

# Soldiers who want to takeover power must take off uniform first - Lungu



*By Joseph Mwenda*

President Edgar Lungu has told soldiers who want to take over the country to first take off their uniforms, become civilians and join politics.

The Head of State said this

when he addressed journalists during a press conference, in reaction to a question from a reporter who wanted to know if the declared Threatened State of Emergency was not recipe for a military take over.

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## Mabumba advises Kampyongo to kill

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Energy minister David Mabumba advised his Home Affairs counterpart Stephen Kampyongo to kill those who are burning down markets without taking them to court, just like America did to terrorist Osama Bin Laden.

And Kampyongo told Parliament that people should be ready to pick up corpses of those who will be found near Zesco pylons illegally.

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## UNZA lecturers on strike again

*By Mukosha Funga*  
University of Zambia (UNZA) lecturers have gone

on strike for none payment of June salaries.

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## Lungu has failed Zambia - Saviour

*By Mirriam Chabala*

United Progressive People (UPP) Leader Saviour Chishimba says President Edgar Lungu has failed Zambia.

And Saviour says it is unfortunate that the PF and UPND, "Zambia's most violent and corrupt parties", had put the country in a crisis.

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# WE'RE STILL WILLING TO HELP ZAMBIA - IMF

*By Joseph Mwenda*

International Monetary Fund (IMF) spokesperson Andrew Kanyegirire says the Fund is still committed to reaching staff-level agreement for a bailout package for Zambia.

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# Propaganda will damage investor confidence - Wina

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Vice-President Inonge Wina says increased propaganda in Zambia will damage the investor confidence.

And Vice-President Wina says government will extradite some Zambians in the Diaspora who are inciting lawlessness through social media.

Responding to a question from Bwana Mkubwa PF member of Parliament Jonas Chanda, who wanted know what government was doing about those denting Zambia's image to the international community during the Vice-President's question time in Parliament yesterday, Vice-President Wina urged political party leaders to be careful with their utterances as certain words had the potential to incite people to break the law.

"To protect the image of the country positively inside and outside is a responsibility of every Zambian and not only the government. But of course the government has got the upper hand when it comes to propagating the good image of Zambia. It's very unfortunate that the real culprit that spoil the name of Zambia are Zambians themselves and the reasons for doing so are really not well established because since the end of the election scenario of August 2016, we have seen an accelerated propaganda on damaging Zambia's reputation particularly its leadership," Wina said.

"And this will really damage the investment opportunities in this country. I don't know whether the people who are doing this realise the implications of this propaganda which is so negative that the world thinks Zambia is in a state of emergency which is not [the case]. That is why the President of this country Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu has used the law to ask the Zambians to inform them that the situation in the country requires that I am given certain powers by parliament to address the issues at hand."

Vice-President Wina said Zambians were lucky to have a leader like President Edgar Lungu who could seek the mandate from the representatives of the people in parliament to evoke certain orders.

"Madam speaker, it's very seldom that you find leaders who can seek the mandate

from the representatives of the people in this parliament to give the President powers to evoke certain orders because in some countries, a President would have just declared a state of emergency but in this case, our President is a man of laws, he is a democrat, he listens and he is a humble person, and above all! He is a God fearing President. So I don't know what a Zambian would be looking for in a President, maybe an arrogant and a bull-dozer, that is what others may accept as a good President," she said.

Vice-President Wina also reminded political party leaders of their collective responsibility not to influence youths to undertake serious violations of human rights as that could land them in problems.

"For now I can only say all political leaders including Patriotic Front have to be careful with the way we use words because this can insight people to undertake acts which are contrary to the morals and norms of society. And it is a collective responsibility for all political party leaders, not to influence our young people to undertake this very serious human rights violations in the country because when these people are apprehended, these leaders will not be there," she said.

"The other people especially the youths who are given money to perpetrate such acts will suffer on their own, their families will suffer, so the country suffers when these acts are not stopped. This is what the president is trying to do, to give him powers to arrest this situation before it gets out of hand."

She was responding to a question from Chitambo PF member of parliament Remember Mutale who wanted to know what government was doing about political party leaders who were issuing statements threatening the peace of the country prior to the 2016 August elections.

And in apparent reference to staunch UPND supporter Larry Mweetwa, who is based in the UK, Vice-President Wina said government would extradite some Zambians who were inciting lawlessness in Zambia through social media.

Moments after news broke that the Lusaka City Market was in fire, a screen shot of Larry

Mweetwa's posting in which he was seemingly celebrating the occurrence went viral on social media.

"Lusaka is on fire now as I speak due to HH arrest. Job well done bane, let us intensify such actions and defend democracy," read the posting.

However, Mweetwa later posted a statement saying the screenshot which was circulating had nothing to do with the Soweto Market fire.

"I would like to inform the public that the post circulating on social media attributed

to me is fake news and has nothing to do with Soweto market. This is an attempt by PF to avoid responsibility, shift blame and minimise the damage they have caused on innocent citizens of this great nation. When you see such fake post from PF, take time and look at the two images they are totally different. Our prayers are with the people of Zambia who have lost property and income," stated Mweetwa. But responding to a question from Chinsali PF member of parliament Halalwe Mukosa,

who wanted to know if government was considering extraditing Zambians living in the Diaspora who were inciting sabotage through social media, Vice-President Wina said steps had already been taken towards that and the nation would be updated in due course.

"This government has signed some agreements with some foreign countries regarding extradition of undesirable characters or Zambians in their countries or in our country. and we are in discussion with these countries to ensure that they do

no harbor people who are doing damage to our country and we have also engaged international security agencies like Interpol to look into these issues so the country will be informed when some developments have been achieved in this area," said Vice-President Wina.

Meanwhile Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Catherine Namugala reserved a ruling on a point of order raised by Mandevu PF member of parliament Jean Kapata wondered whether it was right for Namwala UPND member of parliament Moono Lubezhi and her Monze counterpart Jack Mwimbu to abscond from proceedings of the House even after the Speaker had made a ruling that they were wrongly suspended.

"I reserve my ruling to allow me to investigate as to why the mentioned honorable members of parliament have not been attending the sittings of the House," said Namugala.



NUMSA members protest at Zambia's High Commission in Pretoria, South Africa

## Mabumba advises Kampyongo to kill arsonists

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Meanwhile, 85 members of parliament, mostly PF, have voted unanimously to extend the Threatened State of Emergency by three months, in the absence of UPND members.

Mabumba was supporting a motion moved by Vice-President Inonge Wina in Parliament in terms of Article 31 of the Constitution, as declared by President Edgar Lungu, but he went on to say that arsonists did not deserve to be taken to court.

It took Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Catherine Namugala to stop the Minister from ordering the police to kill.

"I want to say that this sabotage when it began, we never knew as ministry of Energy whether it was sabotage or it was a natural act as a result of lightning, but given the circumstances of the sabotage in Kafue as well as in Shantumbu, it is quite demonstrated that this

is sabotage as a result of home grown terror, although it is yet to be confirmed. But we cannot sit and watch because the money that the government is spending through reconstructions works; the Lusiwasi, the Kafue West as well as the Shantumbu, collectively we have spent more than 3 million dollars, that amount of money should have been able to take power into Mafinga..." Mabumba said.

"So madam Speaker, there was no any other strategy that this government could have taken. We have people that want to become extremists, people that have become terrorists. For a normal person to go and stand in those heavy pylons, cutting them, it means they do not even fear for their own lives. Therefore, they are terrorists. So if they are terrorists, the biggest International Terrorist we had in the world [Bin Laden], why is it that the Americans never went and arrested him and took him to the judicial system? What happened...? I want to urge Honourable Kampyongo that terrorists shouldn't go to the judicial system. There is a punishment that has been demonstrated by the Americans that if you are a terrorist, either we take you to Guantanamo Bay or... you know what else... you want to go to the graveyard."

But Namugala stopped Mabumba from suggesting unorthodox punishment for wrong doers. "Honourable..." Namugala interjected as Mabumba tried to continue "...because they don't mean well for the Zambian people".

Namugala insisted: "Honourable Minister of Energy, Zambia is a constitutional democracy as you know, anchored in the rule of law. Therefore I am afraid Honourable Minister, you are not at liberty to start suggesting other means or other methods of dealing with wrong doers. You may continue but please don't take that route. Mabumba then withdrew his remarks.

"Thank you madama Speaker for that guidance and I probably have to withdraw that, it will be up to Honourable Kampyongo and his team to decide.

Mabumba said President Lungu declared a threatened State of Emergency to protect sensitive installation for the benefits of all Zambians.

"The President had to invoke Article 31 because he was given the mandate by the Zambian people to govern and to protect them. The power infrastructure that has been affected in terms of home-grown terrorism in the recent months, they do not belong to the President of Zambia as Mr Lungu per se. They don't belong to the PF per se, neither do they belong to any political party in this country. They belong to collectively the Zambian people. Therefore we are supposed to protect them collectively. Therefore, the measures that the President took madam Speaker, given the Geographical locations of our transmission lines, it is any country all over the world, even the best countries where democracy has matured to have the best policing strategy," said Mabumba.

"The President was trying to give our colleagues in the security wings additional power to protect them. And by protecting this infrastructure, madam Speaker, the President is protecting the lives of our people. When you burn the market like what happened at City Market, When you sabotage the Kafue West transmission lines so that Copperbelt or the entire Zambia is in black out, what are you trying to achieve? It is against that background, madama Speaker, that this economy is supposed to be given additional power. So that that woman in Kalingalinga who is a salon owner. That person who has a poultry. My friends in Kalingalinga who are metal fabricators can be assured and guaranteed of their income. This is what the President is doing, to guarantee the income of the vulnerable people who voted for him."

And in winding up debate, Kampyongo warned that people should be ready to pick up corpses of those they send to interfere with Zesco pylons.

"Some tabloid quoted me that I said there would be loss of life. And I would like to say, if you are going to send someone to a Zesco pylon, you must also be ready to pick up corpses," said Kampyongo. But Deputy Speaker Namugala reminded him that Zambia was a democratic country which dealt with suspects according to the law and asked him to withdraw his statement.

"Madam Speaker, I humbly withdraw but I replace with 'don't be found where you are not supposed to be'."

## UNZA lecturers on strike again

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In a memo to UNZA Vice-Chancellor Professor Luke Mumba, University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers Union President Dr Evans Lampi and General Secretary Dr Kelvin Mambwe said they took great exception to management's failure to respond to their demands.

"Refer to the memo dated 6th July 2017 in which we gave you and ultimatum to have the June salaries paid within 12 hours yesterday. We have not received any response to that memo and we take great exception to such an attitude being exhibited by your management. It is injurious to our members who are already

burdened by your failure to honour other critical contractual obligations," they stated.

"As per our standing resolution, failure to pay salaries on the pay day, automatically results into suspension of our services to the university. By copy of this memo, be informed that University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers' Union has with immediate effect suspended its services to the University of Zambia owing to delayed June salaries."

The memo was copied to Minister of Higher Education Professor Nkandu Luo, her permanent secretary, the labour commissioner and the deputy vice chancellor.

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"We are not ready for a military government to start with and we shall not allow that.

Time is long gone for military governments. It is time for people to rule themselves, if soldiers want to join politics, they should come out of politics and join us. I think I must make that very clear. Any soldier who wants to take over power should come out of his uniform, surrender his commission and become a civilian so that we work together," President Lungu said.

"But going further, let me tell you that the power I have used is a

democratic one, the power I have used to declare a State of Emergency or Threaten Emergency, is coming from the Constitution. It is not from outside the Constitution so how can any well-meaning person within Zambia and outside say 'our Constitution is going to suffer a dent'? The Constitution says that when things are hard and things happen, the President can use this power."

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And the President said he doesn't care if the IMF decides to pull out of a loan deal which is under negotiations.

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He further said selected parts of the country may be declared no-go areas and police would be free to stop people at any time and search them.

"There is no curfew, but police have more powers to detain and search people. Once you are arrested, you may not appear in court within the normal time. You may be held longer... You can call it a mini State of Emergency. But people are free to go out and dance in night clubs, those who want to go out," President Lungu said.

He added that there were some "good for nothing rich people who were trying to make Zambia ungovernable".

"Let me tell you that there is a crusade by some good for nothing rich people in the international community who want to take over political power in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Kenya. These are rich people who once held mining rights in these economies, they have ganged up and they are busy using advocacy to champion certain groups in Zambia for example, so that they can have a regime change," he said.

"This we have made it very clear, we have known for a long time so they have hired think tanks, so called, to speak ill of Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Kenya in the international media including well respected research institutions, our answer to them has always been, come to Zambia and see if this monster you are talking about, Edgar Lungu, is indeed what you are claiming him to be."

He said the representatives of the European Union to Zambia disclosed to him that it was Zambian citizens who were trying to convince the international community that he was a dictator.

"I have met representatives of the European Union, diplomats from other western world countries to just ask them that 'what do you see in Zambia which gives you an impression that I am a dictator?' One of them was good enough to say 'your bishop wrote a letter and circulated it within and beyond Zambia saying that things were sliding into lawlessness and you are a dictator and it is on that basis that people are saying there is dictatorship in Zambia,' said President Lungu.

"At that point, all I said was 'oh my God, Zambians are the ones claiming Lungu is a dictator and there is lawlessness in the country' but the best I can tell you is judge for yourself, you are an accomplished media practitioner, do we have a dictator in State House?"

## DEC arrests S/African for intercepting calls

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) has arrested a South African national for unauthorized interception of communication using interception devices without lawful authority.

In a statement issued by DEC Deputy Public Relations Officer Kamufisa Manchishi, the Commission had also arrested and jointly charged five suspects for being in possession of counterfeit notes amounting to K177,900.

Manchishi identified the South African national as Micheal John Cheek, 48, a Drones Sales Manager of House No. 1226 Bingini Falls Crescent in Johannesburg.

"Cheek has been arrested for unauthorised interception of or interference to data, interception of communication without lawful authority and use of interception devices without lawful authority contrary to the laws of Zambia," Manchishi said.

"Particulars of the offence are that Micheal John Cheek, in his capacity as Drones Sales Manager of a named company in South Africa, jointly and whilst acting with other persons unknown, on dates unknown but between 1st January, 2016 and 15th June, 2017 supplied and facilitated the installation of Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) boxes and Global Systems for Mobile Communication (GSM) Gate Way Servers at a named Internet Service Provider in Lusaka. Using these devices, the suspect was terminating international calls and forwarding them to local subscribers as local calls when in fact not."

In a related development, the Commission arrested and jointly charged a Zimbabwean national and a Zambian for money laundering activities contrary to the laws of Zambia.

"Rory John Hamish Logan, 50, a Trader of house no. 7 Cactus Villas Leopards Hill, in Lusaka has been arrested and jointly charged with Linos Mwamba Kelen Simungala, 40, a Businessman of Plot No. 12546 Market Road, Kaunda Square Township in Lusaka District for Corrupt practices contrary to the laws of Zambia," he stated.

According to Manchishi, particulars of the offence are that on 16th June, 2017, Rory John Hamish Logan jointly and whilst acting together with Linos Mwamba Kelen Simungala and other persons unknown did engage in corrupt practices by giving money amounting to K20,000 to a DEC officer as inducement to facilitate the release of a suspect by the name of Micheal John Cheek a South African National who was apprehended in a matter being investigated by the Commission.

And Manchishi revealed that the Commission in Lusaka had arrested and jointly charged five suspects for being in possession of counterfeit notes amounting to K177,900.

"The five have been identified as David Mwasile, 27, a business man of Chawama Compound in Lusaka, Jason Zulu, 61, of Misisi Compound in Lusaka, Humphrey Muyanga, 38, a businessman, Alitani Banda, 49, a general worker residing in Misisi Compound in Lusaka and Humphrey Mulowa, 36, of Nakonde," said Manchishi.

"The Commission would, therefore, like to remind members of the public especially peasant farmers and business entities to understand the features of the Zambian Kwacha notes as they risk being duped by unscrupulous persons dealing in counterfeit notes."

He further disclosed that the commission in Eastern Province had arrested Jacob

Banda, 33, a small scale farmer of Chinunda village in Chipata District for trafficking in loose

cannabis weighing 36kg.

Manchishi said all suspects would appear in court soon.

## Political number plates are banned – Police



By Joseph Mwenda and Sipilisiwe Ncube

Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo says any vehicle number plate that is not legally registered with the Road Transport and Safety Agency is not allowed on Zambian roads, including political plates.

And Katongo said the Police will not issue a statement on whether or not a docket of investigation has been opened against UPP leader Saviour Chishimba after he was reported by PF youths for 'defaming' President Edgar Lungu.

Police last week banned the use of unregistered and foreign registered motor vehicle number plates on Zambian roads, with exception to documented transiting cars, saying the move would help curb increasing crime levels.

Asked whether political or party numbered vehicles such as those brandishing the ruling party's "ECL2021" or "PF" number plates were excluded from the ban, Mwaata said any vehicle that was not legally registered by the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA)

remained banned.

"Any vehicle that has not been registered by RTSA has been banned. We are not looking at pointing at this one or that one, that is a general statement. We are looking at legal registration here, so if it's not registered by RTSA, any vehicle here that falls outside that category is banned," Mwaata said.

And when asked to confirm if police had opened a docket against Chishimba, Mwaata said she would not comment.

"We are not commenting on that one now, you should give us time to do our work," said Mwaata.

Meanwhile, RTSA Head of Public Relations Fred Mubanga said members of the public who know individuals using fake or illegal number plates, must report such the Agency. "There are some members of the public who are abusing this vanity provision. These number plates are so common especially during election period. If you can remember during the campaign period, the Road

Transport and Safety Agency together with the Electoral Commission of Zambia held a consultative meeting with various political parties on the need to follow traffic rules, including the issues of affixing proper registration marks on the vehicles. We stated categorically stated that it is not allowed under the Road Traffic Act to use that kind of number plates when you have not applied for vanity," said Mubanga.

"As RTSA we have always advised members of the public that if you want to use special number plates, please apply for vanity and we are going to give it to you, it now costs K8,000. We have had incidences where some vehicles have been impounded before for using such kind of number plates. Off course the RTSA cannot be everyone at any given point, so those members of public that have information that someone is using a special number plate without applying for vanity, they are free to report such cases to RTSA and we are going to act."

By Joseph Mwenda

President Edgar Lungu says there is terrorism building in the country meant to intimidate him.

And President Lungu says he doesn't care if the court frees or jails Hakainde Hichilema over his treason case.

Meanwhile, President Lungu says he doesn't care if the IMF decides to discontinue negotiations for a bailout package after his declaration of a Threatened State of Public Emergency.

The Head of State also said he has granted police more powers to conduct random searches on people and property, adding that people who will be arrested under the State of Threatened Emergency, may be detained for a longer than normal time before being taken to court.

The President further said under the Threatened State of Public Emergency, his government has powers to regulate the media.

State House this afternoon hosted journalists at a press conference where the Head of State explained his declaration of the Threatened State of Public Emergency and allowed questions from journalists.

Responding to a question from a journalist who wanted to know if by declaring a Threatened State of Public Emergency, he also agreed with those who feel there was public tension in the country, President Lungu said there was terrorism building.

"There is no tension in the country, but there is terrorism building meant to intimidate me," President Lungu said.

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At a press conference in Lusaka today, Saviour said that no one with five senses could fail to see that the spate of fires and other acts of sabotage were by the PF. He said the declaration of a Threatened State of Public Emergency is a well orchestrated move by the Patriotic Front to further push their agenda of hate "From the initial fires immediately the election results were announced, through to the various acts of economic

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sabotage including the latest Lusaka City Market, no one with five senses can fail to see that these actions are part of a well orchestrated scheme to undermine our democratic state and peaceful co-existence of all tribes in Zambia. No one with five senses can fail to see that from the initial statements of the Minister of Home Affairs

that the state of emergency was going to be declared and a statement by the PF accusing the UPND of the most atrocious act of arson through the statement by President Edgar Lungu on arrival at the Airport that he was going to become a dictator and the eventual proclamation under statutory instrument number 53 of 2017 that a situation that may lead to a state of public emergency exists in Zambia by reasonable efface appear to be a typical conspiracy of the state against its own people," Chishimba said.

"No one with five senses can fail to see that President Edgar Lungu may mean well in his heart but the best for him is not good enough for this country. He has failed Zambia and he must admit. He told the nation that his own Ministers were corruptly depositing huge amounts of money in their accounts but to this day, the people of Zambia have not been told how much has been stolen by the PF-MMD Ministers and whether or not the illegal allowances that Ministers were getting when they continued in office illegally after Parliament was dissolved, has that money been collected? The people of Zambia want these answers to be given to them."

Chishimba noted that the Threatened State of Public Emergency would pass in Parliament given that the PF had the numbers in the House. "The President is surrounded by wrong counselors and advisors who do not love him at all. They have succeeded in putting him on a self destructive path which will lead him in big

troubles in the days the Lord shall decide to end his reign for whatever begins, must end. No one with five senses can fail to see that the PF dominated National Assembly will vote in favour of the declaration of the state of emergency which shall undoubtedly shatter the little vestiges of hope to rebuild the economy which has been ravaged by corruption and bad leadership," he said.

And Chishimba said it was worrying that the PF and UPND had put the country in a crisis.

"No one with five senses can fail to see that it is the smallness of the politics at the hands of the worrying PF and UPND which has put the nation in the crisis and sustained state of election campaigns that we are in as a nation. These two militia groups as we called them even during the elections with the most violent and corrupt elements, had long declared war against each other," Chishimba said. He observed that the bitterness between the two political parties was not healthy for ordinary citizens.

"While the key leaders of the PF and UPND have their livelihood, the ordinary marketeers of Lusaka City Market have become the latest victims of misguided politics, hate speech and bitterness, sabotage and all kinds of imaginations anybody can ever think of. As all these things are happening, no one with five

senses can fail to see that the declaration by the PF of Satana tawakatekepo ichalo [devil you will never rule this country] apparently referring to the UPND as a party that will never

rule Zambia on one hand and on the other hand, the UPND having declared Armageddon if they lost the elections are the two words of prophetic doom that have come to pass before our very eyes. We were just listening to Parliament today, the PF is talking about what UPND said but the PF is forgetting what they also said. They vowed at all costs that the UPND was not going to raise to power, in other words they wanted to remain in power at all costs," Saviour said.

Meanwhile, Chishimba said he had information that credible investors had decided to start withdrawing their investment from Zambia on accounts that the proclamation by the President was an early warning sign that Zambia was becoming unsafe.

"Over the past 48 hours, I don't know about you but for us, we've received information filtering through from credible investors who have decided to start withdrawing their investment from Zambia on accounts that the proclamation by the President is early warning sign that our country has become unsafe for more investments. The manner in which the proclamation has been made remains a mystery. The Head of State and government has not the nation on whether or not all the suspects that the police have arrested ever since the suspected acts of sabotage begun belong to terrorist groups or political groupings, we have not been told that here is a list of the names of individuals who have been arrested," said Chishimba.

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## We're still willing to help Zambia - IMF

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Kanyegirire told this to News Digger! in response to a press query regarding President Edgar Lungu's declaration of a Threatened State of Public Emergency.

He was asked to state if the IMF was concerned that the Zambian government would divert resources from other sectors and channeling them towards police and emergency security expenditure.

Kanyegirire was also asked to comment on whether the Fund remained confident that the Zambian government, given the limited media freedom under the declared Threatened State of Emergency, would be accountable and transparent in the utilization of its borrowed resources.

In his brief response, Kanyegirire could not react to the specific questions raised, but said IMF enjoyed a good working relationship with the Zambian authorities and remained committed to helping the country maintain macroeconomic stability.

"Zambia is a member of the IMF and we have a good working relationship with the authorities. IMF staff and the Zambian authorities have agreed on the remaining actions that are needed to reach staff-level agreement," stated Kanyegirire.

"IMF staff remain committed to this process and continue to support the authorities efforts to maintain macroeconomic stability for all Zambians."

On July 6, 2017 during a press conference at

State House, President Lungu said if the IMF was not happy with his declaration, they were free to pull out.

"I don't think the IMF would like this country to go into flames, I don't think any investor would like to see this country destroyed, the measures that we have put in place are intended to safeguard the IMF program. If it comes to the IMF to say 'Lungu has gone out of the way, I will refer them to Article 31 of the Constitution which gives me that power. Everything we do, we consult and I want to be remembered for just sticking to the law and doing things within the expectations of the people so IMF if they want to go because of this, they can go and I am saying this openly. If IMF thinks we have gone beyond the norms of good governance and democracy, they are free to go," said President Lungu.

"We cannot sacrifice the Zambian people at the altar of economic expediency. What are we investing for? We invest the money today and tomorrow they burn the money up? No, as long as the people are safe, the IMF, their programme will be safe but if the people are not safe and infrastructure is being burnt left right and centre, we have to spend money to build those markets again, we have to spend money to put the electricity pylons, this is what the IMF would like?"

The IMF would like to come into a country which is stable, growing, and where they are sure that their money or programmes will yield desired results. But I have made it very clear that if they think I have gone astray, let them go.

By Mirriam Chabala

Movement for Multi-party Democracy (MMD) president Nevers Mumba says it is possible that President Edgar Lungu is publicly being hostile towards the International Monetary Fund (IMF) because the institution has already decided to pull back.

And Mumba says he will soon prove that Zambia's external debt is exactly as Finance Minister Felix Mutati announced to Parliament in his state of the economy speech before retracting it recently. At a press conference yesterday, President Lungu said the IMF could go if they thought he had crossed the line.

"I don't think the IMF would like this country to go into flames, I don't think any investor would like to see this country destroyed, the measures that we have put in place are intended to safeguard the IMF program if it comes to be but for the IMF to say 'Lungu has gone out of the way', I will refer them to Article 31 of the Constitution which gives me that power. Everything we do, we consult and I want to be remembered for just sticking to the law and doing things within the expectations of the people so IMF is they want to go because of this, they can go and I am saying this openly, if IMF

# Maybe Lungu is bitter with IMF because it already pulled out – Nevers Mumba

thinks we have gone beyond the norms of good governance and democracy, they are free to go," said President Lungu. "We cannot sacrifice the Zambian people at the altar of economic expediency. What are we investing for? We invest the money today and tomorrow they burn the money up? No, as long as the people are safe, the IMF, their programme will be safe but if the people are not safe and infrastructure is being burnt left right and centre, we have to spend money to build those markets again, we have to spend money to put the electricity pylons, this is what the IMF would like? I am sure the IMF would not like that kind of thing. The IMF would like to come into a country which is stable, growing, and where they are sure that their money or programmes will yield desired results. But I have made it very clear that if they think I have gone astray, let them go."

But in an interview with News

Diggers! yesterday, Mumba said it was possible that the IMF had opted to put talks on hold for the Head of the State to rebuke them in the manner he did.

He said he was shocked that the President would utter such words when all along, his Minister of Finance Felix Mutati had been soliciting for support from the institution. "We don't know why the President was that hostile to IMF today which is the first time I have seen him that hostile, one can only presume maybe that he is getting some information that the IMF are re-thinking or even thinking about maybe waiting a little bit before releasing the money. I really don't know why he has been that aggressive against them today. I don't know why he had to come out like that because I thought he is supposed to be reconciliatory so that he gives an opportunity to his Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs to manage this difficult relationship but

I also got the impression that maybe IMF has suspended its aid because really, why was he talking like that?" Mumba wondered.

He said it was possible that the IMF were raising issues of governance already. "I am not disappointed, I am just surprised that he sounded like that because I thought they were talking and in good books and trying to make progress but then when he talks like that, he is making us think that maybe there is a problem that maybe they [IMF] are asking questions, that's what I think and I could be wrong but I just think it was very unusual for the Head of State to use that language that 'they can go', because this is thing is just like if someone has got a question about governance, you answer them, you don't have to threaten with them with such utterances. So that's all I can say. Really, I cannot say too much because I don't really know why he said what he said, the only thing I

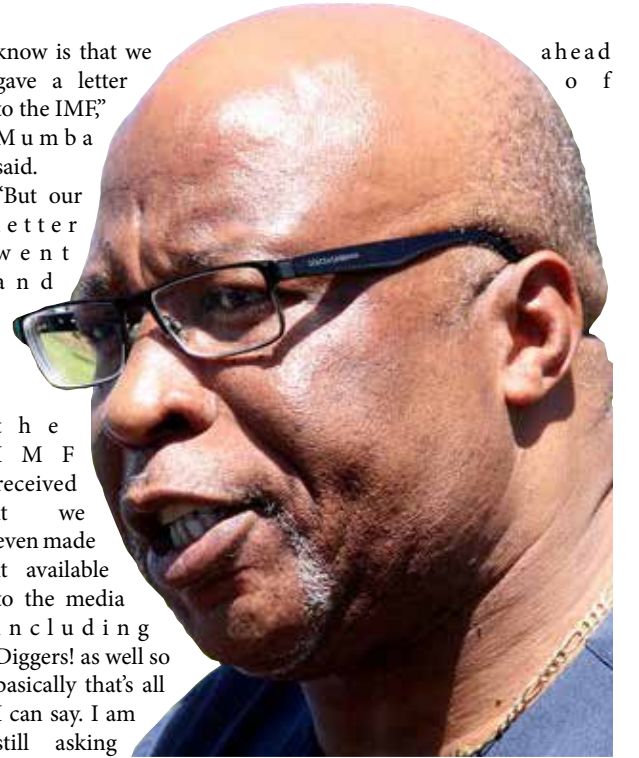
know is that we gave a letter to the IMF," Mumba said. "But our letter went ahead of

the IMF received it we even made it available to the media including Diggers! as well so basically that's all I can say. I am still asking the IMF to

consider or interrogate the rule of law before they dish out the money, our argument has been that if it's not dealt with, their money will be unsafe because if there is no opposition in the country then there will be no one to defend their money so we hope that IMF have listened to the Presidents' address." Meanwhile, Mumba insisted that Zambia's external debt was exactly as Mutati announced to Parliament in his state of the economy speech recently. "My team that is doing research just got back to me yesterday that the debt is actually more complex than we thought and they asked me for more time so I am going to have a meeting with them to discuss the information they have gathered as to how much we really owe. I am not able to give you that information today but yesterday they told me that they are making progress. Suffice to say that

the 2015 Presidential by-elections, I had announced and predicted that our national debt both foreign and local debt would reach slightly over \$13 billion by the end of 2015. Looking at the numbers that were quoted by Mr Mutati in Parliament of \$17.2 billion, that figure is not too far away from our projection for 2017 both local and foreign debt," Mumba said.

And Mumba disclosed that the \$7.2 billion which the Ministry of Finance was claiming to be the total money owed did not include the money that the country owed the Chinese. "We are also aware that the \$7.2 billion that we are now calling as the national debt does not include the Chinese debt which is in the excess of the \$7.2 billion in itself. So we understand that Mr Mutati had actually read the right figure and we are able to put on paper to be able to confirm that fact," said Mumba.



## We are happy, President has given us more powers - Police

By Mirriam Chabala

Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo says officers are happy because Article 31 of the Constitution which President Edgar Lungu invoked gives them more powers.

And Katongo says there is no tension in the country but that there are only criminal activities that are going on.

Featuring on Hot FM's Hot Seat programme this morning, Katongo said Statutory Instrument 53 would give the police more powers to execute their duties.

"Now that the President has used his powers under Article 31, we will wait for a Statutory Instrument (SI) which will come out because when you look at the end of the legislation, there are a lot of regulations so it will be to the President in the SI to decide which regulations he is going to pass to say that we should be using these regulation and as police we feel very happy because when you look at this piece of legislation, it is giving us more to handle things," Katongo said.

"Following what will be in the SI that will be passed, then we will be able see and say these are the other powers that we have been given by the President. But again people should understand that these regulations are dictated by the situation so if the situation does not change, then the President may still change the regulations so that's what people should understand."

Katongo noted that police were not enough to execute their functions as stipulated in SI 53 saying that President Lungu would co-opt other security wings to help them.

"The numbers are not enough. The standard policing ratio of police to members of the public is supposed to be one officer to 250 members of the public. But when you look at the current situation, the ratio is one officer to more than 800 people which is far too much. So I know that even as the President will be making this SI, there are some regulations which he may include which may co-opt other security wings to help us in the matter," she said. And Katongo said President Lungu would not have passed a preservation of the public security Act if there was tension in the country.

"There is no tension in the country, when you look at the law which was just passed the President, he used section 31 which goes with cap 112. Cap 112 is a preservation of the public security Act. If there was tension, he was going to use the public emergency Act which is cap 108 but he did not go for that, he has used the prevention of public security meaning that there is security which we need to preserve because you can only preserve that which is there you can't preserve something which is not there," Katongo said.

"So there is no tension, but people since we have always been saying that there is no tension, this is the reason maybe why they want to start engaging in these criminal activities just to destabilise the lives of people so that they can create the tension otherwise there is no tension in our country but there are only criminal activities which are taking place."

Meanwhile, Katongo said police were not leaving out any possibilities in determining the cause of the City Market fire saying even an electrical fault would be caused by a person.

"As we already indicated, the fire at city market is still being investigated. The fire experts are still establishing whether that fire caused by an electrical fault or it was caused by a person but people should understand to say that an electrical fault can also be caused by a person because someone can just tie...you know those who know how to connect these wires can just do so and then when you just switch on it blows up, so we are not ruling out any possibility here and this is the reason we are saying that even as the officers are on the ground trying to establish this, we have also instituted our investigations. And then the other reason which is making us to do this is because we have seen the way things are happening, pylon after pylon, market after market," said Katongo.



Police beat UPND supporters



# UPND lawyers humiliate another State Witness

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Mweemba: Does that university quality to take you to ZIALE?  
 Witness: Yes it does  
 Mweemba: Who taught you criminal law?  
 Witness: That time it was uh... Mr...uh...Mr Mwewa if I recall well.  
 Mweemba: Which Mwewa?  
 Witness: By then he was assistant commissioner of police, something like that.  
 Mweemba: Are you sure  
 Witness: He was working with Zambia Police  
 Mweemba: And he taught you that this offense is an inchoate offense?  
 Witness: Ummm, my...  
 Mweemba: Is that what he taught you?  
 Witness: My interpretations is...  
 Mweemba: Is that what he taught you sir?  
 (Silence)  
 Witness: My recollection is that...  
 Mweemba: Answer the question. You are a lawyer, you claim to be a lawyer  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: So you just dreamed of this out of your own figment of imagination that this offense is an inchoate offense right?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: How many inchoate offenses do you know as a lawyer?  
 Witness: Quite a number sir  
 Mweemba: And you are serious about that as a lawyer that there are a number of inchoate offenses? That is what you want this court to believe?  
 Witness: Because...  
 Mweemba: Answer the question, no one has asked you for a reason. (repeats question)  
 Witness: Yes  
 Mweemba: Ummmm, give us examples of inchoate offenses. And as you answer that question, remember that ignorance is not a defense.  
 Witness: May I be availed with the Penal Code so that I refer to it?  
 Mweemba: No, you are a lawyer, you do not need the Penal Code. You were speaking with confidence in chief that you advised the police that this is an inchoate offense so you don't need the Penal Code.  
 Witness: Like I said, if I am availed a Penal Code, I will point at them.  
 Mweemba: The question is very simple, it is either you know or you don't know. Okay, what did you mean when you told the police that this is an inchoate offense?  
 Witness: An inchoate offense basically would be an offense where the police don't need to wait for the actual act to be committed.  
 Mweemba: And you passed your criminal law?  
 Witness: Yes I did.  
 Mweemba: With that definition of an inchoate offense in mind? (laughter in courtroom)  
 Witness: That's the basic definition  
 Mweemba: What is your authority for that? Because that is not what an inchoate offense means.  
 Mweemba: Inchoate offense sir, are preparatory stages of offenses. Not what you are saying. Don't you agree?  
 Witness: Like I said...  
 Mweemba: Don't you agree with me?  
 Witness: Yes I do  
 Mweemba: Good. And you tried to mislead the court that they are many. There are only three categories don't you agree with me again? They are not many as you put it, they are only three.  
 Witness: Mumbles something  
 Mweemba: Answer my question (repeats)  
 Witness: On that one, I...  
 (Mweemba continues trying to get witness to answer his question for a little while longer)  
 Mweemba: Look sir, I don't want to send you to prison. You are a lawyer, don't be evasive. I don't want to apply that you are sent to prison, that can happen. (repeats question)  
 (Silence)

Prosecutor intervenes: Just answer  
 Witness: Yes I do  
 Mweemba: Do you know the three categories?  
 Witness: I might have to refer to the Penal Code  
 Mweemba: Do you know?  
 Witness: Not at the top of my head  
 Mweemba: You don't know. So you were telling police what you didn't know?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: Okay, since you don't know, I will not go there. Let us go to the offenses themselves...you did not see the accused addressing a particular assembly not so?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba hands witness the indictment: Read the statement of the offence and the particulars of offense loudly.  
 Witness: "Proposing violence or breaches of the law to assembly contrary to section 91 (a) of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. Particulars of offense being Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba on 2nd March 2016, at Lusaka in the Lusaka District of the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia without lawful excuse to an assembly did make a statement indicating or implying that it would be incumbent or desirable to do an act calculated to bring death or physical injury to His Excellency Edgar Lungu the President of the Republic of Zambia to which he said 'I want to remind Edgar Lungu today that now, I will go for your throat'".  
 Mweemba: Did you see him addressing an assembly?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: You don't even know where this so called speech was made from do you?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: And you do agree with me that there can be no offense of this nature if the address is not to the assembly not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Mweemba: There was no assembly so this case has collapsed. Let's go to Frank Bwalya. Frank Bwalya did not even address the assembly, you simply told him not so?  
 Witness: I called him, for him to listen to the news  
 Mweemba: Yes, as far as you are concerned, he did not see the accused addressing an assembly?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: Let's go to the radio station. This case is confined to the radio station, Frank Bwalya and yourself. Police are simply recipients of the report. So the radio station did not witness this assembly right? You simply heard it on the news  
 Witness: Exactly  
 Mweemba: Let's go to the police. The officer who recorded your statement was simply listening to you, he did not witness the accused addressing the assembly not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Mweemba: So why are we here? None of these people saw the accused addressing an assembly. This offense, you have already agreed, cannot stand without an assembly not so?  
 Witness: Is that a question? (Laughter)  
 Mweemba: Yes. You are a good man, just answer  
 Witness: It depends on the definition of the word assembly  
 Mweemba: Don't say depending, that's hypothetical. Let's talk about facts, you know that this offense cannot stand without an assembly right?  
 Witness: Depending on the definition of assembly, yes.  
 Mweemba: Yes what?  
 Witness: Yes, it will not stand if there is no assembly  
 Mweemba: Yes...so from your evidence, maybe there are other institutional people that we don't know, which people were addressed by the accused?  
 Witness: Journalists  
 Mweemba: Where?  
 Witness: Ummmm, I am not

aware of where, but I listened to the radio. (laughs) because there was a recording.  
 Mweemba: So you came to address the court without knowing your facts as to which assembly was addressed? Am I right?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: Give us an example of someone who was addressed as a matter of fact.  
 Witness: As a matter of fact, I only know that it was recorded and I listened  
 Mweemba: But you didn't witness the assembly yourself  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: You didn't even make an effort to speak to anyone from Hot Fm not so?  
 Witness: No  
 Mweemba: Apart from Hot FM, you did not speak to any journalist?  
 Witness: No I did not  
 Mweemba: The accused, apart from the statement you heard, he did not take any action in confronting the president?  
 Witness: Not that I am aware of  
 Mweemba: He did not even meet anybody to actualize the words?  
 Witness: Not that I am aware of  
 Mweemba: Now to your knowledge, going for anybody's throat is it an offense?  
 Witness: To my knowledge it is threatening  
 Mweemba: Is it an offense? I haven't said is it threatening. Is it an offense?  
 Witness: Yes it is  
 Mweemba: Contrary to which provision?  
 Witness: It is an offense in that...  
 Mweemba: Contrary to which provision? You are a lawyer sir, that's what you told us. (Laughter)  
 Witness: By definition, it is not an offense, I withdraw  
 Mweemba: Thank you. You said you have withdrawn, what have you withdrawn?  
 Witness: The previous answer I gave  
 Mweemba: ohoo? You are a good man sir. It is not an offense, very good.  
 I would have loved to continue but I have quoted these words 'I will go for your throat' and you have told the Court that it is not an offense so there is no need for me to continue, it is not an offense. I end here.  
 Gilbert Phiri takes over cross examination  
 Gilbert: I was going to say that I have no questions because the witness has in fact ended this case but just to make sure, I have a few nails to put in the coffin. (laughter in court) Witness, good morning. You are a member of the PF right?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: What position do you hold in the party?  
 Witness: I'm a member of the information committee  
 Gilbert: That is the one headed by Frank Bwalya not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: One Sunday Chanda is a member of that committee not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: Yes, very fond of interesting statements. So you were not elected but appointed right?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: In fact, you were appointed to that position by Frank Bwalya not so?  
 Witness: Yes I was  
 Gilbert: Exactly, so it is very clear now. Very good man. Now, this is not a paid position right?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: But you invest your time and effort in executing your duties not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: So, naturally there's got to be some form of payment not so?  
 Witness: Yes... (mumbles something)  
 Gilbert: You said yes, I will take the yes. Now, you remember the petition that was filed in the ConCourt by the accused person and his colleague that is in prison Mr Haka inde Hichilema?

Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: You were involved in some curious way in that petition do you recall?  
 Witness: Curious? I don't understand  
 Gilbert: Okay, you were involved in some way in that petition not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: In fact, you filed an application in the ConCourt while the petition was pending not so?  
 Witness: Yes I did  
 Gilbert: What was your application about?  
 Witness: About the interpretation of certain provisions  
 Gilbert: No, there was one provision, tell the court  
 Witness: About the interpretation of certain provisions of the Constitution  
 Gilbert: No, there was one provision that you wanted the court to...  
 Witness: Which one would you like me to point out?  
 Gilbert: There was only one. Were they several?  
 Witness: May you be specific  
 Gilbert: It appears things are done for you Mr Celestine. Is it you that filed the application? Or you are used to do things? Someone uses you to do things?  
 Witness: Silent  
 Gilbert: Did you file the application?  
 Witness: Yes I did  
 Gilbert: So tell the court what it was about.  
 Witness: There's one provision that was uuumh... talking about whether Edgar Lungu could seek power from the Speaker of the National Assembly. Specifically that provision.  
 Gilbert: Whether Edgar Lungu should vacate State house while the accused's petition was being heard not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: In fact. Your position was that Edgar Lungu should not vacate State House right?  
 Witness: (hesitates) yes sir  
 Gilbert: Now, this is my interest, who gave you those instructions?  
 Witness: uh, I decided to apply because we needed the Zambians to know because it was contentious.  
 Gilbert: Yes. This is very interesting. Who was your lawyer?  
 Witness: uh, it was...  
 Gilbert: it was a State Counsel  
 Witness: uh...  
 Gilbert: even a lawyer you do not remember? Someone hired a lawyer for you (laughter in court)  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: Tell the court who was your lawyer  
 Witness: It was Shamwana and Associates  
 Gilbert: Yes, who in Shamwana and Associates? He is a State Counsel. It was Shonga not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: But I am curious, you don't even know...  
 Witness: I actually wanted to say Shonga but you cut me  
 Gilbert: Someone paid legal fees for you right?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: Who paid?  
 Witness: I did  
 Gilbert: ah, good. You said you are a businessman right?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: What business?  
 Witness: I do general business  
 Gilbert: for example, you get a contract and you execute it right?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: So you agree with me that you are awarded some contracts that you execute?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: And these contracts are awarded by the PF not so?  
 Witness: I mostly do my business with the private sector  
 Gilbert: Just answer my questions, we know what this is all about  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: No to what?  
 Witness: They are not awarded by the PF  
 Gilbert: Who awards those

contracts?  
 Witness: Private companies  
 Gilbert: Associated with the PF government not so?  
 Witness: Not that I am aware of  
 Gilbert: I respect business so I will not expose  
 Witness: Thank you  
 Gilbert: But I think I have made a point. You are quite a successful business man right? At 27 years old.  
 Witness: Not that I am aware of (Laughter in courtroom)  
 Gilbert: you are successful businessman?  
 Witness: No I am not.  
 Gilbert: What is the name of your business?  
 Witness: Rockywell Zambia  
 Gilbert: What works have you done before?  
 Witness: Just simple graphics designing  
 Gilbert: For example banners for the PF?  
 Witness: Not for PF, for different companies.  
 Gilbert: Have you ever done work for the Patriotic Front?  
 Witness: Not in the line of my business, no  
 Gilbert: What work have you done for the PF?  
 Witness: Only that which is in line with my duties as a member of the information committee  
 Gilbert: Like? Propaganda?  
 Witness: It depends on what you call propaganda  
 Gilbert: How much did you pay your lawyer for the petition?  
 Witness: I wish not to answer that one  
 Gilbert: So you are not a successful businessman but somehow you managed to retain State Counsel whom you paid in a petition involving the accused person?  
 Witness: No in the petition involving the interpretation of the Constitution.  
 Gilbert: You strike me as a person who really hates threats.  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: Recount to the court how many threats you have reported to the police before.  
 Witness: ummm, I think once I reported a threat to the police where someone...some three years ago and thereafter I also reported a threat just recently someone threatening violence on me.  
 Gilbert: So the threats you have reported are the threats directed to you?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: How about threats directed to a third party? In your 27 years of existence?  
 Witness: Not to the police  
 Gilbert: Have you ever heard Kennedy Kamba threatening on TV?  
 Witness: Not to the best of my recollection  
 Gilbert: Mumbi Phiri? Have you ever heard her threaten anyone on TV or in person?  
 Witness: (hesitation) I think during the NCC, but it is not really...  
 Gilbert: She threatened huh?  
 Witness: Not to the best of my recollection  
 Gilbert: But you heard something like a threat?  
 Witness: I think so  
 Gilbert: Did you report to Father Bwalya or the police?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: You must have heard Kaizer Zulu threaten people right?  
 Witness: Not to the best of my recollection  
 Gilbert: The Africa Cup of Nations U20, didn't you see him threaten a police officer?  
 Witness: Not to the best of my recollection but I saw social media reporting  
 Gilbert: So it appears in your life you have only heard one threat right?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: But this is the only one you decided to report involving a third party?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: I think the court gets the gist. Now, let me conclude, you did not see the accused person...

Witness: No  
 Gilbert: No to what? Wait for me to finish (laughter)  
 Gilbert: You did not see the accused say the words attributed to him?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: You did not see the accused person subsequently on video or on TV make a statement?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: The accused person did not directly communicate these words to Edgar Lungu right? Whichever Edgar Lungu this is  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: Now, let us assume that this Edgar Lungu is the President, you agree with me that you have no evidence that this Edgar Lungu was adversely affected by the purported statement?  
 Witness: Ummm, the statement I heard..  
 Gilbert: You don't have evidence that Edgar Lungu was adversely affected by the purported statement. Do you have evidence?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: So, agree with me that this court has no way of knowing how the president perceived this threat?  
 Witness: I agree  
 Gilbert: So the only way we would know how Edgar Lungu felt and perceived this threat would be if he came and stood where you are standing in that dock not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: You agree with me that it is only fair that he needs to come and stand in that dock and tell us how he perceived these threats not so?  
 Witness: My report was based on...  
 Gilbert: Answer my question (repeats question)  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: How else can we know how he perceived the threats?  
 Witness: By determining whether such threats were...  
 Gilbert: Who determines?  
 Witness: The court  
 Gilbert: Using what?  
 Witness: The evidence  
 Gilbert: The court has to use facts  
 Witness: Exactly  
 Gilbert: So I repeat the question, it is only fair that only when Edgar Lungu comes and stands in that dock and tells us how he perceived the threats can we know how he perceived the threats not so?  
 Witness: Yes  
 Gilbert: Exactly. I doubt if he is likely to come in that dock to face us, so we will never know how he perceived those threats. In fact, he would need to explain whether he is the Edgar Lungu that was being talked about not so?  
 Witness: No  
 Gilbert: This ends cross examination  
 Re-examination  
 Prosecutor: Witness, the defense put it to you that the accused person said "Edgar Lungu if you are listening" and there are so many Edgar Lungu's in this country, how did you come to the conclusion that he meant the President?  
 Witness: Because he went on and said "I will not rest until you are out of State House" to the best of my recollection.  
 Prosecutor: clarify before court if you have ever heard Kennedy Kamba threatening.  
 Witness: Not to the best of my recollection  
 Prosecutor: Clarify before court why you decided to tell Father Frank Bwalya about this incident instead of going to police directly  
 Witness: Because he is a senior member of the party and I thought it would be best to inform him to listen to news.  
 Prosecutor: That will be all from this witness. And as we earlier stated, we only have one witness today...therefore we seek for an adjournment.  
 Magistrate Chabala granted the adjournment and the case will come up on July 20 for mention and August 14 for continued trial.

# Cops, two others committed to High Court for trial

By Mukosha Funga

The alleged killers of Zambia Air Force Flight Sergeant Mark Choongwa have been committed to the High Court for trial.

The man slaughter-accused include two police officers; Veronica Lucy Shawa and Mike Kapale. Others are Lyton Mwale a driver and James Ngulube, an archives clerk.

When the matter was called, Lusaka Magistrate Nthandose Chabala committed the accused to the High Court. "Instructions to commit the case have been issued by the Director of Public Prosecutions. You will no longer appear in the subordinate court," said Magistrate Chabala.

This was after a state prosecutor, Zalila Sakala, presented a Certificate of Committal to the High Court issued by Deputy Chief State Advocate Marriam Bah Matandala. Meanwhile, the police officers, Shawa and Kapale, managed to meet the set bail conditions while the other two are still in detention.

They were granted K3,000 bail each.

Choongwa is said to have been murdered on March 17 at Woodlands Police Station where he was detained for a traffic offense.

The state dropped murder charges on four inmates who were initially charged after police concluded investigations in the matter.

Meanwhile, the deceased's elder brother Reverend Chilala Choongwa said the family was still puzzled on why the state decided to drop murder charges against the inmates. Reverend Choongwa told journalists that in other countries, the Inspector General of Police would have resigned on moral grounds.



Suspended UPND MPs

## Bankers in court for theft of over K100,000

By Diggers Reporter

Five bankers, a marketing executive and sports administrator have been dragged to court on 13 counts of theft, forgery and uttering of false documents. The seven are alleged to

have stolen and obtained over K100,000 under false pretenses.

It is alleged that Ravacious Kaumba Moonga and Sambwa Musunsa; marketing executive and sports administrator respectively, were obtaining the money from Investrust Bank by falsely pretending that they were employees of Natural Valley Limited when in fact not.

Moonga and Musunsa are also alleged to have made false payment vouchers purporting to show that they were genuinely signed by an accountant when in fact not.

The accused further uttered fraudulently National Assembly payment.

They are expected to take plea on Monday.

Meanwhile, an 18-year-old Lusaka boy has been dragged to court for assaulting his mother.

Evaristo Phiri is alleged to have beaten his mother thereby occasioning her actual bodily harm on June 13, 2017.

Details are that Evaristo beat up his mother after she went to pick him at his school.

not persuaded to exercise her discretion to grant judicial review and granted costs to the respondent.

She said on procedural impropriety, there was again no issue worthy of a substantive hearing as the lawmakers were given an opportunity to be heard by the Committee on Privileges on the charge of absenteeism from the National Assembly on March 17, 2017 and responded through their advocates.

Nalikwanda member of Parliament Geoffrey Lungwangwa and others sought leave to apply for judicial review on grounds that the Speaker's decision was illegal because they were just exercising their freedom of expression as guaranteed in the Constitution by boycotting President Lungu's address.

By Mukosha Funga

The Lusaka High Court has thrown out a petition by 46 UPND members of parliament who were seeking leave for judicial review to challenge Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick

## UPND MPs lose petition against Speaker

Matibini's decision to suspend them.

The MPs were suspended for boycotting President Edgar Lungu's State of the Nation

address for a second time in March.

When the matter came up for ruling today, Judge Petronella Ngulube threw out their

application for judicial review saying there was no arguable case fit for further investigation at a full interpartes hearing.

Judge Ngulube said she was

## Man accused of painting "Free HH" graffiti sues the government and demands bail

By Mukosha Funga

The Lusaka man accused of being behind "Free HH" graffiti at Government Complex has sued the state demanding to be brought before court so that he can ask for bail.

Through his lawyer, Nchimunya Mwangi, Mwanakatwe Sikasula filed an Ex-parte notice of motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus citing the Attorney General as the respondent in the Lusaka High Court yesterday.

In an affidavit in support of his motion, Mwangi complained that his client had been in detention since June 28, 2017 without being brought to court.

"That on the 28th day of June, 2017, the applicant was apprehended by the police from Government Complex and accused of being behind the graffiti entitled 'Free HH' and taken to the Lusaka Central Police. He was charged with idle and disorderly conduct under Section 179 of the Penal Code which is a bailable offense. That the arrest and continued detention of the Applicant is unlawful and unconstitutional as he has not been granted bond despite many efforts that have been made to have him released on police bond and he has been in detention for one week without appearing in court so as to apply for bail," Mwangi stated.

He asked the court to compel the Lusaka Central Police Station officer in charge to bring his client before court.

"That I therefore respectively apply to this honorable court to issue forthwith a writ directing the officer in charge at Lusaka Central Police Station and others who may have and/or control of me to

have the applicant's body before this honorable court immediately after receipt of such writ to undergo and receive all and singular such matters and things as this honorable court shall then and there consider of and concerning the applicant in this behalf. That it is therefore needful for this court to adopt special responsibility regarding the continued denial of the applicant's liberty by the respondent and as such the court's most anxious scrutiny of the continued detention must be exercised," stated Mwangi.

"That the circumstances of this case require that the writ of habeas corpus does issue immediately as the applicant is being illegally held without cause as he has been denied bond and not appeared in court. That I accordingly crave the indulgence of this court forthwith issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus."

By Mukosha Funga

The Constitutional Court has issued a two day ultimatum

in which to re-submit the missing violence video in the Munali petition appeal.

## ConCourt allows re-submission of video evidence in Munali petition

Last week, the video evidence which lead to the nullification of Higher Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo's seat went missing in the High Court and her lawyer, Bonaventure Mutale, asked the court to proceed without it.

But losing UPND candidate Doreen Mwamba, through her lawyers Gilbert Phiri and Keith Mweemba, refused to proceed with the matter following the absence of the video clip proving that she and her campaign team were attacked by PF cadres in Mutendere.

When the matter came up yesterday, ConCourt judge Enock Mulembe ordered the submission of the video clips saying the video was critical to the appeal.

Justice Mulembe said it was important for the court to view the footage again before making a decision.

The court observed that although the High Court viewed the video which depicted violence during campaigns, it was a lapse by both parties for not submitting it as part of evidence.

## DPP enters nolle in Amos Chanda's contempt case

By Joseph Mwenda

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Lillian Shawa Siyuni has entered a nolle prosequi in the case where President Edgar Lungu's spokesperson Amos Chanda and Daily Nation Newspaper owner Richard Sakala were facing contempt of court charges.

Chanda, Sakala are scheduled to appear

before Magistrate Felix Kaoma at 12:00 hours today in a matter where UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema applied to cite them for contempt.

Chanda is accused of making prejudicial remarks on Aljazeera TV regarding a matter which was actively before court, which remarks were published in the Daily Nation Newspaper.

But the DPP has this morning signed a

nolle prosequi, discontinuing the case. "Now these presents are to authorise the entry in the record of proceedings that proceedings against Amos Chanda, Richard Sakala and Daily Nation Newspaper Limited are discontinued by my direction pursuant to the powers vested in me by section 81 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Code Chapter 88 of the laws of Zambia," stated Siyuni.



# Increased Zesco tariffs have caused rise in inflation – CSO

By Charles Mafa

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has announced that the annual rate of inflation for the month of June has increased to 6.8 per cent from last month's 6.5 per cent.

According to CSO Director of Census and Statistics John Kalumbi who announced the monthly inflation statistics at the Zambia International Trade Fair in Ndola, the increase is due to an upward adjustment in electricity tariffs.

He said the increase was a reflection that on average prices of commodities had increased by 6.8 per cent between June last year and June 2017. Kalumbi said the annual food inflation rate for June was recorded at 5.8 per cent as compared to 5.9 per cent recorded in May, while the non-food inflation rate for the said period had increased from 7.3 per cent to 8.0 per cent.

The CSO Director said provincial changes in inflation rate show that between June 2016 and June 2017, Copperbelt had the largest annual rate of inflation at 8.1 per cent followed by North Western Province at 7.8 per cent. He said Western Province recorded the lowest rate at 5.1 per cent and that Lusaka had the highest contribution rate of two percentage point to overall 6.8 per cent annual inflation rate for June.

Kalumbi further said the country recorded a trade deficit value of K 333.1 million in May from K 1, 166,600,000 recorded in April which represented a



President Lungu with recipients of empowerment fund

71.4 per cent decrease. He said this was because the country imported more than it exported in nominal terms. And Kalumbi said the country's economy in the first quarter of this year grew by three per cent. He said among the sectors which contributed to the growth was electricity generation which grew highest by 25 per cent. Others were agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

## BAZ targets 80% financial inclusion by 2020



President Lungu with heads of Commercial Banks in Zambia after a meeting at State House- Picture by Joseph Mwenda

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Bankers Association of Zambia Chairperson Charles Mudiwa says his organization is looking to achieve 80 per cent financial inclusion by the year 2020, from the current 59 per cent.

And 18 heads of commercial banks have pledged K100,000 towards supporting Lusaka City Market informal victims. Speaking during a meeting which was held at State House between President Edgar Lungu and 18 Managing Directors from different Commercial Banks yesterday, Mudiwa said the association remained committed to continue supporting the growth of key economic sectors in the country.

"We will continue to nature our collaboration with the government. The Bankers Association of Zambia is further looking at creating a cashless society through the promotion of digital payment platforms such as e-tax, e-commerce, e-NAPSA, and FISP e-Voucher. As part of the discussion, BAZ is committed to continue supporting the growth of key economic sectors through extension of credit to both the private and public sectors as outlined in the 7th National Development Plan," Mudiwa said. He said through increased savings, commercial banks would have adequate deposits to extend to the developmental sectors of the economy.

"As Bankers Association of Zambia, we will continue to focus on financial inclusion through increased advocacy and financial education initiatives. Currently financial inclusion sits at 59% and we are looking to achieve 80% by 2020. With increased savings, commercial banks will have adequate deposits to extend to the developmental sectors of the economy," said Mudiwa. "The Bankers Association of Zambia is optimistic that interest rates will continue to come down in line with the Monetary Policy Rate reductions. BAZ remains committed to supporting the government of Zambia and also thanked the President for meeting with the Association."

## Egypt seeks increased trade with Zambia

By Joseph Mwenda

Egypt Foreign Affairs Minister Sameh Shoukry has expressed his country's desire to increase trade and investments with Zambia, according to Inutu Mupango, Zambia's First Secretary for Press and Public Relations at the Embassy in Ethiopia.

Speaking during a bilateral meeting with his Zambian counterpart Harry Kalaba in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, shoukry said his country was looking for more investment opportunities in Zambia.

He hailed the excellent relations existing between the two countries and renewed Cairo's invitation for President Edgar Lungu to undertake a state visit to that country.

shoukry also requested Kalaba to join him in Cairo to prepare for the imminent state visit of His Excellency the President.

And Kalaba said Zambia appreciates the bilateral relations and the mutually benefiting trade agreements which existed between the two countries.

"The Zambian government is eager to welcome more investment from countries like yours which we already enjoy cordial relations with," Kalaba said.

"Zambia is the best investment destination because of its peaceful and stable nature. So I am happy that Egypt is looking for ways to increase trade volumes between our two countries."

He added that Zambia and Egypt, being members of the African Union Peace and Security Council, must work together in spreading messages of peace and unity on the continent.

# Government not Ready for IMF Programme

The IMF has assured us that despite President Edgar Lungu's declared Threatened State of Emergency, the Fund is still committed to reaching an agreement with the Zambian government for the loan deal. But to us, something doesn't just tie up on this IMF 'standoff' which is, quite frankly, becoming a nuisance. We have taken time to inquire from local and international financial experts, economists and political scientists about what they make of the IMF hullabaloo.

From our findings, there is every indication that the much talked about US \$1.6 billion funding by the International Monetary Fund may not even succeed. The Government, through the Minister of National Development and Planning Lucky Mulusa, has boasted that Zambia is not desperate for any aid package from the IMF. President Edgar Lungu recently told a media conference that if the IMF had problems with the declared Threatened State of Emergency, 'they can go'.

First, to say 'they can go' implies the IMF is already on course with the programme. Far from it. The IMF is not even here because the ball of facilitating for a successful implementation of the programme is in the court of government. We have learnt that during the most recent visit by the Fund, a lot of time was spent reconciling local and international debt. The multilateral Bretton Wood lender is extremely meticulous about lending money to unstable economies. The recent experiences in Mozambique where it had to exhume undeclared debt guarantees by that government has taught the IMF a huge lesson about the need to tighten all loose nuts prior to lending.

The primary process in implementing a programme

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by the Fund is ensuring the Debt Sustainability Assessment is thorough. All existing debts whether due for repayment at that moment or in future must be reconciled and declared. Once this has been ascertained, the IMF will decide whether or not a country qualifies for any debt. The figure of US \$1.6 billion has been floated for over a year now even before government made a request. This number has never been on the lips of IMF Mission Chief Tsidi Tsikata, a Ghanaian national whose retirement from employment is said to be delayed by the Zambia programme. US \$1.6 billion could be the imagination of the Zambian authorities. That could be the amount Zambia is desperately in need of to square off the deficit in its balance of payments position.

Going by most recent experience in Sub Sahara Africa, the IMF programme may be in the range of US \$600 million. The actual position would be determined by the Debt Sustainability Assessment. We have learnt that, as at now Zambia's debt figures are not reconciling. The domestic debt figures are not speaking to each other— what the auditors have and those existing on the books of various ministries are not the same. International debt equally

requires reconciling. It is believed that the figures the government officials computed are those for debts due for repayment. The rest remains guess work. The Chinese debts have continued coming even when a programme is running. This is like trying to assess the actual ailment of a patient to determine the dosage but the patient keeps acquiring new ailments before the assessment is completed. This could be hard for Tsikata and IMF team. Would this be the structural benchmark the IMF has pronounced as 'action steps for a programme to take effect'? Is the Zambian Government ready to undergo this rigorous examination at this stage?

Government believes it is no longer a patient and the examination is unnecessary. The flu that was widespread, devastating its economic potential, no longer exists. Mulusa's bragging that Zambia is not desperate for IMF help is strange and suspicious. It seems the government has been flattered with the monetary policy engineering by the Bank of Zambia that has succeeded to keep the temperature low (of course without treating the disease). We understand that the government had to borrow specifically to cover salaries

for last month. But assuming that was not the case, assuming Zambia was on the right track; the exchange rate favouring the Kwacha, economic growth revised upwards, copper prices rebounding, load-shedding over and President Lungu is launching Chinese funded projects day in day out; how can President Lungu, Mulusa and those who are boasting forget that those uncompleted projects are accumulating astronomical interest rates in favour of the contractors who are currently smiling and sipping coffee in their offices?

In short, Zambia is no longer as desperate for the IMF programme as it was last year because it is not ready for the conditionalities and the debt sustainability analysis is not reconciling. Only Finance Minister Felix Mutati knows that the fiscal position of Zambia is still in dire straits.

The sinking fund for the sovereign bond which matures in the next few years is reported to be empty. The Chinese funding for projects does not come in cash terms, to support the cross-border transactions in form of balance of payments. Zambia's position on import cover is dangerously low, and we understand that gold reserves have been depleted.

The warm-cloth massaging by the Bank of Zambia to keep the monetary temperature low has only managed to devastate cash positions of commercial banks. Right now, many banks have no cash, only sustained by overnight lending which is further weakening their balance sheets. Some banks are no longer lending money but spending time asking their clients to deposit cash. Others have gone the extent of intermittently switching off their electronic system to reduce the amount of money withdrawn from the automatic machines. It is a common occurrence to encounter messages of 'sorry, the system is down' displayed on ATMs. There is certainly a problem in the country, many companies are facing liquidations. Does Zambia truly not need IMF funding to put the macroeconomic benchmarks in order?

The Chinese formula of project financing is only good for China which is now able to lend long term for projects managed by Chinese companies, using Chinese labour and utilising Chinese manufactured inputs. The fact that the Chinese are smiling now should not be reason to think Zambia's economic problems are over. The IMF loan is needed for

more reasons than balance of payments support. The Fund will have a firm grip on financial discipline. It will also facilitate funding from other donors.

What the government might be ignoring is that donor support to Zambia is on hold awaiting the successful conclusion of the IMF programme. Donors want to lend money to countries that have structural capacity to manage funds. The voice of donors is currently muted in areas of governance because their exposure to Zambia is currently low. They have rarely said anything on the legally challengeable incarceration of Hakainde Hichilema, the leader of the United Party for National Development, because they cannot tie their voice to funding. Only the European Union did speak because of its anticipated multimillion dollar renewable energy support to Zambia.

The donors may have a voice on Zambia's governance record once the programme request goes to the Executive Board of the IMF. The IMF does not speak on governance. They lend as long as there is a government in place. IMF is in business of making money. However, the Board can have some economic reason to reject it without necessarily referring to governance. The Executive Board members represent their respective countries and there can never be any better opportunity to re-engage Zambia on faltering democratic benchmarks than at the time of approving the programme. The Board can stop the program if they see need to do so. This possibility may explain why the Zambian government may pre-empt the decision by asking the IMF to 'get out' even before it comes in. By the way, once the IMF comes in, it will be impossible to ask it to get out without dire consequences!



**David Julian Wightman** is a Zambian-Canadian journalist and human rights activist.

Speaking upon his return to Zambia from the AU conference in Addis, President Edgar Lungu asked the nation to bare with him as his government investigates the fire that gutted Lusaka City Market recently.

"If it means taking measures which are unprecedented we will do just that, some people will have to lose their rights. People who have lost their property have lost their livelihoods. So if I become a dictator for once bare with me," said the President. The million dollar question on the minds of Zambians must be: How much will we have to bare with the declared Threatened State of Emergency, or the use of other such unilateral powers held by the President?

In public discourse, it's often forgotten that majority of the citizens are under the age of 34. So in the interests of enlightening that great majority of Zambians, I consulted the invaluable and must-read memoir\* of Valentine Musakanya, the visionary

## How much will we bare under the Threatened State of Emergency

technocrat and statesman.

As an officer in the colonial administration, Musakanya was involved with States of Emergencies, and ironically, he was later detained under those very same powers during the totalitarian rule of first President, Kenneth Kaunda.

Musakanya described himself as "probably the most qualified and experienced in Zambia in the application and administration of PPSR [Preservation of Public Security Regulations] and of the importance of the Article in the Constitution enabling the Executive to declare a State of Emergency. As an administrative civil servant in the Colonial Government it was my duty to help implement the regulations the few times that they were in force. Consequently I was privy to the limitations and effects."

The State of Emergency enacted during the suppression of Alice Lenshina and the Lumpa Church in 1963-64 was still in place when, as a Member of Parliament, Musakanya refused to vote for the open-ended extension of those emergency powers that was approved in 1969.

"Detention laws are only found in primitive political systems, that is where the minority [...] or an unpopular government

is suppressing the majority in order to remain in power," Musakanya said during his own politically-motivated detention. "The British used [detention laws] to suppress the uprisings of native peoples, but [...] the Government invested the declaration of emergency in the Sovereign and ensured that a 'good' reason existed for any declaration, and that it was limited in duration."

This last point the limited duration of States of Emergency was of critical importance during the period of colonial rule, according to Musakanya: "Where a Governor declared a State of Emergency and did not lift it quickly or had it declared precipitately, he was usually sacked or dismissed; such was the fate of Sir Arthur Benson in Northern Rhodesia, and the Governors of Nyasaland, Kenya, Cyrus [...] A Declaration of Emergency was considered so serious that those who sought to apply it knew that penalties could be applied to them.

"The situation had to be serious enough to justify an emergency," Musakanya explained. "Isolated riots would not be enough. Even a threat to the Government as such would not demand a State of Emergency [...] only a genuine threat to the public

[Detention law] therefore is not intended for the Government to continue to preserve itself in power but to protect the public, as the [name of the Preservation of Public Security Regulations] implies.

"The point is that the areas where the PPSR are applied are such that every reasonable and informed citizen will have concluded that the security of the state and persons is and will continue to be at risk unless special powers are applied," Musakanya continued.

"The provision under PPSR that a person detained be given reason thereof within fourteen days is an assumption of how serious the 'situation' is. I said I was involved in some colonial emergencies. The practice was that as soon as people were rounded [up] and 'compounded' the screening process had to take place — even working through the night — releasing some, preparing charges for those to be charged and grounds for those to be detained.

"A large operation of between 300-500 would be over in a week. Now, where one or even ten persons have been deliberately picked from their homes, surely the authorities should have grounds or reasons fully assessed even before they start

off. If they wait for fourteen days, they are surely not explaining but manufacturing grounds, or incubating witnesses."

Ironically, Musakanya wrote these words and spoke them in court in 1981, during his own trial on treason charges stemming from the failed coup in 1980.

"I am detained under a PPSR arising out of a Declaration of 1964 of a situation regarding Lenshina in Chinsali and Lundazi [...] It is that situation which has been extended to date. How am I related to that situation? Surely I am not. If the AG [Attorney General] insists that PPSR must apply, the Courts must ask him to prove it because if the 'notorious situation' is absent the grounds are vague in their entirety."

Speaking at court from the prisoner's box, Musakanya continued: "For your Lordships further information, the spirit behind making use of emergency powers [...] is that of Parliamentary democracy, which wishes to ensure liberty even at the risk of anarchy. Such a condition is still preferable to fascism or dictatorship which takes over when such powers become routine as it has turned out in Zambia."

Now, as the nation awaits the

outcome of President Lungu's invocation of Article 31, it's worth remembering the history of States of Emergencies in our past.

Among all the reasons for caution and restraint the fact that a State of Emergency will destroy our economy, cripple tourism for years to come, make an international mockery of our country, and force yet more Zambians into inhumane prisons that are already full to bursting with record numbers of inmates Musakanya's defense of democracy is worth recalling after 36 years:

"We believe in the democracy of the people and not the minority called One Party; in utmost freedom of the individual even at the risk of anarchy. Only a nation of free individuals can advance. Any form of democracy is preferable to fascism or electoral dictatorship: the conditions now current in Zambia.

"Accordingly, a multiparty system and opposition are not only necessary but are inalienable rights of man to enable him to express his views and contribute to his own advancement."

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**By Diggers Reporter**  
Zanaco's 2017 CAF Champions League quarterfinal dreams went up in smoke in Casablanca on Saturday after Wydad Casablanca beat them 1-0. The Zambian champions loss in Morocco also halted their unbeaten run in the competition that saw them finish 3rd in

# Zanaco's Champions League dream ends

Group D with 11 points behind Al Ahly of Egypt who overtook them to collect 2nd place.

Striker Achraf Bencharki's 68th minute goal downed 10-man Zanaco who had defender Taonga Bwembya sent off in the 58th minute. Al Ahly were 3-1 winners at home on Saturday over winless and bottom placed Cotonsport of Cameroon. Zanaco were unbeaten in this year competition since entering in the

first round in February before Wydad ended that run and interest in the race with Saturdays home win. Mumamba Numba's side drew three and won one match in the preliminary knockout round before collecting three wins and two draws in Group D before the 1992 champions from Morocco ended that impressive run.

**Two time Wimbledon Champion Rafael Nadal waves to the crowd before leaving the court after his fourth-round elimination by Gilles Muller at Wimbledon 2017**



## Zesco reach Confed Cup quarterfinals via walkover

**By Diggers Reporter**

Zesco United have qualified to the 2017 CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals following a walkover win against Al Hilal Obeid of Sudan. Obeid's elimination came after FIFA suspended the Sudan FA from all football activities on July 6.

CAF confirmed Zesco's passage on July 8 handing the 2016 CAF Champions League semifinalists a 3-0 win that saw them finish on an unassailable 10 points in Group C.

CAF's statement read: "Kindly note the following provisions of the Confederation Cup regulations namely chapter XI: Withdrawal and renunciation from playing, para 14&18, stipulating the following:

"If a team withdraws after participating in all the matches in the first half of the group matches, the remaining matches to be played in the said group are lost by penalty three goals to nil.

"The above articles are applied to teams disqualified by decision of CAF

"Hence the only remaining match to be played for Al Hilal El Obeid, namely match no.149: Zesco vs Al Hilal El Obeid is considered lost 3-0 in favour of Zesco United FC."

Meanwhile, the final second placed slot will be decided on July 9 when CRD Libolo of Angola host Smouha of Egypt in Calulo.

Libolo are 2nd on 6 points while Smouha are 3rd and last on 5 points following the revised status in Group C after Obeid's elimination.

## Lukaku seals five-year Manchester United move

The Red Devils have snapped up the Belgian striker despite a lengthy bid by Chelsea to bring the striker back to Stamford Bridge

Manchester United have completed the signing of Everton striker Romelu Lukaku for a fee of £75 million.

On Saturday morning United confirmed they'd agreed a fee for the 24-year-old, who had been subject a late bid from Chelsea to steal him away from their title rivals.

They've now agreed personal terms and the Belgium international has completed a medical in Los Angeles, meaning he'll link up with the team on their pre-season US tour.

The 20-time English champions moved swiftly to close the deal ahead of fellow admirers Chelsea following their decision earlier this week to withdraw from talks with Real Madrid regarding their striker Alvaro Morata. The £75m fee makes Lukaku

the second-most expensive player in British football history behind only United's world-record £89.5m signing of Paul Pogba last summer.

Lukaku has signed a five-year contract with the Old Trafford outfit and will join the rest of the first-team squad when they fly out to Los Angeles on Sunday.

Lukaku has been holidaying with close friend and new team-mate Pogba in California, where United are set to arrive for the start of their summer tour.

Jose Mourinho is delighted to have signed the forward, telling the club's website "Romelu is a natural fit for Manchester United.

"He is a big personality and a big player. It is only natural that he wants to develop his career at the biggest club. He will be a great addition to the group and I know they will make him very welcome. I am really looking forward to working with him again." First of all i want to thank

God for this opportunity. Delighted and blessed to be part of the greatest club in the world @ManUtd

This will be Lukaku's second stint under Mourinho following their previous spell together at Chelsea. However, the Portuguese loaned the striker to Everton soon after returning to Stamford Bridge in 2013 before selling him to the Toffees on a £28m deal the following summer.

The Belgian thanked Everton for his time at the club, but is eager to work with Mourinho again and wear the red jersey of Manchester United.

"I would like to start by thanking Everton and the fans for the last four wonderful seasons, I have made some special friends and we have shared some amazing moments," Lukaku said.

"However, when Manchester United and Jose Mourinho come knocking at the door it is an opportunity of a lifetime and one that I could not turn down. You could see the

fight, determination and the spirit in this team during the Europa League final and I want to become a part of that. "I cannot wait to run out at Old Trafford in front of 75,000 fans but before that pre-season is where the hard work starts and I am looking forward to that first training session."

Lukaku, who scored 87 goals in 166 games for Everton, is United's second major signing of the summer following the earlier arrival of Swedish defender Victor Lindelof from Benfica. - Goal.com

## KPF firmly atop the 2017 Zambia Rugby League

**By Diggers Reporter**

Kitwe Playing Fields (KPF) stayed firmly at the top of the 2017 Zambia Rugby Union log after a 20-10 away win over number 9 team Mufulira B.

Tries each by Carlos Kanyama, George Mwamba and Joe Bwalya Jr lifted KPF top on 42 points, nine ahead of defending champions Arrows from 10 and 8 games played respectively.

Charles Tembo added a conversion while

Fine Chikumbe successfully kicked a penalty goal.

Arrows on the other hand could only draw 5-5 at home against 8th placed Nkwazi.

The biggest winners on the day were 3rd placed Diggers who crushed winless and last placed Nchanga 91-3 at home in Kitwe.

Diggers are tied on 33 points with Arrows and are two points ahead 4th placed Eagles who defeated 12th positioned Konkola 81-0 in Kabwe.



# COACH DEFENDS ZAMBIA'S COSAFA DEFEAT

*By Diggers Reporter*  
Zambia coach Wedson Nyirenda insists Sunday's 3-1 loss to Zimbabwe in the 2017 Cosafa Cup final was not a setback. Zimbabwe made easy work of Zambia in the

second half after a nervy first 45 minutes that saw the two sides go 1-1 into the break at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace in Rustenburg. Zambia then failed to contain Zimbabwe led by Knox Mutizwa in the second half who had a hand in two of Zimbabwe's three goals. "Our mission here was a successful team. We came to South Africa with a team of young players that did not include the Zanaco and Zesco players," Nyirenda said. "The way they have done here is a big plus for now nation as we continue our rebuilding that we started from last year." Zimbabwe took the lead in the 22nd minute when Mutizwa punished goalkeeper Allan Chibwe for his poor judgement on a high ball. But Zambia equalized in the 39th minute through Lubinda Mundia just a minute after replacing the injured Mike Katiba. It was uphill after the break for Zambia when Talent Chawapiwa fired in the rebound in the 55th minute after Mutizwa hit the post before Ocean Mushure put the result beyond doubt in the 67th minute



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