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Rwanda remembered the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi for the 26th time this April. Over one million Tutsis were killed by Rwandan ethnic Hutus with the agenda of exterminating the Tutsis within 100 days that start on April 7 and this heinous and savage act will be remembered by the present and all generations to come, as we say NEVER AGAIN.

Meanwhile, Rwandans welcomed the awaited arrest of the world's most wanted genocide fugitive, mogul Felicité Kabuga in the French capital, Paris late May.

Kabuga who categorically bankrolled this Genocide was indicted by the ICTR in 1997 on seven counts of genocide including complicity in genocide, direct and public incitement to commit genocide, attempt to commit genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, persecution and extermination.



The tycoon has been on the run for over 23 years, spanning mostly Africa and Europe with inconceivable impunity, where he had hideouts.

The New Coronavirus pandemic that started in the Chinese city of Wuhan has not only claimed

tens of thousands of lives but also dragged the world economy in a tailspin, stalking mostly developing and poor economies.

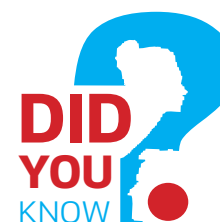
As nearly all countries struggle to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19, world leaders have, since this year started, been preoccupied with new innovations, scientifically, economically and politically of catching up with the worst crisis this century has seen, utterly engulfing all the economies.

A call on populations to abide with the health guidelines embraced by the World Health organisations, and stand in solidarity of all is still echoed louder than before with growing hope that the situation will soon be arrested.

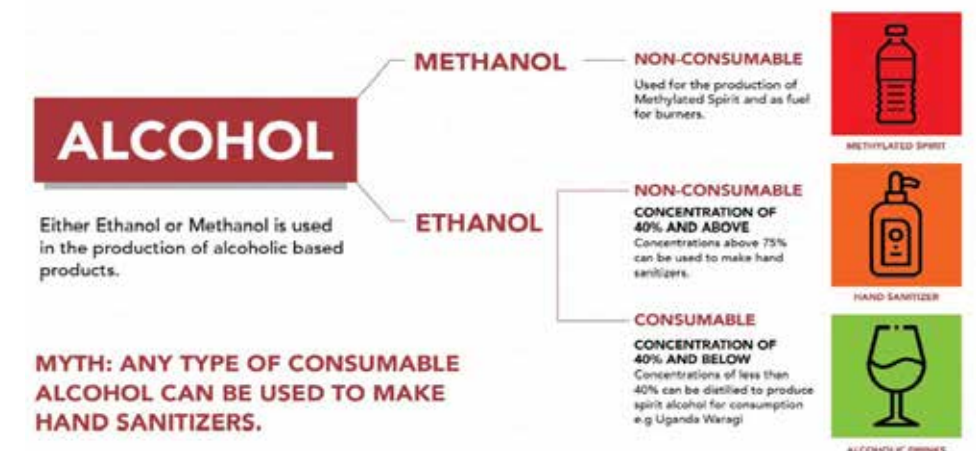
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Tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets across America again Sunday, with peaceful demonstrations against police killings of black people overshadowed by unrest that ravaged cities from Philadelphia to Los Angeles and flared near the White House. [AP]



## WHAT TYPE OF ALCOHOL IS USED TO MAKE HAND SANITIZERS?



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“This virus just may become another endemic virus in our communities and this virus may never go away. HIV hasn’t gone away,” Ryan said. “I’m not comparing the two diseases but I think it is important that we’re realistic. I don’t think anyone can predict when or if this disease will disappear.” **Dr. Mike Ryan**, Executive Director of the WHO’s health emergencies programme, May 13 in Geneva.



“Have been seeing visuals from West Bengal on the devastation caused by Cyclone Amphan. In this challenging hour, the entire nation stands in solidarity with West Bengal. Praying for the well-being of the people of the state. Efforts are on to ensure normalcy,” said Indian **PM Narendra Modi**, May 21



“The trajectory of this outbreak is in our hands,” Van Kerkhove said. “The global community has come together to work in solidarity. We have seen countries bring this virus under control. We have seen countries use public health measures,” said **Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove** WHO infectious disease epidemiologist on May 13 in Geneva.

## RELIGION

# Only the Father can draw people to Jesus

At the morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis prays for the deceased, especially those buried in mass graves and reflects on the Gospel passage, “No one can come to me unless the Father draws him”.

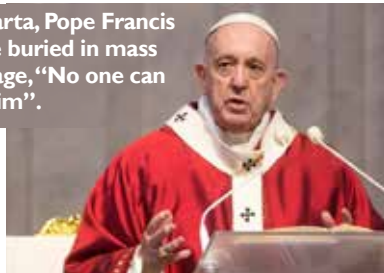
By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis dedicated his morning Mass on Thursday to those who have died because of the Covid-19 pandemic. He prayed especially for those who have died “anonymously” and have been buried in common graves.

The Holy Father took a verse from the Gospel as the starting point for his homily: “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him.”

It is certainly possible to study religion or theology, and learn a great deal about Jesus, the Pope said, but unless we are drawn by the Father, we cannot know Christ, or His mystery.

This was the case with the Ethiopian eunuch in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. He was an official in the Ethiopian royal court. The Pope noted that he was reading the Scriptures – a passage from the



prophet Isaiah – as he returned home from Jerusalem. God had already prepared his heart, and now the Father sent Philip the Deacon to him.

The restlessness the official felt was precisely the Father drawing him to Jesus. When he saw some water by the wayside, he asked to be baptised.

Pope Francis said it is important for us to realize this principle as the basis for our own apostolic work of spreading the Gospel. “This is valid for our apostolate, for our apostolic mission as Christians,” he said. The work of conversion, the Pope continued, is not something we do. Only God can convert

someone. Only the Father can draw someone to Jesus.

Our job, the Pope said, is to bear witness. In missionary work, it is not enough simply to teach or instruct people about the truths of the faith. In order to be a true proclamation, we must bear witness in our own lives, and allow the Father to draw people to Christ.

The Pope then asks what we can do “so that the Father will make it His business to draw people” to Jesus.

The answer he gives is simple: Prayer.

“Witness and prayer go together”, the Pope said. “Without witness and prayer you cannot do the work of apostolic preaching”. One’s preaching might be very beautiful, but without the Father’s action, people will not be attracted to Christ.

Our witness opens the door to people’s hearts, leads them to welcome the message and the mystery of Jesus. Prayer then opens the Father’s heart, so that He Himself will draw people to Jesus.

This applies not only in the missions but is the “great rule of our apostolate everywhere”, the Pope said. He warned, though, that being missionary does not mean proselytism: “Witness, yes, proselytism, no!”

Pope Francis concluded his homily saying, “Let us ask the Lord for the grace to live our work with witness and prayer, so that He, the Father, might draw people to Jesus.”

Congratulations to those that have seen good times in April/May, and to those that have experienced their darkest days continue believing in the good times ahead for there is no situation too big for confident, strong-willed people to weather through.



**Gen. Evariste Ndayishimiye**, the flag bearer for the ruling National Council for the Defense of Democracy and the Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) was declared winner of the May 2020 Presidential election by Burundi’s electoral commission. Ndayishimiye got 68.82% of the vote.



**United Kingdom’s PM Boris Johnson** is Coronavirus survivor and he’s one of the first world leaders to catch the novel.



Uganda’s reggae star singer and main opposition leader shined out [read stole the show] during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. First, by denouncing the UGX20m Ugandan legislators gave themselves to purportedly create awareness about COVID-19 in communities, an action that induced President Museveni’s reaction to order MPs return the money. Secondly, CNN ranked him among the top five world personalities at the forefront of the COVID-19 fight.



H.E President Paul Kagame on May 25 relieved the governors of the Southern and Northern Provinces **Jean Marie Vianney Gatabazi** and **Emmanuel Gasana** owing to matters of accountability under investigation.”



**Felicien Kabuga**, one of the most wanted fugitives of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi was arrested in Paris, France May 16 by French authorities. Kabuga was indicted by the ICTR in 1997 on seven counts of Genocide including complicity in genocide, direct and public incitement to commit genocide, attempt to commit Genocide, conspiracy to commit Genocide, persecution and extermination.



Burundian main opposition leader **Agathon Rwasa** and Chairman of National Freedom Council (CNL) lost the May Presidential poll. Rwasa who garnered 24.19% finished in the second position. But, he proclaimed himself winner sparking widespread suspicion of massive rigging across the country.



## Coronavirus: The country will return to normalcy with appropriate response to the pandemic, says Kagame



H.E. President Paul Kagame addressing over 400 COVID-19 Command Post member on April 12 (PHOTO/Courtesy)

**BY GEORGE KALISA**

Rwanda's President Paul Kagame has assured his people that the country will return to normalcy if the right response is directed towards the fight against the novel Coronavirus.

He said that though the country is on hold, there was huge hope for the return to normal life soon.

"For now, the life of the country has to be on hold but there is hope that things will return to normal. And that hope coming true is founded on you and how you do your work," observed H.E Paul Kagame during an impromptu visit to COVID-19 Command Post on this Easter Sunday.

The President said that success in ending the COVID-19 pandemic

Post does fulfill its mandate.

COVID-19 Command Post located at Kigali Conference and Exhibition Village (KCEV), brings together close to 400 professionals from across sectors charged with the coordination of activities aimed at ending the spread of COVID-19.

Kagame has assured Rwandans that his government will continue to do whatever it takes to support the professionals achieve their mandate in order for Rwandans to return to normal lives.

"As government we will keep doing everything we can to support you, so Rwandans can return to their normal lives," said Kagame "I know that you are doing this out of selflessness, love of your country and with professionalism. All of this makes me grateful to each of you".

The President wished the professionals a happy Easter and said, "There will be a time to celebrate and thank you properly when this is all over"

through the prevention of its spread will highly depend on how effective the 400-member COVID-19 Command



## President Kagame relieves Nduhungirehe of his duties

**BY GEORGE KALISA**

By Eric Nzabirinda

President Paul Kagame has sacked Amb. Olivier Nduhungirehe who has served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Charge of East African Community since 2017.

The statement from the Office of the Prime Minister says Nduhungirehe's personal opinions overshadowed the government policies which is the reason for dropping him from the Cabinet.

"Today 09th April, the President of the Republic has removed from office Amb. Olivier Nduhungirehe for consistently acting based on personal opinions over Government policies while serving



Hon. Amb. Olivier Nduhungirehe dropped from Cabinet (PHOTO/Net)

as Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Charge of East African Community," reads the statement from the Office of the Prime Minister.

Nduhungirehe expressed gratitude to President Kagame for having entrusted him with the ministerial job and said he was ready to serve his government in a different capacity.

"I am grateful to H.E @PaulKagame for the trust bestowed in me for the past two years an half, when I was privileged to serve as Minister of State in @RwandaMFA in charge of the East African Community. I am committed to continue serving my country & @RwandaGov in another capacity," said Nduhungirehe through a tweet.

## Rwandan Police arrests Bishop Mukabadege over violation of gov't measures on COVID-19 prevention

**BY GEORGE KALISA**

Rwanda National Police (RNP) has announced today that they have arrested Mountain Church Bishop Liliane Mukabadege over lying to them that she headed to a radio yet she determined to go to a Church in the periphery of the capital Kigali, an action against the directives issued by the government of Rwanda on March 20.

The Police have said that they stalked Bishop Mukabadege up to a Church in Kimisagara which was her planned destination. They have also impounded her vehicle.

"Rwanda National Police (RNP) has arrested Bishop Liliane Mukabadege, and her vehicle impounded after lying to police officers that she was going to Radio. Officers followed her and found that she was actually going to a church



Mountain Church Bishop Liliane Mukabadege

at Kimisagara in @Nyarugenge," tweeted the Police on April 5.

Places of worship, entertainment and

games, schools and universities were altogether closed in time as one of the measures to prevent the spread of the novel Coronavirus that has so far been identified in some 102 people.

"In order to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, the Ministry of Local Government in coordination with other concerned institutions announces the following:

"Prayer activities; it is not permitted to move worship and prayer activities to unauthorized places of any kind, such as prayer rooms, private homes, or caves," the statement reads in parts. The enhanced prevention measures against the spread of COVID-19 pandemic restrict operations of bars in Kigali and other cities while worship and prayer activities are restricted to exclusively authorized and gazetted places.





Some of the asylum-seekers in the Gashora Refugee Camp in Eastern Rwanda (PHOTO/Courtesy)

# Libyan migrants in Rwanda stage a foiled protest under COVID-19 lockdown

BY GEORGE KALISA

“They gathered in their camp on Wednesday to organize a demonstration against the lockdown but authorities came in quickly and stopped it,” Elise Villechalane, the spokesperson of the United Nations Refugee Agency told AP.

Some 300 refugees evacuated from the Libyan Refugee detention centres to Rwanda last September, staged a foiled demonstration on April 15 protesting the continued confinement in the Gashora emergency transit center, in Rwanda’s Eastern Province, UN Refugee Agency told reporters today.

UN officials have attributed their uncorrelated and unbecoming action under the Coronavirus lockdown to grave trauma they suffered while in Libya’s refugee detention centres.

“We understand these refugees are stressed and some still have trauma from Libya, but they have to abide by these measures like other Rwandans,” Villechalane told reporters.

On March 21, the Government of Rwanda ordered a lockdown and a curfew as one of the measures to mitigate the spread of the novel Coronavirus, nearly a week after it recorded the first Coronavirus case. Today, the country with the best health

systems in the region has recorded 138 Coronavirus cases, majority of whom were imported from high risk countries, 60 recoveries and no single deaths.

The East African nation became the first one to legitimize a lockdown in Sub-Saharan Africa and the efforts have paid off in terms of saving lives of lives that would be at a greater risk, if there was a delay in enforcing a lockdown.

Just like the COVID-19, the measures in place require vigilance and compliance from both citizens and non-citizens.

Since they settled in their new home and before the pandemic was imported into Rwanda the refugees were allowed to mix with communities in the neighbourhoods with whom they played games including football as well as congregating in Mosques and Churches.

They ended up here following an agreement between Rwanda and the United Nations and African Union (AU), and were subject to utterly two prerequisite options – to either be resettled in a safe third country in the region or stay in Rwanda. The majority

opposed this prerequisite and still live with the dream of resettling in Europe.

Their improved living standards in the camp managed by UNHCR and threat of the catastrophe now stalking about 210 countries and territories with 2,206,676 confirmed cases and 148,663 deaths, have however, not upended their dream of living in Europe where they were heading to before they met their fate in insecurity-ravaged Libya.

Now, eyewitnesses of the foiled April 15 protest said there was a short-lived war of verbal exchanges between the outraged migrants and refugees and the authorities before calm descended to the refugee camp, with some praying to be allowed to return to their home countries.

“Some of the refugees said they should be allowed to go back home to the countries of their origin,” said Jean Claude Habananimana, a coach of a refugees’ football team.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GASHORA REFUGEES

The majority of migrants hail from the horn of Africa mostly from Somalia Djibouti, Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Late January, their hopes of living in Europe had been revived by the renewed commitment of countries like France, Canada, Sweden and Norway to receive them.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Rwanda confirmed January 21 through a tweet that these countries were ready to receive the refugees from Libyan detention centres.

“France, Canada, Sweden, Norway ready to welcome # refugees evacuated from Libya and who are today in a transit center in Gashora, in the south-east of #Rwanda” said UNHCR.

Before the Coronavirus started



Libyan asylum-seekers (PHOTO/Net)

stalking the world, Sweden was ready to accept 150 asylum seekers, France 100, Canada 200 and Norway 450, enough to allow further evacuations from Libya according to Élise Villechalane of the UNHCR office in Rwanda, reported Radio France Internationale (RFI).

During the same time, the Norway Minister for International Development Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein visited Rwanda in connection with Norway’s contribution of NOK 50 million to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) transit center, a visit that meant to many that Europe cared about their plight and kept their dream of living there alive.

‘I have been very moved by the meetings I have had with the inhabitants of the Gashora Transit Center in Rwanda today. They have been living under atrocious and very dangerous conditions in Libya,’ said Minister Dag-Inge Ulstein.

Like fate may have it, the very countries where they wished to go and that had okayed their next destination are battling the coronavirus with alarming cases and rising death toll.

Hence, the resettlement of refugees from Libya has been overshadowed by unprecedented circumstances which they should appreciate.

In addition, they should appreciate that the lockdown, like elsewhere,

has affected all the people living in Rwanda, nationals and non-nationals a fact which makes the plans to protest against it (unjustified).

The GoR in partnership with the UN and AU have put in place basics of life like water, electricity, furnished houses as well as a health centre among others, altogether speak volumes of Rwanda’s readiness and living spirit to express solidarity with the suffering lot of African brothers and sisters.

Above all, before the COVID crisis, the GoR allowed them to interact with the local communities and will continue to do so if the country returns to normalcy – for them to feel at home, a step that is beyond the requisite for refugees the world over. Hence, their protest was uncalled for.

Rwanda experienced the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi just 26 years ago when over a million Tutsi were killed in a space of 100 days. The genocide ruined the economy to beyond-recovery levels and left behind a polarized society and a tattered economy.

The East African country after making leaps in unity and reconciliation and economic development it contributed to peacekeeping in the region. And, of recent it made a step forward by leading the international community in tackling the plight of refugees and asylum-seekers that were stranded in Libya.





Theoneste Nsengimana (R) (PHOTO/Courtesy)

## RMC dismisses reports that it disowned journalists facing fraud charges as fake news

BY GEORGE KALISA

Rwanda Media Commission (RMC) has today dismissed news doing the rounds that it officially disassociated itself from Theoneste Nsengimana, a journalist arrested over fraud last month, as fabrications.

“RMC wishes to inform the general public that news published by The Chronicles and also propagated by Williams Ntwari, a journalist that media body disassociated itself from Theoneste Nsengimana, saying he is not a journalist in an alleged report submitted to Court is baseless and unfounded,” RMC tweeted today.

“No authorities at any level have approached us requesting for information about Theoneste Nsengimana,” added RMC.

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Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB) on April 13 arrested Theoneste

Nsengimana, who manages a Youtube channel dubbed Umubavu TV, over fraud.

“Fraud is a crime punishable by the law. RIB will not tolerate any one who wants to take advantage of citizens affected by Coronavirus and use them in his or her own interests,” said RIB in a tweet after arresting of the suspect.

RIB said that the suspect had attempted to sway residents to confess that they had received food relief from international community as a support to people made vulnerable by COVID-19 pandemic and each gets Rwf20, 000. No food relief had been given to the residents.

This story was to be sold in the interest of the suspect, added RIB.

## Suspended Governor apologizes to President Paul Kagame



Former Northern Province Governor, Jean Marie Vianney Gatabazi (PHOTO/Courtesy)

BY STAFF WRITER

Former Northern Province Governor, Jean Marie Vianney Gatabazi has today apologized to H.E Paul Kagame, the ruling RPF-Inkotanyi party and Rwandan people for having disappointed them during his tenure as Governor.

Gatabazi who has been in the position for close to three years, also, expressed gratitude to the President for having entrusted him with leadership responsibilities.

“I apologize for any and all disappointment to You, Excellency @PaulKagame, @rpfinkotanyi and the people of Rwanda, and I look forward to the next chapter of my life continuing to serve my country to my best ability and always loyal to You Excellency President and RPF!” said Gatabazi through a tweet.

“I am so grateful to HE @PaulKagame for the trust and privilege to serve as Governor

of the North for the last two years&9months, and also grateful to the people of the North for great collaboration and achievements over the last few years,” he added.

On May 25, H.E President Paul Kagame relieved the governors of the Southern and Northern Provinces Emmanuel Gasana and Jean Marie Vianney Gatabazi owing to matters of accountability.

“Pursuant to the Law n 14/2013 or 25/03/2013 determining the organization and functioning of the Province especially in its article 9,” “His Excellency The President has suspected from duty Mr. GASANA Emmanuel, Governor of Southern Province and Mr. GATABAZI Jean Marie Vianney, Governor of Northern Province owing to matter of accountability under investigation,” said a statement issued by the Office of the Prime Minister.

Rusizi, Rubavu isolated temporarily to mitigate spread of COVID-19 as taxi motorcyclists resume services

BY ERIC NZABIRINDA

Rwanda’s border districts with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Rusizi and Rubavu have been isolated from other parts of the country, a decision based on the recent COVID-19 assessment.

“Motos are permitted to carry passengers except in Rusizi and Rubavu districts. This follows a recent COVID-19 assessment across the country. Strict hygiene must be observed and masks worn at all times,” said the statement from the country’s Office of the Prime Minister released today.

The resolution was reached during an extraordinary meeting chaired by H.E President Paul Kagame on June 2 at Village Urugwiro.

Inter-provincial travels elsewhere in the country including those between the capital Kigali and other provinces have, however, been resumed effective today.

“Public and private transport between provinces shall resume except movement to and from Rusizi and Rubavu districts,” added the statement.





# Here they come, again



**DR. RICHARD SEZIBERA**

KIGALI – This year, they have come out of the woodwork early - and announced their season of genocide denial in, of all places, the French Senate Chambers.

Days before the official period of commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi begins, they are already at it.

Genocide deniers are so predictable. So unimaginative. Clearly, they can only kill but find it is impossible to be creative. They peddle the same old plate of nonsense.

They say: “the genocide against the Tutsi did not occur – and if it did, it was a double genocide and by the way, that genocide that did not occur, it was the Tutsi who brought it upon themselves” -Jesus wept!

The genocide deniers, revisionists

and their enablers have refused to accept the defeat of their odious political philosophy. Hate eats their insides. The reality of their failed macabre project gives them sleepless nights. Light blinds them. They do not like its disinfectant.

So, they plot in the dark. They obfuscate. They confuse. They struggle with history.

When they buried us alive, they did not know that we were seeds. When they drowned us in Akanyaru, Nyabarongo and Akagera rivers, they did not realize they were conferring immortality to us.

And so, - during the season of remembrance, they gnash their teeth in frustrated pain. We remember our lost ones, we celebrate life, and they mourn the end of death. We celebrate the rebirth of humanity, they struggle

with being human. With being humane.

And yet, the truth could set them free, if they so choose. During the genocide, we hit the abyss – and decided that the only way out was up – towards the light, towards national unity, national reconciliation and prosperity.

The deniers and revisionists choose to dig even more. They do not see that their choice will only lead them to the fiery magma at the centre of our planet.

For decades, we call upon them to come to the light – many have heeded the call – yet others continue to dig – condemning their progeny to the backbreaking labour of hate. What a tragedy!

The global networks that patiently constructed the superstructure of hate which led to the apocalypse of 1994 have been reactivated.

Their macabre construction was demolished by Patriotic Rwandans. They now hang onto the scaffolding of their hate. They use their intellect, their resources, to negate, to deny, to revise.

They were defeated in 1994, they will be defeated today because you see, we celebrate our humanity, with all its imperfections. We see no saving graces in its destruction at the altar of hate, conformity and unbridled arrogance.

This is the lesson they are too blind to see.

They will revise, they will negate, they will deny. We shall create, we shall build, we shall commemorate, we shall celebrate life and we shall defeat them – Again.

*The author is Rwanda's former Minister for Foreign Affairs. The views expressed in this article are of the author. First published by The NewTimes*



## RWANDA commemorates 26<sup>th</sup> 1994 Genocide anniversary

**BY REBECCA ROSMAN**

By George Kalisa

Rwandan people today came together to remember for the 26th time the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. Over one million Tutsi were killed by mostly Hutu militias [Interahamwe], Hutu extremists and government soldiers in the space of 100 days during the genocide regime.

“We come together to remember for the 26th time, as we always have and will continue to do. Let me begin by thanking Rwandans around the country, as well as our friends, who are following today’s commemoration from their homes,” said President Kagame.

In a televised national address H.E President Paul Kagame observed that this year’s commemoration

has occurred in unusual times and encouraged Rwandans to use it for reflection on the genocide the country experienced 26 years ago and on education of the Rwandan posterity about this bad history.

Rwanda is currently observing a lockdown in efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and thus Rwandans observed the 26th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi from their homes.

“Today, we pause to reflect on the tragedy we experienced and what we lost, both individually and as a nation. We will continue to educate new generations of Rwandans about what happened to our country, and what we learned from it,” said Kagame.

President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame laid a wreath and lit the flame of remembrance at the Kigali Genocide Memorial to honour over one million Tutsi who were killed.



**TEOPISTA BAGWANEZA, 51, IS ONE OF 100 GIRLS AND SEVERAL PEOPLE SR. HELENE NAYITULIKI SAVED IN RWANDA'S EASTERN PROVINCE. SHE TOLD THIS REPORTER A TEAR-JERKING STORY.**

# After learning of the sad news of the death of my father, our Hutu neighbours suggested to help me carry his body home

**BY GEORGE KALISA**

Teopista Bagwaneza, 51, is one of 100 girls and several people Sr. Helene Nayituliki saved in Rwanda's eastern Province. She told this reporter a tear-jerking story.

Bagwaneza was a matron at Rwamagana School of Nursing and Midwifery in 1994. She recalls that when 1994 genocide against Tutsi started she had gone for holidays and it were the student nurses at school who were doing internship at Rwamagana Hospital.

She says that before April 9 they had not seen anybody killed but things changed that evening when Interahamwe killed her dad, Charles Karema and looted every property in their home, including livestock.

"My father had broken news in the morning of April 7 about the shooting down of the plane on which Ex-President Juvénal Habyarimana was aboard, announced by Muhabura radio," recalled Bagwaneza. He woke us up.

Bagwaneza recalls her mum as

saying that though Habyarimana's death was good news its repercussions would mean death of masses. "Many people must die as a consequence of his death," her mother retorted.

Many were gripped by shock and she would see in small groups perplexed and absorbed in reflection on their fate and what the President's death would eventually mean to the Rwandan society, already polarized along ethnicity lines.

They were in a state of confusion and fear, no work was done at all and they didn't know where to go.

**The bad days started with our father who had taken the cows to the field in the company of the shepherd when Interahamwe militias killed him while the shepherd narrowly escaped.**

"I wish we were near the border, we would flee to another country. To make matters worse we cannot all fit in this small car," Karema thought loudly.

On April 8, they saw flames of fire and heavy clouds of smoke twirling into the atmosphere emanating from houses of fellow Tutsi in the areas of Bicumbi and Gahengeri. From the hill, Bagwaneza says they could see throngs of people fleeing their homes.

They spent that day in helpless desperation. On April 9, they gathered in groups and went up to Mwirire hill to take refugee but her father and a shepherd remained at home to look after the cows.

While there her young siblings cried for food and the mother sent some old ones home to pick it. Shortly, a messenger brought some information that a Parish Chief, only identified as Nguriyengoma, had written to her father, explaining that they had lived as friends and brothers and hence nothing bad would be done against his family so he should keep calm at home. "You should therefore remain at home and you will be safe," the letter read in parts.

Her mother cast a spell of doubt and said that the Parish Chief was kidding.

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After learning of the sad news of the death of her father, their neighbours who were Hutu suggested to help her carry his body home. They braved the dreadful scene at around 7pm. They carried and laid his body on a bare bed and they immediately deserted the home after learning about a clandestine plot to kill them. A Good Samaritan had told them that if they delayed none of



them would survive. The killing had started.

“The family of Karema is back,” said the perpetrators who were overheard and they were tipped off by good people who had had of the plan to kill them that night.

Their family being big their Hutu neighbours separated them in two groups and offered to accommodate them for a night as they thought about where to go next. They only reunited as a family after genocide.

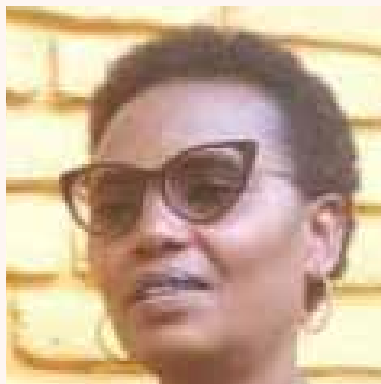
“In the wee hours of April 11 we decided to flee and trekked towards Rwamagana town. I saw Sr. Helene Nayituliki crossing the road and by impulse yelled at her. She recognized me and I introduced my family to her. We knew each other because I was a matron at the school where she was Headmistress”. She was with her mother and three young sisters.

Sr. Helene took them to her school and provided uniforms to three. Bagwaneza shared a room with her mother because she had one there as an employee. Although they were now refugees, they could not feel it so much because there was water and food save worries about the pending death.

In dire desperation she stayed with mom in my room until they relocated to a new place.

In the dormitory bad air had started brewing up among the interns as the majority Hutu girls attempted to attack the minority Tutsi and calm only returned after Sr. Helene’s intervention.

“Those who want to join the Interahamwe to kill innocent people feel free to move out of my school but I expect you to maintain maximum discipline and calm. We don’t have ethnic groups here, we have students, discrimination cannot be tolerated by any inch,” said Sr. Nayituliki.



**“We are grateful to RPF for stopping genocide and having done whatever they could to help us return to normal life”.**

Soldiers’ children were picked one by one as the killings in the area intensified.

The place of Sr. Helene in society was instrumental to their survival as most local Hutu leaders and security personnel could listen to her pleas for girls.

The nun had promised to donate food to the security people and I hope she did. In return, they gave us four police officers to guard the school and they were not attacked. Perhaps, the nun would stop them whenever they wanted to attack. They were kept indoors, praying all the time so they didn’t know much of what was happening outside.

Sr. Helene mobilized two government trucks to complement school trucks. Bagwaneza remembers she writing a list of people to board the trucks.

The journey started on April 17, they went past several heavily armed roadblocks and little did they know

that the worst one was just ahead of them.

“It was Karemba. Our convoy was intercepted and held hostage for about five hours. This time, the four police officers that were accompanying us became helpless. I saw fellow Tutsis being slaughtered. I sweated profusely, filled with uncontrolled fear. A man called Teacher Fortune told me to be strong. Then, I became strong. At this spot, they ordered the nun to separate the occupants on the trucks into Tutsis and Hutus to which she objected and insisted we were all students. Interahamwe suggested searching for Tutsis. Again, the nun refused”.

“The nun laboured to explain to them that they were doing a wrong thing as she pleaded for our freedom. I saw her reaching out for her purse to give them some money and shortly they ordered us to return to school. The killers spent a lot of time on Jean Pierre Dusingizemungu, the President of IBUKA today”.

“You’ll be killed by machetes before you reach Zaza, you’d better be killed by the bullets of Kagame’s RPA that you left behind because there are chances of surviving,” said the killers.

They hopelessly stayed at school and on April 19 the RPA liberators evacuated them to Gahini where the students offered healthcare services.

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Bagwaneza mothers a daughter and she’s a business woman in Kigali. Bagwaneza was born in 1969 at Kabacuzi, Ntunga in Mwurire Sector of Rwamagana District. She is among Karema’s 10 children. The killers killed two of her brothers.

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Africa is currently the continent least affected by COVID-19, with nearly 7,500 cases and more than 320 deaths [File:Yasuyoshi Chiba/AFP]

## Rwanda Celebrates Earth Day with Immersive Gorilla Trekking Virtual Reality Film

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The Rwanda Development Board in partnership with The Ellen Fund, Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund and Habitat XR, are bringing the country’s mountain gorilla trekking experience to people’s living rooms through a Virtual Reality (VR) film as the world celebrates this year’s Earth Day on Wednesday 22 April.

A five-minute immersive cinematic virtual reality experience, the

film brings you face-to-face with amazing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. With your personal VR headset, you can escape reality and go on a gorilla trek with the beautiful, curious endangered mountain gorillas in Rwanda.

The film is free, and can be viewed on partner platforms such as Oculus, Within, Samsung VR, Littlestar and VeeR. A snapshot of the film can also be

viewed without a VR headset at [TheEllenFund.org/getvr](https://TheEllenFund.org/getvr).

Commenting on the film, Belise Kariza, the RDB Chief Tourism Officer, said:

“The global tourism industry has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 crisis and we are sad we can’t welcome visitors to see and experience our beautiful country right now. However, it’s in everyone’s best interest to stay safe at home while we work with our partners to create and share immersive content like this Gorillas VR film. As the world celebrates Earth Day for the 50th time, we hope people enjoy this virtual experience of trekking through the jungle and interacting with the gentle giants of Volcanoes National Park from the comfort of their homes.”



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# The pandemic is no time for fiscal distancing

BY AKINWAMIA.ADESINA

The African Development Bank estimates that Covid-19 could cost Africa a GDP loss between \$22.1 billion and \$88.3 billion in the worst case scenario.

These are very difficult days, as the world faces one of its worst challenges ever: the novel coronavirus pandemic. And it seems almost no nation is spared. As infection rates rise, so does panic across financial markets, as economies drastically slow down and supply chains are severely disrupted.

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. As such, it can no longer be business as usual.

Each day, the situation evolves and requires constant reviews of precautionary measures and strategies. In the midst of all this, we must all worry about the ability of every nation to respond to this crisis. And we must ensure that developing nations are prepared to navigate these uncharted waters fully.

That's why I support the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' urgent call for special resources for the world's developing countries.

In the face of this pandemic, we must put lives above resources and health above debt. Why? Because developing economies are the most vulnerable at this time. Our remedies must go beyond simply



lending more. We must go the extra mile and provide countries with much-needed and urgent financial relief — and that includes developing countries under sanctions.

According to the independent, global think tank ODI in its report on the impact of economic sanctions, for decades, sanctions have decimated investments in public health care systems in quite a number of countries.

Today, the already stretched systems as noted in the 2019 Global Health Security Index will find it difficult to

face up to a clear and present danger that now threatens our collective existence.

Only those that are alive can pay back debts.

Sanctions work against economies but not against the virus. If countries that are under sanctions are unable to respond and provide critical care for their citizens or protect them, then the virus will soon "sanction" the world.

In my Yoruba language, there is a saying. "Be careful when you throw stones in the open market. It may hit a member of your family."

That's why I also strongly support the call by the UN Secretary-General that debts of low-income countries be suspended in these fast-moving and uncertain times.

But I call for even bolder actions, and there are several reasons for doing so.

First, the economies of developing countries, despite years of great progress, remain extremely fragile and ill equipped to deal with this pandemic. They are more likely to be buried with the heavy fiscal pressure they now face with the coronavirus.

Second, many of the countries in Africa depend on commodities for export earnings. The collapse of oil prices has thrown African economies into distress. According to the AFDB's 2020 Africa Economic Outlook, they simply are not able to meet budgets as planned under pre-

coronavirus oil price benchmarks.

The impact has been immediate in the oil and gas sector, as noted in a recent CNN news analysis.

In the current environment, we can anticipate an acute shortage of buyers who, for understandable reasons, will reallocate resources to addressing the Covid-19 pandemic. African countries that depend on tourism receipts as a key source of revenue are also in a straightjacket.

Third, while rich countries have resources to spare, evidenced by trillions of dollars in fiscal stimulus, developing countries are hampered with bare-bones resources.

The fact is, if we do not collectively defeat the coronavirus in Africa, we will not defeat it anywhere else in the world. This is an existential challenge that requires all hands to be on deck. Today, more than ever, we must be our brothers and sisters' keepers.

Around the world, countries at more advanced stages in the outbreak are announcing liquidity relief, debt restructuring, forbearance on loan repayments, relaxation of standard regulations and initiatives.

In the United States, packages of more than \$2 trillion have already been announced, in addition to a reduction in Federal Reserve lending rates and liquidity support to keep markets operating. In Europe, the larger economies have announced stimulus measures in excess of 1 trillion Euros. Additionally, even larger packages are expected.

As developed countries put in place programs to compensate workers for lost wages for staying at home for social distancing, another problem has emerged — fiscal distancing.

Think for a moment what this means for Africa.

The African Development Bank

**The Covid-19 shock will further squeeze fiscal space in the continent as deficits are estimated to widen by 3.5 to 4.9 percentage points, increasing Africa's financing gap by an additional \$110 to \$154 billion in 2020.**

estimates that Covid-19 could cost Africa a GDP loss between \$22.1 billion, in the base case scenario, and \$88.3 billion in the worst case scenario. This is equivalent to a projected GDP growth contraction of between 0.7 and 2.8 percentage points in 2020. It is even likely that Africa might fall into recession this year if the current situation persists.

The Covid-19 shock will further squeeze fiscal space in the continent as deficits are estimated to widen by 3.5 to 4.9 percentage points, increasing Africa's financing gap by an additional \$110 to \$154 billion in 2020.

Our estimates indicate that Africa's total public debt could increase, under the base case scenario, from \$1.86 trillion at the end of 2019 to over \$2 trillion in 2020, compared to \$1.9 trillion projected in a 'no pandemic' scenario. According to a March 2020 Bank report, these figures could reach \$2.1 trillion in 2020 under the worst case scenario.

This, therefore, is a time for bold actions. We should temporarily defer the debt owed to multilateral development banks and international financial institutions. This can be done by re-profiling loans to create fiscal space for countries to deal with this crisis.

That means that loan principals due to international financial institutions in 2020 could be deferred. I am calling for temporary forbearance, not forgiveness. What's good for bilateral and commercial debt must be good for multilateral debt.

That way, we will avoid moral hazards, and rating agencies will be less inclined to penalize any institution on the potential risk to their Preferred Creditor Status. The focus of the world should now be on helping everyone, as a risk to one is a risk to all.

There is no coronavirus for developed countries and a coronavirus for developing and debt-stressed countries. We are all in this together.

Multilateral and bilateral financial institutions must work together with commercial creditors in Africa, especially to defer loan payments and give Africa the fiscal space it needs.

We stand ready to support Africa in the short term and for the long haul. We are ready to deploy up to \$50 billion over five years in projects to help with adjustment costs that Africa will face as it deals with the knock-on effects of Covid-19, long after the current storm subsides.

But more support will be needed. Let's lift all sanctions, for now. Even in wartime, ceasefires are called for humanitarian reasons. In such situations, there is a time to pause for relief materials to reach affected populations. The novel coronavirus is a war against all of us. All lives matter.

For this reason, we must avoid fiscal distancing at this time. A stitch in time will save nine.

Social distancing is imperative now. Fiscal distancing is not.

***The author is President of the African Development Bank Group***





Photo by Evan Vucci/AP/Shutterstock (10434333bm) Donald Trump, Sauli Niinisto. President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Finnish President Sauli Niinisto in the Oval Office of the White House, in Washington, USA – 02 Oct 2019

# Trump's suspension of WHO funding amidst COVID-19 crisis attracts worldwide anger – portraying him as barrier in the fight against the pandemic

BY GEORGE KALISA

The US President Donald Trump on April 14 said his country had moved to suspend funding to WHO, accusing the UN group of grave mismanagement and being “China-centric”, stressing that if WHO had, in time, imposed a ban on Chinese flights, the novel coronavirus would not, in the first place, have left the Wuhan city where it started last December.

Many observers now say that Trump is using WHO as a scapegoat and diversion to his failure to contain the coronavirus in his country.

Trump made the announcement to suspend funding to WHO while

a review is conducted at the Rose Garden presser announces.

The US had recorded 664,348 out of 2,084,049 COVID-19 cases worldwide with 28,554 deaths out of 134,669 deaths globally as of April 16 and the country that is leading the world in the number of COVID-19 cases has recorded 25 new deaths and 259 new cases.

“WHO failed in its basic duty and must be held accountable,” says Trump, “It would have been so easy to be truthful and so much death has been caused by their mistakes”.

“The outbreak could have been contained at its source with very

little death,” Trump says. “The WHO pushed China’s misinformation about the virus,” he added, accusing WHO of sidelining with China’s misinformation and delay to take appropriate response and impose tough measures on China including travel bans.

Trump still demands accountability of the funds WHO receives.

“We’ll be discussing it other countries and global health partners what we do with all that money that goes to WHO. And maybe WHO will reform,” said Trump.

When houses have caught fire and one of the firefighters begins to

blame a resident for fueling the fire instead of joining efforts to put it off, the act is not only inhumane but criminal in all perspectives.

To make matters worse is the person’s decision to withdraw their own contribution towards the ending of the fire.

Absolutely, that is exactly what President Trump has done by withdrawing funding from the World Health Organisation amidst the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

## REACTIONS

“The US govt decision to suspend funding to @WHO is deeply regrettable. Today more than ever, the world depends on WHO’s leadership to steer the global #Covid\_19 pandemic response. Our collective responsibility to ensure WHO can fully carry out its mandate, has never been more urgent,” Moussa Faki Mahamat, The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC).

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said it was “not the time” to be reducing funds to the WHO or any other organisation fighting the pandemic.

“Now is the time for unity and for the international community to work together in solidarity to stop this virus and its shattering consequences,” Guterres said in a statement.

Dr Nahid Bhadelia, an infectious diseases specialist and the medical director of the Special Pathogens Unit at Boston University, said withdrawing funding would be a disaster.

“Cutting 15 percent (US contribution) of WHO budget during the biggest projected pandemic of the last century is an absolute disaster,” tweeted Dr Bhadelia, “WHO is a global technical partner, the platform through which

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sovereign countries share data/technology, our eyes on the global scope of this pandemic”.

Tedros, a former foreign minister of Ethiopia, also rejected Trump’s suggestion that the WHO was “China-centric”, saying: “We are close to every nation, we are colour-blind.”

“This is like suspending firefighters while they are trying to save your house from the flames, pending a review of whether the trucks arrived later than they should. The world needs to focus on fighting #covid19 not each other and it needs @WHO to do that,” Kai Kupferschmidt

“I’ve been so angry since President Trump threatened to defund @WHO last night. Yes, it is imperfect. It’s also necessary and has been starved of core funding – largely because of the United States – for four decades,” Chelsea Clinton

Before the briefing had concluded, Democrats and public health officials expressed their outrage over the suspension of U.S. support for the WHO.

“Withholding funds for WHO in the midst of the worst pandemic in a century makes as much sense as cutting off ammunition to an ally as the enemy closes in,” said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.),

the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

He suggested Trump was trying to deflect attention from the laggard federal response to the crisis by blaming a little-known U.N. agency for its operations in China.

“The White House knows that it grossly mishandled this crisis from the beginning, ignoring multiple warnings and squandering valuable time, dismissing medical science, comparing COVID 19 to the common cold, and saying, ‘Everything will be fine,’” Leahy added.

“Since the beginning, the WHO has been fighting the pandemic with every ounce of our soul and spirit. We will continue to do that until the end. That’s our commitment to the world,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of the World Health Organization

In his reaction to Trump’s order, Tedros Ghebreyesus said that this is a time for all of the international community to be united to put up a “common struggle against a common threat” and he hopes the US will continue to be a friend to WHO.

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“The US has been a longstanding & generous friend to @WHO & we hope it will continue to be so. We regret the decision of @realDonaldTrump to order a halt in funding to WHO. Together, we can improve the health of many of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people #COVID19” tweeted Tedros Ghebreyesus, in his response to President Trump’s decision to halt funding to WHO.



# CORONAVIRUS: Museveni's arch political rival scorns the House over endorsement of UGSH20bn for MPs to fight pandemic



Uganda's Parliamentary Building (PHOTO/Courtesy)

**BY GEORGE KALISA**

Ugandan opposition politician and leader of People Power Movement, Robert Sentamu Kyagulanyi aka Bobi Wine who represents Kyaddondo East Constituency in Parliament, has April 16 ridiculed the move by the Parliament to allocate themselves a staggering UGSH20 billion to fight COVID-19, saying the money has been misappropriated.

Kyagulanyi said that the allocation of the money is not only a shameful act but it is also

insensitive to the plight of millions of Ugandans who are facing untold challenges ranging from hunger, sickness and even death. See full statement below:

Many Ugandans are surprised and very angry that the Parliament of Uganda allocated 10 Billion Shillings to itself amidst an unprecedented Coronavirus crisis. The allocation of this money is not only shameful. It is insensitive to the plight of millions of Ugandans who are facing untold challenges ranging from hunger, sickness and even death.

Ugandans are bearing the brunt of this predicament. There have been reports of numerous people failing to access health centers due to limited transport means, and as a result some have succumbed to various ailments. A huge number of people across the country are in dire need of food, healthcare and other essential amenities. The Government has not done much to help them.

Ugandans are therefore justified to be very angry at this selfish action by their 'representatives'. Our view, however, is that Ugandans

should be angrier at the manner by which they are governed- the 20 million shillings is a symptom of a bigger crisis which we are fighting to resolve.

Indeed, government presented a supplementary budget of over 300 billion shillings to Parliament to aid in the fight against COVID19. Many aspects of the budget were not only luxurious, some seemed even dubious! Several legislators raised concerns about the allocation of huge sums of money for things like billboards, but they would not be heard! A Minority Report authored by Hon. Gerald Karuhanga was ignored. The budget was passed without much debate.

It will be recalled that on 24th March, we issued a statement in which we demanded that government diverts monies from all non-essential aspects and diverts it to equipping health facilities across the country, and giving incentives to health workers. Unfortunately, the same government which has never prioritised the healthcare of the people of Uganda ignored our call.

Regarding the 20 million shillings therefore, it appears that yet again, the executive thought that for the supplementary budget to pass with ease, MPs needed to get a share of this money so they don't resist its passing. We all recall that this has been done countless times, including in the passing of immoral Constitutional amendments, such as the term limit and age limit amendments. On several occasions, MPs have been bribed to do the bidding of the Executive. This is why elections matter. This is why it should matter to all Ugandans who they elect for office at every level!

We reject the notion that this



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money was meant to enable Members of Parliament carry out their roles in this period. The cardinal roles of an MP include; legislation, representation, budget allocation and government

oversight. None of these roles require an MP to be an extension of the Executive, in the sense that government should in addition to MPs' salaries provide a separate budget to each MP to extend services to the people. An MP, just like any other able citizen can avail support to vulnerable people from their personal earnings (something which I personally have done and continue to do), but this money should not be drawn from the tax payers' money.

Let me clarify that I have not received this money. Should it be deposited on my account, I will immediately order my bank to return it to the Consolidated Fund and demand that it is put to its proper purpose. We must learn to empower institutions and not seek to enrich individuals.

As we have repeatedly said, the focus of our nation at this point should be on building a robust healthcare system, and empowering our healthcare practitioners with all they need, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The People Power Movement will continue to use the available resources contributed by ourselves and other well-wishers to reach out and support some of our people who are in extreme need.

We shall also continue to demand that the government reaches out to all citizens and gives them food relief in these tough times.

And yes, we shall continue struggling day and night to put an end to the decadent and corrupt regime.

**Kyagulanyi Ssentamu Robert**

**MP- Kyaddondo East Constituency & Leader of the People Power Movement**





# COVID-19: KAGAME, UHURU, MUSEVENI, AGREE ON TRUCK DRIVERS' MOVTS

BY GEORGE KALISA

The three Heads of State of the East African Community (EAC) region, Yoweri Museveni (Uganda), Uhuru Kenyatta (Kenya) and Paul Kagame of Rwanda have reached a common understanding on the movement of cross-border truck drivers as a response to the spread of the novel coronavirus.

It has emerged that they had a long discussion April 29 on the matter though details were not immediately been divulged.

"I had a very long discussion with H.E Uhuru Kenyatta and H.E @PaulKagame regarding

truck drivers. I also talked to H.E @MagufuliJP on a slightly different subject. However,

**Apart from carrying cargo of food stuffs, they transport the much needed medical equipment like ventilators, protective gears and other medicines that are not only needed in the fight against the pandemic but also to sustain the health systems in general and life of the citizens in the region.**

President Kenyatta and President Kagame agreed that we can have a common plan for truck drivers," tweeted President Museveni.

The increase in COVID-19 cases in the region has been attributed to the uncontrolled movement of cross-border truck drivers. Many new cases of the Coronavirus in especially Rwanda are truck drivers.

COVID-19 cases in Rwanda were on a rise and by then had reached 225 after identifying 13 new cases mostly cross-border truck drivers and their assistants.

The common plan that the duo have come up with is a good gesture and a demonstration of political will to scale up the fight against the pandemic that has had deleterious effects on the social and economic life of the region like elsewhere on the continent, observers say.

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A Comprehensive Regional Response Plan is urgent to contain COVID-19

Earlier in the day, Rwandan President Paul Kagame, the first African leader to join WHO in mobilizing communities on prevention measures and to mobilise world leaders to create more awareness of the danger of the novel coronavirus on April 29 called on Continental bodies

**"A comprehensive regional response plan is still needed, and really owning up fully to this heavy responsibility where we not only do our best in our own countries, but share information and harmonise the way we go about business in the whole region," said Kagame.**

including the African Union (AU) to propose a joint plan to beat the charging pandemic.

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"I joined @WHO #SafeHands challenge. Handwashing is key to preventing the spread of #COVID19. I challenge President Kenyatta @StateHouseKenya, @Macky\_Sall, @MagufuliJP, President Tshisekedi @Presidence\_RDC, @BorisJohnson, @CyrilRamaphosa, @KGeorgieva to join in by sharing a video," tweeted President Kagame on March 15.

Kagame echoed the call during a virtual meeting of the African Union Bureau that was chaired by the South African President Cyril Ramaphosa current AU Chairperson.

"The focus of attention has been to minimise the cross-border movement of people, while ensuring that the free movement of goods is able to continue. The East African Community has also provided mobile testing laboratories for Member States to use at designated border crossings," said President Kagame.

Kagame told his fellow leaders on the Continent that much as the East African region had already registered immense progress in the containment of the pandemic, there was a backlog, mostly in harmonisation of strategies that called for concerted efforts.

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He noted that the Continent and the world in general were going through challenging times and it was too early to predict the end of the pandemic and a return to normalcy.

“Indeed, the road ahead may still be very long,” he added. Kagame extended gratitude to President Ramaphosa for promoting team spirit among the Heads of State and Government, and inviting the business community an equation he said was much needed to defeat the pandemic.

Kagame took to the occasion to announce his country’s its pledge of \$1 million towards the fight against of COVID-19.

“Before I continue with my short remarks, let me say Rwanda announces a pledge to the African Union COVID Fund and to the Africa CDC each getting \$500, 000,” said Kagame.

Kagame thanked the Africa CDC and the African Union for “the excellent work they’re doing on behalf of our Continent, adding that member states were already benefitting from their expertise.

“I note with satisfaction, Mr. President, that our coordinated



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**The pandemic crisis should not blur the Continental Free Trade Area**

engagement with the G20 and among ourselves, and also with financial institutions, has been productive. We should continue to coordinate even more closely in the months ahead,” observed President Kagame.

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The pandemic crisis should not blur the Continental Free Trade Area

President Kagame reminded African leaders the Continental Free Trade Area that is set to go fully operation this coming July.

“We must also not lose sight of the critical importance of the start of trading under Continental Free Trade Area in July. This has always been a major priority for our Union, but the current disruptions to international trade make it even more important at this particular moment to increase trade and production in our Continent,” said Kagame.

## COVID-19: Possibility of a total lift of the lockdown in Rwanda still in balance as country awaits Cabinet’s decision



H.E President Paul Kagame addressing the media April 27 on COVID-19 pandemic update in Rwanda (PHOTO/Courtesy)

**President Paul Kagame has today told the media that the Cabinet will decide whether the lockdown is shifted or eased, adding that its decision will be incumbent upon the findings by the Ministry of Health on trends and overview of the Coronavirus containment across the country.**

**BY GEORGE KALISA**

Kagame, however, said that whatever decision will be reached would not comprise the measures in place to avert a relapse of the COVID-19 pandemic and a reverse of the progress the country has so far made in the containment of the pandemic.

On April 19, Rwanda extended the lockdown that was directed on March 21 to April 30 to allow more time

to contain the disease, which was still charging.

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deadline of the ongoing lockdown, it is clear that the country will not immediately return to total normalcy as before the arrival of the COVID-19 after April 30,” said President Kagame at a virtual press conference.

“The need to consider facts on the ground is paramount in order to allay the overturn of the progress the country has made so far in the containment of the pandemic, and this requires weighing of the social and economic effects of the stay home measure against the urgent need to allay the relapse of the Coronavirus,” added Kagame.

Further explaining on the options that might be taken President Kagame said:

“The country’s next step after April 30 will depend on the findings of the ongoing survey by experts deployed by the Health Ministry,” he said, “the magnitude of the threat of Coronavirus as reflected by the statistics in the countryside and the City of Kigali will determine the kind of restrictions that can be lifted and/or eased, and those that can remain under enforcement, but all done in the interest of easing livelihoods of our people and in the spirit of containment of the pandemic”.

As of April 26 Rwanda had recorded 191 Coronavirus cases with no death and all the patients are quarantined in gazette health facilities, and there was no case in critical condition.

The country which took measures against the spread of the pandemic early enough in Africa and had so far recorded 92 recoveries of which 4 were new while active cases were 99.

And, the government still calls for increased vigilance to mitigate the spread of the pandemic as efforts to contain are tightened.



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## INTRODUCTION



Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, that has affected 212 countries, started in December 2019 in the capital of Hubei Province, Wuhan in China where 82,883 cases, 4,633 deaths and 77,911 total recoveries and 2 new cases have been recorded by May 6. Some 339 active cases, 26 of them are critical.

By May 6, 2020 some 3,783,313 cases and 259,381 deaths and 1,256,580 (recovered) had been recorded worldwide.

Coronavirus COVID-19 is affecting 212 countries and territories around the world and 2 international conveyances: the Diamond Princess cruise ship harbored in Yokohama, Japan, and the Holland America's MS Zaandam cruise ship.

March 11, 2020: WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced COVID-19 a pandemic

March 11, 2020, more than 118,000 cases had been registered in 114 countries, and 4,291 people had lost their lives.

March 12, 2020, WHO/Europe's Standing Committee of the Regional Committee met. Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe, explained the rapid escalation of COVID-19 in the WHO European Region, then placing it at the centre of the pandemic.

March 12, more than 20 000 confirmed cases and almost 1000 deaths had been recorded in the European Region. By April 30, of the 44 countries in the European Region that had implemented partial or full domestic movement restrictions, 21 countries had started easing some of these measures to different degrees, and a further 11 were planning to follow suit.

As of May 6 Spain (253,682 cases 25,857 deaths), followed by Italy (213,013 cases 29,315), the United Kingdom (194,990 cases 29,427 deaths) France (170,551 cases 25,531 deaths) and Germany (167,007 cases 6,993 deaths) still have the highest number of cases in the European region.

## OVERVIEW

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has strained health systems in many countries.

The international community is appealing for an initial US\$675 million to bolster preparedness and response especially in countries with weak health systems and UN Humanitarian Chief Mark Lowcock gave US\$15 million to WHO and UNICEF towards the containment of COVID-19 virus.

USA has recorded the highest number death with 72,293 deaths (+22) followed by Spain 25,857 (+244) and UK 29,427 Italy 29,315, while France and Germany recorded 25,531; 6,993 respectively.

USA has the highest number of Coronavirus cases (1,238,548) with +915. Spain, UK, Italy, France and Germany come behind it.

All Continents have had their share of the pandemic with the African Continent being the latest prey.

To help countries manage COVID-19 cases along provision of essential services, WHO published a detailed, practical manual on how to set up and manage treatment centres for COVID-19. There is chronic shortage of personal protective equipment and other essential medical supplies and low- and middle-income countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America need specific attention.

WHO is working intensively with several partners to massively increase access to life-saving products, including diagnostics, PPE, medical oxygen, ventilators et cetera.

## 20 MOST AFFECTED COUNTRIES:

Country	Total cases	Total death	Recoveries
USA	1,238,548 (+915)	72,293 (+22)	201,011
Spain	253,682 (+3,121)	25,857 (+244)	159,359
Italy	213,013	29,315	85,231
UK	194,990	29,427	N/A
France	170,551	25,531	52,736
Germany	167,007	6,993	137,400
Russia	165,929 (+10,559)	1,537 (+86)	21,327
Turkey	129,491	3,520	73,285
Brazil	116,299 (+1,584)	7,966 (+45)	48,221
Iran	101,650 (+1,680)	6,418 (+78)	81,587
China	81,587 (+2)	4,633	77,911
Canada	62,046	4,043	26,993
Peru	51,189	1,444	15,413
Belgium	15,413 (+272)	8,339 (+323)	12,731
India	49,436 (+36)	1,695 (+2)	14,183
Netherlands	41,319 (+232)	5,204 (+36)	N/A
Saudi Arabia	31,938 (+1,687)	209 (+9)	6,783
Ecuador	31,881	1,569	3,433
Switzerland	30,060 (+51)	1,795	25,400
Portugal	26,182 (+480)	1,089 (+15)	2,076

## Consolidated Data Worldwide

- 3,783,313 Coronavirus COVID-19 cases
- 259,381 deaths
- 1,256,580 Recoveries
- 2,237,986 active cases
- 1,517,733 closed cases: 1,258,332 recovered/ discharged (83%) while 259,401 are deaths (17%)
- 2,188,910 (98%) mild cases
- 49,076 (2%) critical cases

## SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath

## Period symptoms last (median time) – from onset to clinical recovery

- February 28 Report (WHO) based on 55,924 laboratory confirmed cases:
- mild cases: approximately 2 weeks
- severe or critical disease: 3 - 6 weeks
- time from onset to the development of severe disease (including hypoxia): 1 week
- Among patients who have died, the time from symptom onset to outcome ranges from 2 - 8 weeks

## Pre-existing illnesses that put patients at higher risk:

- cardiovascular disease
- diabetes
- chronic respiratory disease
- hypertension

## Prevention measures

- Maintaining social distance at least 1M (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone
- Wash your hands frequently with soap or alcohol-based hand rub
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Practice respiratory hygiene
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early
- Keep at your home
- Avoid unnecessary travels and visits
- Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

## TREATMENT

- No antiviral medication is recommended to treat COVID-19.
- Treatment is directed at relieving symptoms and may include:
- Pain relievers (ibuprofen or acetaminophen)
- Cough syrup or medication
- Rest
- Fluid intake

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## Public-Private Partnership to boost Rwanda's Tourism & Hospitality Industry

### BY ADMINISTRATION

The Rwanda Development Board, Mastercard Foundation, and EF Education First partner to provide language and skills training to the tourism and hospitality industry in Rwanda

The joint program will primarily focus on English proficiency and communication skills, which have been identified as a critical challenge for the industry. It will also boost essential hospitality skills, including knowledge about the attractiveness of Rwanda as a premier tourism destination and a focus on how to offer world-class service during events and conferences.

The first phase will include 2,000 workers and, upon successful completion, the program will expand countrywide and scale to include up to 30,000 participants from a wide range of job functions across the entire tourism and hospitality value chain. With a special focus on women and underprivileged youth, graduates of the program are expected to increase their employability, and significantly improve their career opportunities in the future.

Launching in May 2020, the program will be delivered online via EF's virtual English school – EF English Live. EF will work closely with local partners,

including the Rwanda Convention Bureau (RCB), the Rwanda Utilities and Regulatory Authority (RURA), the Chamber of Tourism (CoT), and other affiliated associations, to ensure an inclusive, relevant, and successful training program.

Commenting on the partnership, Clare Akamanzi, the RDB Chief Executive Officer, said:

"Human capital development is a cornerstone for Rwanda's Vision 2050. We are pleased to partner with the Mastercard Foundation and EF Education First to improve English language proficiency and communication skills, which remain a critical challenge in the tourism and hospitality industry. We believe that this will greatly contribute to the level of service provision not only in the service industry but to the rest of the economy."

This public-private partnership complements the Mastercard Foundation's portfolio of programs in the Hanga Ahazaza ("Create the Future") initiative, which is focused on increasing work opportunities for young people while expanding the tourism and hospitality industry in Rwanda.

"This training program is critical if we want to maintain the important

gains made in Rwanda's tourism and hospitality industry. Growth in the industry is vital to reducing poverty, improving the employability of young people, and moving the nation to middle-income status. We encourage young people to take advantage of this opportunity as, in addition to improving their proficiency in English, they will be able to strengthen their digital skills. Both are essential for succeeding in this sector and ensuring that young people have the resilience and relevance to thrive in our changing world. We welcome EF to our group of Hanga Ahazaza partners," said Rica Rwigamba, Rwanda Country Head at Mastercard Foundation.

EF has assisted many governments with large-scale training programs to enable personal and professional development for staff of strategic sectors of the economy, including tourism and hospitality.

"This is a unique public-private partnership, entered into during an unprecedented time for the world and for Rwanda. We are proud to be able to bring our global expertise and best practices in training to the Rwandan tourism and hospitality industry. We hope to boost morale among staff and equip them with the skills needed to make Rwanda the destination of choice for foreign visitors to Africa. We are making a significant pro bono investment to make this program a reality, and we are also committed to supporting other sectors, including education, to ensure Rwanda reaches its bold ambitions for the future," said Carl-Johan Westring, President Customized Solutions at EF.

## Investment Report examines Angola Oil and Gas Projects



**LUANDA, ANGOLA,** May 7, 2020/ — Africa Oil & Power launched its Africa Energy Series Special Report: Angola 2020 on Thursday; the available-for-download report provides the status of several investment projects in development in Angola, including its 2020 licensing round, construction of gas processing facilities in Soyo, and more; the publication follows the announcement of the new dates for the Angola Oil & Gas 2020 Conference & Exhibition, which will now take place in Talatona from October 14-15.

In line with Angola's aim to drive capital inflows into its bankable oil and gas projects, Africa Oil & Power (AOP) ([www.AfricaOilAndPower.com](http://www.AfricaOilAndPower.com)) has launched the Africa Energy Series Special Report: Angola 2020 as a resource for investors entering or expanding their presence in the country's energy sector.

Available for free download on AOP's website, the report provides a concise look at Angola's investment opportunities still on track for development in the face of project delays caused by COVID-19.

"While COVID-19 continues to rattle our industry and stall energy developments across the continent,

Angola boldly moves forward with a number of its large-scale, capital intensive projects, as explained in the Africa Energy Series Special Report: Angola 2020," said AOP Acting CEO, James Chester. "While the current investment climate remains challenging for the oil and gas industry, sufficient and sustained FDI is required across the energy supply chain to not only survive the crisis in 2020, but also overcome it in 2021."

The report primarily focuses on upstream developments in Angola, including the 2020 oil and gas licensing round which, as of May 6, is still scheduled to take place; recent block extensions granted to major operators, including ExxonMobil, Chevron, and Total; the increase in the appraisal of estimated recoverable resources of ENI's Agogo discovery; the installation of the Lifua-A platform to support oil and gas exploration in Block 0; and the establishment of the New Gas Consortium that represents Angola's first upstream natural gas partnership.

"Special reports like this one serve as an important investment promotion and information dissemination tool, which we celebrate from the African Energy Chamber. AOP's presence in Angola, with the assistance of the

African Energy Chamber, helps to promote the local oil and gas and energy sector via different means," notes Sergio Pugliese, President for Angola, African Energy Chamber.

Within Angola's developing downstream industry, the report provides updates on the planned construction of natural gas and hydropower plants across the country; the refurbishment of the Luanda refinery to quadruple its current production; and the tender for the construction of new refineries in Cabinda, Lobito, and Soyo.

The publication follows the recent announcement of a change in date to the Angola Oil & Gas 2020 Conference & Exhibition, which will now take place in Talatona from October 14-15. Under the theme "Angola: African Investment Capital 2020," the conference returns for its second year to promote and attract FDI to the country's bankable projects and sign up new entrants to Angola's oil and gas sector.

To download the Africa Energy Series Special Report: Angola 2020 report, please click here. (<https://bit.ly/3ftJKTW>) Distributed by APO Group on behalf of Africa Oil & Power Conference.



# SA President Ramaphosa mourns ant-apartheid veteran Denis Goldberg



Deceased Denis Goldberg (in wheel chair) PHOTO/Courtesy

## BY GEORGE KALISA

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa on April 30 mourned Seaparankoe Denis Goldberg, the only white man who fought alongside Nelson Mandela in 1963 when he launched the guerilla warfare against apartheid. He died before midnight on April 29 at the age of 87 years, his family and the Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation Trust said.

"His family and the Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation Trust are very sad to announce that Denis Goldberg passed away just before midnight on Wednesday 29 April 2020. His was a life

well-lived in the struggle for freedom in South Africa. We will miss him,"

President Ramaphosa who described freedom fighter Goldberg as a person committed to ethical leadership with brave dedication to the struggle of African National Congress (ANC).

"The passing of Isithwalandwe/Seaparankoe Denis Goldberg is a sad moment for our nation and a moment for all of us to appreciate his brave dedication to our struggle and his lifelong activism in the interest of poor and vulnerable communities in our country," said President Ramaphosa.

Ramaphosa added: "His commitment to ethical leadership was unflinching and even during his advanced age, he formed part of the movement of veterans of the struggle calling for the reassertion of the moral centre of society. He dedicated his life to achieving the better life we enjoy today".

The SA President said that Goldberg's revolutionary contribution reinforced the non-racial character of our struggle and of our democratic dispensation.

"We will hold him in our thoughts and prayers as we say farewell at a time when we are not allowed to gather to say our goodbyes. May his soul rest in peace," said Ramaphosa.

Goldberg joined the ANC armed wing uMkhonto we Sizwe at the age of 31 years and was sentenced to life imprisonment during the Rivonia Trial. He was among the 10 freedom fighters charged with sabotage and launching a guerilla warfare against the apartheid government.

In 1985, Goldberg was, however, walked to his freedom.

Several people posted on social media eulogies immediately after he passed away recognizing his invaluable role in improving the lives of South Africans through dedication to sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

"One of the few remaining Radicals in Anti-Apartheid, Racist-White Fascist Regime in South Africa; One of the last 2 Survivors of the Landmark June 1964 Rivonia Trial Life Imprisonment Conviction Sir Denis Goldberg has according to his Family Died Peacefully in his Home at 87-Yrs" tweeted Honourable Media Africa

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# Tigo Tanzania simplifies mobile money service in EAC region



Tanzania's leading digital lifestyle company, Tigo Tanzania ([www.Tigo.co.tz](http://www.Tigo.co.tz)), has launched a service that allows all Tigo Pesa customers to send and receive cash on their mobile money wallets from M-PESA in Kenya, MTN in Uganda and MTN and Airtel in Rwanda.

## BY GEORGE KALISA

The service now ensures that Tigo Pesa customers are connected to all major mobile money services across the East African region a move that will grow transactions for cross-border remittance users.

Tigo Tanzania's Acting Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Services (MFS) Angelica Pesha said that: "This new service between the 4 countries

further cements how Tigo adapts to its customers' needs with digital solutions and it also means that the benefits of mobile money can be extended to cross-border trade, allowing businesses and families to transfer money quickly and securely in East Africa. This partnership further cements our position as a provider of choice for Mobile financial services and we believe this venture will increase the number of transactions for cross-border remittance users."

"To send money to the different services, Tigo Pesa customers can dial \*150\*01# on their mobile phones, select send money, send out of the country, select either Kenya, Uganda or Rwanda." Explained Pesha.

MTN Uganda has been at the forefront of financial innovation pioneering in the delivery of a wide range of financial services such as micro savings, loans, insurance and merchant payments through MoMoPay.

"To be able to make our wide network available to customers across the East African region, this is testimony to our continued drive to extend affordable, reliable, secure financial services to not only our customers in Uganda, but to all people in the region", said Stephen Mutana MTN Uganda General Manager Mobile Financial Services

"As Mobile Money is becoming borderless, this partnership with Tigo Tanzania is part of our commitment to offer our customers within the East African Community; an option to transfer funds to their friends, families and business partners using their Airtel Money Wallets.

While receiving Money from Tigo Tanzania is free, to send Money to Tigo Tanzania, Airtel Money customer dials \*500\*1\*3# and follows the prompts" said Jidia Gasana from Airtel Rwanda

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# Sugar Coated Dad

## Chapter Two: Mystery of Two Virgins



For Mbabazi and Kabatesi owned 10, 000 Rwandan francs, a sum their father had never owned, since they became old enough to understand. Several packets of sanitary pads, airtime and stylish perfumes were some of the items they were eager to show their dormitory-mates.

Games time was the best time for them to sneak into school for nearly the entire school would go to the playground that is two kilometers away from the school premises. They went straight to the playground and other students joined them there one by one until the playground was heavily populated. Games started and the gals went for basketball, their favourite sport.

In the dormitory they laughed loud as they engaged themselves in a simultaneous and endless conversation about their previous experience. They gave out bread, yoghurt, and cookies to their peers.

Everyone looked at them with admiration. Asoumpta went for preps with a pungent perfume. Whenever, she passed, she left students and teachers choked and sniffing to near

eternity and in great amazement.

All the students admired Asoumpta for her money and generosity. She dished it out to cute girls.

The matron, as usual, had taken roll-call on Friday and Saturday nights. Every time, they were missing. The whole weekend, suspicion possessed her. After a brief meeting with the headteacher and discipline masters, expulsion was the only punishment they deserved. This was not to befall Kabatesi. Luckily enough her name was missing on the matron's list. This time, Monday's general school assembly was the only chance for the two sisters to bid farewell to the entire school. Mr. Gakwaya Festo drove them with their property in the school van to Nyabugogo Taxi Park. He gave them Frw1, 000 each for transport. Kabatesi dragged on until she completed her S.6 national examinations. She had become Musa's new commission agent, a job she did very well.

Her parents became too poor to pay for her higher education though she had passed very well; she narrowly missed the government sponsorship. "If it were not for these bad groups I would surely have the half a point; I now lack to be on government sponsorship," Kabatesi lamented and her face frowned in disappointment. She got 54.5 points slightly below the government cut-off point of 55. "Telling my dad that I need to go to a private university is tantamount to digging my own grave," Kabatesi thought to herself. Fideli had never got a job of any sort ever since his family had moved to Kigali. Her knowledge that she would never climb higher the education ladder glinted great anxiety. What she did not try to do, perhaps, does not exist under the sky. What a crook she became! Kabatesi would, very often, hang out with men and drink herself out of shape.

*To be continued...*

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The author calls upon stakeholders in education and fields of advocacy for children's and women's rights to generously contribute towards the publication of this resourceful fictional novel, titled "Sugar Coated Dad".

The author tactfully and richly employs story-telling skills to tap into the modern society to show the alarming levels of permissiveness and immorality among school children as the number of horny elderly men called sugar daddies that lure them into early sex grows annually.

The story of the three school girls and three elderly rich men - the main characters - of the novel explicitly explores the real trends of moral decadence mostly among adolescent schoolgirls and sugar daddies. The novel, thus, provides lessons to girls that have not yet fallen prey to sugar daddies as well as creating mass awareness on the sex relationships between adolescent girls and adult men as a violation of children's rights.

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