

Govt explains deregistration of 498 unqualified teachers

By Sipilisiwe Ncube says the 498 teachers proper qualifications Teaching Council of Zambia who have been exposed will be deregistered from Registrar Dr Abby Mubanga for teaching without the system because the damage they have caused is irreparable.

The world is now for the young generation, us old leaders must pave way, says Ukwa

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And Dr Mubanga said the Teaching Council has also informed the employers of the affected teachers as well other law enforcement agencies so that disciplinary action can be taken.

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PF WILL NOT REACH 2021

...it's too divided to stand pressure from Kambwili's group - Mwaliteta

By Mirriam Chabala
Former Lusaka Province Minister Obvious Mwaliteta says the ruling party may fail to finish another five-year term because it is too divided

to stand the pressure from Roan member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili and other PF founders who have been sidelined.

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DPP enters another nolle in UPND case

By Diggers Reporter
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This world is now for the younger generation, us the old must pave way for them – Ukwa

By Joseph Mwenda

Nigerian Actor Ukwa says the world is now for the younger generation and that older leaders must pave way for them.

And Ukwa, whose real names are Nkem Owoh, says the bad impression that the West has about African culture will only be corrected if African actors use art to portray the positive side of the continent's traditions.

Featuring on the Sunday Interview this evening, Ukwa who was recently awarded a lifetime achievement award at the 2017 African Movie Academy Awards, said even if people chose not to retire from their calling, they would still die eventually.

“Getting that award made me feel very good, I wish I was much much younger. I was going to put my two legs into it and get a degree. But if I don't do it, I will impart it in the younger people, that is why I have a school that teaches art where I am trying to impart the knowledge into younger ones. Yes, I am planning to retire, sometimes you have to retire or you die. So if

you do not leave something that people will remember you with, I doubt if you will be free. So I want to leave a footprint, a legacy,” Ukwa said.

He told programme host Grevazio Zulu that even in governance, the older generation needed to pave way for the youth.

“I don't intend to go back to politics, what am I going to do there? If I have to go back in politics and be a governor, it means I am so greedy. This world as it is now is for the younger generation. Even in my industry, I want to move away now. That is why I am establishing one or two things on the front so that the young ones can have the opportunity. If I plant myself there, it does not make sense. If you want development, the youths will have to come up, even in governance,” Ukwa said.

He warned artistes against getting too involved with politics and losing focus of their career.

“At one point I declared that I was not going to feature at a government function because I was trying to avoid politics. I was in politics before even



Nigerian actor Nkem Owoh (Ukwa)

the film industry. But I was playing a minor role there. I found out that God had given me my own political party, so why must I go and do this. I decided that I was not going to feature in any political thing because the politicians, generally

like popular people, we do campaign for them and in the end we lose concentration. I decided not to do it and concentrate [on the acting career];” he said.

“I am very close to most of the politicians and even

Presidents, I don't think there is a President, apart from the current one whom I haven't really associate with, that I am not close to. When they have their social functions I will go, but once you make it political, no matter how much you pay me, I will not attend, it's just my personal conviction that I will not get involved.”

And the actor expressed difficulties to pick his favourite movie between “Ukwa” and “Osuofia in London” saying the two films had their own positive stories.

“The difference between Osuofia and Ukwa is that the other one is cross culture, not between two African countries but between Africa and the West. There were other characters between Ukwa and Osuofia, but between the two of them... (hesitates) they have their pluses. But I think in Africa, Ukwa reigned more; it is still reigning more than Osuofia. But I think outside Africa, Osuofia takes preference,” he said.

He went on to explain that it was not his intention to demean the African culture in the movie which he went to shoot in Britain.

“It is the impression people have about African culture. You see, we were colonised and the colonial masters didn't want to bring up that African culture very much. If they had done it diplomatically, probably we would have developed with our own culture. But they said this one is bad, even your names they said ‘your name is too difficult to call, let me give you my

own name’. So when we tell it now, we are trying to portray it and let people know that not all things about our culture is all that bad. But if you are an Europeanised African, you will see it from that view point that we were trying to demean African culture in the movie ‘Osuofia in London,’” Ukwa said.

“If you analyse our own culture in comparison with the European culture, you will find that ours has got a meaning too, a great meaning. So I don't find anything demeaning in portraying my culture, provided I am not doing it in a negative sense. My message was that we have a culture that is plus not minus. I remember in ‘Osuofia in London’, somebody met me and said ‘why did you go and disgrace us by talking about Nigerian Naira in London and you were telling them you need Agege bread and all that?’ I said ‘look, the Europeans brought cake and biscuit and we eat it, so when we talk about our own food, people must appreciate it’. I was proud of Africa, its not the other way round. I was telling them that we also have something that we appreciate.”

Meanwhile, Ukwa also talked about why he dropped his engineering career, his kidnapping and the ransom he paid to be released, his music career and how his hit song “I go chop your dollar (419 is just a game)” was banned in Nigeria, as well as the need for African countries to create synergies for development.

Kambwili will cry like a baby with his punch for punch strategy – PF

By Mukosha Funga

Patriotic Front Media Director Sunday Chanda has warned that Chishimba Kambwili will become a political casualty with his strategy of taking on President Edgar Lungu punch for punch.

Yesterday, the expelled Roan PF member of parliament held a press briefing at which he declared that he would exert pressure on President Lungu so that he could “pull up his socks”.

He also said he would take on the Head of State punch for punch as he was not intimidated by his threatening and demeaning statements against him.

“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. 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,” said Kambwili.

“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.”

But in a statement yesterday, Chanda warned Kambwili against such an approach saying he would end up crying like a baby.

“Expelled PF Member Chishimba Kambwili's challenge to take on Republican President Edgar Lungu ‘punch for punch’ will make him regret. His ‘punch-for-punch’ strategy will leave him as the major political casualty. Like him take this as a kind reminder before he can cry like a baby. Like in boxing, my brother Kambwili will get a good whipping for his big mouth. He may have the loudest and biggest mouth, but his statements are incoherent. Kambwili cannot sustain an argument for four weeks because he's politically athletic. He lacks originality, Kambwili still wants to be an imitation of the late patriarch of the Patriotic Front Michael Chilufya Sata. He is not original. There was one Sata and there will never be another. Zambians loved him for his originality and Kambwili's imitation does not strike the Sata cord. Zambians have listened to the original and they have no appetite for an imitation,” Chanda stated.

“He's far from being original and we know too well how to put ‘fake products’ to quality tastes. May he be ready to taste his own medicine after we respond to him. We therefore welcome his challenge for a punch for punch. Once more, we can only hope he will not cry like someone stung by a bee very soon.”

He said the party was game for Kambwili.

“The last politician who attempted the ‘punch for punch’ line was Pastor Nevers Mumba against late President Sata. As all Zambians know, he was whipped for having a big mouth. We are game for Kambwili and maybe it will dawn on him that his greatest enemy is his mouth – he opens it and puts his foot into it,” stated Chanda.

Sioma farmers hail WWF over conservation farming skills

By Thomas Mulenga

Farmers in Kaanja area of Sioma District in Western Province have hailed World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) for teaching them conservation agricultural practices which they say are more beneficial and environmental friendly than conventional agriculture.

Speaking to journalists, Kelvin Lubinda, who is a conservation farmer, said he was able to grow maize without using conventional fertilizer, adding that this had made it easy for him to engage in farming without worrying about farming inputs.

Lubinda added that WWF had taught him and other farmers how to grow seed, which has helped them to stop recycling seed which was a conventional agriculture practice.

Lubinda disclosed that he was converted to conservation farming when WWF started the sensitization project on conservation farming in the area in 2009.



Some farmers in Sioma talk to officials from WWF - picture by Thomas Mulenga

He boasts of having agricultural products such as maize, vegetables, sweet potatoes, among others, throughout all seasons using irrigation

farming, another skill he learnt from WWF. Lubinda added that conservation farming had made it easy for him to diversify crops.

Another farmer, Maureen Mbaao said that through conservation farming, she had managed to achieve food security for her family,

and that her community was no longer dependent on relief food as every household was self reliant. She added that her yields

had increased since she started practicing conservation farming. She said this had made it easy for her to pay for tuition fees for her children, some of whom are at tertiary education level.

The farmers called upon WWF to continue with their initiative.

Meanwhile, WWF Field Facilitator for Conservation Farming Crispin Miyanda said the organization was happy with the response from the farmers practicing conservation farming in Sioma District.

Miyanda said the organisation would continue empowering farmers with conservation farming knowledge and skills.

He also said that due to the organisation's efforts, Sioma District had recorded low human-animal conflict which was previously rampant. WWF is currently monitoring conservation farming projects in Sioma District.

PF won't reach 2021, it's too divided to stand pressure from Kambwili's group - Mwaliteta

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And Mwaliteta has charged that those who remained in PF have surrendered the running of government to Finance Minister Felix Mutati and his MMD ministers while they concentrate on enriching themselves from government deals.

The former Kafue member of parliament, who spent a year in remand prison on aggravated robbery charges, said this in an interview with News Digger!

"I don't think the PF will manage to reach 2021. The way I look at things, they might as well all resign because the more they fire the real PF members, the tougher it will get for them. They cannot contain the pressure that is coming from the Kambwilis and all these people they are firing. I am seeing a situation where, because of the pressure, we might have an early election because the party will just break. If you are going to fire the people who understand the manifesto of PF, then I don't know what you are doing. I don't know which manifesto the Minister of Finance is following whether it's the MMD manifesto or the PF manifesto. Otherwise PF is no longer there. What has remained now is the MMD whom they have surrendered the party to," Mwaliteta said.

"What they are doing now is just winding up, there is no future for PF anyway. Maybe you can ask me about the future for MMD which is now running government under PF. I can predict the future for MMD which has remained in PF now running the national affairs. Their future is to make money for themselves and forget about this country, and that is what pains me."

He said the MMD members in government were teaching PF ministers bad manners.

"PF has been auctioned to MMD, that's the truth of the matter. The so-called PF who have remained now with the MMD are the people who know a lot about government deals. In fact these MMD guys have taught those who have remained in PF a lot of bad manners. What is happening now is that only those who are working closely with the President are the ones making money. No one has got money, the economy is for a few individuals and bwana Mutati. The PF guys who were very poor, who wanted to get rid of people like me, at least thank God me I came out quickly, but those who have remained have been taught how to make money through government deals," he said.

"If we recall in PF, the founders were Michael Sata, Guy Scott, Wynter Kabimba whether you like him or not, Chishimba Kambwili, the

Emmanuel Chendas and others, the rest were not there and if you remember the first appointments by Sata. His Excellency the President now Edgar Lungu was a just a deputy minister. I don't think that is the person he wanted to take over from him. So what is happening here is that this PF is just winding up. it's like a company which is bankrupt now you are winding up so that you close down the company."

Mwaliteta added that it was possible that President Lungu would reshuffle his Cabinet soon, because he had realised that most of the ministers were not loyal to him any more.

"I won't be surprised if there will be reshuffles in Cabinet because the government now has got two cabinets. There is one Cabinet for one group of ministers and there is another Cabinet for the President and the few people he trusts. So I wouldn't be surprised if there are reshuffles soon because what has remained now in PF is not about loyalty, it's about boot-licking. So if you are a very good bootlicker, you will survive this reshuffle if at all it will be there. If you are not a boot-licker, you are gone," said Mwaliteta. "So what we are saying is that the future of PF is gone. They have already handed over the party to the MMD to run government while they enrich themselves from government deals."

“Lungu building malls in Chawama, Petauke, Lilayi under police guard”

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Former information minister Chishimba Kambwili says President Edgar Lungu must explain why he spent three days in Swaziland with a huge delegation that included businessmen and contractors. And Kambwili has accused President Lungu of building his shopping malls in Chawama, Lilayi and Petauke from unexplained resources. Speaking at a press briefing at his house today, Kambwili's who is also Roan PF member of Parliament said he was shocked to see the Head of State posing for pictures with contractors in Swaziland. “His Excellency the President was invited by the Swazi King Mswati to go and officially open the International Trade Fair. The question that we should ask as Zambians is, ‘was it necessary for the President to go for three day?’ because the President left on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and is expected in the country today - four days. A flight from Lusaka international Airport into Swaziland is 1:50 minutes. The question is ‘was it necessary for the President to have gone to open a Trade Fair; leave the country on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and comes back on Monday?’ he asked. “What we are seeing from

the pictures that are coming on social media is that the President went for holiday. They are busy taking pictures with some of the contractors on the road sectors here in Zambia, some of his own friends. If you look at the pictures, you find there is Mr Valden Findlay... who is a know friend of the president. They question is who paid for Mr Findlay's passage into Swaziland? Who is paying for his meals? Who is paying for his hotel bills? And the other contractors and friends who are on the pictures, we also want to know as Zambians who paid for their air tickets to go into Swaziland? Who is paying for their meals? And who is paying for their total travel?”

He said Zambians cannot afford to sponsor none government officials on presidential trips.

“We are not going to accept to use taxpayers money on people that have nothing to do with governance of this country. This has to come to an end. Taxpayers money must be spent on civil servants and employees of government but not on friends. And our guess is that maybe the President does not know that some of the people who are in the pictures that we have gone through investigations



Kambwili speaks to journalists at his house in Lusaka today - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

for drug dealing before,” Kambwili said.

“When you look at the pictures, you find that almost all the special assistants to the President, except about three, have accompanied him. How much are they getting in terms of allowances? How much are they spending on

accommodation? How much are they spending on the food that they are eating whilst in Swaziland for four days. Look Zambians, we deserve better, people are suffering.”

He reminded President Lungu that his South African counterpart did not spend a night in Lusaka when he came

to officiate at the Agriculture show.

“Precedence has already been set by serious Presidents who care about expenditure. President Zuma, not long ago in July was invited by the Zambian government to be the guest of honor at the Agriculture and Commercial Show. President Zuma flew in in the morning with about seven people, officially opened the show and flew back to South Africa same day. All am saying is we have a wrong leadership in State House, a leadership that is full of nothing but playful,” Kambwili insisted.

“Immediately the President comes back, I want an answer on behalf of the people of Zambia. If it is taxpayers money, I demand that all the people who accompanied the President must refund the treasury. Our humble President left the country on Friday, as I am speaking now, he is not yet back in the country, still opening a trade fair, but that function was done in 30 minutes, at most 1 hour.”

Meanwhile, Kambwili claimed that President Lungu was building a mall in Lilayi area from unexplained funds. “Yesterday some people from Chawama were telling me that let us go we show you where President Lungu is building a mall in Lilayi. I am telling you Zambians, you will be shocked to see the magnitude of the mall, the size of the mall. Who doesn't know who Lungu was before he became President? Who doesn't know who Lungu was before he became MP? Where has he gotten the money? To put up all these infrastructure. He is demolishing his old

and building a mall in Chawama, he is building a mall in Lilayi, he is building a mall in Petauke. So what we are asking is that let him tell us where he has gotten the money. The answer that we want is from President Edgar Lungu, its not for you Kampamba, its not for you Bowman to answer, its not for you Chiteme, its for President Edgar Lungu to come on TV himself and say ‘I got so much loan from Finance bank, that house am building near Memorial Park, I got a loan from Barclays. Those are the answers we need because we don't want people to be speculating,” said Kambwili.

“We love our President, he is too humble to be building so much without explaining to the people of Zambia where he has gotten the money. And what is disheartening is that where ever he is building, there is paramilitary guarding. That is abuse of authority with impunity. I don't think the law provides that whatever the President is doing, his private properties, paramilitary or police officers must be guarding those premises. And to make matters worse, even his former house in Jack compound which is on rent, there is a policeman guarding there. Nangu tamwakwata umwenso (even if you have no fear)... Kampyongo withdraw those police officers from those private properties. Even here in the neighbourhood where he used to live as Minister of Justice, he has never handed over that house to the government. His children are staying there and when you check inside there are a lot of brand new vehicles. All those vehicles where did they come from?”



Police arrest 70 teens at Lusaka wild sex party

By Mukosha Funga

Police yesterday stormed a house along Lake Road in Woodlands and stopped a wild sex party involving over 70 children between the ages of 13 and 18. Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo confirmed this in an interview with News Diggers! saying the owner of the house had not yet been identified.

“There is a house in the [Woodlands] neighborhood which young boys and girls use for illicit immoral acts,” Katongo said.

“Yesterday a report was received from a concerned citizen and about 70 of them were rounded up by police and picked. They were locked up but the detention facility was not enough to accommodate all of them.”

She said the children admitted the charge and paid admission of guilt.

“They were then charged with conduct likely to cause a breach of peace after which they paid admission of guilt and they were released,” said Katongo.

“Police are looking for the owner of the house. This happened between 17:00

hours and 18:00 hours. Some bottles of beer and used condoms were found at the same premises.”

Meanwhile a witness told News Diggers! that the children were over 100.

“They could have been hundred or two hundred. They were a lot of them, it seems some ran away. After they were all picked up, some parents flocked to Woodlands police to bail them out in the evening yesterday. I am sure some are still there as we speak because their parents didn't even know.”

Zambians don't have capacity to run mines - ZCM

By Mirriam Chabala

Zambia Chamber of Mines (ZCM) President Nathan Chishimba says Zambians have no capacity to run the mines.

And Chishimba says the power tariff impasse between Mopani Copper Mines and Copperbelt Energy Corporation must be resolved in a transparent manner.

Speaking when he featured on a Diamond TV talk show dubbed "Costa" last evening, Chishimba observed that running mines required millions of dollars which Zambians did not have.

"First of all, when you look at the function of how our economy is considered generally whether you go to banks or other companies, you will find that Zambians are not really able to participate at that level and it's unfortunate. But I think we cannot say that it's because of the rules that are stuck against Zambians. If you go to the Ministry of Mines you would find a lot of Zambians own either exploration property or some papers that show that they have a stake in mineral deposits somewhere to that effect but I think the underlying question is the capital. It takes almost a billion dollars to start a new mine and even when you start it, probably it will cost you a couple of millions a day to run," Chishimba said.

"Now, this is why as a Chamber we are very focused on making sure that the mining investment climate is ripe because if we tend to assume a very negative attitude towards mines then we are also undermining the capacity of Zambians to go out there and raise that capital as they will be perceived to be from an investment environment that is hostile to mining so that's why the Chamber of Mines always pushes for a favourable mining investment regime and not just for foreigners but everyone who invests in mining so that when a Zambian goes out there with a mineral deposit for the possible investment in mining, it will be seen favourably as a country which favours mining." Chishimba noted that foreign investors had improved the mining sector.

"I would say that the private sector has made a very big difference in the mining sector. First of all, they have injected over \$15 billion in the last 12 years in the mining operations and they have been made to become world class mines because of private sector intervention. So if you are asking me to say has the private sector done anything for the mining sector? Yes it has revamped the mining sector and right now as we are talking, a third of our revenue is coming from private sector. I can also invite you to read the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) reports which are published every year and audited by certified auditors, there is actually a lot of money is that is actually overseen in this process. So we are very proud that we have managed to get the mines this far and this is all because of the private sector," said Chishimba.

He said it was an illusion to think that foreign investors in the mining sector were stealing from Zambians.

"ZCCM owns an average of 15-20 per cent shareholding in all mining houses respectively so by that extension they are the largest shareholders and speaking strictly from a position of ownership, I think the perception out there which is that mining houses are just a person with a briefcase and a pick coming to dig minerals is very illusionary because what happens is that these mining houses are incorporated with corporations that have shareholders, they have got pension funds and if you look at the structure of pension houses in Zambia now...I know there are pension houses in Zambia that have a longstanding participation in these offshore investment and you may never know some of these are in mining houses," Chishimba said.

"So it's very rudimentary to suggest that these mining

houses are owned by foreigners, yes they are foreign incorporated companies but their share holding is very diverse and so I do not know why that perception to say the mines belong to foreigners who are coming to rob us. Investors are actually corporate bodies that follow rules of investment based on where they source the money."

And Chishimba said he believed Mopani had a good reason for resisting the tariff adjustment by CEC.

"I cannot comment on that dispute between CEC and Mopani really but I think Mopani have their reasons for

having approached the matter the way they did. From the Chamber's perspective we feel that if the tariff setting system is transparent, if it's efficient, if it shows a method that is very objective, there is no need for these disputes to arise but what causes these disputes is that on the one hand the supplier says one thing and on the other, the consumer perceives it as another. So I think as a Chamber our position is that we should arrive at a point where we settle this tariff issue in a manner that is transparent, objective and acceptable," said Chishimba.

A youth holding a sheep by the neck at a livestock market in the Iraqi Shiite holy city of Najaf, as other sheep await to be sold in order to be slaughtered by pilgrims returning from the annual Hajj in Saudi Arabia



Govt explains deregistration of 498 unqualified teachers

From front page

Speaking when he featured on Muvi TV's 'The Assignment' programme on Sunday, Dr Mubanga further said the council was establishing a database for students.

He said that the teachers were exposed at the ongoing Teacher Registration and that out of the 1000 teachers whose certificates had been verified by the Examination Council of Zambia, 498 had been teaching without qualifications.

"In fact those are not teachers, they are masqueraders. First of all

the Teaching Council of Zambia is established by an Act of Parliament through the teaching profession Act number 5 of 2013, and in this Act the teacher is defined; and one of the definitions of a teacher is that a teacher must be qualified. That is why I called them masqueraders because they don't fit into the definition that is in the Act. So we would say they are not teachers," Dr Mubanga said.

"Of course they are still in the system, we haven't said they have stopped working, but we have informed relevant bodies so that they

take action because as a council, we have to inform all the players to say this is what we have found so that together, we should think from the same page.

To register a teacher first of all the qualifications has to be verified so that we are sure to say these qualifications are genuine, they were earned by this person, from a recognized institution. But the process is ongoing because we are also engaging other institutions that award those qualifications."

He said because the offence committed by the teachers was criminal in nature, disciplinary action would be taken on them.

"So those that were found not to possess the right credentials or the right requirements can never be registered... So for those that will be registered, I think until they retire, they will never be required to register again. We have already informed their employers and employers need to executive disciplinary action. Of course apart from that, because the offence committed is criminal in nature, of course we have to also engage other law

enforcement agencies," Dr Mubanga said.

He said out of 498 teachers found wanting, 391 were employed in government institutions while 107 were in the private sector.

"In terms of distribution 391 are in government and then 107 are in the private sector. And then the provincial distribution is that Lusaka has 121, Southern Province 66, Copperbelt 59, Central Province 49, Muchinga 42, Northern and Luapula 37 each, North Western 32, lastly Western province 24," he said.

He added that those found wanting had fake Grade 12 and GCE certificates, as well as teacher education qualifications awarded by the examinations council of Zambia.

This assignment was executed by the Examinations Council of Zambia, I think the issued came through the Grade 12 certificates, and the GCE as well as those teacher education qualifications which are awarded by the Examinations Council of Zambia. The damage that has been made is irreparable," said Dr Mubanga.

Govt issues Dora's boyfriend new passport, NRC

By Diggers Reporter

Government has issued Agriculture minister Dora Siliya's boyfriend Mark Mubalama a new Zambian Passport and National Registration Card after over six months of proving his citizenship.

And Mubalama's family member told News Diggers! that the businessman has since officially divorced Namibian President Hage Geingob's daughter Nangula, whom he was married to for less than two years.

An Immigration Department official explained that Mubalama had satisfied the authorities of his nationality and was therefore cleared to get new

documents.

"Last month (August) he was issued with a new Passport and NRC. This was after his relatives came in for interviews. There is an aunt of his who even came from US to testify; so that issue has now been resolved," said he official.

"The confusion was brought by the fact that the first time he got a passport, he put in some incorrect information on the form regarding the secondary school that he attended. But otherwise, he has been cleared now, I am sure he has even started using the new passport now."

And Mubalama's relative further

explained that the minister's boyfriend was no longer in any relationship with the Namibian President's daughter.

"About three weeks ago, their marriage with Nangula was officially resolved. He is no longer in any relationship with that woman," said the relative. Mubalama was arrested and remanded in Lusaka Central prisons about six months after he was accused of giving false information to obtain his citizenship.

At one point, the businessman was stopped at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport as he attempted to fly to Angola in the company of Siliya.

DPP enters another nolle in UPND case

From front page

This is in a matter in which Hichilema's political advisor William Banda, the party president's deputy secretary Brian Mwiinga and eight others were accused of obstructing police officers who went to arrest their leader on April 10, 2017.

When the matter came up today, a state prosecutor informed Magistrate Faidess Hamaundu that he was in receipt of a nolle prosequi from the DPP to discontinue the proceedings against the ten accused persons.

Magistrate Hamaundu has since discharged the accused persons.

The court has however advised the Hichilema's aides to take legal action should the police officers fail to return their personal property which was seized during the arrest.

Among the items seized was a camera and phones.



Mukata pleads not guilty to murder

By Diggers Reporter

UPND member of parliament Keith Mukata and his co accused Charmaine Musonda have pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder.

Mukata and Musonda are accused of murdering a security guard, Namakambwa Kwenda, on May 6, 2017.

When the matter came up today, the duo denied the charge before High Court judge Susan Wanjelani. The accused persons are being represented by Lawyers Eric

Silwamba, Lubinda Chilanga UPND member of parliament Keith Mukata and his co accused Charmaine Musonda have pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder. The case has since been adjourned to September 7 and 8 for trial.

Allegations in this matter are that the duo killed Kwenda at Mukata's law firm, AKM legal practitioners in Lusaka's Rhodes Park area Alex Masala close. Kwenda 63, who was manning the law firm was employed by Men in Black security company.

ZAM lawyers to represent Mumba Yachi

By Joseph Mwenda

The Zambia Association of Musicians (ZAM) says arrested Congolese singer Mumba Yachi is a fully paid up member and as such, the association will render free legal services to him.

In a statement today, ZAM president Njoya Tembo said he had been to the Lusaka remand prison to visit the talented vocalist, and that he was in high spirit.

"The Association will stand with him in this hour of need. In a show of support, we visited Mumba at the Lusaka Central Correctional facility yesterday Saturday and wish to report that Mumba is well and coping with the situation so far. ZAM will accordingly help Mumba with legal support throughout this process. The Association's lawyers will be with Mumba throughout to ensure his rights are not infringed," Tembo said.

He regretted that Yachi had been singled out from the many immigrants who were entering Zambia illegally.

"It is very evident that Mumba Yachi is but a victim of the colonial divides which separated tribes, communities and families to suit the wanton interests of colonialist forces which drew artificial boundaries across communities for their selfish interests," he said.

"Mumba's predicament may not be strange to those of us who hail from border areas like Luangwa.

Interestingly only last week while visiting in Luangwa (my home area), I watched

a football match between my tribesmen and a team from Mozambique at Manueli village. I noticed that the Mozambican team and supporters merely paddled across the river into Zambia for the match and back with no documentation of any kind."

He said in such areas,

intermarriages were taking place without the law infringing on people's rights.

"In certain cases, schools and medical facilities are accessed from across the border lines on both sides. In Mumba's case, it cannot be denied that he has attended under

five clinic in this

country having grown-up in Mukambo. Further, Mumba has distinctively represented Zambia excellently in all his tours and assignments around the world and helped to put the country on the world map," said Tembo.

"While recognising the importance of the

Immigration Department to carry out its mandate, we note at the same time that the Immigration Department has a duty to promote a human rights based approach and culture in respect of immigration controls.

In that regard, Zambia Association of Musicians

(ZAM) urges that a human face be attached to such operations in consideration to tribes, communities and families which were brutally divided by the greed of the colonial powers without any due regard to the status of people on the ground."

Reeves' lover denies murder charge

By Diggers Reporter

Reeves Malambo's alleged killer Tsabu Benos today broke down after pleading not guilty to a murder charge before Lusaka High Court judge Gertrude Chawatama.

Benos is alleged to have stabbed Malambo in the back with a dagger after a dispute at her home in Ibe Hill on January 30, 2017.

When the case was called, Benos denied the charge whilst fighting back her tears.

But immediately afterwards, Benos, who is being represented by five lawyers from the Legal Aid Board and National Legal Aid Clinic for women, broke down.

The remorseful looking accused, who was clad in black with a brown wrapper wept for some time and as her fellow women murder accused whispered amongst themselves.

Trial has been set for Monday, September 11, 2017.

And appearing in the same court was 26-year-old Mirriam Mulenga who allegedly killed her two children after she gave them

juice laced with a pesticide to drink.

Meanwhile, a Somali woman who is equally accused of poisoning her husband and the alleged killer of Zambian musician Frankis have pleaded not guilty to murder charges

before judge Susan Wanjelani.

Amina Mohammed and Meya Namfukwe allegedly killed Mohammed Osman Adan and Francis Zimba respectively.

Anima had told police officers that her husband

had committed suicide by hanging himself on a window using a chitenge but a postmortem report proved otherwise, a pesticide was detected while Namfukwe allegedly stabbed Francis Zimba during a dispute on

November 8, 2016. Earlier during the opening of the criminal session Mwembeshi correctional facility officer in charge Julius Phiri said 2,279 inmates were currently remanded in prison facilities in Lusaka.



By Diggers Reporter

President Edgar Lungu travelled to Swaziland to officiate at the Kingdom's 49th International Trade Fair. In his remarks, the President said bilateral relations between Zambia and the Kingdom were growing from strength to strength.

But it was the traditional gear that captivated netizens, as social media users shared pictures of the Head of State and his entire delegation half dressed in animal skin with a thin layer of wrapers.

Notable among those who were on the President's entourage were his political advisor Kaizer Zulu, State House press aide Amos Chanda, Presidential Affairs Minister Freedom Sikazwe, National Development Minister Lucky Mulusa, Tourism Minister Charles Banda and Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet Christopher Mvunga.

President Lungu recently returned from a five-day vacation which sparked speculation that he intended to reshuffle most of the government officials in his inner circle.



Lungu and delegation in Swazi bikinis

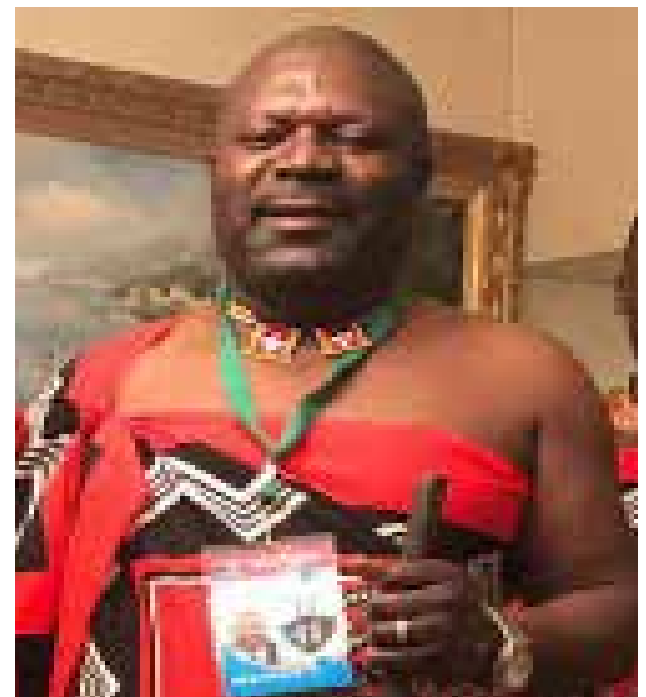
Political advisor Kaizer Zulu (below) and Presidential Affairs Minister Freedom Sikazwe (r)



President Lungu with King Mswati III (above)



Below: National Planning and Development Minister Lucky Mulusa. Right: Mulusa, Sikazwe, Christopher Mvunga and other members of the delegation



If Felix Mutati is wise, he should start harassing all the Chinese and any other contractors who may be owing him some commissions to pay immediately before he is kicked out of government.

We say this because this "Mutati must go" campaign is not new. It is now a well-known State House gimmick used when the President is about to fire a Cabinet minister for no good reason. They use this trick when they don't only want to stop at firing, but also to politically finish the person. Those who don't understand what we are talking about should ask former justice minister Wynter Kabimba – how powerful he was in PF and what he has been reduced to today.

When we saw how well organised the "Mutati must go" campaign was, we knew State House was at the center of it. First, the multitude of cadres had no difficulties finding transport from Eastern Province to Lusaka. Then when they arrived in Lusaka, the party secretary general was readily available, eagerly waiting for them like a fly awaits the call of nature. Almost at the same time, tiny groups of PF cadres in Northern Province, North Western and other regions, were posturing with expensively printed banners designed from exactly the same material as those from Eastern Province and Lusaka – what a coincidence!

As if that was not enough evidence to prove that the cadres were internally funded, we heard the President already commenting on the matter and promising to deal with it. Without giving room for investigations or at least an intelligence report on who was challenging his choice of finance minister, the Head of State was also eager to listen to the petitioners and to deal with their demands.

In June when Chishimba Kambwili asked the President to fire Copperbelt minister

It's an inside job; there's no honour among thieves

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Bowman Lusambo because he was the "childish MMD boy behind the confusion in the ruling party", the Head of State took offence with someone undermining his authority and telling him whom to work with in his government and who to fire. But when Mwila and his cadres staged a protest against Mutati, the same day, President Lungu's reaction was positive: "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." One has to be very dull to fail to read what is going on here.

In July, we had warned the Patriotic Front that the MMD buttocks were too big to share a seat with. We told the PF that the MMD ministers who were serving in government were more experienced, much smarter and widely respected than the militant

PF ministers.

This is what we said: "This is a government that is being run by two presidents of two political parties – Edgar Lungu of PF in charge of politics and MMD's Felix Mutati responsible for the economy. President Lungu and his ministers Stephen Kampyongo, Davies Chama, David Mabumba, Jean Kapata and others are running national politics. They are the militant bunch in control of the much-needed military power, source of money from the energy sector and land – a valuable political commodity. On the other hand, president Mutati and his ministers Margaret Mwanakatwe, Dora Siliya, Lucky Mulusa, Vincent Mwale, Victoria Kalima and others are running the economy. They are in control of the Treasury, Agriculture, National Development and Local Government. These 'MMD ministers' are responsible for Zambia's economic outlook and

macroeconomic stability."

We said that because we realised that President Lungu had surrendered national resources into the hands of the MMD.

What that meant was that for PF ministers to get money from the treasury, they needed approval from Mutati's MMD. This meant that if the PF wanted to inflate procurement figures when purchasing fuel, the energy minister would need to go and beg Mutati as Minister of Finance to allow the markup. It meant that if Mutati doesn't want the PF to steal from fuel procurement, fertilizer, road constructions or any other deals, he had the authority to halt such payments.

President Edgar Lungu gave powers to Mutati to decide how his government should spend, how often it should borrow and how much it should waste. He surrendered the treasury to the MMD in a bid to please the minister for helping him win the

2016 elections. The President acted like that stupid man who gives his ATM card to his wife as a sign of love; not knowing it's actually a sign of mistrust. This is the excellent mistake President Lungu made which has come back to haunt him. If he had given the ATM card to Mutati because he felt he was a better manager of finances, he wouldn't have the problem he is facing today.

The President forgot that Felix Mutati has always desired to lead this country even during Rupiah Banda's time. President Lungu forgot that some Zambians actually feel Mutati can make a greater President than him and that surrendering the treasury would enable the minister mobilise his MMD and turn against the PF in 2021. He forgot all that.

Therefore, if PF secretary general Davies Mwila and his cadres are asking Mutati to resign on moral grounds, what are they

saying about the morality of the President who appointed him? If they say Mutati is not loyal to the PF, how loyal is President Lungu to the ruling party if he can throw PF founders out and embrace the MMD?

Our view is that there is no disloyalty that the PF is talking about. The issue here is that Mutati is a threat to the presidency. Someone has finally realised that the finance minister can beat the incumbent in an election and keeping him in government was making that reality more and more feasible. Therefore, they want to discard the Minister of Finance like toilet paper after using him to achieve what they wanted.

To Mutati, there is nothing much to say apart from assuring him that he is reaping what he sowed. This is the Felix Mutati who betrayed the opposition and tolled a PF agenda on the Constitution, with his MMD faction. He sold his position on national matters to the PF in exchange for a government job. The Mutati led MMD faction was happy to give PF that 50 per cent plus one vote threshold that prevented an election rerun because they thought the PF would keep their vows until 2021.

Well, this is what happens when the stomach does the thinking. If Mutati is not willing to surrender the MMD presidency to Nevers Mumba, then let him prepare his exit now because he will not make it to 2021. The lesson Mutati must learn here is that there is no honour among thieves.

Kenya's success, Zambia's failure: courts, constitutions and elections

The recent invalidation of the re-election of Uhuru Kenyatta as President of Kenya by the country's Supreme Court is a refreshing development that provides a stark and painful reminder of what Zambia's democracy lacks today: a robust and independent judiciary that is not susceptible to political and financial interests. It is a landmark decision that suggests that democracy is not being strangled everywhere in Africa and whose ripples should reinvigorate our own struggles for a truly functional democracy, a genuinely independent judiciary, and the achievement of a just and fair society. It is a stunning example of what is possible when the judiciary is unafraid to exercise its constitutional mandate even in the face of executive pressure, outright intimidation and obstruction from the ruling political elites.

If we place our democratic backslides in a much wider context – one that has seen the critical free press stifled and eventually shut, a number of non-state actors such as trade unions and religious organisations co-opted or muted, free speech effectively suppressed, leading opposition figures incarcerated on trumped up charges, and nearly 50 opposition lawmakers suspended from Parliament – we would realise that the root cause of Zambia's post-election tension is the country's inept democratic institutions, particularly the

Electoral Commission of Zambia and the judiciary. If the ECZ's management of the 11 August election was a shambles that set the stage for a disputed result, the judiciary's handling of the presidential election petition was simply a deliberate and orchestrated scam. In our case, the judiciary, like other supposedly independent political institutions, notably the police, has been harnessed by the ruling authorities and used to support and sustain their authoritarian tendencies.

The ruling by Kenya's Supreme Court also exposes the pointlessness of election observers. As was the case in Zambia's 2016 elections, both local and international election observers endorsed the result of Kenya's elections as free and fair when it is clear that there were serious flaws in the presidential poll. What is the point of election observation missions? What do they really do? Under what circumstances do election observers have any useful role to play in African democracy if they are unable to spot what Kenya's judges clearly could? The verdict from Kenya's Supreme Court should be politically awkward for President Edgar Lungu, who has repeatedly sought to dispel opposition claims that his victory was illegitimate and fraudulent by constantly invoking election observers' endorsement of his own election, as though their verdict was sacrosanct. What we can

learn from Kenya is that election observers can clearly be fooled without undue difficulty and that it is possible for them to validate a deeply flawed election and consequently derail democracy. The other telling aspect is that Kenya's fraudulent election results tallied with NGO election forecasts. It would appear that these forecast are now being used as a guide to plausibly manipulate election outcomes.

The landmark verdict further underscores the need for carefully considered and well reasoned judicial reforms in Zambia. It is worth noting that the 2010 constitutional changes in Kenya were accompanied by a thorough reorganisation of the whole judiciary. Kenyans appear to have understood that enacting a new constitution is pointless if the existing judiciary, which includes corrupt and compromised judges, is retained in its entirety to oversee the implementation of the new national law. As a result, they embarked on the creation of a new judiciary, preceded by a ruthlessly transparent public vetting of the country's judges. The outcome of the presidential petition is a product of a continuing process set in motion in 2010.

In contrast, Zambia's constitutional amendments have not resulted in any judicial changes. The appalling and sickening conduct of some of our ConCourt judges during the presidential election petition last year shows that

it is not enough to amend our national law, as we did in January 2016. Any constitutional changes should be followed by judicial reforms, which should include public vetting of judges, to weed out the corrupt and partisan elements who are undermining the integrity of our justice system. A new constitution should be accompanied by a changed political culture. The simple piece of paper that is a constitution is given life by the actions of its citizens including those in positions of authority such as judicial officers who are mandated to interpret it. Constitutions across Africa guarantee judicial independence. In practice, however, independent actions from senior judges are rare. This makes what has happened in Kenya a remarkable and welcome development. Zambia's march towards a truly independent judiciary remains limited, largely because judges refrain from making politically unpopular decisions.

Kenya's Supreme Court nullified the country's presidential election on grounds that it was not organised in accordance with the constitution. Constitutional discrepancies around Zambia's 2016 presidential election were confirmed by the ConCourt's ruling on the eve of the election that President Lungu's decision to retain his Cabinet after the dissolution of Parliament was unconstitutional. The ConCourt's

refusal to hear the petition against Lungu's election reinforces claims by the opposition that there was collusion between judicial officers and ruling party functionaries as both sought to avoid awkward constitutional arguments in relation to the election, such as how certain provisions of the constitution or other laws relating to presidential elections were not complied with. In short, Zambia's 2016 poll bears striking similarities to the current situation in Kenya. The missing ingredient in our case was an effective and impartial judiciary that is unafraid of asserting its constitutional power and ruling against the government and the ruling party.

The elation brought about by Kenya's Supreme Court not only in Kenya but also across Africa shows the missed opportunity for Zambia's judiciary. As a country, we had an incredible opportunity to restate the law on presidential election petitions and set a landmark example for others elsewhere to emulate. Unfortunately, just as we copied many provisions from Kenya's 2010 constitution, it appears we will have to copy from Kenya again when it comes to how to properly adjudicate a presidential election petition. Our constitutional court judges missed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure their place on the right side of history. Time will forever say 'these are the judges who, in a disgraceful and

shameless conduct, presided over the 2016 presidential election petition and whose flip-flopping scarred our country's reputation in the eyes of many'. I hope our ConCourt judges are, in the wake of this landmark ruling by Kenya's Supreme Court, hanging their collective heads in shame. It is sad to see how our country, once regarded as a beacon of democracy in Africa, has slipped back into quasi-authoritarian rule and how the judiciary continues to abet this tragic slide into the abyss.



Sishuwa Sishuwa is the last Zambian nationalist. He is obsessed with all things Zambian, particularly politics and history which he teaches when UNZA is not closed. Sishuwa is a cadre of Nkana Football Club and has a PhD in History from Oxford.



BRICS leaders meet in shadow of N/Korea test

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday opened an annual summit of BRICS leaders meant to underline Beijing's claim to developing-world leadership, but which has been upstaged by North Korea's latest nuclear test. The BRICS -- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa -- gathered in the southeastern Chinese city of Xiamen hoping to counter accusations the grouping was becoming irrelevant. But North Korea overshadowed the carefully choreographed display in Xiamen by announcing Sunday it had detonated a powerful hydrogen bomb that it claims can fit on a

long-range missile, dramatically raising the stakes in its standoff with the world.

The nuclear test was a slap in the face to Beijing, North Korea's longtime patron, and China's foreign ministry condemned it.

The summit includes Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia, Michel Temer of Brazil and South Africa's Jacob Zuma.

Pyongyang's actions marked the second time this year that unpredictable North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un timed use of his banned weapons programmes apparently

to steal Xi's thunder on the world stage.

In May, Pyongyang conducted a missile test that embarrassed Xi just as he was hosting a large international summit to showcase his drive to promote global trade and infrastructure development.

Analysts have said such provocations by North Korea may be aimed at pressuring China to in turn push Washington to engage directly with Pyongyang.

The nuclear test and H-bomb claim could throw divisions over how to deal with Pyongyang into sharper relief.

Trump, who has previously threatened

to rain "fire and fury" on North Korea if it made moves that raised the nuclear stakes, denounced the nuclear test as "very hostile and dangerous" and left open the possibility of a military response.

Russia and China, however, have pressed for a diplomatic solution. Putin condemned the test, North Korea's sixth and most powerful, in a phone call with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, according to the Kremlin.

But it said Putin reiterated the crisis "should be resolved only by political and diplomatic means." Xi opened the BRICS summit Monday with an address that avoided any mention of the brewing

crisis.

It was not clear whether BRICS would issue a joint statement on the nuclear issue. Both Xi and Putin are due to hold press conferences on Tuesday in Xiamen.

- Family feud -

BRICS was already struggling to paper over doubts about its own cohesion that have spiked as nuclear-armed China and India engaged in a protracted standoff over a disputed Himalayan region.

They backed off last week -- perhaps to avoid ruining the summit -- but the issue remains tense and eyes will be on the interplay between Modi and Xi in Xiamen. BRICS nations comprise more than 40 percent of humanity. The grouping came together a decade ago to advocate for the developing world's interests.

But policy analysts have increasingly questioned its usefulness, pointing out that its members have little in common and are too distracted by economic challenges of their own to achieve much as a group.

Xi alluded to these

questions in his speech on Sunday.

"Some people, seeing that emerging markets and developing countries have experienced growth setbacks, assert that BRICS countries are losing their lustre," he said, admitting the group's members faced various "headwinds".

The diverse group includes Communist-ruled China, authoritarian Russia and the democracies of India, Brazil and South Africa.

China's economic powerhouse is slowing while India seems on the rise.

Slumping commodity prices have hit hard the economies of exporters Russia, Brazil and South Africa, while Temer and Zuma face political turmoil at home.

Many economists view BRICS agreements to date as low-hanging fruit that take the bloc little closer to its goal of re-aligning the global economic and governance system.

Intra-BRICS trade also is heavily tilted in China's favour, fuelling complaints from fellow members. **AFP**

Fugitive Italian 'cocaine king' arrested in Uruguay

One of Italy's most wanted mob bosses has been arrested in Uruguay after 23 years on the run from convictions for mafia association, drug trafficking and other serious crimes, the Italian Interior Ministry said on Monday. Rocco Morabito was considered the most wanted fugitive member of the Calabrian 'Ndrangheta, Italy's most powerful organized crime group and one of Europe's biggest importers of South American cocaine. The 50-year-old was arrested in the coastal resort city of Punta del Este after Uruguayan police and Italian authorities worked together to determine his real identity, the ministry said in a statement.

Dubbed the "cocaine king of Milan", Morabito had been wanted since 1994 after he was rumbled paying 13 billion lire (\$8 million) to import almost a tonne of the drug, Corriere della Sera newspaper reported.

An international arrest warrant was issued in 1995 with the aim of tracking down Morabito and extraditing him to Italy, where he has been sentenced to 30 years in jail. The arrest ticks one member off the Italian interior ministry's five-strong list of the country's most-wanted organized criminals, on which Morabito had rubbed shoulders with feared Sicilian boss Matteo Messina Denaro. **Reuters**

The letter Barack Obama left Trump upon leaving office

Upon leaving office, former President Barack Obama left his successor President Donald Trump a letter that he left on the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

Trump vowed to cherish what he called the “beautiful letter” during a swearing-in ceremony for several top administration appointees in January.

“It was really very nice of him to do that,” he said, adding that “we won’t even tell the press what’s in that letter.”

CNN on Sunday obtained and posted the contents of the letter, which was signed “BO.” Read it below:

Congratulations on a remarkable run. Millions have placed their hopes in you, and all of us, regardless of party, should hope for expanded prosperity and security during your tenure. This is a unique office, without a clear blueprint for success, so I don’t know that any advice from me will be particularly helpful. Still, let me offer a few

reflections from the past 8 years.

First, we’ve both been blessed, in different ways, with great good fortune. Not everyone is so lucky. It’s up to us to do everything we can (to) build more ladders of success for every child and family that’s willing to work hard.

Second, American leadership in this world really is indispensable. It’s up to us, through action and example, to sustain the international order that’s expanded steadily since the end of the Cold War, and upon which our own wealth and safety depend.

Third, we are just temporary occupants of this office. That makes us guardians of those democratic institutions and traditions like rule of law, separation of powers, equal protection and civil liberties that our forebears fought and bled for. Regardless of the push and pull of daily politics, it’s up to us to leave those instruments of

our democracy at least as strong as we found them.

And finally, take time, in the rush of events and

responsibilities, for friends and family. They’ll get you through the inevitable rough patches.

Michelle and I wish you and Melania the very best as you embark on this great adventure, and know that

we stand ready to help in any ways which we can.

Good luck and Godspeed, BO. *Yahoo News*



‘I don’t enjoy being single,’ - Angelina Jolie

Angelina Jolie doesn’t come across as a woman who lets anything trouble her, but in an interview with the Telegraph she admits she hasn’t entirely enjoyed the promotional rounds for her most recent film. “This is the first time I have done this for a long time. It’s not easy,” she says, “I am

a little shy this time, because I am not as strong inside as I have been in the past.”

Jolie has co-written, produced and directed her latest project, the Cambodian-set drama, *First They Killed My Father*, based on the Loung Ung’s 2000 memoir of the Khmer Rouge genocide. The book tells the

story of Ung’s parents and two of her siblings who died along with an estimated two million Cambodians during the conflict in the 1970s. At the same time as working on the film, Jolie has been dealing with the breakdown of her marriage to Brad Pitt.

“It’s been difficult,” she says.

“I don’t enjoy being single. It’s not something I wanted. There’s nothing nice about it. It’s just hard. Sometimes maybe it appears I am pulling it all together, but really I am just trying to get through my days. Emotionally it’s been a very difficult year and I have had some other health issues.

So my health is something I have to monitor.”

Jolie has had the support of her children, who remained with her while she was making the film. Her son Maddox, a Cambodian orphan who Jolie adopted when he was three months old, has helped with its production.

“I really wanted Maddox to learn about Cambodian history, so I felt that this movie was a journey that we could take,” she says. “And he went really deeply into the research and into the edit. And having somebody younger there to say, ‘you are losing my attention,’ or ‘that is too complicated,’ was really helpful.”

“The children have been amazing,” she adds. “It’s been so moving to see how much they have helped each other and how much they have helped me.”

Following the promotion of *First They Killed My Father*, Jolie intends to enjoy some downtime, settling her family into their new Los Angeles mansion, a property once owned by Hollywood icon Cecil B de Mille, which she recently bought for \$24.5m.

“I think now I need to rediscover a little bit of the old me,” she says. “I think we lose our way a bit. I have had a lot happen in my life, from certain people passing to health issues to raising the children.

“And it’s been a very good time to absorb and develop and grow. But maybe now that my kids are growing up I am starting to realise that my own sense of play has been put on hold for a while. And maybe them hitting their teens is going to bring out a little more fun in mom.” She laughs. “So maybe I am going back. It may be time.”



Sharapova knocked out of the US Open

Maybe this was just one three-setter too many for Maria Sharapova.

Sharapova tried a bit of everything, even resorting to switching over her racket to hit a few lefty shots. Still, the five-time major champion could not quite keep her Grand Slam comeback from a doping suspension going, losing in the fourth round of the U.S. Open to 16th-seeded Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday.

"Look, three-set matches are challenging. I love being part of them. There's an element of concentration, focus, physicality that goes into all of it. And you have to put it all together. Yeah, you just have to get through it," Sharapova said. "There's no doubt that not playing those matches certainly cost me today. I did feel like I was thinking a little bit too much and not playing by instinct." This was the third time in her four matches that Sharapova went the distance and she faded down the stretch, while also dealing with a blister on her right hand that was treated and taped by a trainer in the final set. Sharapova's miscues kept closing exchanges, and she dropped 13 of the first 14 points in that set.

The 30-year-old Russian finished with 51 unforced errors, compared to 14 for Sevastova.

"It's been a really great ride," Sharapova said.

"Ultimately, I can take a lot from this week," she continued. "It's great to get that major out of the way. It was an incredible opportunity. I'm very thankful for the opportunity." Sharapova's exit leaves Venus Williams as the only past U.S. Open champion in the women's field. The 37-year-old Williams, who won the title in 2000 and 2001, got to the quarterfinals by beating Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Next for Williams will be a showdown against No. 13 Petra Kvitova, a two-time Wimbledon winner, who eliminated reigning Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza 7-6 (3), 6-3 on Sunday night.

This is the most significant victory for Kvitova since she returned to action after needing surgery on her

racket-holding hand for cuts from a knife-wielding intruder at her home in the Czech Republic in December. "I came here without any expectations," Kvitova said. Sharapova hadn't played in a major tournament since the Australian Open in January 2016, when she tested positive for the newly banned drug meldonium. She served a 15-month ban for that, returning to the tour this April with a ranking too low to get into Grand Slam events.

The French Open denied her a wild-card invitation, then she planned to try to qualify for Wimbledon before pulling out because of an injured left leg. *Yahoo Sports*



Zesco United defender David Owino who captained Kenya in last Saturday's friendly match against Mozambique

Federer looks back at best in straight-sets win at US Open



Zambia set up battle lines in Algeria

By Diggers Reporter

Zambia have settled down in Constantine ahead of Tuesday night's clash with hosts Algeria in their final Group B meeting in the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

Zambia took an eight hour chartered flight from Lusaka to Constantine via Rwanda at midnight on Saturday just hours after beating Algeria 3-1 at National Heroes Stadium.

FAZ spokesperson Desmond Katongo said the team landed just after 10:00 hours Zambian time on Sunday.

However, not in the travelling party to Algeria was striker Fashion Sakala who is suspended for the return leg.

This follows his 55th minute expulsion after collecting his second yellow card in Saturday's home win.

Zambia are 2nd in Group B on 4 points, five behind leaders Nigeria.

Cameroon are 3rd on 2 points while Algeria have 1 point.

Nigeria visit Cameroon on Monday whom they face in a 19:00 hours kickoff in Yaounde after beating the African champions 4-0 at home in Uyo on September 1.

Zambia and Algeria play on September 5 at 21:00 hours.

Meanwhile, Super Eagles assistant coach Imama Amapakabo told Nigerian media that wounded Algeria will avenge their 3-1 away loss to Zambia on September 2.

"Zambia will lose in Algeria and that means both teams will have four points each and that will be good for us," said coach Imama.

"It will be better that they beat each other. Everything is falling in place for us."

Only the group winners from the five Africa zone qualifiers will earn their tickets to next June's tournament in Russia.

This was Roger Federer at his hard-to-beat best, so unlike the pair of uncomfortable five-setters he labored through to begin the U.S. Open.

Federer's back looked just fine, his movement precise, his strokes absolutely on-point. It all added up to a straightforward 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 victory over 31st-seeded Feliciano Lopez in the third round at Flushing Meadows that lasted all of 106 minutes under the roof in Arthur Ashe Stadium on a rainy Saturday night.

"I think," Lopez said, "he's OK."

The most telling statistic was that the No. 3-seeded Federer was guilty of 16 unforced errors, which is not merely a remarkably low total on its own merits but also significant when viewed through the prism provided by his matches earlier in the week. He averaged 62 errors in each of those outings, against 19-year-old American Frances Tiafoe and 35-year-old Russian Mikhail Youzhny. *Yahoo Sports*



Zesco defender captains Kenya in Mozambique

By Diggers Reporter | Zesco United defender David Owino captained Kenya in Mozambique. | Tottenham Hotspurs midfielder Victor Wanyama for the Harambee Stars' September friendly. | Wanyama withdrew from the friendly outing due to fitness issues following his recent recovery from a pre-season injury.



Owino is one of four Kenya call-ups campaigning in the FAZ Super Division called-up to face Zambia's 2019 AFCON Group K qualifier opponents who beat Chipolopolo 1-0 in Ndola on June 10. He was one of three Zesco players on Kenya duty together with striker Jesse Were and midfielder Anthony Akumu. Promoted side Buildcon also has two players on Kenya duty. Striker John Makwatta and midfielder Clifton Miheso were also in the Kenya travelling party to Maputo. However, the five players will not feature in the September 4 away friendly against Togo in Morocco because that match is exclusively for the home-based team who are preparing to host the 2018 CHAN tournament in January that Zambia has qualified for. The Kenya CHAN team drew 1-1 with Mauritania in Morocco on August 29.

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Enock Mwepu says Chipolopolo are charged-up and 100 percent ready for hosts Algeria on Tuesday night in Constantine. Zambia heads into the final leg 2018 FIFA World Cup Group B meeting against Algeria armed with a 3-1 home victory from the first leg played in Lusaka on September 2.

Mwepu made a dream debut in that match as a 56th minute substitute that he capped with a decisive third goal for Zambia in the 88th minute. "We are happy as a team that we won the first game and we hope to win the return leg encounter," Mwepu of Austrian club FC Liefering said. "We are very prepared for it and we are 100

percent ready for this game and we are eager to meet Algeria again on Tuesday." Zambia head into the match in 2nd place on 4 points, five behind leaders Nigeria. Cameroon and Algeria and 3rd and last on 2 and 1 points respectively. Nigeria, who beat Cameroon 4-0 on Friday, face the Indomitable Lions away to Yaounde on Monday night.

