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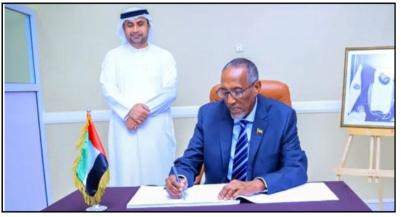
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he head of state H.E. Musa Bihi Abdi and some members of the senate and parliament paid tribute to the late president of the UAE after signing the condolence book at UAE embassy in Hargeisa. The late president of UAE Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed on this month.

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Opposition sent us Notification, instead of permit request, as law stipulates

Mohamoud Walaaleye nterior Minister Mohamed Kahin Ahmed said that the notice of intent to hold public rallies sent to the ministry by the opposition

parties Waddani and Ucid does not meet the legal requirements to apply for the licenses to demonstration,

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Somaliland and Taiwan SignTwo Point Agreement to Develop Petroleum, Minerals and Energy sectors

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he Minister of Minerals and Energy, Hon. Abdillahi Farah Abdi, today signed a bilateral agreement between the governments of the Republic of



the development of the Petroleum, Minerals, and Energy sector as part of an agreement between the two countries to work together.

The agreement was signed by Taiwan's Minister of Economy and Somaliland Minister of Energy and Continue on page 2

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Yusuf M. Hassan embers and supporters of the Somaliland ruling Kulmiye party converged in multitudes to Commemorate the party's 20th anniversary at their Headquarters in the capital Hargeisa

Pooled from all walks of life and regions of the country the celebrants were in honour of their national party commemoration and leadership led by its chairperson and Somaliland President H.E. Muse Bihi Abdi and Including his party leader deputy Continue on page 3

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They all signed the condolence book which was opened at the UAE embassy in Hargeisa. The president was welcomed at the UAE embassy by the ambassador and other



diplomatic staff.

The president had earlier sent his message of condolences to the government and people of UAE immediately upon the demise of their president.

In another development, the Chief Justice Dr. Adam Haji Ali Ahmed presided the taking of oath of office by four new members of the registrations of political parties committee in front of the president.

Opposition parties' notice is not procedural, says Minister Kahin, on holding rallies

and that the letter from opposition parties did not specify a date, venue or purpose to hold their rally.

Speaking to the media yesterday, Saturday 28th May 2022 Hon. Kahin stated, "Opposition chairmen Hon Faisal and Hon Hirsi, didn't come to my office, to discuss the issue. but the letter was brought to me by members of the opposition", he said, adding, "I received a letter from the chairmen of the opposition parties informing us on intentions holding Somaliland rescue demonstration. "First of all, the Somaliland Constitution allows and sets out the conditions for holding it", he said.

"The letter was carried by three members. My reply was that we need the Chairmen who wrote the letter, and talk about it in the office here and discuss the issue reasonably", he noted.

The law states that the application of the demonstration must specify the purpose of the protest, the venue, and the date of the protest.

"The letter that reached my office was in notification prose, but the law requires that a protest permit must be applied for", he underpinned.

The opposition letter, he said, has not specified individuals in the itinerary or groups holding the rally nor specified the venue. He said that not even the date and time of holding the rally was mentioned as the Public Order law stipulates.

He lamented that it was unfortunate that prior to the opposition's notification letter reaching his office, it was already published on all the parties' social media sites, "which is against the normal procedures of requesting holding of rallies, and that was the reason I requested to meet their leaders".

Issues attributed to their protests include inflation.

"The shilling has not changed in recent years, local produce prices have not changed, the only thing that has happened is inflation, and as a government we acknowledge is the price of all imported goods, and that isn't the government or traders' fault, but that has become more expensive all over the world because of the wars", he said.

Hon. Kahin stated Somaliland as a modern nation started prior to 1991, and the long struggle to free the tyrant from Somaliland populace, thus thousands lost their lives, hence "we do not know who will be protected from Somaliland today if anarchy sets in".

Demonstrations are permitted to be held in certain areas, while, on the other hand not allowed to be held in markets, city centres, hospitals areas, etc.

Lastly, Hon Kahin stated still his request to discuss the matter with the opposition leaders are on and he is awaiting their response,

"I call on the Somaliland public and national security agencies, until discussion of the matter reaches an understanding, to permit or deny the demonstrations, anyone who tries to hold them is against laws and the constitution of the nation, and will be held liable.



there is a need to intensify the guidelines and procedures for sharing of data on mineral resources, energy, and legislation to develop the Mineral and Energy zones, and also briefed those attending the signing ceremony on the ongoing oil exploration activities in the country which is now entering the drilling phase. Oil exploration companies General Energy and RAK Gas LLC have confirmed their exploration in areas of suspected oil reserves, with the drilling phase scheduled to begin in 2023.

US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Debate Somaliland Partnership bill

held on Thursday to discuss the agenda as part of the Somaliland Partnership Act.

The Speaker of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Bob Menendez, presided over the meeting.

The Somaliland Partnership Bill was introduced by James E Risch, Chris Van Hollen, and Mike Rounds, members of the Senate on March 17, 2022, and has been read twice before by the Foreign Relations Committee debate on Thursday.

The bill, which contains a number of key elements, requires the US Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress on aid to Somaliland and, in collaboration with the Secretary of Defense, to conduct a study on possible security cooperation with Somaliland. Although the Committee has not yet



released information on Thursday's debate on the Somaliland Cooperation Law, it is expected to make significant changes to the Rep of Somaliland's quest of international recognition and diplomatic endeavors.

The Somaliland Partnership Bill, Rep of Somaliland's recognition bill and the close cooperation between the Republic of Somaliland and the United States are the outcomes of the historic visit of the President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Muse Bihi Abdi and a large delegation led by him to the United States earlier this year.

Somaliland and Taiwan SignTwo Point Agreement to Develop Petroleum, Minerals and Energy sectors

Minerals and handed over copies to Taiwan's Ambassador to Somaliland Amb. Allen C. Lou.

The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Energy and Minerals premises and was attended by members of the cabinet and government agencies among them Dr. Saad Ali Shire, Minister of Finance, Hon. Suleiman Warsame Guled, the Minister of Justice, Hon. Mohamed H. Aden Elmi, Minister of National Assemblies, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdinasir Omar Jama, and Mr. Ahmed Farah Adare, the Chairman of the Energy Commission, and members of visiting delegation from the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Firstly, the Minister of Energy and Minerals of the Republic of Somaliland, Hon. Abdillahi Farah Abdi spoke about the importance of implementing and advancing the friendly agreements reached between Somaliland and Taiwan in 2020, which focused on Agriculture, Fisheries, Minerals, Energy, and Health. and Education.

and 75% open for bidding. Minerals.

Speaking on minerals and ongoing projects, the Minister highlighted the ongoing exploration and mining activities in the country by private with companies, special explorations conducted by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals funded by the National Budget. Energy

Hon. Abdillahi Abdi Farah, the Minister of Energy and Minerals of the Republic of Somaliland, explained the Ministry's mission and vision for energy security and how to achieve safe and secure electricity. Production and multifaceted development of this Nation.

To achieve this goal the Ministry of Energy and Minerals of the Republic of Somaliland, and Taiwan can work together in the following areas. Reconstruction and development across the various key sectors of the energy sector and energy agencies, including the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, reform and The Energy Minister added that implementation of laws, policies, studies and research investigation, etc." said Minister Abdillahi Abdi Farah.

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Markii ay waxba ka soo bixi waayeen wada-hadaladii Xisbiyada Qaranku la galeen Madaxweynaha iyo Xukuumaddiisa, isla markaana Xisbiyada Mucaaradku ku qanceen in Madaxweynuhu soo xidhay dhammaan albaabadii kale oo dhan, waxaa waajib nagu noqotay in aanu taageerayaashayada ku wargelino bannaan-bax ay ku muujiyaan dareenkooda iyo doonistooda, taas oo ah xuquuq Dastuurku siiyey muwaadiniinta (Mudaharaad Silmi ah).

Sidaa awgeed, annaga oo ilaalinayna sharciga, isla markaana dhawrayna nabad gelyada iyo kala dambeynta, waxa aannu idinku wargelinaynaa in aad sugtaan ammaanka goobaha Fagaarayaasha ay ka dhici doonaan bannaan baxyada nabadeed ee **Badbaadada Somaliland**.



He said there were other opportunities for investment in the oil sector, with only 25% of the blockchain were currently licensed Amb. Allen C. Lou, the Ambassador of Taiwan to Somaliland on his part, welcomed the agreement reached between the Republic of Somaliland and his country and described it as another historic step forward for both nations.

lastly, members of the Council of Ministers praised the Ministry of Energy and Minerals' efforts, and at the same time emphasized the importance of the agreement to the United Nations and the Republic of Taiwan, and welcomed the implementation of the agreement.

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Kulmiye marks a two decades of official party-hood since it's inception



who is also Interior Minister Mohamed Ahmed Kahin, Somaliland Vice president and party founding member H.E. Abdirahman Abdilahi Ismail 'Sayli', immediate past first lady Amina 'Weris' Mohamed Jirde among many other senior political figures in the country. All were unanimous on holding of timely presidential elections as long as all existing loopholes in the process leading to the polls are reconciled satisfactorily and according to the laid down legal tenets enshrined in the Somaliland Constitution.

Standing out was former first lady and herself a founding member Amina 'Weris' who not mincing words said "Political groups are now legal to launch and Kulmiye party has experiences enough to emerge as one of the three fully fledged national official political parties, of and in, the coming hundred years". According to the Amina Weris, the country's fourth first lady, "Insinuations that there is a past and new Kulmiye party is false for our parry is one and in its oneness continues to grow stronger".

"As the Somaliland ruling Kulmiye party commemorates its 20th anniversary I recall that I was a very youthful burgeoning journalist but today here I am a member of party has resulted in prevailing as

parliament under the party whose founding was my first major political coverage", said MP Mohamed Hussein Jama 'Rambo'.

Seemingly refereeing to recent sentiments expressed by opposition political leaders in which they urged youths to be ready for confrontations with the ruling party if presidential elections are not held as slated on the 13th November this year, MP Rambo a first-time legislator said, "Just wondering who the alleged youths are since we are also youths of Somaliland and members of Kulmiye Party and we are yet to be consulted on the purported political violence".

"We members and leadership of the Somaliland ruling Kulmiye party do hereby inform citizens that the opening of political groups is a legal fact and they shall be opened", said the parties deputy leader and Interior Minister Mohamed Ahmed Kahin.

He added that, "Competition among many political groupings is a democratic apt process that facilitates existence of the constitutionally enshrined 'only three national political parties that are bonafide' thus able to protect and nurture the statehood of Somaliland every ten years".

"I would like to thank the supporters of Kulmiye Party for their steadfast support that has ensued with three victories in successive one person one vote", said Vice President and founding member of the party H.E. Abdirahman Abdillahi Ismail 'Sayli'i as he stressed that the nationalism and developmental policies of the party occupying the Somaliland presidency for 12 consecutive years and counting.

The main speaker and party's leader cum Somaliland President Muse Bihi Abdi who upon congratulating members on having reached the milestone of two decades as part and parcel of political leadership both in opposition and ruling, went on to stress on the fact that Somaliland is founded on strong legal and democratic fundamentals as enshrined in the country.

Adding that he will relinquish the party's leadership thus see to it that Kulmiye has a new and properly elected leader soon, he also said that presidential elections will be held timely so long as the few outstanding legal issues are concluded.

Turning to opposition political parties (UCID and Wadani) that are agitated with fears of elections delays president Bihi warned that "any acts that are not legal thus harmful to the being of Somaliland shall ensue with my administration reciprocating as per the law".

On the eve of the anniversary commemorations the party's founding father and fourth Somaliland President Mahmud Silanyo shared some insights with top leadership at his residence in Hargeisa.

This come following a visit by President Bihi in company of VP Sayli who also served Silanyo in the same capacity and Interior Minister Mohamed Kahin.

Monkeypox virus outbreaks are containable - WHO



Monkeypox can be contained in countries outside of Africa where the virus is not usually detected, the World Health Organization (WHO) says.

More than 100 cases of the virus which causes a rash and a fever have been confirmed in Europe, the Americas and Australia.

That number is expected to rise still, but experts say the overall risk to the broader population is very low.

The virus is most common in remote parts of Central and West Africa.

"This is a containable situation," the WHO's emerging disease lead Maria Van Kerkhove said at a news conference on Monday.

We want to stop human-to-human transmission. We can do this in the non-endemic countries," she added - referring to recent cases in Europe and North America.

The virus has now been detected in 16 countries outside Africa.

Despite being the largest outbreak outside of Africa in 50 years, monkeypox does not spread easily between people and experts say the threat is not comparable to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Transmission is really happening from skin-to-skin contact, most of the people who have been identified have more of a mild disease," Ms Van Kerkhove said.

Another WHO official added that there was no evidence the monkeypox virus had mutated, following earlier speculation over the cause of the current outbreak. Viruses in this group "tend not to mutate and they tend to be fairly stable", said Rosamund Lewis, who heads the WHO's smallpox secretariat.

Meanwhile, a top EU health official

likelihood of spread is very low," said Dr Andrea Ammon of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

"However the likelihood of further spread of the virus through close contact for example during sexual activities amongst persons with multiple sexual partners is considered to be high".

Monkeypox has not previously been described as a sexually transmitted infection, but it can be passed on by direct contact during sex.

Dr Ammon suggested that countries should review the availability of the smallpox vaccine which is also effective against monkeypox.

In the UK, which has now recorded 57 cases, authorities are advising anyone who has had close contact with a confirmed case to isolate for 21 days.

A person is considered at high risk of having caught the infection if they have had household or sexual contact with someone with monkeypox, or have changed the bedding of an infected person without wearing personal protective equipment (PPE).

Symptoms, which include a high temperature, aches, and a rash of raised spots that later turn into blisters, are typically mild and for most people clear up within two to four weeks.

Man's double hand transplant is 'space-age stuff'

Steven Gallagher laughed when it was first suggested he could have a double hand transplant. But five months on from pioneering surgery that could have cost him all use of his hands, he is now painfree and enjoying "a new lease of life".

Steven, 48, developed an unusual rash on his cheeks and nose about 13 years ago, and pains in his right



Speaking to the media yesterday, Sultan Daud said that the purpose of the meeting was to maintain security in the country and that no one can harm, except God.

Sultan Daud called on opposition parties to eliminate traditional leaders from their parties, as they are the ones who will mediate in



times of conflict. "It is a shame for us and the country, if the traditional leaders become

political parties, or campaigners, or threats come from within the parties", he said. Sultan Daud stated that the president was the leader we elected yesterday, and today, it is a shame if we insult him.

"I call on the president to summon the two chairmen and resolve any differences through dialogue", he added.

Minister of Information Speaks about

Political Climate of the Country

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The minister reiterated the important need for economical development and guarding against insecurity. He said Somaliland people should unite for the common good of their country and avoid anything that may bring about discord.

He said the country's citizens voted 97% in referendum for constitutional independence of Somaliland.

Minister Suleiman said that the country's constitution must be respected and followed.

He revealed that the government holds elections as stipulated by the

national constitution.

The information minister stated that the government never meddles in the work of Somaliland National Electoral Commission (SLNEC). He said the commissioners had their own disagreements and split into two groups.

He went further to explicitly state that the president appointed a committee to delve into the borne of contention amongst the electoral commissioners and come with a lasting solution.

The minister also talked about the refusal of opposition parties to follow the country's time line on the holding

of presidential and national parties' elections. He said the people of Somaliland are law abiding citizens and will never stray from the constitution.

He said that after every decade new parties are formed to represent the people hence it is time for elections of new political parties.

Minister Suleiman added that the government held parliamentary and local council elections which enabled the opposition parties to gain foothold in many mayoral wins in different towns and cities across Somaliland.

has warned that some groups of people may be more at risk than others.

"For the broader population, the

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Presidential Condolence

he President H.E. Musa bihi Abdi has mourned the passing on of senior clergy Sheikh Ali Warsame Hassan that happened on Saturday 28th of May, 2022 in Jordan.

The Head of State sent his personal condolences, and on behalf of his officialdom, to the next of kin, family members and relatives, friends, the members of the clergy and the nation at large wishing them

stronger faith in the trying moment. He described the deceased as a reputable clerical figure who spent his entire life in propagating the religion and tutored an untold number of clerics and hoards of students. He prayed to the Almighty God to rest the soul of the late Sheikh Ali Warsame in eternal rest. Inna lillah wa Inna Illayhi Raji'uun

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Political organizations Happy Following the Confirmation for Committee **Registration of Political Parties**

follows the confirmation of the new committee for the registration of new political parties by the parliament, paving the way to start the process in earnest.

The President of Somaliland H.E Musa Bihi Abdi had earlier on sent the names of the appointees to parliament for confirmation. The House of Representatives voted for four political parties' registrations committee members and rejected three.

People who have interests in politics congratulated the members of parliament for voting for the bill and committee members. They said this will open new avenues for politicians with the ambition to find ways to ascend through the ranks of the country's leadership.

Some founding members of the new political outfits sent their messages

through media houses. They were elated about the voting in of some of the members of the registrations committee.

Members who spoke on behalf of the new political parties such as Somaliland People's Party (SPP), Barwaaqo, Horseed and Waberi sent their messages to Somaliland voters, calling upon them to get ready for the election of new political parties that will represent them for a decade.

Dr. Mohamed Abdi Gaboose called it a great day for Somaliland and a victory to democracy. He said the

registrations and voting should start in earnest on Monday and said this has put to rest the conflicts caused by national parties Wadani, Ucid and Kulmiye.

A top official of SPP Mr. Mohamed Mohamud Hashi welcomed the move to start the registrations of new political parties he called it a democratic and the will of the people of Somaliland.

The chairman of Horseed organization Mr. Abdillahi Hussein Iman (Abdillahi Darawal) also welcomed the registration process. He thanked the president for the initiative.

Minister of Finance Conducts Inspection on Tax Collections Centres

Marodi-Jeh region.

Addressing journalists after completion of the tour the minister confirmed that it was the ministry of finance mission to increase revenue collections.

He stated, "This meeting pertains the inspection of tax collection centers. We also would like to gauge challenges faced by tax collectors, if any, address them to smoothen revenue collections in Hargeisa and its environs".

The finance minister revealed that the inspection included evaluation services to tax payers by tax collectors.

He said that inspection of tax collection point offices is often done



by departmental heads and Director General but the minister annually inspects and evaluates districts and regions head offices to make sure smooth running of revenue collections in the country.

The minister was accompanied by top ministry of finance officials. The staff of some offices Hon. Saad toured stated that the minister's visit will motivate them further to increase revenue collections in the country.

Minister of Education Visits Washington



countryside.

The agenda of the meeting stressed the necessity to aid Somaliland postgraduate and doctoral students to receive scholarship to study in US universities.

The meeting also touched on the important role that training of technical teachers and experts for Somaliland job market such as production specialization, renewable energy and ICT that the US can help Somaliland establish. According to Somaliland Ministry of Education the minister stated that Somaliland needed to be assisted on technical knowledge like management of ports and airports, tourism and hospitality sector, veterinary, agriculture hydrology and marine sciences. Minister The minister of education also met with officials from international organizations HFI360 they agreed to work together in education data collection, research and storage and School Health Program and marine resources.

The Elm Schools: Kenyan School in Somaliland Boasting of Being Most Outstanding International School in Africa



The school's reputation is attributed to the over 85 Kenyan teachers employed to fill the curriculum gap that has persisted due to inadequate human resource capacity.

The Elm Schools is a Kenyan school in Hargeisa city, the capital of the Republic of Somaliland.

And while its citizens enjoy the freedom to access formal education, the education system is not strategically placed according to education experts due to deficiencies in the sector.

Set at the heart of Hargeisa city, The Elm Schools was established in 2007. The excellence of the institution is attributed to, among other factors, the number of Kenyan teachers employed and teaching the Kenyan curriculum that is considered very robust, in an effort to fill the literacy gap that exists in the country.

curriculum The Kenyan complements Islamic education offered by Somaliland teachers.

The school, fully owned by a Kenyan-Somali, is not only the best in Somaliland but also holds the title of the most outstanding international school in Africa by Accreditation Service for International Schools (ASIC).

ASIC is a UK-based independent quality assurance body specializing in the institutional accreditation of education providers.

The school's reputation is attributed to the over 85 Kenyan teachers employed to fill the curriculum gap that has persisted due to inadequate human resource capacity.

The population is predominantly Muslim and the priority is given to Islamic, Quran and Arabic education taught by Somaliland teachers. "Our curriculum is Kenyan and that is why we have the Kenyan staff. We got into CBC just like the Kenyan system, but now here we do an integrated system," says Silvia Nzilani, the school's head teacher. "We cannot fit in the kind of CBC because of the materials and everything required there. But we integrated 8:4:4 and CBC." Somaliland is quite unique. Here, people do not work on Thursdays and Fridays because of cultural and religious reasons attached to the days.

become Romans," says Ms. Nzilani. The total population of students from both primary and secondary schools is 2400, with 53 classes in the primary wing and 17 classes in secondary.

The overall number of teachers here is 142, including 87 Kenyan teachers.

However, in both lower and upper primary, even the 53 classes cannot accommodate the number of learners due to high demand for the school hence pupils come in shifts of morning and afternoon to acquire the much needed skills.

"When it comes to recruitment, we go down to Kenya and do interviews and take only qualified teachers and all our teachers are registered members of TSC back in Kenya," Benson Samia, the school's head of Human Resources says.

In terms of cultural and religious adaptation, most of them had to change a lot to fit in with the ways of Somaliland residents.

Some can now fluently speak the Somali language after few years of struggle due to the language barrier "Of course, it was a different nation so the first time I landed here there was that culture shock...in terms of dress code and food I had to change a lot to fit in," Nzilani says.

Antoninah Anyango is a teacher of Math: "Sometimes I miss the Kenyan way of life of going out and wearing what you want because, you know, here it is a bit restricted. I also miss ugali and greens."

Nevertheless, they say they have managed to keep together as a family here.

On maintaining the Kenyan spirit, Mr. Samia says: "Whenever there is celebration like Madaraka in Kenya, we also celebrate together as Kenyans just to keep the Kenyan spirit going. We do nyama choma and ugali and so on." Theirs is a story similar to that of more than 9,000 Kenyans working in Somaliland in different sectors and capacities helping boost economies of both nations, a demonstration of their resilience with the right environment and resources

The minister of education Hon. Ahmed Mohammed Dirie (Torno) has toured the United States of America. The minister is on a official visit to America and has met with departmental heads and other top government officials.

Minister Dirie was accompanied to the meetings by Somaliland's ambassador to the US Mr. Bashir Good and consul Mr. Yassin Mire. The minister held fruitful talks with

head Department of State Bureau of African Affairs.

The minister also consulted with Bureau of International Education and Cultural Affairs.

He also met with USAID officials. They discussed about development of education infrastructure in Somaliland, and vocational training. The minister highlighted the importance of education to pastoral communities and nomads in the

"In Kenya we know the weekends are Saturdays and Sundays but here it's Thursdays and Fridays, so we adapt and when you go to Rome you



Somali blacksmiths out of business as drought crushes livelihoods in Hudur



(ERGO) - Having worked as a blacksmith since he was a teenager, Abdihamid Ali Isack, 55, has finally had to shut down his workshop in the southern Somali town of Hudur, as the crippling drought brings thousands of livelihoods to a standstill.

"Literally I could say I have become a beggar!" Abdihamid told Radio Ergo grimly.

"I beg from relatives, friends, anyone I think might have any money. I used to hustle and eat what I get from the sweat of my own brow, but that's not possible anymore." Before the drought his family of eight managed reasonably well, but now they are surviving on just one meal a day from his earnings of just two dollars a week.

"Before this ravaging drought, we were making good money that enabled us to have three meals a day. Now our customers are equally affected by the drought. Farmers have downed their tools while pastoralists have lost their animals. When things changed, I took my

spanner and hammer and went walking around town looking for damaged or broken donkey-carts to see if I could get repair jobs."

Abdihamid, with 40 years in the blacksmith trade, used to earn between \$10 to \$15 a week. What he gets now cannot even buy a twokilogram bag of sugar that costs the equivalent of \$2.2 in Hudur, which has been under siege by Al-Shabab for eight years. Commodities can only get into the town by air as the roads have been barricaded.

He fears for the future of his four children who are in class three and six in primary school. Their combined fees come to \$24 and he has not paid fees since January. There are around 300 men in Hudur whose main source of income has been metal work, crafting numerous handmade items used by farmers and people living in the rural areas in particular, such as hoes, spades, rakes, forks, among other tools and implements.

However, hundreds of farming and pastoralist families from Bakool

region have fled to internal displacement camps in Baidoa hoping to get some assistance, whilst others have moved to villages in Bakool where they are living as IDPs in flimsy huts they set up for themselves.

Isack Ali Kusow, 60, a blacksmith with a family of eight children, said he lost a huge number of his customers since the beginning of the year. His workshop is still open because he has no other skills and does not know what else to do for a living. He comes to his workplace together with his son three days a week.

"Before the drought I was making 200 to 300 Somali shillings from one axe, but now even selling one for 60 Somali shillings is not possible. The situation has gone bad. Let alone selling our products, we don't see people even bargaining for any of our items," said Isack.

Isack Ali's family is now dependent on his wife, who has a shop in Hudur town. The chairman of social affairs at Hudur district authority, Mohamed Abdirahman Mohamed, said it was important to keep the blacksmiths in operation because their products are much needed in the country, especially in the agricultural sector. "The whole region is badly affected by the drought, the challenge is not unique to the blacksmiths, similarly porters, electricians, all of them are affected by the drought. We have nothing as a district to support these people but we are requesting the federal government and relief agencies to help these people," he said.

EGYPT: Prosecution releases Somali girl accused of killing a tuktuk driver citing self-defence



Cairo (HOL) - Prosecutors in Cairo have released a Somali teenager held on murder charges after police and medical exams revealed the plausibility of her claim of self-defence against a rape attempt by a slain tuk-tuk driver. advertisements

Egyptian prosecutors said they received on the 17th of May that the body of a deceased tuk-tuk driver had been discovered on a street on the outskirts of Giza's the 6th of October city, a suburb 32km outside of Cairo.

According to local news outlets, a 15-year-old Somali refugee took a minibus home from Egypt's 6th of October city's 11th district but noticed no other passengers on board. The driver drove her to a deserted spot where he molested her while holding a knife to her neck.

A 15-year-old Somali refugee handed herself in at a local police station with her lawyer and told officers a harrowing tale that involved her being driven to an abandoned location and attempting to rape her with a knife. She fought back - and suffered defensive injuries to her hands - before stabbing the driver and escaping.

Prosecutors said that her version of the events is consistent with the evidence they have received., including the medical autopsy performed on the deceased driver.

The case has garnered widespread attention in the Middle East and Somali news and social media, with many groups voicing their support for the girl. Women's rights groups in Egypt have called on authorities to crack down on sexual assault in the public transport system.

The sci-fi technology tackling malarial mosquitos



Environmental campaigner Liz While standard GM introduces a O'Neill doesn't mince her words about gene drives - the next organism, gene drive technology generation of genetic modification (GM) technology. "It is extremely worrying," says the that can also automatically replicate director of UK anti-GM pressure itself - that targets and removes a group, GM Freeze. "To release something that has been specifically created in a laboratory in order to outfight nature, and spread without exception within wild populations, is extraordinary arrogant. "And once the genie is out of the bottle, you cannot put it back in." Anti-GM campaigner Liz O'Neill is concerned that gene drives could go wrong if used in the wild The way gene drives work sounds like something from a science fiction novel, but they are already being used in laboratory tests. It is complicated stuff, but here is a simple explanation.

new, lab-tweaked gene into a goes one stage further. It introduces a gene drive - a lab-created gene specific natural gene. This is how it works: if an animal (parent A) that contains a gene drive mates with one that doesn't (parent B), then in the forming embryo that starts to combine their genetic material, parent A's gene drive immediately gets to work. It recognises the natural gene version of itself in the opposite chromosome from parent B, and destroys it, by cutting it out of the DNA chain. Parent B's chromosome then repairs itself - but does so, by copying parent A's gene drive. So, the embryo, and the resulting offspring, are all but guaranteed to *Continue on page* 6

Uganda, world's second largest contributor to peacekeeping operations

African Transition Mission in Somalia, where UPDF troops are deployed, is largest multilateral peace operation

Kampala, Uganda | Ian Katusiime | With 6,162 troops, Uganda is the second largest contributor to peacekeeping operations worldwide as of December 31, 2021. This was contained in a new study done by SIPRI, a global security think tank.

Ethiopia came first with 8,611 troops involved in peace operations. The data was released ahead of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers on May 29. Uganda's troops are in the African Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) where it is the leading nation in the mission. It was the first country to deploy in the UN-backed operations in 2007 and for it, it has earned recognition around the world. In addition, ATMIS is the largest multilateral peace operation in the world with 19,384 military personnel. "At the end of 2021, sub-Saharan Africa continued to host the highest number of multilateral peace



is likely to remain the main focus of

Mozambique, where two of the four multilateral peace operations that started in 2021 were established. These joined the Rwandan Joint Force, a bilateral military operation (not considered a multilateral peace operation)."

The study noted that CAR which has been wrecked by instability hosted five operations as of December 2021 deploying approximately 15,000 personnel, while Mali hosted four operations, with a total of approximately 16,000 personnel. "Along with Somalia (hosting three operations), South Sudan (hosting two operations) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (hosting one operation), these were the countries or territories with the largest deployments and hosting the largest operations in 2021. The personnel deployments in the four operations in Kosovo were much lower, totaling approximately 4,000." Meanwhile Somalia has just elected a new President and there has been another significant development: redeployment of 450 U.S. troops to bolster operations against the Al Shabaab terror group.

multilateral operations-both within and outside the scope of SIPRI's definition of multilateral peace operations," wrote Dr. Claudia Pfeifer, the author of the report titled 'Multilateral peace operations in 2021: Developments and trends.' Complex African missions

"In 2021 a number of complex constellations of peace operations continued to be concentrated in a handful of host countries," the report noted. It said that Multilateral peace operations were particularly numerous in the Central African Republic (CAR), Kosovo and Mali. "Moreover, a new constellation appears to be developing in

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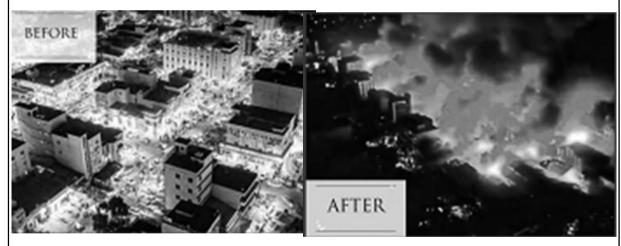
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The sci-fi technology tackling malarial mosquitos

have the gene drive, rather than a 50% chance with standard GM - because an embryo takes half its genes from each parent. Genetic scissors

Gene drives are created by adding something called Crispr, a programmable DNA sequence, to a gene. This tells it to target the natural version of itself in the DNA of the other parent in the new embryo. The gene drive also contains an enzyme that does the actual cutting.

Gene drives are able to cut another gene out of a strip of DNA

So, what is the point of such complex technology? It is hoped that gene drives can be used to greatly reduce the numbers of malarial mosquitos, and other pests or invasive species. This process is more effective than standard DNA because as every single offspring has the introduced gene trait it spreads much faster and further. One organisation at the forefront of this is Target Malaria, which has developed gene drives that stop mosquitos from producing female offspring. This is important for two reasons - only the females bite, and without females, mosquito numbers will plummet.

The core aim is to greatly reduce the number of people who die from malaria - of which there were sadly 627,000 in 2020, according to the World Health Organization. It could also slash the economic impact of the disease. With 241 million cases in 2020, mostly in Africa, <u>malaria is estimated to</u> cost the continent \$12bn (£9.7bn) <u>in reduced ec onomic output</u> every year. The financial effect of invasive species - everything from cane toads, to lionfish, brown snakes, fruit flies, zebra mussels, and Japanese knotweed - is even higher. They cost the US and Canada \$26bn (£21bn) a year, according to US Department of the Agriculture's National Invasive **Species Information** Center. Globally, it puts the impact at \$1.29tn over the past 50 years. The economic impact of malaria is significant and wide-ranging involving absenteeism from work and school Yet, campaigners like Liz O'Neill say that the risks of unforeseen consequences, such as the gene drive leading to harmful and unforeseen mutations and knock-on effects, are too high. "Gene drives are GM on steroids supercharged," she says. "Every concern one would have about the use of any genetic modification is exponentially more worrying when talking about gene drives because of how far and wide they are designed to spread." However, while the technology has not yet been authorised for use in the wild, there are no bans against continuing laboratory research into it. After

serious debate in 2018, <u>the United</u> <u>Nations Convention on</u> <u>Biodiversity ruled that this may</u> <u>continue.</u>

Dr Jonathan Kayondo is a principal investigator for Target Malaria in Uganda. He points out that natural gene drives already exist - dominate or "selfish genes" that override weaker ones. He also stresses that in continuing to develop engineered gene drives safety remains the core concern. "Malaria is one of the oldest diseases on the planet, and despite decades of efforts, a child still dies of malaria every minute," he says.

Innovative approaches are urgently needed as both the malaria mosquito and the malaria parasite are becoming increasingly resistant to current methods. Gene drive approaches could be part of an integrated approach to combat malaria, complementing existing interventions." Dr Kayondo adds that Target Malaria is continuing to test gene drives on mosquitos at Imperial College in London, and at Italian research firm, Polo GGB.

He adds: "The project is proceeding step-by-step, and at each phase the safety of the technology is being evaluated. "External scientific advice and independent external risk assessment are being sought for each stage and phase of the research, and the project will not proceed further if evidence of a concern about human, animal health or environmental safety makes the technology unacceptable to participating communities and national governments." One of the world's pioneering developers of gene drives is US biologist Kevin Esvelt, an assistant professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He first came up with the technology back in 2013.

Prof Esvelt says that safety is the main concern, and it is being built into the latest gene drive technology. "Given the potential for gene drives to alter entire wild populations and therefore ecosystems, the development of this technology must include robust safeguards and methods of control," he says. Prof Esvelt adds that this technology is being provided by something called "daisy chain". This is where a gene drive is designed to become inert after a few generations. Or halving its spread every generation until it eventually stops. Using this technology he says it is possible to control and isolate the spread of gene drives.

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"A town could release GM organisms with its boundaries to alter the local population [of a particular organism] while minimally affecting the town next door," he says.

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Monkeypox: Cases detected in three more countries for first time

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has became the first Gulf state to record a case of monkeypox. The Czech Republic and Slovenia also reported their first cases on Tuesday, joining 18 other countries to detect the virus outside its usual Africa base.

That number is expected to rise further still, but experts say the overall risk to the general population remains low.

Outbreaks of the virus have been found in Europe, Australia and America.

The symptoms often include a fever and rash - but the infection is usually mild.

announced a case had been detected in a traveller who had recently visited west Africa and is now receiving medical treatment. Authorities there say they are "fully prepared" to handle any outbreak, adding that early surveillance protocols for detecting the disease were in place.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says the virus can be contained with the right response in countries outside of Africa where it is not usually detected.

"We encourage you all to increase the surveillance of monkeypox to see where transmission levels are



and understand where it is going," the WHO's director for Global Infectious Hazard Preparedness, Sylvie Briand, said at a conference on Tuesday.

The outbreaks may not be normal In the UAE, health officials but remain containable, she added • EXPLAINER: What is

monkeypox?

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Outside Africa there are now 237 confirmed and suspected cases of monkeypox and health authorities around the world have announced plans to contain the virus.

Germany says it has ordered up to 40,000 doses of the Imvanex vaccine - used to treat smallpox, but also effective against monkeypox to be ready in case the outbreak worsens.

Anyone already vaccinated with a smallpox vaccine years ago as part of a global bid to eradicate the disease should have existing immunity, German health officials said. But they added that the older treatment has more side-effects so is not suitable for fighting monkeypox today.

And in France, which has detected three cases, officials announced a targeted vaccination campaign of adults who had been recently exposed.

Authorities there are recommending that a vaccine be given within four days of exposure, but up to 14 days afterwards if necessary.

In England, officials announced on Tuesday that 14 more cases of the virus had been detected - bringing the total number of cases in the UK to 71.

Monkeypox is usually associated with travel to Central or West Africa, but some of the cases which have been occurring outside these countries have had no travel link. It does not spread easily between people, but it can be spread through: • touching clothing, bedding or towels used by someone with the

monkeypox rash

- touching monkeypox skin blisters or scabs
- the coughs or sneezes of a person with the monkeypox rash

If you get infected with monkeypox, it usually takes between five and 21 days for the first symptoms to appear. Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills and exhaustion. A rash can develop, often beginning on the face, then spreading to other parts of the body. The rash changes and goes through different stages a bit like chicken pox - before finally forming a scab, which later falls off.

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Monkeypox virus outbreaks are containable - WHO

arm.

Doctors initially thought it was lupus and then carpal tunnel syndrome, and the father-of-three had an operation.

But when the pain returned in both arms, he was referred to a specialist confirmed who he had scleroderma, an autoimmune disease that causes scarring of the skin and internal organs. The condition affected areas including his nose, mouth and hands. About seven years ago, his fingers started curling in until they were in a fist position. He was suffering "horrendous" pain. My hands started to close, it got to the point where it was basically two fists, my hands were unusable," he recalled. "I couldn't do a thing apart from lift things with two hands.



that's space-age kind of things," he said.

After further conversations with Prof Hart, Steven also spoke to Professor Simon Kay, a consultant plastic surgeon at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust who led the UK's first double hand transplant the surgery. It involved a 30-strong team of professionals from many disciplines and was carried out in Leeds over a 12-hour period in December 2021 after a suitable donor was found.

"After the operation, I woke up and it was quite surreal," Steven said.

"These hands are amazing, everything has happened so quickly. From the moment I woke up from the operation I could move them." After spending four weeks in Leeds General Infirmary following the operation, Steven now makes regular visits to hospitals in Glasgow



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"I could not grab anything, it was a struggle to get dressed and things like that."

Steven, from Dreghorn in North Ayrshire, was forced to give up his work as a roof tiler.

He was referred to Professor Andrew Hart, a consultant plastic and hand surgeon based in Glasgow, who first raised the possibility of a double hand transplant.

"At the time I laughed and thought,

operation in 2016.

Both outlined the risks involved. "They were really understanding and really open about what might happen, that I could lose my hands altogether," he recalled. "They said it was unlikely but it was a risk. "My wife and I spoke about it and came to the agreement to go for it. I could end up losing my hands anyway, so it was just a case of letting them know I was going to go with it." Steven, who has three daughters aged 12, 24 and 27, had to undergo psychological evaluation to ensure he was prepared for the transplant. 'These hands are amazing'

He is believed to be the first person in the world with his condition to have for physiotherapy and monitoring. Although dexterous tasks such as doing up buttons are still beyond him, his improving condition means he can do things like stroke his dog, turn on the tap and fill a glass of water.

It has given me a new lease of life," he added. "I'm still finding things hard just now but things are getting better every week with the physio and the occupational therapists. Everything is just slowly getting better.

"The pain is the big thing. Before the operation it was horrendous, I was on so much pain relief it was unbelievable, but now l've no pain at all."

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