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Without doubt, "Jukwaa la Uziduaji" through HakiRasimali recognizes and applauds the intention of the government to ensure Tanzania benefits from its mining, oil and gas resources. This has been seen through major shifts in terms of policy and regulatory framework since 2016.

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# Review gas contracts with TANESCO suppliers - MPs

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

**M**Ps have appealed for the review of natural gas contracts between the government and oil and gas companies because 'they are not profitable.'

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy and Minerals yesterday revealed that oil and gas companies were owed by the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) a whopping 630.8bn/- for the supply of natural gas to the firm, by January 2018.

Committee chairman Dunstan Kitandula (Mkinga, CCM) told the National Assembly that the state utility firm is indebted with the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), PanAfrican Energy (T) Ltd (PAET) and Songas Ltd.

"Tanesco's failure to pay its outstanding debt for the purchase of natural gas has also weakened TPDC which is unable to operate commercially and improve its investments in the natural gas sub-sector," he said.

The committee was concerned that most contracts in the oil and gas sector were signed in accordance with previous laws, citing laws which need to be reviewed as the Tanzania Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Natural Wealth and Resources Act, 2017 which are partly denying the government chance to ben-



President Dr John Pombe Magufuli bids farewell to National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai (R), Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma (2nd L), the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Prof Palamagamba Kabudi, Principal Judge Dr Elezer Feleshi (C), Court of Appeal Judge Mbarouk Salum Mbarouk (3rd L) and Zanzibar Chief Justice Omar Othman Makungu (5th L), shortly after attending the National Law Day in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

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efit with its resources. According to the committee, Tanzania has confirmed gas reserves of 57 trillion cubic feet at the Mnazi Bay and Songosongo fields. The amount of natural gas which was used to generate power for domestic and industrial use by December 2018 stood at 0.63 trillion cubic feet.

The country's natural gas consumption per year is 4.18 percent of the total reserve, according to the committee.

"The government should look for natural gas markets for domestic and industrial consumption. Efforts must be made to complete the project for distribution of natural gas for domestic use in Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Lindi regions," he said.

On power generation, the committee urged that efforts must be done to ensure availability of reliable electricity in support of the government's industri-

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# Pesticide misuse cut, poisons in vegetables, humans fall



By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE level of poisonous residues in vegetables and humans due to misuse of pesticides in the country has dropped by 80 percent and 50 per cent respectively in the past two years due to increased awareness amongst farmers, a recent research report shows.

Tropical Pesticides Research Institute (TPRI) Prof

Elingaya Kweka disclosed this change yesterday on the sidelines of the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) 2019 Annual Scientific Conference held at Bagamoyo, in Coast Region.

The theme of the conference was "Strengthening Research Environment and Partnerships in Tanzania" and involved researchers from TPRI, Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) and the Tanzania Commission

for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

Others were the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) and representative from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children, plus the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) (PO-RALG) as well as regional officials for Dar es Salaam and Coast regions.

The findings were obtained after the institute conducted monitoring of pesticides management in vegetables and consumers, he said.

Prof Kweka noted that the monitoring was done through the cholinesterase test to determine if vegetables had been exposed to and/or poisoned by certain organophosphate chemicals found in pesticides.

"Our findings have shown

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## CJ launches mobile courts, judicial data facility in Dar

By Henry Mwangonde

MOBILE court services and the Judicial Statistics Dashboard System (JSDS-2) introduced by the Judiciary in a pilot phase last year helped reduce piles of cases by more than 90 per cent, it was revealed yesterday.

The new system catered for small claims and family-related issues in district and primary courts, holding the bulk of unresolved cases due to the shortage of magistrates and court facilities.

Speaking at the climax of Law Day alongside the official launch

**“The courts are doing a good job, but investigators are letting you down. Some suspects are caught red handed with evidence in their hand, but investigators keep saying..."**

of mobile court services and JSDS-2, Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma said that establishing mobile courts to speed up case determination was the first time ever in Africa.

According to him, the new system catered for small claims and family-related issues in the district and primary courts which had the heaviest burden of unresolved cases due to shortage of magistrates and court facilities.

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# Tourism to rake in 60bn/- this financial year

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government is set to collect more than 60bn/- from tourism hunting in the 2018/2019 fiscal year, Parliament was told here yesterday.

Dr Hamis Kigwangala, the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism said that a number of interventions which are now being taken by

the ministry aims at bringing about revolution in the tourism industry.

Winding up his response to contributions by MPs on a report presented by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Lands, Natural Resources and Tourism, he said implementation of the "Hunt More for Less" campaign will improve the sector as well as boost revenues.

"There have been a number of issues related to hunting tourism. Its revenues dropped to 10bn/- in previous years, but since I took over the office in 2017, revenues from hunting tourism have increased by threefold to 40bn/- in the past financial year," he declared.

There have been various issues related to tourist hunting since 2008, which occasioned a decrease in revenues, he said.

Citing a recent World Bank report, he said Tanzania is expected to tap US \$ 16 billion from the tourism sector by 2025, while currently the sector contributes \$2.4bn to the economy.

He said the WB report shows that by 2025, Tanzania will receive eight million foreign visitors compared to the current 1.5 million tourists arriving in the country each

year. "We have embarked on efforts to market our tourist attractions abroad, including establishing the Tanzania Safari Channel," the minister noted.

Last year, the government threatened to ban tourism hunting accusing permitted hunters of killing animals not specified in their hunting permits, while some safari

hunters were brutally shooting wild animals with several gun shots.

In October 2017, the tourism minister terminated hunting licenses issued in the same year by his predecessor, Prof Jumanne Maghembe, and directed that the hunting blocks be issued through an auction, as part of efforts to encourage transparency in the docket.

