Butengu area in Chato district, Geita region

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Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki

Pig farmers, dealers appeal for more action as trade ban bites

By Guardian Reporter, Kahama

A WEEK after the government banned trade in pigs and consumption of pork in six Lake Zone districts following an African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak, farmers and dealers here have appealed for enhanced government action to contain the disease so that they can resume business.

They made the call yesterday at a meeting convened by the Director of Livestock Services, Prof Hezron Nonga, who visited Kahama–the most affected district–to provide support to a team of experts tasked with supervising effectiveness of measures taken to stop the spread of the disease.

Participating farmers and traders told the director that they have incurred extensive losses since the outbreak of the disease in the zone and consequent ban on trade of pigs and consumption of pork.

Wilson Sawa, a local trader, said selling of pork boosts other businesses and its being banned seriously affects sales of other products.

Bar business goes hand in hand with sale of foods like pork, so it is one of the most affected lines of business, he said, appealing to the government to act fast in controlling the disease and conduct an evaluation on developments.

Upon its conclusion, if possible they should then be allowed to continue with the business, he pleaded.

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Wafugaji, W'biashara wailila Serikali vifo vya nguruwe

Na Mbaraka Kambona, Kahama

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"Nitoe wito kwa wafugaji kuendelea kutoa ushirikiano kwa timu ya wataalam ambayo imewekwa na Serikali kwa ajili ya kusaidia kutokomeza ugonjwa huo ikiwemo kuhakikisha mifugo yao haitoki nje ya mabanda yao, na wasiwe na tamaa, waache kuchinja nguruwe wagonjwa kwa sababu atakayebainika hatua kali za kisheria zitachukuliwa dhidi yake," alisisitiza Msumba.

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Alisema kuwa Sheria ya Magonjwa ya Wanyama Na. 17 ya Mwaka 2003 inazuia shughuli za uchinjaji na usambazaji wa mifugo na mazao yake katika maeneo yenye mlipuko wa magonjwa, na yeyote atakayekwenda kinyume na Sheria hiyo akibainika atapewa adhabu ya papo kwa papo ya faini ya shilingi milioni tano (5) au akipelekwa Mahakamani na kupatikana na hatia atahukumiwa adhabu yake ni kulipa faini ya shilingi milioni kumi (10) au kifungo cha mwaka mmoja jela au vyote kwa pamoja.

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Na Nebart Msokwa, MBARALI

OPERESHENI ya kuwaondoa wafugaji waliovamia bonde la Ihefu lililoko ndani ya Hifadhi ya Taifa ya Ruaha, Mbarali mkoani Mbeya, imeanza kuleta madhara kwa wafugaji hao baada ya mmoja wao kujinyonga kutokana na ng'ombe wake zaidi ya 50 kukamatwa.

Pawa Kandago (22) mkazi wa Kijiji cha Mapogoro, anadaiwa kuwa alijinyonga kandokando ya hifadhi jirani na mahali mifugo yake ilipochukuliwa na vikosi vya Ulinzi na Usalama vilivyokuwa vinaendesha operesheni hiyo.

Akizungumza na waandishi wa habari baada ya mazishi ya kijana huyo, Mwenyekiti wa Kijiji hicho, Lazaro Njogoro, alisema baada ya kuona kijana huyo hapatikani, waliamua kuanza kufuatilia alikokuwa anachunga mifugo hiyo.

Ngojoro alisema inaonekana kijana huyo baada ya kuona mifugo yake imechukuliwa, aliamua kwenda kwenye kichaka na kuamua kujinyonga kwa kutumia mgorole aliokuwa ameuvaa.

"Alipanda kwenye mti na akajifunga lile gorole lake alilokuwa amevaa. Sasa wakati tunamtafuta tuliambiwa na baadhi ya watu kuwa wameona mtu amejinyonga sehemu na tulipokwenda ndipo tukamkuta," alisema Njogoro. Baba wa marehemu, Ng'wandu Sama, alisema mifugo yote aliyokuwa anachunga kijana huyo ilichukuliwa na vikosi vya ulinzi na usalama vya mkoa vilivyokuwa vinaendesha operesheni hiyo ya kuondoa mifugo kwenye hifadhi.

Alisema mifugo hiyo mpaka sasa inashikiliwa, hivyo anaiomba serikali imsaidie arejeshewe na kwamba yuko tayari kulipa faini yoyote atakayotakiwa kuilipa kwa mujibu wa sheria.

Sama alisema kijana huyo ameacha mke na watoto wawili, hivyo anaamini kuwa malezi ya watoto hao yatakuwa magumu endapo mifugo hiyo haitaachiwa.

"Naiomba serikali inisaidie nirudishiwe mifugo yangu, mwanangu amekufa, lakini mifugo yangu pia inashikiliwa maliasili. Kwa kweli hili linaniumiza sana," alisema Sama.

Katibu wa Chama cha Wafugaji Wilaya ya Mbarali, Matagli Mbigili, alivituhumu vikosi vya majeshi vilivyokuwa vinafanya operesheni kuwa vilikuwa vinaswaga na mifugo ya wananchi iliyokuwa inachungwa nje ya hifadhi.

Alisema baada ya elimu kutolewa na maofisa wa serikali wakiwamo wa Hifadhi ya Taifa ya Ruaha, wafugaji waliondoa mifugo yao kwenye hifadhi, hivyo kuvifanya vikosi hivyo kukosa kazi na kuanza kukamata mifugo hata nje ya hifadhi hali ambayo imeanza kuleta madhara.

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the disease she used to sell up to 80 kilograms of pork, and with the ban she cannot afford to pay school fees for her children. "I plead with the government to look into how it can help us," the trader implored.

Frank Kimaro, another local pig farmer, argued that lack of specified pig abattoirs in the district has to some extent increased the spread of the disease.

Municipal director Anderson Msumba said that government is working all the times to control the further spread of the disease so that other business can continue, asserting that since the team of experts from the government camped in the district, cases of the diseases are on the decrease. This is a sign that soon the situation will improve, he told the gathering.

Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki said at a press conference in Dodoma on Sunday that the disease had killed 1500 pigs already, with pig farmers in Kahama, Geita, Mbogwe and Sengerema districts losing about 375m/- in value of animals due to the outbreak.

He explained that 909 deaths were recorded in Kahama, with Geita registering 56 deaths, Mbogwe 388 animals perishing and Sengerema with 147 deaths, being 10.1 percent of 14, 814 pigs under domestication in the four districts.

Five cases have been reported in Kyerwa and one in Misungwi district, whose value is not yet ascertained." The losses cited do not include jobs lost but direct losses to farmers," he said, emphasizing that the government is doing all it takes to contain the situation.

The minister said that a team of veterinary experts had visited affected districts in efforts to help control the further spread of the disease.

Prof Nonga, in addition to detailing on steps to take to control the disease, urged farmers and those involved in pig business to adhere to quarantine measures. Whoever violates the regulation will face legal actions, he added.

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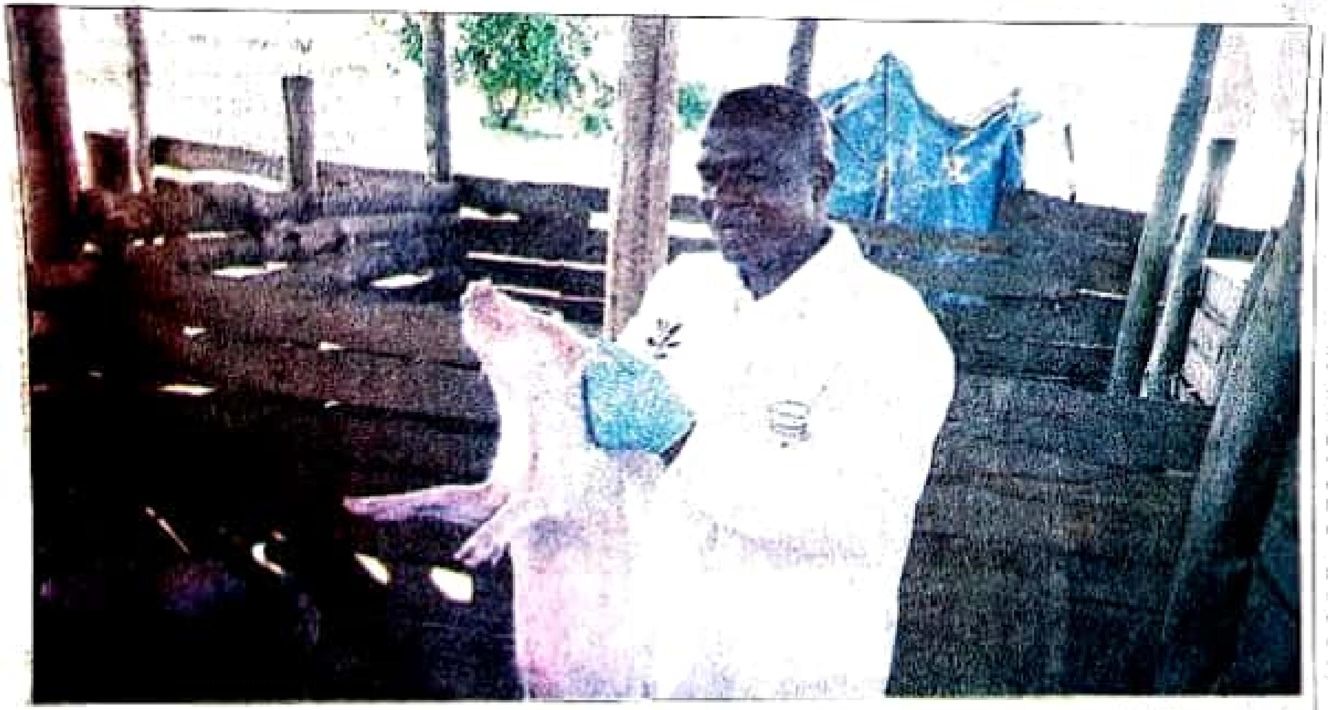

Livestock service director in the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries director Prof. Hezron Nonga examines a pig at piggery in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region. The government has formed a special task force to control swine fever. Photo: Correspondent Mbaraka Kambona

JPM skeptical of vaccines, advocates herbal remedies

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which vaccinated its young girls so as to prevent cervical cancer, but it was later found that the vaccine was meant to bar the girls from conceiving. So all these are lessons for us," he asserted.

"As the majority of people across the globe are indoors, Tanzanians should work hard to produce enough food to sell in those countries with a high demand for food supplies. So we have to invest heavily in our farms, produce enough for local consumption as well as for export," he said.

Experts have frequently been advising the public to avoid unnecessary gatherings, practice self-isolation to remain safe during this time when the world struggles to battle the spread of the flu-like Covid-19 outbreak.

Speaking on the launched forest, President Magufuli commended the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for establishing the

Tanzanians harvesting and selling tree products such as timber, thus improving their income," he stated.

Earlier, Prof Silayo said the establishment of the farm will increase production of tree raw materials and products.

"We conducted research and found that the country still has a deficiency of tree products. That's why we decided to come up with a special programme to establish more large tree farms across the country," he explained.

The forest farm had already lost its natural vegetation so establishing a farm tree could address the challenge by promoting biodiversity.

"The farm has 69,000 hectares being the second one in the country after Saohill farm in Iringa Region. The demand for tree products such as timber is high inside and outside the country," he said, noting that these programmes are continuous.

In the coming years, TFS will