



Nurses outside the University Teaching Hospital administration block in Lusaka - Picture by Joseph Mwenda

Parastatal boards created to award PF cadres - Milupi

By Zondiwe Mbewe

ADD president Charles Milupi says many boards in parastatals are created to award ruling party cadres. Reacting to a whistleblower's report that the Indeni board had met several times already this year and getting sitting allowances of between K7,000 and K21,000, Milupi observed most parastatals were not run in a correct manner. "Every board meeting should have an agenda that looks at all that is required to do. And once the board has sat, it must give management the urge in which to run the company and interpret informed decisions." Milupi said

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By Martha Chilosa

The Civil Servants and Allied Workers Union (CSAWU) says the government deliberately suggested a ridiculous pay rise offer so that the workers can enter into a dispute and eventually lose out.

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...govt wanted us to reject 8% pay-rise offer so that we lose out, but we took it



Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini with his deputy Catherine Namugala - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Parliament should be able to detect, stop abuse of public resources, says Matibini

Lungu won't act; a corrupt man can't fight corruption - Mulongoti

By Martha Chilosa

People's Party leader Mike Mulongoti says President Edgar Lungu cannot fight corruption because he is corrupt.

Reacting to President Lungu's remarks that those with evidence of corruption on the fire tenders should come forward in an interview, Mulongoti said the Head of State was unreliable.

"President Lungu keeps talking about the fight against corruption, he told the nation and the world

at large that he had corrupt ministers in his office. Now it has turned out that one of these ministers (Chishimba Kambwili) has said that he (President

Lungu) is corrupt himself and not only that but even opposition leaders have said he is a corrupt man. Said Mulongoti

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Lusaka man dies, wife discovers 3 days later

By Thomas Mulenga

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Lusaka man dies at home, wife discovers 3 days later

By Thomas Mulenga

A 75-year-old woman of Lusaka's Matero compound was yesterday shocked to learn that her 80-year-old husband had died three days earlier.

Martha Kombe explained to journalists shortly after discovering Samson Mwamba's decomposed body that the two were on separation but had continued living in the same house; different rooms.

"I am usually not home, I go for some piece work while he remains at home. When he is here, he leaves early in the morning to go to drink beer and he comes at night, just like that. So on Friday, he found us on the verandah where we sat and the children received the charcoal he came with because he likes cooking alone and he stays alone in the bedroom, he chased me from there a long time ago, I also sleep in another room. So he put charcoal on the brazier with a lot of diesel and he removed it outside until the smoke reduced. Then he took it inside and started cooking around 20:00 hours," Kombe narrated.

"So that's how we slept, on Saturday early in the morning, I went to the sewage and when I knocked off, I asked the children that 'has your grandfather gone out'? And the youngest told me that he was told to tell anyone looking for his grandfather that he had gone to visit someone who was sick. So that's how I proceeded to cook for the children that evening." She said she discovered Mwamba was dead on Sunday when she noticed something smelling in his room.

"Today, I wanted to go to the farm so after doing some chores outside, I came into the house wanting to sweep and that's when I told the children that something was smelling in their grandfathers room. I asked them to open it so that I could remove what was smelling but we discovered that his keys were still inside. So I got alarmed and we went outside to the window to check. I tried to get one of the children to enter but they couldn't fit through the space. After we managed to open the window wide enough, because I can't see well from afar, I asked the child to check for me if there was someone on the bed and he told me that he was on the bed. But at that point I got alarmed. So we went to break down the door and discovered that indeed, he had died," said Kombe.

"Three days has passed without me seeing him. I don't know if maybe he got choked with the brazier or what, I cannot know because he likes cooking on his own. There was a cooker in his room."

Kombe said police officers told her to organise transport and a coffin to bury him because he couldn't be taken to a mortuary in his state.

She however complained that she had no capacity to buy a coffin or hire a vehicle.

But neighbours talked to said they had not seen Mwamba for a long time and it was possible that he had been dead for almost a week.

They wondered how two people could live in the same house without knowing each others' whereabouts.



Minister of Higher Education Nkandu Luo

International Agency to help Zambia train Nuclear science personnel

By Diggers Reporter

Minister of Higher Education Nkandu Luo says the International Atomic Energy Agency has pledged to assist Zambia in training Human resource in Nuclear Science.

According to a statement issued by Zambia's First Secretary for Press in Ethiopia Inutu Mwanza, Prof Luo said the agency was ready to support Zambia in human resource and capacity development as the country prepared to set up its first ever Nuclear Centre.

Prof Luo said the essence of setting up a Nuclear Centre was to increase research in health and increase

knowledge on other sources of energy that include nuclear energy.

The Minister said so far, government had signed the contract for the construction of the centre that would be located in Chongwe District.

She further said Zambia had already started using Nuclear Science in the health sector through diagnosis of Cancer and treatment that involves radiation at Health Institutions such as the Cancer Diseases Hospital.

Professor Luo said Zambia needed to interact heavily with countries that were already doing well in Nuclear Science.

She said government was receiving a lot of support from countries like Russia were currently training 40 Zambian students in Nuclear Science.

Professor Luo was speaking at Bole International Airport when she transited from Vienna where she attended the 61st Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The Minister however expressed concern that only one Zambian was employed by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

She said this was a matter of concern that she had

raised with the Director General of the Agency.

Professor Luo said apart from the technical support rendered to Zambia by UN agencies, it was important that such agencies employed Zambians.

She said government would ensure that it seconds people to take jobs in UN agencies saying the country would leverage more if it had its own people working in key positions of the agencies.

The Minister was received at Bole International Airport by Zambia's Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union Susan Sikaneta.

Kambwili expects Lungu to walk around with smelly shoes - Sunday

By Diggers Reporter

Sunday Chanda says it is petty politics for Chishimba Kambwili to expect a President of a country to be walking around with dirty clothes and bad smelling shoes.

In a statement yesterday, the PF media director branded Kambwili a hypocrite.

"Chishimba Kambwili is one of the worst hypocrites and liar in today's political space. His bitterness makes him the

type of politician Zambians should distance themselves from.

Kambwili is wounded following the expulsion from the Patriotic Front which was preceded by his firing

as Minister of Information and Broadcasting. Kambwili brings nothing new to Zambia's political space but sour grapes. His hatred for President Edgar Lungu will soon land him in very deep

waters.

Before Kambwili can point fingers at others, let him do his self-introspection. Can Kambwili come out clean on the Luanshya Golf Course where he built villas?...Can Kambwili tell Zambians how he managed his business as a scrap metal dealer under such "difficult" circumstances?" chanda asked.

"Kambwili seeks to build a political base on falsehoods and character assassination. His exaggerated sense of self-worth and politics of braggadocio is not what Zambians are looking for. Kambwili should instead present evidence to back his allegations or he must keep quiet. Kambwili, as leader of the premature NDC should instead provide alternative economic policies. We have no time for baseless accusations without evidence being availed to the public. It is petty politics informed by sour grapes for Kambwili to expect a President of a country to be walking around with dirty clothes and bad smelling shoes. He is

jealousy of President Lungu's ascendancy to power and it is by God's providence that the PF General Conference never settled for him as late President Michael Sata's successor."

Chanda advised Kambwili not to wash his dirty linen in public.

"It is very interesting to note that Chishimba was one of the most shuffled around minister even in the first term of the Patriotic Front in Zambia. As the adage holds, 'he that lives in a glass house must never throw stones', we encourage the disgraced honorable Member of Parliament to seriously examine his conscience before attempting to wash his own dirty linen in public. We are calling on Kambwili to remember that every time a peacock flaunts its beautifully colored feathers from the front, it simultaneously exposes arguably the ugliest part of it body from behind. If Kambwili is not interested in mature, issue-based politics let him find other things to do," stated Chanda.



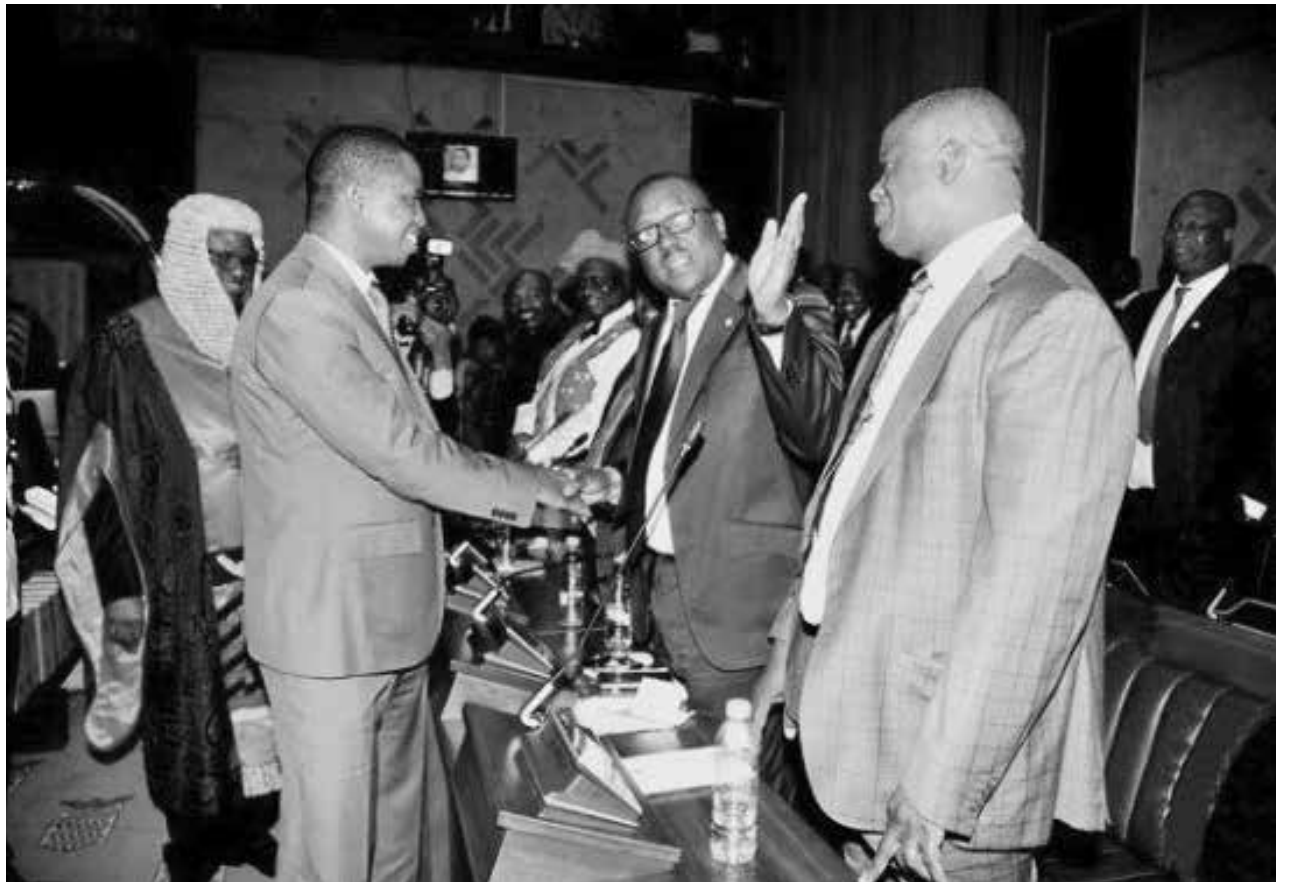
Sunday Chanda

Dialogue with Lungu will address police brutality, Constitution lacunas – UPND

By **Mirriam Chabala**

Mazabuka Central UPND member of parliament Garry Nkombo says the scheduled dialogue between his party and the PF is expected to address among other things, Constitutional lacunas, the electoral process, the Public Order Act and the victimisation of civil servants. Speaking on a Diamond Television programme dubbed 'Costa' last night, Nkombo hailed President Lungu for showing commitment to the dialogue process and further expressed confidence that the process would yield positive results. "I am so glad that President Lungu has shown interest to discuss and so has President Hakainde, they have agreed and all the parties have agreed. Now the question really is how genuine is this agreement? I think that the view that is their now from where we stand is that of what, why and when? What are the issues to be discussed? The issues include the Constitutional lacunas, the electoral process, the Public Order Act, the heavy handedness on the part of the police, the victimisation

of civil servants, all these cases of negativity are part of the what the issue at hand is. For us we have presented our issues to the mediator and I also believe that the PF have presented theirs and there will come a time in stages when people are going to sit face to face to deal with the issues that people will bring to the table," Nkombo said. "So we are very confident that this process is going to yield because we have all agreed that we will put our issues on the table and the PF will also put their issues on the table. If they say these are UPND flaws and we also say these are the flaws from PF, the two parties are going to be co-mingled, they will be checked and then we will find out who is wrong and who is not. This is a give and take process because what is agreed right now is that there is a greater Zambia aside all of us. We are a passing phase because human beings come and go but institutions remain and that is why we have agreed on our party to sit on the table even when we are the aggrieved part. Nkombo emphasised that it was important for the PF and



President Edgar Lungu talks to UPND Whip Garry Nkombo and Leader of the Opposition Jack Mwiimbu after the second session of the National Assembly - picture courtesy of Lusaka Times

UPND to agree and put their differences together because reconciliation was the only thing that could heal the country. I would be unfair to them if

I doubted because if we did doubt we would not have been in the talks in the first place. So we are very hopeful that they (PF) will come to the table with an open

heart like we do and like the President said in his speech, he said that 'there are many things that can unite us than those that can divide us'. I can tell you this, I am not a

second class citizen so even if there were to be differences I have no other country to run to and so reconciliation has to be agreed upon because the aspect of reconciliation is what slows down the pain," he said.

"I can say this clearly because I have been a victim, the pain of depriving me the pleasure of being with my family when I was wrongly incarcerated in Livingstone was too much and the pain can tear you apart if not managed well. So the issue of reconciliation is where the lottery lies, it takes brave people to admit they were wrong. The other thing is that Presidential pronouncement is such a powerful tool, if Mr Edgar Lungu stood up today and said 'as part of the reconciliation process I would like the police to begin acting professionally' because it is a fact that there is no professionalism in the police, 'if a citizen goes to police to complain, let them (police) act accordingly', that will be part of the problem solved."

Govt expected us to refuse offer so that we lose out - Union

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In an interview with News Diggers! union president Davies Chiyobe said that the public service agreed to the minimum increment even though it was insignificant, so that workers could walk away with a consolation. "We had no choice but to agree because if we entered into a dispute, we would have lost everything. If our workers remember what happened in 2014 after we entered into a dispute with government we ended up losing everything. If we refused the offer and went to court, the court takes a minimum of over four to five years to pass a ruling which will still disadvantage the workers," Chiyobe said. "I know our members will complain but to the best of our knowledge we made the move in the best interest of the workforce. We suspected that government came into this meeting with the insinuation that we will refuse the offer and enter into a dispute which might take years to resolve, so that we lose out." He complained that with the increased electricity tariff and high cost of living, the salary increase would be insignificant, but hoped that it would make a difference. "The negotiations were not

easy in fact this was the most difficult engagement with government as we represented the needs of our workers especially now that certain subsidies on essentials such as electricity and fuel have been removed," Chiyobe said. "We had to explain to government how the lives of our workers had become impossible. Of course government started with a very low percentage offer which we had to push and almost reached a stalemet until government went back to engage in further consultations. At that time we were only between six and eight per cent so we gave them chance to consultant and when they came back we agreed on an increment of between 7.44 and 9.62 respectively. He explained that the government's argument was that the country needed to maintain a minimum spending level in order to meet the IMF conditions for a bail out package. "We were looking at the fact that since 2015 there has being a wage freeze, otherwise we as a labour movement have nothing to write home about this increment. But we also had to look at our country's economic situation which is not doing well and as such we had to be patriotic and

help government reach its branch mark as required by the International Monetary Fund," Chiyobe said. And the opposition FDD the salary increment that government awarded civil servants was too insignificant to make any meaningful impact in their lives. "In monetary terms, the 7 per cent to 9 per cent increment translates into K221 and K305 for the lowest and highest brackets respectively. With the current harsh economic conditions, owing to the high cost of living, this increment will have little to no impact at all," Forum for Democracy and Development spokesperson

Antonio Mwanza stated. "Generally the salaries and conditions of service for our civil servants are quite pathetic to say the least. And with the wage freeze that our workers have endured in the last two years, this increment will simply worsen the already miserable standards of living for most of our workers and their families." He said the low salaries were demotivating. "It is such unfavourable salaries and working conditions that dampens the morale and spirit of our workers resulting into lower productivity levels. It's a pity that in this country only politicians and thieves are enjoying

at the expense of the hardworking individuals. This must change," stated Mwanza. "Today, most civil servants can be classified as the working poor because their salaries cannot even meet their basic needs such as transport, decent housing, food and groceries. Our workers have becoming slaves to Kaloba. Most of our workers cannot buy cash even simple things such as a Dakanya, commonly known as a duvet. They rely on pay slow just to meet their basic needs. We must invest in our human resource and reward those that work hard for the betterment of this great country."

Parastatal boards created to award PF cadres - Milupi

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"Quite clearly in this case, either the board is created mainly to reward people, which is what is happening in many parastatals, to reward cadres and therefore put people in who are totally incapable of giving policy directions to the company and that is why many parastatals are not run in the manner that these companies should be run. Instead of creating profits, they are making losses. This should be what is wrong with the governance of this country," said Milupi. He wondered what they could be discussing which was so pressing. "The report that we have received that

the Indeni Petroleum Refinery board chaired by Yamfwa Mukangwa has met 12 times from May 2017 to now, only indicates how public resources are being wasted in the country. The responsibility of the board is to set policies in the company and the management which works on a daily basis implements those policies. There can be no circumstances whatsoever that the board is required to meet so many times in the space of five months," Milupi said. "It is even more shocking that each time this board meets, it is reported that they have demanded sitting allowances of [between] K7,000

to K21,000. If they are sitting so many times what is it that they are discussing? It clearly shows that these meetings are being called to create conditions for them to be paid" Milupi noted that board members were only supposed to meet four times a year. "Ordinarily board members are supposed to sit once every quarter which is once every three months. Other companies' boards sit even less [times]. Because if you have a company that runs properly and you have a board secretary who functions, every meeting has an agenda," said Milupi.

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So it is very difficult to have a corrupt man fight corruption because he will want to burry things under the carpet," Mulongoti said. "So Mr Lungu's moral campus is very defective, he cannot even appreciate what is termed as corruption because I have never heard of a thief fighting another thief."

He said it was not up to the Head of State to say he was not corrupt because corrupt people often did not realize it.

"So even corrupt people

A corrupt man can't fight corruption, says Mulongoti

think they are not corrupt, it is us who must tell them to say 'look, what you are doing is a corrupt act'. And unfortunately, he goes to pontificate about this issue,

individuals, we want him to come out and tell us Zambians in our faces that he is not a corrupt man because now everybody is saying he is a corrupt man

and these are Zambians, not just foreigners. So he must come and face us here so that we tell him that we think he is a corrupt man, evidence is there, a man who had K2

million when he went into office, today he is boasting of K27 million, what magic did he play to acquire that wealth?" he asked.

"So we support those who are saying he is a corrupt man because they are producing evidence, they are not just using empty words, they are able to show us pictures of properties which Mr Lungu has acquired. In today's world with technology, whatever he thinks is hidden, he is cheating himself. We shall get the truth on everything that has been leveled against him."

He reminded the Head of State that immunity did not protect him against criminality.

"If he thinks he has got immunity, immunity does not protect you against criminality...if it is

revealed that he becomes a criminal in office, he can be pursued. When he takes away from the poor, he is compromising the security of the country. People are suffering, electricity is so unaffordable, food is so expensive now what security can we talk about? If he cannot put food on people's tables, he cannot stand up and say 'I am a leader,'" said Mulongoti.

"These are selfish greedy characters who don't deserve to be in office, they must continue preparing for their exit and unfortunately for them, we were told by the late Mr Sata that of all the things they had done, they have built hospitals and schools but they have failed to extend prison space because he knew most of his people are going to go to prison."



President Edgar Lungu (right) is welcomed by Angola's Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs, Manuel Domingos Augusto at Quatro de Fevereiro Airport in Luanda, Angola on Monday September 25, 2017. PICTURE BY SALIM HENRY/STATE HOUSE

Money laundering compromising social security, says Roland Msiska

By Mirriam Chabala

Secretary to the Cabinet Roland Msiska says money laundering and terrorist financing activities have adverse implications on social security because they are capable of hurting the country's investment opportunities.

And Dr Msiska says according to the the latest money laundering/terrorist financing national risk assessment report, money laundering risks in Zambia is medium high while terrorist financing risk is medium low.

At the launch of the money laundering/terrorist financing national risk assessment report recently, Dr Msiska observed that money laundering and terrorists financing could not contribute to economic growth but destabilise the financial sector and ultimately economic growth.

"As you may be aware, the National risk assessment report was approved by Cabinet on 14th August, 2017 and it provides a comprehensive detail covering the country's status of money laundering and terrorist financing risks. Money laundering and terrorists financing and indeed other financial crimes have adverse social security implications. The proliferation of criminal activities that generates proceeds that can be laundered is one of them. But the most important harm is that of hurting the investment opportunities that can contribute to economic growth because of fear that successful money laundering and terrorist financing will destabilize

the financial sector and ultimately the economy and its growth," Dr Msiska said.

"Dealing with money laundering terrorist financing required a national response. Therefore, inter-agency national risk assessment of money laundering and terrorist financing was an important step to better understand the country's vulnerabilities and to develop plans too deal with them. Indeed, identification, assessing and understanding of money laundering and terrorist financing risks are essential parts of the development and implementation of effective anti-money laundering/countering the financing of terrorism regime. The national risk assessment would assist in the prioritisation and efficient allocation of the resources by authorities and provide useful information to reporting entities to support the conduct of their own risk assessments."

Dr Msiska expressed confidence that the recently launched anti-money laundering report had set the basis for government its stakeholders to address some challenges in the near future.

"In May 2015, government took a bold decision for the country to undertake a money laundering/terrorist financing national risk assessment. The national risk assessment which was coordinated by the financial intelligence center under the ambit of the anti-money laundering/ countering the financing of terrorism national task force of

senior officials included participants from selected government ministries, law enforcement agencies, supervisory authorities, reporting entities, civil society organisations and the private sector. The report contains factual data from relevant government agencies and private sector and other contextual information about the anti-money laundering/countering the financing of the terrorism regime in Zambia. The report also highlights some significant information and data gaps, weaknesses in the systems process of government, data storage and record keeping and legislative and policy constraints that require our intervention," he said.

"However, I am glad that this report has set the basis for the government and other stakeholders to address some of these challenges and weakness in the near future. I am delighted to see in the audience critical stakeholders in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing. From the national risk assessment findings and I urge all of you to quickly make use of the information contained in this report and use it to develop the anti-money laundering/countering the financing of terrorism programmes in accordance with relevant legislation to fight money laundering, terrorism financing and all other financial crimes. You will note that the national risk assessment revealed that money laundering risks in Zambia is medium high while terrorist financing risk is medium low."

Parliament should be able to detect, stop abuse of public resources - Speaker

By Tenson Mkhala

Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini says Parliament should be able to detect and prevent abuse of public resources.

Speaking when he officially opened the seminar for parliamentarians on the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP) at Parliament building today, Speaker Matibini said Parliament was supposed to hold government accountable for the way tax payer's money was used.

"Parliament is able to detect and prevent abuse or wastage of public resources, prevent or halt arbitrary behaviour or illegal and unconstitutional conduct on the part of the government and public agencies. In this way, parliamentary oversight also helps to uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of citizens. These functions also entail holding the government to account in respect of how taxpayers' money is used. It must be noted that it is the duty of parliament to oversee all government operations or to act as a watchdog on behalf of the people that the parliamentarians represent," Speaker Matibini said.

He said parliament acts as the voice of the people, through which the

people contribute to the governance discourse of their country.

"I need not to remind you Honorable members, that parliaments worldwide play a critical role in the democratic process. They act as a nexus or meeting point for the governors and governed, who are represented by their elected officials. In other words, parliament acts as the voice of the people, through which the people contribute to their governance discourse of their country through their oversight function, Parliaments shed light on the operations of government by providing a public forum at which the policies and actions of government are debated, scrutinised, and subjected to public opinion," Speaker Matibini said.

He said parliament was a key stakeholder and partner in the 7NDP as it would enable them to effectively play their legislative, representative and oversight roles in the development process.

And acting Clerk of the National Assembly Cecilia Mbewe said the 7NDP was aimed at contributing towards the attainment of the long-term objectives outlined in the vision 2030 of making Zambia a prosperous middle-income country.

Hichilema gets thunderous welcome in his homeland



Hichilema at Bene Mukuni ceremony - picture by Brian Mwiinga

By Joseph Mwenda

UPND president Hakainde Hichilema yesterday got a thunderous welcome in Southern Province where he went to attend the Bene Mukuni traditional ceremony.

As the Toka-leya speaking people of Kazungula gathered to celebrate the ceremony at Mukuni Village in Livingstone, it was clear that this year's event was twice merrier because of Hichilema's presence.

They were ferried in numbers and in their numbers they sang and danced for the special occasion.

And the opposition leader said chiefs played a vital role in uniting the country.

"This is part of our partnership building agenda of involving traditional leaders in the development of our country. We hold our traditional leaders in high esteem because other than being partners in development, they are also the custodians of our values and culture," HH said.

"We also appeal to all the traditional leaders to work together to ensure peace and stability in the country.

Their job as elders cannot be over emphasised. We are of the view that whenever the country is undergoing difficult times, it is important that traditional leaders unite to foster unity and not take partisan lines." He asked political leaders to show respect for the custodians of Zambia's traditions.

"And our call to our fellow politicians is that let us respect traditional leaders and work with them amicably in the interests of the country. We would like to thank Senior Chief Mukuni of the Toka Leya people for this invitation. We also call on our fellow citizens to preserve our culture by attending such ceremonies to fully appreciate the value of our practices," said HH.

Those who accompanied HH at the ceremony include MMD leader Nevers Mumba, People's Party leader Mike Mulongoti, Alliance for Democracy and Development Charles Milupi, party Vice President, Dr Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba, party secretary general Stephen Katuka and former first lady Maureen Mwanawasa.

Kabwata mob kills suspected thief

By Mirriam Chabala

Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo says some residents of Lusaka's Kabwata area murdered a suspected thief around 05:30 hours today.

In a statement, Katongo stated that his body was found with multiple injuries.

"Police received information in the early hours of today at about 05:30 hours that an unidentified male person aged between 25 and 30 years was murdered by members of the public after he allegedly attempted to steal from one of the flats on Chilimbulu road in Lusaka's Kabwata. Police rushed to the scene and found the body of the victim near the gate at the flats with multiple injuries. Preliminary investigations indicate that the victim was murdered 100 meters from where the body was found. Police have picked the body and deposited it in UTH mortuary," Katongo stated.

She warned people to desist from taking the law into their own hands.

"However, no one has come forward claiming that the victim attempted to steal from their home.

An inquiry file has been opened in the matter. We wish to remind members of the public to desist from

taking the Law into their own hands as taking away of another persons life is an offence and is tantamount

to murder. This country has procedures of dealing with suspects in criminal matters," stated Katongo.



Deputy speaker of the national assembly Catherine Namugala with secretary to cabinet Sr Roland Misika at the official opening of the seminar for parliamentarians on the seventh national development plan at parliament building in Lusaka on September 25, 2017. Picture by - Tenson Mkhala

Sinkamba seeks European help in fire tender probe

By Mukosha Funga

Green Party leader Peter Sinkamba has written to the European Partners against Corruption asking them to help uncover some information which may be of use in the fire tender probe.

In a letter dated September 24, Sinkamba asked EPAC to help because it appeared the transaction did not comply with European Union rules.

"We understand that the European Partners against Corruption (EPAC) is an independent, informal network bringing together more than 60 anti-corruption authorities and police oversight bodies from Council of Europe Member Countries. We also understand that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is also a member. We understand too that the European contact-point network against corruption (EACN) and EPAC are independent forums, united in the common goal of preventing and combating corruption. Furthermore, we believe that one of your missions, as a network is to promote independence, impartiality, legitimacy, accountability, transparency, and accessibility in all systems created and maintained by the European Union (EU) for the independent oversight of policing and anti-corruption work, including promoting international legal instruments and mechanisms from a professional perspective. We also understand that you cooperate with other

organizations, authorities, networks, and stakeholders," Sinkamba stated.

"We write to seek assistance from your network in compliance with the foregoing objectives. We seek to establish whether or not active or passive corruption did take place in respect of a private sector transaction involving an EU domiciled supplier in Spain, and a third party procurement company Grand View International Limited which is based in Zambia."

He told the organization that President Edgar Lungu had invited all those with evidence to come forward.

"The background to the suspicious transaction is that Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ), through its procurement Agency the Zambia Public Procurement Agency (ZPPA), floated a public tender for procurement of 42 Fire Engine Trucks for the emergency fire services in the Local Government. The tender was awarded to the said local company, Grand View International Limited, at the cost of US\$42 million. The supplier of the trucks is an undisclosed Scania manufacturer in Spain. Meanwhile, it is a known fact that Scania AB, is a major Swedish automotive industry Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)," Sinkamba stated. "This procurement has stirred controversy among Zambians with many demanding answers alleging the

amount is outrageous. The Zambians suspect active or passive corruption in this transaction. Government, through the Local Government Minister has defended the controversial procurement arguing government has received value for money, and the supplier has since delivered around 32 trucks. Meanwhile, the Republican President, His Excellency Edgar Lungu has made the call for the investigation of the deal. He has urged those with useful information to submit such to the investigations wings to help scrutinize the matter. It is this call by the President that has prompted us to seek the services of your network so that we get to the bottom of the matter in an independent, impartial, legitimate, accountable, transparent, and accessible manner."

He noted that it appeared the transaction did not comply with EU rules.

"We strongly believe your network has jurisdiction on this matter considering that the transaction appears to us to be an irregularity which does not comply with EU rules in that it has the potential to negatively impact on EU financial interests contrary to, Article 1 of Council Regulation 2988/95. Furthermore, we strongly believe that your network has jurisdiction on this matter since OEM (Scania AB), and its undisclosed agency in Spain, which is the supplier of the controversial trucks, are both EU domiciled. We believe your network has jurisdiction to offences committed in the whole or in part within Member State territory, by one of the nationals, for the benefit of a legal person with the headquarters in the Member State. In addition, we believe your network has a responsibility of preventing the use of the EU financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorism

financing," Sinkamba wrote.

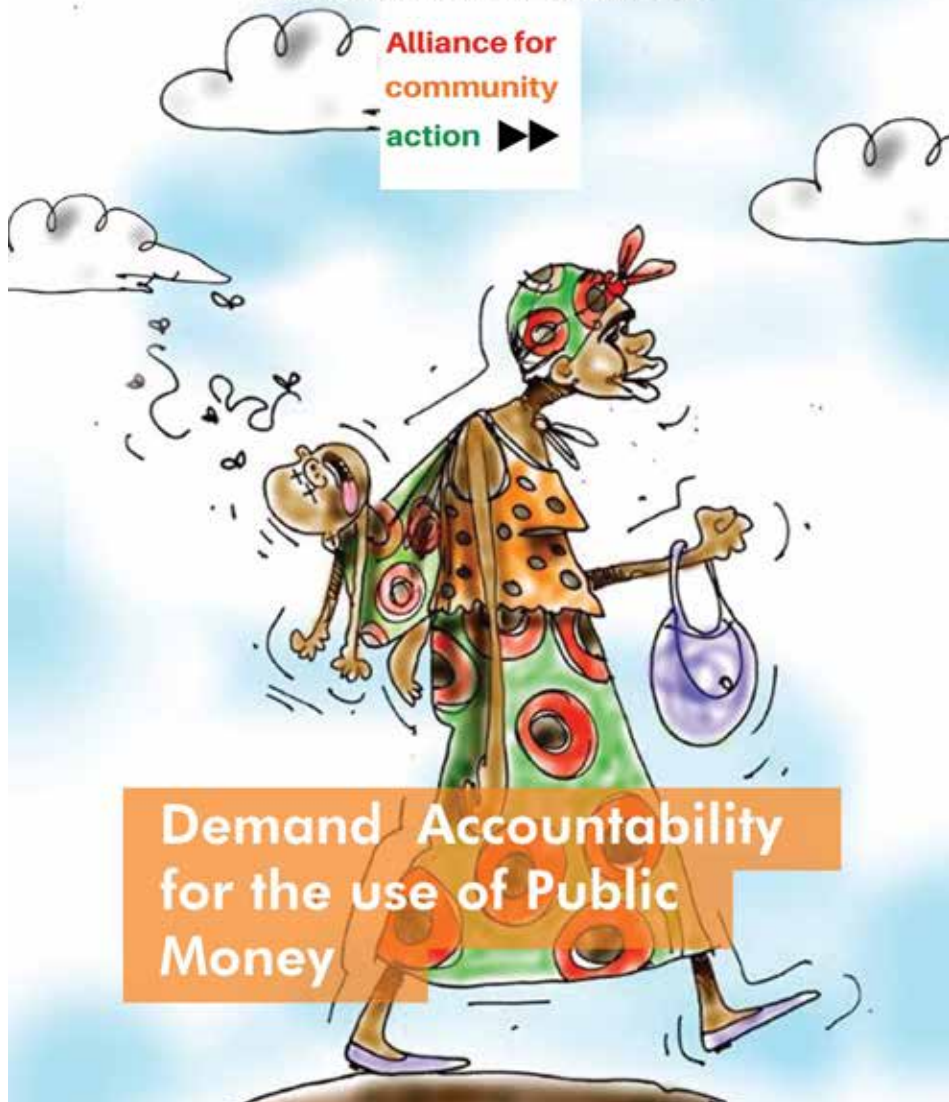
"In this regard, we implore you to trigger the "Corruption in the Private Sector Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA" criminalizes active and passive corruption directly or through an intermediary or in any transaction where an undue advantage of any kind has taken place. We believe that an act of active or passive corruption could have directly or indirectly have taken place in this instance, and therefore, the Decision could be applicable. We believe the Decision extends liability of legal persons to cover lack of supervisory control, and therefore, Scania AB, should be questioned of the extent of the OEM's supervisory role in this transaction. We believe that sanctions contemplated by the Decision, including temporal or permanent disqualification from the practice of commercial activities, could be an effective, proportional and dissuasive deterrent in this instance."

He stated that EPAC's assistance would benefit Zambia.

"Since President Lungu has challenged we the citizens to submit useful information to investigations wings to help scrutinize the matter, it is therefore our hope and prayer that we can only do so through your network comprising more than 60 competent anti-corruption authorities and police oversight bodies. Such a kind of international transaction involving colossal money requires deployment of international legal instruments and mechanisms, from a professional perspective, so as help establish facts. We therefore hope that your network will be united in on this issue with a common goal of to preventing and combating corruption not only in the EU, but indirectly here in Zambia too," wrote Sinkamba.

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Let Laura, others wait for police response on their planned demos – Katongo

By Mirriam Chabala

Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo says all those planning to protest against the purchase of 42 fire tenders at \$42 million should wait for a response from the regulating officer.

In a statement today, Katongo warned that police would not condone unlawful meetings and processions.

"As Zambia Police, we wish to remind all those with intentions to hold public meetings or processions to ensure that they follow the provisions of the Law by always notifying the

Police of their intentions. The Public Order Act demands that all would be conveners of meetings or processions should inform, in writing, the regulating officer of their intentions and this should be in the area where they intend to hold such a meeting. This piece of legislation is very clear on this requirement therefore, all would be conveners of meetings or processions should abide by the provisions to avoid engaging in altercations with Law enforcers," Katongo stated.

"Police officers have been mandated by the

Constitution to enforce the provisions of the Law fairly and to ensure that law and order prevails in the Country. We therefore reiterate and emphasize that all citizens wishing to hold public meetings should follow the laid down procedures and that any act to the contrary will not be condoned by Police."

When asked if police would allow Alliance for Community Action, Patriots for Economic Progress and singer Pilato to protest on Friday, Katongo said; "They should wait for response from regulating officer."

By Mukosha Funga

Indeni board chairman Yamfwa Mukanga says it is not true that the Petroleum Refinery has had 12 board meetings since May this year.

Last week, a whistleblower reported to News Diggers! that the board which is supposed to hold meetings four times a year, had met several times already this year and getting siting allowances of between K7,000 and K21,000.

But Mukanga who called to complain about the article claimed that most of the facts were not correct.

“Next time get in touch with me so that I can explain other than getting information which is not right. I would like you to be reporting about Indeni, but what you are reporting is not correct. I will be able to use other media to explain,” Mukanga said.

Asked if it was not true that his board held a meeting last week, Mukanga responded “It’s not true, thank you,” before cutting the line.

He later called back to complain further, saying he was a hardworking Christians and would not loot Indeni resources through siting allowances.

“Next time you want to know anything call me so that we talk, whatever you reported is not true. Next time when you want to report about Indeni, my phone is open, call me we can talk. I will address the media to explain,” he said. When informed that this

Mukanga denies monthly board meetings at Indeni



Indeni board chairman Yamfwa Mukanga

reporter actually made an effort to call the Board secretary Felicity Chisanga, as convener of board meetings, for a comment

before publishing the story, Mukanga wondered why the board official did not take the opportunity to explain the “correct

position. “Why didn’t she respond, maybe you didn’t talk to her nicely. There were a lot of things in that report

which were not correct. Especially when you use the term looting, aah! I can’t understand, but it’s okay I will be able to correct it

through the media myself,” said Mukanga.

“I want to tell you that I have been working for a very long time and I have been very honest myself as a Christian to do the right thing. When my name is mentioned in that way, I feel very sad, but it’s okay I will explain. The whistleblower didn’t give you the right information.”

Ministry of Energy permanent secretary Brig Gen Emeldah Chola also wrote to News Diggers saying: “Good morning, we will get you facts of the actual meetings and who attended over your article about frequency of board meetings at Indeni.”

According to the whistleblower, Indeni has had 12 meetings including adhoc and technical sub-committees attended by board members since May this year.

What happens is that when they convene a meeting, they are entitled to K7,000 allowance per sitting, but they get another K7,000 for subcommittees. In May they had board meetings on the 9th, in June they had a meeting on 27. Then in July, they had two meetings on 17th and 27th. In August they had six board meetings on 4th, 8th, 10, 22nd, 25th and 29. This month they already had a meeting on the 4th and they are having another one tomorrow,” a whistleblower told News Diggers.

Lift Mukula export ban, raise its tax - CTPD

By Mirriam Chabala

CTPD executive director Isaac Mwaipopo has urged government to lift the ban on the export of Mukula timber and instead raise its tax.

And Mwaipopo says mines should be made to declare their profits in order to allow the Zambia Revenue Authority charge appropriate

taxes. In an interview with News Diggers! Mwaipopo said raising taxes paid on exportation of timber could foster industrialisation and value addition.

“There is also another sector which I think has been identified and can contribute towards improving the

revenue base and this is within the agricultural sector. We are talking about timber trade. CTPD thinks that we can manage the sector better,” Mwaipopo said.

“We do understand that there has been a huge demand of this commodity and in response to the

demand, government had decided to impose an export ban on the exportation of trees like the Mukula tree. So instead of banning the exportation, we think that the government can pursue other options such as raising the taxes that are paid for exporting the commodity and emphasising on putting accompanying measures that would help to facilitate and foster industrialisation and value addition of the commodity from the Mukula tree.”

And Mwaipopo said Parliament should prioritise finalising essential bills like the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to enhance the country’s ability to manage its natural resources.

He believed that having the EITI process legislated could contribute greatly towards enhancing transparency and accountability in the management of natural resources, especially in the extractive sector.

“We would like Parliament to consider prioritising the finalisation of the planning and budgeting Act as well as the revised Public Finance Act. This will strengthen our ability

to manage the resources that we have in an efficient manner. With regards to the extractive sector, one of our key expectations is that we hope to see the EITI bill presented before Parliament. We strongly believe that having the EITI process legislated can contribute hugely towards enhancing transparency and accountability in the management of natural resources; especially within the extractive sector where we have noted that in the recent past that we have improved performance of the copper process on the international market. One of the conversations that have come up is how we are able to benefit from such a sector,” said Mwaipopo.

“In order to fully understand how much the sector is making in terms of profit, there would be need to have legislation that compels the mining investment to declare the profits that they make and this information will actually help institutions like the Zambia Revenue Authority to make well informed decisions when they are coming up with decisions around how the tax structure.”



Center for Trade Policy and development executive director Isaac Mwaipopo - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

It has now become very clear that Chishimba Kambwili is a piece of burning charcoal that has fallen in President Edgar Lungu's gumboots, and the Head of State doesn't know how to get rid of it. He can claim that it's not painful and that he threw it in there deliberately, but judging by his squinting, we can tell that he is feeling the heat.

Anyone who is politically awake in Zambia can attest to the fact that the PF is having nightmares over their expelled member's rantings. The Roan member of parliament has turned the heat on the ruling party and it's just a matter of time before the rest of the country starts seeing sense in the nonsense that Kambwili is uttering.

Once again, we have to be very categorical in stating that we don't see Kambwili as a good leader. We think he is not good for Zambia and would not make a good President because he is too emotional and vengeful, but we find his political strategies amusing.

Kambwili was useless to Zambia when he was in government and couldn't fit anywhere; no wonder he was moved to four different ministries within five years. As chief government spokesperson at his last posting, his everyday-job was to threaten private media journalists, warning them about how their employers were going to use and dump them. But Karma has taught Kambwili that the world is round, the journalists he was feeling sorry for are the ones wiping his tears.

We love Kambwili now

Kambwili is a good bad man

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that he is in the 'opposition' because his aggression is beneficial to the country. He is a perfect opposition figure, and quite frankly, doing what the UPND seems to be struggling to do. We have a lot of confidence in Kambwili as a saviour in the sense that he has the capacity to save Zambia from the PF, although we are very certain that he cannot save the country from its leadership crisis.

Right now, Kambwili is holding a pair of pliers and targeting specific organs of those in the ruling party who have made his life miserable. He wants to punish President Lungu and the band for

throwing him out. He has nothing to lose and therefore, he is pinching at will. Lately, we have seen that when Kambwili strikes, everybody in PF screams in unison. Those in PF are now sitting up. They may still refuse to do the right thing, but at least Kambwili is reminding them that people are watching.

We are very much aware of the fact that this is a personal fight for Kambwili and has nothing to do with his love for Zambia, but be that as it may, this is good music for the public. Those who find Kambwili's noise irritating are those who enjoyed looting in silence, in the dark.

How can someone hate a politician who has the guts to accuse a serving minister of receiving a three-car bribe from a businessman in order to award a government contract? This is definitely good politics. As a matter of fact, we challenge those whom Kambwili is naming and shaming in his one-man anti-corruption crusade to defend themselves. They should not pretend that Kambwili is not worth responding to because he is just a bitter man. Yes he is bitter and in fact very frustrated, but that does not make his accusations less credible.

Kambwili says when he was

local government minister, Stephen Kampyongo accepted 3 brand new vehicles (Toyota Hilux, Range Rover and Toyota Landcruiser VX) from Grandview International, a company that later won the tender to supply fire trucks. Surely, this is not a small accusation, it dents Kampyongo's reputation so we don't understand why he is silent. Why hasn't he sued Kambwili for 'lying'? Isn't that what innocent people do?

Anyway, Kambwili won't stop and we encourage him to keep pressing. He is the only one who knows the inside of President Lungu's gumboots,

how it is shaped and where it is smelly. Kambwili knows who is corrupt in the PF government and whom they were cutting deals with, so we are eager to hear meaningful answers from those who are being accused.

Let the President respond to Kambwili with a straight face and not skirt around the issues he is raising. We don't want Mr Sunday Chanda to speak on behalf of State House and the ruling party. Sunday Chanda did not fire Kambwili from his ministerial position; he is not the one who expelled him from the ruling party. So let those who thought chasing Kambwili was a good move stand up and face his music.

As for President Lungu, we can only assure him that this burning charcoal called Kambwili will not go off on its own until it does irreparable damage. If he asks those who have herded cattle before, they will tell him that when you are in that predicament, the solution is to pee in the gumboots. But even then, the fire may go, but the filth will remain until 2021 when he will take off his footwear. They may succeed in shutting Kambwili up soon, but it will not take away what he has already laid bare.

It is true what they say that you should never insult a crocodile while your essentials are still dangling above the water. Those who expelled Kambwili did not cover themselves properly before throwing him out on the cold, and now he is out to bite them one by one.

The theft at Palabana Primary School

Dear Editor,

I am a parent at Palabana primary school in chongwe and I am not happy with what the school management

is doing.

Government schools are supposed to be free but they have fraudently introduced a fee of K50 per term per child

in the name of building a secondary school.

The Headteacher and the bricklayer are in the project committee, problem

being they are regulating themselves.

Now going by the past experience the school management collected over

K31,000 which they have not been able to account for.

They are known to draw as much as K9,000 for one sports trip to another school

which is 14km away. They have no treasury authority to collect funds from the public to build a school. The builder was just selected by school management without transparency because he is known to be closely associated with school management.

This is community of farm labourers whose income is K500 per month and they often have more than two children in school each. So this will see lot of children dropping out of school contrary to the education act. This is a school where there are sometimes 90 to 100 pupils per class. Instead of decongesting the primary classes through proper channels, the school management wants a secondary school without government involvement and qualified teachers. Primary school teachers have no accommodation but obviously management doesn't care about these problems because they want to steal.

Concerned Parent

Dear editor,

This is what Zambians need to know and understand about corruption.

Corruption undermines sustainable economic, political and social development, for developing, emerging and developed economies alike. Corruption endangers private sector productivity by setting incentives to allocate resources to unproductive activities and by deterring innovation and the emergence of new companies. Corruption hinders public sector productivity by biasing decisions in public expenditures, by impairing the skills and professionalism of the civil service and by reducing public resources available to support productivity in the economy. And corruption is a threat to inclusive

Dangers of corruption

growth by undermining the opportunities to participate equally in social, economic and political life and impacting the distribution of income and well-being.

Corruption also erodes trust in government and public institutions, rendering reform more difficult.

By lowering profitability and raising uncertainty,

corruption tends to discourage the entry of foreign players and thus also the benefits of competition and technology spillovers. Research shows,

for example that in the power infrastructure sector, investors' decision to enter a market is significantly driven by the perceived risk of corruption. In a similar vein, corruption may lower the attractiveness of entrepreneurship, diverting entrepreneurial talent to less productive activities. The result is higher prices and lower quality products. The WNIF report on the consequences of corruption at the sector level, prepared at the request of the G20, shows that corruption is associated with higher prices for medicines, health services, textbooks, and utility services, among others.

Dr Charles Sinkala

Zambian mission in London warns of fake Facebook page

Dear Editor

The Zambia High Commission in London wishes to state that it is aware of devious persons who are using the Mission Facebook page and other media platforms to post malicious content with the aim of

tarnishing the image of the Government of the Republic of Zambia and its representatives.

In this regard we wish to advise the general public to take note that the only Facebook profile operated by the Zambia High Commission

is: Zambia High Commission London.

You are urged to disregard any other Facebook profile purporting to be representing Zambia High Commission London.

First Secretary Press,
Abigail Chaponda

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been re-elected for a fourth term while nationalists have made a historic surge in federal elections.

Her conservative CDU/CSU bloc has seen its worst result in almost 70 years but will remain the largest in parliament.

Its current coalition partner, the social democratic SPD, says it will go into opposition after historic losses.

The nationalist AfD has won its first seats and is set to be the third party, a result that sparked some protests.

Dozens of demonstrators gathered outside the right-wing, anti-Islam party's headquarters in Berlin on Sunday night, some with placards saying "Refugees are welcome".

Protests were also held in several other cities, including Frankfurt and Cologne.

What does the result mean for Mrs Merkel?

While her alliance has remained the largest party, it is the worst result for the alliance between the Christian Democrat (CDU) and the Christian Social Union (CSU) since 1949, when national elections were held in Germany for the first time after World War Two.

Addressing supporters, Mrs Merkel, who has been in the job for 12 years, said she had hoped for a "better result".

She added that she would listen to the "concerns, worries and anxieties" of voters of the Alternative for Germany (AfD) in order to win them back.

Mrs Merkel also said her government would have to deal with economic and security issues as well as addressing the root causes of migration - one of the main reasons behind the AfD's result.

"Today we can say that we now have a mandate to assume responsibility and we're going to assume this responsibility calmly, talking



Merkel wins fourth term as AfD nationalists rise

with our partners of course." A chaotic day for German politics: Jenny Hill, BBC News, Berlin

It has been a long and bruising election campaign. Angela Merkel may have won the election but it does not feel like much of a victory.

This election will go down in the history books for two reasons. Mrs Merkel may have won a fourth term but it is her worst-ever general election result. And right-wing nationalists are now part of the German establishment.

The result is a verdict, perhaps, on Mrs Merkel's decision to open Germany's doors to one million refugees.

What is the political norm

in many other European countries was considered unthinkable in post-war Germany. Not any more. What are her coalition options?

The Social Democrats (SPD) also had their worst election result since 1949. The party's loss of support while junior partner in government saw leader Martin Schulz

declare the end of the "grand coalition" with Mrs Merkel's alliance, to cheers and applause.

"It's a difficult and bitter day for social democrats in

Germany," Mr Schulz told supporters. "We haven't reached our objective."

He also vowed to prevent the AfD from being the main opposition party. *BBC News*

US expands travel ban to include N Korea

The United States has expanded its controversial travel ban to include people from North Korea, Venezuela and Chad.

The White House said the restrictions follow a review of information sharing by foreign governments.

Donald Trump issued a presidential proclamation late on Sunday.

"Making America safe is my

number one priority. We will not admit those into our country we cannot safely vet," Mr Trump said.

The restrictions on Venezuelans apply only to government officials and their family members.

The three new countries join five others from Mr Trump's original travel ban: Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, and Somalia. But the new

proclamation removed restrictions that were placed on Sudan.

Mr Trump's original ban was highly controversial, as it affected six majority-Muslim countries, and was widely labelled a "Muslim ban".

It was subject to a range of legal challenges and several large-scale protests, and is due to be considered by the US Supreme Court in

October, having been partly reinstated in July.

The American Civil Liberties Union rights group said the addition of the new countries "doesn't obfuscate the real fact that the administration's order is still a Muslim ban".

It is not yet clear how the president's new proclamation, which changes several key elements, will affect that legal challenge.

The addition of North Korea and Venezuela now means not all nations on the list are majority-Muslim.

The criteria for the new ban list is now based on vetting procedures and co-operation, and the restrictions have now been "tailored" on a country-by-country basis:

The White House said North Korea did not co-operate with the US government "in any respect" and failed all requirements - and so all travel to the US by its citizens has been banned

Chad, while an important counter-terrorism partner, did not share terrorism-related and other public information the US required - business and tourist visas for its nationals are suspended

Only "certain Venezuelan government officials and their immediate family members" have been banned - its government has recently been hit with economic sanctions by the US, who now say it does not co-operate "in verifying whether its citizens pose national security or public-safety threats" and does not receive deported nationals willingly. *BBC News*



A heavily wounded member of the Syrian Democratic Forces smiles as he arrives at a medical centre on the eastern frontline of Raqa

Meghan's ancestor may have been a maid at Windsor Castle

Prince Harry and actress Meghan Markle made their first public appearance at the Invictus Games in Toronto, making a proposal seem imminent for the couple.

Interestingly, the Daily Mail discovered that the actress already has a connection to the royal family. Her relatives,

who are researching their family tree, have found that her great-great-great-grandmother, Mary Bird, was a member of the royal household staff.

The name M. Bird is in the Windsor Castle Weekly Disbursement Book in 1856, which fits with the time that

Mary would have been there.

The Irish born maid, according to the publication, married English soldier Thomas Bird, and was subsequently disowned by her family. The couple had three daughters, including Meghan's great-great-grandmother, also named Mary, who was born in Malta in 1862.

U.S. Air Force Colonel Ken Barbi discovered Markle's British roots — his wife, Susan, is a second cousin of Markle's father, Thomas.

Barbi told the Daily Mail, "It is extraordinary to think that one of Mary's descendants looks likely to marry Prince Harry." As their relationship has progressed, the couple have attended more events together. Markle attended Pippa Middleton's wedding reception earlier this year. In a cover story interview with Vanity Fair, the actress spoke about the attention that is focused on the couple. "It has its challenges, and it comes in waves—some days it can feel more challenging than others," she says. "And right out of the gate it was surprising the way things changed. But I still have this support system all around me, and, of course, my boyfriend's support." *Yahoo News*



Mother finds daughter collapsed on kitchen sink after choking to death



A heartbroken mother has described the moment she found her daughter collapsed on the sink after she choked to death on leftover steak.

Sherry Campbell, from Ireland, had enjoyed the meal with her family on September 7, but decided to have the leftovers as a "quick snack" later that night.

The 29-year-old was found dead by her parents, Fionuala and Shannon, the next morning, The Mirror reported.

Sherry Campbell had enjoyed the meal with her family on September 7, but decided to have the leftovers as a "quick snack". Photo: Facebook

"I can still hear the awful sound of Shannon screaming for me after he found Sherry in the kitchen," Ms Campbell said.

"Our beautiful girl was standing against the sink, her upper body slumped over it. As Shannon tried to help her, I ran to our neighbour to get help, hoping that she'd be okay."

Ms Campbell said neighbours and friends filled the home and tried to help revive Sherry until paramedics arrived.

Sherry was unable to be saved and Ms Campbell said her world "crashed into a million pieces."

The 29-year-old was found dead by her dad Shannon. Photo: Facebook

A post mortem confirmed Sherry had choked on a piece of steak. *Yahoo News*

"Hidden Figures" subject Katherine Johnson gets her own NASA center

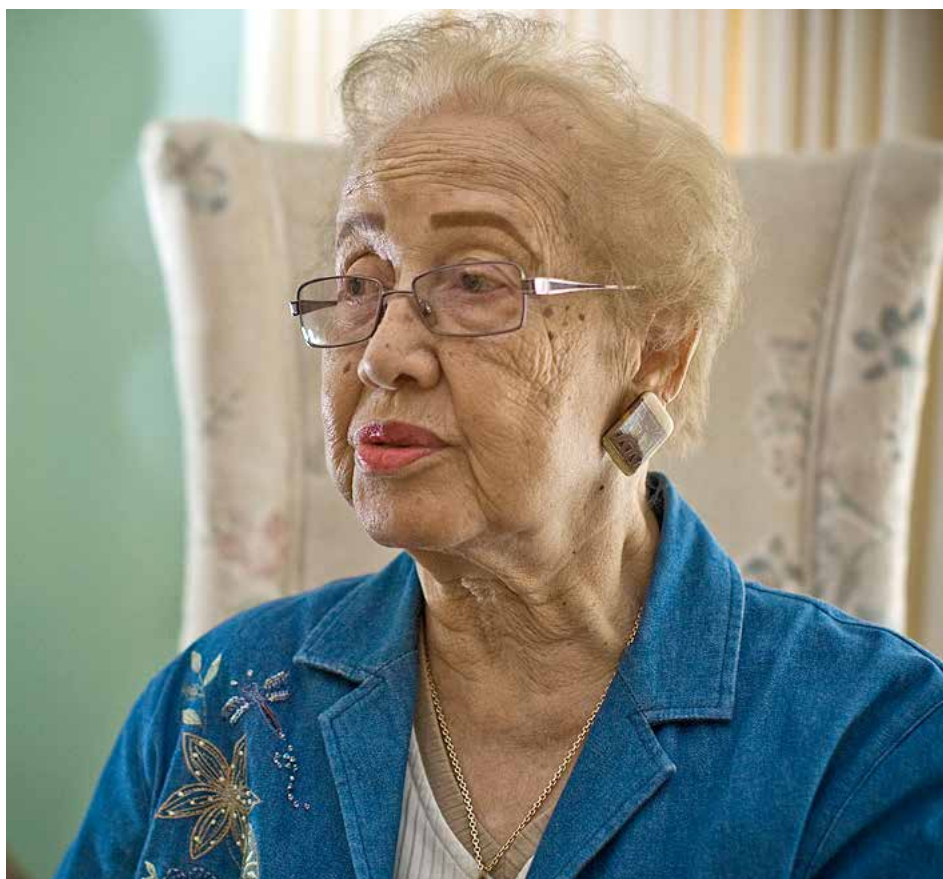
Katherine Johnson, one of the black women NASA employees highlighted in the movie *Hidden Figures*, helped the U.S. send its first astronaut, John Glenn, in orbit around the Earth by double-checking a computer's calculations related to the mission, The Independent reports. At the time, Johnson and other black NASA workers were relegated to the "colored only" section and vastly under-appreciated. The Civil Rights Acts, which ended such segregation, wasn't passed until 1964.

Over 50 years later, at age 99, Johnson is finally getting some of the recognition she deserves through NASA's Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility, where research and development for future NASA missions will take place. The \$23 million, 37,000-square-foot building will include

over 30 rooms of servers in a structure designed to save energy, according to a NASA factsheet.

On Friday, Johnson, other black women who worked as "human computers" alongside her, members of Black Girls Code, and others attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the center's opening. "You have been a trailblazer," Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe said at the event. "When I think of Virginia and the history of what we've gone through... you're at the top of that list."

When asked in an interview how she felt about it, she replied, "You want my honest answer? I think they're crazy," according to a NASA press release. "I was excited at something new, always liked something new, but give credit to everybody who helped. I didn't do anything alone but



try to go to the root of the question and succeeded there."

"I like the stars, and the stories we were telling, and it was a joy to contribute to

the literature that was going to come out," Johnson said, according to the NASA press release. "But little did I think it would go this far." *Yahoo News*

Derailed in Madrid, Danilo's back on track and heading for Brazil return

Danilo needed a fresh start. "It was very fast, I was training with Real Madrid, Pep called me and I was very motivated to make this change and start to work with him," Danilo told reporters.

"[Zidane] did [try to convince me to stay] but I was sure I needed to change."

A Copa Libertadores winner as a teenager with Santos, a subsequent switch to Porto had taken him to the next level.

In Portugal, Danilo had found a natural position, too. After regularly featuring in midfield for Santos, he became a settled right-back and established himself as one Europe's best.

A host of Europe's biggest clubs came calling, with Real Madrid eventually winning the race for his signature by shelling out a cool €31.5 million.

But things didn't go well in the Spanish capital, at least not on a personal level. Danilo left Spain this past summer with five major titles, including two UEFA Champions League winners-medals, and yet

his career had reached crisis point.

Struggling to deal with the increased technical level he found in Spain, Danilo quickly lost his place in the team and was harshly singled out for criticism among Madridistas around the globe, many pointing out that, in the 2015-16 campaign, he'd featured in every minute of every single defeat the side suffered.

"The media pressure is the largest in the world, without doubt," Danilo told SporTV. "An error, no matter how small, goes viral. A mistake becomes very great even if it is very small."

A series of high-profile, though mostly minor, errors, had shattered Danilo's confidence. But others still believed in his potential, with Juventus and Chelsea both having attempted to lure him from Madrid.

For Danilo, however, there was only ever one option. "It wasn't a difficult decision to choose Man City over Chelsea. The moment City called me and Pep called me, I knew what I had to do."

His summer switch to



Manchester has proved a turning point. Under Guardiola Danilo is rebuilding his reputation – so much so, this month he was recalled to the Brazil squad after last appearing for his country in 2015.

The role of reserve right-back is one of the few positions ostensibly open

in Tite's settled squad. Corinthians' Fagner was given a few opportunities but failed to really impress. Despite being a favourite of the coach from his time at the Timao, Fagner could lose his role as Dani Alves' understudy.

It now appears Danilo's for the taking, and the

versatility that attracted Pep – he is also comfortable at left-back or in central midfield – could yet prove decisive. He's started only three of Man City's six Premier League fixtures, but has appeared in five.

"He will be so important," Guardiola said this month. "He can play in the three at the back, he can play full-back - right or left. He can also play holding midfielder."

"He also knows how to handle the pressure because he's been at Madrid and Porto - clubs where every

weekend you have to win. That's where his mentality comes from and that's why he's so important to us."

Danilo hasn't felt important for a while.

"It doesn't matter if I'm on the right, the left or in midfield, I just want to help the team," he told the Manchester Evening News. "It's a good thing because I will have more chance to play."

He may yet have more chance for his country, too. At 26, Danilo's career appears to be getting back on track. **Goal.com**

We were unlucky, says Zesco coach after elimination

By Diggers Reporter

Zesco United coach Zlatko Krmpotic has described his sides elimination from the quarterfinals of the 2017 Caf Confederation Cup as unlucky.

Zesco were ejected on away goals rule after a 2-2 home draw against SuperSport United at Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola.

SuperSport earlier held Zesco to a 0-0 away first leg result on September 15 in Pretoria.

A dramatic 90th minute stoppage time goal from Thuso Phala sent SuperSport through to this weekends semifinals as Zesco tried without success to defend a precious but narrow lead.

"I think we didn't go to the next stage because of bad tactics. The tactics were very good. How many games have we lost. Just one game and you think the team is not good," said coach Krmpotic.

Krmpotic swipe came just four days after 6th placed Zesco were a crushed 3-0 at the same venue in a league game by number 9 side Lumwana Radiants.

Meanwhile, Zesco scored in the 3rd minute through John Chingandu before

Phala equalised in the 33rd minute.

David Owino put Zesco back in the lead in the 49th minute but Phala

punished the homeside for attempting to jealously protect their valuable lead. SuperSport are home on Saturday against either

MC Alger of Algeria or Tunisia's Club Africain.

The final leg will be played during the weekend of October 22.



Leicester City defender Danny Simpson vies with Liverpool midfielder Philippe Coutinho during the English Premier League football match between Leicester City and Liverpool at the King Power Stadium in Leicester, central England. AFP

By Diggers Reporter
Wedson Nyirenda has lamented that plans fell through to camp Chipolopolo in Spain ahead of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Group B away qualifier against Nigeria. The proposal to setup camp in Spain fell through due to operational reasons.

"It would have been a plus to camp in Europe because of the conditions and also play a few

NO SPAIN CAMP

...Chipolopolo will stick around until Nigeria trip

friendlies."

Zambia will now have to make do with local camp of which the preliminary

phase kicked off on September 25 at Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka for the 26 home-based callups.

Local camp will break this Thursday for players to attend to their league obligations.

The foreign-based callups will join when camp resumes on Sunday in Lusaka, five days before

the match as stipulated by FIFA rules.

Zambia and Nigeria are 2nd and 1st on 7 and 10 points respectively heading into their penultimate Group B qualifier on October 7 in Uyo City.

Meanwhile, all but the five callups were at the first day of training on Monday afternoon at Nkoloma.

All five missing players are from Zesco United.

Defenders Simon Silwimba and Fackson Kapumbu including midfielders Kondwani Mtonga, John Chingandu and Misheck Chaila will miss the first week of camp.

This is because Zesco have a 2017 Barclays Cup quarterfinal date on Wednesday away to Kitwe United at Nkana Stadium in Kitwe.

Katongo tips youngsters: Football is a short career, invest

By Tenson Mkhala

Former Zambia National Soccer team captain Christopher Katongo has urged young players to start saving money and invest in their future, saying football is a short career.

During a financial planning workshop held at Lusaka's InterContinental Hotel, the former Chipolopolo skipper said he had been saving and that even if he died, his children would be comfortable.

"Football is a short career. a player can stop playing due to injury and if you are not investing or saving it will be difficult for you to handle your life. I have been saving and investing and today if I die, my children will not suffer because they will have somewhere to live," said Katongo.

And workshop sponsors, Barclays Bank head of marketing Mato Shimabale said it was important to give players knowledge of how to handle their finances while they were still active in the game.

"Players make a lot of money but they don't



think of their future. They don't invest. We have a lot of players today who have no bank account because they don't see a reason of saving," Shimabale said.

Shimabale said players become financially desperate when their careers

are over because of misusing earnings.

"There is need for players to make wise decisions with their money. As a bank, we would want to see players develop a mind of saving," said Shimabale.

And FAZ head of

competition Juluio Chiluba added his voice to the call.

"As FAZ, we want to tell you players that develop a mind of saving. Learn from other players who stopped playing but are doing fine because they used to save," said Shimabale.

Yesterday, five soccer clubs participating in this year's Barclays Bank tournament underwent a financial literacy training. These are Green Buffaloes, NAPSA Stars, Kabwe Warriors, Lusaka Dynamos, and Zanaco.

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