

It wasn't me in the recording with Amos Chanda, claims Police Chief

By Mukosha Funga

Keith: The audio that we have played and the daily nation newspaper where your spokesperson is talking is the same incident not so?

IG: correct

Keith: and you are the one in that recording not so?

IG: I am not the one that's why there's that investigation

Keith: do you know the other person?

IG: no, I am not privy to that recording

Keith: you speak to Mr Amos Chanda often not so?

IG: no, I don't report to him

Keith: you are volunteering answers. But at least you do talk to him?

IG: yes, if we meet like the way I'm talking to you.

Keith: are you familiar with his voice?

IG: no, I am not

Keith: are you familiar with your voice?

IG: I can't your honor. Like now I have a cough so...

Keith: are you aware your spokesperson addressed the nation on the recording between you and Mr Amos Chanda?

IG: I'm not aware

Keith: so it is safe to say she



KEITH GRILLS IG

does things behind your back?

IG: She usually tells me and I give her authority to do that

Keith: so things are done behind your back?

IG: no things cannot be done behind my back in the service

Keith: so if things were done behind your back, it would be an inefficiency on your part not so?

IG: not in this context

Keith: I put it to you that everything that happens in

the service must have your authorization. Do you agree?

IG: I agree

Keith: the police service is authorized to carry out orders from political forces not so?

IG: correct

Keith: that conversation, the voice of that IG is saying that was the plan to keep him in custody over the long weekend. You heard that component?

IG: yes

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Charles Mafa

A joint team of government investigators has arrested three Chinese nationals and two Zambians for being found in possession of 25 pieces of rhino horns weighing approximately 32kgs.

Kalembe said in a statement that the three were arrested by a joint team of government investigators from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) and the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA).

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TIZ demands DPP appeal against the acquittal of Dora, Mwale

By Mirriam Chabala

Transparency International Zambia has challenged the DPP to also appeal against Dora Siliya and Maxwell Mwale's acquittals to avoid a perception that Sylvia Masebo's case is a result of political persecution.

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Lungu is a coward, says Malema

South Africa's Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema



...but PF calls Juju "imperialist rabid dog"_{P2}

President is insecure - Kambwili

Mukosha Funga

Chishimba Kambwili says President Edgar Lungu is a very insecure Head of State and that is why he has filled his Cabinet with people whom he controls like little children. And Kambwili says "crooked Kaizer Zulu should have been fired a long time ago, why he is kept at State House, only heaven knows". Meanwhile, Kambwili has insisted that Southerners would rather vote for UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema even if he stood against Jesus Christ.

Kambwili, who is a former Minister of Information and expelled Roan PF member of parliament, was speaking when he featured on Zambia Blog Talk Radio yesterday.

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PF reacts to Malema: He's an Imperialist rabid dog

By Mukosha Funga

The Patriotic Front says there is no doubt that Julius Malema and Mmusi Maimane have one paymaster and they are nothing but puppets of those who seek to control Zambia's mineral rights through their stooges. Yesterday, Malema, who is leader of South Africa's Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), called President Edgar Lungu a coward. "There is something terribly going wrong in Zambia. The opposition is suppressed in Zambia. The President of the opposition is arrested, President Lungu declared an illegal State of Emergency because he is threatened. We are saying to him, do not suppress opposition parties. Lungu you are a coward, allow the opposition to oppose you. If you are a true leader, you will defeat them properly," said Malema. But in a statement titled 'Malema:

the imperialist's rabid lap dog running errands for his masters' today, PF media director Sunday Chanda said the party had noted the irritating and insulting remarks against President Lungu. "We have noted the irritating and insulting remarks against His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu who is also Leader of the Patriotic Front by the 'shrunken' Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema who attempts to project himself as the Spokesperson of the Opposition in the Region. For the record, President Lungu sought recourse to the Preservation of Public Security Act, Cap 112 of the Laws of Zambia under Article 31 of the Constitution of Zambia to address instances of fires caused by arson, and to prevent further cases of economic sabotage, which threaten public security and people's safety. Malema should be schooled that

the Preservation of Public Security Act leaves the Constitution intact. All measured actions being taken continue to be subject to the Constitutional principles and strict judicial oversight," Chanda stated. "Article 31 invoked by President Lungu and ratified by Parliament did not create a State of Emergency but deals with a Threat to Public Security or Threatened Emergency. There is no State of Emergency in Zambia. Article 31 was invoked long after Hakainde Hichilema's incarceration. Hichilema was not arrested after the invocation of Article 31. He is a criminal suspect appearing before a competent Court of jurisdiction. Malema is such a hypocrite who seeks to vilify Hendrick Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid but still go to bed with beneficiaries of Verwoerd's apartheid, the Democratic Alliance. There is no doubt that Malema's EFF and Mmusi Maimane have one

paymaster and the two are nothing but puppets of those who seek to control Zambia's mineral rights through their stooges." He stated that Malema was a coward who could not come to Zambia to repeat those words. "Malema is a coward otherwise he could have jumped on the first plane, fly into Zambia and utter those remarks on the Zambian soil and later observe reactions from Zambians immediately thereafter. Today, Malema cannot travel to a number of countries in the Region, including Botswana because he is a political sell-out who has no right to poke his nose into Zambia's business!" Chanda exclaimed. "Malema is running around because his paymasters told him so, including falsities by UPND National Chairperson Mrs Mutale Nalumango and Douglas Siyakalima during their visit to him earlier this month. Malema and

his EFF must be told that UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema was not arrested by President Edgar Lungu. Hichilema is a criminal suspect appearing before Zambia's competent Courts of jurisdiction which Malema and his minority party must respect. It's a miscalculation by Malema and his EFF to politicise a criminal matter. Zambians are not docile and certainly they do not need Malema's flip flopping." Chanda said Malema had no business in meddling in Zambia's affairs. "Lastly, in understanding Malema, we draw reference to the description of Malema by Zimbabwe's information minister, Chris Mushohwe who described the EFF leader as a 'puny', a 'Gucci revolutionary...a

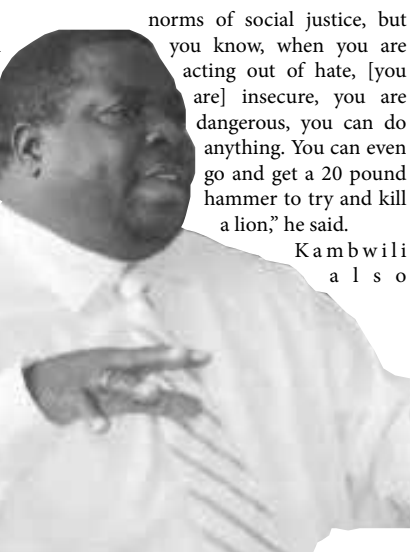
shrunken, talkative joke, a charlatan who fancies himself big and cute enough to pass comment and judgment on developments elsewhere on the continent. What an embarrassment... We pity and dismiss him as an ignorant youth... We say Cde Mushohwe was correct in his analysis of Malema! While we understand that Malema has sold out to forces of capital and paraded himself as an imperialist's rabid lap dog busy running errands for his masters, he has no business to delela Zambia by meddling in issues he's ignorant about. Let him keep his delela in South Africa," stated Chanda.



The president is insecure - Kambwili

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"We have been infiltrated. When you count how many ministers today in President Lungu's government, you find that 20 per cent of President Lungu's Cabinet comes from MMD and 10 per cent from nowhere then you find that the PF accounts for only less than 20 per cent or 10 per cent...we have so many educated men and women, original PF, who can get those jobs but I will tell you something for nothing, that is typical of a leader who is insecure," Kambwili said. "When a leader is insecure, he wants to create his own team, more especially in African politics, he wants to create his own team that can just be saying 'yes sir, yes Mr President' but once a leader goes that direction, just know that that government is a failed government because nobody has the monopoly of wisdom. Now, in this Cabinet that we have, nobody can stand up to President Edgar Lungu, nobody can stand up, he is controlling them like small kids." Kambwili said a lot of people in the ruling party were not happy about his expulsion but they could not speak up. "Because you could see even in the Central Committee when I was being expelled, people were not happy but they couldn't speak. The Vice-President [Inonge Wina] was very quiet, honorable [Ngosa Simbyakula] was quiet! And many other people, only about eight people were speaking. So you can see, you can read from their body language that they are not happy but they can't speak. And some of them have openly told me afterwards that 'honorable what has happened is unfortunate, we are not happy but you know, if we supported you, they could have said let them go with Kambwili,'" Kambwili said. Kambwili said an insecure leader was very dangerous. "I expected him as a lawyer to abide by the provisions or the



norms of social justice, but you know, when you are acting out of hate, [you are] insecure, you are dangerous, you can do anything. You can even go and get a 20 pound hammer to try and kill a lion," he said.

Kambwili also said

And Kambwili said Kaizer should have been fired a long time ago. "I have been trying to meet the President since I was fired in November. And I have met the Vice-President five times and requested her to go and ask the President to give me an opportunity to meet him with her so that we can discuss intra party issues, there was no response. I called the secretary over 10 times, she would always assure me, 'the President will get back to you with an appointment date,' I called Kaizer Zulu, the crooked political advisor to the President, crooked in the sense that others would ask why I am calling him crooked, here's an advisor to the President who can go into a hotel and threaten people with a gun, this is an advisor who in the stadium at an international match, he goes and strangles a police woman, here's an advisor to the President who can call other members of the Central Committee that 'I will kill you stepping on your neck,' so that's why I am referring to him as crooked Kaizer Zulu because that man should have been fired a long time ago, why he is kept at State House, only heaven knows," he said. Meanwhile, Kambwili insisted that Southerners would rather vote for HH if he stood against Jesus Christ. "I call a spade a spade and not a spade a pick for the sake of impressions. You and I know that since UPND was formed in 1987, the people of Southern Province, our brothers, our fellow Zambians have been voting in a manner that is leading to regional politics... it is a fact that in Southern

Province, 90 per cent of the votes have always gone to the UPND and basically because the UPND, since its inception has been in the hands of Tonga presidents. And when Mazoka died, there was a statement that was made by some people that that party can only be led by fellow Tongas," Kambwili said. "And in stating a fact, people have misunderstood my statement. And I gave an example of how bad the situation was that even if Jesus were to come, some region would vote for their president and not Jesus Christ. Which is a fact! And I still stand by my word even today. My stance is that we should not degenerate into tribal politics but vote for people based on their ability to perform." But when a caller told him that his statement was divisive and wrong coming from a leader, Kambwili apologised for the example he gave but insisted that there was need to put an end to tribal politics. "Obviously you know that Jesus cannot come and stand for elections, but it is giving the gravity of the situation...I have heard so many expressions, people condemning this statement, let me unreservedly apologise for that statement, I apologise to the people of Southern Province for that statement but I think by and large, what we need is to run away from regional or tribal voting because some tribes in Zambia are less than 5,000 people. In those tribes there are intelligent people who can be President but if we are going to vote on tribal lines, it will mean that someone from a small tribe will not be President and that will be very unfortunate for Zammbia," said Kambwili.

questioned HH's treason charge. "So that is how insecure the President is. When a political opponent obstructs your motorcade, which is a traffic offense, you charge them with treason, that simply shows that you are insecure, what are you scared of? What are you scared of? You just hear 'Kambwili is campaigning for 2021', 'let's expel him', that's not the way you run a country because a country is bigger than all of us so in a nutshell, we are in this situation because we have a leader who is insecure," he said. Kambwili also said President Lungu was very short sighted. "Some people are so short sighted that they only want to see within a radius of 0.5 meters. If they see beyond 0.5 meters, the idea of expelling others from this political party for self preservation, the consequences are too grave to contemplate. PF won by over 100,000 votes, if Chishimba Kambwili left PF today with a few members and another person, Musenge, left PF went and formed a political party with a few members, we are reducing the 100,000 margin. In the meantime, the main opposition are consolidating their membership in their strongholds. I am telling you, this is what I usually refer to 'ukushala muli mwamweni'," he said. "But because I am a reasonable person, I am seeing beyond 2021, I want PF to be united and I am fighting this battle not for myself but for the general membership who have worked for PF but most of the members have not worked for PF, they have just joined so they don't care whether this party goes into extinction."

office that appealed the Constitutional Court judgment that Ministers who remained in office after dissolution of parliament did so illegally and should refund government the emoluments they enjoyed during that period. It is because of this appeal that the subject ministers have not yet paid back this tax payers money to the owners, the Zambian people," stated Chibamba. "In our opinion, the Constitutional Court acted in public interest through that judgment, while the office of the DPP acted in the interest of a few affected ministers and the executive. We would like to urge the DPP, as a public office, to genuinely act in public interest and not political interest. We urge the DPP as part of the justice system, not to apply double standards and always be above board in the execution of their functions."

DPP must also appeal against Siliya's acquittal - TIZ

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TIZ acting executive director Wesley Chibamba said if the Director of Public Prosecutions was acting in public interest, she must apply the law fairly. "Transparency International Zambia takes keen interest in cases to do with corruption and abuse of office by high ranking officials. Our stance has always been that high ranking public officials who face corruption and abuse of office charges should be made an example out of, by giving them the maximum sentences possible when convicted. This should serve as a deterrent mechanism to other public officials entrusted with power and decision making authority," Chibamba stated. "We have noticed with interest that the DPP has appealed against the acquittal of former tourism

minister Silvia Masebo. While we welcome this move, we challenge the DPP to also appeal against the recent acquittals of Agriculture minister Dora Siliya and Maxwell Mwale. The two were facing similar charges to that of Silvia Masebo, they were acquitted a few weeks ago. We expect the DPP to also appeal these acquittals, otherwise the DPP risks the Masebo appeal to be misconstrued as political persecution, trying to fix political opponents rather genuine pursuit of justice for the Zambian people. If the DPP is acting in public interest, let this be applied to similar cases." Chibamba observed that the office of the DPP had made some questionable decisions in the recent past. "The office of the DPP has often contradicted itself through their actions or lack thereof when it comes to public interest. This is the same

Province, 90 per cent of the votes have always gone to the UPND and basically because the UPND, since its inception has been in the hands of Tonga presidents. And when Mazoka died, there was a statement that was made by some people that that party can only be led by fellow Tongas," Kambwili said. "And in stating a fact, people have misunderstood my statement. And I gave an example of how bad the situation was that even if Jesus were to come, some region would vote for their president and not Jesus Christ. Which is a fact! And I still stand by my word even today. My stance is that we should not degenerate into tribal politics but vote for people based on their ability to perform." But when a caller told him that his statement was divisive and wrong coming from a leader, Kambwili apologised for the example he gave but insisted that there was need to put an end to tribal politics. "Obviously you know that Jesus cannot come and stand for elections, but it is giving the gravity of the situation...I have heard so many expressions, people condemning this statement, let me unreservedly apologise for that statement, I apologise to the people of Southern Province for that statement but I think by and large, what we need is to run away from regional or tribal voting because some tribes in Zambia are less than 5,000 people. In those tribes there are intelligent people who can be President but if we are going to vote on tribal lines, it will mean that someone from a small tribe will not be President and that will be very unfortunate for Zammbia," said Kambwili.

Govt confirms arrest of Chinese ivory smugglers

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He however did not reveal the names of the suspects but said they were nabbed at Chanida - a border post that links Zambia to Mozambique and that they will appear in court soon. In a related development, the woman who was nabbed at OR Tambo International Airport is said to have travelled from Lusaka's Kenneth Kaunda International Airport to Hong Kong via Johannesburg where she was arrested and since appeared in court in South Africa. "The Department of National Parks together with other security wings have contacted the South African Authorities to provide details of the suspect in order to carry out further investigations to establish how the luggage containing the rhino horn eluded security checks at the airport and establish source of the rhino horns," said Kalembe. "And the Ministry wishes to assure the public that no rhinos have been poached in Zambia's national parks nor had rhino horns stolen from government stockpiles as being reported by some sections of the social media story that featured on some online news outlets regarding the arrest of a Chinese woman at the OR Tambo Airport in South Africa for being in possession of 11 Rhino Horns which were found in her luggage." Ministry of Tourism and Arts Public Relations Officer Sakabilo Kalembe has confirmed the arrest of three Chinese nationals and two Zambians who were found in illegal possession of 25 pieces of rhino horns weighing 32.2 Kilogrammes as reported by News

Diggers! on Friday. Kalembe said in a statement that the three were arrested by a joint team of government investigators from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) and the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA). He however did not reveal the names of the suspects but said they were nabbed at Chanida - a border post that links Zambia to Mozambique and that they will appear in court soon. In a related development, the woman who was nabbed at OR Tambo International Airport is said to have travelled from Lusaka's Kenneth Kaunda International Airport to Hong Kong via Johannesburg where she was arrested and since appeared in court in South Africa. "The Department of National Parks together with other security wings have contacted the South African Authorities to provide details of the suspect in order to carry out further investigations to establish how the luggage containing the rhino horn eluded security checks at the airport and establish source of the rhino horns," said Kalembe. "And the Ministry wishes to assure the public that no rhinos have been poached in Zambia's national parks nor had rhino horns stolen from government stockpiles as being reported by some sections of the social media story that featured on some online news outlets regarding the arrest of a Chinese woman at the OR Tambo Airport in South Africa for being in possession of 11 Rhino Horns which were found in her luggage."

By Mukosha Funga

Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja says he is not the "IG" that Amos Chanda was talking to in a telephone recording that went viral three months ago in which the duo agree to deny UPND vice-president Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba police bond among other things.

In this matter, Kanganja sued Chilufya Tayali for libel over a Facebook posting.

When the matter came up for cross examination before Lusaka magistrate Felix Kaoma yesterday, one of the recordings played before the court was the conversation between the IG and Amos.

But Kanganja said it was not him who had such a conversation with Amos adding that investigations were underway to ascertain the origin of the said recording.

"I am not the one in that recording that is why there is that investigation. I don't know the voice of the other person and I am not familiar with that voice because I am not privy to that recording... I don't talk to Amos Chanda often, I don't report to him...but I speak to him when we meet," Kanganja said.

When asked why police spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo did not refute the audio recording as fake when she held a press briefing to announce investigations into the matter, Kanganja said he was not aware of any such press briefing.

"I am not aware of that...She usually tells me and I give her authority to do that... but things cannot be done behind my back in the service," he said.

Kanganja however warned that all those who were circulating the audio in question would be arrested.

He also admitted in cross examination led by Keith Mweemba that UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema was authorized to be on the Limulunga road in Mongu before the infamous motorcade incident.

Asked if he bothered to ask any of his officers why President Edgar Lungu's window was rolled down, the police chief said he never bothered to find out.

Below is the verbatim of court proceedings on July 31, 2017:

Mulambo Haimbe: Your honor, the counsel for the accused is already on record and we are ready to proceed as zealous as we were. Keith will begin.

Keith: I am showing PW1 [IG] ID1 [printed screen shot of Tayali's posting] Kindly read that to the court loudly.

IG: "Kanganja is just covering his inefficiency to charge HH with treason otherwise he should be an accomplice. Where was his police to clear the way before? That should have never happened but maybe Kanganja planned it that way to kill the President or frame HH."

Keith: Good, I am showing the witness the indictment, read the words in inverted commas

IG: "Kanganja is just covering his inefficiency to charge Hakainde Hichilema with treason otherwise he should be an accomplice. Where was his police to clear the way before? That should have never happened but maybe Kanganja planned it that way to kill the President or frame Hakainde Hichilema."

Keith: you agree with me that the indictment and ID 1 are not the same don't you?

IG: Your honour, they are the same your honour.

Keith: word for word?

IG: word for word your honour

Keith: uuuhhh witness, read that again are they the same?

IG: I insist the wording is the same

Keith: The word Hakainde Hichilema does not appear on ID1 does it?

IG: on ID1 it is HH your honour

Keith: what about in the indictment?

IG: it is Hakainde Hichilema your honour.

Keith: so they are not the same are they?

IG: they are the same your honour

Keith: Okay, I will show you that they are not the same. In the

treason charge, because here we are talking about treason, do you agree with me that in the indictment for treason there is another person by the name of HH do you agree with me?

IG: I don't know your honour

Keith: I will show you but first, HH is not synonymous with Hakainde Hichilema not so?

IG: your honour, even a child...

Keith: answer the question! (Repeats previous question)

IG: it is synonymous to HH your honour.

Keith: Okay, I am showing the witness a statement from his office your honour so that he remembers the names of the people he arrested. (gives IG document). But before you answer questions on that, at least we are agreed that from the indictment and ID1, the words Hakainde Hichilema do not appear on ID1, am I right?

IG: you are right

Keith: Let's go to the indictment. The initials HH do not appear in the indictment

IG: They don't appear your honour.

Keith: so the wording of ID1 and the indictment regarding the initials and the name are different right?

IG: correct your honour.

Keith: And it is a fact that you are relying on ID1 to support the charge in the indictment that you have correct?

IG: your honour, I am not relying on the facts as I am not the author

Keith: (repeats question)

IG: I am not relying on the framing of the indictment

Keith: I haven't asked a question about framing of the indictment... my question is that you are relying on ID1, which you brought to court on your own to support the charge in the indictment not so?

IG: not so your honor

Keith: Uh, good. So if you are not relying on ID1 to support the charge why are we here?

IG: your honour, I ...

Keith: let me rephrase. If you are not relying on ID1 to support the charge, then what evidence are you relying on to support the charge?

IG: your honour in this country, even a child knows that HH is Hakainde Hichilema.

Keith: That's not the question. My question is are you relying on ID1 to support the charge?

IG: I am relying on ID1

K: ah, are you changing your answer?

IG: your honour we are relying on ID1

Keith: are you changing? We want to know. Remember you said you were not relying on ID1 (State and defense counsel exchange arguments over the line of questioning in a disorderly manner until magistrate intervenes)

Magistrate: I must emphasise that to the practice so I ask the parties to observe the rules of the court. One person standing at a time and when you stand to object or to say anything you address the court. So if you can proceed.

State prosecutor: obliged your honour, the witness has already answered to say he is not the one who drafted the indictment now due to the approach by the counsel, he has put it the other way round and he has already told the court that he did not frame the indictment. The person who wrote the indictment is the prosecution.

Magistrate: I think that one I would overrule the objection without asking the other party to respond since an intelligent lawyer will always get what he wants from the witness so I don't see anything wrong with counsel in the manner he is cross examining the witness.

Keith: Most obliged, thank you your honour. Permission your honour to show the witness an unmarked document (gives document to IG). So are we taking it that the position you had given earlier you have changed now? You are now relying on ID1 to support the indictment. Correct?

IG: The position hasn't changed your honour

Keith: so what is the position? Because earlier...

Keith grills Inspector General



Inspector General of police Kakoma Kanganja (R) with Home Affairs minister Steven Kampanyongo

IG: we are relying on the indictment your honour.

Keith: okay, you are relying on the indictment. But you agree with me that the indictment is supposed to be back traced by evidence not so?

IG: Your honour that I don't know.

Keith: You don't know? So your evidence is the indictment?

IG: correct your honour

K: very good. Your honor, permission to show the witness an unmarked document (Hands it over).

What are you looking at?

IG: I'm looking at a statement from the Office of the Inspector General

Keith: look at the last page, who's the author?

IG: me your honour

Keith: Look at, there is a list of names there right? What is the first name?

IG: the first name is Laston Mubilandulo

Keith: okay, just look at paragraph three and read to the court

IG: "I would like to inform the nation that we have jointly charged and arrested Mr Hakainde Hichilema and five others"

K: Good. So go to name number five.

IG: Number five is Hamusonde Hamaleka

Keith: Kindly tell the court what are the initials of that person?

IG: I don't know your honour the initials

K: you know, he answer is right in front of you. The names that you have just read out to the court, what are the initials? The first letter of the first name and the first letter of the last name.

IG: HH

Keith: loudly again?

IG: HH

Keith: so the initials of Hakainde Hichilema and those you have read on number five are the same not so?

IG: correct your honour

Magistrate: You said the initials for what? You see you are now also confusing yourself. The initials for HH and HH? Is HH a name?

Keith: no, I am talking about Hakainde Hichilema and the initials of the name on number five.

Magistrate: so correct yourself

Keith: most obliged. So the names of the two are the same not so?

IG: correct

Keith: if you look at the indictment, the publication is alleged to have occurred on the 13th of April 2017 not so?

IG: according to the indictment, it shows 13th April 2017

Keith: and in your evidence in chief, you told the court that it is as a result of ID1 that people started calling for your resignation is it true?

IG: it is true

Keith: we want to show that it is not true. Permission to approach the witness with an unmarked document or newspaper. (Hands

it over) what are you looking at?

IG: I'm looking at the Daily Nation dated 13th April 2017 Volume 3 issue number 1636.

Keith: What does the banner headline say?

IG: I will not resign - IG

Keith: kindly read the contents to the court loudly

IG: "I cannot resign over unfounded allegations in relation to the UPND Mongu motorcade saga says IG Kakoma Kanganja."

Keith: It is a fact that you uttered those words right?

IG: correct your honor

Keith: And it is also a fact that your lamentations that you were not going to resign had nothing to do with ID1 correct?

IG: your honour, it did not refer to a particular document

Keith: Yes, I am not asking whether you referred to a particular document. I am saying, your talking about resigning had nothing to do with what the accused allegedly did?

IG: it was part of it

Keith: You have just read from the indictment, 13th, that's when that alleged publication was issued according to you.

IG: yes your honour

Keith: Okay, we will still make it clear. That statement was a publication of the 11th of April 'IG must resign' (Holds up another edition of the Daily Nation Newspaper), wasn't that a reaction to being told to resign?

IG: I am not aware of that publication

Keith: No problem, will make you aware. Permission to show the witness a copy of the Daily Nation dated April 11th. But first, on this publication of the 13th, you did not utter those words the same day but previous day not so?

IG: I wouldn't know your honour

Keith: laughs

IG: I wouldn't know if it was in reference to that

Keith: Okay, we will still get what we want. When did you address the nation that you will not resign?

IG: I can't recall your honour.

Keith: but definitely it was not on the 13th of April?

IG: I can't recall your honour

Keith: No problem, we have sufficient evidence to prove that. Okay, read the full article loudly, the one for 13th.

IG: "And the IG said those calling for his resignation should not think he was a coward who would run away from the responsibility of the recent Mongu happenings. Mr Kanganja also said him and his family have been receiving death threats from suspected UPND members over the arrest and subsequent charge of their leader Hakainde Hichilema for treason."

Keith: Okay, go to page four. That's a Daily Nation Newspaper right?

IG: yes

Magistrate: what date?

Keith: 11th, go to page 4

IG: This is 4th April

Keith: Well, that was an error.

IG: It shows 4th your honor

Keith: Just relax. Yes, I agree with you it shows 4th April but go to other pages, it was an error I think.

What are other pages showing?

IG: they are showing 11th

Keith: What's the issue number?

IG: Issue number 1634

Keith: There's a story about you there, what's the banner headline?

IG: IG must resign.

Keith: These people are calling for your resignation and in your evidence in chief, you said you received numerous calls after what the accused did, people asking you to resign. What comes first? 11th or 13th April?

IG: your honor I did not say it is only from him but several others

Keith: the question is very simple, what comes first? You understand my question?

IG: 11th April your honour

Keith: And there was no publication of ID1 on the 11th of April?

IG: your honor, in my evidence in chief, I did not only say it was, it was part of...

Keith: you see, the court is not even writing because you are not answering the question. Answer the question please, we don't want to keep you longer, just help us.

IG: I am ready to go the whole day

Keith: Okay it's fine, we know you are a fit man

IG: very fit

Keith: Yes we know, very fit but kindly answer my question now

Magistrate: answer the questions as they come to you

IG: correct your honour

Magistrate: Repeat the question

Keith: It is a fact that the publication that you have said as a result of that publication people started calling for your resignation...

IG: it is not a fact

Keith: I haven't finished the question. I am saying it is a fact that the publication did not exist on the 11th of April

IG: it is not a fact your honour

Keith: Okay, Mr Kanganja, witness, remember that you are on oath as you answer these questions. So you are saying this publication existed on the 11th of April 2017?

IG: No your honour

Keith: So kindly help the court reconcile the two answers.

IG: Your honour, in my examination in chief, I told the court that it wasn't only this publication but that several others, even when you read that paper there, it is referring to others.

Keith: Yes, we have your evidence in chief, relax. So actually, there were many other people, who called for your resignation long before ID1 came into existence?

IG: correct your honour

Keith: long before the allegation in the indictment right?

IG: correct your honour

Keith: so your being asked to

resign had nothing to do with the accused not so?

IG: it had something to do with the accused your honour that's why we are in court today

K: but others had already spoken

IG: his was so serious!

Keith: That's not my question

IG: That's why we are here your honour

Keith: you were being asked to resign before ID1 came into existence not so?

IG: correct your honour

Keith: So obviously at the time, the issue of treason had already become a matter of public interest correct?

IG: not to my recollection your honour

Keith: Don't forget about the statement, remember there was a statement I showed you, what's the date?

IG: 12th April your honour

Keith: Yes and your...

(Court marshalls phone rings very loudly and IG, defense lawyers and Magistrate joke about it before proceeding)

Keith: What's the date?

IG: 12th April, 2017

Keith: by this time there was no publication of ID1 we have already established that. But you agree with me that you had arrested Hakainde and therefore the matter had become of public interest as of that date correct?

IG: Correct

Keith: (Reads part of IG's examination in chief) "there was an outcry where people asked for my resignation...even as I am standing here it is still paining me because people are still talking about it".

IG: even as I stand here your honour

Keith: yes, people are still calling you about it

IG: even as I stand here, there are family members here who are still...

Keith: People are still calling you about IT? The IT here refers to ID1 not so?

IG: to the people

Keith: IT, 'people are still calling you about IT', what is the IT referring to?

IG: the calling for my resignation your honour, that is what the IT is all about.

Keith: Listen, these are your own words, and you are using a definite article. (Reads more of IG's examination in chief) "The article is 100 per cent libel because as I am standing here, it is still paining me because people are still calling me about it." Correct English demands that the IT here is in reference to the article not so?

State prosecutor: Objection, we don't know why the counsel has chosen to take that route because the witness has already given a clarification as to what he means by IT so now I don't know what counsel is trying to achieve.

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Keith grills Inspector General



Chilufya Tayali being taken to Woodlands police cells from Lusaka's Magistrate Court-picture by Tenson Mkhala

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Keith: Your worship, page 36 of the record is very straight forward. We are not going to be dictated to on how we are going to cross examine, surely, the witness is being evasive. It is so clear, he is talking about the article. The IT is in reference to the article so what is so difficult about this?

Magistrate: the objection is overruled. You may proceed

Keith: Look sir, you said, the article is 100 per cent libel because even as I stand here, people are still calling me about it.

IG: about the resignation your honour

Keith: Okay, no problem, we will still get what we want. You are talking about the article here, which article?

IG: There are several articles your honour

Keith: The article, not articles, The, The, your own words, which article?

IG: About the resignation

Keith: Which article is being referred to for you to resign?

IG: The articles that were appearing, that is why I said people, of which...

Keith: Maybe the court can help us to read for the witness proceedings of Page 36 where he said the court is 100 per cent libel, those are his own word

Magistrate: This is a simple question, which article were you referring to?

Keith: Exactly, it is a very simple question.

IG: The article which was calling for my resignation

Keith: which one?

IG: It was quoted in a lot of media

Keith: your honor we will spend the whole day here and I am trying to be very patient

Magistrate: Let me just read it from the top, maybe time has passed from the time you read the statement

IG: I still recall your honour

Magistrate: Okay, you first identified, you said that "I request that the court allows me to read through so that clearly text comes out as reported, I would identify it by the names Chilufya Tayali, his picture on the left side, at the bottom, there is my picture which I can't miss." And at that point you walked to the dock and identified Chilufya Tayali

IG: Correct

Magistrate: and when you were shown the print out, you positively identified it with the features above and at that point, it was marked ID1. And at that point, you said "The article is 100 percent libel because even as I stand here, it is still paining me because people are still calling me about it"

Keith: I think the gist is clear now. You agree with me, without even running away from the truth, the article you are referring to there is ID1 not so?

IG: Correct your honor

Keith: And it had nothing to do with other people were telling you?

Calling for your resignation?

IG: Correct

Keith: And therefore now, it becomes clear, your evidence in chief said it was because of this article ID1 that people were asking you to resign is not correct, it is not true because people had already started calling for your resignation long before the 13th not so?

IG: Correct your honour

Keith: Good, we are now speaking the same language. Your honour he is my traditional cousin so bear with us.

(laughter in court)

Keith: we know you are fit but if you wish to take a sit you can do so

IG: 24/7 365, I will be here your honour

Keith: So now I will go to 11th April, just read the article, the headline is 'IG must resign'

IG: "If it is proved that the police were unprofessional in the presidential motorcade fracas in Mongu involving UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema, then Police Inspector General must immediately be fired or resign on moral grounds, says governance activist David Kapoma."

Keith: Good, David Kapoma, governance activist is calling for your resignation on the 11th

IG: if it is proved

Keith: No, relax, relax. Yes, if it is proved, and that's why we are here, we want to show your inefficiency. Read the next paragraph

IG: "He was quickly echoed by other stakeholders who said Mr Hichilema should either be arrested or Mr Kanganja resign on moral grounds for endangering the life of the President Edgar Lungu in Western Province."

Keith: So these stakeholders, there is Mr Kapoma on one hand, and there are other stakeholders, maybe you can name them. You can continue reading

IG: "Leading the assault on police, PF deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri said that unprofessionalism exhibited by Zambia Police officers was disappointing"

Keith: Mumbi Phiri is calling your service unprofessional correct?

IG: correct

Keith: read only the highlighted parts now

IG: "speaking at a joint media briefing in Lusaka yesterday, Mr Chanda and Mr Musoma who were both eye witnesses, said Mr Hichilema and his Vice-President for Administration Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba, had hired thugs from Lusaka to go and cause anarchy. Speaking during a media briefing at the PF secretariat yesterday, Ms Phiri said the Party was ready to provide security for President Edgar Lungu and would look after him better than the police. We call on the police to give us a go ahead to protect our leader if they have failed. President Lungu is not just Republican President but leader of the Patriotic Front. We have a very strong party security, said

Mrs Phiri. Mrs Phiri said what transpired over the weekend where the UPND and Hichilema obstructed the presidential motorcade in full view of police shows how unprofessional the police service was. For how long will the PF refrain itself from reacting to the UPND's continued provocation and anarchy? Ms Phiri said the vehicles were so close and she expected professionally, they should have come out and guarded the Presidential vehicle side by side but they were seated in the cars. Maybe they don't train to run. It is very disappointing but what happens to Mr Kanganja, it is up to the appointing authority to decide, she said. Mrs Phiri questioned where the police officers were because the pictures circulating online were showing that the President's window for his vehicle was open asking whether that was normal. "Is what the police did right by allowing the window of the President's car to remain open? She demanded that the police should give the PF the go ahead to provide security to their President as the party leader if they had failed to provide security for him. Mrs Phiri said PF security wing would have provided better security than the police officers. Mrs Phiri warned HH..."

Keith: Okay

IG: You are running away from HH?

(laughter in court)

Keith: No, you can read. I just wanted to...

Magistrate: Proceed

Keith: no, let him read so that he is satisfied. Because he might think we are trying to be selective. Showing the witness an unmarked document dated 10th April. Concentrate on where I have marked with a blue pen, read.

IG: "Mumbi wondered why the IG said he was still awaiting a full report of what transpired when there was enough evidence indicating a lapse on the part of the police. When police saw that the vehicles were too close, they should have come out to surround the Presidential vehicles side by side but they were seated in the car, maybe they were too fat (laughs and court joins in) they don't train to run, it is very disappointing. Mumbi said it was up to President Lungu to decide on what to do with Kanganja over the alleged unprofessional conduct by police", officers who were in this entourage, not Kanganja no. The officers who were...

Keith: Just read

IG: "Mumbi also wondered why HH had not yet been arrested for treason"

Keith: Look at the date of that publication. What date is showing?

IG: it is dated 10th April 2017

Keith: you agree with me that as of this date, you had not yet arrested HH and others for treason?

IG: correct

K: and Mumbi Phiri is telling you that you should arrest and charge

HH with treason not so?

IG: I have just seen this publication today

Keith: No, answer the question (repeats)

IG: No your honour

Keith: oh? Because things were so straight forward, I wanted to spare you the trouble of going through.

IG: I have read your honour

Keith: Okay, your worship we have the audio, we want technology since this witness is refusing. But in the meantime as they set up we will ask more questions.

So the statements that you have read. Various activists, Mumbi Phiri are giving you two options. The first option is that you must resign or you must arrest HH. Those are the options they gave you correct?

IG: They were not given to me your honour

Keith: Well at least from what you've read that's what people were saying that you must either be fired, resign on your own or arrest HH right?

IG: That's what they were saying your honour but not directly me

Keith: No, Mumbi Phiri mentioned you and said IG. Who is the IG in this country?

IG: KK your honour (court laughs) Kakoma Kanganja, just to catch up with time.

Keith: so Mumbi Phiri is telling you that you should resign or arrest HH and charge him with treason?

IG: Just today that's when I am seeing that there was this. Remember in my testimony I said I am not a fan to this social media so whatever was on social media was not brought to my attention your honour.

Keith: A member of the party has given you options and she is demanding that you must arrest HH and charge him with treason. Subsequently, did you charge HH with treason?

IG: The police charged Hakainde Hichilema, HH as you are putting it yourself, with treason. But your honour, it must be put on record that I do not get directives from anyone.

Keith: Okay, you had a conversation with the press aide to the President Mr Amos Chanda over the arrest of Mr Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba?

IG: I am not aware your honour (Marshall informs the defense team that the audio CD he had been given to set up isn't working and defense gives him a video of Mumbi Phiri's briefing instead)

Keith: There's video, except that we didn't have time to view whether it was the correct one but there is both video and audio so maybe we can give them. We wanted to put them in order. As we load the video, I will come back to the issue of directives, that you don't get directives and you have said you don't remember the issue of the conversation with Amos Chanda

IG: I don't remember your honour

Keith: Okay, but you issued a

statement to that effect that you are investigating over the same.

IG: Because I didn't issue, that is why, if I had issued, why should we investigate?

Keith: You were referring to the same recording, that the one who has tapped this conversation illegally we are going to investigate.

IG: Investigate the circumstances

Keith: So it means you were aware about that recording

IG: I am not aware

Keith: Okay, no problem. Let us first view the video (Court watches video or Mumbi Phiri calling police unprofessional)

Keith: she is very categorical. What transpired in Mongu is as a result of the lapse on the part of your service right?

IG: That's not correct.

Keith: That's not what she said?

IG: That's what she's saying but that is not the correct position your honour

Keith: The lowering of the window on the President's car cannot be blamed on Mr Hakainde Hichilema can it?

IG: No your honour

Keith: So your police service allowed that to happen not so? You did not do anything when the window of the President was lowered?

IG: Your honour, Zambia is a peaceful country. Had those officers reacted, we wouldn't be sitting here to even talk like this. There would have been mayhem in the country. The officers restrained themselves.

Keith: The question is very simple, do you understand it?

IG: The officers restrained themselves

Keith: You as police allowed that to happen?

IG: The officers restrained themselves

Keith: the rolling of the window

IG: they acted professionally your honour

State objects: (submissions inaudible to court gallery)

Gilbert Phiri objects: No, counsel is not testifying. He is talking about automated system, which automated system?

Magistrate: As to who opened the window, those are beyond him and me, we don't know what happened. Let us bring facts before the court

IG: obliged your honour, we were not there

Keith: Your honour, in his own words, he said he receives debriefs and he is in charge of command, superintendence, control, direction of all police operations. And there is an operational order, that's where I am going and in fact, I am marrying this to the indictment. The indictment is very simple, 'Kanganja is just covering his inefficiency', so we want to see Magistrate: Before you go there, can you satisfy this court with evidence as to who opened the window? Who is privy to the opening of that window?

Keith: That's where security protocol comes in your honor and he is competent to answer, he is a highly trained officer, I worked in government in the security wing myself and he knows what I am talking about. He is very conversant with the security details

Magistrate: I see that the author of that statement spoke from without. Even when I am moving in my car with the window open, do you blame the police?

Keith: we need to know now whether the President or his security personnel could have opened the window. It has to come from him because he was briefed. He received briefings every morning and he is in command so obviously he is competent to answer.

Magistrate: I will urge counsel to restrict himself to matters that are within this case.

Keith: I am looking at the indictment your honour

Magistrate: Whether he receives briefs or not, that is hear say evidence

IG: correct your honour, he wants me to speculate

Keith: We are trying to justify, the indictment says 'Kanganja is just covering his inefficiency to charge Hakainde Hichilema with

treason otherwise he should be an accomplice. Where was his police to clear the way before? That should have never happened and maybe Kanganja planned it that way to kill the President to frame Hakainde Hichilema' so the police have got that duty and we are trying to establish good faith, matters of public interest. I have in mind the provisions of sections 196...

Magistrate: The window is so irrelevant in this matter. Can you stick to the matters that are substantive?

Keith: Your honour, the court may hold that view but I think everything is being centered around that. They are saying Magistrate: You are relying on Mumbi's statement?

Keith: No, there are several, we have even other documents, it is not just Mumbi Phiri. We have got videos, audios to show that a lot of people talked about that window because that's where the issue of security and endangering the life of the President comes in because of the window that was lowered.

Magistrate: You know why I am not comfortable? If you are justifying that his statement is correct that this man is inefficient, he is incompetent, what about the window of the President?

Keith: Senior Counsel wants to address the court

Haimbe: I think your honour, with great respect, preempting the evidence, the issues here are extremely wide ranging and what counsel is seeking is to show that in fact, the allegations in the indictment do not fall...in order to do so, he must lay a foundation in terms of the questions that are being asked regarding the role of the police service of which the witness on stand has said quite clearly on record, he is in charge, he is the number one police man so my appeal is that the issues arising from that incident and the question of the window being open is irrelevant, is premature to raise those issues. And it will become a situation where the accused person is being curtailed in his right to defend himself, to cross examine the witness on stand. As the court may be aware, these matters are wide and we are trying to prove if indeed this witness tried to kill the President and that can only be determined if the incident that occurred in Mongu is brought to the fore, the witness can answer yes or no or if he doesn't know but a foundation must be laid. So it is our humble appeal that cross examination proceeds to its humble conclusion. Magistrate: I agree with you but I will insist that you stick to relevance. Only relevant evidence is admissible before court, irrelevant are not admissible. If you allowed every irrelevant, we would spend the whole day here.

IG: (chips in) I will grow old and retire

Magistrate: can counsel proceed on relevant issues

Haimbe: Perhaps also your honor, I have noticed a trend of the witness addressing the court directly, perhaps the witness should be guided. It is not in the witness' place to inform the court that he will grow old and so on or how the proceedings should go. It places the accused person in a very difficult position if the witness is seen to speak as he deems fit. We will ask the court to guide the witness appropriately

Magistrate: Alright, I think the mistake number one was made by your learned colleague who started playing traditional cousinship in court but I must emphasise that the witness must be as formal as possible and answer questions as they come to you. Counsel proceed

Keith: Yes I will proceed except that I am now in a very awkward position on how to proceed because even as they had raised an objection, we are not dealing with...

Magistrate: I didn't sustain the objection, I only emphasized that we stick to relevancies.

Keith: Most obliged, according to your morning brief, who opened the window to the president's car?

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IG: I am not privy to that
 Keith: Did you bother to ask your officers why the window to the president's car was open?
 IG: your honour, State House issues are dealt with within State House
 Keith: did you bother to ask your officers?
 IG: Your honour professionalism...
 Keith: Did you bother to ask the officers that you command, direct and control why the window to the president's car was open?
 IG: your honour I am not privy to that.
 Keith: (repeats question)
 IG: your honour there are limits
 Keith: Did you bother? Your worship this is exactly where the problem is, I have repeated this question several times.
 IG: I didn't bother your honour
 Keith: so what is so difficult about that?

IG: because I know your next question your honour
 Keith: you see, this witness is not cooperative and we have been very patient, we didn't want to be seen to be harassing a witness. You did not bother? We are looking at matters of efficiency and competence. Did you ask your officers how the root lining was done?
 IG: correct
 Keith: who did you ask?
 IG: Your honour in my examination in chief
 Keith: who did you ask?
 IG: I have delegated powers to the commissioners of police
 Keith: I am not asking about delegated powers
 IG: That is the commissioner of police in the province
 Keith: Don't point fingers in court witness
 IG: you are pointing at me that's why I am responding
 Keith: Yes, because I am on the floor
 Magistrate: Witness, don't follow counsel, counsel will do anything possible to rattle

Keith grills Inspector General



Amos Chanda and Esther Mwaata Katongo

you, you you just answer questions. So you are warned to answer questions the way they are put to you
 IG: Correct your honour
 Magistrate: Proceed counsel
 Keith: who did you ask?

IG: commissioner of police in charge of Western Province. Mr Charles Lungu
 Keith: and he is still commissioner?
 IG: yes
 Keith: what did he tell you as

to why there were no police officers along the road to give direction as regard route lining?
 IG: officers were placed at strategic points
 Keith: I am asking what he told you as regards route lining, why the police were not along the road
 IG: officers were positioned at strategic points your honour
 Keith: and you agree with me that you as police allowed President of the UPND to be on the road right?
 IG: he was not authorized your honour
 Keith: So, if they were not authorized, since there were police officers on the road, they had a duty to stop the motorcade of the UPND before the President arrived not so?
 IG: I was not there so I will start speculating
 Keith: We are not speculating. You had a duty to stop because you are saying they were not authorized to be on this road
 IG: There was a lot of arrogance in that convoy that's why they kept on chasing...
 Keith: Mr Kanganja...
 IG: correct your honour
 Magistrate: The witness said he was not there
 IG: I was not there
 Keith: but he says there was a lot of arrogance, it means he was briefed
 IG: it is hearsay
 Gilbert: But your honour we have a serious problem, the witness already said and I will quote him verbatim that 'he was not authorized to be on that road', now that's a very serious opposition of fact because he is now testifying on matters that happened at the scene because he said he was not authorized to be on that road. Is the court going to expunge that? Because he is now testifying as if he was at the scene. So he is a competent witness to answer the questions that are being put to him
 Magistrate: Mr Phiri, I appreciate your competence and experience. I believe you are all seasoned lawyers who know that hearsay evidence is inadmissible. A question that solicits hearsay answers certainly is objectional unless there are other witnesses to be called who are going to bring evidence of what truly transpired
 Keith: Your worship, I will beg to respectfully just address that issue, there is no hearsay. In the case of Shamwana vs The People 1985 Zambia

Law Reports page 41 is instructive on the law. The moment someone says a statement was made, that is not hearsay...this witness is on record, he receives briefs every morning from 10 police commissioners, it is something he receives with his sense of hearing, it is not hearsay and in any case, there has been no objection from my learned colleagues, it is not hearsay at all. He has given it as a statement of fact that Mr Hakainde Hichilema was not authorized to be on that road...how can he say Hakainde Hichilema was not authorized when his own police commissioner said he was authorized? It is very crucial.
 Magistrate: So you see now the problem,
 Keith: Your honour, that is where
 Magistrate: Can counsel sit down. (Keith sits) You see why I have problems with the evidence that you want to solicit from this witness? At the end of the day, you gave me well established authorities, now if you want to establish a fact, then it becomes hearsay. The questions as they are put cannot be put as if he is making a statement by the fact that it is a fact of what he is talking about when the witness himself said he was not there. So if counsel wishes to solicit information, let it be in relation to what he was told because he in a position, not whether it was a fact or not. And I direct counsel to proceed in those lines
 Keith: I will proceed because the indictment says inefficiency. For him to say they were not authorized to be on the road, how do you know that they were not authorized to be on the road?
 IG: Your honour the learned counsel
 Keith: don't address counsel, answer the question!
 Magistrate: answer the questions and you answer the questions to the court.
 IG: I get briefs as learned counsel had indicated your honour
 Keith: Precisely, that's not hearsay you agree with me. You were told by the officer commanding right?
 IG: correct
 Keith: That's not hearsay. And the operation order was availed to you right?
 IG: correct your honor

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Miles resurfaces with praise for Lungu



By Mukosha Funga

Miles Sampa says President Edgar Lungu is a loving forgiving man who is Head of State because of because of his historic loyalty, patience and discipline. And Sampa has advised Chishimba Kambwili and Mwenya Musenge to be remorseful and seek reconciliation with the Patriotic Front and President Lungu to avoid the mistakes he made. In a statement today, Sampa, who is former UDF president, said President Lungu is a democrat and not a dictator. "Have had a few queries or distortions lately on my political standing and wish to clarify and make my position firmed. I am PF now but serving a 3 years suspension. This means I am collectively supportive of all decisions made by the Party and by the President. At the moment I am busy with personal errands and school as I seek my PHD (opted for non honorary). My first central committee meeting under President Lungu as chairman took over 8 hours as he allowed everyone to talk and express their opinion before taking a consensus position on a matter. My immediate impression then and still now is that he is a democrat and not a dictator. His decisions are a summation of the majority in a group of authority," Sampa stated. "As for me and anyone that so believed or still believes in me, let's build loyalty towards PF and President Edgar Changwa Lungu now and for however many years to come. I have also come to learn from experience that President Lungu is a

loving, forgiving man and is the President of PF and Zambia because of his historic loyalty, patience and discipline." And Sampa advised Kambwili and Musenge to be remorseful. "My take on the unfortunate subject of my brothers Hon Chishimba Kambwili and Hon Mwenya Musenge is that they should pause, take time and reflect. As history may have it, the two were about the most vicious advising me a few years ago to remain in PF after I had made some emotional and irrational decisions against the Party. Armed with their counseling then, I genuinely wish to reciprocate and give them similar advice. I submit to them that they be remorseful, meek and seek reconciliation with PF and President Edgar Chagwa Lungu," he stated. "Chances are that they too may be given a 3 years leave of absence in which there is much to learn from once in isolation. The alternative routes they may wish to embark on are hardly ideal and not worth venturing into. I speak from experience and as they say 'ukushusha ilungu; kwendam'elo 'ukwali insoke takwafwile bantu'" Sampa said in politics, everyone was equal regardless of who joined the party first. "I have also come to learn that in politics, there is no accounting terms such FIFO (First In First Out) or LIFO (Last In, First Out) and LILO (Last In Last Out). It's the best player of the moment according to the coach that makes the team but that does not mean those on the bench or those substituted cannot play on another

day," stated Sampa. "As CK has loudly proclaimed, 'loyalty defines a man', I have come to learn further that 'patience defines a man' as well. Your loyalty and patience should be with PF and President Lungu both in your good or rough times. In short, politics at whatever level is therefore all about loyalty, patience and discipline." Sampa, who is also a former Matero PF member of parliament, resigned from his position as Commerce deputy minister in October 2015 and from the ruling party in January, 2016 saying the current PF's conduct reminded him of the MMD of 2011 that instilled fear in the general public. He then went on to form the Democratic Front party which got entangled in ownership wrangles, eventually forcing him to change its name to United Democratic Front. Sampa entered into an alliance with Elias Chipimo of NAREP and Eric Chanda of the 4th Revolution which was dubbed the Orange Alliance which quickly fell apart as he opted to throw his weight behind UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema. However, after results were announced and it was clear President Lungu had been re-elected, Sampa ditched the UPND, his own party and begged to rejoin the ruling party. But PF Secretary General Davies Mwila said the party was not excited to accept people like Sampa back to the party, putting him on a three-year hold before he can apply for membership.

Student who allegedly wrote “f**k you Lungu” on Facebook denies charge

By Diggers Reporter

A 28-year-old DMI St Eugene student has pleaded not guilty to three counts of defamation of the President and one count of use of insulting language.

Edward Makayi is accused of insulting President Edgar Lungu on Facebook by saying “F**k you” and insinuating that the Head of State had multiple sexual partners including Agriculture Minister Dora Siliya and PF Deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri.

Makayi is also alleged to have insulted Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo.

When the matter came up before magistrate Humphrey Chitalu, Makayi denied all the charges and one of his lawyers Martha Mushipe asked for bail.

14th August, 28th for mention and 3rd Nov trial. Lawyer Mushipe made application for bail.

“Accused person is of fixed abode and he is a student at DMI St Eugene University. He is able to meet reasonable bail terms as this court will grant. This is a bailable offense, our humble plea is that the court exercise leniency in setting up bail terms taking

into consideration that the accused is a student and the fact that he has been incarcerated since the 21st of July 2017 and as such over detained,” said Mushipe.

She also asked the court to order the state to surrender all the properties they had seized from her client.

“We also have a second application to make...the application is for restitution of the properties that were seized from the accused person without warrant.

The items that were seized are two Toshiba laptops, meant for his school, two phones, one is a Microsoft Windows Phones and the other an S Mobile duo sim phone. Two flash discs, a school bag, a CV and documents pertaining to his school attachments, some CDs,” said Mushipe.

In his ruling, magistrate Chitalu granted Makayi two thousand kwacha cash bail with two working surities bound at five thousand kwacha in their own recognizance.

Magistrate Chitalu however dismissed the application for the state to surrender Makayi’s items saying it would disrupt the prosecutions case.

Trial commences in November.



Former teacher arrested for masquerading as chief Msoro

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

A former teacher identified as Harrison Sichinda aged 49 years old has been arrested by police for installing himself as new Chief Msoro of the Kunda people in Eastern Province.

Eastern province Police Commissioner Alex Chilufya told News Diggers in an interview that the suspect was picked up by police when he attempted to attend a funeral of an induna and proclaimed himself as the new Chief Msoro.

“As you may be aware Chief Msoro (in picture below) of the Kunda people in Mambwe district passed away some few months ago, and this person has emerged from nowhere claiming to be the new Chief Msoro and in the process, of course he has been purporting to possess authority to carry out certain acts that only an installed chief should be able to perform. And of course this is a recipe for anarchy because this divides members of the community and can lead to violence and other undesirable consequences,” Chilufya said.

Chilufya said that the suspect was arrested for breaching the traditional norms and procedures of choosing the new chief.

“There is also a breach of traditional norms and procedure in choosing the new chief. The hierarchy within the royal establishment that presides over such matters and they have a way of designating that chief and installing him, only then and by that authority do we have a new chief or a new Msoro. Any other acts is an abrogation of that authority and procedure and its an offense of course. So this person was picked up on Sunday 16th July, 2017 because he found himself at a funeral of an induna and he was there proclaiming himself to be the new chief Msoro,” said Chilufya



DPP appeals against Masebo’s acquittal



By Mukosha Funga

The Director of Public Prosecutions has appealed against the acquittal of former Minister of Tourism Sylvia Masebo.

On July 14, senior resident magistrate Ireen

Wishimanga acquitted Masebo saying she never abused the authority of her office when she directed ZAWA to cancel and nullify the publication of a list of successful bidders for hunting concessions

following irregularities that marred the process.

But according to a notice of appeal, the DPP has filed six grounds challenging the acquittal of Masebo.

The DPP said the trial court erred in law when it

held that Masebo’s action of directing ZAWA to cancel the tender process did not amount to abuse of authority of office.

It is the state’s contention that the lower court misdirected itself when it gave an unbalanced evaluation of the evidence where only the flaws and not the strengths of its case were considered.

The DPP further argued that the court also erred in law when it accepted the hearsay evidence of a defense witness.

In her judgment, magistrate Wishimanga said Masebo was merely acting on behalf of the Zambian government as late President Michael Sata was equally aware of the irregularities at ZAWA.

The court also noted that Masebo did not in any way benefit from the cancellation of tenders.

Kambwili expulsion worries PF youths

By Diggers Reporter

Renowned PF cadre Maxwell Chongu says if unity is not restored in the ruling party, it will be impossible to cross over 2021.

Chongu was reacting to several praise songs which some ‘PF women’ have composed, praising the Roan PF member of parliament and encouraging him to contest the presidency.

In one of the songs, the women are saying President Edgar Lungu has failed the challenge that Michael Sata left him, of managing the country.

“This is what I was talking about, if not well handled it will split the party massively and come 2021 we might not make it to cross over,” said Chongu reacting to the song.

“I can foresee a political strategy that is aimed at inciting the Bemba land to raise against the leadership of President Edgar Chagwa Lungu. Let us find ways of harmonizing the situation, bury our differences and move together as one, I strongly feel their is enough time to do such. Unity is needed in the party.”

In another song, the women are complaining that President Lungu has neglected Sata’s wife Dr Christine Kaseba, chased away Guy Scott and Kambwili among others.

Kambwili was recently expelled from the ruling party on grounds that he was campaigning for the presidency

CTPD explains low maize floor price



CTPD Executive Director Isaac Mwaipopo

By Mirriam Chabala says the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) has set a low market price for maize because of the bumper harvest in the region. In an interview with News Diggers!, CTPD Executive Director Isaac Mwaipopo noted, however, that the

price would only benefit consumers.

“The price set by the Food Reserve Agency with regards to the purchasing of maize grain is a direct response to the prevailing market price for the commodity. This follows the depressed prices for the commodity resulting from the bumper harvest that has been recorded in most of the countries within SADC. However, the Center for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) thinks that the price that has been set will actually disadvantage most of the small scale farmers especially those that are in the far areas that have had a challenge in terms of finding buyers that would be able to buy the commodity at a price that reflects the cost that they grew the commodity,” Mwaipopo said.

“We have observed recently that there has been a reduction of mealie meal prices as observed from a number of trading or retailing shops which is also a response to the supply side of the commodity. This will actually benefit the consumers but the small scale farmers that toiled and worked so hard to grow this commodity will not benefit anything.”

And Mwaipopo encouraged FRA to buy more maize from small scale farmers in rural areas whom he felt would be the most affected this marketing season.

“Going forward, CTPD recommends that there is actually need to ensure that even as the Food Reserve Agency is stepping into the markets to take part in the marketing season for 2017, there is need to ensure that the purchasing is mostly done in places

where most of the farmers are disadvantaged. This is also in accordance with the stipulations of the FRA Act and it would actually help to alleviate the challenge that most of the small scale farmers that are living in disadvantaged areas are likely to face in the 2017 marketing season which is going to be a very tough marketing season for most of the small scale farmers,” Mwaipopo said.

Meanwhile, Mwaipopo called on the Zambia Commodity Exchange to introduce sensitization programmes for farmers on alternative crops they could grow in order to diversify the agricultural sector.

“Additionally, there will be need for institutions like the Zambia Commodity Exchange to step in and begin a process of sensitizing most of the small scale farmers on alternative crops that they can be thinking of growing especially those that in the agriculture sector for business not growing commodities for consumption. This will actually go a long way to ensure that there is diversification in the crops that we are growing,” said Mwaipopo.

“Secondly, as we are budgeting for 2018, there will be need for the government to consider embedding within the budget support that can go towards supporting extension service work. This will help to ensure that the extension service workers have got operational funds that would allow them to interact with the small scale farmers and provide information that would provide the small scale farmers plan better.”

Farmers have been left vulnerable – Hamududu

By Sipilisiwe Ncube Party of National Unity (PNU) president Highvie Hamududu says farmers will make huge losses in this year due to the low maize floor price announced by the Food Reserve Agency (FRA). In an interview with News Diggers!, Hamududu observed that government was listening more to grain traders than farmers. “As Party of National Unity we are very disappointed with the marketing arrangement this year. The farmers have done their best, Zambia has improved the production of many crops maize, soya beans, sun flower, cotton but the prices are disputable. Government is listening more to the traders than to the farmers,” Hamududu said. “The government must listen to the farmers than to the traders. What is

happening now is in the whole farming value chain, the trader is benefiting more than the farmer. The farmers yes are withholding to the maize but finally they will have run out of money to take their children to school. They will be forced to sell their crops at very low prices. The price of soya beans has dropped, the price of maize has dropped.”

He charged that government was conniving with grain traders to disadvantage farmers.

“Government must not come out completely from this marketing of crops. Otherwise it’s killing agriculture. So farmers have made serious losses yet if you go to Kasumbalema, a bag of maize is selling at K110. It means that right inside Congo, the price is too high. Government must put a marketing agency maybe working

with the private sector to make sure that the farmers are not exploited by the traders. But the traders are conniving with the government and the government is only listening to the grain traders and not listening to the farmers. Government must fairly listen to the grain traders, the farmer and to the millers. But the one who must be listened to more is the farmer because he is the producer,” said Hamududu.

“The government must enhance the role of Food Reserve Agency (FRA). There must be another agency or FRA can also do the marketing of crops, buy this maize and export, buy soya beans and export. The market for these crops is not lucky, and DRC wants maize. In Kenya, traders came here but the government is listening more to grain traders than to the farmers. Farmers have been left vulnerable.”

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Chishimba Kambwili says President Edgar Lungu has changed after getting a five-year mandate as Head of State.

"When he was given the five years, the President changed like a chameleon. Immediately he was given the mandate, the man changed like a chameleon," says Kambwili.

We disagree. President Lungu has not changed as Kambwili is describing him. In fact, Zambia is under the leadership of a very honest man. By "honest", we are not saying our Head of State is not a wrong doer, we are saying he is a man of his words – good or bad – he keeps his promises.

There are numerous historic statements which President Lungu made which have come to pass, and when we look back, we realise that it is actually Mr Kambwili who has changed like a chameleon in the manner he is now looking at President Lungu. During campaigns as a PF candidate in 2015, following the death of Michael Sata, President Lungu said he had no vision of his own and he didn't need one because he was contesting the presidency in order to fulfill the vision left by Sata. At a press conference after his inauguration, President Lungu said "my time here at State House is short because I never planned that I want to be President, but God has allowed it so I am only here to finish the work that has been left behind by our founding president [Michael Sata]". Indeed, when he was elected President, Mr Lungu never went out of his way to find a

President Lungu is a man of his words

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Many said it was impossible for candidate Lungu to become Head of State because he was a drunkard. Well, the impossible was made possible; he is in State House today. Has he changed? Has he stopped drinking alcohol now that he is President? No! Repeatedly, our President has said to those who ask him "I do take beer but it does not affect my work".

After being sworn in as Head of State in 2015, President Lungu said he was going to fall like a tonne of bricks on those who would make his presidency difficult. Again he kept his word and those who dared to challenge his authority in government and in the party were shown the way out. Minister of Religious Affairs told us a few months ago that

Hakainde Hichilema found himself in his [imprisoned] situation because "he pushed President Lungu too far". Our interpretation of the minister's statement is that the Head of State fell on HH like a tonne of bricks for daring his authority. The President promised and he did not disappoint.

The mighty Post newspaper today is no more, and that too did not happen by accident. Earlier, in 2015 President Lungu warned the newspaper saying "Fred M'membe alefwayafye ikwakufwila (he is just looking for death)" and we are sure the newspaper man saw it coming just like Mutembo Nchito did before he was locked up in Chongwe.

In 2016, President Lungu went back to the campaign

podium and asked Zambians to give him his own five-year mandate so that he could put together his own team to govern. President Lungu made PF members of parliament work with former MMD MPs to campaign for him. This happened in broad daylight in the face of Kambwili and many other so-called PF founders. They did not object to his idea. Today, he has appointed those from MMD as Cabinet minister and they say "Lungu has changed".

Last month, President Lungu said there was too much arson and sabotage in the country and he was going to implement preventive measures for which people would call him a dictator. That is the language of an honest man, so if people call him a dictator – well, he

promised. Other Presidents would effect dictatorial measures without a warning, but President Lungu always announces his intentions – good or bad. It's the Zambian people who don't listen; or maybe they do listen and this is exactly the President they want. After all he got 1.8 million votes in the last elections and how possible is it that all his votes were rigged?

All the bad things he has done as Head of State, if Zambians wanted to prevent them, they were not going to vote for him. And he knows that he is not always doing right things as Head of State, that's why on June 21, 2017 he said "If I am doing wrong, pray that I change. I think your prayer will touch me and I will change but so far so good, I am in charge and

God is in control."

Therefore, no one in Zambia today should stand and say President Lungu deceived voters. He has always been an honest man, his brutality has been preached throughout his campaigns from 2014 to date. Just recently on July 11 in Livingstone, the President said "Just pray that I drop dead because if you try to harm me, I will harm you before you harm me". If any chief out there wants to provoke this President further, good luck!

By the way, President Lungu has promised that he will stand in 2021, like all his promises in the past; this one will also come to pass.

So contrary to what Mr Kambwili is saying, President Lungu has not changed. The only thing that has changed about the President is his self-esteem and most definitely his dressing.

Before becoming Head of State, President Lungu was visibly a man of low self-esteem. He stood out among other Cabinet ministers appointed by Michael Sata as someone who did not have a lot of confidence in himself; someone who felt inferior to other ministers. His dressing was not exactly Presidential and we have pictures to prove this, which if published he may fall on us like a tonne of bricks. But we can say with certainty that he did not have the swag he has today. Other than that, President Lungu is as honest as a slave trader – his mouth speaks what is in his heart and he does not promise freedom where he feels there must be captivity.

The case for Agro-Processing led industrialization (Part II)



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In my earlier article, I argued that the conditions on the demand side are conducive for Africa and Zambia in particular to seriously consider activating the agro-processing sector to be an engine for re-industrializing Zambia and the continent as a whole. Like the rest of the continent, Zambia is a net-importer of agricultural products – a country that boasts of abundant arable land and favourable weather conditions for agricultural production. In this article, I highlight the fact that the context around natural resources has evolved and has enabled the pursuit of resource-intensive industrialization a possibility.

The basic argument is that resource-intensive industrialization anchored on

agro-processing industry is feasible and is the right policy orientation for Zambia as far as economic diversification is concerned. The world has technologically evolved and so has the context surrounding the exploitation and processing of natural resources. The information communications technology (ICT) revolution, changing market dynamics and environmental politics have significantly changed the context around the exploitation and processing of natural resources from being a blessing to a "curse" and back to a blessing again. The markets have become highly segmented spanning from high-volume low price products to low-volume high price niche products, an increasingly geared innovation towards food products and the rising food prices as tastes shift from traditional foods to processed food products accompanied by heightened environmental activism to save the resources from depletion and the environment from destruction. This is indeed the time for Zambia and Africa to move the science and technology agenda from the fringes of the bookshelves in marginal ministries, departments and local councils to the centre of the mainstream development strategies. It would be impossible for Zambia to "catch-up" and "leap-ahead" without fully placing

technology and innovation at the centre of development objectives.

However, adoption of technology and innovation should be a targeted strategy in line with the development paths the country is pursuing. For example you cannot aim to compete with Singapore and other tech-giants in the manufacture of electronics components because Singapore has built capabilities that would take years for Zambia to "catch-up" and worse still to leapfrog and establish itself as the market leader. At this stage of global development where the developed countries are already inserting themselves into the fourth industrial revolution, Zambia would do well to focus the adoption and diffusion of innovations and technologies in sectors such as the agro-processing industry where she has comparative advantage.

Productive sector industrialization is not a new phenomenon as many developed and developing countries such as Singapore and South Korea had at some point – in the early stages of their industrial revolution – adopted this strategy to get to where they are now. During the late 80s when the South Korean economy began to catch up, the contribution of manufacturing (driven by the textile & electronics) to GDP was approximately thirty

percent and twenty-five percent of the workforce. Today, the contribution of Zambia's manufacturing (mostly driven by agro-processing) is only six percent of GDP and 3.8 percent of the workforce. On the African continent, Ethiopia has continued to make the leather industry thrive while Mauritius and Lesotho are exploiting the textile industry.

The 2010 World Bank consumption estimates show that Zambia spends 49.4 percent of the US\$4.12 billion final household consumption expenditure on food and beverages. It is one of the twelve Sub-Saharan countries whose food and beverages expenditure is below fifty percent. And by Engels law of decreasing consumer expenditure on food as incomes rise, we observe that the 49.4 percent is still too high if we are to reduce food consumption expenditure by raising incomes to levels such as that of South Africa – a middle income country – whose expenditure on food and beverages stands at 15.2 percent. It also shows that people will continue to spend more on food in Africa for the foreseeable future. This is why it is critical for Zambia to lead from the front in agro-products. The lower class people of society who live on less than US\$2.97 per capita per day account for 58.1 percent of Zambia's food and beverages

expenditure. These are people who survive on small scale farming in the rural parts of Zambia with low educational levels to even dream of getting a white-collar job. The 2014 Labour Force survey shows that only two percent of the people involved in agricultural activities (agriculture sector being the largest employer in Zambia) have had some form of tertiary education. Therefore, the easiest way to escape the poverty cycle is by upgrading their agricultural competencies into agro-processing. Therefore, efforts should be directed on finding innovative ways to building capabilities in these farm workers, and extension services would play a pivotal role in the successful adoption and diffusion of farm technologies. This path would not only raise the incomes of the rural people but would also have a ripple effect on the entire economy.

On the trade side, the agro-processing sector has continued to experience trade deficits at least since 2000. Zambia has only managed to record trade surplus in the Grain Milling products and Sugar & Sugar confectioneries subsectors. This has largely been attributed to the recapitalization and expansion works at Mazabuka Sugar plantation and the coming on the market of Kafue Sugar company. On the grain Milling side, the

huge investments in grain production especially maize and a considerably developed grain milling sector have been the driving factors for the trade surplus. There is need though for the Grain Milling sector to go further than just the Milling of mealie meal and invest in further value-addition activities to produce such products as pasta and cereals. The rest of the agro-processing sector has seen significant increases in imports over the same period.

The trade deficit for the meat & fish preparations subsector grew at a compound annual average of five percent while that of beverages, spirits & vinegar at 18.6 percent between 2000 and 2014. In 2014 alone, Zambia imported more than seventy-four percent of beverage products from South Africa (mainly alcoholic beverages). However, Zambia has done well in the exports of non-alcoholic beverages with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Zimbabwe being the biggest markets. This is due to a growing non-alcoholic beverages sector.

In conclusion, Zambia needs to create a robust education system that speaks to the needs of the economy. Zambia's education system is flooded with business courses; trade colleges have been turned into business colleges and leading universities are at variance with national objectives.

Putin says U.S. must cut 755 diplomatic staff



President Vladimir Putin said the United States would have to cut its diplomatic staff in Russia by 755 people and that Moscow could consider additional measures against Washington as a response to

new U.S. sanctions approved by Congress. Moscow ordered the United States on Friday to cut hundreds of diplomatic staff and said it would seize two U.S. diplomatic properties



after the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate overwhelmingly approved new sanctions on Russia. The White House said on Friday that U.S. President Donald Trump would sign

the sanctions bill. Putin said in an interview with Vesti TV released on Sunday that the United States would have to cut its diplomatic and technical staff by 755 people by Sept. 1.

“Because more than 1,000 workers - diplomats and support staff - were working and are still working in Russia, 755 must stop their activity in the Russian Federation,” he said.

The new U.S. sanctions were partly a response to conclusions by U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia meddled in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, and to punish Russia further for its annexation of Crimea from Ukraine in 2014.

Russia’s response suggested it had set aside initial hopes of better ties with Washington under Trump, something the Republican president, before he was elected, had said he wanted to achieve.

A federal law enforcement investigation and multiple U.S. congressional probes looking into the possibility that Trump’s campaign colluded with Russia have made it harder for Trump to open a new chapter with Putin. Russia denies it interfered in the election and Trump has said there was no collusion.

Moscow said on Friday that the United States had until Sept. 1 to reduce its diplomatic staff in Russia to 455 people, matching the number of Russian diplomats left in the United States after Washington expelled 35 Russians in December.

On Friday, an official at the U.S. Embassy, who did not wish to be identified, said the embassy employed about 1,100 diplomatic and support staff in Russia, including Russian and U.S. citizens.

‘Uncalled-for Act’
The State Department declined to comment on the exact number of embassy and consular staff in Russia. But a State Department official called Russia’s action “a regrettable and uncalled-for act.”

“We are assessing the impact of such a limitation and how we will respond to it,” the official said on condition of anonymity.

As of 2013, the U.S. mission in Russia, including the Moscow embassy and consulates in St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg and Vladivostok, employed 1,279 staff, according to a State Department Inspector General’s report that year. That included 934 “locally employed” staff and 301 U.S. “direct-hire” staff, from 35 U.S. government agencies, the report said.

That breakdown suggested the actual number of Americans forced to leave Russia would be far less than 755.

“We dont (sic) have 755 American diplomats in Russia,” said Michael McFaul, a former U.S. ambassador to Russia, in a post on Twitter on Sunday.

The cuts would likely affect how quickly the United States is able to process Russian applications for U.S. visas, McFaul said.

“If these cuts are real, Russians should expect to wait weeks if not months to get visas to come to U.S.,” he said.

Putin said Russia could take more measures against the United States, but not at the moment.

“I am against it as of today,” Putin said in the interview with Vesti TV.

He repeated that the U.S. sanctions were a step to worsening relations between the two countries.

“We were waiting for quite a long time that maybe something would change for the better, were holding out hope that the situation would change somehow. But it appears that even if it changes someday it will not change soon,” Putin said.

He said Moscow and Washington were achieving results on cooperation, however, even “in this quite difficult situation.” The creation of the southern de-escalation zone in Syria showed a concrete result of the joint work between the two countries, Putin said. - *Reuters*

China hits back at Trump criticism over North Korea

China hit back on Monday after U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted he was “very disappointed” in China following Pyongyang’s latest missile test, saying the problem did not arise in China and that all sides need to work for a solution.

China has become increasingly frustrated with American and Japanese criticism that it should do more to rein in Pyongyang. China is North Korea’s closest ally, but Beijing is angry with its continued nuclear and missile tests.

North Korea said on Saturday it had conducted another successful test of an intercontinental ballistic missile that proved its ability to strike the U.S. mainland, drawing a sharp warning from Trump and a rebuke from China.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe spoke with Trump on Monday and agreed on the need for more action on North Korea just hours after the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations said Washington is “done talking about North Korea”.

A White House statement after the phone call said the two leaders “agreed that North Korea poses a grave and growing direct threat to the United States, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and other countries near and far”.

It said Trump “reaffirmed our ironclad commitment” to defend Japan and South Korea from any attack, “using the full range of United States capabilities”.

Trump wrote on Twitter on Saturday after the missile test that he was “very disappointed” in China and that Beijing profits from U.S. trade but had done “nothing” for the United

States with regards to North Korea, something he would not allow to continue.

China’s Foreign Ministry, in a statement sent to Reuters responding to Trump’s tweets, said the North Korean nuclear issue did not arise because of China and that everyone needed to work together to seek a resolution.

“All parties should have a correct understanding of this,” it said, adding the international community widely recognized China’s efforts to seek a resolution. The essence of Sino-U.S. trade is mutual benefit and win-win, with a vast amount of facts proving the healthy development of business and trade ties is good for both countries, the ministry added.

Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Qian Keming, weighed in too, telling a news conference there was no link between the North Korea issue and China-U.S. trade.

“We think the North Korea nuclear issue and China-US trade are issues that are in two completely different domains. They aren’t related. They should not be discussed together,” Qian said.

China, with which North Korea does the large majority of its trade, has repeatedly said it strictly follows U.N. resolutions on North Korea and has denounced unilateral U.S. sanctions as unhelpful.

Nikki Haley, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said in a statement China must decide if it is willing to back imposing stronger U.N. sanctions on North Korea over Friday night’s long-range missile test, the North’s second this month.

Any new U.N. Security Council resolution “that does not significantly increase the international pressure on North Korea is of no value”, Haley said, adding that Japan and South Korea also needed to do more.

Abe told reporters after his conversation with Trump that repeated efforts by the international community to find a peaceful solution to the North Korean issue had yet to bear fruit in the face of Pyongyang’s unilateral “escalation”.

“International society, including Russia and China, need to take this seriously and increase pressure,” Abe said. He said Japan and the United States would take steps towards concrete action but did not give details.

Abe and Trump did not

discuss military action against North Korea, nor what would constitute the crossing of a “red line” by Pyongyang, Deputy Chief Cabinet spokesman Koichi Hagiuda told reporters.

“Pyongyang is determined to develop its nuclear and missile program and does not care about military threats from the U.S. and South Korea,” state-run Chinese tabloid the Global Times said on Monday.

“How could Chinese sanctions change the situation?” said the paper, which is published by the ruling Communist Party’s official People’s Daily. China wants both balanced trade with the United States and lasting peace on the Korean peninsula, its official Xinhua news agency added in a commentary. - *Reuters*

Mass Nigerian arrests for gay sex in Lagos State



More than 40 men have been arrested in Nigeria over the weekend for performing homosexual acts, police say. They are due to appear in court later.

Nigerian newspaper Punch reports that the police raided

a hotel in Lagos State on Saturday afternoon and says the hotel was cordoned off while the investigation was carried out.

Homosexual acts are punishable by up to 14 years in jail in Nigeria, while gay

marriage and displays of same-sex affection are also banned.

The BBC’s Chris Ewoker in the capital, Abuja, reports that Nigeria has an influential Christian evangelical movement in the

south and strong support for Islamic law in the north, both of which oppose homosexuality.

Same-sex relations are explicitly banned in 72 countries, according to the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA).

The number of states that criminalise same-sex relations is decreasing annually, though, with Belize and the Seychelles repealing such laws last year.

Nigeria is one of a small number of countries which has gone against a global trend.

The country has had a ban on gay relationships since 1901, and in 2013 also outlawed same-sex marriages, gay groups and shows of same-sex public affection. - *Bbc News*



Woman does plastic surgery to evade \$3.7M debt

A 59-year old woman from the central Chinese city of Wuhan transformed her appearance through plastic surgery in order to avoid 25 million yuan (\$3.71 million) of personal debts, state news agency Xinhua said.

In a case highlighting the challenges facing China as it tries to establish a "credit society", police officers were reported to be "astonished" after apprehending the woman, who fled to the southeastern Chinese city of Shenzhen after a court in Wuhan ordered her to pay off her debt.

"We were very surprised at the scene," the official Xinhua news agency quoted a policeman as saying. "She looked in her thirties and was different from the photos we had."

The woman, identified as Zhu Najuan, also confessed to using other people's identity cards to travel across the country by train. She financed her plastic surgery using borrowed bank cards, Xinhua said late on Friday. Representatives from more than 300 Chinese cities released a declaration earlier in July promising to make more credit available for consumer spending, part of the country's efforts to find new sources of economic growth and reduce its dependence on heavy industry and state-driven infrastructure investment.

But as the country strives to make more credit available to individuals, it is also facing a surge in household debt, which is estimated to have reached around 50 percent of gross domestic product last year, more than doubling in less than a decade.

As regulators try to establish a reliable nationwide credit rating system, authorities across the country are also exploring new ways to crack down on those who do not pay debts.

According to state media, one court in Jiangsu province has drawn up a blacklist of defaulters. Anyone who telephones an individual on the blacklist will first be forced to listen to a pre-recorded message saying "please urge this person to fulfill their legal obligations". Xinhua said the city of Wuhan has also launched a series of crackdowns on debt defaulters, and detained a total of 186 people in the first half of the year. - Reuters

L.A man accused of smuggling king cobras in potato chip cans

A Los Angeles man was arrested on Tuesday after federal prosecutors said he arranged to smuggle into the United States three

live, highly venomous king cobra snakes hidden in potato chip canisters. Rodrigo Franco, 34, was charged with illegally

importing merchandise into the country in connection with a parcel from Hong Kong that was intercepted by U.S.

Customs and Border Protection agents on March 2 containing the 2-foot (0.61 meter)-long snakes concealed inside

the canisters.

Three albino Chinese soft-shelled turtles were also found in the package, prosecutors said, adding that Franco on that same day mailed a box to Hong Kong with six protected turtles inside.

According to a criminal complaint filed in the case, Franco admitted during an interview with authorities that he had previously received a total of 20 king cobras in two prior shipments but that all of those snakes had died in transit.

He faces a maximum of 20 years in prison if convicted, although federal sentencing guidelines typically call for less time behind bars.

According to the National Geographic website, the king cobra, also known as *Ophiophagus hannah*, is the longest venomous snake, reaching up to 18 feet (5.5 meters) in length. When confronted, king cobras can raise up to one-third of their bodies off the ground, flare out their hoods and emit a "bone-chilling" hiss before attacking. - Reuters



Jennifer Lopez pays tribute to Marc Anthony's mother

Marc Anthony is "surrounded by love" after the death of his mother.

Jennifer Lopez took to Instagram on Saturday to share a touching photo of Anthony with his children, alongside a sweet note paying tribute to his mother, Guillermina Quiñones, who died on Thursday.

"Just what the doctor ordered...Surrounded by love..." Lopez wrote, before writing in Spanish, "Rest in peace Ginny...we will miss you."

In a heartbreaking post on Thursday, Anthony announced the death of his mother, who he called his family's "hero, our rock, our protector, inspiration and now ANGEL."

"She left in peace, accompanied by all your prayers and well wishes for which we thank you all," he wrote. "Mami, I'm going to miss you so much!"

Lopez and Anthony have remained close since their 2014 split, with the "On the Floor" singer revealing on Watch What Happens Live With Andy Cohen in March that the two still "support each other."

"Marc and I are good the way we are," she insisted. "We're great friends."

We're mom and dad to Max and Emme, and we work really well together.

We're working on an album, and it's going amazing." - Yahoo News

Kevin Hart to run the New York Marathon



There's no stopping Kevin Hart!

The 38-year-old comedian announced on Saturday his plans to run the New York City Marathon on Nov. 5th after being inspired by Kenyan long distance runner Eliud Kipchoge.

"Sometimes you gotta aim so high it scares you. Yes, I am running the #NYCmarathon. That's my #moonshot. What's yours?" Hart wrote on social media alongside a video of his

announcement.

"Are we rolling? Good," Hart says in the clip. "I want to talk about moonshots. What is that? I'm talking moonshots. [Eliud] Kipchoge running the full marathon in 2 hours and 25 seconds, after witnessing that type of greatness it inspired me to get my own." Adding, "I got little legs, but a big heart."

According to Runner's World, the Get Hard star has a passion for running

and began training in 2015. In Aug. of 2016 he entered his first official race, Oregon's Hood to Coast -- a 199-mile, 12-person relay. From there, he's been involved in more events within the sport.

Up next for Hart is the release of *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, in theaters Dec. 20. He and his wife, Eniko Parrish, are also expecting their first child together. - Yahoo News

Ronaldo denies intentional tax evasion

The Portuguese claims that he has committed no intentional wrongdoing and has asked for "time to let justice work"

Cristiano Ronaldo has released a statement following his hearing in court regarding claims he had failed to pay his taxes in full.

The current Ballon d'Or holder appeared in court on Monday morning over accusations he had failed to declare €14.7 million worth of taxes over the years 2011-14. After a hearing that lasted an hour and a half, he did not speak to the media in the immediate aftermath but instead released a statement.

"I have never hidden anything, nor have I ever had the intention of evading taxes," said Ronaldo.

Cristiano Ronaldo Real Madrid

"The Spanish Treasury knows the details of all my income because we have given it to them. "I always do my tax returns voluntarily because I think we all have to declare and pay taxes according to our income.

"Those who know me know what I ask my advisors: to have everything up to date and properly paid because I don't want problems."

Suggestions that Ronaldo created a



special company to deal with his image rights when he completed a world record move from Manchester United to Real Madrid in 2010 are completely rejected by the player.

"When I signed for Real Madrid, I did not create a special company to manage my image rights, but kept the same one that managed them when I was in England," he continued.

Lawyers recommended by Manchester United

created it in 2004, long before I thought of coming to Spain. The one used was usual in England and was verified by the Treasury and ratified that it was

legal and legitimate." Ronaldo's advisors are reportedly confident the player will be cleared of any wrongdoing and the 32-year-old is calm over the outcome of the

case. "It is time to let justice work," he said. "I believe in justice and I hope that there is a fair decision.

"In order to avoid

unnecessary pressure, I have decided that I will not comment further on this matter until the decision is made." -

Goal.com

Nyirenda drops Clatous Chama

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Nyirenda has however, recalled Mike Katiba of Green Buffaloes.

The midfielder missed the two-legged tie against Swaziland after sustaining a head injury in Zambia's 3-1 loss to Zimbabwe on July 9 in the 2017 COSAFA Cup

final played in Rustenburg, South Africa.

Meanwhile, Zambia will hosts Ethiopia on August 5 at Woodlands Stadium in Lusaka in a friendly ahead of their August 12, CHAN qualifiers final round, first leg away date against Bafana Bafana.

Zambia will host Bafana in the final leg decider on August 19 at the National Heroes Stadium in Lusaka to decide who goes through to next January's tournament to be hosted in Kenya.

Team:
GOALKEEPERS: Toaster Nsabata (Zanaco), Kelvin Malunga (Nkana), Allan Chibwe (Power Dynamos)
DEFENDERS: Donashano Malama, Moses Nyondo (both Nkana), Isaac Shamujiropa (Power Dynamos), Simon Silwimba, Fackson Kapumbu (both Zesco United), Webster

Mulenga (Red Arrows), Adrian Chama (Green Buffaloes)

MIDFIELDERS: Boston Muchindu (Nkana), Kondwani Mtonga, John Chingandu (both Zesco United), Godfrey Ngwenya (Power Dynamos), Jack Chirwa, Mike Katiba (both Green Buffaloes), Collins Sikombe (Napsa Stars)
STRIKERS: Lubinda Mundia (Red Arrows), Brian Mwila (Green Buffaloes), Augustine Mulenga (Zanaco), Justin Shonga (Nkwazi), Martin Phiri (Power Dynamos)

Fwayo is playing fantastic football – Dynamos coach

By Diggers Reporter

Lusaka Dynamos coach Patrick Phiri has described Fwayo Tembo as a true professional after riding a wave of hostile verbal abuse in Saturday's 1-1 away draw at Power Dynamos.

Power fans made sure they let Fwayo know about what they exactly felt about his shock decision to dump the club on July 14 to join ambitious Dynamos when they booed him and called him a Hule (Prostitute) every time he was on the ball in Saturday's game.

Fwayo came on as a substitute on the hour mark for Conlyde Luchanga in what was also his Dynamos debut at Arthur Davies Stadium in Kitwe where he had spent two seasons after joining them as a free agent

in April 2016.

"He is a seasoned professional, he has played outside Zambia, he has played for Zambia in our national stadiums so obviously he was not intimidated," Phiri said.

"He was fantastic. You could see how the game changed when he came in. This is what we missed. We missed a player with such good talent, vision and skill. So obviously he has brought a lot of value to the team."

Fwayo made an immediate statement as a Dynamos player when he set up Chris Mugalu for the 86th minute equaliser after earlier skying a sitter in the 81st minute. This is after Power had taken the lead in the 63rd minute when Benson Sakala headed-in the ball on the

rebound after Larry Bwalya's free kick came off the beam. Meanwhile, Power stay 2nd on the table on 33 points, two more than Dynamos after Saturdays game.

Napsa Stars were on 36 points ahead of their Sunday away date against Nchanga Rangers in Chingola.

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Mufulira Wanderers 1-Green Buffaloes 1
Nakambala Leopards 1-Nkana 0
Buildcon 2-Real Nakonde 0
Forest Rangers 1-Lumwana Radiants 0
Red Arrows 0-Zanaco 0
Green Eagles 2-City of Lusaka 0
Nkwazi 1-Kabwe Warriors 1
Power Dynamos 1-Lusaka Dynamos 1

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15h00: Nchanga Rangers-Napsa Stars

Zambia U17 win Cosafa Cup

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"And from the two weeks we were with them, they showed they were able to adapt to the situation very quickly.

"Otherwise the overall performance of the boys has been exceptional." Meanwhile, it took until the last 20 minutes

of the second half for Zambia to score all three of their goals.

Captain Prince Mumba put Zambia ahead in the 72nd minute, striker Christopher Phiri added the second in the 79th minute before defender Kingsley Hakwiya fired in a long range shot in the 81st minute.

But striker Lameck Banda, who was not on target in the final did not leave Mauritius empty handed.

Banda collected an extra prize for Zambia after winning the Golden Boot with the 6 goals he scored at the tournament Mauritius hosted from July 21-30.



U-17 COSAFA CHAMPIONS

By Diggers Reporter

Zambia Under-17 coach Mumamba Numba says his team has performed beyond expectations after Sunday's triumph in the 2017 COSAFA U 17

Cup final in Mauritius. Numba's side beat hosts Mauritius 3-0 to collect their debut COSAFA Under-17 crown.

Zambia's victory in the regional Under-17 tournament comes eight months after their Under-20 counterparts won the COSAFA Under-20 title in South Africa last December.

Numba's team achieved their COSAFA Under-17 victory after a crash selection programme that began in early June.

"Of course we have quite good talent in Zambia expect that we didn't have the time to get around to all the ten Provinces to pick more players," Numba said.

"We went to just five Provinces in Zambia where we managed to pick from different tournaments.

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Nyirenda drops Clatous Chama

By Diggers Reporter

Zambia coach Wedson Nyirenda has axed Lusaka Dynamos midfielder Clatous Chama from this 2018 CHAN qualifiers team that enters camp on Tuesday in Lusaka to prepare for this weekend's friendly against Ethiopia.

Chama was dropped after storming off the field on July 22 following his substitution in the 37th minute of Zambia's 3-0 home win over Swaziland in Lusaka that saw the team advance to the CHAN final qualifying round 7-0 aggregate.

Also omitted from the team that faced Swaziland are Zanaco defender Taonga Bwembya and Zesco United midfielder Dave Daka.

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Arsenal players celebrating their 2017 Emirates Cup win

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