

I will take on Lungu punch for punch - CK

By Mirriam Chabala
Roan Member of Parliament Chishimba Kambwili says he will exert pressure on President Edgar Lungu

until the Head of State wakes up to the problems affecting poor Zambians. And Kambwili charged that President Lungu shivers whenever he sees

an airplane, itching to jump on it and fly away, leaving problems at home.

Speaking during a press briefing today, Kambwili said it will now be punch for punch between him and President Lungu.

“For those who know Chishimba Kambwili, I can exert pressure and I have started exerting pressure on President Edgar Lungu so that he gets up, pulls up his socks and start working for the people of Zambia other than traveling every time. Yes we know traveling is part of your job but it’s not mandatory.”

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CSOs to petition Parliament over threatened state of emergency

By Mirriam Chabala
Twenty eight Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have petitioned the National Assembly to pass a resolution revoking the Threatened State of Emergency, arguing that there no longer exists a situation threatening the security of the country.

At a press briefing today, Non-Governmental Organisations Coordinating Council (NGOCC) executive director Engwase Mwale said the CSOs resolved to petition the National Assembly after reviewing various presentations that were submitted at a

Zambia Council for Social Development (ZCSD) organised stakeholders consultative meeting recently.

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We wonder if HH's forgiveness was genuine, says Kampamba

By Mirriam Chabala
Chief Government Spokesperson Mulenga Kampamba says “we really wonder if the so called forgiveness is there”, in reaction to Hakainde Hichilema’s press briefing in South Africa.

And Kampamba says

government is waiting for HH to propose dates for dialogue. At a media briefing today, Kampamba wondered whether HH was committed to moving forward and making the country governable.

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Immigration arrest singer Mumba Yachi

By Mirriam Chabala
The Department of Immigration has arrested Congolese Singer Mumba Yachi for obtaining a Green Zambian National Registration Card (NRC) on false pretences.

In a statement, Immigration department

Public Relations Officer Namati Nshinka confirmed that Mumba who was intercepted from Chirundu Border post, was currently detained at Lusaka Correctional facility awaiting Court appearance.

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Mwila joins PF cadres demanding for...



Mwila addresses PF petitioners (r) at the party secretariat in Lusaka today



By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Ruling party youths from Eastern province and several district officials today launched a “Mutati must go” campaign, alleging that the Finance minister’s continued stay in government was strengthening his opposition party.

And President Edgar Lungu says he will hear and attend to the demands of the petitioners “behind the cameras” as they were a party matter.

Eastern Province PF Deputy Chairperson Gideon Phiri presented a petition to party Secretary General Davies Mwila demanding that Mutati must resign on moral grounds.

They charged that the MMD leader-cum-Cabinet minister was using government funds to revamp the former ruling party, with an agenda to challenge incumbent President Edgar Lungu in the 2021 general elections.

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MMD MINISTERS TO GO

CSOs petition Parliament over Threatened State of Emergency

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“Following presentations from the Zambia Police Service, Ministry of Justice, legal experts and Civil Society Organisations at the stakeholders consultative meeting organised by the Zambia Council for Social Development (ZCSD) on the threatened state of emergency which was held at the Royal Shalom Lodge in Lusaka, on August 24, 2017, we have resolved to petition the National Assembly to pass a resolution revoking the Threatened State of Public Emergency as a situation no longer exists for its continued existence,” Mwale said.

“Acknowledging the proclamation of the Threatened State of Emergency by President Edgar Lungu on 5th July, 2017 and approved by the National Assembly of Zambia on 12th July, 2017, we have realised that the situation which led to that proclamation no longer exists and we are convinced that the tension that existed and led to the unfortunate happenings and the proclamation of the Threatened State Public Emergency has been brought under a considerable control and room for dialogue can be cemented.”

Mwale said the CSOs called on the Ministry of Justice to release the Justice and Legal reform commission report in order to curtail any future arson and vandalism to public property in the country.

“To curtail any future arson and vandalism to public property, government invokes provision of the protected places and areas Act – CAP 125 of the Laws of Zambia and the Anti – Terrorism Act No. 2 of 2015, the state security Act (CAP 111); and the immediate undertaking of Constitutional and Electoral reforms and the Criminal Justice system ahead of the 2021 General elections, the Ministry of Justice should

release the Justice and Legal reform commission report. We would also like to take this opportunity to launch the Monitoring and Tracking of human rights abuse/violations during the period of the threatened state of emergency,” said Mwale.

And Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) President Andrew Ntewewe said the Threatened State of Emergency should be revoked in readiness for the national day of prayer, fasting and reconciliation.

“As Civil society we can only call on our Members of Parliament to do the correct thing and ensure that the Threatened State of Emergency is revoked. But just to add on, to this day I think one of the biggest legacies of President Edgar Lungu is that he launched October 18 as a day for reconciliation, prayer and fasting, maybe the question would be, how are we going to fast, pray and reconcile amongst ourselves if we are going to be living in fear of the Threatened State of Emergency? It won't make sense. So because the President is always prayerful, he is always fasting and that he wants all of us to fast and



NGOCC executive director Egwase Mwale speaks to MacDonard Chipenzi during the civil society resolution on the threatened state of public emergency in Lusaka September 1, 2017 picture by Tenson Mkhala

pray as well, we ask in earnest that come next month, we want to pray and fast in the absence of Threatened Public Emergency,” said Ntewewe.

Meanwhile, Civil Society Constitutional Agenda (CiSCA) Publicity Secretary Macdonald Chipenzi said: “For me this is a call of unity to all of us that this Threatened

State of Public Emergency will affect all of us including the media personnel. Above all, it's to call on civil society organisations in the electoral process that today as we are talking, we need agent electoral reforms and this is why this resolution comes at a no better time like now where the Electoral Commission

of Zambia (ECZ) is going through a self restructuring process which requires us to also take keen interest.”

“So these resolutions and the unity among civil societies should continue to be amplified as we get towards the end of the Threatened State of Emergency. If we don't push the Parliamentarians

then they might extend or the President might start a new State of Emergency and then extend it again for 90 days. So it will depend on us as citizens to start telling the President and whoever else that these fires that we witnessed before have continued even under the threatened state of emergency,” said Chipenzi.

Mwila joins PF youths calling for Felix Mutati, other MMD ministers to go

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And speaking when he received the petition at the party Secretariat in Lusaka today, PF Secretary General Davies Mwila asked all the MMD members who were currently working with the PF to leave the opposition in order to maintain peace and harmony in the country.

“Colleagues on behalf of the central committee, I want to thank you for coming. Whatever goes up must come down. So nga baletulufyanya, kuya! Nga balefwaya umutende bafwile bachileka chi MMD, elo nomba twalabomba bwino nabo tefyo? (if they are disturbing us, they should go, but if they want peace! They should stop MMD, that is when we are going to work

with them, not so?). So they should choose PF or MMD,” Mwila said.

He said PF was a political party on its own and would remain as such.

“PF is a political party on its own and shall remain as such. We have President Edgar Lungu as our party President and Republican President. And we expect as a party that all those who are working with the President, they have to be loyal to the party and the President of this country. All those who don't want to be loyal to the party and to the government, they are free to leave. I want to repeat and to make it clear that all those who don't want to be loyal to the President and to the party, the Patriotic Front, they

can leave. All those who are working with President Lungu in government, we expect total loyalty. Failure to be loyal to the party and to the President, we have to separate,” Mwila said.

“So the petition that you have brought to the secretariat, we are going to take it to the appointing authority so that he can decide. And on top of that, we are going to present this petition to the central committee because they have to know what is going on. If MMD officials are undermining us, we have to come up with a decision. So I want to assure you colleagues who have come from Eastern province that today, before the President leaves for Swaziland, am taking this petition to him.

President Edgar Lungu and PF, we don't have time to waste. Our time now is to develop this country, and we expect harmony and unity in the party.”

Meanwhile speaking earlier when he presented the petition to party Secretary General on behalf of others, PF Eastern Province Deputy Chairperson Gideon Phiri accused the Finance Minister of secretly mobilizing his party structures to undermine the PF leadership.

“Mr Mutati is using proceeds to advance his personal agenda in order to revamp the Movement for Multy Party Democracy (MMD) and challenge your good leadership in 2021. when we look at that we get sad, our hearts are paining hence our coming forward to bring this petition. He is secretly instructing the MMD party structures to undermine your leadership. For example in Eastern province, he is using his vice president Mr Reuben Mutolo Phiri and Mr Samuel Phiri who was once elected PF Chairman for elections in the Eastern province to destabilise the PF in the province. They have of late held press briefings to denounce your leadership and that of the ruling party PF,” Phiri said.

“Furthermore, they have all been calling for all former members who joined PF to come back to MMD. They have been poaching our members to join MMD. We feel duty

bound that such behaviour, if left unchecked, our party will be unmanageable and risks loosing all those genuine MMD members who joined PF and have continued to be loyal to the party PF.”

He said Mutati was behaving like an enemy of the PF.

“Honorable Mutati's behavior has been more of an enemy than an ally of the party and appointing authority. It is for this reason that we are demanding that he clearly states where he belongs because he does not mean well for the party and government. We want him to resign as Minister of Finance on moral principal so that he can openly do what he is doing,” said Phiri.

Meanwhile, in Northern Province, North Western and several other Provinces, PF youths held procession demanding for the resignation of Mutati. The youths carried banners and presented petitions to the provincial PF leaderships.

And President Lungu said: “I will wait to hear from the SG. You know those are politics, we are in this political process. He is the Minister of Finance and leader of the opposition MMD. He is our strategic partner. But if there are issues, we will handle them and talk, I guess we can talk behind the cameras.”

Immigration arrest singer Mumba Yachi

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“The Department of Immigration has arrested Shadrack Chite Mukenge (31), a Congolese musician popularly known as Mumba Yachi, for knowingly making representations he knew to be false for the purpose of obtaining a Green Zambian National Registration Card (NRC) number 405730/10/1 and a Zambian Passport number ZN 550035, contrary to section 13(1)(c) of the National Registration Act and section 23 (1) (a) of the Passports

Act, 2016 of the Laws of Zambia, respectively,” Nshinka stated.

She stated that Mumba was detained for giving conflicting statements about his nationality to a public officer.

“The suspect was on 9th May, 2017 intercepted by officers at Chirundu Border Control when he attempted to enter Zambia using the Zambian Passport number ZN 550035 bearing the names Shadrack Mumba. He also had in his possession the Green NRC number

405730/10/1 also bearing the same names,” stated Nshinka.

“He was handed over to Immigration Headquarters on the same day, where a statement was recorded from him, in which he said he was a Zambian, a position which he later withdrew in another statement recoded on 28th August, 2017, where he admitted to being a Congolese national. He is currently detained at Lusaka Central Correctional Facility pending Court appearance.”

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"And in relation to what our political party president said that he has forgiven everybody, we don't clearly understand the forgiveness with the remembering of what has been said today on various accusations and assertions. So we are made to really wonder whether the forgiveness is there because it brings us much to think whether really our colleagues really want us to move on and obviously have a country that is governable or we are going to keep on dwelling in the past," Kampamba said. She also said it was not right to use international platforms to speak on Zambia's internal affairs.

"So as government, I want to make it very clear that we are committed to making sure that we move forward and we are ready for dialogue and I think moving forward, international platforms are not the way to go as Zambia is a sovereign state governed by its own rules and laws and we are a democratic nation and that can actually be attested to all of us who have come for this press briefing, we are coming from various media houses and all of you are going to speak on behalf of the government in your various spheres so government will not intimidate and government will not at any one time try to hinder democracy so government is still very committed to dialogue," Kampamba said.

She also said it was hypocritical for HH to say the Judiciary was compromised when it was because of the same Judiciary that he was a free man and others in his party were also acquitted on various charges.

"Government is once again taken aback sentiments uttered by the UPND leader Mr Hakainde Hichilema in South Africa today when he addressed Members of Parliament belonging to the Democratic Alliance (DA). Mr Hichilema used the platform accorded to him by the Democratic Alliance to denounce the Zambian leadership and called for support from the region to restore democracy in Zambia. Government would be asking for much to expect Mr Hichilema to say positive things about Zambia. But even when he scores points on the international arena, one needs to tell the truth," Kampamba said.

"Contrary to Mr Hichilema that Zambia's judiciary is compromised, the judiciary is impeccable and has impeccable credentials to prove that point. Government believes that Mr Hichilema is being hypocritical because it is because of the same judiciary that he is out in South Africa today, if the judiciary were not free, would Mr Hichilema have been released? Is it not the same judiciary that he is painting black that

acquitted his vice-president Mr Geoffrey Mwamba, is it not the same judiciary he is saying is not independent that acquitted his senior members Mr Obvious Mwaliteta and Ms Sylvia Masebo?"

Kampamba said government was still confident that HH could contribute positively to the development of the country if only he stopped engaging in rhetorical politics.

"When Mr Hichilema says there is no rule of law, he can point to instances where government abandoned the supremacy of our Constitution. Even on instances where saboteurs have set public institutions on fire government has referred to the constitution without veering of course. Unlike Mr Hichilema's assertions that there is no freedom of press in Zambia, government is happy that the media that is following Zambian laws is operating freely and its independence is seen in the diversity of voices in both broad casting and print."

"Unlike Mr Hichilema's assertions that people in Zambia have been suffocated and cannot express themselves, the media is everyday awash with a variety of views from the people. Government still believes Mr Hichilema and his party can contribute

meaningfully to the development of the country if they reduce on political rhetoric and international show booting. Foreigners will not teach us how to govern this country but we ourselves can do that."

And asked if HH's statements would frustrate plans for dialogue, Kampamba said government was actually waiting for the opposition leader to propose dates.

"Government is committed to the dialogue and I think what our colleague Hakainde Hichilema should have done is obviously begin to speak to us on dates when the dialogue should begin. We made a commitment when the Baroness [Rt Patricia Scotland] came and I think we are aware she has actually constituted a team to also help in this dialogue, so government has been waiting on our colleagues from the opposition so that we can begin this dialogue. But we find it very inappropriate that before the dialogue, such talks would still continue. It's quite disappointing but we still believe that we can have meaningful dialogue between our colleagues in the opposition and us in government," said Kampamba.

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I was Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Sata in the first one year of office traveled less than five times, the first one year in office he was sending Dr Guy Scott and myself to go and represent him. It is not mandatory that if there is an inauguration ceremony in Rwanda, it has to be the President to travel," Kambwili said.

"What we are saying is that when the President travels it is very expensive than when the Vice-President or a Minister travels. So all we are asking you is that yes, these international meetings are important but you can delegate and you don't lose anything by delegating. We don't want to have a President who is going to be traveling every month. Everytime you see an aeroplane kututuma mpaka muninemo, mulelekafye indeke yatala yatashako (every time you see an aeroplane, your body itches until you jump on it, sometimes you should leave the plane to cool down and rest)."

Kambwili said president Edgar Lungu could not have traveled to Copperbelt yesterday to meet the miners at Mopani Copper mines if he did not ask him to.

"I want to thank his Excellency the president for taking a trip to Copperbelt yesterday though I am disappointed with some of the words and pronouncements he used while on the Copperbelt. For me I know President Lungu very well and that's why I am thanking him for having gone to the Copperbelt after I spoke about it because I knew that if I did not speak about it then the problem of Mopani could have been with us even today but I knew that if I jab a bit into President Lungu advising him that you can not give instructions from Mfuwe, go

there and quickly see what is going on [and] he quickly rushed and intervened in the Mopani/CEC standoff. For me I have done my job, that's how I operate and that's what makes Chishimba Kambwili. It's because when I see that some people need to be pushed to do their job, I push them and it's clear to all of you members of the press that he went to the Copperbelt because of what I said," he said.

Meanwhile, Kambwili has asked President Lungu to stop insulting him each he goes to the Copperbelt and simply focus of his duties as Head of State.

"You saw when he arrived on the Copperbelt he said 'kuli kapala umo ulelandanda at alimitemwa bashi mine elo ine nshamitemwa. (there is one useless person who is claiming to love you the miners more than I do)' and we all know who he was referring to as a Kapala. But I want to tell President Edgar Lungu that you are President of the country, [as such] please avoid derogatory statements against innocent citizens. I have been a victim of insults from President Lungu and I have never answered back," Kambwili said.

"I will not insult you back President Edgar Lungu because I have respect for the office of the President and I have respect for you because you are older than me. But the



A lady selling sugar cane in Lusaka

I'll take on Lungu punch for punch, says Kambwili



only thing I can ask you is that in our discourse to improve the living standards of our people, let us be civil. I will not insult you but I will attack you on the basis of things that affect the people of Zambia." He said he add more pressure on President Lungu after Parliament reopens. "I know that pressure makes people do things that they do not want to do. And for you Mr President, be prepared

for more pressure, it is punch for punch until the living standards of our people improves. So if you expect that I am going to keep quiet because you are calling me a Kapala, you are thinking in a wrong way because what makes Chishimba Kambwili is to speak out. So Mr president please stop insulting me, stop disparaging me because for me everything I say are issues that are

affecting the poor people of this country. I hope that this is the last time Mr President that you are going to Ndola Airport and call me names. I am not a Kapala, my name is Chishimba Kambwili... imbwili ni mbwili (a tiger is a tiger). Elo ndemyeba ba President tulinenu tight, wait for Parliament to open because some of the things I can not say them here I have no immunity," said Kambwili.

By Mirriam Chabala

Rainbow Party General Secretary Wynter Kabimba says he will not be surprised if other investors start blackmailing the government by threatening to fire workers like Mopani Copper Mines did when CEC disconnected it from power.

And Kabimba says the Universal Routine HIV testing will result in more deaths because people will start shunning hospitals for fear of victimisation.

Featuring on Hot FM's Hot Seat programme yesterday, Kabimba

observed that government's failure to disclose the conditions under which power was restored back to Mopani copper mines by the Coperbelt Energy Corporation showed a weakness on its part.

"We don't even know how it has been resolved, all we hear

More investors will blackmail govt – Wynter

is that is has been resolved. The impasse was whether or not Mopani Copper Mines should pay the new ZESCO tariffs that are being paid by the ordinary Zambians, the poor people of this country and Mopani was resisting that to the extent that it was even threatening or blackmailing the government to retrench over 4000 miners if matters were not resolved in Mopani's favour. So we don't really know what this resolution is all about, we don't don't know the details like if CEC has backed down and allowed Mopani to continue with the old tariffs or whether or not Mopani has accepted the new ZESCO tariffs," Kabimba wondered.

"You can't have an

investor blackmailing the government which was elected by the people. You can't have Ministers pleading with an investor to pay when that issue is a matter of policy. So the way the whole matter was approached shows a lot of weakness on the part of the government and would not be surprised if other investors took the call from Mopani and decided to do the same in future."

He regretted that the high copper prices on the international market had no impact on ordinary Zambians.

"The mining industries contribute over 80 per cent of our domestic revenue even in terms of foreign exchange, so we have to ensure that that industry

is very stable and is being run in a manner where the Zambian people see the benefits. So far I don't think that Zambians have seen the expected benefit whether copper prices are high or they are low. All that we hear are excuses when copper prices are low but when the prices are high, what do we hear? Corporate social responsibility that they have built a one classroom block and a small clinic in a community. I think the fundamental point that we want to hear from government is that the mining companies are paying the required tax to government. That is the money that needs to go towards the development of this country. We don't want to negotiate with the

mines, they must pay the prescribed tax," Kabimba said.

Meanwhile, Kabimba wondered why President Edgar Lungu did not test for HIV when declaring mandatory testing for the general public.

"Well, I wish the President and his Cabinet would have lined up themselves for testing at that function that day and told us their results. It would have been fair that way but they just declared it and walked away. We want to know the [HIV] status of the President and every cabinet Minister, they must set the example over this HIV testing. But the response to this came from the Human Rights Commission (HRC) who said this is against

the international legal instruments on HIV and I think they have got a point," he said.

"Secondly it has not been clearly explained and let me tell you what is going to happen, because of the stigma attached to HIV in communities, people will shun going to government health facilities. The HIV infection not like malaria where when someone is found with it people want to only sympathize with you because the moment you tell people I went to the hospital and they found that I am HIV positive, everyone would want to know how many people you have slept with."

Kabimba also said government had literally killed farmers by putting the purchasing price of a 50kg bag of maize at K60.

"The peasant and small scale farmer has a problem this year, purely on account of the decision by government to allow a liberalized market for maize and soya beans. Last year the floor price that was announced by government was k75 but because it was an election year, the President intervened personally and increased that to k85. This year we are told by the same President that this should be a buyer and seller's market. Let the buyer and seller negotiate, he chose not to intervene this year because he doesn't need a vote from anybody and he thinks in 2021 people would have forgotten about what happened but just watch what happens in 2021. The benchmark for maize price has always been the FRA floor price so this year it is K60 and no private buyer would want to buy at more than k60. So really, what government has done this year is to kill the peasant farmer."

And Kabimba further condemned EEP leader Chilufya Tayali for carrying out a naked protest against Inspector General of police Kakoma Kanganja.

"Let's be serious about the nation. This issue of giving too much credit to tantrums is not right. I have respect for the police myself including the IG, he may have his own failings but I don't agree that the best way to argue is to insult those that are in office such as the IG and his men and women in uniform. The best way to put across a point is to come to a Radio station like this and speak to them in the most polite language and say that you are not doing things right or better still put it in writing, but to walk in boxer shorts from freedom statue is just not correct in my view," said Kabimba.

Classifying those U-21 as "children" will reduce early marriages – HRC

By Mirriam Chabala

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) says the decision by government to redefine a child as any person below the age of 21 years will help reduce cases of early marriages.

In an interview with News Diggers! HRC Chief of Information, Education and Training Mweelwa Muleya, welcomed the move, adding that there was need for stakeholders to engage in public awareness on the adverse effects of early marriages and the wellbeing of a child.

"From the human rights stand point, the measure is really consistent with the protection of the rights of a girl child. You would appreciate that early marriages are both a result as well as a cause of poverty and underdevelopment. Zambia has been grappling with the problem of early marriages which has a direct impact on the education of girls but then also it has a multiple violation of human rights related to health," Muleya said.

Muleya observed that girl children who engage in early marriages suffer from physical, sexual and mental health complications because of being overdependent on their spouses.

"Girls who get married early suffer from physical, sexual as well as mental health complications because they are not yet fully developed and also because they wouldn't have had time to develop themselves to a point



where they can be fully economically sustainable. Therefore, they remain potentially dependent on their spouses which dependence in some cases results in gross abuse. So we believe that 21 years is a marriageable age and when we try to scan around the continent, you will find that 21 is an average age for someone to get into marriage but in developed countries it could even be higher than that," he said. Muleya also said that early marriages was one of the causes of poverty and underdevelopment in the

country. "Early marriages are a symptom of real underdevelopment and poverty and I think that the measure is responding to the challenge Zambia is facing in terms of having high rate of early marriages which is considered in human rights discourse. Early marriage is considered to be one of the harmful traditional practices on the rights of individuals, it falls within these bad practices of wife inheritance, sexual cleansing and others," said Muleya said.

"Traditionally, you may find that some parents discriminate girls in terms of education in preference for a boy child because for them they believe that the girl will have an alternative of getting married and be looked after by another person and that mentally I think should be changed and people should be looking at girls also as people who can contribute to the wellbeing of their families, their societies and the country at large not that they should be dependent on men. We have to destroy this practice mentality in

our society of saying that only boys and men should be sailing in development." Recently, Minister of Gender Victoria Kalima said government would revise the marriage Act in order to describe a child as any person under the age of 21. She said at the moment, the law describes a child as anyone under the age of 16 while any person can marry at the age of 18. Kalima explained that the Marriage Bill was before the ministry of justice and would soon be presented to Parliament.

Zambia to export one million goats to Saudi Arabia annually

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Fisheries and Livestock Minister Michael Katambo has set up a taskforce to actualize the

agreement with the Saudi Arabian government for Zambia to start exporting one million goats to that country every year.

Katambo said the new committee which will be chaired by Secretary to the Cabinet, Dr Roland Msiska will look into

modalities of how the exports will be done. According to a statement issued by First Secretary for Press and Public

Relations at the Zambian Embassy in Ethiopia, Inutu Mwanza, Katambo said this at Bole International Airport when he transited

from the Czech Republic where he attended a bread basket exhibition with his Agriculture counterpart, Dora Siliya.

“A team from Saudi Arabia will be in the country soon to finalize the agreement and the Zambian government has already identified several farms that are rearing goats. We have sufficient goats to meet the local demand and for export. The team from Saudi Arabia will also look into the exportation of live goats if that is the way to go, they have to look also into the slaughtered goats, the issue of the freezing facilities, quarantine facilities and issues of disease,” said Katambo. “I am confident that Zambia will manage to export a million goats per year as requested by the Saudi Government. The Bread Basket Exhibition was successful in that Zambia and the Czech Republic signed a Memorandum of Understanding –MOU- that will see technical assistance in the livestock and fisheries sector.” And Katambo said government’s target was to be a net exporter of beef in the coming year.

Zambia finalising report for presentation to IMF board

By Joseph Mwenda
The ministry of Finance says Zambia has made substantial progress towards reaching an agreement with the IMF on an economic programme.

In a statement issued today, Minister of Finance Felix Mutati said the Zambian government remained confident that the IMF would in the next few weeks, finalise a report on the Article IV Consultations done in June 2017 – for presentation by the staff to the IMF Board.

“Since Cabinet’s approval at the end of the first quarter of 2017, for Zambia to engage the IMF on an economic programme, the Government and the IMF have been engaged in discussions on the details of what would constitute the programme. In June, 2017, the IMF sent a staff mission to Zambia. Detailed discussions between Zambian Authorities and the IMF were held, with a view to exchange information, and reach consensus on a number of key policies and structural reforms required to enshrine economic stabilization, restore growth, and ensure employment creation going forward,” Mutati said.

“The programme discussions have so far taken into account the progress which has been achieved under the Zambian Cabinet approved Economic Stabilisation and Growth Programme (ESGP) for the period 2017-2019.” Mutati said the progress achieved to so far

included:

1. Attainment of sustained single digit inflation;
2. Stability in the exchange rate;
3. Rebound of GDP growth;
4. Reforming and removal of subsidies in the energy sector, particularly for fuel and electricity;
5. Reforming the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) by fully migrating to the e-Voucher input system and rationalizing the number of beneficiaries;
6. Development of a strategy for dismantling arrears and halting accumulation of new ones.

The commencement of

dismantling of arrears which are projected to reduce to around K12.0 billion at year end from K17.6 billion as at end 2016;

7. Reforms to anchor fiscal implementation in law, key among them the Loans and Guarantees (A u t h o r i s a t i o n), Planning and Budgeting, Procurement, Bank of Zambia Bill, and Deposit Protection Bill;
8. Situational Analysis and subsequent technical and operational studies for key SOE’s, namely Zesco; Zamtel; Tazama Pipeline; Indeni; Zambia Railways; and, Zambia State Insurance Corporation.

He said the studies would inform policy options for each of the SOE’s, aimed at reliving pressure on the Treasury.

“Based on the ESGP targets that Government has been implementing, the Fund and the Government have thus far agreed on policies and structural reforms over the medium-term for a prospective programme. Part of the issues concluded include; protection of social spending over the programme period; reform of laws and regulations; and, definitions and measurement of programme targets.

Against this progress, the IMF and the Zambian Government have agreed to progress discussions in the area of public sector spending and borrowing plans,” Mutati said.

“These plans will inform the fiscal path and macro framework over the medium term, which are to be mirrored in the 2018 budget and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), 2018-2020. Going forward, the Zambian Government has agreed with the IMF to continue discussions at the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings to be held in Washington DC in October 2017.”



PF youths in Kasama and Solwezi today. See story on page 2



Kenya Supreme Court nullifies election of President Kenyatta

By Joseph Mwenda

Kenya's Supreme Court has nullified the result of the August 8 presidential election won by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

In a ruling issued on Friday, the court said the electoral board committed "irregularities and illegalities" during last month's vote, harming the integrity of the election.

The court ordered another presidential election to be held within 60 days.

"The declaration [of Kenyatta's win] is invalid, null and void," said Judge David Maraga, announcing the verdict of four out of the six judges.

The shock ruling was a rare example of a poll result being overturned, with Maraga saying the election commission "failed, neglected or refused to conduct the presidential election in a manner consistent with the dictates of the constitution".

The protest was brought before the Supreme Court by opposition leader Raila Odinga, who lost to Kenyatta.

Kenyatta was announced the winner with 54 percent of the vote – but Odinga claimed the election was rigged with electronic voting results hacked into and manipulated in favour of Kenyatta.

Odinga supporters erupted in jubilation after the decision was announced.

"This is an unprecedented ruling," Odinga said outside the court. "This is a triumph for the people of Kenya."

Odinga's lawyer had asked the court to invalidate

Kenyatta's win, saying a scrutiny of the forms used to tally the votes had anomalies that affected nearly five million votes.

Al Jazeera's Mohamad Adow, reporting

from Nairobi, said the ruling was "historic, unprecedented anywhere in Africa".

"What has happened here today is huge on any scale," he said.

ConCourt throws out ZANASU's case against Luo

By Diggers Reporter

The Constitutional Court has thrown out a matter in which the Zambia National Students Union sued Nkandu Luo over her intentions to abolish students unions saying it has no jurisdiction to hear the matter.

On August 17, 2017 ZANASU secretary general Wickson Mwenya petitioned the Constitutional Court over Prof Luo's threats to ban student unionism.

But the petition has been dismissed by the ConCourt for "want of jurisdiction".

In dismissing the petition, judge Palan Mulonda said the petition is a proper matter for the High Court to determine



as the issues raised pertained to the Bill of Rights.

He has agreed with the state that matters concerning rights and freedoms under the Bill of rights are a preserve of the High Court.

The State, which was the second respondent, had argued that enforcement of articles under the Bill of Rights was assigned to the High Court.

The Petitioners sought an adjournment to seek legal representation but

it was not entertained by the court as it was submitted late.

ZANASU wanted the court to declare Prof Luo's intentions as illegal, unconstitutional and therefore null and void.

Catholic bishop protects Muslims

A Catholic bishop in the Central African Republic (CAR) has given refuge to 2,000 Muslims who are living in fear of attacks from a mainly Christian militia.

Juan José Aguirre Munoz says that the refugees cannot leave the seminary's compound in the south-eastern city of Bangassou.

He told the BBC that the refugees "risk death" from anti-balaka militias.

The UN's humanitarian chief warned last week of possible genocide.

Stephen O'Brien said that violence in CAR was escalating and the situation was becoming dire.

"Violence is intensifying, risking a repeat of the devastating destructive crisis that gripped the country four years ago," he said.

Mr O'Brien added: "The early warning signs of genocide are there. We must act now."

CAR has experienced sectarian violence since 2013, when the largely Muslim Seleka rebels seized power, and were accused of killing non-Muslim civilians.

The anti-balaka "self-defence" groups were then formed but have also been accused of atrocities.

Balaka is a street name which means bullets and the militia's name therefore translates to "those who stop bullets". Seleka, on the other hand, means "coalition" in the widely-spoken Sango language.

According to the UN, thousands have been killed and at least a million people have been displaced in CAR since 2013.

It also says that at least half of the population is dependent on humanitarian aid.

A tenuous peace deal signed in June saw 13 out of 14 armed groups operating in the country agree with the government to end fighting in exchange for political representation and the integration of armed militias into the military.

Bishop Munoz says that the refugees sought help at the seminary after fighting broke out in May, and have since been under the care of the church and aid organisations.

"Nearby, there are anti-Balaka militias who prevent them from going out to search for food, water or firewood," he said. "So they are completely confined inside the seminary. They would risk death if they venture out," he told the BBC's Newsday programme.

Protecting the vulnerable
A 10-year-old boy who was caught up in the violent clashes told a Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) aid worker that he was shot at. *BBC News*



Rescue workers and residents look for survivors at the site of a building collapse in Mumbai

US orders Russia to close consulate and two annexes

Russia has been ordered to close its San Francisco consulate and two trade missions in response to "unwarranted" Russian action, the US has said.

The consulate, and annexes in New York and Washington, must close by Saturday.

The US state department's move follows Moscow's reduction of US diplomatic staff in Russia last month.

That in turn followed new US sanctions on Russia over Crimea and alleged election interference, which led to the expulsion of 35 Russian

diplomats.

President Barack Obama had ordered those expulsions, along with the closure of two compounds, last December. Although Russian President Vladimir Putin did not respond initially to that move, with Mr Trump set to assume office, he then announced on 31 July a reduction of 755 US diplomatic staff in Russia, in retaliation for the US sanctions.

The US diplomats expelled have until this Friday to leave Russia - a day before the US closures of the Russian

consulate and two annexes, which are trade missions, must be completed.

A senior administration official said on Thursday that the consulate and the residence attached to it as well as the two trade missions would close but no Russian staff would be required to leave the country.

Russia will be allowed to maintain the properties, but not use them, the official added.

The state department said the US actions were "in the spirit of parity". It blamed Moscow for what it called a

downward spiral in bilateral ties, but suggested it wanted an end to the current spat.

"The United States hopes that, having moved toward the Russian Federation's desire for parity, we can avoid further retaliatory actions by both sides and move forward to achieve the stated goal of both our presidents: improved relations between our two countries and increased co-operation on areas of mutual concern," state department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement.

The move leaves each country

with three consulates in place, Ms Nauert added.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov spoke to US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in a phone call on Thursday, expressing "regret at the escalation of tensions in bilateral relations".

He said Moscow would study the order and respond accordingly, according to a statement from the Russian foreign ministry.

Mr Lavrov and Mr Tillerson are due to meet in September on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

Earlier this month, Mr Trump said US relations with Russia were at a "dangerous low" amid a row with Congress over the fresh sanctions against Moscow.

The president, who wanted warmer ties with Russia, had opposed the bill, which included a provision that limits his ability to lift sanctions and forces him to consult Congress first.

Mr Trump has been dogged by claims that Russia tried to sway the election in his favour and several investigations are under way to determine whether anyone from his campaign colluded with Moscow.

But the Kremlin has repeatedly denied interfering and Mr Trump has insisted that there was no collusion, calling the investigations a "witch hunt". *Reuters*



The closure of the San Francisco consulate leaves just three remaining in the US, a senior administration official says

Where is KBF and other donors in the Ndola market fire?

Some people say if the cure for AIDS was found, many elites would be out of employment and thousands of non-governmental organisations would be rendered useless. This is because millions of people worldwide depend on HIV/AIDS funds more than the aid benefits the HIV infected.

This is not only true to AIDS and other heavily funded pandemics; it is also true to all other natural and human inflicted disasters. In Zambia, there are many people who see opportunities when others are in excruciating pain. Where there is misery, they see lots and lots of riches.

These people are so sophisticated that when they make donations, they manage to get the victims to worship them and tune all the media propaganda in their favour. They do this so swiftly that an ordinary eye cannot see how they are actually top beneficiaries of other people's misfortune.

What is worse is that the government is the biggest culprit of such crookedness. That is why you hear terms such as Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU). They will not create a Disaster Prevention Unit because it is easy to monitor how such preventive measures are worth the money spent. Instead, the government prefers to manage and mitigate the disaster after it has already occurred because after that,

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no one really pays attention to how much money was spent on the so-called mitigation. They want disasters to continue because without disasters or if they put up measures to stop these disasters, then those managing the DMMU will become broke.

On July 4, 2017, Lusaka City Market was set ablaze by unknown people. About 1,950 shops were gutted, leaving the victims in devastating horror. What followed immediately was the declaration of a State of Threatened Emergency. The President of the Republic of Zambia made it clear that people of ill intentions were trying to sabotage his leadership and make the country ungovernable. The President suggested that opposition UPND members were torching strategic public institutions in order to pressurise him into releasing their incarcerated leader Hakainde Hichilema who was

facing treason charges at the time.

After the President made that insinuation, we saw a series of sympathy statements from those connected to government or indirect beneficiaries of government funds. They condemned the act and made various financial pledges. Others quickly printed T-shirts and mobilised music concerts to fundraise for the City Market fire victims. The musicians association picked it up from there and started demanding for more money to tour the whole country in the name of fundraising for the inferno victims.

Banks came on board donating cash towards compensating the victims and building a better market. We saw organisations such as the Zambia National Service ladies club not wanting to be left behind in the donations extravaganza. There was even a church service for that matter,

graced by first lady Esther Lungu where bishops called for generous offerings to help lift the burden of the affected marketeers.

Even when the police punctuated the euphoria with a statement announcing that they had arrested 11 suspects, and none of them was a UPND member, the City Market tragedy remained the most profitable horse to ride on. Members of parliament took turns debating the incident on the floor of the House like Zambia had never experienced such kind of a fire before. Somehow, the government succeeded in creating a mystery around the incident that made it so lucrative for business houses, NGOs and individuals to donate and make statements on.

On August 30, 2017, another fire swept threw Kapalala market in Ndola, destroying over 3,000 stands and shops. Unlike in the politicised

City Market fire, the person responsible for the Ndola market fire has been identified. He apologised for his carelessness, pleaded guilty to the charge and is already serving his two-year sentence. What have the Ndola Market victims gotten from the government so far? Crocodile tears on camera and rhetoric - nothing more. But where are the City Market donors? Where is Mr Kelvin Bwalya Fube to organise T-shirts and a fundraising music concert for the Ndola market fire victims? When are we going to hear the Bankers Association of Zambia send that cheque towards rebuilding Kapalala Market? What is it that made people more sympathetic to the City Market fire than the Ndola market inferno that has affected more people?

It is clear that those who benefit from other people's misery are not coming forward because the Kapalala market

disaster is not lucrative. It has no political mileage and there is no sufficient mystery with which to create propaganda. People are quiet as they have always been whenever Chisokone market in Kitwe gets gutted every year.

We are concerned that those in the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit are not showing interest to start looking for resources to build hazard-free trading areas in densely populated cities. We are concerned that the ruling party is eager to empower marketeers, but they don't care where those poor beneficiaries are conducting business.

Since the PF says the Presidential Empowerment Initiative is not for its members only, why can't that money go towards building better, safer markets for these people? Is it because markets don't vote?

We have heard President Lungu direct his Copperbelt minister to find an alternative trading area for the affected victims while plans are put in place to rebuild the market. But without giving them capital, what will they be selling?

We encourage and challenge those who showed their sympathy for the City Market victims to do the same for their Ndola brothers and sisters even when they know very well that there will be no political mileage to gain from their donations.

The new struggle for democracy in Africa has only just begun

Today I am reminded of the words of Coretta Scott King, the wife of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr who once said, "Freedom is never really won. You earn it and win it in every generation".

These words were true then, are true now, and will be true for generations to come. Today, all the across the African continent, a new fight for freedom is underway.

For the previous generation in Africa, the struggle for liberation from colonial powers was their mission. Today, our generation is engaged in a new struggle: the fight for a post-liberation Africa. Our challenge is to free ourselves from the liberation movements of old, who have captured entire nations for their own personal gain. And across the continent, new leaders are rising up to this challenge.

Today I am joined by a pioneer of this new struggle - my brother, my friend, and the leader of the United Party for National Development (UPND) in Zambia, Hakainde Hichilema. Mr Hichilema, or "HH" as he is better known, has recently been released from prison following a sustained campaign of international pressure by many countries and organisations, including the DA. We wanted to celebrate HH's release with him and the people of Zambia, but we have still received no reply to our request to the Zambian government to visit that country again. So, instead, we invited HH

to celebrate with us here.

Today we are grateful for his release and his safety, and we look forward to what he will go on to achieve in Zambian politics.

Hakainde and I first met almost 5 years ago while campaigning together on the continent, and have since become not just colleagues, but personal friends. Hakainde and I both share the values of democracy, constitutionalism, the rule of law, the advancement of human rights across Africa, intolerance of corruption and a commitment to the defence of an independent judiciary and a free press.

These are the values we believe will bring development, growth, and prosperity to Africa, lifting millions out of the poverty and hopelessness faced every day. We believe in the future of Africa, a continent full of latent potential. Mr Hichilema is not just a fellow democrat, but a strong businessman who views inclusive market led economic growth as the way forward in building a strong and vibrant Africa.

My partnership with Mr Hichilema and his party is not only as the Leader of the DA, which is a sister party to the UPND and a fellow member of the African Liberal Network. It is also in my capacity as Chairperson of the Southern African Partnership for Democratic Change (SAPDC), a network of opposition parties throughout the region who work together, share best practice and

support one another to further democracy in the region and rid the region of corrupt, self-centred "Big Man" governments. In his country of Zambia, the fight for freedom has intensified over the past 12 months, and democracy is under serious threat. Under the incumbent President, Edgar Lungu, Zambia is fast heading towards a dictatorship. Zambia is currently under a declared state of emergency. This is characterised by increased security measures and the suppression of free speech and press freedom. Opposition party members have been intimidated, harassed and arrested en masse, and have been suspended from participating in Parliament.

However, the world only came to appreciate the extent of Zambia's instability when Mr Hichilema was arrested, detained without trial under fabricated charges of treason, and subjected to 127 days in imprisonment, without visitation rights, often in solitary confinement and suffering inhumane treatment and violations of his human rights. Mr Hichilema will give us a first-hand account of his experience in a short while.

The simple truth is that Mr Hichilema posed a real challenge and democratic threat to the Lungu rule, and as such was vilified and victimised. This is a completely unacceptable abuse of democracy, and should concern all true democrats across the continent.

Despite Mr Hichilema's arrest, neither President Zuma nor the South African government uttered a single word about this flagrant abuse of human rights, the rule of law, and democratic process. In fact, President Zuma travelled to Zambia, and met with President Lungu while Mr Hichilema was in prison. And still, he said nothing, as if it was business as usual. Worryingly, this is not just an anomaly, but a trend under the the party of liberation in South Africa.

Zambia played a pivotal role in the struggle against apartheid, and South Africa is a leader on the continent. It is therefore deeply regrettable that our government and President Zuma has done absolutely nothing to stand up for basic freedoms and democracy in Zambia when it is now under threat. The state of emergency now in place in Zambia bears many similarities to the state of emergency that existed in South Africa in the 1980s. Zambia stood up for our freedom then. Why will South Africa not stand up for the freedoms of Zambians now?

President Zuma is now the incoming Chair of SADC. He has an opportunity to reassert South Africa's leadership position in the region and the continent and to reassert the values that South Africa will stand for on the continent. But our government's track record does not give us cause to hope that this will happen.

In 2015, the South African

government aided and abetted the escape of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who was then - and still is - wanted on charges of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity.

The government stooped to a new low this month by granting Zimbabwean First Lady, Grace Mugabe, diplomatic immunity and allowing her to leave our country after she had beaten a young South African woman with a wire cord in a hotel room in Johannesburg. Grace Mugabe was facing charges of assault in South Africa before, once again, our government ensured she was safely escorted to her home country.

For Africa to prosper as a continent, we must break the stronghold of liberation movements and the dictators which they create. We are going to have to relegate all forms of narrow Nationalist politics to the scrapheap of history.

We are going to have to make a fresh start, and we must begin by restoring the supremacy of the constitutional rights of the individual citizen in these nations. That is the new fight which our generation is engaged in. We call on all those on the continent who share this belief and this vision to join us in this endeavour.

The DA will restore South Africa's rightful role as a leader on the continent. We will stand up for democracy, constitutional rights and the rule of law on the continent. We will work to

bring fundamental reform to the African Union (AU), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) so that accountability is achieved when leaders on the continent abuse their people.

Through existing platforms, such as the SAPDC that I chair, we will continue to push for regional bodies - SADC and the AU - to work constructively with leaders, from both governing and opposition parties in states across the continent to bring about real change in Africa.

Because ultimately, in the words of Coretta Scott King, for Africa to truly be free, we are going to have to win that freedom for our generation.

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika



Mmusi Aloysias Maimane is a South African politician, the leader of South Africa's opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) political party since 10 May 2015, and the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly of South Africa since 29 May 2014.

Jacob Zuma's son Duduzane denies alleged corruption



The son of South Africa's President Jacob Zuma has denied involvement in alleged corruption despite

his links with controversial businessmen. Duduzane Zuma told the BBC there was "nothing

untoward" about his business partnership with the Gupta family. Leaked emails about links

between President Zuma's family and the Guptas have resulted in an investigation into possible political

influence.

President Zuma and the Gupta family have repeatedly denied wrongdoing.

In an exclusive interview with the BBC's Milton Nkosi, Duduzane Zuma said his ties with the wealthy Gupta family were down to nothing more than him being "a likeable guy".

"I don't think they wanted anything from me," he said, adding: "They liked me. As I liked them."

Duduzane Zuma, who is one of the South African president's 21 children, insisted that he was "not corrupt".

"I've not involved myself in any corrupt practice, in any corrupt business," he said.

Members of the Gupta family are accused of using their connections with the president to try to influence political decisions.

They say the email leaks were "politically inspired".

Bond with 'brothers' cannot be denied

By Milton Nkosi, BBC News, Johannesburg

This denial is significant and it does not seem to be isolated. On Thursday, President Jacob Zuma, while answering questions in a raucous parliament session, opened his address by "categorically" denying that he ever asked anyone

in government to award contracts to his people.

Duduzane Zuma has strong ties with the Guptas. He is their neighbour in Johannesburg's affluent Saxonwold suburb and still refers to them as his "brothers". Therefore the strong bond cannot be denied.

The question that remains is whether the denial will make these allegations go away?

It seems to me that even though he said he cannot wait to clear his name in the much anticipated judicial commission of inquiry into State Capture, which will investigate alleged corrupt government contracts - he will need much more in the way of evidence than his disarming charisma.

The African National Congress (ANC) has said that the allegations of corrupt links exposed in the leaked emails have brought President Zuma's credibility into question.

The ANC has governed South Africa since the end of white-minority rule in 1994.

Since taking office in 2009, President Zuma has faced allegations that his close links to the Gupta family have been used to influence the appointment of key ministers. **BBC News**

Britain's Priti Patel urges others to help Nigeria

Britain is to reduce the amount of money it is giving as humanitarian aid to Nigeria over the next few years.

The aid worth £200m (\$258m) over the next four years is a 50% drop from the £100m it gave in 2017.

The money is aimed at helping north-eastern Nigeria recover from an eight-year insurgency by Boko Haram Islamist militants.

More than 1.5 million people are on the brink of famine in the area, aid agencies say.

The amount of aid given to Nigeria was increased this year to enable the country cope with the aftermath of the insurgency that prevented people from farming their land.

International Development Minister Priti Patel, however, said the Nigerian authorities needed to do more to defeat the extremists and to "secure the safety and well being of its own people".

She also said other donors should increase their assistance.

On being asked if she was comfortable with a substantial cut in Britain's humanitarian aid, Ms Patel replied that she did

not see it as a cut because she had just announced more money for Nigeria. Ms Patel said the additional aid money

was based on current humanitarian need. And that the situation would be "assessed constantly". **BBC News**



Volunteer rescuer Matt Clarke searches for local residents after a mandatory evacuation was ordered in the area beneath the Barker Reservoir in Houston, Texas

John Legend says going through IVF has ‘strengthened bond’ with wife

Through thick and thin, John Legend will always be wife Chrissy Teigen’s support system.

The Grammy and Oscar-winning singer opened up about the challenges the couple has faced during their nearly

4-year marriage to *Cosmopolitan*, specifically going through in vitro fertilization (IVF).

“Having a baby is a big challenge for a couple, and going through that together strengthens your bond because if

you make it through [having a child], you know you can make it through anything,” Legend explained about trying for another child after welcoming 16-month-old daughter Luna, who was conceived with the help of IVF.

“I think it’s especially difficult when you can’t conceive naturally. You want to feel like everything’s working properly and want everything to be perfect, but sometimes it’s not,” the father of one continued. “I wouldn’t say we can’t conceive naturally, but I would say that it’s enough of a challenge where it felt like we needed help. We’re lucky that we’re living in an age where we can conceive in other ways. [IVF] brought us Luna and hopefully, it will bring us a few more awesome kids, too.”

Want all the latest pregnancy and birth announcements, plus celebrity mom blogs? Click here to get those and more in the PEOPLE Babies newsletter.

Last year, Teigen shared the couple’s decision to have a girl exclusively with PEOPLE.

“I’ve made this decision. Not only am I having a girl, but I picked the girl from her little embryo,” she said. “I picked her and was like, ‘Let’s put in the girl.’”

Adding, “A boy will come along. We’ll get there too, so it’s not like we really have to pick.”

Also in his *Cosmo* interview, Legend, who partnered with AXE on the brand’s Find Your Magic Initiative, detailed how he has been supporting his wife through her decision to cut back on alcohol.

“We’re always honest with each other, so we discuss everything that’s on our minds. When she was thinking about how she wanted to drink less, we talked about it,” he said. “I just want to support her. I want her to be happy and to live the fullest, most awesome life she can, and I want us to do it together. Whenever she sets her mind to anything, I always tell her, ‘I want to support you and help you do it.’”

Yahoo News



Hollywood’s race problems made me change my name - Chloe Bennet

Chloe Bennet is outspoken about her Asian-American heritage. The *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* star has been honest about racism she’s experienced in Hollywood — and she’s also not afraid to call out other stars who’ve missed the mark.

This week, Bennet reposted Ed Skrein’s open letter about why he stepped down from the upcoming *Hellboy* movie on her Instagram account. Bennet praised the actor for “standing up against Hollywood’s continuous insensitivity and flippant behavior towards the Asian American community.”

Unfortunately, some trolls used Bennet’s Instagram post about Skrein as an opportunity to criticize a personal decision she made about her name. Bennet was born Chloe Wang, but changed her name to Chloe Bennet, taking her father’s first name as her last name. She’s talked about the decision in various interviews, telling *The Daily Beast* in 2016, “the first audition I went on after I changed my name, I got booked.” (The role she got booked for right after the name change was a guest arc on *Nashville*.)

Bennet had the perfect clapback for the trolls, though, as the *New York Daily News* pointed out.

“Changing my last name doesn’t change the fact that my BLOOD is half Chinese, that I lived in China, speak Mandarin, or that I was culturally raised both American and Chinese,” she wrote in a response to one Instagram comment. “It means I had to pay my rent, and Hollywood is racist and wouldn’t cast me with a last name that made them uncomfortable.”

Bennet also wrote in the comment that she wants to use her platform to help other Asian-American actors.

“I’m doing everything I can, with the platform I have, to make sure no one has to change their name again, just so they can get work,” she wrote in the Instagram comment. “So kindly love, fuck off.”

By Diggers Reporter

Fwayo Tembo has failed to make the final cut for the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Algeria.

The controversial Lusaka Dynamos forward has been dropped from Nyirenda's final 24-member team barely 48 hours after joining camp in Lusaka.

Fwayo rescinded his decision to shun his recall on Tuesday that saw him miss the first two days of training camp that began on August 28 in Lusaka.

Nyirenda had initially

Zambia coach drops Fwayo Tembo and Clatous Chama

recalled Fwayo a week ago after lifting his suspension due to disciplinary reasons. Also axed is Fwayo's Dynamos club mate Clatous Chama including the Power Dynamos duo

of defender Billy Mutale and midfielder Godfrey Ngwenya.

But Nyirenda has selected the Zambia Under-20 quartet of Enock Mwepu, Patson

Daka, Emmanuel Banda and Fashion Sakala.

The four were part of seven call-ups from the 2017 U20 AFCON winning team that went on to reach the 2017 FIFA U20 World

Cup quarterfinals in South Korea.

Dropped from that list of juniors is the Nkana duo of defenders Moses Nyondo and Boston Muchindu.

But forward Edward Chilufya of Djurgardens in Sweden has not made the team after failing to apply for his Algerian visa in time for the final leg to be played on September 5 in Constantine.

Zambia and Algeria head into Saturday's Group B qualifier at National Heroes Stadium tied on 1 point.

Cameroon are 2nd on 2 points ahead of Friday's away game against leaders Nigeria who have 6 points.

Team:
GOALKEEPERS: Allan Chibwe (Power Dynamos), Kennedy Mweene (Mamelodi Sundowns), South Africa), Toaster aNsabata (Zanaco)

EFENDERS: Donashano

Malama (Nkana), Ziyu Tembo (Zanaco), Simon Silwimba, Facks on Kapumbu (both Zesco United), Stoppila Sunzu (Arsenal Tula, Russia), Isaac Shamujo (Power Dynamos), Roderick

Kabwe (Ajax Cape Town, South Africa), Adrian Chama (Green Buffaloes)

MIDFIELDERS: Misheck Chaila, Kondwani

Mtonga, John Chingandu (all Zesco United),

Emmanuel Banda (KV ostende, Belgium), Enock

Mwepu (iefering, Austria), Ernest Mbewe, Augustine

Mulenga (both Zanaco),

gu (Alanyaspor, Turkey),

STRIKERS: Patson Daka (Red Bull Salzburg, Austria), Brian Mwila (Platinum Stars, South Africa), Justin Shonga (Nkwazi), Fashion

Sakala (Spartak Moscow II, Russia), Alex Ngonga

(Power Dynamos)

Rafael Nadal into US Open third round but Roger Federer clash not nailed on

As the clock edged towards midnight on day four – literally if not yet metaphorically – the veteran champion, Rafael Nadal, turned struggle into an ultimately satisfactory fightback against an opponent seven years younger and 120 places below him in the world rankings, the admirable Taro Daniel. Yet there was cause for at least minor concern.

Nadal's four-set win to reach the third round of the US Open, a few hours after Roger Federer's much patchier effort in five sets against Mikhail Youzhny, left the impression that two of the greatest rivals in the history of the game might never get to play each other at Flushing Meadows.

They are slated to meet for the first time in the semi-finals, yet neither is nailed on to get out of the quarters. Nadal next plays Leonardo Mayer, over whom he holds a 3-0 career advantage, and Federer plays Feliciano Lopez, who has not beaten him in 12 attempts. Never the less, there is insurrection in the air; anything is possible here – as we have already witnessed.

Daniel, loser of seven of eight matches before arriving in New York, made a mockery of his 121 world ranking when he made the most of nearly every exchange – he even threatened to break Nadal for a third time as served for the match – and he walked away from his debut on Arthur Ashe with the respect of his illustrious opponent as well as the consolation cheers of an appreciative audience.

The Spaniard, who has been champion here twice, eventually closed down his slightly built opponent with the popgun serve and tenacious attitude, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, after nearly three hours. Nadal's strength, class and grit got him through. The relief on his face was there for all to see. On the same court, Federer was less impressive against

Youzhny, who still hasn't beaten him in their 17 matches. But these were two curious performances by the virtual co-favourites in the absence of Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka and Andy Murray. They own 34 grand slam titles between them, yet both were red-lining nervously in matches they should have won without fuss.

Daniel, who was born 24 years ago in New York, where his Japanese parents met while working on Wall Street, played perhaps the match of his life. His break at the end of the first set was the product of relentless pressure; when he did it again at the start of the second, Nadal knew he was going to have to dig deeper than he might have imagined beforehand.

He did so, broke back twice and levelled at a set piece when he served out to 30 with a solid serve down the T on which Daniel could only put a tired racket. Nadal will surely have sensed that Daniel, who played three hours and five sets on Thursday at the back end of a rain-wrecked schedule, was growing steadily more weary under the weight of his heavy hitting.

However, the drawn-out exchanges will have taken their toll on 31-year-old Nadal, too, and he hardly helped himself by receiving serve so deep he was almost treading on the ballkids. It is his clay way, of course, but, hitting from so far behind the baseline, he is not getting the purchase on the ball on the hard court, the revolutions dying by the foot.

Certainly, once he made his breakthrough, there was an inevitability about the result. Even by the standards of this tournament, where underdogs have bitten hard at the heels of their betters, Nadal losing to Daniel would have been seismic.

He probably is in better shape than Federer. The five-time US title-holder was broken eight times

– twice as many as his in his entire triumphant Wimbledon campaign – and, despite trying to make light of his ordeal, seemed to be feeling the effects of the back trouble that flared in Montreal and kept him out of Cincinnati. His movement was uncertain, his ball-striking after a one-sided first set equally unconvincing. He has been on court for five hours and 45 minutes in two matches

– a long time for a 36-year-old in a seven-match tournament of five-setters.

The paradox is that both Youzhny and Daniel did to Federer and Nadal respectively what those champions so often have done to lesser lights: stretched them to the point of physical and spiritual exhaustion. Yet both lost. There is life in the old dogs yet. *Yahoo Sports*



Chipolopolo in Fashion mode

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"I know that Zambians expect a lot from me, I know that the rest of the team expects a lot from me and I also expect a lot from myself. So I think if we play as a team we can win," said Daka.

Sakala joined Chipolopolo camp in Lusaka ahead of Saturday's 2018 FIFA World Cup Group B qualifier against Algeria at National Heroes Stadium.

The striker from Russian club Spartak Moscow arrived on Tuesday

to complete Zambia's roll for the Algeria clash.

Fashion took part in his first training session with Chipolopolo on Wednesday morning at Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka.

However, Fashion's Under-20 counterpart Edward Chilufya of Djurgarden in Sweden will not make the two-legged Group B qualifier.

Chilufya failed to secure his Algerian visa for the final leg on September 5 in Constantine.

Meanwhile, controversial Zambia

attacking midfielder Fwayo Tembo has backtracked on his decision to shun his Chipolopolo recall.

Fwayo reportedly refused his recall after Zambia coach Wedson Nyirenda forgave him over disciplinary matters.

The Lusaka Dynamos midfielder was part of training on Wednesday at Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka, three days after Chipolopolo kicked off their training camp for Saturday's first leg clash at National Heroes Stadium in Lusaka.



Chipolopolo in Fashion mode

By Diggers Reporter

Fashion Sakala says he does not want to promise anything, but he will do his best to make Zambia proud.

Speaking to journalists after a training session yesterday, Sakala said he looked to God for victory.

“I cannot promise anything because if I promise, fans will be waiting for me to do what I have promised. So I think it's not good for me to do that. But I leave everything to God. I believe that we can do it,” said Sakala.

Patson Daka also said he was looking forward to positive results from the team.

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By Diggers Reporter

Algeria goalkeeper Rais M'bolhi has described the 2018 FIFA World Cup Group B two-way qualifier against Zambia as war after he was certified fit to travel for the first leg on September 2 in Lusaka.

The Algerian number one goalkeeper sustained a knock on club duty last Saturday in a French Ligue 1 match for Stade Rennes.

“There are no calculations to make, we will go to war in Zambia,” Mbolhi said during Algeria's pre-departure media briefing in Algiers on Wednesday evening.

“We have to win if we want to hope for something. It's

ALGERIAN KEEPER DECLARES 'WALL'

going to be a big fight but we do not want to give up.”

The Fenecs are expected to arrive on Thursday evening on a chartered flight from

Algiers as they mount a bid for a fifth FIFA World Cup appearance, and second in succession after reaching Brazil 2014.

Zambia and Algeria are tied on 1 point from two matches in 3rd and 4th place respectively.

They are a point behind 2nd

placed Cameroon and a further five adrift of unbeaten Nigeria heading into match day three this weekend at National Heroes Stadium in

Lusaka.

Nigeria host Cameroon on Friday at Uyo.

The return leg is scheduled for September 5 in Constantine.

