

# WINA DEFENDS LUNGU

## ...if war breaks out, you'll blame the President

*By Mirriam Chabala*  
Vice-President Inonge Wina says President Edgar Lungu did not threaten Constitutional Court judges but was merely counselling members of the Judiciary. Responding to a question from Chikankata UPND member of Parliament Kabwe Mwiinga who wanted to know if President Lungu interfered with the Judiciary when he warned judges against copyig decisions from Kenya, Wina said the President was within his jurisdiction when he made the pronouncement because he was the CEO of the entire country. **To page 6**



PF deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri with some UPND defectors at the party secretariat in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala. See story on Page 4

### Police gun down wanted criminal, injure civilians

*By William Chileshe*  
Police in Ndola yesterday shot dead a suspected criminal who was on their wanted list, but the shootout left two innocent civilian nursing serious bullet wounds. A combined team of Lusaka and Ndola crack squad pursued a wanted criminal who was reported to be at Ndola's Mulungushi Bus Station. Copperbelt police

commissioner Charity Katanga said the suspected criminal was on the police's wanted list for a spate of aggravated robberies and the murder of three police officers in Lusaka and Ndola. **To page 3**

### Lungu must withdraw threats on Judges - LAZ

The Law Association of Zambia says President Edgar Lungu must retract his threats against Constitutional Court judges as they reflect the Executive's interference with the Judiciary. Yesterday, President Lungu warned that there would be chaos in Zambia if ConCourt judges disqualified him from running for a third term in 2021. "To my colleagues in the Judiciary, my message is just do your work, interpret the law without fear or favour and look at the best interest of this country. Don't become a copycat and think that you are a hero if you plunge this country into chaos. Those people who don't like peace and freedom will say 'President Lungu is intimidating the courts of law', I am not intimidating the judiciary, I am just warning you because I have information that some of you want to be adventurous, your adventure should not plunge us into chaos please! In English there is a saying, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. We don't want to plunge this country into chaos because we are trying to imitate what's happening elsewhere. We are a beckon of peace and freedom, let us keep it that way. I was on the ballot paper as candidate and I assured that I would protect Zambia and that I will do," said President Lungu. **To page 3**

### Lubinda is talking nonsense - Dipak



*By Joseph Mwenda*  
Justice Minister Given Lubinda is a dotard, former commerce minister Dipak Patel has charged. Patel was reacting to a statement from Lubinda, in which he said the UPND leader was a coward who went to the international community to cry like a baby. Lubinda told Qfm News that it was irresponsible for the opposition leader to seek international justice when the local justice systems have not failed. He said if Hichilema meant well for Zambia, he would not speak badly and dent the image of the country which he was aspiring to lead. But Patel, who took a low profile after the August 2016 election has taken offence with Lubinda's remarks. "Lubinda, the Justice Minister is a dotard," Patel told News Diggers in a written reaction. "Supposedly as a prominent member of the Cabinet and PF, he should be better informed before he calls HH a coward and a cry baby for his BBC Hard Talk interview and Chatham House lecture." Patel recalled that in 2011, Sata

travelled to London and address scholars at Oxford University where he condemned the Rupiah Banda administration for abuse of power. "Lubinda should acquaint himself of the late President Sata's lecture at the Oxford University in May 2011. In his lecture, Sata was very critical of the government of the day on abuse of power against his opposition party PF. So is Lubinda saying that Sata was also a cry baby and a coward?" Patel wondered. "Lubinda should instead concentrate on accumulating a better memory and establish his credibility by saying the truth and not going on a wild rampage of nonsense." **To page 4-5**

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**Students' unions were banned because they only talked about bursaries, Prof Luo tells Parliament** **P6**



# Luo disowns arrested CBU scholars:

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Higher Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo says her records show that the 55 Copperbelt University students who were arrested by police yesterday are not registered with the learning institution. But Copperbelt Province Police Commissioner Charity

## “They were just masquerading as students”

Katanga confirmed that the students were from Copperbelt University, some of whom have been released today after paying admission of guilty fees.

Luo told parliament today that she read a story about the arrest of 55 students, but noted that some people were engaging in unlawful conduct under

the guise of being university students.

“Mr Speaker, let me also take advantage of this same question in saying that there are a lot of

people that go around parading themselves as university students. This morning I did read about 55 students who are claiming to be students of the

Copperbelt University,” said Luo.

“When I check the records with the Copperbelt University and their names, these students are not even registered with the Copperbelt University and yet there is a story that they were rioting because they have not been paid their project allowance and meal allowance when in fact we have just finished registering the students. So I think it is very important for us as leaders when information comes to us, to actually cross reference with each other instead of creating information that is not correct.” Yesterday, Katanga confirmed that the arrested youths were CBU students.

“We have arrested 55 students. Elven females and 44 males all first year students who were protesting heading towards the DC’s office where they came with placards over delayed meals and accommodation allowances. They were intercepted by police at Mukuba mall around 10:00 hours. They have been charged with conduct likely to cause breach of peace,” Katanga said.

When contacted today, Katanga said some of the students had been released.

“I can’t say what the current status is but the issue is that they started paying admission of guilty in the morning so as at now am not in a position to tell how many have remained,” said Katanga.

Meanwhile, Copperbelt University Students’ Union President Njikho Musuku said the students were released unconditionally.

“We managed to get them out today. The way the process was done is that we had to send someone there and they were released in groups. Not conditions were given for their release. We are meeting the DC later in the afternoon and maybe that will be discussed when we meet the DC because what the first years want is an assurance from government if they will be given their bursaries, that is what they want. Then when we go to meet the DC, that is what they want to hear,” said Musuku.

By Mukosha Funga

President Edgar Lungu has warned Constitutional Court judges that if they emulate Kenyans and disqualify him from standing again in 2021, they will plunge Zambia into chaos.

And President Lungu says he will not allow regime change in Zambia, which he said was being instigated by foreigners.

Speaking in Solwezi today, President Lungu told Zambian judges “to be forewarned is to be forearmed”.

“To my colleagues in the Judiciary, my message is just do your work, interpret the law without fear or favour and look at the best interest of this country. Don’t become a copycat and think that you are a hero if you plunge this country into chaos. I want to close by saying that those people who don’t like peace and freedom will say ‘President Lungu is intimidating the courts of law’, I am not intimidating the judiciary, I am just warning you because I have information that some of you want to be adventurous, your adventure should not plunge us into chaos please!” President Lungu exclaimed.

“In English there is a saying, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. We don’t want to plunge this country into chaos because we are trying to imitate what’s happening elsewhere. We are a beckon of peace and freedom, let us keep it that way. I was on the ballot paper as candidate and I assured that I would protect Zambia and that I will do. God bless you.”

He warned against emulating Kenyan judges saying they did not care about the will of the people.

“Yes, I want to make it very clear. People are saying Zambian courts should emulate Kenyan courts and I want to be very sincere on this one, people are saying Zambian courts should be brave and make decisions which are in the interest of the people but look at what’s happening in Kenya now. I am saying the courts of law in Zambia should also see what’s happening, they should not behave like they are not part of our African continent. The most important thing I can say now is, 2021, I am available to stand if my party chooses me,” President Lungu said.

“But to my friends in the court system, I say don’t plunge us into chaos by imitating or emulating Kenya or any other court system for that matter which does not care for the interests of the people. I am saying this in front of you people because there are cameras in front of me, there are some Zambians who are writing this story, recording, because I have heard some judges say ‘why don’t we emulate the Kenyan courts? They are very brave’ I don’t think that is right. We should preserve peace, we should listen to the voice of the people, we should listen to the will of the people in the Constitution. Whether I am eligible to stand or not in 2021 should not be dependant on the case in Kenya.”

And President Lungu said there were some people within an

## Lungu says there will be chaos if judges disqualify him for 2021



outside Africa who wanted a regime change.

“I am saying this because the backdrop of what I said the other day in Lusaka, I said there are people outside Africa and others within Africa who want to bring confusion in Africa, they started with South Africa, Zambia and Kenya, I said it, I said look out, and I think the vice-president of Kenya was present when I spoke. There are people who just want regime change because they want to take over from us as managers...that I will not allow,” he said.

“Right now, there is a matter in court which is subjudice but they are saying I have already done two terms and I shouldn’t contest in 2021 but how many people have done five terms in their political parties and still continue?”

He wondered why he could not go for another term when there were some politicians who had stood, lost five times but would still contest in 2021.

“If people who have been standing for elections from 2001 can continue up to now, but me they are saying I cannot stand again because I have done two terms, now we ask ourselves, let us be fair to each other,” President Lungu said.

Meanwhile, President Lungu boasted that the ruling party was the most democratic in Zambia today.

“That’s why I am saying I am proud to belong to PF because PF is the only party which is democratic currently in Zambia. I am saying this because if you look at the history of the current politics from 2006 to now, PF has gone through the process of electing its leaders. Mr [Michael] Sata was elected, myself I was elected and I believe that the people who will serve after me

will be elected. When you lose an election, you are supposed to go back to your neighbours and say how did I perform? Can I be given a chance to contest again? Now people have been losing elections for the last 12 years but they still want to continue and contest in 2021,” he said.

President Lungu also said he was in the province to understand why the locals did not love PF.

“I have been here so many times from the time I became President in 2015 until today and I want to assure you, I will keep coming. I don’t mind whether you voted for me or not, I am in charge of this country so I have the duty. I have two reasons for coming here, 1, I have the duty to come here, two, I want to assure you that the day you also get to know me and accept me, I will be very happy.” President Lungu said.

“I am saying this because there are people in my political party PF who think I am wasting time by coming here. I want to tell you that as a Christian, I believe that the example of Jesus Christ abandoning 99 sheep, going to look for one which went astray is very true to me, that is why I am here. I know there must be a reason why people in this region support a political party so I have come to find out why you don’t love us in PF or why we are failing to win your hearts and souls. A child doesn’t hate its father unless there is something wrong. So if I stay in Lusaka, I won’t know why you are bitter and against PF so when I come, I want to listen and listen good. It is very important when I come here not to listen to the provincial minister or the provincial chairman but to listen to the lower ranks.”

The Head of State advised party officials to vote for quality leaders at all levels.

“I can only listen to you through the democratic process, when you start electing your leaders from the branch to the sections to the constituency to the district and eventually to the province. Tomorrow, we will know who is going to be a member of the provincial executive committee. I even know that as a political party leader, no one comes to the presidency unless through the party. As a political party, if you give us wrong people at constituency and districts, we will end up having wrong people in the province,” said President Lungu.

“And if you know that the fish

starts rotting from the head and the ordinary man on the streets, the marketer, the youths, the women, they are the backbone of the party. The strength of our party lies in the membership below. The attraction of our political party to outsiders depends on how you conduct yourselves as an orderly member of the party on the streets. It is for this reason that the process of electing leaders from below, upwards is very important. It gives you a chance to give a new mandate of those who are serving or bring them down or give them a new mandate and say you can continue.”

## PF claims 85 defections from UPND in Lusaka

By Mirriam Chabala

Patriotic Front deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri says the ruling party will use people defecting from the opposition UPND to identify the weaknesses of Hakainde Hichilema.

Speaking when she received 85 defectors from the UPND at the PF secretariat in Lusaka yesterday, Phiri said Zambians no longer had confidence in Hichilema.

“This spirit of not wanting to work with new members just because you have been in the party for some time should come to an end. If you truly love Michael Sata then let us emulate him because with Michael Sata there was no difference between someone who has been in the party for long and those who are new. So you in the district leadership here in Lusaka, make sure that you accommodate these people because they have left their positions in the UPND where they are coming from. Identify them and filter them in from Kanyama where they have come from so that this party can grow. I am sure they have left because they have seen that their president (Hakainde Hichilema) is a liar,” Phiri said.

And Mumbi said the PF would use those who were defecting from UPND to identify HH’s weakness

and capitalise on it.

“If you want to defeat an enemy, you must go into their territory. In order for us to know the weaknesses which the UPND and its leader has, we are going to penetrate through these people (pointing at the defectors) and we are going to play a better game and I am glad that you (the defectors) have realised. I think its because of the BCC interview that you have realized that there is nothing that he can do for you,” said Phiri.

Meanwhile, the defectors who were led by Danny Tembo, a former UPND ‘commando’ asked all PF members to welcome them and accept them as part of the PF family.

“We have joined PF because we want to work with you. We joined UPND sometime ago because we thought that PF hated us but we have realised that you actually care about us and you love us. Please welcome us because we are part of you, we understand that there could be those among you who would not be willing to work with us right now but we will work hard and persuade you to finally accept us and be willing to help us. While in the UPND, our job was to protect people’s lives like myself I was one of the ‘commandos,’” said Tembo.



# Lungu must withdraw threats on judges, demands LAZ

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But in a statement today, the Council of the Law Association of Zambia demanded that Lungu must retract his statement and allow ConCourt judges to make an independent decision on his eligibility.

"LAZ calls on His Excellency President Lungu to retract his statements and assure the Judiciary and the public that justice will be allowed to prevail no matter the outcome of the impending judgment or decision of the Constitutional Court in the case that will determine his eligibility for election in 2021. Our national unity and the integrity of our democracy depend on the rule of law and justice for all," the Council of LAZ stated.

The Council of LAZ described President Lungu's warning as alarming.

"As one of the three arms of government, the Judiciary is an integral part of Zambia's democracy, ensuring checks and balances on adherence to the rule of law and constitutionalism in the country. The Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) is therefore alarmed by statements made by the Republican President, Mr Edgar Lungu on 2nd November 2017 at the Solwezi Airport in North Western Province, that appear to threaten the Judiciary against making any adverse ruling against him in

the impending judgment on the issue of whether President Lungu is eligible to stand in the presidential election in 2021. LAZ is deeply concerned with the statements especially that they came from the Head of State," the Council of LAZ stated. The council stated that such statements undermined the authority of the Judiciary.

"Such statements do little to dispel the notion that the Executive tries to interfere with the work of the Judiciary and that the separation of powers in our democracy is limited. These statements further serve to undermine the authority of the judiciary and erode public confidence in the institution. As such, LAZ condemns these statements unreservedly. LAZ wishes to remind the Republican President, himself a lawyer, of his sworn duty under Article 91 of the Constitution to 'respect, uphold and safeguard our Constitution; promote democracy and enhance the unity of the nation; promote and protect the rights and freedoms of a person; and uphold the rule of law,'" stated the Council of LAZ.



## Over 500% increase in unaccounted for revenue annoys TIZ

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Transparency International Zambia says it is annoying that amounts of revenue lost through avoidable mischief has skyrocketed within a year.

Reacting to the Auditor General's report for the year ended 2016, TIZ executive director Wesley Chibamba observed that lack of action by law enforcement agencies was perpetuating theft in public institutions.

"Transparency International Zambia is appalled at the impunity with which public institutions are pilfering public resources. Every year public resources are being lost due to bad stewardship by those charged with managing public resources. Year in year out we are urging the government to be more responsible and safe guard tax payers money. But, as if to spit on those calling for accountability, that is when they are losing more money to avoidable mischiefs," Chibamba stated.

"It is very annoying that every year we are losing money in form of unaccounted for revenue, misapplication of funds, unretired imprest, unaccounted for stores,

misappropriation, etc. These are things that are avoidable. We talk about them every year. For the 2015 audit report, we were advocating for the arrest of those controlling officers and individuals cited in the Auditor General's report., we did not see any such arrests if at all there were any. And they say 'we are a listening government'. Now the amounts of lost revenue to these mischiefs has increased in certain instances by over 500%."

He stated that the percentages representing increase in anomalies were abnormal.

"The report has highlighted Unaccounted for Revenue which has increased from K558,499 in 2015 to K3,700,509 in 2016, representing an increase in unaccounted for revenue of 562%. This is not normal. Misapplication of Funds has increased from K28,153,997 in 2015 to K162,095,699 in 2016, representing an increase of 475% in misapplication of funds. Even if this is not outright theft, it means approved budgets were not adhered to and also creates opportunities for pilferage. This is diversion of funds," Chibamba stated.

"Unaccounted for Funds have increased from K193, 910 in 2015 to K386, 834 in 2016, representing an increase of 99.5%. How is it possible that funds which go through approval channels cannot be accounted for. Unretired Accountable Imprest, the usual story, increased from K12,659,892 in 2015 to K17, 559,399 in 2016, representing an increase of 39%, K 4, 899, 507. Unaccounted for stores increased from K13,460,323 in 2015 to K14,428,573 in 2016 among others."

He warned that the diversion of funds from intended purposes was criminal.

"For issues like misapplication of funds, others may argue that it only requires administrative action because it is not outright theft but failure to

follow budgetary provisions. Whatever name we want to give it, it is diversion of funds from intended purposes and it is criminal in its own right," Chibamba stated.

"Now the major issue of concern is misappropriation of funds which is a polite way of describing theft by public servant. The amount of public funds that public officers stole or misappropriated in 2016 amounts to three million six hundred and eighteen, one hundred and twenty seven Kwacha (K 3, 618,127). This is somewhat interesting because it seems according to available reports, there was no misappropriation 2015 which is highly unlikely, but that's what the report says anyway. But compared to 2014, the amount of money stolen in

2014 was four thousand seven hundred and sixty seven kwacha (K 4, 767). In 2016 they stole K 3,618, 127, representing an increase of over 75, 899 % from 2014."

And Chibamba stated that those involved in misappropriation and theft of public resources deserved to be fired, arrested and have their properties seized.

"Honestly, is there any well-meaning Zambian who would condone this kind pilferage of tax payer's money? This is demonstrating high levels of irresponsibility among those charged with presiding over public affairs and in particular, public resources. Misappropriation of funds should not require an investigation as the law enforcement agencies like to

tell us. Misappropriation is theft and requires the culprits to be fired, arrested and seizure of their properties/assets effected, pending forfeiture to the state after exhaustion of legal processes," stated Chibamba.

"So, if this government is serious about accountability, we expect arrests to be effected within the month, for those cited on misappropriation of public funds. Time for playing games with the Zambian people is over, we expect nothing less than arrests and recovery of stolen resources as affirmative action from government through Law Enforcement Agencies. In fact, we are putting it as a challenge to Law Enforcement Agency heads and their appointing authorities."

## African Forum hails RB's political maturity

By Mirriam Chabala

The African Forum for Former African Heads of State and governments has congratulated fourth republican president Rupiah Banda exhibited political maturity when he peacefully handed over power to Michael

Sata.

In a statement issued by First Secretary for Press and Public Relations at the Zambian High Commission in South Africa Naomi Nyawali yesterday, forum Chairperson Joachim Chissano said Banda's contribution to the

promotion of peace in Zambia and the SADC region was exceptional.

Chissano, who is also former Mozambican President, said this in a letter delivered to Banda during the third African Forum General Assembly held in South Africa.

"Mr Chisano said Zambia's former President Rupiah Banda was among the prominent African personalities who had contributed to political, social and economic transformation of SADC region and Africa as a whole. This is contained in a letter delivered to Mr Banda during the third African Forum General Assembly held in Johannesburg City, South Africa, officially inviting him to join the African Forum known as AF for exhibiting political maturity when he handed over the instruments of power to his predecessor late Michael Sata. The AF congratulated Mr Banda for demonstrating a high

sense of political maturity in the democratic process which crowned the political transition in Zambia," stated Nyawali.

"Mr Chissano noted that the AF was pleased to invite Mr Banda to join the forum as he had outstanding democratic credentials which qualified him to be a member of the forum. He said the forum needed distinguished Former African Heads of State and Government to place their wealth of experience, moral authority and expertise to guide the continent and its leaders. Mr Banda has since delivered his maiden speech in which he called on African governments to increase the provision of tertiary education to young people." Members of the African Forum include, former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, Former Ghanaian president John Mahama and Former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete among others.

## Police gun down wanted criminal, as civilians sustain bullet wounds

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Katanga named the gunned down suspected criminal as Alex Philip Banda aged between 40 and 45 years of Garden house and Kawama in Lusaka and Ndola respectively.

"He had been on the police wanted list for a long time for various offences which included aggravated robberies that took place at Petroda House involving K287, 000 where a police officer was shot dead," Katanga said.

She said Banda who was Known as Mbesuma

in Lusaka and Philimon in Ndola was involved in another robbery stealing K300, 000 from Super wholesale and another K240, 000 from Lake Petroleum in Lusaka. Katanga said the criminal was involved in the aggravated robbery of more than K200,000 at Star Bakery in which two anti crack squad officers were shot dead in Ndola.

She explained that when police approached the suspect while trying to apprehend him, he bolted thereby forcing the officer to open fire in public, thereby shooting two civilians

who were at the scene.

Katanga identified the civilians as Elisha Chola, 28 a bus conductor and Berrice Kafumbi who sustained gunshot wounds and were currently admitted to Ndola Teaching Hospital while the suspect's body was laying in the mortuary.

"After he saw the police. He started to runaway, which promoted the police to shoot. In the process, stray bullets shot two people," said Katanga.



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Patel then referred Lubinda to Sata's 2011 Oxford lecture. "For the benefit of dotard Lubinda, below is the full text of Sata's Oxford University lecture of May 2011," stated Patel.

PATRIOTIC FRONT SPECIAL  
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**"ROAD TO PRESIDENCY:  
HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL  
OPPOSITION LEADER IN  
AFRICA"**

By **PRESIDENT MICHAEL C.  
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Sata addresses scholars at Oxford University in London – Picture by Thomas Nsama

**1. Salutations**

Mr Chairman, Distinguished Scholars of this University and Distinguished Guests and participants in this Conference. Allow me to pay tribute to those that have kindly worked hard to invite me here to share with you all, some of the current political challenges impacting democracy in Africa. In this regard, please allow me therefore, to recognize the kind invitation by Dr Nic Cheeseman and MSc candidate, Sishuwa Sishuwa, a fellow Zambian citizen, who have been instrumental in facilitating our visit to this world-famous University.

I am delighted that I have been provided a platform to share such experiences here at one of the world's top Universities – Oxford.

Thank you most sincerely for this invitation to me.

It is significant that you have asked me to share with you the challenges of running a successful opposition political party in Zambia. I believe most of the experiences that confront our Party – The Patriotic Front (PF), would be equally applicable to most of the countries in Africa in general, and Southern Africa in particular.

Let me say this that most African countries, Zambia included, are coming from a background of One – Party governments, so that even as they move to multi-partism, they operate single party structures and rules, probably only with the possible exception of South Africa and Namibia, the constitutions, laws and political practices, of those countries have hardly changed to reflect the multi-partism that they are supposedly being practiced, based on the democratic formats left by their former colonial masters.

Similarly, the African traditions of patronage and unquestioning reverence for leadership, have played no insignificant part in entrenching unbalanced power, particularly those using the British electoral system of first-past-the post (simple majority), which has led to winner-takes all situations. The outcome has been the creation of unstable political regimes. Furthermore, it is quite rare to reach the Presidency without first serving as an opposition leader and a successful one at that.

Allow me also to appreciate the financial and other assistance that Zambia has continued to receive from the British institutions. I wish to single out the recent support meant to strengthen our anti-corruption institutions such as the Task force against plunder, which has since been dissolved by the current President. Most unfortunately, the measures that were designed to recover looted Zambian resources some of which are here in the UK, has been abandoned.



*Sata addresses scholars at Oxford University in London - Picture by Thomas Nsama*

# Lubinda is a dotard - Dipak Patel

It is my sincere hope and desire that under a PF-led-government, we renew and revamp these bonds, but also that we deliberately and pro-actively, seek to strengthen further our international co-operation. Right now, Zambia could significantly benefit from the education and research systems that this prestigious University (of Oxford) has developed over the years. I would therefore encourage a lot more students to come and study here and a much higher level of collaboration between University of Oxford and own Universities and colleges, in Zambia. I therefore, challenge the leadership, not only of our countries, but also of our universities, to explore the potential areas of increased co-operation.

I hope and trust that our visit here tonight will provide that spark that could trigger the renewal effort.

I wish to state at the very outset that it will be our new government's priority area to fight corruption in all its forms and to increase levels of accountability of all public institutions. We shall ensure that donor money is used for the intended purposes, and many pending plunder cases, shall be appropriately brought to a close.

**2. Formation of the Patriotic Front (PF) and my leadership**

The Patriotic Front Party was formed just before I resigned from the ruling Movement for Multi-party Democracy (MMD) under Mr Chiluba, because I realised that the country was headed for destruction. Poor governance through autocratic rule was the order of the day. Mr Chiluba even abandoned the constitution to seek the unconstitutional third term of office, which he was later forced to abandon, due to public pressure and private persuasion. He and not the party structures, decided on who would succeed him. He manipulated with impunity, the party constitution and hence he erroneously decided to bring in Mr Levy Mwanawasa who had previously resigned as Vice President of the party and Vice President of the country, several years before.

I also came to the conclusion that MMD was taking us nowhere, as people were yearning for a new leadership. I worked so closely with the president, to appreciate

that in spite of my vision of changing Zambia, this could not be achieved through the vehicle of the MMD, which was now not responding to the cries of the people, especially the youth for employment. Unemployment in Zambia stands at 80% among the youth, who are the majority of our population. MMD leaders including Mr Chiluba were more concerned about enriching themselves at the expense of the ordinary citizens. He even bought 1000 suites and 300 pairs of shoes as the court records will show! I refused to be in the company of looters and dealers. Thousands of youths, including graduates from colleges and universities, cannot find jobs and with no hope for the future. Also, there is no effective gender affirmative policy in the present government. Our party, the PF took the early lead in adopting women to run for elections. We are the only party which has a female for its chairperson.

**3. The Growth of the Patriotic Front**

I ran for the Presidency of Zambia for the first time in 2001 – a year after forming the Patriotic Front. I got only 3.4 percent of the votes whilst the winning MMD candidate got 29.2 percent against Anderson Mazoka of United Party for National Development (UPND) at 27.2 percent. By contrast in 1991, Mr Chiluba got 75.8 percent of the votes against the then incumbent Dr Kenneth Kaunda who lost the presidency. In the 2006, election I was informed that I scored 29.37% against the "winning" MMD candidate, who got 42.98% after my lead was reported to have been overtaken after extended voting in one of the provinces. When the results arrived hours it was several hours after all the others had already been received. This could easily have led to the Ivory Coast type problems, had I not restrained my supporters not to take to the streets to contest the outcome of the elections, which had obviously been rigged at the Presidential level.

Subsequent information emanating from various organs of government and the independent observers who have all attested to serious discrepancies between the tabulation and declaration of the results confirmed this. A similar pattern occurred in the 2008

presidential by-election where I was reported to have lost the election by 1.99 per cent, with Mr Banda declared a winner with 40.2% and myself with 38.64%. This shows clearly that the electoral system is in need of reform to align the presidential vote with the wishes of the majority of the voters.

At the level of Members of Parliament (MPs), the PF started with one (1) MP in 2001 to become the largest opposition party in the Zambian parliament by 2006 with 43 MPs. Meanwhile, the then existing parties both the ruling and opposition, returned with reduced numbers of seats. Although, the announced figures are in doubt, subsequent evidence shows that the opposition collectively achieved over 70% the votes in 2001 and in 2006, 60% in 2008.

It is in this regard that the election results must be seen as a great achievement on the part of the opposition. Hence our belief that the opposition collectively and PF in particular have actually done better. How much better is almost impossible to say as this has been compromised as a result of lack of transparency on the part of the electoral commission in the whole process.

It is curious that guests from within and outside the country are invited to the inauguration of the new president way before the final declaration of the results. Regrettably, the chief justice, who is appointed by the president, is also the returning officer, and the person entrusted with the swearing in of the new president and is also the same person to whom any appeal against the electoral malpractices, must be lodged.

It is against this background that we are now insisting on the Parallel Voter Tabulation (PVT), a process to which the government is violently opposed to and any other systems of verification including those related to the number of ballot papers that have been printed.

**4. Challenges Facing Opposition Parties**

In Zambia, it is not only the electoral system that opposition parties have to contend with. It is also the following:

► Government intimidation and abuse

• The intimidation is incessant and has major effects;

• Law enforcement agencies including the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), the police, the Drug Enforcement Commission and the intelligence are used to curtail the freedom of assembly and association.

• Police arrests and intimidation against the opposition.

• The public media are used as vehicles of personal slander and hate speeches.

• Government programmes are abused for campaign purposes even before the commencement of election date.

• Of late government and ruling party induced physical violence is used to disrupt operations and programmes of opposition parties. Recent cases bear evidence of this.

All these methods which are against the electoral legislation, are used to cripple the opposition especially their leadership.

**► The Challenge of Resource Mobilisation**

No business organisation would want to openly sponsor an opposition party, lest their businesses are "crippled" by various methods which the government uses. The ruling party awards business contracts to their friends and cadres, who are in turn expected to fund its operations e.g the recent NAPSA land scandal which government purchased land at US\$15 million from a private firm owned by a cadre, which land the government could have obtained freely. Clearly, over the past 15 years, money and corruption have been at the centre on undemocratic elections in Zambia.

► Human Resource is equally difficult to find. People are far too busy struggling for 'survival' from day to day, that they will not avail themselves for voluntary party work. In any case, who would want to back a loser? In spite of the foregoing odds, many Zambians are stepping forward to bring about regime change.

► Media coverage is another critical requirement. While the ruling party can abuse the public media, the opposition have no access to the public media in spite of the statutes. The opposition continues to have no access to the public media in Zambia, instead they have to rely on the goodwill of the independent or private media,

who are poorly funded and are themselves under constant threat of closure if seen to offer platform to the opposition.

► Parliamentarians who are 'bought' by the ruling party through offered inducements in the parliament and in the executive through awards of private businesses or direct bribery. Rules are deliberately broken and quietly justified.

► Fragmentation amongst the opposition groups – government abuses their position and public resources to induce fragmentation in faith-based organisations, civil society, trade unions and political parties. Furthermore, the current constitutional provisions are multi-party in name only. In essence, all is done to stifle the opposition.

**5. Factors of success**

Based on my own experience and that of many others that I have been associated with, I see the following as necessary ingredients for success in a successful opposition party in Zambia. One has to have the following:

• Courage in the face of adversity and staying the course despite the pain, frustrations and impediments on the way.

• Knowledge and experience of previous events and the functioning of governance systems.

• Personal characteristics of the top leader.

• Must have appeal to the ordinary citizens and serve as a voice to the voiceless or marginalised groups- some call it charisma

• Must have proximity to the people. The relationship should be like that of fish and water.

• Be visionary – people need to know where a leader will take them to. Leading them to something concrete and sharing whatever resources they have available. "Where there is no vision people perish"

• A leader must be able to identify competent and committed individuals to work with. And needs to be magnanimous towards their contributions as a need system to support and compliment him.

• He needs to be people-centred, the led must feel that they share his vision and are participating in running the affairs of the party.

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- Must be consistent in articulating the issues, which are in line with the people's needs.

- Have resilience and must be able to stay the course.

- Should be able to establish and maintain strong relationships with groups outside the party structures such as faith based organisations and civil society organisations, media, the labour movement and international community.

- Being able to offer checks and balances and credible alternatives to the status quo, by holding government accountable.

- Ability to mobilise resources for party operations, particularly that in our country opposition parties are not funded from public resources.

Clearly, besides this, there are several other aspects which make for a successful opposition leader especially winning the elections and being able to offer appropriate solutions.

#### 6. A Call for Change

All over Zambia, the demand in the forthcoming elections in 2011 is for change and transformation for a better Zambia. The mood is synonymous with the demand for change which occurred in 1991 when Zambia led the way in changing a government by the peaceful ballot in Southern Africa. We are poised for similar change this year and I call upon all peace loving countries and institutions to come and observe our elections to give support to what must be a democratic transparent process, whose results are credible enough that we can all accept them as we did in 1991. The international community must help to put in place mechanisms that avoid conflict and not to come later to resolve a conflict as happened in Ivory Coast and Kenya.

The current ruling party is tired having been in power for 20 years and has continued to subject the majority of Zambians to misuse of the abundant resources of Zambia through Corruption and wastage to increasing unbearable poverty through unworthy experiments like the ill-fated National Constitution Conference (NCC) which took an excess of two years to develop at a huge cost but which was so manipulated that even most of its own members were forced to reject it. It is clear to all that poverty and corruption will increase and deepen if the present leadership is allowed to continue governing Zambia. What is worse is that they have even abandoned and reversed some of the gains which were started by the late President Mwanawasa. Reversals of his programs including Anti-Corruption started within weeks of the election of the current President. All that I am saying is factual and citizens are aware of this tragedy.

7. Why the Patriotic Front is leading the people's demand for change

Why are Zambians now looking to PF – to deliver the change, whose symbol is a boat? Many Zambians now relate the PF with the symbol of the Biblical Noah's Ark as a means to rescue them from poverty, corruption, lack of opportunities and employment, heavy taxes that are unbearable cost of living and a very high cost of living on which the PF has vowed to resolve.

Economically the majority of Zambians continue to be worse off even as the macro-economic environment is reported to be good because the benefits are not reaching the majority. This can only happen when there is a policy environment and good governance system that responds to people's needs.

# Sata's 2011 Oxford speech

Many of you at this gathering, may not be aware that in fact Zambia was already a middle income nation status, at the time of its independence in 1964.

Currently rural poverty has reached alarming levels of as high as 84%. Although current urban poverty is reported to average 34 percent (%), it is infact much higher than that figure when one reflects on the statistics of the low-cost (peoples) townships. Because of this most of our citizens have had to resort to survival businesses and tactics, hence the emergence of plastic and tin-clad business stands along most city and country roads. In spite of the claims by the current government that the GDP growth figures are averaging 5% to 7% over the last five years, yet the level of inflation has ranged between 8.5% to 16.6%, during the same period, much higher than the growth levels. The cost of living for an average family of eight (8) people comprising father, mother and six (6) children, in Lusaka, according to a defined food basket has been about £460 per month, while the government's permissible minimum wage currently is below £50 per month.

Zambia's total population now stands at 13 million people against 3.2 million at the time of independence from Britain in 1964. A major feature of our population is in fact a complete contrast with the profile of European Union countries. In Zambia, approximately 9 million are young people below the age of 25 years. Approximately 300,000 of them exit education and training institutions yearly, with only 5000 being able to find jobs. The total number of people in formal employment is currently standing at slightly less than 430,000 as it was 20 years before. The bulk of our people have either never had any formal employment or ever engaged even in some informal work of any kind.

It is this kind of environment, that breeds youth-led revolutions such as those occurring in North Africa and the Arab world. Having stated what I have, let me then share with this audience my vision and that of the Patriotic Front for Zambia when the citizens have elected our party. It is the intention of our party to address these challenges by peaceful means, through the ballot.

8. Future policies of a PF government

Zambia is ripe for a major transformation both in political, economic and social terms that should bring about prosperity. Our thrust will therefore be to accelerate the attack on poverty and unemployment while stimulating production through the promotion of agricultural programmes intended to provide food self-sufficiency and making Zambia a food basket.

- There is urgent need to recognize and address the challenges of young people of both gender. National and sectoral audits shall be followed by empowering schemes for youth and special skills training programs for the millions of young people who need to be initiated, within days of our taking office in order to economically empower them;

- We shall seek to expeditiously, within 90 days, move to address the need for a people – driven constitution for the country using the most cost effective means, based on national consensus rather than one which is tailored to suit the

ruling party and the ruling elite;

- Similarly, the gender policy and programmes of affirmative action need to bring women into positions of decision-making; which shall be prioritized alongside a special empowerment program, which will be coupled with gender budgeting in all sectors.

- We shall promote good governance by providing for the full participation of representatives of the people through decentralization and devolution of power and resources. And resolving the Barotse Agreement. Decision-making on how to prioritise and utilize available resources shall be done by the citizens through their representatives at district level – the District Councils, provincial assemblies and through national Parliament ;

- A PF-led Government shall vigorously fight the scourge of corruption in Zambia by ensuring that provisions in our anti-corruption legislation are strengthened and fully implemented. These efforts shall include the reinstatement of clauses which were recently deliberately removed from our anti-corruption law, which has the effect of exempting from prosecution the wrong-doing by the official, simply because the law was not applicable when they were in office.

- Public officials, including former Presidents, who act outside the law, should not expect to get away with their mischief.

- The Anti-Corruption Commission shall be revamped and strengthened and so shall the judicial systems that will be needed to give effect to the national laws. If and when we shall find it necessary, we shall not hesitate to seek appropriate assistance from Britain and other commonwealth countries which operate a similar judicial system to our own, to assist us in dealing with cases of corruption. Given the scale of that scourge, and its entrenchment, we may be found necessary to set-up a special court to deal expeditiously, with white-collar and abuse of office crimes.

- The recommendations of the Auditor General shall be implemented within the first 90 days

Suffices for me to state this:-  
Let no one be left in doubt as to my party-led government, and about our firm determination to stamp out corruption in our country. A country that goes round the world begging for assistance, can't afford to waste it.

In any case corruption is a major contributor to our poverty.

- Through the proposed Planning and Fiscal (Budget) Act, we shall seek to eliminate the misapplication/diversion of public funds to unplanned activities or projects. We shall seek to eliminate supplementary budgets caused by abuse and lack of fiscal discipline;

- We are committed to reduce the high cost of government.

- A major austerity and performance improvement program, aimed at curbing wastage, shall be initiated to achieve cost savings. The funds which shall be made available shall then be applied to urgent capital development projects in the rural districts as well as need for infrastructure reconstruction in the most adversely affected urban areas;

- A PF-led government shall seek to exploit benefits of ICT and merits to improve the performance of the public

service including the operations of foreign missions and overseas travel.

- The Auditor General and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament have both repeatedly reported abuse of financial resources and blatant thefts of public funds. A PF government shall fully implement within twelve months all corrective recommendations of the two institutions. In our endeavour to stop abuse of office, we shall consider the proposal to "name and shame" culprits of theft cases;

- To contain reckless borrowing, debt – contraction and any borrowing for public projects, shall require Parliamentary authorisation and their application restricted to high pay-back projects and programs;
- A PF-led government shall seek to enhance the country's ability to achieve and sustain balanced-budgets, but shall restrict use of external support, through grants and loans, to capital projects only; Zambia must live within the financial resources that it generates;

- We shall seek to exploit, and commit within twelve (12) months of our assuming office to the development of hydro-power generation projects, to increase from the current 1800 Megawatts to 6000 Megawatts of power generation, within ten (10) years;

- We shall also overhaul the entire taxation regime. Simplify – taxation and reinforce tax collection to achieve improved collections.

The mining industry should pay a fair share of the taxation which everyone else is paying.

- I have often been challenged on how PF will enable citizens to have more money in their pockets while lowering taxes. My simple answer to that is that we shall achieve substantial revenue increase by stamping out corruption, misuse of funds, streamlined government operations costing-saving schemes, reducing cost of doing business.

I believe that the foregoing measures shall lead to higher employment levels, achieve savings for government and business, and improve performance and efficiency.

- Our economic policies shall be based on smart partnerships to achieve mutual benefiting position for investors and the government providing appropriate resource. They shall be within internationally accepts norms and in tandem with the United Nations standards for sustainable development.

In this regard it is illustrative to reflect on the pronouncements of the "United Nations – Commission on Development and Environment," which has defined "good governance" as follows:-

As "the exercise of economic, political and administrative authority to manage a country's affairs at all levels" it defines good governance as:-

"Participatory, transparent and accountable. It is also effective and equitable. And it promotes the rule of law. Good governance ensures that political, social and economic priorities are based on broad consensus in society and that the voices of the poorest and the most vulnerable are heard in decision-making over the allocation of development resources".

We shall seek to adopt this UN standard for our own development and investment criteria.

- There can be no justification why Zambia should have one of the highest taxation levels while at the same time industries that are making the most profits, such as the mining industry should hardly pay taxes, yet they exploit a non-renewable national resource.

- There shall be no nationalisation policy, but there shall be need for re-alignment of private versus national interest, based on smart partnership. Private sector that promotes national and individual interest, shall be encouraged bearing in mind the need for equitable contributions by ALL tax payers.
- Private ownership shall continue to be promoted and Zambians, who are able to meet sustainable long-term investment, shall be deliberately supported to participate in their national economy. Zambians shall be offered similarly attractive investment opportunities and incentives as their foreign counterparts.

- The provisions of the Citizen Economic Empowerment legislation shall be invoked to ensure that Zambians are also enabled to achieve greater participation in their own national economy.

Let me state categorically that while Zambia can at this point in history not be said to be a rich country, it is equally true that it is neither a poor country. Our belief in PF is that the country is richly endowed with natural resources but the economy is poorly managed.

The focus of our economic policies and the thrust of our actions shall be directed to achieving a balanced budget which should contribute to reducing the level of inflation and interest on borrowing.

Other economic measures shall therefore include:-

- Increased capital projects spending especially in areas of infra-structure – roads, power-stations, schools and hospitals, airports and harbours both in magnitude and quality.

- Use of earnings from the mining sector to diversify the economy away from non-renewable mining towards renewable agriculture, livestock and fisheries.

- Agriculture and associated renewable sources of incomes shall be made the backbone of our economic activity as it will be the surest way to reduce poverty among our people. Because our centrality in the SADC region, we shall seek to make Zambia a food-basket of the region, due to our comparative advantage.

- We fully recognize that investors seek good returns on their investment. We accept and do not have any difficulty with that expectation. We shall seek what they desire to see or apply in their own (home) countries.

- Investors will continue to freely externalise their profits, but we shall insist on capital investment that will stay for longer than what has now become the tradition of changing ownership every five years.

I have often been asked how a PF can put more money in the citizen's pockets. Our concept is this – no economy can grow if the consumers in it are poor. Who will buy the commodities and with what if the people are poor. We need to be smart in the way we operate the economy. The Zambian government should not develop its national economy for someone else. It must start with benefiting the nationals first. A well-functioning and strong economy, will always be an

attraction to foreign investment – one has just to look at China and the Asian tiger economies of South-East Asia or indeed closer to home – Botswana.

- Workers rights need protecting, fair wages must be paid and a much safer working environment provided.

- We shall develop further measures to simplify and facilitate doing business. The banking sector needs to play a more meaningful, facilitating role in developing local enterprise and entrepreneurs.

- It shall not be the intention or policy of PF to nationalise any private business. However, we shall re-examine all agreements that were made in the sale of companies to ensure that there were no underhand deals which may have benefited individuals, but disadvantaged the State. Those deals that are considered questionable will be the subject of review.

With respect to property rights, we will insist on the law being respected. However, we shall not tolerate fraudulent deals. We shall therefore review all dubious land acquisitions and utilisation which do not accord with our current laws. Some of the investors have taken undue advantage of the perverse poverty even amongst our traditional rulers and have acquired large tracks of land which they later use for speculative purposes. This we shall not allow.

Many commentators have expressed anxiety on how we intend going forward upon assuming office. I wish to allay these fears. We shall ensure respect for national laws as we seek to implement an orderly transition.

We have already established both a "think-tank" and a "transition management team", whose assignments have been to prepare a "Programme of Action" for a PF government, during the first 90 days and later for five years. Not only have the teams drawn from our Party Manifesto, but are carrying out wide consultations with other stakeholders. We seek to create an all embracing government that achieves consensus, and that having done so, moves decisively to implement sound programs that the people of Zambia have always sought.

9. Conclusion

I wish to point out that the future of Africa, Southern Africa and Zambia in particular, is one of hope if changes of leadership can be achieved by peaceful means through free fair and transparent if legitimacy of regimes that is achieved through genuine free and fair elections is deepen.

We do not seek power for its own sake. In the SADC region and more specifically in Zambia, there is great hope that when we can do things right and ensure frugal resource utilisation, tremendous strides in national development can be achieved. We are far from being a basket case. Zambia is not poor, although the majority of its people are poor. I believe a serious PF-led government can turn that around. It won't be easy neither will it be achieved overnight, but our party and I, are determined to serve as positive instruments for change. Let me hasten to point out that the future of Africa, Southern Africa and Zambia in particular, is one of hope if changes of leadership can be achieved by peaceful means through free fair and transparent elections and if legitimacy of regimes is achieved through genuine free and fair elections that would deepen democracy. I thank you and God bless you all.



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"Mr Speaker, the honourable Member should be aware that the President of this country is the Chief Executive for the whole country and therefore, he has full responsibility of what goes on in the country. If a war breaks out in Zambia, we will hold the President accountable. This country enjoys Parliamentary democracy where we have separation of powers. We have the Judiciary, the Legislature and the Executive but at the end of the day, when there is friction, when there are conflicts in the country, the back stops at the President. The President

# Lungu didn't threaten judges, he counselled them – Wina

was just cautioning one arm of government that what we have seen happening in another country must not happen in our own country," Wina said. Wina agreed with President Lungu that it was wrong for

Zambians to copy and paste what they saw and heard happening in other countries. "Zambians have got a habit of copying and pasting whatever they hear in other countries. I think we need to come up with

some original thinking about how we want our own country to run. What kind of laws should govern us so that we can continue to have prosperity for our people and also increase the interactive mechanisms about our people

so that we produce an inclusive government. So the President was not warning the Judges, he was merely counseling them so that we understand what is happening in other countries and what can happen to us. So

Mr Speaker, the question that the honourable member asked is not really directed at the President ordering the Judiciary, he was merely counseling them, I thank you Sir," Wina said.

However, when Kabompo UPND member of parliament Ambrose Lufuma rose on follow up question and pressured Wina to explain why there should be chaos in Zambia if President Lungu did not stand, Wina declined to an answer, saying that she was not sure of the words which the President used. "This is a follow up question on the one from the honourable member for Chikankata. The President in Solwezi has issued a categorical warning to the judiciary namely 'if he is prevented by any chance from standing in 2021 by the Judiciary, there will be mayhem and chaos in this country', he said that, the President is on record as having said that. Now my question is, honestly why should there be any chaos in Zambia if one individual does not stand? Why should there be any chaos Vice-President?" asked Lufuma.

And Wina responded by saying: "Mr Speaker, this morning I rushed to Parliament so I did not have the privilege to read the Newspapers to hear whether the President actually pronounced those words or not. So I can not give a substantive answer to that question."



Higher Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo

# We suspended students' unions because they only talked about bursaries – Luo

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Higher Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo says she suspended student unions because they only talked about bursaries when they went to her office instead of addressing other issues.

And Luo says all student bursary allowances for the academic year 2016 and 2017 have been paid off. In Parliament yesterday during the oral answer session, Monze Central UPND member of parliament Jack Mwimbu asked how the minister would have a normal dialogue with the students after banning unions.

"Mr Speaker, I would like to find out from the minister, having made a decision to ban student unionism at universities and other higher institutes of education, how she expects to have normal dialogue with the students when there is no student representatives in these institutions?" Mwimbu wondered.

Luo however said all students were free to engage her individually without going through union representatives.

"Mr Speaker, if the honourable member of parliament remembers the statements that I have made, I have said I have suspended. In the English dictionary, there is a difference in definition of suspension and banning. The second thing is that the students can not only speak through their representatives, they can engage me. I can go to UNZA, CBU like I have done, so that each student expresses their issues. Whenever the so called representatives have

come to my office, they have only spoken about the BC. How many students in the university are on BC? Because the university has students who are paid allowances by government and some whose fees are paid by their families. So if the unions are only coming to speak to me about BC, what about the other issues in their universities? The universities at the moment require a proper learning environment, proper lecture theatres, proper access to libraries, proper sanitation and access to clean water. That is what I expect unions to come to me and talk to me about," she said.

"Everything I know about universities, I have had to leave my office go on my own and investigate what's going on in the universities. All the corrective measures that I'm doing were not brought to my attention by unions so I don't know what the honourable member is talking about. But I believe every human being has the right to speak to the minister and I don't have to speak through student unions... A university is a place for intellectuals and I expect dialogue between the students and myself. I have given open door policy to all the students with no exception to talk to me if there is any issue that my staff are failing to resolve. And I want to warn all the students as we open the next academic year, any student found rioting will be expelled with immediate effect. When we have finished our consultations on the type of leadership we shall have in our institutions of learning, I

will bring a ministerial statement to this house and announce it through the press."

Luo regretted that MP were politicising local universities because their children were sent abroad.

"And it's these unrests happening at our institutions that has taken us down. So I would really love our honourable members of parliament not to politicise the universities and institutions of higher learning. Even your own children will be beneficiaries of these institutions when they are being run properly. The reason you send your children abroad is that you have no confidence in these same institutions. Some of you who are asking questions right now, don't have your children at those universities," she said.

And Luo said bursaries would be paid in good time while project allowances would only be paid after projects so that students don't misuse the money.

She was responding to Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili who wanted to know why government was failing to pay students when funds for President Edgar Lungu's travels were always available.

"Minister, in your response you said some of you people speaking here don't even have children at these institutions. Are you aware that most of the Zambian parents today do not take their children to UNZA or CBU because when a child is suppose to go for a course for four years, they end up being there for seven years because of these riots which are as a result of failure by government to pay

salaries. What practicals are you doing to end these riots and make sure that when money is due for the students as government you have the money ready? When it means the President travelling you have the money. Why are you failing to give the students the money?" Kambwili asked.

But Luo said Kambwili was misinformed.

"The honourable member of parliament asked a very important question but then ends up saying something irrelevant. But I would like to answer his question. Mr Speaker, this is why when you come to the Ministry of Higher Education today, the allowances have been paid on time. People just go to the streets and say we haven't been paid allowances. It's this misinformation that goes to the public that government is

not doing what is correct. This academic year 2016-2017, no student in any institution will tell you that they were not paid in good time," said Luo.

"There is a difference between paying allowances and project allowances. Project allowance is not money for their pocket. Its money to be paid when carrying out a project. So the ministry will not pay project allowance until that stream of students is ready to go for projects. This is why they can go and protest on project allowances. We will not pay project allowances together with the BC allowances because this money is for projects. So accommodation and meal allowance will be paid in good time, project allowance will be paid when its time for the projects."

# Muvi TV reporter, Mwape wins Free Press Resilience Award

By Joseph Mwenda

MUVI television investigative reporter Mwape Kumwenda has won the 2017 Free Press Most Resilient Journalist Award, under the Free Press Unlimited Organisation. Kumwenda bagged home €15,000 after her name was announced as winner of this year's award during a colourful ceremony held in Netherlands today.

She was the only African and only Zambian nominated for the prestigious honour. "It's done! Africa's only, Zambia's only, Muvi TV's only and Simeon Kumwenda's only wife is the 2017 free press most

resilient award winner. The first Zambian to be awarded by Free Press. All thanks to God and Melody Bwalya Mwala for the nomination," Kumwenda posted on her Facebook page moments after she was handed the hefty cheque.

Zambian journalists back home could not resist joining the private TV journalist on social media in celebrating her achievement, which definitely puts the country as a whole on the global map of functional private media houses.

The award also places Kumwenda on the list of new generation free press heroes, and

advances her career on a trendsetting path.

In Zambia, 31-year-old Kumwenda is one of the most decorated young journalists having won numerous awards in various fields.

To mention but a few, Kumwenda won the 2015 Courage Award under the International Women Media Foundation, she won the 2017 ZEMA Environmental reporting award, ZANEC Early Childhood Reporting and Tertiary Education Reporting. She has several MISA awards under Corruption reporting and Health News Coverage.





# China-Zambia Day



*Picture by Tenson Mkala*



*Above, artistes perform during the 53rd anniversary of China-Zambia diplomatic relations at Government complex in Lusaka on November 1, 2017. Left, Tourism minister Charles Banda follows the proceedings with Chinese officials*



# Madam DPP, divorce the President and marry the law!

Deputy Inspector General of Police Malcom Mulenga made a very interesting statement on October 26, 2017. He said the police are not to blame for the numerous court cases that the Director of Public Prosecutions is discontinuing through nolle prosequis.

“Entering of Nolle Prosequi by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) should not be misconstrued as incompetence on the part of the police, as there are several reasons that may lead to entering of Nolle Prosequi in particular cases. The Director of Public Prosecutions is not obliged to give reasons for making such a decision, as the [DPP’s] office is protected by the law. We therefore, warn members of the public not to push the Police too far as we will not relent in bringing to book all those that come in conflict with the Law,” stated Mulenga.

When Deputy IG Mulenga made this remark, we wondered what could have prompted him to remind the public that the DPP’s office was discontinuing so many court cases. It seems the police command was warning the public that they would continue arresting citizens even if the DPP won’t have a case against them.

We feel there are many reasons why Mr Mulenga was speaking like this. On many occasions State House officials have reached out to the police command to give orders on how to grind down political opponents of

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those who are in power – at least there is audio evidence to attest to this fact.

This means if the Police command does not do as commanded by State House, heads roll. If citizens start walking around with placards, demonstrating against corruption or abuse of authority, without any arrests being made, the IG would become jobless. Therefore, we can understand Inspector General Kakoma Kanganja, his deputy and Provincial Police Commissioners accepting to be used by those who appointed them.

But there has to be an office that puts an end to the rot. There has to be a gatekeeper who gives political maneuvers a legal direction. Those powers are vested in the National Prosecution Authority, under the stewardship of the Director of Public Prosecutions. But in Zambia, the office of the DPP is not playing that role very well.

The DPP has a duty to ensure

that the prosecution office is not used for political ends. The moment a case smells politics, the DPP should not even wait. She should immediately stand up to protect the integrity of the prosecution service. That’s her job.

You can tell from the statements made by the office of the Inspector General that the men in charge of the police command are in bed with politicians. But a good DPP must resist the sweetness of being in bed with the office of the President. We find it our responsibility to remind the incumbent DPP, Ms Lillian Shawa Siyunyi that while it could be true that she was called back from abroad to come and serve the interests of the sitting President, after taking the job, it is absolutely her choice to decide how to proceed.

Unlike the Inspector General of Police, Ms Siyunyi’s office is protected by the Constitution. If today she decided to divorce herself

from the presidential puppet show, no State House official will touch her. Removing Ms Siyunyi from office would require a battalion of seriously armed paramilitary police officers to drag her to Chongwe, like they dragged Mutembo Nchito. And like Mr Nchito, Ms Siyunyi should be ready to be arrested, humiliated and stripped off her immunity before being thrown out. As long as she refused to be used by politicians, such an experience would give her joy.

But that is not what we have seen with Ms Siyunyi. We fear that if our DPP takes pride in being praised by the most powerful man in the land, she is not fit to be in that office. A good example of how Ms Siyunyi has failed to protect the integrity of the prosecution authority is the treason case. Those who doubt that the DPP’s office is being demeaned should look back at the facts in the Hakainde Hichilema treason case. Even us who have never been to law

university can tell that the case was empty, a waste of time. But Ms Siyunyi was busy sending prosecutors to go and argue at the subordinate court.

One would have thought that being a good lawyer that she claims to be, Ms Siyunyi would have reviewed the evidence on the file so that she assesses the weight in the evidence provided. At that point, she could have advised the political authorities that the treason case would not last beyond a day of trial. She could have advised the President that the case would end up a humiliation to the State. But Ms Siyunyi allowed the treason accused to spend 127 days in remand prison, knowing too well that she had no case against them. Where is her integrity as a chief government prosecutor? What legal opinion did she give on that treason case?

It was very clear that the DPP’s office was used for very obvious political machinations. Her office was

basically surrendered to politicians during that period. Both the arrest and release of Hichilema and five others were an embarrassment to Zambia. The arrest showed that our police officers are not professional while the release also showed that our prosecutors are not professional. They seem to be working to a political timetable.

But this is exactly what we warned Ms Siyunyi on April 18, a few days after Mr Hichilema was charged with treason. We warned the DPP that her reputation was at stake. We told Ms Siyunyi to consider the day that Mr Hichilema would take plea, as the day when her own trial would commence.

Here we are today. The police put the DPP on trial and now they have passed their judgment. They have come to the conclusion that the DPP is incompetent and everything they take to her office, no matter how nonsensical, ends up in court but discontinued through nolle prosequi. We would like to remind Ms Siyunyi that her office is not a political office. She should conduct herself in a manner that would allow her to work under any regime. Let her not take pride in bootlicking.

Yes, our culture teaches us to remain quiet when elders fart, but our traditions don’t encourage us to clap for the breathing elders. Stop bending to smelly orders Ms Siyunyi, turn the other way and pretend you didn’t hear.

ZAMBIAN opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema this past Wednesday appeared on probably the world’s most popular interview show HARDtalk hosted by Stephen Sackur.

Before I go any further, allow me to categorically state that I am not a UPND sympathizer. I don’t do partisan politics. Never have and never will.

I had the opportunity of watching the half-hour interview programme on BBC

## HH’s Interview on Hard Talk

World News around

Wednesday mid morning.

The interview generated quite a buzz in my home country. It was interesting to see even the media houses that have blacked out HH and his party like government controlled Zambia Daily Mail and the

Times of Zambia covering this story.

I took time to read through some comments from fellow Zambians on social media and judging by some of the comments, it appears to me the majority of people were watching HARDtalk for the first

time.

I have been watching HARDtalk since 2000 when it was hosted by the programme’s first anchor Tim Sebastian.

Those who think Stephen Sackur gave HH a tough time should have watched his predecessor.

Tim

Sebastian was so tough he never used to shake hands of the people he interviewed.

Some of the people he interviewed walked out on him. One of those was then Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic in 2001.

To those who may be new to this programme, in the words of Tim Sebastian, “It’s not a social event.”

It’s not called HARDtalk for nothing. The programme’s aim is to achieve enlightenment through tough and sharply focused questions backed by armouries of killer facts.

Someone asked about my thoughts on the interview. Well, I thought HH did fairly well. I mean, whether you like HH or not, you have to give it up to him for having the courage to appear on a

programme most politicians will avoid at all cost.

It is funny how those in the PF claim HH was roasted by Stephen Sackur when President Edgar Lungu chickened out after he was invited to appear on BBC Focus on Africa.

Our President would rather appear on our dimly parochial domestic channels like ZNBC being asked questions prepared by his special assistant for press and public relations Amos Chanda.

*Kampa Senkwe,  
Johannesburg,  
South Africa*

## The South African case: Billions lost to corruption

It’s a painful annual ritual. How much money has the state lost in what is called fruitless and wasteful expenditure in this past financial year? Is it better or is it worse? The auditor general, Kimi Makwetu, reported this week that it has gone up. The figure is sitting at R45.6-billion, up 55% since the last audit. And that’s just the irregular spending the auditor general knows about; there are many departments and other state bodies that have not submitted their accounts yet, despite being legally required to do so. If and when they are audited, the figure would likely rise.

This is staggering. South Africa is already suffering from an almost catatonic economy, rising unemployment and a

host of serious financial problems — the minister of finance said as much in his mid-term budget review recently. What will he say in response to Makwetu’s evaluation of the condition of state-owned enterprises? They wasted about R2.88-billion, with what Makwetu described as “the main contributors” to this sorry sum being “the Airports Company South Africa, the South African Post Office [Sapo] and the South African Broadcasting Corporation [SABC].”

Sapo and the SABC were, in fact, teetering very close to collapse. Because proper supply-chain procedures were not followed, Sapo spent R719-million irregularly and the SABC spent R687-

million. (SAA, which recently had to get another few billions’ worth of guarantees from the government, hadn’t managed to submit its accounts at all by the auditor’s deadline.)

It would be possible to go on for a fairly long time enumerating these misspent millions. But think for a moment about the relatively small amount of R1.2-million — the amount the South African Revenue Service’s deputy head, Jonas Makwakwa, was found to have deposited into his personal account, sometimes in great handfuls of cash. It came from a stokvel or a taxi business, he claimed.

A year later, Makwakwa, after being suspended all this time, is back at work;

his boss, Tom Moyane, says a law firm’s report has cleared Makwakwa. No actual explanation for those wads of cash Makwakwa was shoving into the ATM. Do they just disappear if Moyane assures us everything is okay?

Well, no. Apart from the fact that nobody believes Moyane any more, especially after the KPMG debacle, we have the right to know whether that R1.2-million was declared by Makwakwa and his associates. After all, that’s what Sars asks of all taxpayers. And it’s taxpayers’ money that is being misspent to the tune of R45.6-billion. Asking Moyane and Makwakwa to be accountable might make those taxpayers feel a little better.



# Beyonce joins 'The Lion King' cast



Beyonce is set to voice Simba's childhood friend turned love interest Nala in the live-action remake of Disney's "The Lion King," the singer and studio announced Wednesday.

The 36-year-old pop megastar confirmed the long-rumored role in a Facebook post that showed headshots of the voice cast, also revealing that Keegan-Michael Key ("Why Him?", "Storks") will be playing a hyena named Kamari.

Alongside Beyonce - and mostly previously announced - will be Donald Glover as Simba, James Earl Jones reprising his role in the 1994 animated movie as Mufasa, and Chiwetel Ejiofor as his nemesis Scar.

South African actor John Kani will be playing Rafiki.

Comedian John Oliver was confirmed as Zazu, while other big names in the production -- set for release in July 2019 -- include Seth Rogen and Billy Eichner.

"It is a director's dream to assemble a talented team like this to bring this classic story to life," said director Jon Favreau, who helmed Disney's hit live-action remake of "The Jungle Book" (2016), in a statement confirming the cast.

The production will build on Disney's hugely lucrative reimagining of that movie and several other classics from

its vaults -- including "Beauty and the Beast," "Maleficent" and "Cinderella" -- for contemporary audiences.

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It won Oscars for the song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by Elton John and Tim Rice, and for its score by Hans Zimmer, plus two Grammy Awards, with the soundtrack selling more than 14 million copies.

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## 'Hannah Montana' messed up my head - Miley Cyrus

## Mariah bags a star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

Mariah Carey joined Hollywood's elite in plunging her hands and feet into cement at the iconic TCL Chinese Theater Wednesday, a tribute to the versatile singer's quarter-century of stardom.

Dressed in true diva fashion in a figure-hugging black dress and matching strappy stilettos, Carey sported designer sunglasses as she addressed fans, flanked by Empire showrunner Lee Daniels.

Carey, famous for her five-octave range, thanked supporters who have been with her through a career that has produced such smash pop hits as Vision of Love, Heartbreaker and We Belong Together.

"It's an honor to be here and I hope I can walk in these shoes. This is all I can say," she joked.

Carey, who is around 47, has been one of the most successful artists of the past 27 years, with more than 200 million albums sold worldwide and five Grammy awards.

She was the top-selling female artist in the United States in the 1990s and her 1995 song One Sweet Day with Boyz II Men maintains the record for the most weeks at number one on the Billboard singles chart.

But her last album - 2014's Me. I Am Mariah. The Elusive Chanteuse - was her weakest chart performer.

In 2015, she began a residency show at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. *Huffingtonpost*



"I think that's probably what's a little bit wrong with me now," the singer told CBS Sunday Morning.

In a new interview, Miley Cyrus admits that playing the title character in "Hannah Montana" messed with her head.

The pop star and "Voice" coach sat down with CBS Sunday Morning and spoke candidly about how her popular on-screen persona sparked identity issues.

"America feels like my aunt [telling me], 'You know, you're growing up so much and we don't want to see you grow up,'" she said, continuing, "I think why people loved Hannah Montana was because Hannah Montana did feel real, and that's because I was under there."

Cyrus said the lines between her personas started blurring once she went out on tour as

both Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus. When asked how she dealt with that, she replied, "I think that's probably what's a little bit wrong with me now. I mark that up to doing some extreme damage in my psyche as an adult person."

She then credited her provocative "Wrecking Ball" music video as the catalyst for allowing her to distinguish her true self from her squeaky-clean Disney star alter ego.

"I didn't realize that it was going to shift me into truly being my own person," Cyrus said. "It changed my life. I felt like that divide, that boundary, was very clear."

The video's sexual nature — who can forget a naked Cyrus riding on a wrecking ball — combined with a controversial performance at the 2013 Video Music Awards

catapulted the singer into a brand new territory, identity-wise. It also led to a fair share of criticism.

"I got that women-judgment-double-standard in a heavy dosing, and I'm OK with that," Cyrus said. "I just recently read Hillary Clinton's book [What Happened] and now I think of things in a whole different way. I always think, 'If she can lose an election, I can do this.'"

The 24-year-old also reinforced that she doesn't regret any of her decisions, citing a quote used at a yoga studio she goes to.

"The more that you love your own decisions, the less you need other people to love them," she recited, before adding, "I've learned a lot from a lot of people who have gotten knocked down to get back up, so I'm OK with that." *Huffingtonpost*

# Something is definitely going down with Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber

If Justin Bieber was Selena Gomez's boyfriend, the stars' behavior over the past few days would certainly make more sense.

Gomez and Bieber reconnected earlier this week as news spread that Gomez split from singer The Weeknd after 10 months together. The former couple was spotted together again on Wednesday.

This time around, the two were seen biking in Los Angeles, flashing big smiles and laughing together. Bieber rocked an oversized red sweatshirt and matching shoes, while Gomez looked super cozy in an all-gray ensemble. The two were later

photographed cuddling up to each other, with Gomez seen leaning her head on Bieber's shoulder during a stop for coffee.

Neither Gomez nor Bieber has addressed the rumors of a rekindled relationship, but if a casual bike ride in comfy clothing with your ex doesn't scream "we're dating again," then consider us highly suspicious.

The singers famously dated on and off from 2011 to 2015, forming the monolithic entity "Jelena," which inspired leagues of young fans to feverishly root for the couple's success.

But break up they did. Both seemed to have moved on

personally and professionally save for a shady Instagram comment here and there.

Bieber has been linked to

a handful of women since splitting from Gomez, including Sofia Richie and Haley Baldwin. Meanwhile, the

"Fetish" singer began dating The Weeknd (aka Abel Tesfaye) sometime around January 2017. *Huffingtonpost*







US President Donald Trump has repeated calls for the suspect in the New York truck attack to get the death penalty.

But Mr Trump backed away from his call a day earlier to send Sayfullo Saipov to Guantanamo Bay, saying "that process takes much longer". The suspect told police he "felt good" about Tuesday's Halloween attack and wanted to kill as many as possible.

The 29-year-old allegedly drove a rented pick-up along a Manhattan bike path, killing eight people.

The victims were five Argentines who had travelled to New York to celebrate 30 years since their high school graduation, a young mother from Belgium and two Americans.

Mr Saipov, an Uzbek

# Trump demands death penalty for New York truck terrorist

immigrant, was shot at the scene by police, according to officials. Investigators say he told them he was inspired by the Islamic State militant group (IS).

Mr Saipov, who appeared in court on Wednesday in a wheelchair, faces federal terrorism charges, which means the government could override New York state's ban on capital punishment.

"There is also something appropriate about keeping him in the home of the horrible crime he committed," tweeted the Republican president, a native New Yorker, on Thursday morning. Repeating his initial call tweeted overnight for Mr Saipov to be executed, Mr Trump added: "Should move fast. DEATH PENALTY!"

However, some legal

commentators suggest that Mr Trump's comments could be seen as prejudicial to a trial. Earlier this week, a military judge said he would consider a lighter sentence for Bowe Bergdahl, a US soldier who deserted his Afghan base, because of Mr Trump's previous urging for that defendant to face the death penalty.

It is unusual for US presidents

to hold forth on pending criminal cases, but not unheard of.

In 1970, lawyers for mass murderer Charles Manson called for a mistrial after President Richard Nixon declared the cult leader guilty - in the middle of his trial.

Nixon backtracked and the judge allowed the case to go ahead.

Mr Trump has previously called for capital punishment to be applied in high-profile cases.

In 1989, when a group of five black and Latino men were charged with a particularly brutal rape of a woman in New York City, Mr Trump paid \$85,000 for an ad in city newspapers with the headline "Bring Back the Death Penalty!"

The five defendants were later cleared by DNA evidence.

Prosecutors say Mr Saipov spoke freely to them,

waiving his right to avoid self-incrimination while in custody.

According to federal court papers, he said:

The attack was a year in the planning and he carried out a trial run with a rental truck last month

He originally planned to target the Brooklyn Bridge as well

He wanted to display IS flags on the truck, but decided not to draw attention to himself. He was inspired by 90 graphic and violent propaganda videos found on his phone - in particular, one in which IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi asks what Muslims are doing to avenge deaths in Iraq.

Mr Saipov was charged with one count of providing material support and resources to IS and another count of violence and destruction of motor vehicles.

**BBC News**

## Tanzania burns 6,400 live chickens illegally smuggled in from Kenya

An animal rights group in Tanzania has criticised the burning of more than 6,400 live chickens illegally smuggled from Kenya to curb the outbreak of diseases such as bird flu.

The chickens were burnt by officials of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and members of the security forces after they were seized at the Namanga border post on Monday night.

Tanzania Animal Welfare Society executive director Thomas Kahema said there were more effective ways to tackle the problem, and it would have been better to return the chickens to Kenya than to burn them, Tanzania's Citizen newspaper reports, adding that there has also been criticism on social media.

"The decision has distorted image of the country to our neighbour," Mr Kahema is quoted as saying.

Businesswoman Mary Matia, 23, brought the chickens, worth more than \$5,000 (£3,800), from Kenya and watched with sadness and disbelief as they were burnt, the BBC's

Balthazar Nduwayezu reports from Namanga town.

Tanzania banned chicken imports about a decade ago following the outbreak of bird flu in the region.

Veterinary inspector Charles Murira told the BBC:

Why did we burn them? Because they came in without any

permits."

The chickens were mostly smuggled at night, endangering the health of Tanzanians, veterinarian Medard Tarimo was quoted by The Citizen as saying.

An outbreak of avian flu in Uganda earlier this year led to the deaths of thousands of domestic and wild birds. **BBC News**



## Zuma denies receiving R1m monthly from freinds

President Jacob Zuma has denied allegations made by investigative journalist Jacques Pauw, who claimed in his book "The President's Keepers" that the president received a monthly "salary" of R1-million from tender mogul Roy Moodley.

"I did not receive any payments from private individuals or companies during my tenure as president other than those disclosed or reported to the necessary authorities," Zuma said.

The president was replying to an urgent question tabled in parliament by the Democratic Alliance on Thursday.

In his book, Pauw outlines how a South African Revenue Service (SARS) official in 2010 discovered that Zuma had allegedly been receiving payments from Royal Security, a company owned by Moodley, and had not declared this to SARS.

DA leader Mmusi Maimane, in a follow-up question, asked Zuma whether he would be willing to table his declarations of interest since 2009 to Parliament.

"I have given a very categorical answer to the question, and secondly, there are many books that have talked about Jacob Zuma. I don't think my job is to answer books, I have given the answer here," Zuma said, dismissing the allegations against him as speculation. "I don't know exactly what is it that makes people to make allegations... I can't tell you exactly what it is that makes them to do so... They are trying to find a way to undermine the ANC more than anything, that is my speculation."

Asked if this was his final answer, Zuma said yes. **Huffingtonpost**



Anthony Joshua's hopes of facing Deontay Wilder hit a stumbling block as WBC order Bronze Bomber to face Dominic Breazeale or Eric Molina

The winner of Dominic Breazeale's fight with Eric Molina will become the mandatory challenger to Deontay Wilder's WBC heavyweight title, denting Anthony Joshua's hopes of facing the Bronze Bomber next year.

Breazeale and Molina, both of whom have already lost to Joshua in the paid ranks, meet on the undercard of Wilder's title defence against Bermane Stiverne in Brooklyn on Saturday.

The two Americans are ranked sixth and 12th,

# Joshua vs Wilder fight put on wait

respectively, in the WBC's heavyweight rankings. But on Wednesday the sanctioning body announced that the

fight would act as a final eliminator for Wilder's world title.

Following victory over Carlos Takam in Cardiff

on Saturday, IBF and WBA king Joshua claimed that a unification bout with the Alabama fighter 'has to happen'. 'Boxing

needs it and so do I, 100 per cent,' he said.

But Eddie Hearn's plan to have AJ fight Wilder, Tyson Fury and WBO

champion Joseph Parker have been dealt a setback by the WBC's decision.

Wilder, too, has been eyeing fights with the other champions, claiming this week: 'I want to unify the division so bad. That's my ultimate goal.' *Daily Mail UK*



Anthony Joshua  
with his world titles

## Wedson says Zambia missed striker Patson Daka when the Chipolopolo faced Nigeria

By Nyambe Lubasi

Chipolopolo coach Wedson Nyirenda is excited to see striker Patson Daka back in action and in time for next week's home clash against Cameroon.

Daka returned to competitive action on Monday at his Austrian base following a one month injury layoff that saw him miss Zambia's penultimate 2018 FIFA World Cup Group B qualifier against Nigeria on October 7 that Chipolopolo lost 1-0 away in Uyo.

"Patson's recovery has really excited me. We missed his services in Uyo," Nyirenda said.

"We need to consolidate the team we have built each day. This must not be stopped. We must be on the lookout for talent all times and integrate them in timely."

Meanwhile, Zambia enter camp in Ndola on November 4 ahead of the November 11 Group B formality match against Cameroon at Levy Mwanawasa Stadium.

Second placed Zambia and 3rd positioned Cameroon will battle for a honourable runners-up finish in Group B after Nigeria clinched the 2018 Moscow finals ticket on an unassailable 13 points following last month's win over Chipolopolo.

Zambia and Cameroon have 7 and 6 points respectively heading into their closing match.

# Lyon edges Everton out of Europa League



Ten-man Everton were knocked out of the Europa League with defeat at Lyon as David Unsworth's hopes of being made their permanent manager were dealt a further blow.

The defeat coupled with Atalanta's 1-1 draw against Apollon Limassol means the Toffees cannot progress from the group stage with two matches remaining.

Unsworth, who was promoted from the club's academy to become caretaker boss after the sacking of Ronald Koeman, has now lost all three games he has overseen.

Former Chelsea player Bertrand Traore opened the scoring in the 68th minute when he outpaced the Everton backline and slotted past Jordan Pickford.

Their second came 14 minutes from

time when substitute Houssem Aouar threaded his shot past the reach of the England goalkeeper, who was already spread out on the turf having saved from Mariano Diaz in the build-up.

It went from bad to worse for the visitors when they were reduced to 10 men after Morgan Schneiderlin received a second yellow for a foul on Maxwel Cornet.

And with two minutes remaining former Manchester United midfielder Memphis Depay, who set up the strike for Aouar, applied the final blow when he headed in the third from six yards.

Earlier in the match, Everton full-back Cuco Martina was taken off in a neck brace having fallen awkwardly in a challenge with Cornet. *Goal.Com*



## Numba Mumamba Takes over as new Under-20 coach

By Nyambe Lubasi

Beston Chambeshi has been confirmed as Zambia Under-23 coach while Mumamba Numba has taken over the Under-20 coaching job.

A FAZ official who was not willing to be named said the changes were ratified last Saturday during a FAZ executive committee meeting held at Football House in Lusaka.

The official said Chambeshi would also continue with his role as assistant Chipolopolo coach under Wedson Nyirenda.

The 2016 COSAFA U20

Cup and 2017 U20 AFCON winning coach will now oversee Zambia's 2019 CAF U23 Cup and 2019 Tokyo Olympics qualifying campaigns.

Numba on the other hand will be tasked with defending the COSAFA U20 title on home ground from December 6-16 in Kitwe.

The Zanaco coach is former Zambia Under-17 trainer where he led Zambia to victory at the 2017 COSAFA U17 Cup in Mauritius in July. Meanwhile, FAZ has yet to appoint a new bench to replace Numba at Under-17.



Daka has recovered from injury in time to face Cameroon. See story on Page 11

## Lyon edges Everton out of Europa League

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By Nyambe Lubasi

FAZ has set into motion the establishment of a semi-autonomous structure to run the league.

FAZ president Andrew Kamanga said at a media briefing on Friday at Football House in Lusaka that the issue of de-linking the management of the league from the mother body was in line with trends elsewhere around the world.

"It has always been the intention of this executive committee to de-link the League's from the Football Association of Zambia. This is standard and best-practice worldwide, and Zambia should be no exception. It is our belief that this decision will go a long way towards making our league's attractive to more sponsorship opportunities, including some that have already been presented to the Association," Kamanga said.

"Before the renegotiations of the MTN league sponsorship, we will engage all stakeholders, particularly our members whose input is critical to structuring a deal that meets their needs and the current business environment.

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"Further, the league will function in a fully professional manner, with little disturbance or interruption in the programme. This new structure will create a multitude of sponsorship opportunities for corporate partners to associate with the national teams at all levels.

"The Association will focus on managing all national teams as well as provide regulatory oversight in line with the statutes and regulations. A working committee will be appointed immediately after the end of the 2017 season to undertake this assignment and provide the

implementation timeline." Meanwhile, Kamanga also disclosed that new regulations regarding the importation of foreign players will soon be introduced following a flurry over imports over the last three years.

"New regulations for foreign players will be introduced to ensure that the leagues' attract quality players from outside the country," Kamanga said.

He added that FAZ has also setup an Audit and Compliance Committee and Ethics Committee whose members shall be announced soon.

