

WUSAKILE OFFICIALS QUIT PF

By Joseph Mwenda and Sipilisiwe Ncube
About 11 PF officials in Wusakile Constituency on the Copperbelt have resigned to join a breakaway movement being organised by former minister Mwenya Musenge. And renowned PF cadre Maxwell Chongu has warned senior party officials from burring their heads in the sand over the resignations. But Provincial Chairman Steven Kainga says those who have resigned were not genuine officials, adding that he was ready to meet Musenge and Roan member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili on the

battle field. Idah Kasonde, Sankanani Mukwasa, Jane Chomba, Christine Banda. Eunice Mofya, Carthern Mwelani, Annie Mulenga, Violet Sibale, Carol Mufuzi, Nachomo Given and Nambela Judith are some of the female officials from Wusakile branch who have joined others in the breakaway movement. Others who have left PF are former Chimwemwe information and publicity secretary Steven Chewe. But in an interview with News Diggers! Kainga said Musenge was misleading the said 'officials' in order to destabilise PF because



...but chairman says they were not genuine

he was bitter after being expelled from the ruling party. "Honourable Musenge does not have a political party, so he cannot be misleading members to resign from the PF. I think the same people who are saying they have made a political party are the same people who are in a hurry to say they are getting people from PF and I think its bitterness," Kainga said.

Govt has paid 4.2bn owed to contractors

By Mukosha Funga
Minister of Finance Felix Mutati says government has paid over 4.2billion kwacha to contractors and suppliers of goods and services in order to stabilize the economy. According to a statement issued by Zambia's First Secretary for Press Naomi Nyawali today, Mutati said the money had been paid for over a period of six months to unlock the liquidity problem which the country was facing.

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It's illegal for UNZA to bar students from exams over fees - Mulusa



National Planning and Development Minister Lucky Mulusa

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
National Planning and Development Minister Lucky Mulusa says it is unconstitutional for universities to send away students who are about to write exams simply because their parents have not paid school fees. Reacting to the decision by the University of Zambia's decision to bar over 850 students with outstanding balances from writing examinations next month, Mulusa said there were many ways of collecting fees without inconveniencing students. "I was shocked yesterday to read about UNZASU (University of Zambia Students Union) saying, they support blocking of students who haven't paid their school fees

from writing exams. It is unconstitutional. The Constitution has got a provision for access to education, both private and public institutions should stop sending away

students from because their parents have not paid, refusing them from writing exams because their parents have not paid.

Let Lungu allow me to reveal Top Star deal - Kambwili

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Expelled Roan PF Member of Parliament Chishimba Kambwili has asked President Edgar Lungu to declassify the Digital Migration deal so that he can reveal to the people of Zambia how it was done. In an interview with News Digger! Kambwili said he had realised that he was being challenged to disclose government secrets so that he could be arrested. He thanked his "comrade" Wynter Kabimba for giving him a timely warning against breaching the oath of secrecy adding that he would not fall in the PF trap.

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Kambwili cannot disclose govt secrets anyhow just because he is out, warns Wynter Kabimba

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Rainbow party president Wynter Kabimba says at the rate which expelled Roan PF Member of Parliament Chishimba Kambwili is moving with his disclosure of government secrets, he risks being arrested.

In an interview with News Diggers! Kabimba warned Kambwili to be "very careful" when talking about government affairs involving information of confidential nature which he acquired when he was serving as Minister.

"The oath of office binds you to the information especially information of a confidential nature, secret nature that comes your way when you are serving as a Minister. So it binds you, you are bound by that oath even when you have been dropped or even if you resign. The idea is that the state must be protected. The idea is that you only came up with that information not in your capacity but by virtue of the fact that you were a serving public officer in a position of Minister," Kabimba said.

He said having taken Oath of Secrecy, Kambwili had the duty to protect the State by not disclosing any information that would harm or jeopardise government operations.

"So you cant just say what you want to say or disclose what you want to disclose when you are out of government. So ba Kambwili has to be very careful on what he

says and in fact under the Secret of Oath Act, it is an offence, you can actually go to jail. So he has to be very careful on what he says because he may just land himself in problems. Even you yourselves that are reporting you have to be very careful, because the man at the rate he is talking, am not sure myself whether or not he is even listening to himself," said Kabimba.

"You know in the United States, they have what is called classified documents or classified data and it only expires after a period of 30 years. So after 30 years if you served as Secretary of States for example or president you can then write another book or an additional set of memos where you can talk about how you invaded Iraq... The presumption of law is that at that stage, that kind of disclosure will no longer be damaging to the State."



Wynter Kabimba listens to President Michael Sata address Cabinet on June 2, 2014 - Picture by Joseph Mwenda

UNZA explains decision to bar 8000 students from exams

By Mukosha Funga

University of Zambia public relations manager Damaseke Chibale says the institution is owed K58 million from 8,000 students.

In a statement yesterday, Chibale explained that the payment structure was extremely flexible.

"Generating revenue through tuition fees has been a challenging undertaking for the

University despite the flexible arrangements accorded to our students. This is more pronounced with self-sponsored students and some of them who are not on 100% government sponsorship. The University is currently owed K58 million in unpaid fees from 8,000 students," Chibale said.

"It should be noted that the growing practice of non-payment of tuition

fees has affected the smooth operations of the University. Providing quality higher education services, comes with various unavoidable costs such as purchase of teaching and laboratory materials, preparing and marking examinations, and Library and information technology services. To keep the University running UNZA has to pay for

utilities such electricity, water, sewerage services, medical services as well as general maintenance of equipment and infrastructure."

He said UNZA had to change the way things had been done in the past in order to remain relevant.

"More importantly, the university has a legal obligation to pay salaries for its academic and non-academic staff for them to efficiently and effectively execute their duties for the benefit of the students and society in general. Therefore, for the University of Zambia to operate efficiently and remain relevant to the new trends in higher education service delivery, it has to change the way things have been done in the past," he said.

"Thus the University, like other institutions in the region and in the country, has come up with flexible tuition payment methods which all students and their sponsors are aware of. Students have been accorded the opportunity to pay for their tuition fees in four (4) instalments as follows: 1) First installment - 37.5% - start of first term which enable them to be registered in the University system, 2) Second installment - 25% - beginning of second term, 3) Third installment - 25% - beginning of third term and 4) Fourth installment - 12.5% - before writing

end-of-academic-year examinations."

He said management understood the challenges which parents and sponsors faced but they still had to honour their obligations.

"It is clear that Management takes cognisance of the challenges parents, guardians and sponsors face but there is a necessity for them to honour their obligations. Additionally, the University has also accorded some students a user friendly payment plan for those with historic tuition fee arrears which is being managed under the Academic Affairs Unit," said Chibale.

"With these friendly tuition fee payment provisions, there is no excuse for students and/or their sponsors to default in honouring their obligations, that is, paying tuition fees, particularly if they value university education. Therefore, management would like to urge all affected students, without exception, to take advantage of the available provisions for paying tuition fees to avoid any inconveniences."

He also clarified that students were still allowed to attend lectures. Recently, university management issued a Memo informing affected students that they would not be allowed to write exams this if they did not clear their arrears.

Prophet fails to raise the dead, taken to court

By Diggers Reporter

There was laughter in the Lusaka Magistrate's court when a 23 year old woman narrated how she was tricked by a prophet who promised to raise her husband from the dead.

This is in a matter in which prophet Angel Sakala swindled Beatrice Kasonde k10,170 on pretext that he would bring back to life her dead husband Kennedy Malawo.

Beatrice told Lusaka magistrate Mary Chibanga that Sakala whom she was referring to as "Papa" demanded for money for every step he took in performing the act of bringing back her hubby whom he claimed died mysteriously.

The witness said papa demanded K500 for booking him and another K500 for booking and transporting the police officers who were going to pick up Kasonde's husband when he got back to life.

She says before that she was made to pay K20 consultation fee.

Beatrice further narrated that Papa again asked for K300 for buying police officers beer as they were going to do a difficult task of picking her husband from the graveyard.

"He again requested for a K50 for documents," Kasonde narrated.

She testified that after praying against the nightmares of her late husband, Papa Angel told her that he had communicated with her husband and directed him to go to Kunda in Ndola. "Papa Angel again demanded for another K1000 for transport to Ndola to pick him up, and another k500 for a blue stone in which he was supposed to be washed," she explained.

Kasonde said the prophet again asked for K700 for sowing a seed so that evil spirits could stop following her risen husband.

She said Papa asked her not to shave her private parts until her husband came back and added that during the talk, he requested for K400 which she gave him. And Kasonde said she discovered that she was being duped after Papa Angel sent her a text message typed in Nyanja purporting to have been sent by her risen husband, telling her that he was on the way.

She said after her sister in-law dialled the same number Papa's neighbour answered the call.

The court heard that Kasonde finally gave the ATM card and pin number to Papa to be withdrawing money, as he frequently demanded for cash.

She said about K850 was given to Papa in cash while he subsequently withdrew

the rest of the money electronically.

According to Kasonde, a lady called Agatha linked her to Prophet Angel after he managed to stop her from constantly dreaming about her late husband.

She said even after Papa Angel failed to raise her husband, he called her on four occasions telling her to go and see the people he had brought back to life in Chisamba.

Kasonde however told the court that after going to meet Papa Angel, she was told that the person he had raised had been taken by the relatives.

The victims sister in-law Lenah Malawo said Papa Angel was a false prophet as he failed to raise her brother from the dead but kept on asking for money to perform the act.

She said she had never seen anyone bring back a dead person to life despite Papa Angel claiming that he had raised a lady from the dead by the name of Florence whom she found at the prophet's house.

She added that she had never seen a prophet like Papa Angel who drunk beer and insulted. Malawo said she observed the Prophet's weird behaviour when she stayed with him for over a month as the Papa asked her to be 'standing in the gap' during prayers.

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"I am very grateful to comrade Wynter Kabimba, very grateful for his sentiments. Its like he knew that was the plan. I have already been informed that the Minister of Information was deliberately told to challenge me over Digital

Migration so that I can divulge information on digital migration and then they come and arrest me. That is information which came to me by virtue of my office. And I am a very seasoned politician, I know that I can't do that," Kambwili said.

"Comrade Wynter is a lawyer, he knows what these people want to do. So I am not blind to that, I will not play in their trap, I will always be careful. I am grateful to Comrade Wynter for the timely advice." He however said his successor Kampamba

Mulenga had no idea about how the Digital Migration deal was handled because she was not there. "But what I want to say! I want to tell Kampamba Mulenga that let her go and ask President Lungu to remove the veil so that I can tell the people of Zambia

what transpired on the procurement of the Digital Migration. If they have nothing to hide, let them remove the veil and I will tell the people of Zambia what transpired." Kambwili said without President Lungu declassifying the matter,

he was constrained to talk about digital migration. "But if indeed they want me to disclose what transpired, how it was procured! Let them remove the veil, let President Edgar Lungu sign a declaration that they have allowed me to tell the people of Zambia what happened because he is the only one who can remove the veil. I will tell the people of Zambia and then they will be able to analyze who is telling the truth between Kampamba Mulenga who has come in now and Chishimba Kambwili who was there. But without the removal of that veil! I am constrained, I cannot talk about the Digital Migration, said Kambwili.

"I can just tell you that what Kampamba Mulenga said about the Digital Migration is neither here no there because first and foremost, I did not say that government has misappropriated the US273 million dollars. If you followed my discourse on Muvi TV, the reporter wanted me to talk about the Digital Migration but I said I don't know anything. The only think I know is that to migrate four provinces, we spent US9 million dollars and to migrate the remaining six provinces they are going to spend US273 million dollars. This information is in public domain. Never did I say that government has misappropriated the US273 million dollars, I never did any insinuation. Its what we call in Bemba 'Akanwa Kamilandu kalaipala' but am not going to disclose any information that came to me by virtue of the office."

Police nab two juveniles for rape

By Mukosha Funga

Two Siavonga juveniles have been arrested for allegedly raping a 16-year-old school girl.

According to a statement by Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo today, the boys lured the girl, who was on her way back to boarding school in the company of two friends, to their parents' house where they took some alcohol.

"A girl aged 16 years who is a pupil at one of the Secondary Schools in Siavonga District was allegedly raped by two male juveniles aged 16 and 17 years respectively while another girl aged 14 years is alleged to have been defiled by another male juvenile. Brief facts are that on 24th July, 2017 at about 08 00 hours, the victims who were in the company of another girl, who are in boarding school left the school premises to Siavonga town main market to buy some school necessities. On their way, they were allegedly lured by one of the male juveniles who took them to his parents' house situated near the main market and once they arrived, a group of six other male juveniles joined them," Katongo explained.

"The boys bought some alcoholic beverages which

they mixed with some energy drink and offered some to the girls but one of the girls refused to drink. The male juvenile who had lured the girls to his parents home then took the 16 years old girl who was in a drunken state to his bedroom where he sexually abused her and he was joined by another boy and they are alleged to have taken turns in raping her while the other girl aged 14 years is reported to have been taken to another bedroom by another male juvenile."

She stated that the issue was brought to the school management's attention who later reported it to police.

"The girl who remained in the living room decided to check what was happening and found her 16 year old friend in the bathroom in a bath tab where one of the suspects was found cleaning her private parts. She questioned the accused person on what had transpired to her friend to which he could not give a convincing explanation. The matter was brought to the attention of School Management which later reported to police. Police Officers visited the scene and discovered a bedspread with fresh blood stains," she stated. But Katongo said police had not arrested anyone

with regards to the alleged defilement of the 14-year-old as they were still awaiting an opinion from medical experts.

"The two victims (the 16 year old girl and the 14 year old girl) were issued with medical report forms and two suspects were picked and jointly charged with

the offence of Rape while police are still investigating the sexual abuse of the 14 year old girl alleged to have been defiled as they are still waiting for the opinion of medical experts.

The other boys who were also reported to have been at the scene were picked by police but later released on

insufficient evidence as all the witnesses could not link them to the alleged offences," said Katongo.

"Meanwhile, Police have also arrested the mother of one of the suspects for interfering with witnesses and has since been charged with Conspiracy to Defeat Justice and Interference with witnesses contrary to section 112 Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia. All the accused persons have since been released on Police Bond."

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"This is being done out of bitterness, otherwise, they could have accepted do it in a proper way. Zambia is a democratic nation and people are free to make their own political parties. But if they are cheating and making people understand that they are doing this and winning people and to destroying PF, I think they are cheating themselves."

He said the ruling party was still intact on the Copperbelt.

"Those are not in the structures. Those are just masqueraders trying to make PF look like it is being made to lose people but as for me as far as am concerned we had a meeting some two days ago in Kitwe and the constituencies gave us a report to say they are intact. If we were to check our records, you would find that those are not genuine members of PF. So for me we are on track and we are working. We wont even give it time to concentrate on

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hearing such. I think the best thing for us to do is to continue mobilizing the party and making it grow."

And Kainga said he was ready to face Kambwili and Musenge. "We are equal to the task because we have been with these people and we know them. We know their weaknesses and if I was to tell you, Honorable Chishimba Kambwili can never be a president because his language is very bad and if we were to go with Honorable Musenge, he lost an election when he was Minister. So I don't see him making any impact. Those didn't make PF on the Copperbelt. PF is made out of many people and we do things collectively," said Kainga.

"So as for me, I don't have any pressure because we have our structures which are intact and we will have nothing to do with

those two. Because if we were to say they are so powerful, we would have not even expelled them. We would have been fearing because it would have jeopardized our work. If they are men enough, let them come and face us by contesting the Road constituency by elections and we will face each other and we will see who is powerful if they are men enough."

Meanwhile renowned PF cadre Maxwell Chongu has warned senior party officials from burring their heads in the sand over the resignations.

"Mayor Christopher Kang'ombe, stop denying the truth. Your Wusakile chairman has appreciated the information saying he has always had problems with these people... The best way to safeguard the Patriotic Front is to expose pretenders, not always saying it

is well," Chongu said.

"You cannot say they were not members, suppose we need that number to cross the 2021 election, will you say we don't need them because they are not PF? Today we should reject people that voted for us just because we are in those officers rubbishing them? Are you sure? He reminded the senior PF officials of Michael Sata's political approach of embracing everybody.

"The late Michael Sata once said at a rally in Kafue 'ikafika inshita yakweba ati nefipuba fyonse tulafifwaya muchilonganino for us to win (time will come when we will need even mad people in our organisation for us to win)," said Chongu.

"We need everyone on board for 2021 won't be easy if we continue with this mentality."

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It is wrong. There are other means you can use in collecting fees and one of the ways is withholding the results. Somebody will look for the money and come and pay you," Mulusa said.

Mulusa said institutions of higher learning were actually stealing from students by making them pay for semesters which they never attended.

"In fact institutions of learning are stealing from students because when students are coming to pay, they clear semesters they never attended. Even kids at nursery and primary school, they are being sent away because their parents have not paid. A child has human rights and human rights must be protected especially for children. So as a nation it has become very...we have half baked graduates because of this tendency of sending students away," Mulusa said.

"The President said please read the



National Planning Minister Lucky Mulusa

constitution, University of Lusaka read the Constitution, when you

go back to the university, read the Constitution. You have got no right to

send away a child from school because they have not paid school fees. Find

other means to collect your money."

And Mulusa, who was speaking at a media interactive forum at Intercontinental Hotel under the theme "promoting inclusive growth in Zambia", urged critics to read the Seventh National Development Plan before rushing to make statements in the media.

"Let me state here that the 7NDP does not require extra funding beyond the funds which have already been envisaged in the roll out up to 2021. It is

about a paradigm shift, a mindset shift, you will recall that there was a time when the President was accused of not having a plan of his own at all, what the President said was that 'I belong to a political party that has an agenda which I am part of and therefore, my plan is continuity with change,'" said Mulusa.

"What the President has brought is a proper sequencing of projects so that they are able to finance each other."

UPND members still look forward to Hichilema being sworn-in as president, Sunday Chanda

By Mirriam Chabala

PF media director Sunday Chanda says the opposition UPND still looks forward to a day when the presidential election case would be heard and Hakainde Hichilema would be inaugurated as President of Zambia.

Speaking when he featured on Joy FM's the Platform programme, Chanda said the narrative of President Edgar Lungu being a dictator was being circulated by the UPND. "Zambians know what a dictatorship looks like. What is dictatorial about President Lungu? Because if you tell President Lungu to interfere in a matter that is live before the courts of law and he tells you 'I don't have that kind of power under the constitution' you say no this man is a dictator but when did enforcement of the law amount to dictatorship and what is it that the President has done outside his mandate that qualifies him to fit into this dictatorial narrative that people have been circulating?" wondered Chanda.

"You and I know that this agenda of Zambia sliding into a dictatorship locally is being circulated by UPND because in their wisdom, a day is coming when their leader is going to be inaugurated as President of this country. They believe a

day is coming when an election petition is going to be heard in the courts of this country, But I said before and let me repeat it that this country has got laws, we are a nation of laws and not men."

He urged the UPND to forget about the 2016 general elections and focus on 2021.

"If the UPND is thinking of any election, let them focus on 2021. This whole idea of causing anarchy and giving Zambia a bad narrative so as to increase someone's political fortune is not going to work and we are not going to give in to sponsored pressure that is funded by people who we know are actually enemies of the Zambian people and are only interested in wanting to come and control our mineral rights," he said.

And Chanda regretted that the announced maize floor price was devastating to farmers.

"On the question of the maize price which I think has become a matter of concern and a bit unsettling to our farmers, let me digest it a bit because this is very important. We would want to place on record that as the Head of State had stated, it is not the desire of the PF to politicise this particular matter but today, the Zambia National farmers Union (ZNFU) has urged farmers country wide to

hold on to their maize until it has had a meeting with FRA. Of course there have been reports of farmers being exploited by private traders who are buying maize at as low as K35 per 50kg bag, this is so disturbing and we condemn these malpractices by private traders exploiting our farmers," said Chanda.

"We look forward to the outcome of the meeting between ZNFU and FRA on

this particular matter of price. Our farmers across the country can be assured that they have a listening government committed to protect and safeguard the welfare of small scale farmers and we look forward to what will come out of this meeting and the interest of the Patriotic Front is to see a win win situation where the farmer is not disadvantaged in any way."

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He said the availability of liquidity in economy had helped to strengthen and stabilize the kwacha, making it one of the best performing currencies in Africa.

He expressed joy that Zambia had since registered a positive trade surplus of over 180 million dollars in the first half of this year.

He was speaking at the OR Tambo international Airport in South Africa when he Met Zambia's High Commissioner to that Country Emmanuel Mwamba.

He added that the stability of the kwacha had resulted increased investment in government security bonds.

Mutati noted that about 50



per cent of the government security bonds were being subscribed by foreign investors

who were bringing in an inflow of dollars.

He observed that increased

cash inflow into Zambia would help create employment in the private sector.

Keith grills Inspector General



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By Mukosha Funga

Keith: That's not hearsay. And the operation order was availed to you right?
 IG: correct your honor
 Keith: And since you are in charge of giving command and directive and you superintend, is it you who told Mr Lungu that that convoy of the UPND president should not be on the road?
 IG: No, the commissioner decides as to the situation on the ground your honour
 Keith: Where is this operation order today?
 IG: if the court wishes, it will be made available your honour
 Keith: permission to approach the witness with a document (hands it over). You know Mr Amos Chanda don't you?
 IG: I do your honour
 Keith: how do you know him?
 IG: he is the Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations.
 Keith: I am showing he witness unmarked documents. A statement from Mr Amos Chanda and a newspaper supporting the same. Read the statement
 IG: "Route lining was done. HH passed major check points in good time but slowed down so Eagle One can find him on the way which happened. We had two options: to slow down and allow to reach Limulunga or to bump him off and create some scene of sorts which is what he wanted. A decision was made to by pass him and in our mind we were clear non danger was posed to H.E unless HH himself would ram his car into Eagle One. A split second decision would be made to prevent that cause at that stage any movable object in motion or stationery is constantly on target from some close range, which is why it was spectacularly foolish for HH and his minders to place themselves into that real and eminent danger.
 Keith: Good, don't forget, the President's life was not in danger according to Amos Chanda. Look at the Newspaper, what is the date?
 IG: It is Monday 10th April 2017
 Keith: Daily Nation Newspaper right?
 IG: correct your honour
 Keith: Issue number?
 IG: 1633 your honour
 Keith: What's that headline?
 IG: HH blocked Presidential motorcade
 Keith: Read the story
 IG: (reads story derived from Amos Chanda's statement above)
 Keith: the State House police protocol was route lining according to this statement right? So there's no doubt whatsoever that the UPND president and his entourage were authorized to be

on the road according to what you have read, correct?
 IG: correct
 K: you have never issued any statement to disagree with Amos that the UPND president was not authorized to be on that road have you?
 IG: I have not, if you read further between the lines your honour, there was a purpose
 Keith: No! don't volunteer answers. I haven't asked about the purpose.
 IG: I need to expand
 Keith: no, you don't just answer the question
 Magistrate: Witness just answer the question
 IG: I have not issued any statement
 Keith: Your commissioner of police is saying he was not authorized, the man in charge at State House who actually speaks what the President was desires is saying he was authorized
 IG: he was not authorized at that particular time, not at that time when Eagle One was in enroute, no one is supposed to be on the route
 Keith: That was not the question. The truth is that contrary to what you are saying, he was authorized correct?
 IG: he was authorized initially, correct
 Keith: so the debrief from your police commissioner was a lie?
 IG: it was not a lie.
 Keith: so if he was authorized, you had a duty to stop the President's motorcade so that it doesn't come from behind not so?
 IG: the President's motorcade takes precedence. Once it starts moving everyone else must be off the road
 Keith: so you are telling us different statements. And now your statement is that he was authorized to be on the road right?
 IG: at the time the President got on the route, he was not authorized, that's what I was referring to.
 Keith: No, we are not
 State prosecutor: Your honour we want to respond to that point, we would like to object...
 Haimbe: Your honour he used the word respond, there is no such procedure your honour. He can't respond to the cross examination, there is no such procedure. And that is why I stood but sat down when I noticed he corrected himself.
 State prosecutor: Your honour we feel it is not the way to go
 Magistrate: reasons?
 State prosecutor: I have forgotten (laughter in court)
 Haimbe: allow us to laugh your honour
 Magistrate: Counsel is at liberty, this is the only chance he has to give evidence
 Keith: So it was your duty not to allow the Presidential motorcade to start off until the road was clear?

IG: No your honour, it is never like that, the President takes precedence in all matters in the country
 Keith: What is your authority for that?
 IG: Your honour State Security gives those details
 Keith: What is your authority for that?
 IG: those are state security matters
 Keith: You are speaking authoritatively, what is your authority for that?
 IG: it is common knowledge that when the Presidential motorcade is on the road, a siren like that one you are hearing, you bump off the road!
 Keith: what siren?
 IG: your honour the siren that I heard outside. You pack off the road whether it is a police ambulance or fire brigade, it is an international standard.
 Keith: That's why my question stands, what's your authority?
 IG: These are standards put in presidential protection your honour
 Keith: and we want that same standard, in what document?
 IG: it is general practice
 Keith: there must be documents stipulating
 IG: I know my learned counsel is looking at the law, but there are practices which give details of the operations of the State. State machinery operates differently even without the legal guidance your honour
 Keith: So in short you are saying you are allowed to act outside the law?
 IG: within the law your honour to protect the Head of State the state machinery can act in a certain manner.
 Keith: and the President himself, through his spokesperson said his life was not in danger not so?
 IG: I can't comment on that one your honour because it is not me who produced that statement.
 Keith: Okay, I will still get what I want. You give the President intelligence reports don't you?
 IG: I cannot comment on that one.
 Keith: You will, because there is a chain of communication. I am not asking you to disclose the contents, we won't go there, we are simply saying you do provide briefings to the President not so?
 IG: I do provide briefings to the President
 Keith: Yes, that's a fact. And this is on a daily basis?
 IG: on a daily basis your honour
 Keith: and he himself is saying he was not in danger?
 IG: I am not privy to that
 Magistrate: You see why I guided to restrict yourselves to the matter before court. The way you are coming out as if now we are in treason, limit yourself to the issue of libel
 Keith: the indictment has treason in it

Magistrate: But this is not a treason trial
 Keith: Yes, but it is inevitable, we haven't even gone a quarter way, we still have long with this witness. I am restraining myself from appearing to be giving evidence to the bar that's why I am struggling a bit
 Magistrate: Stick to the matter before court otherwise we don't want to start trying a matter that is before the High Court
 Keith: your worship, the President briefs the President on a daily basis and the Presidential spokesperson is the mind of the President so I am trying to show the witness that that President was not in danger in any way and the statement from the police, which he read earlier, said he put the life of the President in danger, that's where I am going. I want to show inefficiency on the part of the police. I am trying to prove inefficiency and incompetence
 Magistrate: Proceed
 Keith: We are requesting this audio be played (hands over CD to court marshal for set up). So the President said his life was not in danger and you are saying it was in danger. The President was there and you were not right?
 IG: I was not there but he was
 Keith: So the issue of danger is best told by him and not you correct?
 IG: correct your honour
 Keith: (Plays audio of Amos and IG phone conversation) Okay, you are now looking at a Daily Nation Newspaper correct?
 IG: correct your honour
 Keith: Date and issue number?
 IG: 15th April, 2017 issue number 1638
 Keith: Headline?
 IG: Police probe Kanganja secret recording
 K: you can read
 IG: "The tapping of a private conversation between Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja and the Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda is the subject of intensive investigation by police to verify the origin on the recording. On Friday, UPND vice-president GBM during a press briefing alluded to the fact that the party had inside information of the recording between State House and police which led the arrest of Hakainde Hichilema through President Edgar Lungu's press aide citing a recording to prove police were working under instructions. Zambia Police Spokesperson Esther Katongo said they have already instituted investigations into the origin of the recording circulating on social media. She said the recording was a revelation that some people have gained illegal access and are listening in to private conversations without authorization. She explained that although the recording was from

an old conversation from last year, there was need for the..."
 Keith: Okay, that's okay. I just wanted to lay a foundation. The audio that we have played and the Daily Nation newspaper where your spokesperson is talking is the same incident right?
 IG: correct
 K: and you are the one in that recording talking on phone with Mr Amos Chanda 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: who is the IG being referred to by Esther Mwaata Katongo talking about that recording?
 IG: the Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja
 Keith: and who is that?
 IG: That's me
 Keith: And the person in the audio is you correct? You want us to play it again?
 IG: it is not me your honour, it is just a reference but it is not me that's why there is that investigation
 Keith: which has not borne any fruits to this day?
 IG: Well, we are yet to make an arrest
 Keith: You are on oath and this is very clear
 IG: That is not factual your honour
 Keith: So, If you do not know and you are trying to dispute something which is straight forward
 IG: It is not straight forward, that is malicious actually. It is not on record
 Keith: I haven't finished the question. Please play the audio again (Audio is replayed) okay, so during this same period, it is a fact that your service arrested Mr GBM correct?
 IG: I wouldn't know the period when that was recorded
 Keith: The newspaper, what is it saying?
 IG: The newspaper is not a fact, is it a fact?
 Keith: he says "hi IG". Who is the IG in this country?
 IG: that is just a fabrication
 Keith: Who is the IG in this country?
 IG: there is no mention of my name in that recording
 Keith: Who is the IG in this country?
 IG: I am the IG your honour
 Gilbert: Your honour this is a procedural issue. The colleagues on my right hand side are consistently mouthing statements to the witness on stand. I think that perhaps they need to be guided.
 State prosecutor: It would have been better for him to be specific instead of smearing all of us here.
 Gilbert: I think he agrees with me that the others are mouthing. I am seated next to him and I can vouch for the fact that he is not doing it. Out of respect, I am saying on my right, the State is consistently mouthing answers and the witness himself is fixing his eyes on them
 Magistrate: Witness, fix your eyes to the court as you speak. It is misconduct to behave like that when the witness is testifying. So you are warned to behave yourselves.
 Keith: Mr Kanganja, your investigation of that recording has got nothing to do with investigating people who are talking but your investigation is trying to find out or to establish who recorded, that is what your investigation is centered on not so?
 IG: No your honour
 Keith: Please give him [newspaper] again to read. It is your own spokesperson. And remember we have that statement; it is not just the newspaper so just answer. Read the first paragraph
 IG: (reads first paragraph of Daily Nation story)
 Keith: so it is very clear your investigation is to identify the people who recorded your secret conversation?
 IG: The investigation is about the origin, it is very clear your honour
 Keith: we will still get what we want and I am still on the same question.

IG: you are welcome your honour
 Keith: You are trying to investigate the origins of the question correct?
 IG: the perceived recording
 Keith: No! we will read it again. Read paragraph one again
 IG: I have already answered
 Gilbert: is the witness saying he will not answer questions in this court? Did I hear right?
 Magistrate: Witness, before this court you are a witness so you need to forget about your position and remember that you are a witness before court. And answer the questions as they come to you
 Keith: Read it again
 IG: (reads story again)
 Keith: yes, so the investigation is centered on the recording of the conversation between you and Amos Chanda correct?
 IG: not correct
 Keith: What you have read here is that according to your spokesperson, the origin of the recording between you and Amos is what is being investigated not so?
 IG: the purported recording. Your honour it could be just the wording of the statement there.
 Keith: I will not leave it, the word purported does not appear anywhere does it?
 IG: it is not me who wrote that
 Keith: and I am not asking who wrote
 IG: then my answer remains the same
 Keith: you will read it again, read. (State objects and Magistrate asks Keith to move on)
 Keith: Okay, the word purported does not exist there does it?
 IG: (silence)
 Magistrate: (repeats Keith's question)
 IG: no it doesn't your honour
 Keith: So according to your spokesperson, it is...
 IG: Yes, according to the spokesperson not me, I am the person standing here
 Keith: the spokesperson speaks with your authority sir not so?
 IG: the spokesperson does not speak under my authority
 Keith: Okay, we will record that. So that statement is not a reflection of what the police service is all about correct? Since she does not speak with your authority?
 IG: it could be a misinterpretation of facts in that statement your honour.
 Keith: you are expressing shadows of doubt
 IG: because it is not done by me your honour, unless you have a statement by Mrs Katongo before court and not a paper which doesn't even belong to Zambia Police
 Keith: don't worry, just keep calm
 IG: I am very calm, I am used to this, 33 years of experience
 Keith: There was a press briefing addressed by your spokesperson correct?
 IG: I am not aware
 Keith: ah, good. Remember we are on inefficiency and incompetence. So you are not aware that your spokesperson had a press briefing? Very good, thank you. What does that say about your efficiency?
 IG: I am very professional, I am very efficient, if I wasn't, I wouldn't be standing here today your honour
 Keith: you are very efficient and you do not know that your spokesperson had a press briefing on that. So your investigation on the same, have you caught the people who secretly recorded you with Mr Amos Chanda?
 IG: Your honour, the matter is under investigation
 Keith: that is not my question
 IG: your honour the matter is still under investigation
 Keith: answer please
 IG: there hasn't been anyone caught but the matter is under investigation
 Keith: That recording, how many months have passed?
 IG: investigations take even 20 years your honour
 Keith: That's the problem with this witness your honour, he is not answering the questions. The court has guided several times
 Magistrate: Witness you just answer the question
 IG: correct your honour

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Keith: it is over three months right?
 IG: correct your honour and we are still investigating
 Keith: and you have not given the nation an update?
 IG: Not at all but at an optune time, we will give them.
 Keith: No, do not volunteer answers. And in that conversation, it is talking about the arrest of the UPND vice-president Mr GBM, it is the fact that you arrested Mr GBM on account of a statement when he said he was going to go for the President's throat not so?
 IG: correct your honour
 Keith: and it is also a fact that you denied him bond and kept him in custody over that long weekend correct?
 IG: He was in custody your honour, courts do not operate over the weekend your honour.
 Keith: No, the court has advised you. You refused to give him police bond over a misdemeanor not so?
 IG: yes your honour, it was not under my jurisdiction
 Keith: no, you are not asking the questions. Remember, you are the number one police officer
 IG: number one for sure your honour, law abiding
 Keith: we will find out and that matter is still in court today you are aware?
 IG: I am aware your honour
 Keith: and in that conversation, the speakers, the one who is being referred to as IG is acknowledging the fact that he was not given police bond right?
 IG: according to that conversation your honour, yes
 Keith: and the IG in that recording is also agreeing that you are not a police service but a police force correct?
 IG: I didn't hear that
 Keith: you can play it again that forget about service, you are a police force, not that woman who was there
 IG: that was someone else (audio is played again)
 Keith: it is a fact that the arrest of GBM was on account of the same issue of the throat, that he would go for the throat of the President right?
 IG: Yes, and that is under a competent court elsewhere (audio plays again)
 Keith: the IG before you was a lady wasn't she?
 IG: correct your honour
 Keith: her name was Stella Libongani not so
 IG: correct
 Keith: so to that extent, this fact tallies with the audio right?
 IG: there was a lady IG your honour, correct
 Keith: and the speaker is acknowledging that you are a force, not a service, I put it to you that your service is not a force, would you agree?
 IG: it is a service your honour (audio plays again)
 Keith: you speak to Mr Amos Chanda often not so?
 IG: no, not regularly. 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: and you are very much familiar with his voice?
 IG: I am not familiar your honour
 Keith: But you are familiar with your own voice aren't you?
 IG: I can't, I can't your honor. (laughter in court)
 Keith: You can't what?
 IG: I am not familiar because like this, I have got a cough. (more laughter, marshal calls for silence)
 Keith: so on who's authority was your spokesperson addressing the nation on the recording between you and Amos Chanda?
 IG: I wouldn't know because there is no statement in court to

show that it was her statement
 Keith: is it your testimony that you are not aware that your spokesperson addressed the press on this issue?
 IG: I am not aware your honour, that's my testimony
 Keith: we are on incompetence and inefficiency. So if it turns out that indeed, she held that press briefing and you are not aware, then it means things are done behind your back as IG not so?
 IG: I am not always in the office.
 Keith: Answer the question, it simply means that your spokesperson is addressing the nation without your authority correct?
 IG: she normally informs me whenever she's doing that and I give her authority to do that
 Keith: Do you understand my question? What was my question?
 IG: The question was that am I aware that she held a press briefing without my knowledge? I always give her authority to do that.
 Keith: if you are not aware she addressed the nation over this recording, then it means that things are done without your knowledge right?
 IG: not at all, things cannot be done behind my back
 Keith: if we establish in this court that your spokesperson actually addressed the nation on this issue, and you say you are not aware, that will be an act of inefficiency on your part
 IG: it wouldn't be, depending on the circumstance your honour
 Keith: I put it to you that everything that happens within the police service and for the spokesperson to speak, you must authorize, do you disagree?
 IG: I agree with you
 Keith: And you as police, you are not authorized to act on the basis of being instructed by 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
 Keith: so clearly, the IG in that conversation, remember, Amos says his boss asked him and that he was getting a brief from the Secretary General. The IG clearly was being told that that person shouldn't be released and the IG responded by saying that was the plan correct?
 IG: That is what is in that purported recording your honour
 Keith: It is a fact, that recording exists, it is not a purported recording
 IG: Your honour, people will be arrested, those who are circulating this same one will be dealt with
 Keith: Oh, the witness is threatening to arrest people who are circulating that. Under what authority are you going to use to arrest people? Because this issue is in public domain, I can even, do you have a phone there with internet bundles?
 IG: I don't have, I am very poor your honour
 Keith: You can't talk about arresting people when that issue is in public domain
 IG: your honour there was warning whoever circulates will be arrested
 Keith: You are threatening the citizens of this country?
 IG: it is not a threat, people have to be protected
 Keith: who? Which people?
 IG: Like me
 Keith: So it is your recording, you are admitting
 IG: No your honour (laughter in court)
 Keith: You go on all these websites, Youtube, ZNBC, Diggers News, Watchdog, Muvi TV, even on ZICTA website, are you going to arrest these people?

Keith grills Inspector General

IG: your honour that's the line of investigation, we will get back to the source
 Keith: and what are you going to charge them with?
 IG: we will be guided by the legal minds your honour
 Keith: so you are telling this court that you ignore freedom of expression?
 IG: There's a limit to everything, even under that article there is a limit
 Keith: People have the right to express themselves right?
 IG: correct
 Keith: and so does the accused person have that right?
 IG: everyone has that right
 Keith: including the accused?
 IG: correct, that is why we are here
 Keith: you have never disciplined Esther Mwaata Katongo for that coverage not so?
 IG: some of these papers I am only seeing them today. Otherwise I'd have taken appropriate action
 Keith: If she says something to the nation without your knowledge and approval, you are supposed to discipline her right?
 IG: I take appropriate action your honour
 Keith: so the fact that you did not means that the statement had your authority not so?
 IG: I am seeing it today
 Keith: I am interested in inefficiency. So, as far as you are concerned, it is the first time in this court that you have come to be aware that Esther Mwaata Katongo addressed the nation on the conversation between you and Amos Chanda?
 IG: correct
 Keith: but you agree with me that your office is only investigating this matter because it is aware of the recording?
 IG: I am aware
 Keith: read the paragraph on page four
 IG: (reads story again)
 Keith: so according to what you have read, Esther Mwaata Katongo is saying this is an old conversation referring to GBM's arrest not so?
 IG: it is not referring to me, it is referring to the contents of that recording
 Keith: your spokesperson is very categorical in talking about the recording between you and the Presidential spokesperson, she is very clear
 IG: that is Esther Katongo, not Kanganja
 Keith: you are the IG, Esther is referring to your office and actually mentions your name not so?
 State prosecutor: Objection your honour. On the statement by the spokesperson, he has already said that she did it without his authority. Now the counsel is just going round and round to solicit an answer from the witness who has already answered.
 Magistrate: You heard the line of the questioning? That in the statement she referred to him, there is nothing wrong with counsel
 Keith: so the fact that she mentions you by name and office, it simply means that for her to mention your office and name, it means you authorized her to address the nation ok that recording not so?
 IG: your honour I have already answered
 K: but at least we have agreed on one point, there is nowhere in that story where your spokesperson is disputing the conversation by saying this is not the IG and Amos Chanda
 IG: I cannot answer for her.
 Keith: That is not the question.
 IG: Confirm that she gave that statement

K: that's not what I am asking (repeats question), it is categorical it is you and Amos Chanda..
 IG: it is not categorical
 Keith: show me a part where she has disputed
 IG: there is nothing here as she is not the author of this article
 Keith: so your answer is that there is no where where she disputes?
 IG: there is nowhere because she is not the author of this.
 Keith: But are you aware of any other report where police have refuted?
 IG: your honour I cannot comment on that
 Keith: Okay. We will twist it the other way. When something is wrongly reported, you do take action, you do refute it if it is not correct not so?
 IG: correct
 Keith: to date have you summoned any newspapers to get a retraction or tell them that what they produced was fake?
 IG: no, we have not
 State prosecutor: Your honour, maybe the witness can be allowed to sit since this session has been long now
 IG: no your honour, I will remain standing
 Keith: from what you have read, Katongo did not dismiss the recording as fake not so?
 IG: there is nothing like that here
 Keith: yes, all that is being alluded to is the fact that they are going to investigate the origin
 IG: correct
 K: the indictment says inefficiency, you were trying to cover your inefficiency, so who issued the operation order on the UPND president's arrest?
 IG: in my evidence in chief
 Keith: I am not asking about the evidence in chief, I just wanted to know, who issued the operation order?
 IG: there are two aspects so I wanted to lay ground, for the operations in Mongu, it is the commissioner in charge
 Keith: okay let me break it down, who issued the operation order on the Mongu incident?
 IG: the operation order comes from the commissioner of police for Western Mr Charles Lungu
 Keith: and you approved it?
 IG: I approved it with amendments
 Keith: what about the operation order at the UPND president's house?
 IG: that falls under the director of the CID Mr Webby Shula, director criminal investigations department
 Keith: He is in this court, he is a humble citizen of this country and coincidentally, your spokesperson is also in this court, madam humble Esther Mwaata Katongo
 IG: correct
 Keith: and that (raid at HH's house) was also done with your approval correct?
 IG: Correct
 Keith: it is a fact that the police who had a duty to clear the way long before the President arrived did not do so right
 IG: They did so
 Keith: Permission to view a video of the Mongu incident so that we are shown where there police were (Mongu incident video plays)
 Keith: you had the benefit of looking at footage of the Mongu incident right?
 IG: no your honour
 Keith: Okay, so you don't know what it is all about?
 IG: I don't know your honour
 Keith: (gives IG statement he issued after Mongu incident) read that
 IG: "I wish to reiterate that actions by the opposition leader

were unreasonable, reckless and criminal"
 Keith: Who's statement is that?
 IG: this is my statement to the nation on 12th April
 Keith: have you ever at any point addressed the nation to the effect that you saw the footage?
 IG: not at all
 K: and you are telling the nation that you analysed what transpired in Mongu?
 IG: correct
 Keith: what tools were you using to analyse?
 IG: this was from the breifs I was receiving from the people on the ground
 K: I knew you would answer like that. From the footage you have seen, there are no police officers there not so?
 IG: I can't comment, I haven't seen
 Keith: Okay, since you are unable to see, we will come back to it when we get a longer version of the video so let's proceed. You said in examination in chief that you received calls from a cross section of society, you are the head of police right?
 IG: correct
 Keith: and Mumbi Phiri directed you, do you remember this document which you read? She singled you out and was saying you should arrest HH and charge him with treason right?
 IG: your honour, I already answered that question when it was
 Keith: yes, earlier you has answered but I had said police. Now I am saying she singled you out and said it was up to the appointing authority to deal with you but you were very unprofessional
 IG: correct
 Keith: But you have not complained and brought her to court have you?
 IG: your honour, when the question was put forward to me
 Keith: No, answer the question. You have not
 IG: No, I have not
 Keith: and she goes further to say there was lapse on the part of police right?
 IG: that's what she said in that statement your honour
 Keith: At this point, the UPND president was not arrested right?
 IG: correct
 Keith: But there was pressure building up from members of a political party building up to charge with treason
 IG: correct, that is why in my response I said 'I am not a coward'
 Keith: no, you have already answered. Again, leave that in your mind, I will come back to it. Your own statement in evidence in chief, you said people were still calling you about this post. Name at least five people who called you as a result of ID1.
 IG: that question was already answered in cross examination so I am not going to answer it
 Magistrate: That time the accused had no lawyer and this time his lawyers are picking it up so answer the question
 IG: the names are in the papers
 Keith: (repeats question)
 IG: I can't remember but it is there
 Keith: where?
 IG: the papers you were showing to me
 Keith: So Mumbi Phiri called you?
 IG: correct
 Keith: that you should resign. On phone right?
 IG: No your honour, in person
 Keith: my question was name the people who called you
 IG: it could be in person or on phone
 Keith: so Mumbi Phiri called you and asked you to resign, and this

is a party functionary, deputy secretary general of the PF right?
 IG: correct
 Keith: She has the authority to tell you to resign as IG?
 IG: your honour, even you as a
 Keith: No, don't say even me
 IG: she has, as a citizen of Zambia, she is entitled
 Keith: But IG, surely, you agree with me that the time Mumbi Phiri was talking about that issue, there was no ID1 don't you agree with me?
 IG: the incident was already there
 Keith: No, I am talking about ID1, there was no ID1
 IG: correct
 Keith: I want to show you that you are not being sincere
 IG: it is on record
 Keith: You were given options, resign or arrest and charge with treason. Of the two, which one happened?
 IG: she never gave me any option
 Keith: That's not my question. Okay if you do not want to tie it to Mumbi Phiri, we will go general. Other activists say you either resign or you arrest, Wright Musoma, Kapoma, they gave you options. Which of the two options happened?
 IG: I acted professionally
 Keith: (repeats question) okay I will put it in form of an answer. Of the two options, only one happened and what happened was that you arrested Hakainde Hichilema and charged him for treason not so?
 IG: yes
 Keith: you love your job, you don't want to leave it right?
 IG: that's why I have served for 32 years
 Keith: And you don't want to resign from it right?
 IG: not on unfounded grounds
 Keith: No, I am not talking about the grounds
 IG: I wouldn't resign, I love it
 Keith: so even Wright Musoma called you
 IG: no
 Keith: Kapoma?
 IG: no
 Keith: You said numerous people called you. And it is a fact that throughout your evidence in chief, you did not tell the court what your phone number is
 IG: your honour, I can avail it now
 Keith: No, I don't need it, we will not give the state room to reexamine. The answer is that you did not
 IG: I did not
 Keith: And therefore there is no documentary evidence in this court that numerous people called you correct?
 IG: unless an investigation is conducted your honour
 Keith: there is no documentary evidence
 IG: there is no documentary evidence, I am a witness of fact
 Keith: Did Mr Donald Chanda call you
 IG: not at all
 Keith: my last question, it will be an appropriate time to adjourn now, you said you don't remember the people who called you but they were numerous. So, we will ask for an adjournment so that at the next sitting, come with a list of the people who called you. You can write the names so that you don't forget so that you come and tell us the names of the numerous people who called you because it is relevant to the charge
 IG: your honour I can't
 Keith: it is not a question. I have told you to come with a list of names
 IG: it is not possible
 Magistrate: It is not a question. If you can remember, you can write and bring
 Court adjourns to next day.



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ZRA extends tax amnesty deadline

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Finance Minister Felix Mutati has directed the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) to extend the tax amnesty deadline to 31st August from 31st July 2017.

In a statement today, Mutati however said the deadline for time-to-pay extension agreements remained 31st December 2017.

He also revealed that 40 brand new vehicles had been procured for enforcement which had commenced with immediate effect but would be accelerated after the 31st August new deadline.

“The amnesty on interest and penalties which was introduced by the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) on 24th April, 2017, came to a close yesterday on 31st July

2017. During this period, taxpayers were expected to submit outstanding tax returns and pay all principal tax liabilities for tax periods prior to 1st March 2017, after which all interest and penalties accrued for the said period would be waived in full. Taxpayers were expected to pay all outstanding principal liabilities within the amnesty period,” Mutati said.

“I therefore wish to direct the Zambia Revenue Authority to extend the amnesty up to 31st August, 2017. Notwithstanding this extension, the deadline for time-to-pay agreements remains 31st December, 2017 and all other rules will remain as announced by the commissioner general during the launch of the amnesty campaign on 24th April, 2017.

In instances where taxpayers have not able to settle the principal liabilities before 31st July 2017, ZRA offered an opportunity of settling such tax liabilities in installments by entering into time-to-pay agreements (TPAS) with taxpayers to be settled before 31st December 2017.”

Mutati said no applications for further extension would be entertained after the expiry of the additional 30 days.

“I wish to take this opportunity to encourage members of the public to take full advantage of this extension and not wait for the last minute to put their tax affairs in order. ZRA must ensure that all taxpayers with issues on their tax accounts are attended to before the new deadline, after which enforcement action should be

instituted against all taxpayers with liabilities on their accounts,” said Mutati.

“In this regard, ZRA is expected to step up its enforcement strategies in order to deal

with the post-amnesty period. For example, 40 brand new vehicles have been procured for enforcement which has commenced with immediate effect but will be accelerated

after the new deadline of 31st August, 2017. I am glad to note that ZRA has also recruited more officers in order to enforce its mandate of revenue collection.”

Tell us real debt figures, Mumba asks Mutati

By Mukosha Funga

MMD leader Nevers Mumba has asked Finance Minister Felix Mutati to tell the nation the exact debt which the country has contracted.

In a letter to Mutati yesterday, Mumba said he searched for the truth after the latter gave two different figures in Parliament over how much Zambia was owing.

“Arising from your address in Parliament when you announced the national debt figure as \$7.2 billion after your

initial figure of \$17.2 billion after your initial figure of 17.2 billion was corrected by your office, we have embarked on a long search for the truth than your last figure of \$7.2 billion. I am aware that your ministry is the only one mandated by law to confirm figures such as national debt. That is why we have sought for your final position on this matter,” wrote Mumba.

“Please peruse through our findings and calm our nerves by clearing the obvious

anomalies we have identified in your numbers. We intend to further raise this question of clarification on the floor of Parliament where your statement was given. Since this information is already in the public domain, we request that your statement of clarification be made available to the public, while we would also appreciate an official reply to our letter. We await your favourable response and wish you God’s guidance as you deal with this matter.”

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How can we help Miles Sampa?

It is difficult to ignore Miles Sampa's continued fall from grace. In fact, it is quite touching to see a young, enterprising Zambian politician lose esteem and integrity in a blink of an eye.

How did an upcoming star politician with so much going for him become a nobody, a political nonentity?

Miles Sampa was the closest contender to the PF presidency; either him or Edgar Lungu was going to take over from Michael Sata. They both seemed to be equal contenders as they battled to the extent of dividing the ruling party – Inonge Wina leading the Edgar Lungu faction and Guy Scott pushing the Miles Sampa agenda. Several people within and outside PF felt sad after the much younger, less controversial presidential aspirant lost the bid to be on the ballot paper. But look at the decisions that the much younger, less controversial 'candidate' has made in just one year! Where did he go wrong?

First, when resigning from government, Miles said he was tired of living lavishly as a (deputy) minister and he wanted to be with the poor people of Zambia and Matero Constituency in particular. He said as minister, he would go and have lunch at plush

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hotels, change vehicles and employ maids at government expense – a lifestyle he said was not good for him and for any other leader in a poor country like Zambia. He made sense even though everybody knew that he was bullshitting.

When resigning from the PF, the Matero MP said "My decision comes as a result of the intolerance, hate, vengeance and violent conduct towards party members; including those who supported me at the Kabwe convention in 2014. As a firm believer of peace and democracy, I feel a number of people were not and have not been accorded the right to express themselves freely and that, in itself, has created disharmony from within. The current PF, in looks and conduct, reminds me of the MMD of 2011 that instilled fear in the general public. I choose to disassociate myself from such a

grouping and wish them well."

Again, we feel that was a brilliant farewell message for a politician who seemed to have eyes affixed on future prospects of leading the country.

When Miles Sampa formed a political party, he became a certain threat to the bigger existing political parties. PF even went to the extent of influencing the failure by Miles to register the Democratic Front, but he succeeded to form the United Democratic Front, which propelled him to the leadership of the Orange Alliance. He was respected enough for Eric Chanda and Elias Chipimo to pave way for him. Miles was slowly getting on top of things until his exposed opportunistic affair with UPND threw him off tangent.

We say Miles exposed his greediness and opportunism with UPND because after Hakainde

Hichilema failed to form government, Sampa the great was devastated. He lost political direction. For the first time, we saw that all the statements he had made about hating lavish lifestyles and distancing himself from the PF violence were nonsense.

From vying for the party and Republican presidency, Miles was reduced to a non-entity begging for mere membership back in the PF. As if that was not enough, the PF had to humiliate him further by demanding a written application for him to rejoin the party. How does a politician manage to finish himself so quickly? No doubt, Miles Sampa broke the hearts of many young people who looked up to him.

We are not saying this is the end of Miles Sampa, he is very capable of reclaiming his spot in future when he is done embarrassing himself;

and when he gets back to his senses, we will be here to provide him coverage because he has the right to be heard just like the other politicians we are covering.

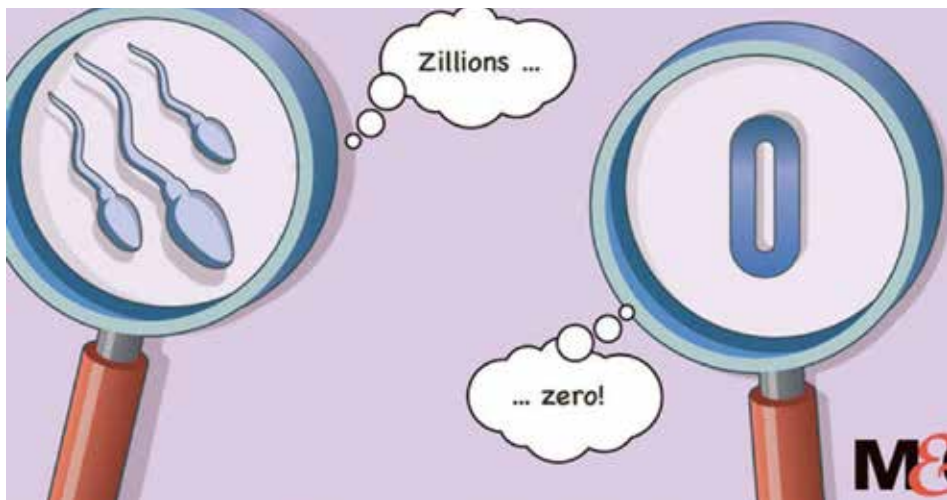
We are concerned about the future of Miles Sampa because we have seen him work for this country before. He has proved to the people of Matero Constituency that when his stomach lets the head to do the thinking, he can perform wonders. There was a time when no one could talk ill about Sampa in Lusaka? He was a star; he was miles ahead of the rest in terms of positioning himself for future leadership of this country, but his intriguing appetite has cost him so much more than just integrity. Today if he stood in Matero, he could possibly win, but voters would have to think twice, unlike two years ago when he had total influence.

We are asking "how can

we help Miles Sampa" because Zambia can't afford to lose such great young talent. We say this because our political space is dominated by much older politicians who are preparing for retirement. Those in government are preoccupied with accruing more and more power while those seeking to form government have no entrepreneurship ideas to share with the younger generation, unless they ascend to power. They hardly understand the frustrations of a 21st century jobless youth. It's people like Miles Sampa who can think of "MetroCab" and similar such enterprising initiatives for youth empowerment.

We need more serious young politicians who have the capacity to take on older political party leaders. Of course we need wisdom from the veterans, but remotely. Just like Rupiah Banda is providing guidance to PF from outside, or like Vernon Mwaanga is mentoring the UPND without a portfolio. Young politicians like Miles Sampa need to claim their space now and stop begging for jobs through praise-singing. If the young political players fail to sacrifice and ignore the rumbling stomachs, it means this generation will never produce sensible leaders because our love for money is indescribable.

The humiliating case of male infertility



By Palesa Lebitse

A former boyfriend once told me he was ready to marry me — but before he made our union official, he said, we would have to get going with conception immediately. He coyly added that, as soon as I was with child, he would send his family to pay my lobola. Shocked by his arrogance, I said no. He was eager to explain his reasoning, so I heard him out. He said he had to be sure that I was able to give birth — he did not want a barren wife. I told him to take a hike. But

for the longest time afterwards, I wondered how a man could be so arrogant. I wondered if it had ever occurred to him that men, too, can be infertile.

I was reminded of this incident when a friend experienced a fertility crisis. It was that time of the month and Matilda was not happy about it. She and her husband had been trying to conceive for two years, to no avail. The sight of her menses was painful for her. She was anguished and all I could do was try to comfort her.

At first, Matilda had regarded

her problems conceiving as a challenge that she would overcome in time and with dedication. She made lifestyle changes, accompanied by prayers and fasting. After months passed without the desired result, the realisation that she was unable to conceive sank in — along with a terrible sense of failure and depression. Pressure from her in-laws only made things worse. During one of our conversations, she confided in me about her shame. She described her mother-in-law looking at her

with disdain and disgust, as if she were less of a human being because she was not impregnated.

Still, she and her husband soldiered on in their desperation to conceive, and resorted to seeking medical treatment. When prescription medication failed, Matilda's doctor referred her to a gynaecologist. She was examined thoroughly and even subjected herself to invasive medical tests. The results of these tests showed that she was able to procreate. Naturally, Matilda wanted to dance for joy, so relieved was she.

But when the gynaecologist said she would have to run tests on Matilda's husband, Matilda recalls that "the air in the room became so thick, I nearly suffocated".

Matilda, her husband, her mother-in-law and many other people are oblivious to the fact that a man can be infertile. According to a medical professional at the Johannesburg-based Medfem Fertility Clinic, "traditionally, infertility has been thought of as a female problem, but this is far from the truth. A male

problem can be identified in nearly half of all couples who experience difficulty conceiving."

In an article written by Xanet van Vuuren, she quotes Dr Merwyn Jacobson, a reproductive specialist at the Vitalab fertility clinic in Johannesburg, as saying: "Infertility in men is a genuine medical issue and accounts for nearly one half of all infertility cases."

The causes of male infertility vary, he adds. "Lifestyle choices as well as hormonal, physical and psychological problems may result in anything from complete absence of sperm to a low sperm count, abnormal sperm shape, problems with sperm mobility or sperm that's completely immobile... Medical disorders can also reduce male fertility."

For a while, Matilda's husband refused to undergo tests to determine whether he was fertile. "He was petrified at the thought that something could be wrong with him," she told me. When he eventually agreed, the tests confirmed that he had a zero sperm count. He was

diagnosed with azoospermia. The American website fertilityauthority.com defines azoospermia as a condition in which a man "produces no sperm or very little sperm in his ejaculate, giving him a zero sperm count. Azoospermia can result from a problem with sperm production or sperm delivery."

Matilda's husband took the news hard, seeing it as a slight to his manhood. This was despite being told that there were treatment options available to him, such as assisted reproductive technology or having his sperm surgically extracted for artificial insemination to take place.

This raises the question: Isn't it high time that we dealt with the taboos around men and procreation? The journey to conceive should always be a shared responsibility.

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Apple defends complying with China over VPNs

Apple boss Tim Cook has defended his company's decision to comply with the Chinese government's demand it remove VPN software from the App Store. Virtual Private Networks are often used to skirt censorship and surveillance in countries with tight restrictions on internet use. The company has been heavily criticised for removing several VPN apps, and was accused of "aiding Chinese censorship efforts". Apple said it disagreed with China's position but had to comply with the country's laws.

"We would obviously rather not remove the apps," Apple chief executive Tim Cook said on Tuesday.

"But like we do in other countries we follow the law wherever we do business.

Mr Cook said comparisons to a legal battle in the US last year - in which the firm refused to help the FBI unlock a dead terrorist's iPhone - were unfair.

"They're very different," he said.

"In the case of the US, the law in the US supported us. I was very clear. In the case of China, the law is also very clear there. Like we would if the US changed the law here, we'd have to abide by them in both cases." - *Bbc News*



We are not your enemy, America tells Kim Jong-un

The US government is not seeking a regime change in North Korea, the secretary of state says, amid tensions over Pyongyang's weapons programme.

"We're not your enemy," Rex Tillerson said, adding that the US wanted a dialogue at some point.

But a Republican senator said President Donald Trump had

told him there would be a war with North Korea if its missile programme continued. Pyongyang claimed its latest missile could hit the US west coast.

The second test of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) on Friday, celebrated by North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, was the latest to be conducted in

defiance of a United Nations ban.

"We do not seek a regime change, we do not seek the collapse of the regime, we do not seek an accelerated reunification of the peninsula, we do not seek an excuse to send our military north of the 38th parallel," said Mr Tillerson, referring to the border between the Koreas.

"We're not your enemy, we're not your threat but you're presenting an unacceptable threat to us and we have to respond."

North Korea's recent long-range missile tests have deepened concern about the threat Pyongyang poses to the US mainland, and strengthened determination here to prevent any strike. That's what the president had in mind in his war talk with Senator Lindsey Graham.

The Pentagon has updated military options, but at the same time says a confrontation would be catastrophic. In light of that, Mr Tillerson repeated at length that the US wasn't seeking regime change and said the goal was dialogue, but one not based on the assumption that North Korea could keep its nuclear weapons.

Pyongyang has categorically refused such terms.

The strategy, said Mr Tillerson, is a sustained campaign of peaceful but intensifying economic pressure to change its mind. But given the advances in ballistic technology demonstrated by the recent ICBM tests, there's growing doubt that denuclearisation is a realistic possibility.

As always, there are no good options when it comes to North Korea, but less time to pursue them.

President Trump has repeatedly criticised China, which shares a land border with North Korea and is its closest economic ally, for not doing enough to stop Pyongyang's weapons programme.

However, Mr Tillerson took a more diplomatic approach, saying that "only the North Koreans are to blame for this

situation".

"But," he added, "we do believe China has a special and unique relationship, because of this significant economic activity, to influence the North Korean regime in ways that no one else can."

In a separate development, Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said that Mr Trump told him that there would be a military conflict between the two countries if Pyongyang continued with its aim to develop a missile programme with the US in its range.

"There will be a war with North Korea over their missile programme if they continue to try to hit America with an ICBM.

"He [Trump] has told me that, I believe him, and if I were China I would believe him too, and do something about it," he said in an interview with NBC's Today programme.

Mr Graham added: "If there's going to be a war... it will be over there. If thousands die, they're going to die over there. They're not going to die here. And he [Trump] has told me that to my face."

Despite the ongoing tests, most experts believe Pyongyang does not yet have the capability to miniaturise a nuclear warhead, fit it on to a long-range missile, and ensure it is protected until delivery to the target.

They say many of North Korea's missiles cannot accurately hit targets.

Others, however, believe that at the rate it is going, Pyongyang may overcome these challenges and develop a nuclear weapon within five to 10 years that could strike the US. - *Bbc News*

Viral Indian song makes political waves in Pakistan



A popular Indian folk song with many satirical takes has gone viral in Pakistan after a group parodied it to comment on recent political turmoil.

Karachi Vynz wrote and

filmed an Urdu version of the Marathi language song Sonu, to speak about the resignation of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

Their parody celebrates opposition politician

Imran Khan for pursuing corruption charges against Mr Sharif.

Mr Sharif quit after the Supreme Court disqualified him from office in July.

The songs lyrics "Immu

hame aap pe bharosa sahi thaa" translate from the Urdu to "we were right to trust you Immu".

Immu, of course refers to Imran Khan, the former captain of the Pakistan cricket team and now president of the political party Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI)

"We aim to make people happy," band founder Mansoor Qureshi told the BBC on the phone from Karachi.

Mr Qureshi says he formed Karachi Vynz with a group of friends in 2014. They describe themselves as a group of freelance comedians who want to make videos go viral.

"We keep tabs on what is happening on social media to get something exciting. We then play with it to make funny, interesting and amusing content for our viewers," he added. - *Bbc News*

Kanye West filed a \$10 million lawsuit on Tuesday against multiple syndicates of insurance marketplace Lloyd's of London, alleging that they have not paid out on a claim filed by West's company, Very Good Touring, Inc., after the rapper scrapped several planned performance dates on his Saint Pablo Tour.

According to court documents obtained by ET, West's company

Kanye West files \$10M lawsuit against insurance companies

obtained "non-appearance or cancellation" insurance before the tour began.

When West was hospitalized in November 2016, the remaining dates on his tour

were cancelled, and his company submitted a claim. According to the lawsuit,

Very Good Touring, Inc., alleges that the cancellations were due to a "debilitating medical condition."

The documents state that the insurance syndicates responsible for covering the claim "have neither paid on the multimillion dollar claim nor denied the claim," more than eight months later.

"Nor have they provided anything approaching a coherent explanation about why they have not paid, or any indication if they will ever pay, or even make a coverage decision," the documents state.

According to the suit, the insurers have allegedly implied that West's "use of marijuana may provide them with a basis to deny the claim and retain the hundreds of thousands of dollars in insurance premiums paid by Very Good."

The Saint Pablo tour was originally planned for 38 shows in 2016, between Aug. 12 and Nov. 2. West performed for most of his scheduled engagements, but had to cancel two shows when his wife, Kim Kardashian, was robbed at gunpoint in her Paris hotel room on Oct. 2.

West announced that he would add extra shows to the successful tour to accommodate fans. However, during what Very Good Tours referred to as "Leg 2" of the tour, West's behavior was "strained, confused and erratic," leading to artist not being able to finish a show in Sacramento on Nov. 19.

"By the following day... Kanye's medical condition showed no sign of improvement, prompting the decision by all concerned to cancel the show scheduled at the Los Angeles Forum that evening, and to cancel the entire balance of the Tour," the documents state. "As a result of his serious, debilitating medical condition, Kanye was hospitalized at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital Center on Nov. 21, 2016.

West's suit alleges that the rapper's hospitalization

was not seen by insurers as sufficient grounds to cover their claim, and they proceeded to hire a lawyer.

"Almost immediately after the claim was submitted, Defendants selected legal counsel to oversee the adjustment of the claim, instead of the more normal approach of retaining a non-lawyer insurance adjuster," the documents state. Immediately turning to legal counsel made it clear that Defendants' goal was to hunt for any ostensible excuse, no matter how fanciful, to deny coverage or to maneuver themselves into a position of trying to negotiate a discount on the loss payment."

The suit states that insurers forced West to prove the legitimacy of his psychological breakdown while in the hospital.

"While Kanye was still under medical care for his disabling condition, the Defendant syndicates demanded that Kanye submit to an immediate [independent medical examination]," the suit states. "Kanye was made available for a purported IME by a doctor, hand-selected by the insurers' counsel, who was predisposed to look for some reason to deny the claim. Yet even Defendants' selected doctor had to admit that Kanye was disabled from being able to continue with the Tour."

"As demanded by the insurers, Kanye was also subsequently presented for an examination under oath ('EUO'), and at least 11 other persons affiliated with Kanye and Very Good were similarly presented for EUOs," the documents continued.

Despite this, they allege that the insurers have continued to stall when it comes to covering their claim, and have failed to give them an answer as to their judgement on their responsibility. However, they have allegedly "suggested they would be amendable to compromising the claim, something Very Good refuses to do." - **Yahoo News**



Macklemore hit by alleged drunk driver



Macklemore is OK after a scary collision with an alleged drunk driver on Friday.

The 34-year-old rapper was driving his car in Langley, Washington, at around 10:45 p.m. that night, when a pickup truck crossed the center line and hit him head-on, police tell ET. The driver of the truck was later arrested on suspicion of DUI.

"He was in Langley, Washington -- which is a tiny town two hours north of Seattle -- and driving his 2016 Mercedes when a 1986 Chevy pickup

driven by a 24-year-old old crossed the center line and hit Macklemore head-on," a spokesperson for the Washington State Police told ET on Tuesday.

Thankfully, according to police, Macklemore was not injured, though the other driver was transported to the hospital.

"The 24-year-old was injured, but not seriously," police say. "He was injured enough that he had to be transported to the hospital and he was arrested on suspicion of DUI."

Macklemore, a Washington native, has not mentioned

the accident on social media.

In May, the singer proudly

got his 1-year-old daughter Sloane's name tattooed on his chest. - **Yahoo News**

7 priests walk into a bar, get mistaken for stag party

Seven Roman Catholic priests were refused service in a Welsh pub after staff mistook them for a stag party in fancy dress.

After realizing a mistake had been made, Cardiff's City Arms offered the clergymen a round of free drinks to apologize, the Archdiocese of Cardiff said in a blog post on Tuesday.

Arriving at the pub on Saturday to celebrate the ordination of Father Peter McLaren, the priests were told by a bartender that the City Arms did

not serve large groups in fancy dress. The archdiocese said they had started to leave when another staff member said he believed they were real priests and invited them back in for a free drink.

"We'd like to thank The City Arms for being good sports through all of this and their kind gesture to our seminarians," the blog post said.

It said the priests had initially thought the bartender was joking when he mistook them for a stag

party, an all-male bash held for men who are getting married and which in Britain often involves dressing up and consuming copious amounts of alcohol.

An assistant manager of the pub told the BBC that it was the policy of the pub to turn away large parties wearing fancy dress as there had been a number of issues with such revelers. "A slight misunderstanding from us but everyone was happy in the end," the pub said on Twitter. - **Reuters**

Neymar leaves Barcelona training ahead of world-record PSG move

The Brazil international is set to travel to the French capital to complete his €222 million move after bidding farewell to his Barca teammates

Barcelona have confirmed that Neymar has been given permission to miss training as his move to Paris Saint-Germain closes in.

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As Goal reported on Tuesday, the Brazil international arrived at the Blaugrana's training ground on Wednesday, only to leave a short while later as he bids farewell to his teammates.

Neymar Barcelona

The club confirmed the development with a short message on Twitter that read: "Neymar Jr. has been given permission not to attend training."

Neymar will now travel to the French capital to complete his world-record €222 million move to the Ligue 1 outfit.

He is set to earn €30m a year in wages as the club's marquee name while his father, Neymar Sr., is set for a €40m windfall as part of the deal.

The deal is expected to be finalised by the end of the week, with PSG kicking off their Ligue 1 campaign on



Saturday against Amiens. Barca, meanwhile, are preparing to face Chapecoense in the Joan Gamper Trophy before a double-header against Real Madrid in the Spanish Super Cup ahead of the new Liga season. - *Goal.com*

Rugby: Diggers lose 2nd game of the 2017 season

By Diggers Reporter
Diggers' quest to stay in contention for the 2017 Zambia Rugby Union Super Cup ahead of the new

setback last Saturday following a 12-8 away loss at Nkwazi in Lusaka. The defeat was Diggers second of the 2017 campaign and came over a month after they

lost 13-10 away, again Lusaka, this time to old foes Powerhouse Lusaka on June 17. Diggers loss saw them drop from 3rd to

4th on 39 points, 17 points behind leaders and townmates Kitwe Playing Fields (KPF) from 10 and 13 games played respectively.

Nkwazi stay in 8th place on 29 points from nine games played.

Green Eagles of Kabwe are now 3rd on 41 points after a 79-0 away victory in Chingola over bottom placed and winless Nchanga.

Meanwhile, KPF maintained their 13-point lead at the summit of the 2017 Zambia Rugby Union league table after a 74-3 home win over 10th placed Konkola.

Arrows stayed 2nd on 43 points without kicking the ball after third from bottom Chibuluma failed to travel from Kalulushi to Lusaka for the Week 13 game.

Zesco United fails to sign local stars

By Diggers Reporter
Zesco United have disclosed that they didn't have a successful fishing trip on the domestic player transfer market that included an unsuccessful and ambitious bid to bring back midfielder Clatous Chama.

Chama is one of four high-profile Zambia CHAN team players Zesco had targeted but failed to sign in the July local transfer window that closed on Monday.

Zesco have been trying to re-sign Chama who left as a free agent last December for a very short-lived stint with Egyptian club Ismaily before turning home three months later to join Lusaka Dynamos. "Attempts to lure back Chama to Zesco fell through after Lusaka Dynamos pegged an exorbitant buyout clause for the ex-Zesco star," Zesco media officer Katebe Chengo said.

Zesco also failed to capture Green Buffaloes striker

Brian Mwila and Justin Shonga from Nkwazi. Mwila and Shonga's stock has been rising after scoring 5 and 3 Chipolopolo goals respectively in international matches over the last two months. Zesco were also rebuffed by Power Dynamos for the services of striker Martin Phiri.

The failures are in contrast to the January signings that saw midfielder Dave Daka and defender Fackson Kapumbu join from defending champions Zanaco.

But despite their luckless shopping at home, Zesco had a more successful shopping spree outside the country.

Zesco has signed the Burundi international duo of goalkeeper Enock Sabumukwama and midfielder Dieudonne Ntibahezwa from Le Messenger Ngozi whom they played in the first round of the 2017 CAF Confederation Cup in

March. The 2017 CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinalists is have also brought in Uganda striker Davis Kasirye and Rwanda international winger Jean Claude Ilanji. Meanwhile, Zesco is Zambia's last man standing in 2017 continental action where they will face SuperSport United in the CAF Confederation Cup last eight in September. This is after Zanaco were eliminated from the 2017 CAF Champions League group stage in July.



Zambia has a bright future in football - Lungu

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"The marvelous performance by the boys shows that we have an oasis of talent to tap into for us to form the future senior national team. The Under-17 has made us proud and it is my prayer that they will be consistent in their performance to bring greater glory to the nation," the President said. President Lungu hailed the

Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) and the junior Chipolopolo Coach Mumamba Numba for their tireless efforts to advance the standards of football in the country.

"On behalf of the Zambian government, the people of Zambia and indeed on my own behalf, I extend my congratulations to the boys, Coach, technical team and

FAZ. Continue to work hard to transform the standards of football in Zambia. May the Almighty God bless you in future assignments, said President Lungu.

The Zambia Under-17 national team emerged the COSAFA champions after beating host Mauritius 3-0 in yesterday's game played at St Francois Xavier Stadium in Port Louis, Mauritius.



Zambia has a bright future in football - Lungu

By Diggers Reporter

President Edgar Lungu says the ultimate victory of the Zambia Under-17 national team over Mauritius in the just ended COSAFA championship is a clear indication that the country has a bright future in football.

In a congratulatory message issued today by the President's Special Assistant for Press and Public relations Amos Chanda, the Head of State noted that the country had an oasis of talent to enable it form a powerful future senior national team.

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Fear of Kane kept Morata from joining Spurs - Poch

The Spurs boss claims the Spain international did not want to compete with the Premier League Golden Boot winner for game time, so joined the Blues. - *Goal.com*

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