuga, who doubles as an animal nutritionist, said.

Breeding the black soldier fly also contributes tremendously to reducing food waste from the environment. Tonnes of food waste are now re-used to feed the larvae. The UN says more than 1 billion tonnes of food produced globally gets lost or wasted each year.

Fish, pig and poultry farming are among the fastest-growing agricultural subsectors in Africa. Tanga said that has helped to improve household livelihoods and increase income levels among farmers.

However, the use of expensive inputs such as fish and plants as feed ingredients is threatening the survival of smallholders.

According to researchers, protein ingredients such as soybean and fish meals in the market are not only expensive to produce, but their production cycles can have a strong negative impact on the environment.

"This is quite understandable," said the Cameroonian-born scientist, "because of competition for human nutrition, and [the fact that] arable land and water are dwindling drastically due to climate change."

Additionally, there is also overfishing in the oceans. "And so, there's a scarcity of fish that has tended to cause an increase in the price of these major protein sources," Tanga remarked.

Ready-to-eat grasshopper

ICIPE says the collaborative effort proposes to improve income-generation, food and nutritional security by developing insect-based feeds for sustainable, safe and cost-effective poultry and fish production.

In Uganda, Makerere University has tested a ready-to-eat grasshopper product and the result has demonstrated enormous demand. According to Tanga, ICIPE has been working with Makerere University on insects for food and feed over the past seven years.

"Higher education should continue to promote research, build collaborative networks with research organisations and the private-sector partners to support skill development," Tanga advised.

The ICIPE-led initiative has entered its second phase, which includes scaling up and finding market linkages that will benefit farmers. So far, Tanga said, through other donor funding, more than 11,000 farmers have been trained across Africa, adding that plans are under way to expand to different countries, including Rwanda.

Impact considered

The various initiatives and their economic, environmental and societal impact have been part of discussions about the UN Food Systems Summit and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The potential economic impact could flow from insect-related businesses providing income through small and medium enterprises in insects' mass rearing and insect-based food processing by youths and women.

Insect-based agribusinesses also serve to improve national and regional trade balances by reducing imports and possibly increasing exports, thus contributing to SDG1 (no poverty); SDG8 (decent work and economic growth) and SDG9 (industry, innovation, and infrastructure).

As far as the environmental impact goes, insects convert waste or feed into valuable biomass more efficiently than livestock. Substitution of meat with insect protein would help to reduce the environmental burden on water and land used compared to animal production due to overexploitation and habitat change, thus contributing to SDG12 (responsible consumption and production); SDG13 (climate action), SDG14 (life below water) and SDG15 (life on land).

The initiative can also have a societal impact as it contributes to food and nutrition security through increased food quantity and quality, reduces poverty through decent job creation; and even shrinks the gender gap by empowering women and youth.

Consequently, researchers add, it can also contribute towards meeting SDG2 (zero hunger); SDG5 (gender equality) as well as pillar three (increased food supply and reduced hunger) of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Plan and also the first aspiration of the African Agenda 2063, a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development.

EAC stages forum to discuss best ways to build a competitive, sustainable bioeconomy in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) is set to host the second regional bioeconomy conference that will provide a platform for experts to discuss how sustainable bioeconomy initiatives in the continent, especially those developing healthy foods, safer and more efficacious medicines, clean energy and water.

The forum will be held virtually on November 10 and 11, this

year with a small group of in-person participants in Nairobi, Kenya.

The two-day conference is being co-hosted by BioInnovate Africa/International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe), the Biosciences eastern and central Africa-International Livestock Research Institute (Beca-ILRI) Hub, and the East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO), and the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) -

Africa Centre.

The theme of the conference is "Building a Sustainable and Resilient African Bioeconomy." The theme is cognisant of the global need to reduce carbon emissions, as well as build resilience against emerging and re-emerging diseases such as COVID-19, thus opening up new possibilities for biologically based research and innovation.

Africa, with its rich biological diversity, and a relatively

large proportion of arable land, is well positioned to tap these opportunities, and build a competitive but sustainable bioeconomy. The latter is seen as one of the ways of diversifying sources of growth through value addition to biological resources, and linking production to new markets.

Additionally, the period 2021 to 2030 is a decade for accelerating efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. In this regard, the

conference participants will discuss how sustainable bioeconomy initiatives in the continent, especially those developing healthy foods, safer and more efficacious medicines, clean energy and water, will position themselves to contribute more to the realisation of the SDGs 2030. The discussion will draw from examples of bio-based innovations that are creating new business prospects and changing lives in the continent.

The conference will also discuss regionalisation of bioeconomy, with the idea that the greatest benefits of a sustainable bioeconomy are realised through regional collaboration. Participants will discuss how regional economic blocs like the East African Community (EAC), Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC), among others, can be the anchor for regional

bioeconomy policies and strategies. Key to this discussion will be opportunities for inter-Africa cooperation in building sustainable and resilient bioeconomies.

The conference will create awareness about sustainable bioeconomy initiatives in the continent, and give participants a platform to build research, innovation and bio-entrepreneurship partnerships.

Participants will also agree on concrete steps for coopera-

Organisation pushes for youth to be extra careful against HIV

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

FOR the past 24 years, the Tanzania Youth Alliance (Tayoa) never lost its track. It maintained its focus of protecting people against HIV/Aids, the move which complements the government's efforts to fight the scourge.

The youth-led organization has been creating different approaches to reach youth and other groups and educate them on the best ways to protect themselves from the pandemic and one of the tools they used was the I17 helpline where people call for free and ask different questions about aids and VVU to Tayoa councilors.

Tayoa director, Peter Masika has been the pioneer of the success in all innovations and creativity which captured the youth attention and made it easy to provide them education about HIV, sexual reproductive health, and the importance to abstain from early sex which could be the source of new HIV infections even early and unwanted pregnancies.

During the launching of condom dispensers in Dodoma recently, the Minister for Local Government and Regional Administration (LGRA), Ummu Mwalimu commended the Dar es Salaam-based organisation for its endeav-

ors of fighting against HIV/Aids since its establishment in 1997.

"I have been very close to this organisation even before I joined politics, its mission has been to educate people to protect themselves from HIV/Aids and I'm very proud to see until now Tayoa maintained its focus. You are doing an important role to save the lives of your fellow Tanzanians, keep it up," Ummu said.

"I know, the focus now is on Covid-19, but Tayoa continues to remind us that we should not forget that HIV/Aids is still here and we're supposed to do advocacy campaign to remind our people about this disease," she said, adding:

"Apart from fighting against HIV/Aids, Tayoa has been in the forefront to provide the right information to people on reproductive health and urging the youth on the importance of abstaining from sex, which can result in increasing new HIV infections or early pregnancies."

"Masika told us here that we must give our children the right information about reproductive health, safe sex, and the importance to abstain and if we don't do that they will be taught by the internet," she said.

Ummu added that society must



change the perception that when a girl or woman buys a condom is a prostitute because they have the right to protect themselves from the aids spread and unwanted pregnancies by using condoms when they need sex.

She, however, said the creativity by Tayoa to produce ATM machines can reduce the fear because from the machines women and girls can buy condoms in

private environment and protect themselves from HIV/Aids or unwanted pregnancies during sex.

"I would like to see these ATM machines and condom dispensers spread in all 184 district councils of Tanzania because it will help people who feel shy to buy condoms in public. I urge all officials from district to regional level to collaborate with these organizations when they will come," she

said

Masika said since its establishment in 1997 they have been sensitizing people to protect themselves from diseases, ignorance, and poverty, the campaign has also equipped youth with entrepreneurial skills.

"In 2023 Tayoa will commemorate 25 Jubilee of serving Tanzanians especially youth, we have introduced a new social family company named Vijanatz Industries which will use different entrepreneurs skills to solve challenges face youth in their endeavors," he said

Masika added that by recognizing its responsibilities to Tanzanian youth the organization has been always thinking about their future so that they can be good fathers and mothers in their adulthood.

"We understand that there is a big task done for youth since he is born and the government has been doing its best to make sure they have bright future and be productive to their nation," he said

He said Tayoa has been providing them with different knowledge on behavior change and facilitate condoms to youth who cannot abstain from early sex as a way to protect them from the disease.

Masika said despite all efforts they came to realize that new HIV infection among girls is high compared to boys and they came up

with the solution to provide condoms to girls who mostly lack protection gears during sex.

"In collaboration with youth themselves we innovated condom dispensers to be used to distribute condoms in different parts of Tanzania so that it can be easy for people even in rural areas to access them," he said.

Masika said currently they work in collaboration with AMREF to implement the Global Fund project which focuses on adolescent girls and young women who are at the maturity age from Dodoma, Morogoro, Tanga, Singida, and Geita.

He said this group is at risk to contain HIV Aids, sexually transmitted diseases, and unwanted pregnancies adding that Tayoa has been collaborating with all mobile network providers to do advocacy on behavior change through free call I17 vijana helpline.

Masika said about five million youth have been reached by Tayoa councilors adding that despite the fact that youth are mostly at high risk from HIV infections but they face different challenges including lack of access to condoms.

"Bad enough in that in our society there is a stigma when girls buy condom to protect from the infection is regarded as a prostitute while it is not. Women and girls have equal rights to protect themselves when they need to have sex," said Masika

Selfless leadership and good governance in Nigeria

By Attahuru M. Jega

I appreciate the honour of being asked to make this presentation at this event and I am glad to do so. Late Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jankande was indeed a selfless leader in governance. He was among the very few selfless leaders Nigeria has had, in his time, since then and indeed in our country's entire history. He was not only selfless but also a visionary leader, focused on initiating and executing policies, programmes and projects to address the fundamental needs and aspirations of citizens. By so doing, whether as Governor of Lagos State October 1979 - December 1983, or as Minister of the Federal Republic September 1993 - June 1998 (?), in the discharge of his assigned responsibilities, he was impactful and he touched lives, consequently his legacy and memory live forever.

Nigeria has been afflicted by or with the misfortune of having characters in governance, who are neither selfless, nor visionary; who are rather essentially greedy (for power and/or money), clueless, reckless and therefore perpetrators and consolidators of poor / bad democratic governance.

One of the major challenges of good democratic governance in Nigeria, therefore, is that of getting selfless, visionary, patriotic, pro-people, inclusive, focused and effective leadership, to drive/pilot Nigeria's national affairs and the political economy towards good, democratic governance. We have muddled through national problems, with epileptically energy superficially, essentially due to the absence of such requisite leadership, as a result of which the challenges have magnified and become complexified, appearing daunting and insurmountable, and pushing the country towards the precipice and potentially off the cliff. In the current situation, getting things right and reverting to the appropriate tra-

jectory of good democratic governance would require selfless, visionary leadership committed to, and focused on, people-oriented policies for socioeconomic growth and development.

In what follows in this presentation, I elaborate upon the following points:

"There is the need for proper understanding and appreciation of the concepts of "Good Governance" and "Good Democratic Governance". What Nigeria needs and requires is not merely good governance but good democratic governance

"There is a correlation between selfless leadership and good governance, especially good democratic governance in Nigeria

"Although a necessary condition, selfless leadership is not a sufficient condition for good, democratic governance

"For Nigeria's progress and development, which address the fundamental needs and aspirations of the citizens, Nigeria would require people in leadership positions who are not merely selfless, but also visionary, patriotic and people-oriented; who have the capacity, competence and ability to appreciate and manage the complexity of our diversity, on the basis of equity, equality of opportunity, fair-play and the rule of law. Leaders who can protect, defend and advance citizenship rights against discrimination, marginalization, predation and exclusion.

In the context of the public sector in modern states, governance is about "steering" the course amidst "the changing boundaries between the public, private and voluntary actors, [which] may include a range of themes [such as] "the process of engagement (politics), the substantive issues (policy), and the institutional structures through which state and other actors relate to one another (polity)" (Hardiman, 2014: 228). Even in stable democracies, the complex interactions and associated



Former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo

outcomes, which governance represents, are in constant need of refinement and replenishment through reform measures.

In unstable and transitional democracies, such as in Nigeria, governance requires constant attention and requisite reforms for it to deliver on the fundamental needs and aspirations of citizens, amongst which human security is paramount. Human security, broadly defined, is essentially about wellbeing, peace of mind and happiness of the entire citizens, without which, no nation can ever be at peace.

Governance is therefore intricately linked to human security. Good democratic governance is the panacea for national socioeconomic growth and development and human security in countries that are democracies or aspire to be so. Bad governance and mis-governance, on the contrary, obstruct democratic development, undermines economic growth and nurtures, as well as entrenches human insecurity.

Governance is often confused with

government. But, as Heywood has noted, "Governance" is a broader term than "government", in the sense that it "... refers, in its widest sense, to the various ways through which social life is coordinated [in a given polity].

Government can therefore be seen as one of the organizations involved in governance..." (2015: 84). In this sense, government is the organizational platform of governance in the public sector, as "market" is the organizational platform of governance in the private/economic sphere, and "networks" are the organizational frameworks for governance in the civil society sector.

In the public sector, governance is a form of public management, which involves "rowing" (administration or service delivery), or more recently, "steering" (setting targets and strategic objectives) in addressing the welfare and wellbeing of citizens. In this context, to "govern", "is to rule or exercise control [over] others" and to preside over and coordinate the traditional government organization,

time and money they would normally expend to obtain those same services by travelling to Monrovia. Citizens are also having various meetings with local officials in the CSCs, a sign of deepening engagement and participation.

The CSCs are the product of a fruitful partnership between the Government of Liberia and a number of international development partners, namely the Government of Sweden, UNDP, USAID and the EU, all of which have provided technical and financial support in establishing CSCs in all 15 counties. Our collective efforts have also included training CSC staff to provide quality services to citizens, and developing policies and legal frameworks to sustain decentralization.

Despite the progress made, more work remains to be done to strengthen decentralization, increase citizen participation, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery in the counties. To start with, the successes recorded to date must be anchored in firmer legal and regulatory frameworks. For example, the current draft Revenue Sharing Bill would give counties the authority to collect and retain a greater share of revenues, better meet their operating costs, and make critical investments in improving services and accelerating development at the local level.

The Governance Commission and the Ministry of Internal Affairs are leading the work on this Bill which, we believe, could be a potential game changer in terms of improving services to people and facilitating growth in rural and under-developed regions of the country.

This process will require all hands to be on deck to ensure that the envisioned law is developed in consultation with, and participation of all stakeholders, both at the national and county levels. Citizens and civil society organizations should use the avenues provided to give their views and be ready to advocate for the adoption

late 1990s, economists and political scientists alike have started to argue that dysfunctional government institutions play a central part in many of the world's most pressing economic and social problems" (2014b: 5). Hence, panacea was seen as "good governance", which can remove distortions in the public sector and restore functionality of institutions. Thus, "good governance" became the framework within which to introduce market mechanisms into the public sector governance processes. Many conceptions of "good governance" abound, as summarized by Rothstein: from good governance as small government, to good governance as the absence of corruption, to good governance as the rule of law, good governance as democracy, to good governance as government efficiency, etc. (ibid. 2014a: 146-152).

In advancing the case of good governance, many other concepts are also banded about; such notions as "devolved governance" related to organization of public administration; "delegated governance", in regulatory policy; and new issues were introduced to "fiscal governance" (Hardiman 2014:236). In particular, under the framework of "good governance", African countries were guided to "bring managerialism into the public bureaucracy" and introduce "public management reforms" which have the objectives "of increasing efficiency, cutting costs, and helping the public sector to deliver high-quality service" (Pierre 2014: 188 &190).

In any case, good governance came to mean the absence of bad governance. Characteristics of "bad governance" are identified as: lack of accountability and transparency, interference with the rule of law and corruption. Indeed, bad governance is perceived as the inability of public institutions to manage public affairs and public resources; and the failure of a government to meet the needs of society while making the best use of all the resources at their disposal.

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Bringing government closer to the people, enhancing service delivery to citizens

By Special Correspondent

EXPERIENCE from across the world shows that decentralization, when properly implemented, is one of the most powerful and effective tools to reduce poverty and inequality, accelerate rural development, and enhance the participation of citizens in their own development. Studies of decentralization programmes on the continent and elsewhere (Tanzania, Uganda, Indonesia, India, etc.) have highlighted the impact that decentralised administrations can have on unlocking the potential of regions, improving services to people, and stimulating citizen participation in decision-making.

As part of an effort to bring services closer to the people, the government of Liberia, in 2012, initiated a national decentralization programme. The programme was also aimed at enhancing citizen participation in governance, reducing inequality, improving service

delivery, and deepening social cohesion in order to spur local economic growth.

Faced with slow adoption of the necessary laws, the government instituted a strategy to innovatively decentralize provision of services to citizens through the County Service Centers (CSCs). The CSCs are one-stop shops that enable citizens to access a variety of government services under one roof without having to travel to ministry headquarters in Monrovia. The vision behind the programme was that any resident should be able to walk into a CSC and access basic services such as obtain a birth certificate, pay property taxes, get a motor vehicle driver's license, acquire a deed for their land, and so forth. Some of these services, like obtaining a birth certificate can further enable citizens to acquire a legal identity which, in turn, can facilitate their access to other rights and services.

The CSCs are also meant to improve citizens' interaction with

government institutions, help increase public awareness of government policies and regulations, and strengthen citizens' oversight of the use of public resources. They also are an important vehicle for ensuring that no one is left behind, a key principle for attaining the Sustainable Development Goals.

After President George Weah took office in 2017, one of his early actions in support of decentralization was to sign the Local Government Act in 2018, providing the legal framework for decentralized service delivery. This was an important milestone for giving ordinary citizens voice and space to participate in the country's governance. It was also a step in the direction of solidifying local accountability and discouraging corruption and misuse of resources.

From our respective visits around the country, there are clear signs that the model works. Some CSCs that we have seen are delivering much needed services locally, and are saving citizens the considerable

chored in firmer legal and regulatory frameworks. For example, the current draft Revenue Sharing Bill would give counties the authority to collect and retain a greater share of revenues, better meet their operating costs, and make critical investments in improving services and accelerating development at the local level.

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Citizens and civil society organizations should use the avenues provided to give their views and be ready to advocate for the adoption

of the Bill when it is presented for vote in the Legislature. For its part, the Legislature should see this as an opportunity to debate and pass the necessary laws that can help to ensure that the needs of the citizens can be met where they live.

The national government, on its part, should go a step beyond reaffirming the importance of decentralization, and make adequate budgetary allocations for County Service Centers. This would reassure citizens and development partners alike, that the train has left the station and is well on its way to its destination.

When administrative decentralization is matched with fiscal decentralization, Liberia will be able to achieve something that no short term donor-funded projects can do - the country will find a path to accelerated and sustained local development, bringing long-term benefits to all its people in all its counties.

And that is the best way to ensure that No One is Left Behind.

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INCENTIVE

Prof Mkenda calls on soya farmers to boost production to serve the Chinese market

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

SOYA farmers and commodity traders have been urged to invest heavily in large scale production of quality commodities following the securing of a lucrative market in China.

Minister for Agriculture, Professor Adolf Mnkenda said in Dar es Salaam last week while addressing a farmers and commodity traders' consultative meeting on how to tackle main chal-

lenges facing agriculture that soya farmers can now heave a sigh of relief.

"The Chinese have a huge market for soya beans which we cannot exhaust and therefore should exploit," Prof Mkenda said during the meeting which was jointly organised by the ministry and the country's Ambassador to China, Mbelwa Kairuki.

"Chinese enterprises are now welcoming Tanzanian commodity exporters and farmers to sell them high qual-



Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda speaks at a past event.

ity soya beans which is highly demanded," he said while adding that his ministry and Ambassador Kairuki have worked

together to secure the lucrative market.

According to Chinese official data, the Asian giant imports

a total of 90,000,000 metric tonnes of soya beans annually from different countries across the world including Latin Ameri-

ca, Brazil and Africa while 16 million tons are cultivated locally.

He called on local farmers to exploit the Chinese market opportunity by investing more and producing high quality beans because the world's biggest importer of soybeans has finally opened its market to the country.

"As the ministry we encourage farmers to enter into contract farming with potential enterprises so that they can increase quality and quantity of the beans for export," the Agriculture minister added while promising state support to stakeholders.

During the consultative meeting, a total of six Chinese companies which are interested to import the beans were introduced through an online video link with Ambassador Kairuki as moderator. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe who also attended the meeting called on farmers and commodity traders to seize the opportunity and earn the country foreign currency needed to boost economic growth.

"This rare opportunity helps us address one of the major challenges facing our farmers, which is a reliable market access," Bashe said saying the ministry and embassy have played their part while the privates sector needs to utilise. While China has given the country a quota of 400,000 metric tonnes annually, local production stands at a meagre 14,000 tonnes only.

CONFIDENCE

Zambian mines look to new leader to unlock \$2bn investment

LUSAKA

COPPER producers are ready to start expansion projects worth \$2 billion in Zambia next year if the industry can reach an agreement on royalties with President-elect Hakainde Hichilema's new administration.

Companies including First Quantum Minerals Ltd. and EMR Capital are ready to raise funding for the projects, while other producers need to spend "hundreds of millions of dollars" in capital that they'd held back since 2019 because of tax changes that deterred investment, the Zambia Chamber of

Mines said.

Despite the southern African nation's copper production edging higher to a record last year, output has largely stagnated over the past decade because of the industry's hostile relationship with outgoing President Edgar Lungu's government. In 2010, Zambia produced

nearly twice as much of the metal as the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the north. By last year, Zambia's output was almost half that of the DRC's, limiting the benefit of record prices.

"The president-elect has reset the tone to one of rebuilding confidence and spurring growth," Chamber

of Mines President Godwin Beene said in response to emailed questions Thursday. "The industry is very positive that with this common-goal approach to the way forward, there will be more of a partnership with government than we have ever seen before."

First Quantum, which ac-

counts for more than half of Zambia's copper output, declined to comment. The mining companies' main request to the government is that they be allowed to deduct mineral royalties from the tax they pay on profits, according to Beene. They also want sliding-scale taxes that are levied on a pay-as-

you-earn basis, he said.

Hichilema, who won last week's elections by a landslide and has pledged to implement stable and predictable policies, is due to deliver his inauguration speech on August 24 and is expected to make more detailed economic pronouncements.



Zambia Chamber of Mines president Godwin Beene.

CFORFEIT

Shell loses Nigeria oil licence to state company in court ruling

ABUJA

ROYAL Dutch Shell Plc's Nigerian venture lost the right to operate an oil site after a court ruled the company wasn't entitled to renew a lease first granted in 1989.

On Monday, the court of appeals in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, overturned a 2019 ruling that granted Shell Petroleum Development Co. the right to renew its operating license for the Oil Mineral Lease II field. Those rights will transfer to the state-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corp.

"This is a huge victory for the government and people of Nigeria as we now have the impetus to responsibly unlock the oil and gas reserves the block offers for the benefit of all Nigerians," Mele Kyari, managing director of NNPC, said in a statement. Shell was "disappointed" by the judgment and subsequently filed an

appeal, a spokesperson for the company said in a statement.

"Though we believe the SPDC JV has fulfilled its obligations under the Petroleum Act for the renewal of OML II, our preference remains to engage the Nigerian authorities on available options for an amicable resolution of issues around the lease," the spokesperson said.

The decision comes just as Shell agreed to pay a local community \$111 million in a decades-old oil spill dispute related to OML II. Shell faces lawsuits from Nigeria to Europe claiming environmental damages in the Niger Delta.

At the same time, the energy giant says it's in the process of exiting its onshore oil position in Nigeria because that no longer is compatible with the company's long-term climate strategy. Shell has pumped oil in Nigeria for half a century.

Kyari said further legal action

by Shell would be "futile" given the company's "inability to work on the Ogoni region of the block for over 30 years." An NNPC subsidiary already has taken over the assets, and operations "are in full gear," according to its statement.



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RESISTANCE

Horticulture exporters sue to block new levy

NAIROBI

FRESH produce exporters have moved to court to stop the implementation of a 0.25 percent levy that the Horticulture Directorate is banking on for development projects including putting up a fumigation plant.

The exporters, under the umbrella of Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya, Fresh Exporters Association of Kenya and the Avocado Association of Kenya, have sued the Ministry of Agriculture, the Attorney-General and the Horticultural Directorate over what they term a rushed implementation of the levy.

The exporters, however argue that there is no defined method under the Regulations for the Ministry of Agriculture and Attorney-General's office to determine the customs value and thereby raise the amount collected in levies.

"The taxable value is amorphous, ambiguous and arbitrarily imposed on the petitioners' members for compliance, thus



A worker packs flowers for export at a farm in Naivasha Kenya, in February this year.

presenting an administrative difficulty and leaving the application of the levy open to manipulation and abuse," said the exporters in a court filing. They say that the 0.25 percent levy is four times the Sh0.30 that the directorate used to charge before.

They estimate the new levy will increase their taxes from the current annual average of Sh90 million to Sh377 million, projecting that over 40 percent of horticulture export firms will be pushed out of business. The new levy, which became effective at the beginning of the year, is backed by the Crops Act and will be based on the value of the consignment being shipped.

The directorate said part of the levy will be used to set up fumigation and hot water plants to clean mangoes as the country prepares to resume shipments to the US, Europe and other key markets. Kenya has not been exporting mangoes to these key destinations in the last seven years due to presence of fruit flies on the fruit.

TECH SAVVY

Zantel now touts fourth generation communications as a growth tool among the youth

By Guardian Reporter

USE of fourth generation (4G) communication including internet can be an important tool to speed up economic development and growth of the country.

Zantel's Head of Mobile Business and Marketing, Aneth Muga said over the weekend during a 'PasuaAngaKi-Zantel 4G' concert featuring

sensational, Zuhura Othmani Soud that her proper use of 4G communication has made the songbird into a vibrant brand in the music industry.

"We all understand that Zuchu is a home talent and through this concert she is coming back home to give unmatched music experience



Zantel's head of mobile business and marketing, Aneth Muga, speaks during a 'PasuaAngaKi-Zantel 4G' concert featuring sensational Bongofleva songstress Zuhura Othmani Soud aka Zuchu held at Zanzibar's Amani Stadium on Saturday. Photo courtesy of Zantel.

to Zanzibar," Muga said while introducing the artist whose concert in Zanzibar is being sponsored by

the telco. Zuchu is Zuhura Othmani Soud's trade name.

Muga urged Zanzibar's aspiring

musicians to make use of Zantel's 4G communication which includes internet to advance Zanjifleva's in-

roads into the global market where Bongofleva has excelled with Zuchu standing as testimony.

She explained that the concert was aimed at promoting Zanzibar artists by giving them a platform to showcase their talents to the global market. "This concert which is part of the 'PasuaAnga Ki Zantel 4G' is also aimed at sensitizing the public on proper use of 4G internet in bringing social and economic benefits to individuals and the country," the Zantel Head of Mobile Business and Marketing added.

Zanzibar's Minister for Information, Youth Culture and Sport who graced the concert, Tabia Mwita encouraged youth to do more using 4G communication so that they can market Zanzibar's culture prestige globally.

"Let's make use of Zantel's 4G internet to bring positive development to the community," Mwita said adding that Zuchu should inspire more aspiring musicians to aim high and achieve their goals. Among the concert's performers was veteran taarabu singer, Khadija Kopa who is Zuchu's mother.

CERTIFICATION

Kimberley Process: Mozambique may be admitted in November

MAPUTO

MOZAMBIQUE hopes to be admitted to the Kimberley Process - a worldwide mechanism governing the legal sale of diamonds - in a plenary session in Russia in November.

As part of this process, a second international assessment mission is expected in Maputo next month, to assess Mozambique's efforts towards admission to the process.

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The World Diamond Council's first mission, in 2016, two years after Mozambique's initial application, concluded that the country did not meet the minimum requirements for admission to the process, issuing several recommendations. At a meeting held in June this year, Mozambique claimed progress in fulfilling the 2016 mission recommen-

dations, which led members to decide to send another mission in September.

Speaking to 'Noticias,' the executive secretary of the Kimberley Process Management Unit (UGPK), Castro Elias, expressed hope as to Mozambique's admission to the mechanism, pointing out that, in addition to an executive secretariat, Mozambique has also created a National

Kimberley Process Council and approved the Kimberley Process Certificate.

Elias also noted that Mozambique has created technical teams, training technicians in the evaluation of diamonds, and built warehousing with all the necessary safety equipment, through which exports will be made.

"These were the recommendations left by the inter-

national mission that visited Mozambique, comprising representatives of the European Community, countries in the region led by South Africa, and others from the World Diamond Council," Elias said.

Having complied with the recommendations, he said, Mozambique sent the letter to the Kimberley Process, which culminated in an invitation to the intercession meeting

held in June, at which Mozambique's Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Max Tonela, presented the above-mentioned progress. "Because the response to the presentation was positive, the commission promised to send a second evaluation mission in the second week of September, to come and see what Mozambique says it has done with a view to the country's admis-

sion during the November plenary session," he explained.

The UGPK executive secretary maintains that Mozambique's admission to the Kimberley Process will bring great benefits, including the entry of companies interested in prospecting and mining for diamonds, providing Mozambicans with jobs and state revenue, as well as increasing exports.



Mozambique's Mineral Resources and Energy minister, Max Tonela.

FORECAST

Standard Bank lays out 2025 'platform' plan, sets new targets

JOHANNESBURG

STANDARD Bank, Africa's largest by assets, is aiming for a return on equity (ROE) - a key measure of profits - of up to 20% by 2025 as it looks to transform into a platform for services beyond banking, it said on Friday.

After years of domestic economic stagnation, several South African lenders are pursuing a similar approach that will see them act as a platform for other goods or services that complement their financial offerings - a model based on the approach pioneered by technology firms like Amazon.

Standard Bank, aiming to have transformed into a platform business by 2025, said it had identified 10 other areas adjacent to finance where it will combine its own offerings with that of partners, with one being agriculture.

"By building out from its solid foundation in traditional financial services, the group will meet its clients on

the digital platforms where they are shopping, socialising and doing business," it said in a statement ahead of a strategy update to investors.

It said this new model means it can target an ROE of 17-20% and revenue growth of between 7% and 9% annually by 2025, from an ROE of 12.9% currently and annual revenue drop of 8% last year. It also said its common equity tier 1 capital ratio - a metric showing a bank's financial strength - would remain over 11%, and it would target a cost-income ratio trending towards 50% from 58.3% currently.

The lender pointed to one example of where it already acts as a platform player: partnering with agricultural input suppliers and wholesale crop purchasers to link Africa's small farmers to global supply chains and markets. Chief Executive Sim Tshabalala said ramping up in adjacent activities will mean the bank can "compete and win in a world where competitive lines are constantly redrawn."

CONCERN

Angola mine leak causes 'unprecedented' pollution in DRC rivers

KINSHASA

A SUSPECTED leak of heavy metals from a mine in northern Angola is causing an "unprecedented environmental catastrophe", affecting some 2 million people in Democratic Republic of Congo, researchers at Kinshasa University said on Friday.

Analysis of satellite imagery and interviews indicate a reservoir used to store mining pollutants was breached on July 15 in a diamond-mining area straddling Lunda Sul and Lunda Norte provinces in Angola, said Raphael Tshimanga, director of The Congo Basin Water Resources Research Centre (CRRE-BaC).

Two tributaries of the Congo river, the Tshikapa and Kasai rivers, turned red, killing fish and causing

diarrhoea amongst communities along their banks, Tshimanga said. There are reports hippopotamuses have also died, he said.

"We have never seen such huge pollution in the Congo river," Tshimanga said by phone. "It is still increasing, the consequences are beyond what we could imagine. This is a catastrophe."

It's an unprecedented environmental catastrophe." The Congolese and Angolan governments have agreed to set up a joint team to investigate the source of the pollution, Congo's ministry of foreign affairs said.

The discolouration of the waterways appears to have been caused by a toxic substance spill at an industrial diamond mine in Angola, Congo's environment minister Eve

Bazaiba said in a statement on August 9.

Reuters could not independently verify the claim. An Angolan mines ministry official did not respond to a request for comment.

The spill has killed a "significant number of fish and other animal species living in the contaminated waters," Bazaiba said, adding that pollution was at the "door of Kinshasa", Congo's capital and home to some 12 million people.

"We can confidently say that this pollution is from heavy metals that have surged into the river and our worry is that it should get into the food chain," CRREBaC's Tshimanga said. "It could pollute natural reservoirs and aquifers. If this is the case it could take years, decades to resolve this issue."



Raphael Tshimanga, director of the Congo Basin Water Resources Research Centre.

WORLD

Trump assails Biden for Afghanistan 'humiliation'

WASHINGTON / KABUL

FORMER President Donald Trump launched on Saturday a sustained attack on President Joe Biden's handling of the retreat of US forces from Afghanistan, which he called "the greatest foreign policy humiliation" in US history.

Trump, a Republican who has dangled the possibility of running again for president in 2024, has repeatedly blamed Biden, a Democrat, for Afghanistan's fall to the Taliban, even though the US withdrawal that triggered the collapse was negotiated by his own administration.

"Biden's botched exit from Afghanistan is the most astonishing display of gross incompetence by a nation's leader, perhaps at any time," Trump said at a boisterous rally packed with his supporters near Cullman, Alabama.

Taliban leaders are trying to hammer out a new government after their forces swept across the country as US-led forces pulled out after two decades, with the Western-backed government and military crumbling.

For his part, Biden has criticized the Afghan military for refusing to fight, denounced the now-ousted Afghan government and declared he inherited a bad withdrawal agreement from Trump.

At the rally, Trump blamed the situation

on Biden not having followed the plan his administration came up with and bemoaned US personnel and equipment being left behind as troops withdrew. "This is not a withdrawal. This was a total surrender," he said.

Trump said the Taliban, with whom he had negotiated, respected him. He suggested the quick takeover of Afghanistan would not have happened if he was still in office.

"We could have gotten out with honor," Trump added. "We should have gotten out with honor. And instead we got out with the exact opposite of honor."

Meanwhile, the United States and Germany told their citizens in Afghanistan on Saturday to avoid travelling to Kabul airport, citing security risks as thousands of desperate people gathered trying to flee almost a week after the Taliban took control.

The Taliban's co-founder, Mullah Baradar, arrived in the Afghan capital for talks with other leaders.

Crowds have grown at the airport in the heat and dust of the day over the past week, hindering operations as the United States and other nations attempt to evacuate thousands of their diplomats and civilians as well as numerous Afghans. Mothers, fathers and children have pushed up against concrete blast walls in the crush as they seek to get a flight out.



US soldiers stand guard behind barbed wire as Afghans sit on a roadside near the military part of the airport in Kabul on Friday, hoping to flee from the country after the Taliban's military takeover of Afghanistan. AFP

The Taliban have urged those without travel documents to go home. At least 12 people have been killed in and around the single-runway airfield since last Sunday, when the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, NATO and Taliban officials said.

"Because of potential security threats outside the gates at the Kabul airport, we are advising US citizens to avoid travelling to the airport and to avoid airport gates at this time unless you receive individual instructions from a US government representative to do so," a US Embassy advisory said.

The German Embassy warned its citizens in an email that Taliban forces were conducting increasingly strict controls in its immediate vicinity.

Army Major General William Taylor, with the US military's Joint Staff, told a Pentagon briefing that 5,800 US troops remain at the airport and that the facility "remains secure". Taylor said some gates into the airport were temporarily closed and reopened over the

past day to facilitate a safe influx of evacuees.

A Taliban official, speaking to Reuters, said security risks could not be ruled out but that the group was "aiming to improve the situation and provide a smooth exit" for people trying to leave over the weekend.

Taylor said the United States in the past week has evacuated 17,000 people, including 2,500 Americans, from Kabul. He said in the past day 3,800 people were evacuated on US military and chartered flights.

President Joe Biden will provide an update on Sunday on the administration's response to Hurricane Henri and the evacuation of American citizens and refugees from Afghanistan, the White House said.

The president is to speak at 4 pm EDT (2000 GMT), after meeting with his national security team to hear intelligence, security and diplomatic updates on the evolving situation in Afghanistan, the White House said. **Agencies**

Merkel's bloc drops to record low ahead of German election

By Bloomberg

CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel's party bloc slumped to an all-time low in a weekly German voter poll, while the Social Democrats rose to an almost four-year high ahead of the country's Sept 26 election.



Underpinning the SPD's momentum is its candidate for chancellor, Finance Minister Olaf Scholz, who is more popular among voters than Armin Laschet, the contender for Merkel's Christian Democratic Union-led bloc.

Support for the CDU and its Bavaria-based CSU affiliate declined 3 percentage points to 22 percent, leaving them level with the Social Democrats, who gained 2 points compared to last week, according to the Insa poll for Bild am Sonntag.

The pro-business Free Democrats rose 1 point to 13 percent and the Green party declined 1 point to 17 percent.

It was the Insa poll's lowest support ever for the CDU-CSU, which is struggling to find its footing as Merkel prepares to leave office after 16 years as chancellor. The SPD polled the highest since December 2017, according to Bild am Sonntag.

Germany has mostly been governed by coalitions of parties since World War II and this year's election -- and the CDU-CSU's weakness -- is opening up a broad range of possible post-election combinations.

The Aug 16-20 poll of 1,352 people has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.

With all recent national polls suggesting the conservatives are at risk of losing their grip on power, Merkel jumped into the race on Saturday and called on her party to rally behind Laschet, whose campaign is also facing criticism within the CDU-CSU bloc.

She pointed out that this year's vote marks the first election in postwar Germany where an incumbent chancellor isn't running for re-election.

"The cards are being reshuffled," Merkel said at a rally in Berlin. "This is worth fighting for."

Agencies

Over 20 US organisations demand Biden suspend China Initiative

WASHINGTON

MORE than 20 Asian-American advocacy groups have jointly sent an open letter to US President Joe Biden, urging him to pause an ongoing initiative of the Department of Justice targeting China.

The letter, released on Thursday, also called for an independent review on whether the program unfairly targeted individuals based on their race and ethnicity, urging Biden to "redouble" efforts to combat hate and violence against Asian Americans.

"The Initiative ostensibly aims to investigate and prosecute economic espionage and the theft of trade secrets," said the organizations, adding "However, in practical effect, the Initiative, which formally began under the previous Administration, subjects Asian American and Asian immigrant scientists and others -- particularly those of Chinese descent -- to racial profiling, surveillance and wrongful prosecutions, where no evidence of economic espionage or trade secret theft exists."

In the letter, the organizations said the Biden administration should "pause the Initiative's work, pending the results of an independent review to determine whether it unfairly targeted individuals based on their race, ethnicity, or ancestry."

In late July, nearly 100 members of Congress urged US Attorney General Merrick Brian Garland to investigate the Justice Department's alleged racial profiling of Asians.

The so-called "China Initiative" was launched by the US Justice Department in 2018 to probe trade secret theft and economic espionage activities considered threats to US national security.

However, the initiative was widely criticized, according to US media reports, as many scholars and scientists of Asian descent including Asian Americans involved in most of the cases were prosecuted wrongly or despite lack of evidence.

A study released by Johns Hopkins University showed that the initiative also requires 94 federal judicial districts to file at least one accusation regarding China annually.

In the meantime, the letter also expressed strong concerns over the Biden administration's order on a 90-day investigation into the origins of COVID-19 by the intelligence community, saying that the "sad but undeniable truth is that the simple existence of that report will put our communities at risk."

"As you well know, while most scientists agree that transmission via natural origins is a more likely explanation, the hypothesis that COVID originated from Chinese laboratory experiments has sparked a flurry of conspiracy theories that have been weaponized by politicians and pundits resulting in a false scapegoating of Asian Americans as somehow to blame for the pandemic," the letter continued.

Xinhua

China slams US for using vaccines as anti-China lures

BEIJING

CHINA on Friday said it hopes the United States will stop political manipulation on the issue of COVID-19 origins tracing and stop poisoning international cooperation against the pandemic.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying made the remarks in response to reports that the US government is using vaccine aid as bait to coerce China's neighboring countries to participate in its campaign to smear China as the "source of the coronavirus" and drive a wedge between China and its neighbors.

The spokesperson said when



Staff members unload vaccines donated by China at a Philippine Air Force base in Manila, the Philippines on Feb 28, 2021. (XINHUA)

China was overcoming difficulties to produce and provide anti-pandemic

materials all over the world. to countries in need, the United States was busy buying out and hoarding anti-pandemic

materials all over the world. "When China first announced and is taking a lead in implementing the pledge of making vaccines a global public good and has up to date provided more than 800 million doses of vaccines to the world, the United States has been practicing "America First" and "vaccine nationalism," she said.

"Now, the United States is offering vaccines, but with a price tag, as media reports said, in exchange for support on the origins tracing issue, making vaccines a tool to coerce other countries into joining its anti-China alliance. If this is true, such behavior

is immoral and irresponsible, which should be condemned," said Hua.

The world is still facing severe challenges from the pandemic and urgently needs unity and cooperation, she said, adding vaccines are a powerful weapon against the virus and bring the hope of saving lives, which should not be used as a tool for political manipulation.

"We hope the United States will stop politicizing origins tracing, poisoning international cooperation and return to the right track of international anti-epidemic collaboration and origins tracing cooperation," the spokesperson said.

Xinhua

UK to begin offering COVID-19 antibody testing to public

LONDON / RABAT / LOME

THE United Kingdom will begin offering COVID-19 antibody testing to the general public in the coming week for the first time, British media reported yesterday.

The government's new program is intended to produce data on antibody protections for people following infection by different coronavirus variants, according to details of the programme published by multiple media outlets, including Sky News and BBC.

From Tuesday, anyone aged 18 or over in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, will be able to opt in to the programme when receiving a PCR test, Sky News reported.

Participants, on testing posi-

tive for COVID-19, will be sent two finger-prick tests to complete at home to inform the UK Health Security Agency of the antibody response to different coronavirus variants, BBC reported.

The first of these tests should be taken as soon as possible after the patient receives their positive result, and the second should be taken 28 days later.

Up to 8,000 people will be enrolled in the programme, according to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), which is running it, Sky News said. UKHSA, working alongside NHS Test and Trace, will use the results to monitor antibody levels in positive cases.

Morocco

Morocco registered 6,513 new COVID-19 cases in the past 24



Customers drink outside the Gregorian Pub in London as COVID-19 lockdown restrictions were further eased. (File photo)

hours, taking its nationwide tally to 806,288 on Saturday.

The total number of recoveries from COVID-19 in Morocco increased to 716,904 after 9,761 new ones were added, the health ministry said in a statement. The death toll rose by 90 to 11,677, while 2,458 people are in intensive care units, it added.

Togo

Meanwhile, a total of

17,261,839 people have received their first vaccine shots against COVID-19 in the country, with 12,874,716 having received two doses. The North African country launched a nationwide vaccination campaign on Jan. 28 after the arrival of the first shipment of China's Sinopharm vaccine.

Togo

Togo has received the second

batch of Sinovac vaccines donated by China, as part of the cooperation between the two countries to fight against the upsurge of COVID-19 cases.

Chinese Ambassador to Togo Chao Weidong and the Togolese Minister of Health Moustafa Mijiyawa received the vaccines at the Gnassingbe Eyadema International Airport on Friday evening.

"In recent months, despite the huge demand for vaccines, we have mobilized all resources, and managed to ship to Togo two batches of the vaccine in less than four months," said Chao, noting that the donation is an illustration of China's solidarity with Togo in the face of the continued spread of the novel coronavirus.

Agencies

E. China's Hangzhou establishes 'time bank' to explore mutual-aid volunteer services

"TIME bank", an online platform that allows people to "deposit" the time they spend providing volunteer services and "withdraw" it when they need help, has helped Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang province, solve problems in people's life and promote mutual aid between neighbors.

As an innovative model of mutual-aid volunteer service explored by Hangzhou, "time bank" represents a typical example of the city's efforts to employ data resources and scientific and technological means in facilitating primary-level governance.

The "time bank" platform is

in fact a part of the comprehensive digital platform of a locally developed app that provides citizens with local news, information, and services for government affairs and life. Users of the app can post information about their request for help at the "time bank" section of the app, and then receive services from community volunteers.

"Time bank" is great. It has not only solved my problems in life, but brought me closer to my neighbors," said a senior citizen surnamed Wang, who has benefited from the platform.

More than a month ago,

Wang, a resident in Fuyuanxincun village, Jiangcun subdistrict, Xihu district of Hangzhou, had to live alone after his wife was hospitalized. His daughter Wang Xiuzhi needed to stay with her mother in hospital and was worried that her father might have difficulty taking care of himself. When a typhoon hit the city, she was extremely anxious about her father's safety.

As Wang Xiuzhi was at her wit's end, a staff member of the management committee of Jiangcun subdistrict recommended "time bank" to her. She decided to give it a shot and

made a request on the platform, hoping to find someone to help take care of her father.

The special "order" for help was immediately received by Ma Jun, a resident who lives in the village where Wang Xiuzhi's father lives. On the evening of the day when he received the "order", Ma went to the senior neighbor's home with a warm meal, and promised that he would continuously look after him during the following days.

The "time bank" model has promoted and facilitated mutual aid between residents in Jiangcun subdistrict, according

to Yan Chao, secretary of the working committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in the subdistrict.

In the past, residents in the subdistrict could only provide and receive volunteer services in activities organized by residential communities, said Yan, adding that now they can receive "order" for volunteer services online, which is much more flexible and convenient.

Since the "time bank" platform was launched in April this year, 356 volunteers from the Fuyuanxincun village have completed more than 1,680 on-

line "orders" for volunteer services, according to Yan.

The comprehensive digital platform of the "time bank" is based on its ability to gather data from over 40,000 sources of resources in eight fields from government departments at various levels, including health-care services, fitness and sports services, and volunteer services, Yan said.

The digital platform displays data collected from activities and services in a real-time manner, and receives feedback on activities and responses to needs, thus realizing communi-

cation and sharing of data, Yan noted.

The new grassroots governance model of Xihu district has connected online digital platform with residential communities, said Li Shengquan, president of the council of urban construction and management association of Zhejiang province.

By leveraging digital technologies, the new model has enabled residents to show their loving care for each other through volunteer services, realizing combination of services for people's livelihood and efforts to promote social civilization, Li noted.

People's Daily

Xi calls for enhanced China-Arab BRI cooperation to boost development, advance ties

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said Thursday China is ready to work with Arab states to jointly build the Belt and Road with high quality and advance China-Arab strategic partnership to a higher level.

Xi made the remarks in a congratulatory letter to the fifth China-Arab States Expo, which opened Thursday in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region in northwest China.

More than 1,000 domestic and overseas enterprises have registered as exhibitors in offline and virtual events.

As one of the expo's major events, the Belt and Road Investment Promotion Conference held on Thursday afternoon witnessed the signing of 13 cooperation projects under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), involving a total of 4 billion yuan, or about 617 million U.S. dollars.

FRUITFUL COOPERATION

China and Arab states have in recent years continued to strengthen strategic coordination and synergy of actions, and the joint construction of the Belt and Road has achieved fruitful results, Xi said in the letter.

Bound by the history of the ancient Silk Road, China and Arab states are natural partners for BRI cooperation and have notable complementarity.

So far, China has signed BRI cooperation documents with 19 Arab countries and the Arab League. The initiative serves as an opportunity to achieve the common devel-

opment of participating countries and advance China-Arab strategic partnership, as noted in a declaration of actions on China-Arab BRI cooperation inked in 2018.

Xi said that China remains the largest trading partner of Arab countries.

In 2020, the total trade volume between China and Arab states was 239.8 billion U.S. dollars. Arab states' imports from China reached 122.9 billion U.S. dollars, up 2.1 percent year on year despite the impact of the pandemic.

That is proof of the great resilience, potential and concrete achievements of China-Arab cooperation. Xi also said that in the face of COVID-19, China and Arab countries have joined hands to fight the pandemic, setting an example of helping each other and overcoming difficulties together.

China and Arab states have shown great sincerity in jointly countering pandemic challenges. Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud was among the first foreign heads of state to hold a phone call with Xi voicing support for China's COVID-19 response back in 2020, and China and the United Arab Emirates jointly conducted the world's first international phase three clinical trials of inactivated COVID-19 vaccines.

So far, China has donated and exported more than 72 million doses of vaccines to 17 Arab states and the Arab League.

"The construction of the BRI in the economic and health sectors, among others, has been gaining momentum during the pandemic, which demonstrates progress toward the construction of a China-



Arab states community with a shared future, oriented to the new era," said Su Xiaohui, a researcher at the China Institute of International Studies.

China will now work to meet the need for COVID-19 vaccines in Arab countries, and work with Arab states to further cooperate on the local production of vaccines, said Zhai Jun, China's special envoy on Middle East affairs, at the opening of the expo.

"We will build on the BRI cooperation momentum to further synergize development strategies and help realize the dreams of national rejuvenation for both sides," he said.

PROMOTING COOPERATION, DEVELOPMENT

China is ready to work with Arab states to seek cooperation and development, promote peaceful development, achieve mutual benefit and win-win results, jointly build the Belt and Road with high quality, Xi noted in the letter.

The expo features exhibition areas with themes including the digital economy, clean energy and cross-border e-commerce.

"These arrangements stand as barometers of the continuous upgrading of the BRI in the post-pandemic era, indicating new growth areas in technology-empowered sectors -- not including infrastruc-

ture and production capacity cooperation -- as well as new cooperation dividends for both sides," said Ding Long, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute at the Shanghai International Studies University.

Moroccan Prime Minister Saad Eddine El Othmani said via video that Arab countries and China are highly complementary in economy and enjoy broad prospects for cooperation.

He noted that Morocco has actively participated and played a constructive role in the BRI, and has seen great progress in the country's infrastructure.

Kazakhstan's First Deputy Prime Minister Alikhan Smaïlov said that the BRI has proven to be practical and successful, and the proposal of building a digital Silk Road and a green Silk Road will make contributions to the low-carbon development of the world.

Stressing that new opportunities will be brought to countries along the Belt and Road, Tunisian Foreign Minister Othman Jerandi said that joint efforts to safeguard regional security and stability are vital for the further development of the initiative.

"China-Arab BRI cooperation will help rally forces to build clusters and highlands of advanced economies, providing powerful engines of technology, expertise and service so as to promote global recovery and contribute to maintaining an open world economy that benefits all," said Gao Shangtao, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at China Foreign Affairs University.

Xinhua

Somali army kills 60 al-Shabab militants in foiled attack

MOGADISHU

THE Somali National Army (SNA) said its forces killed 60 al-Shabab terrorists during their foiled attack on two military bases in southern Somalia on Friday.

The SNA commander Daud Abukar Abdi who led the operations told SNA Radio on Saturday that two al-Shabab commanders are among those killed during a security operation in Lower Shabelle after the troops repulsed an attack on Sabiid and Anole military camps in the southern part of the country.

Abdi said the SNA troops conducted an operation earlier Friday against al-Shabab terrorists, killing several militants including the group's head of operations.

"We received intelligence that the terrorists were grouped up outside of Sabiid and Anole. Our brave soldiers killed 60 terrorists along with their commanders," Abdi told the military radio.

The SNA commander said relative calm has now been restored in Sabiid and Anole areas in Lower Shabelle but said the forces are still conducting security operations in pursuit of the terrorists. Somali security forces and African Union peacekeeping troops liberated the strategic town of Sabiid on April 2, 2019.

The militants have intensified attacks in Somalia despite government forces having made intensive operations against the extremists in central and southern regions in recent months in an attempt to flush out al-Shabab cells. **Xinhua**

Integration of 5G technology into industrial Internet further drives digitalisation of companies

THANKS to the introduction of 5G unmanned bridge cranes, Tian Liang, who has been a bridge crane driver at China's large steel enterprise HBIS Group Tangsteel Company for 20 years, doesn't need to endure high-intensity work in harsh working conditions anymore.

"I used to sit in the crane cab for eight hours a day and barely had time to go to the bathroom," Tian recalled, describing his previous working conditions and tasks as high-temperature, high-altitude, and high-intensity.

Since his company introduced 5G equipment, work of Tian and his colleagues has undergone huge changes.

Today, they are able to control bridge cranes accurately and remotely in a clean and quiet operation room with the help of high-definition cameras and display screens. The old days when they had to "climb up to and down from the crane cab that is cold in winter and hot in summer" are long behind them.

"During the first four months of this year, our 5G unmanned bridge cranes performed tasks for 73,500 times and transported 14 million tons of goods, a year-on-year increase of 25 percent," said Li Renlong, an executive with a high-strength automotive steel sheet manufacturing subsidiary of HBIS Group Tangsteel Company, adding that during the period, no damage to goods had occurred during lifting operations of the automatic bridge cranes, and that their utilization efficiency exceeded 95 percent and failure rate dropped to 21 percent.

The 5G unmanned bridge cranes have enabled the manufacturer to increase its daily shipments by 1,305 tons and its



A visitor experiences a 5G-driven robotic arm at an exhibition on the application scenarios of new infrastructure in Nantong city, east China's Jiangsu province, July 30, 2020. File photo

annual economic benefits by nearly 10 million yuan (\$1.54 million), according to Li.

Besides to the field of unmanned bridge cranes, 5G network is bringing many more other positive factors for innovation to iron and steel industry. The synergy formed by technologies in such fields as 5G network, AI, big data and cloud computing has turned each production line into a large smart robot, achieving automation in almost all production links, from material transportation, blast furnace ironmaking to loading of products, noted Guo Liang, director of the information and metrology department of Shougang Jingtang United Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.

"5G network and AI have guaranteed uniform standards for the testing of clothing fabric and details and that of the production process compliance, which weren't easy to keep in the past manual testing," said Gu Yuejun, chief information officer of Youngor Apparel Manufacturing Co., Ltd. based

in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang province, which is also a beneficiary of 5G network.

At the end of 2020, a 5G-driven intelligent manufacturing display platform established by Youngor and Chinese telecommunication operator China Unicom was launched, which has made Youngor's production visualized, transparent, predictable and self-adaptive. It has increased the clothes maker's production efficiency by 25 percent and cut its production cycle of bulk orders by 30 percent.

The industrial Internet innovation team of China Unicom has helped Youngor, based on its achievements in production automation and management informatization, further achieve real-time interaction between human and machines and equipment, as well as real-time management of materials, energy consumption and quality inspection through a fully-connected platform by deploying 5G and edge computing technologies, said Zeng Guofeng, general manager of

the branch of China Unicom in Ningbo.

Besides, the platform has helped Youngor improve production efficiency and product quality by leveraging big data and AI, Zeng added, who believes that China Unicom can upgrade the platform into a "brain" for clothing manufacturing and infuse vitality into small and medium-sized companies in the future.

Reducing cost and improving production quality and efficiency are considered driving forces behind the technological advances and management innovation of manufacturing enterprises.

The application scenarios of the integration of 5G network into industrial Internet have not only helped manufacturers realize production with no or less manpower, improve product quality and guarantee the first pass yield, but driven the digitalization of manufacturers so that they can optimize production processes and improve production efficiency.

In recent years, 5G technology has developed rapidly in China. As of the end of June this year, the country had established 961,000 5G base stations and the number of its 5G terminal connections reached 365 million.

China has completed nearly 1,600 projects that integrate 5G into industrial Internet, which cover over 20 key industries and fields. More industries are expected to embrace great changes and development through innovation driven by the next-generation information technologies such as 5G technology and new demands of industries.

People's Daily

Israeli aircraft strike Hamas sites in Gaza after border clashes

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI aircraft struck Hamas sites in Gaza late on Saturday, the military said, in an escalation of hostilities after earlier cross-border gunfire seriously injured an Israeli soldier and wounded 41 Palestinians, including two critically.

The injuries came during a Gaza protest organised by the enclave's Islamist rulers Hamas and other factions in support of Jerusalem, where Palestinian clashes with Israeli police helped spark an 11-day Israel-Hamas conflict in May.

Hundreds of Palestinians gathered near the Strip's heavily fortified border, where some tried to scale the border fence and others threw explosives towards Israeli troops, the Israeli military said.

"IDF (Israeli military) troops responded with riot dispersal means, including when necessary live fire," it said in a statement.

Among the two Palestinians critically injured was a 13-year-old boy who was shot in the head, Gaza's health ministry said. It described most of the other injuries as moderate, including gun shots to limbs, backs and abdomens.

Cross-border fire from Gaza seriously wounded an Israeli border police soldier, who is in hospital receiving medical treatment, the military said. There was no claim of responsibility for



Explosions light-up the night sky above buildings in Gaza City as Israeli forces shell the Palestinian enclave, early yesterday. Israel struck Gaza on Saturday after clashes between its troops and Palestinians protesters on the border left dozens injured, including an Israeli policeman and a 13-year-old Palestinian boy who were both critically wounded. AFP

the Gaza gunfire.

In response to the soldier's shooting, Israeli "fighter jets have struck four weapons storage and manufacturing sites belonging to" Hamas, the military said. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

Bracing for more hostilities, the military said it had sent additional forces to the Gaza border area. Israeli media reported the military had increased deployment of its Iron Dome anti-missile system.

The violence follows an Israeli announcement of a resumption of Qatari aid to Gaza, a move seen as bolstering a fragile Egyptian-mediated truce to the May fighting.

Just days before that announcement, Gaza militants launched a rocket towards Israel that was shot down by the Iron Dome, in the first such attack since the truce.

Palestinians have also sporadically launched fire-laden balloons towards Israel since the fighting, drawing Israeli strikes on Hamas sites.

Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said Saturday's air strikes showed Israel was "trying to cover up its failure and disappointment in front of the steadfastness of our people and their valiant resistance."

At least 250 Palestinians and 13 in Israel were killed in the May conflict, in which Gaza militants fired rockets towards Israeli cities and Israel carried out air strikes across the coastal enclave.

Israel keeps Gaza under a blockade, tightly restricting movement out of the territory that is home to 2 million Palestinians. Egypt also maintains restrictions on the enclave. Both cite threats from Hamas for the restrictions.

Agencies

South Africans form long queues as virus jabs opened to all adults

ADDIS ABABA

South Africans formed queues hundreds of meters long to get their COVID-19 shots on Friday, after the government made vaccinations available to all adults in order to hasten a rollout beset by challenges and delays.

South Africa has been battered by three coronavirus waves, infecting at least 2.65 million people, killing 78,000 - by far the continent's worst toll - and pummeling an already struggling economy with lockdowns and travel restrictions.

On Friday, authorities opened up vaccinations to 18 to 35 year-olds. About 8% of South Africa's population of 60 million is fully vaccinated, and 14 percent have received one shot.

South Africa's campaign got off to a slow start, owing to bureaucratic hiccups, a failure to start early talks with pharmaceutical companies, and bad luck - it ditched a million AstraZeneca shots on evidence they may not work against

its dominant variant, only for that evidence to be later overturned.

Like other African countries, it also been at the back of a queue favoring rich Western nations.

At Cape Town's convention center, the line of people was a mile long, while dozens of cars queued at a drive vaccination venue at converted car racing track in north Johannesburg.

Challenges remain such as vaccine hesitancy and

the difficulty of getting vaccines out to remote areas, Mary Kawonga, chair of the COVID-19 Advisory committee for Gauteng, the province around Johannesburg, told Reuters at the venue.

AstraZeneca's antibody therapy

AstraZeneca Plc's COVID-19 antibody cocktail was found to be 77 percent effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 in high-risk people in a key trial that

could expand the range of drugs available to vulnerable groups.

Results from Astra's study found no one in the trial who received the cocktail contracted severe COVID-19 or died in relation to the disease, the company said in a statement Friday. The trial of 5,197 participants, which started in November, was looking at whether the drug could prevent infection in at-risk groups and took place in

the US, UK, Belgium, France and Spain.

The outcome will be a big relief for Astra after another study testing whether the cocktail could prevent symptomatic COVID-19 in people explicitly exposed to the virus failed in June.

The findings may also salvage a deal with the US to purchase the drug. The US had ordered as many as 700,000 doses for delivery in 2021, the value of which was partly contingent on

the failed trial.

Astra said in June it was in "ongoing" discussions with the US government and awaiting results of this latest study - named Provent - before deciding how to proceed.

"We need additional approaches for individuals who are not adequately protected by COVID-19 vaccines," Mene Pangalos, executive vice president of biopharmaceuticals research and development, said in a statement. "We are very encouraged by these efficacy and safety data in high-risk people."

Agencies

SPORT



The GP Pak Stars' Ayaz Mustafa pictured with the best player of the match's prize shortly after his outfit faced Lions Cricket Club in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League (MNML) Division B 30 Overs' fixture, which took place recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

GP Pak Stars prolong Lions Cricket Club's woes in Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League

By Guardian Reporter

THE GP Pak Stars have compounded Lions Cricket Club's woes in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League (MNML)'s Division B 30 Overs, cruising to a 28-run win over the latter in the city recently.

It was a second successive defeat Lions Cricket Club has suffered, the side, as a result, is currently wallowing at the bottom of Group A.

Lions Cricket Club started the showpiece on the wrong foot, losing to Aga Khan SC B by 14 runs in a duel, which took place earlier last month.

The GP Pak Stars had an opportunity to bat first against Lions Cricket Club and recorded 168 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 30 overs.

The team's ability to post the triple-digit figure owed much to solid showing that four of the team's top-order batsmen, and Goodluck Andrew placed at middle order, displayed.

Hemedi Abbas made his experience count, given the cricketer posted 40 runs, which included three boundaries.

Before Abbas' spell, there was meaningful showing by the opener, Muzamil Hussain, in which the player ended with 29 runs consisting of two boundaries and two sixes.

Fellow opening batsman, Sheraz Khan, was below par, facing an early exit whilst notching nine runs consisting of a boundary.

Two other top-order batsmen, Ayaz Mustafa and Salmini Yusuph were, as well, in good form, making their way back with good scores.

Mustafa ended his stint with the bat with 26 runs, which consisted of a four and a six.

Youthful cricketer, Yusuph, put good knocks to show, nailing three

boundaries on his way to recording 27 runs.

Middle-order batsman, Goodluck Andrew, also made his presence felt given the cricketer chipped in with 20 runs.

Sultan Qureshi and Imran Qureshi made their way back with the bat in hand, much as they did not end their spell with meaningful scores.

Imran made his way back with three runs not out, Sultan blasted a boundary in his unbeaten five runs.

Abdulsamad Ahmed was the cricketer with the most wickets, recording three, medium-pace bowler, Rijali Fentu, who posted two wickets for Lions Cricket Club.

Abdulsamad leaked 27 runs in his six-over stint, notching a 4.50 economy rate.

Fentu bowled six overs, conceding 39 runs and ending with a 6.50 economy rate.

Needing 169 runs to come out victorious, Lions Cricket Club disappointingly settled for 140 runs all out in 28.3 overs.

The opener, Mohamed Salim, was the top run-getter for the team, given the cricketer posted 33 runs, which included five fours.

Gulraiz Haideri, who opened the innings with Salim, did his best to ensure his club reach the target, notching 26 runs including three fours and two sixes.

Efforts by Ahmed to flex his muscles with the bat ended in vain, the cricketer faced an early dismissal with 10 runs.

Lions Cricket Club's pursuit of the successful chase was dealt a blow, as several key batsmen were sent back to the pavilion in quick succession.

Middle-order batsman, Atif Salim, sought to stop the skid, posting 19 runs that consisted of a boundary.

The GP Pak Stars' Mustafa and Yusuph rattled Lions Cricket Club's batting unit and notched impressive bowling figures.

The experienced Mustafa had most wickets, ending his stint with three in six overs, Yusuph notched two wickets.

The best player of the match's prize went to Mustafa for his stellar performance in both batting and bowling.

The all-rounder posted 26 runs during his outfit's innings and later ended with his three wickets when the club fielded.

General Petroleum (GP) Limited, the prize's sponsors, expressed happiness over the performance displayed by Mustafa, who turns out to be the firm's employee.

City rivals lacked clear training stint strategies in North Africa

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

REPORTS being heard from the training camps of the city rivals, Simba SC and Yanga, who are having separate venues of a combination of vacation and intense training for the Premier League season, as well as continental tournaments are mixed, to say the least.

There was no question that the players would be relishing the change of air, even if they are in a camp environment away from their families and immediate relations, but both the vacation and the training have a cutting edge to them.

The choice of location, if there was one as different from some sort of contractual enforcement, was decidedly adverse, not in their best interests.

Anyone familiar with how holidays are designed knows that those who come from cold regions at that particular moment wish for a cooler place to soothe their feelings for a while, and vice versa.

What is surprising about this vacation-cum-training stint is that it is set in the reverse, where the city rivals moved from a cooler but still somewhat taxing environment for afternoon training in particular, not to a cooler zone as in the tourist centers of the northern zone, or cooler cities in Southern Africa.

Instead, they went to North Africa in torrid summer (as August is the hottest month in the season), to fill vacant hotel rooms.

It is unlikely that there was no such strategy in how the training stints were planned, in the sense that the counterpart Premier League sides who invited them there as part of exchanging cash and gifts for a traded player, put across this element as a negotiable input to concluding the haggling involved.

What is rather interesting here is to look at how far this shows the balance of strength between the two sides, the local rivals who both accepted to camp in torrid Moroccan cities, and the player buyers who put up this rather innovative input to the commerce they were conducting. On the face of it, they appear to have beaten us.

An ideal training camp for either of the city rivals would have been in a cooler environment, as they don't gain anything trying to be capable of playing under ex-



Yanga's players attend training in Morocco last week to shape up for the next season's Mainland Premier League fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

remely hot conditions as North Africa is likely to be in mid-August.

It is about the worst time of the year to visit any country in the middle belt of the Northern Hemisphere, with temperatures almost constantly hovering at 40°C to 45°C.

In France for instance, all public offices are closed during the second half of August but police stations and hospitals.

To grasp how this transaction was conducted or concluded, it is not sufficient to look at the issue from the city rivals' viewpoint, as here one shall see that they had considerable need of the finances from selling the players.

What the other side did was to break that amount into pieces, and a portion of it be spent right at their place, via a training stint for the side - which those who are familiar with disputed contracts relating to foreign aid - know that this is a revolving door.

The money is given only to be spent at that same place, and, for club-related interests, that is, their

sponsors.

In theory therefore the Moroccan clubs financed a training stint for each of the city rivals at home, and in local imagination that amounts to a pleasurable trip outside, as well as doing intense exercise for the coach to start mapping out whom to play and where, what to correct in players, etc.

That could have been done elsewhere, at a more comfortable location where players can train for up to three hours of training in the afternoon, light or heavy, without any complaints about their ability to endure - or to fail to enjoy their holidays.

That is what the summer visits are meant to be, like enjoyment and a measure of physical engagement, where the tone is always on the pleasure side, but it was scarcely so for this visit.

Reports say that Yanga head coach, Nassredine Nabi, had to alter some elements in his training schedule, to cancel afternoon training altogether.

Evenings were meant for resting and visiting places, as afternoons are torrid, the streets or public places not so exciting until the evening. It was a jolting experience, this.

It is unclear if any blame was being traded in training areas, which perhaps was mitigated for Yanga as the coach comes from that country, and ought to have known what are the eight months or hours for conduct training, instead of having to be pushed to make alterations.

As for Simba, the fact that Yanga did the same implies that they shouldn't be blamed either, but it is possible that in the future they may not choose that kind of scenario.

A training stay at some country club in the northern circuit with a good training pitch would have done better, and at most, shifting sights to South Africa, perhaps topping up the bill, it would conceivably make the trip more expensive for the two clubs but more enjoyable. Cheers.

Analysing Kim Poulsen's Taifa Stars' squad for World Cup Qualifiers

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

TANZANIA's senior national soccer side, 'Taifa Stars', will continue life under Kim Poulsen, who was re-appointed head coach for the second time in February, with back-to-back international matches against Democratic Republic of Congo and Madagascar next month.

Tanzania is scheduled to play against DR Congo at TP Mazembe Stadium, Lubumbashi on 2 September, before traveling back to Dar es Salaam to face Madagascar three days later in the upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

On Thursday, Poulsen announced his 28-man squad to play the two matches, and although there are controversial inclusions in the squad, the majority of the players were selected purely on merit.

Of course a coach will always be criticised - not everyone will agree with all his selections - so let us look through each department and see who is there, who is missing, and who possibly shouldn't be there.

Aishi Manula of Simba SC, Metacha Mnata (No club), Wilbrod Maseke of Azam FC and Ramadhan Kabwili of Yanga have been selected in the goalkeeping department.

Manula and Mnata have done well while Maseke and Kabwili are surprise call ups.

Kabwili has hardly played in the last three seasons. He was not convincing when he got playing time in the CECAFA Kagame Cup where he could not guide Yanga past the group stage.

However Poulsen is a big admirer of the young goalkeeper who played under his tutelage as the gaffer coached national U-17 soccer team in the U-17 AFCON finals in Gabon.

Daniel Mgoro of Biashara United and Abdultwalib Msherry of Mtibwa Sugar have had good individual seasons but that was not enough to convince Poulsen.

Both youngsters are first choice goalkeepers at their clubs and would be



Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen.

disappointed to see benchwarmers being included while they have been snubbed.

In defense, Shomari Kapombe, Israel Mwenda, Erasto Nyoni, Kennedy Juma, Mohamed Hussein (Simba), Dickson Job, Bakari Mwamnyeto (Yanga), Lusajo Mwaikenda, Abdul Razack Mohamed, Edward Manyama (Azam FC) and Nickson Kibabage (Youssoufia-Morocco) have been selected.

In midfield, Ayoub Lyanga, Salum Abubakar, Mudathir Yahya, Iddy Seleman (Azam FC), Meshack Mwamwita (Gwambina FC), Feisal Salum, Zawadi Mauya (Yanga), and Novatus Dismas (Maccabi Tel Aviv-Israel) have been given the nod.

Egypt-based midfielder, Himid Mao, is the surprise omission here. Playing in one of the toughest leagues in Africa and with 20 appearances this season, Himid must be wondering what more he must do to get a look-in from Poulsen.

The striking department will have the familiar faces of John Bocco (Simba), Abdul Hamis (Coastal Union), Simon Msuva (Wydad AC, Morocco) and Mbwana Samatta (Fenerbahce, Turkey).

Simba SC-bound Yusufu Mhulu, Reliants Lusajo and Andrew Simchimba, who were part of the national U-23 team that won the CECAFA Challenge Cup in Ethiopia last month, appeared not to have convinced Poulsen they deserve a place in the senior team.

There was no place for Tout Puissant

Mazembe's Thomas Ulimwengu once again.

The majority of the players were selected on merit as highlighted previously, and that is what Poulsen should be applauded for. Many players have been selected based on their current ability.

On top of that, Poulsen has been bold in his prioritisation of young, talented players who could have bright futures in Taifa Stars colours.

A few youngsters have been selected based on their potential rather than their current ability.

The likes of Mwenda, Hamis and Kibabage are examples of this. These are players who are not yet the finished article, but they appear to be growing from strength to strength as a result of being trusted at club and national team level.

However the exclusion of other youngsters who are enjoying gametime raises a few eyebrows when others have received that chance without showing the required form.

Selecting a national team is never a simple job. It is hard to dismiss the notion of some players being included because they were a coach's favourites.

The likes of Erasto Nyoni and Abubakar Salum appear to have been selected based on their previous record in the national team.

Poem: Embracing learning

By Pauline Julius, SJMC

WE do not fall and hide our faces in shame
But stand and look up
To face the crowd gathered to help
And instead, we face the people and allow
Touches of concern to help wipe the tears away.
In the modern world, it is who is going to help
you. We are mostly helped by those who we
don't expect would help us. Good Samaritans
come our way when we least expect them.
Sometimes they laugh at us and leave us to
suffer in torment
But that does not mean that it's the end
It doesn't mean we should give up all the
effort we have put in all the times that we tried.
We give out hands to be lifted from the ground
And stand on our own feet
And smile to impress their concerned faces.
The faces that expect the worst from us and

Those that never encourages us to do any
better;
The faces that like watching us give up and
eventually die at the end.
There is nothing they get, their hearts and
minds and bodies are filled with hate.
They believe that our death is fate and the
worst is all that we could embrace.
We should stand and fight and be those our
hearts expect us to be.
Be the ones that our efforts could correspond.
And eventually realize that it is not of any
importance to impress anyone but ourselves, as
we live alone and we shall die as individuals and
not with the group that we struggled to impress.
Life is not about whom to make happy or feel
better,
But about making each second of our breath
a history;
To just keep living and LEARN.

Klopp fumes at Burnley tactics: It's like wrestling

LONDON

LIVERPOOL manager Jurgen Klopp was furious at Burnley's treatment of his players during their 2-0 win on Saturday and said: "It's like we're going 10 to 15 years backwards."

Diogo Jota and Sadio Mane scored as Liverpool started the Premier League season with back-to-back wins but Klopp was unhappy about the number of challenges from the Burnley players.

A revamp in the rules has seen Premier League officials be more lenient with tackles compared to last season but Klopp believes the game is not heading in the right direction.

"We always had to be ready for a proper fight and we were," Klopp told BT Sport after the game. "You saw these challenges with [Ashley] Barnes and [Chris] Wood and Virgil [van Dijk] and Joel [Matip]."

"I'm not 100% sure if [officials] are going in the right direction with these decisions. It's like we're going 10 to 15 years backwards. The rules are like they are, but you cannot defend these situations. That's how it makes the game really tricky."

"The message now is let the game flow, but nobody exactly knows what that means."

"I like decisions that favour the offensive team, that's fine. But we have to stick to protecting the players. We cannot deny that. If

you like that sort of thing, watch wrestling."

Referee Mike Dean didn't brandish a yellow card throughout the game despite Burnley racking up 12 fouls.

Speaking in his postmatch news conference, Klopp added: "I am not the Pope of football or whatever or any kind of priest who wants to tell the people what to do, really not."

"When we started to talk about the elbow in the challenge, challenges in the air, we heard the whistle. It happened then that players started feeling something in the face even when nothing touched them because it helped always to do this... now there is a message, like a headline, 'let the game flow'."

"It started with the penalties, 'no soft penalties anymore,' which is absolutely fine. But we cannot forget that we have to protect the players as well and the challenges in the air. I don't say they are all fouls, for sure not, most of the time it is a clear challenge but if you do these kind of things constantly."

"There are different ways to play football, obviously, that's all fine, there were just a few harsh situations. We are early in the season and I don't want to open already the box of Pandora, I just think we have to speak about these kind of things because the intensity of the season didn't even start."

ESPN

Dortmund crash to first defeat against Freiburg in 11 years

BERLIN

BORUSSIA Dortmund slumped to a shock 2-1 defeat at Freiburg on Saturday as star striker Erling Braut Haaland drew a rare Bundesliga blank.

It was the first time Dortmund have lost to Freiburg in Germany's top flight for 11 years, with Saturday's setback coming just four days after losing 3-1 to Bayern Munich in the German Super Cup.

"We made stupid mistakes, twice!" grumbled Dortmund centre-back Manuel Akanji.

"We gave away a free-kick for the first and the second goal was a counter attack."

"We can't invite opponents to score, especially when we have Champions League aspirations."

Dortmund will discover their group opponents when the draw for the Champions League is made on Thursday.

Freiburg raced into the lead when dead-ball expert Vincenzo Grifo blasted in a superb free-kick after just six minutes.

Dortmund thrashed Eintracht Frankfurt 5-2 last Saturday on the opening weekend, but the visitors' defensive frailties emerged again having been a problem last season.

After England midfielder Jude Bellingham lost the ball, Freiburg forward Roland Sallai was left unmarked to smash home his shot as the hosts doubled their lead on 53 minutes.

Bellingham made amends by pressing the defence with a strong run which caused Freiburg midfielder Yannik Keitel to put the ball into his own net with half an hour to go.

Freiburg had been winless in their previous 19 meetings with Dortmund dating back to May 2010.

Gladbach thrashed Bayer Leverkusen later romped to a 4-0 victory at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Visiting goalkeeper Yann Sommer had a nightmare start when Mitchel Bakker's shot hit the post, deflected off the Gladbach keeper and rolled over the line for an own goal.

Czech striker Patrik Schick then doubled Leverkusen's lead on eight minutes.

Gladbach lost striker Marcus

Thuram with an injury after just 20 minutes, then their captain Lars Stindl had a penalty saved just before the break.

Leverkusen made it 3-0 after the break when Moussa Diaby hit the net after his shot took a deflection.

Gladbach also lost defender Matthias Ginter with a head injury, then striker Alassane Plea also went off after twisting his knee.

Replacement Nadiem Amiri completed the rout with Leverkusen's fourth goal three minutes from the whistle.

"We let them get the better of us," admitted Gladbach captain Stindl.

Hertha Berlin omitted Matheus Cunha from their match-day squad for their 2-1 home loss to Wolfsburg amid reports the Brazil striker wants to join Atletico Madrid.

Hertha took the lead when striker Dodi Lukebakio converted a penalty after the Belgian striker was fouled in the area.

Wolfsburg fought back as Ridle Baku hit the bottom corner 16 minutes from time before new signing Lukas Nmecha came off the bench to hit the winner on 89 minutes.

Promoted Bochum earned a 2-0 win at home to Mainz as the hosts scored their first goal in Germany's top flight for more than 11 years.

The honour went to German-born Filipino forward Gerrit Holtmann, who dribbled past seven defenders before knocking the ball through the legs of the Mainz goalkeeper.

Bochum had a goal ruled out before Sebastian Polter scored on his debut early in the second half.

Eintracht Frankfurt were held to a goalless draw at home by Augsburg while Greuther Fuerth and Arminia Bielefeld drew 1-1.

On Sunday, defending champions Bayern Munich are set to be without injured captain Manuel Neuer and France winger Kingsley Coman at home to Cologne.

RB Leipzig thrashed VfB Stuttgart 4-0 on Friday as Hungarian midfielder Dominik Szoboszlai scored brilliant long-range goals either side of half-time.

AFP

Grealish is up and running, and so are Man City

MANCHESTER, England

JACK Grealish celebrated his first Manchester City goal by putting his fingers in his ears, but you can already tell he's listening to Pep Guardiola.

It's probably not the way Grealish dreamt it -- the ball bouncing off his knee and over the line to help City to a comfortable 5-0 win over Norwich City -- but he won't mind. Aside from the scruffy finish, it was otherwise a very typical Guardiola goal -- threaded pass, followed by a cross from the byline finding a spare man at the back post -- which suggests Grealish has been paying attention in the team meetings and that there is probably more to come.

Grealish is up and running after his £100 million move from Aston Villa, and so are City, bouncing back after beginning their campaign with defeat at Tottenham Hotspur. At his news conference on Friday, Guardiola sounded like a man who knows better than to panic after one poor result, and the way his team dismantled Norwich was a timely reminder to anyone who needed it that they are champions for a reason.

City put on a fireworks display before kickoff to mark the return of fans to the Etihad Stadium for the first time in 18 months, and while it wasn't one of those explosive performances, it was an hour and a half of quiet menace. Norwich will not be the only team to lose heavily here this season.

"The result was the consequence of how many good things we have done," said Guardiola after the match. "Still we are not in our top form and still we have many things to do. It was really good. I'm happy for that and our first three points and hopefully it will not be the last."

"Hopefully Jack can score more but the most important thing is the first victory."

Grealish cited Guardiola as one of the reasons he chose to leave his boyhood club this summer, and it's not hard to understand why. Under the Catalan, Raheem Sterling went



Jack Grealish scored his first Manchester City goal in a 5-0 thrashing of Norwich. (Agencies)

from scoring a handful of goals a season to regularly getting more than 20. During the 2019-20 season, he scored 31 in all competitions.

Grealish's best tally is 10, but at City he has the opportunity to start putting up far bigger numbers. Playing on the left of the front three, as he did against Norwich, he will get plenty of chances by simply drifting inside towards the back post. That's all he needed to do to get his first for the club on his home debut after Kyle Walker had carved open the Norwich defence and found Gabriel Jesus' darting run.

"If Jack gets the mentality to score goals like Raheem then yeah [he can get 20 or 30 goals a season]," said Guardiola. "Raheem, when I arrived here four or five years ago, didn't have the goal in his mind. That changed. Today Raheem scored a goal because he arrived in the central position like a nine. He is a machine there. He has to come back in those positions. He changed his mind and decided he is going to score, score, score. If Jack has a mentality like Raheem he can do it."

Grealish's goal was almost a carbon copy of the first goal of the afternoon, except Jesus' cross never reached the back post because it was bundled in by a combination of Grant Hanley and Tim Krul. Jesus, playing as a right winger, was outstanding.

"He is a player who likes to play more wider than in central positions," said Guardiola. "One of the reasons why I am a manager in the best moments of my career

is because you can work with people like Gabriel. He never complains. If he plays five minutes, he plays the best five minutes he can do. Play right, he is happy; play central, he is happy; play left, he is happy."

"I am so happy for Gabriel. In life he deserves the best because he is so generous. We have an exceptional squad and I never complain about that. We have the same team last season and we lost the absolute legend Sergio [Aguero] and in came Jack and I am more than pleased with the squad we have."

After Aymeric Laporte had turned in the third, the fourth came from another Jesus cross, this time finished off by Sterling. Riyad Mahrez made it 5-0 thanks, in part, to Ruben Dias' vision to pick out the Algeria international from 30 yards.

Daniel Farke said pointedly afterwards that Norwich had "conceded the same goal four times." In their past six Premier League trips to City, they have shipped 26 goals.

The visitors couldn't even muster a shot on target here, and while you shouldn't judge a team promoted from the Championship in games against Liverpool and City, it already looks like another relegation scrap for Farke's side. Their record after two games reads no points, no goals and eight conceded.

The table looks far healthier for Guardiola ahead of Arsenal's visit next weekend. City and Grealish are up and running.

ESPN

Manny Pacquiao loses to Yordenis Ugás by unanimous decision

LAS VEGAS

ALTHOUGH Manny Pacquiao hasn't decided what his future holds, the eight-division world champion realizes his 26-year professional boxing career might have ended Saturday night with a disheartening loss.

Yordenis Ugás is only seven years younger than the Filipino senator, yet he's just getting started after seizing this improbable opportunity to knock off one of the greats.

Ugás beat Pacquiao by unanimous decision in Las Vegas, putting on an impressive technical performance on 11 days' notice and retaining his WBA welterweight title.

"He's a great competitor, but I came in here to show I am the champion of the WBA," Ugás said. "A lot of respect for him, but I won this fight."

Ugás (27-4) capitalized on this chance as the late injury replacement for Errol Spence Jr. The Cuban veteran was slightly better than Pacquiao (67-8-2) throughout one of the most frustrating fights in the 42-year-old Filipino senator's career.

"I did my best tonight, but my best wasn't good enough," Pacquiao said. "No excuses. I wanted to fight for the title in the ring, and tonight the champion is named Ugás."

A visibly disappointed Pacquiao said he hasn't decided whether he will fight again after an unimpressive performance in his return from the longest layoff of his quarter-century in the sport. He also wouldn't confirm whether he will enter the Philippines' presidential race, as is widely expected. He intends to make an announcement next month. "In the future, you may not see Manny Pacquiao again to fight



Yordenis Ugás, left, of Cuba, hits Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines, in a welterweight championship boxing match Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo)

in the ring," Pacquiao said. "I don't know, but I'm so happy for what I've accomplished." The 35-year-old Ugás threw roughly half as many punches as Pacquiao, but his blows were more precise and more effective. Pacquiao was the solid favorite before the bout, but he struggled to get inside on Ugás' effective jab while Ugás landed his right hand to increasing effect in the later rounds.

Two judges scored it 116-112 for Ugás, and a third had it 115-113. The Associated Press also scored it 116-112 for Ugás.

Pacquiao also said his legs were cramping from the second round onward. He attributed the problem to a combination of overtraining and age.

"I think it was too much hard work," Pacquiao said. "But I'm not young anymore. So I don't know."

The victory was the culmination of a lengthy journey for Ugás, who defected from Cuba two years after winning a bronze medal in the Beijing

Olympics. Ugás quit boxing for two years midway through the last decade, but revitalized his career and then capitalized on this golden chance by earning his 12th victory in his last 13 fights.

Ugás was in the spotlight only because Spence was forced to drop out last week after discovering he had a torn retina during a pre-fight physical. Ugás had been booked for a bout on the undercard, but he jumped at the type of showcase and payday that had been just out of reach ever since he left Cuba on a small boat bound for Mexico 11 years ago.

"I'm very excited, but most of all, I want to thank Manny Pacquiao for giving me this moment in this ring today," Ugás said through a translator. "We only had two weeks of training, but I listened to my corner and it all worked out."

T-Mobile Arena appeared to be essentially sold out despite the late opponent change, and the crowd of 17,438 was vocally behind its Filipino hero. Even after a lengthy layoff in the last stages of his career, Pacquiao remains a surefire draw and a bankable star in a sport lacking both at its highest levels.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

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Academy Girl Bulls soccer outfit's players celebrate with a trophy they won in this season's Dar Youth Cup tournament's U-14 girls' event at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) in June. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR YOUTH CUP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Trials crucial for junior soccer players, says coach

By Isack Yohana, TUDARCO

DAR ES SALAAM-based youth soccer coach, Raymond Dotto, has disclosed soccer players below 20 years should feature in trials, given the sessions offer the youngsters a platform for displaying their prowess.

Dotto stated at recent trials, bringing together U-17 and U-20 footballers from various parts in Tanzania at Bora ground in the city, that trials mean a lot to youthful footballers.

He noted the trials are the right way to prepare a top-level player for participation in major tournaments in the future.

According to the tactician, such a session is also targeting to identify youthful footballers seeking to compete in Mainland U-20 Premier League.

About 350 junior players participated in the session, which took place at the ground from August 19 to last weekend.

Dotto revealed: "We had 350 youthful players in the U-20 category and 15 footballers in the U-17 category. When you are looking for the talent you should as well focus on age."

The tactician revealed: "We have spotted 15 junior players to be included in the U-17 category."

Dotto pointed out that the exercise involved not only youthful footballers from various parts of the city but also youngsters from other regions in the country.

The coach noted: "We had junior footballers from Dodoma, Shinyanga, Tabora, and Kigoma."

Coach Dotto pointed out financial constraints were the biggest challenge that he and fellow coaches that were overseeing the sessions faced.

Dotto stated they would have preferred to reach out to junior players in other regions, the coaches however can hardly meet travel expenses.

The tactician pointed out such a challenge could have been solved if individuals and firms had invested in the initiative.

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Advanced Cricket Players League's squads unveiled

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) has released lists of cricketers who will battle it out in the 2021 Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) slated for August 27-September 5 at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval.

Six outfits namely Buffalo Blasters, Chui Challengers, Royal Rhinos, Simba Kings, Tembo Stars, and Twiga Titans, will feature in the showdown, with each of the sides having 15 cricketers.

The national cricket governing body's information officer, Atif Salim, pointed out the squads consist of the best local cricketers from various clubs from upcountry, U-18 cricketers, and senior national team players.

Cricketers that will form Buffalo Blasters, according to Salim, are skipper Kassim Nassor, Yash Hirwania, Wilbert Martin, Suraj Kumar, Sanjay Bom, Mukul Kumar, Lazaro Festo, and Laksh Snehal.

Issa Kikasi, Vaibhav Bhatia, Jitin Singh, Goodluck Andrew, Dinesh Rabadiya, Abdulrahman Akida, and Gerald Dzunguza, are the squad's other cricketers.

Chui Challengers' players include captain Zafar Khan, Wahid Hussain, Vipin Abraham, Suraj Pala, Sheraz Khan, Ramesh Alluri, and Mohamed Yunus.

Mohammad Ali, Kishen Kamania, Karim Athuman, Imtiyaz Yusuf, Augustin Mwamele, Ashish Kamania, Arslaan Premji, and Abdullah Jabir, also make the outfit's list.

Cricketers making up Royal Rhinos are skipper Aahil Jasani, Abubakar Selemani, Ali Mpeka, Arshaan Jasani, Gulraiz Haideri, Jaffary Kanyita, and Jay Hirwania.

Kartik Syal, Kelvin Anjelo, Kibwana Salum, Kishwabi Ngozi, Nandakishan Pottachira, Nassib Kelvin, Seif Athuman, and Zamoyoni Ramadhan, are also the outfit's players.

Simba Kings' cricketers include Abbas Adamji, Abhishek Rathod, Adnan Zariwala, Ally Hafidh, Amiri Sadick, Athuman Kakonzi, Vishal Patel, and Bhavesh Govind.

The outfit's other cricketers are Ivan Ismail, Johnson Nyambo, Karim Kisetu, Kheel Suchak, Safvan Annarathodika, Vikram Rathore, and skipper Jatin Darji.

Cricketers that will feature for Tembo Stars are skipper Riziki Kisetu, Tambwe Rashid, Seif Khalifa, Sadick Iddi, Prem Thakkar, Nisar Ahmed, and Mohamed Omary.

Harsheed Chouhan, Firoz Dahodwala, Dhey Shah, Dhrumit Mehta, Ayaz Mustafa, Ankit Baghel, Pafrod Anaceth, and Alhaj Sadick, are the other cricketers making up the team.

Twiga Titans' cricketers include Salum Jumbe, Salmini Yusuf, Rijali Fentu, Raza Baloch, Nassor Zahoro, Jumanne Mohamed, and John David.

Gokul Das, Ejaz Aziz, Basit Raza, Baraka Robert, Athuman Siwa, Acrey Paschal, Issa Safari, and skipper Abhik Patwa, are the squad's other cricketers.



Twiga Titans cricket outfit's skipper Abhik Patwa, is one of the cricketers who will take part in the 2021 Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) slated for August 27-September 5 at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Coach Didier Gomes calls for patience from Simba SC fans



Simba SC head coach, Didier Gomes Da Rosa.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes, has called for patience as he looks to rebuild his squad and believes he is building a very strong team.

Simba SC lifted the domestic treble and a fourth straight league title last season.

However, despite a successful campaign, they have been very active in the transfer market.

At least eight players have been added to what is looking like a bloated squad. The club is in a pre-season camp in Morocco.

On Saturday, they played their first preseason friendly against AS FAR Rabat who are coached by their immediate former head coach Sven Vander-

broeck. The game ended 2-2

Speaking after the game, Gomes said he was impressed by the second-half comeback and also highlighted Hassan Dilunga, Yusuf Mhili, and Duncan Nyoni for their good performance in the second half.

He urged for patience as he continued fine-tuning his squad.

"There were a lot of new players but like I said we lost 2-0 at half time but we came back in the second half. We can say it is not bad. We need to improve, progress and I can confidently say this squad can do better, much better."

"We have to be patient. We are still preparing for the first official match. For sure, it will be completely differ-

ent after two weeks. I am very confident and I trust my team. We are building a very strong team."

"We did not play well in the first half, we lost too many balls. We were not committed when we lost the ball. This AS FAR team finished third in the Moroccan league, they caused us problems particularly between our two lines, the midfield and defensive lines."

"After the first half, we found solutions to minimize the problems. The players in the second half were fresher, like Dilunga who had a good entry, Yusuf Mhili, and Duncan Nyoni. It was interesting but just the beginning. We have to be very positive."

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