

# JCC ASKS LUNGU TO

# SUSPEND NKONDE

## Complaints commission finds judge wanting for professional misconduct

*By Joseph Mwenda*

The Judicial Complaints Commission (JCC) has asked President Edgar Lungu to suspend High Court judge Sunday Nkonde in order to pave way for investigations into how he handled the liquidation of The Post Newspaper.

A Judiciary official who explained the development to News Diggers! said following the recommendation from the JCC, president Lungu was obliged, in accordance with the Constitution, to suspend judge Nkonde within 7 days. *To page 4*

## PF MPs a bunch of criminals - Kabimba

*By Mukosha Funga*

PF members of parliament are a bunch of criminals, says Rainbow Party leader Wynter Kabimba.

And Kabimba says President Edgar Lungu lacks the seriousness required of a Head of State.

Meanwhile, Kabimba says soon, the people of Zimbabwe will be crying again because it is the same corrupt ZANU-PF in power.

Speaking when he featured on CBC tv's On Record programme yesterday, Kabimba condemned PF MPs for shooting down a motion to expedite payments to retirees. He said it was criminal for PF

MPs to shoot down a motion which hinged on people's welfare. *To page 3*

## Britain has no sympathy for Mugabe, says envoy

*By Mirriam Chabala*

Britain does not pretend to regret Robert Mugabe's downfall because he is responsible for Zimbabwe's oppression, says British envoy to Zambia Fergus Cochrane. *Full story page 5*

## Debt levels worry BoZ

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*

Bank of Zambia Governor Danny Kalyalya says more efforts need to be made in

order to contain the high debt levels which have significantly risen in the recent past.

And Dr Kalyalya says it is worrying that lending rates had remained high in spite of the Central Bank's decision to ease the monetary policy. Meanwhile, Dr Kalyalya says it has been an honour to serve as BoZ governor and hopes his predecessor will continue with the culture of transparency, which he espoused. *To page 4*

## Motorists are struggling to pay toll fees, says Kafue MP

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High Court Judge Sunday Nkonde

## It's childish for Kambwili to keep insulting Lungu - Chanda

*Mirriam Chabala*

Patriotic Front Copperbelt youth chairman Nathan Chanda says it is childish for someone seeking to be called "Mr President" to continue telling lies about President Edgar Lungu.

In apparent reference to Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba

Kambwili in a statement today, Chanda, who is also Luanshya Mayor, it was deceitful to say

President Lungu had departed from Michael Sata's vision. *To page 5*

## Govt should also pay me for consultancy during illegal stay in office - Mukanga

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# National Parks department explains implications of suspending hunting permits

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Department of National Parks in Zambia says government is bound to lose a lot of money or risks being taken to court if it suspends hunting concessions for companies that have signed agreements.

Department Assistant Director for Commercial Services Austin Mwakifwamba also disclosed that the department raised a total of K111 million both in hunting and photographic tourism in the year 2016.

Mwakifwamba said this when he appeared before the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today, with other controlling officers from the Ministry of Tourism and Arts, led by Permanent Secretary Dr Liya Mutale to respond to issues cited in the latest Auditor general's report. "We raised K111 million in total both in hunting and in photographic tourism. In particular when you look at hunting, we raised about K33 million. Hunting in Zambia takes the three forms, this

is safari hunting which is conducted by foreign clients and these clients come from outside to come and hunt in Zambia for trophy. Specifically it could be the skin, the horns or any part of the body and the charges for this trophy hunting is usually in US dollars," Mwakifwamba said. "This is done with companies that have got concession agreements with the government where they pay for land user fees which are concession agreements as well as animal fees. So this hunting

is continuing because we have got contracts with various companies in Zambia, which if we were to suspend the hunting for any other logistical reasons, we can easily be taken to court and the government is bound to lose a lot of money because we have committed the government that hunting will continue under this form of hunting." He said hunting was the most form of raising revenue for the department because the fees were high. "I must mention before this

house that this is the hunting that brings the highest form of revenue because the fees are charged in US dollars and they are basically in two forms. One has to do with concession fees which are user fees for rentals for these hunting blocks and the other form of fees is the animal fees which is charged per animal that is harvested depending on the value of that animal," Mwakifwamba said. Asked how many Zambian companies owned the concession companies, Mwakifwamba could not

state the number but said the companies were owned by Zambians.

"The companies that we engaged to conduct hunting are in all these areas as Zambian owned companies. What we cannot distinguish is because Zambians are of different colour and it is difficult for me chair to establish who is an indigenous Zambian but what I can state before this house is that all these companies are owned by Zambians. And the majority of the share holding of these companies are Zambians," he said.

Meanwhile Solwezi West UPND member of parliament Teddy Kasonso who is also committee member asked for a list of the concessioners so that the committee could investigate with the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA).

"Yes Chair, I don't want to be caught napping. I just want the officer from the Worldlife Authority to avail this committee with the list of the companies or the concessioners who are involved in this hunting, trophy hunting he mentioned so that some of us can go to PACRA and investigate who are these Zambians who are involved in this trophy hunting," Kasonso asked.

In his response, Mwakifwamba requested that he and his team be given time to prepare the list which he said would be submitted to the committee the following day.

"The department of national parks is able to provide you with that list but not here, we need a bit of time to go and prepare that list," responded Mwakifwamba.

# Kambwili questions ConCourt's failure to cite Mwila for contempt

Miriam Chabala

Chishimba Kambwili says he is wondering why the Constitutional Court has not cited Patriotic Front Secretary General Davies Mwila for contempt after he said the court's ruling on the President's eligibility would not change the PF candidate for 2021.

And Kambwili called on other courageous Zambians to join him in exposing the evils in the PF government, saying a lone voice was not good enough as he could one day "drop dead" and leave the struggle.

Speaking when he featured on Kokoliko FM radio programme in Chingola on Monday, Kambwili who is a rebel PF member of parliament for Roan, noted that Mwila's comments on President Edgar Lungu's eligibility and the Party's decision to endorse him even though the matter was still in Court, was the worst kind of attack the judiciary.

And Kambwili said it was impossible to trust Mwila about anything because he was just a liar who thrived on lies to elevate himself.

"When you look at the Secretary General of PF, Davies Mwila. I used to work with Mwila here on Copperbelt and you all know who Mwila is, the only thing he knows is telling lies, he thrives on lies and deceit to get where he wants to go. There is absolutely no way Mwila can be Secretary General of a party, nangufye iyo party yabalume naba kanshi teti abe Secretary General (even if that political party belonged to a husband and wife, Mwila can't be Secretary General) I am even surprised that he is Secretary of the PF because Mr Sata used to tell us that Mwila is a liar," Kambwili charged.

"One day we were seated in a meeting with Mr Sata and the members of parliament were convening to say 'Mr President, Mwila is always bringing confusion' but Mr Sata said 'ine nga shali intungulushi yamano, Mwila bonse imwe nga alimipwisha pantu wabufi elo necho esa mukucita ku office kumyandi nga aisa, kubepafye ubufi (If I were a foolish leader, Mwila would have divided all of you with his lies because when he

comes to my office, the only thing he does is tell lies), ask Mwila and let him to deny this."

He said Mwila attacked the judiciary with impunity.

"Surely, is that a person whom someone who is a reasonable President can appoint as a Secretary General for a Party? The President goes and says 'I am only going up to 2021' but bena ba Mwila baya ati 'no, he (President Lungu) is our sole candidate'. You see, let us even learn to respect the Courts, you can not attack the Courts like that with impunity. I am even surprised that he has not been cited for contempt because that matter of whether President Lungu qualifies to stand or not is still in Court. Now the ruling party which is the party in government goes and issues a statement saying 'whether you

like it or not, Lungu is our sole candidate', you are only saying that whether the Court rules in the affirmative or otherwise, he is still our candidate and that's the worst kind of attacking the judiciary with impunity," he said.

"The Problem with Mwila is that even the level of his education is very low so when you have such people as Secretary General, you can't expect to succeed as a President."

Meanwhile, Kambwili regretted that he was the only person so far in the political scene who was pushing government and the ruling party to work.

"When a President speaks, the whole country is supposed to feel that the President has spoken. Now, from the time Lungu became President,

when did you hear him speak firmly? Because I know Lungu very well even this issue of outsourcing at Mopani it is only after I spoke about it and castigated them in Parliament that we saw Joyce Nonde (Labour minister) and my friend [Christopher] Yaluma coming to Chingola, but if I keep quiet about it then nothing will happen because I am the only person they are scared of now. Once I talk they run but you can not depend on one voice what if I dropped dead today? We are just supposed to be doing the right thing at the right time, all of us. It can not be Chishimba Kambwili always," Kambwili said.

And Kambwili also apologised to the people of Chingola for having convinced them to vote for President Edgar Lungu in

the 2016 elections.

"Let me take this opportunity to also apologise unreservedly to the people of Chingola for having had come here to convince them to vote for Edgar Lungu, nicilya batila 'nalikwebele tabulapa (It's just like the proverbs say that you only realise when the damage has been done)', I am very sorry people of Chingola, I should have known [but] in life there is a lot of pretence," said Kambwili.

"When we gave President Lungu the one year mandate in 2015, he pretended to be a good person and to be a listening man but immediately we gave him the five years, he changed like a chameleon and his preoccupation is not to rule the country but to make money for himself and prolong his stay in power by all means."

# Surveillance cameras will replace traffic police on the roads - Mushimba

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Transport and Communications Minister Brian Mushimba says the concession agreement between the RTSA and Intelligent Mobility Solutions (IMS) once implemented, will bring an end to the era of traffic police officers on the roads.

In a ministerial statement to Parliament yesterday, Mushimba said the project would also bring about the use of electronic number plates.

"This partnership will bring about the following changes in traffic management by integrating the use of electronic number plates, sensors on our roads to detect the presence of traffic waiting at the green light, and thus reduce the time when the green signal is given to an empty road. Trucks will no longer be required to go through weigh bridges because it will be done using electronic weigh-in sensors. And there will be traffic cameras mounted above our roads to monitor and manage traffic, thereby doing away with traffic police officers," Mushimba said.

Mushimba emphasized that the project was at no cost to the

government as the concessionaire would invest everything and later recover his investment after 17 years.

"The project is at no cost to the Government of the Republic of Zambia while the concessionaire will provide among other solutions and services, CCTV cameras on our roads, road signs, vehicle inspection centers, cross-border tolling facilities, electronic number plates, high speed weigh in motion nodes to reduce overloading, and road safety enforcement equipment. These services and infrastructure required were calculated to cost the concessionaire slightly over \$100 million that will be recovered during the 17-year concession period from value added services," he said.

He said the concessionaire would also enforce road safety and collect fines from traffic offences while RTSA would retain its core mandate of regulation and collection of tax.

"RTSA retains its core mandate of regulation, education and collection of road tax, driver licensing fees and carbon tax. The concessionaire, through RTSA, will enforce road

safety and collect fines from traffic offences such as overloading, over speeding and road user charges for vehicle inspection and registration.

The Concessionaire will recover his costs over the course of the seventeen-year project duration through receipts of a portion pegged at 15% on the value-added services. Eighty-five (85%) percent of these collections will be remitted to the Zambian Government Treasury," Mushimba added.

Mushimba said that the partnership would also help improve the performance of RTSA on its core mandate.

"Further, the partnership will help improve the performance of RTSA on its core mandate and build capacity in RTSA to use modern methods of law enforcement using electronic systems. This will result in better fine collections as all violations will be recorded and documented. An electronic fine will be processed and synchronized with RTSA and police departments, which will manage and better control all raised fines and its collection processes. In addition, RTSA has over the

years faced numerous challenges in providing various services to the public because of lack of adequate resources to render services to the public as expected. On many occasions, motorists have spent long hours on queues in pursuit of services from RSTA, hence the need for a smart, integrated intelligent traffic management system," said Mushimba.

"The partnership is also intended to reduce the rising incidences of road crashes and fatalities and improve the road safety record of our country. Zambia, as we know, has in the recent past experienced some of the worst accidents that have resulted in the loss of lives of our brothers and sisters on our public roads. You may wish to note that in 2016, over 2,200 people died because of road traffic accidents on our public roads. Though these numbers have reduced by 20% this year compared to last year, the problem is far from being solved yet. These lives lost on the roads were more important to all of us and as Government we cannot sit back and watch so much lives being lost."



# Court refuses to resolve UNIP leadership wrangles

**Diggers Reporter**

The Lusaka High Court has dismissed a case in which three expelled UNIP members were seeking a declaration that the top leadership's continued stay in office was illegal, saying the court cannot intervene in "club" matters. Jarious Chakulunta, Charles Lubasi and Mwansa Musunte wanted the court to rule that UNIP president Tilyenji Kaunda, his vice Njekwa Anamela and secretary general Kenneth Kaira's prolonged stay in office was in violation of the party constitution. But High Court judge Betty Mung'omba refused to make

any declarations sought by the trio as there was no legal basis upon which she could grant the reliefs saying UNIP was a club governed by rules and regulated under the provisions of Societies Act.

Justice Mung'omba said the plaintiffs failed to prove their case on a balance of probability. She dismissed all the claims for being devoid of merit.

The court has also ruled that the plaintiffs had no rights and privileges to participate in affairs of the party as they were expelled.

During trial, Chakulunta testified that the party last held

its general congress in 2000 where it ushered in the central committee but the Defendants had continued holding office

even after their mandate ended in 2005.

Tilyenji and others contended that their stay in office was

in line with article 152 of the UNIP constitution thereby urging the court to dismiss the matter.

The Tilyenji was elected as president in 2001 at an extra ordinary council meeting held in Kabwe.

## ConCourt ruling means ex-ministers used govt resources to campaign - Caritas

**By Onishias Maamba in Chipata**

Caritas Chipata says the Constitutional Court decision to uphold its ruling on former Ministers to pay back salaries and allowances to the treasury, also means that they illegally used government resources to

campaign.

Caritas Chipata Good Governance Coordinator, John Mthaziko Zulu said the court's ruling had shown that the Judiciary was independent to the delight of citizens.

"On this part alone, you can link it to say that therefore the

elections were not free and fair, in the sense that these people during that time, they were using government fuel and their positions as ministers to do their campaigns. To some extent, it was unfair to all the opposition political parties that took part because they are

disadvantaged, and these were the things that LAZ and the church were advising that cant you relinquish your positions as ministers but they did not listen," Zulu said.

And Zulu said his organization was disappointed with the earlier stance the Attorney General took to represent the former ministers, saying it amounted to abuse of office.

"It's a welcome judgment and that's what we want to see in Zambia were the judiciary becomes independent. We were very much disappointed with the Attorney General who was trying to come in and stand in on behalf of those people, I think that actually amounts to abuse of authority," he said.

He said there is no way the Attorney General could have represented individuals who drew salaries in their personal capacity and not the government.

Further, Zulu charged that the ConCourt decision to uphold its initial ruling showed that last year's elections were not free and fair because ministers who were candidates used government machinery to campaign.

He recalled that the church and other Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) advised the former minister to leave their offices after parliament was dissolved, but they did not listen.

Meanwhile, the Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) in Eastern province has also has expressed happiness at the ConCourt's ruling.

CSPR provincial Coordinator, Maxson Nkhoma said the ruling could not have come at a better time than when government needed money to pay farmers who supplied their maize to Food Reverse Agency (FRA).

"We are glad with the judgment given by the Constitutional Court. The judgment could have not come at a better time than when government needs money to pay farmers who supplied maize to FRA," Nkhoma said.

He further urged all those ministers who stayed in office illegally to respect the judgement and pay the money immediately without any delays.

On Friday, the ConCourt maintained that the former ministers must pay back salaries and other emoluments which they accrued by staying in office after Parliament was dissolved before the 2016 elections.

The Court further ruled that the Attorney General could not represent the former ministers.

## PF MPs a bunch of criminals - Kabimba

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"It is criminal that this culture of [failing to pay retirees] has been perpetuated from the MMD days to date. That retiring in this country is consigning you to the mortuary. It is shameful, it is a scandal. I may not agree with Chishimba Kamwibili on many issues but on this one I agree with him. If this was the only issue which he could canvas, I would support him. So it is criminal to retire people and not pay them. Do you know that even some of these DCs who were appointed by Michael Sata, whose contracts have been terminated have not yet been paid up to now. They can't complete their houses, they can't send their children to school, they can't eat, and then when someone moves a motion in parliament to bind the government that these people must be paid, the PF MPs shoot it down because of the arrogance of numbers and after doing that, the same PF MPs in 2021 will go to the same retirees, some of them who will be dead, they will go to their families and ask them to vote for them. What sadism is that? That is being a sadist," Kabimba said.

"If you have no money, for God's sake don't retire anybody. but what is really painful is how PF members of parliament can betray the people by shooting down a motion like that, a motion which has everything to do with the wellbeing of the people. If they are not there to promote the welfare of the people, who in God's name are they representing in parliament? On whose behalf are they running this country? This is a bunch of criminals! The PF MPs are a bunch of criminals. Their attitudes and activities are criminal. So what do you call criminals when they are in a group? They are a bunch of criminals."

And Kabimba said President Lungu lacked seriousness. "Let me tell you the shock



that I had myself. You have a coup next door and President Lungu goes to Egypt. The day when he was leaving for Egypt, that was the first day for the coup in Zimbabwe, how do you leave your country when the house next door is burning? What if your own house starts burning?" Kabimba asked.

"I saw this in 1978, President [Julius] Nyerere was in Zambia when there was an attempted coup against Daniel arap Moi in Kenya. Nyerere cut short his visit and flew back to Tanzania because he is Commander in Chief, he must be on the ground.

Here, Edgar goes to Egypt and he is very happy there whilst there is a coup in Zimbabwe. I have never seen that kind of sense of security about your country. Botswana is right, they have to close borders and here, since it is chipante pante, who even knows whether or not borders should be closed?"

He reminded President Lungu that it was a country he was running, not a law firm.

"Bwana, this is a country! You are running a country! You are not playing, this is not a football match. This shows lack of seriousness and concern that you are running a country. It is

not downing on him that he is running a country. This is not a law firm, this is a country bwana. And what is happening can affect all of us so the President must show concern," Kabimba said.

Kabimba also said SADC had proved itself to be a "toothless bulldog".

"How can you help your friend when your own house is disorganized? What has SADC done? Nothing! They met today in Angola and there is a story that Zuma is flying to Harare, to go and do what? There is nothing which Zuma is going to do there. SADC has proven that it is a toothless bulldog and nobody will have confidence in SADC anymore after this," Kabimba said.

"For leaders that want to overstay, and this is where the third term comes in which Lungu is looking for, the more you want to overstay in power, the more corrupt you become, the more corrupt you become, the more you don't want to leave office. The more corrupt you become, the more you want to oppress divergent views. The more you want to make sure that there is no strong opposition in the country and you start to destroy even the same political

party to which you belong. Absolute power corrupts. It is important to respect the power divisions in the party and in the government."

Meanwhile, Kabimba said the people of Zimbabwe would soon be crying because nothing had changed as ousting Mugabe was orchestrated by the army's self-preservation interests.

"Unfortunately, Mugabe has been a victim of the factions that he himself started. There are some African leaders that believe that the more your ministers fight, or the more you make your ministers fight amongst themselves, the more secure you are... without realizing that factions in a political party mean indiscipline, that's what factions are. So you cannot harvest anything positive from indiscipline. You can't harvest anything positive from factions, he has been beaten to his own game. The army had to take sides between two factions and you must realise that the Zimbabwean army is an establishment from within the ZANU-PF and the problem that they had was that when they realized that Mugabe was about to anoint his wife to take over, the army generals realized

that then we will stop eating, she is going to fire us, so there is nothing like democracy here or whatever, it is self preservation and self interest by the army which then rallied the people to pretend as if this is about Mugabe. It is about who should now be in the forefront to eat," said Kabimba.

"The people have been used as is always the case in Africa and just give this time, and I hope I am wrong, but I am not wrong, just give it time, the same people you hear ululating and dancing disco paja, bazalila (they will cry). Because nothing has changed, this is still ZANU-PF. I don't see what has changed myself. It is still the same culture of corruption and exclusiveness. This is the same army that has kept Mugabe in power for the last 37 years, this is the same army that has helped Mugabe rig elections, they are the same army that battered [Morgan] Tsuagirai as leader of the opposition together with the police. This is the same army so how can Mugabe be bad and the army is good? The 37 years of Mugabe is the same 37 years of Chiwenga Costantino the army chief. So why are you only counting Mugabe's 37 years?"



# Upcoming AU-EU Summit will address political challenges in Africa - Mariani

**Miriam Chabala**

European Union Ambassador to Zambia Alessandro Mariani says he is confident that the upcoming AU-EU summit will deepen coalitions on global governance issues and address the political challenges that Africa faces.

And Ambassador Mariani says time has come for Zambia to have a clear pace for diversification of energy production by venturing into production of renewable energy. Speaking at a media breakfast ahead of the 5th AU-EU summit to be held in Ivory Coast from November 29-30 in Lusaka today, Ambassador Mariani said the upcoming summit would be built around a number of priorities such as investment, job creation, peace and security among other important matters.

"In this framework, you may have already heard and you will hear more and more about the European investment plan and this is the plan where the EU has already committed €4.1 billion which is expected to be used as a magnet to leverage more resources coming from the private sector and other investors according to the calculations of our expert, there can be a leverage of 1-10 so the €4.1 billion can have the force to attract about 44 billion EU-rentals. These will be used to finance projects either sponsored by the private sector or by the public sector in the African Continent and in the neighbourhood of European Union," Ambassador Mariani said.

"And the agenda of the upcoming summit will be built around a number of priorities such as investment, job creations and peace and security which is an important one. We all know that peace and security is a fundamental element without peace and security, there can be no development in any country so it is extremely important and it will address some of



the political challenges that the African Continent faces. Then at this particular summit which is taking place next week, we expect that our political relations will be strengthened because this dimension is extremely important and likewise, it is important to share our interests, those interests which are mutual to all of us.

Our idea is that we should find ways of helping one another to develop."

And Ambassador Mariani said renewable energy was the future.

"There is no point in discussing job creation if there is no energy supply because any job in terms of manufacturing will require and requires energy to

be available. So I don't want to generally speak in general terms here, I would want every time I make reference to open a bit of window in Zambia and you may want to know that in Zambia when we speak of energizing Africa, European Union is investing altogether, meaning the member states of European Union and European Union

institutions which is more than €550 million," Ambassador Mariani said.

"Now this comes partly from European Union institutions 244 and part to the initiatives that are sponsored by the European Union and most of these investments go into the area of renewable energy because we strongly believe in

the possibility for a country like Zambia to increase its energy production and level of resilience by having a big diversification in the generation of energy production like hydro and several other sources. But the time has come for Zambia to have a clear pace for the diversification of energy production and the way forward is venture into production of renewable energies because that is the future of energy production globally."

He also encouraged the Zambian government to actualise agribusiness and stick to plans outlined in the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP).

"Transforming African agriculture and agribusiness is extremely important for the entire Continent but for Zambia it's of great significance. Your seventh national development plan indicates that agriculture, energy and education are the top priority sectors where Zambia wants to invest. If we look at the AU-EU relationship and with that charisma we look at the situation here in Zambia, we see that the priorities are indeed the same and we are already on a collection of travel for which the prospects for the example of Zambia can be very relevant to the upcoming summit," said Ambassador Mariani.

## JCC asks Lungu to suspend judge Nkonde

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"It is true and of course this is in relation to professional misconduct in the manner he handled the liquidation of The Post. So, a few days ago, the JCC made a recommendation to the President to suspend judge Nkonde because apparently, he refused to answer to allegations that were levelled against him by the shareholders of the Post," the official who sought anonymity explained.

"One of the issues that were raised by The Post shareholders to the JCC were that judge Nkonde was biased towards the provisional liquidator of the company, to the extent that he had time to hear the lawyers representing the provisional liquidator, while he did not take time to hear the parties representing the shareholders." The official said judge Nkonde was also reported for failing to recuse himself, despite having had previous interest in seeing

the closure of The Post. "So the trouble now is that when the JCC sat, it found that the allegations raised against judge Nkonde, if substantiated, were in breach of section 3, section 4(1), section 5(1), section 6(1), and section 2(a) 9(5) and 10(a) of the judicial code of conduct Act number 13 of 1999, as amended by Act number 13 of 2006. This meant that, if proved, the allegations could warrant the removal of judge Nkonde from office.

Again, this is according to the Constitution, I think Article number 143 and Article 144 as amended by Act number 2 of 2016," explained the official. The source narrated that when he was asked to exculpate himself, judge Nkonde declined, saying he was still presiding over the matter and could not pre-empt his rulings to the JCC. "In his response, he just argued that the allegations against him were also submitted in

his court and as such he could not pre-empt his rulings to the JCC. So, this forced the JCC's decision that a prima facie case had been established against him because his explanation was not satisfying," said the sources. "Now, according to the Constitution, when the Judicial Complaints Commission establishes a prima facie case against a judge, it should submit a report to the President, and the President should, within 7 days from the date of receiving the report, suspend the judge from office. The Judicial Complaints Commission is then, within 30 days, of the judge being suspended from office, hear the matter in detail. That is where we are."

## Debt levels worry BoZ

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At a press briefing in Lusaka today, Dr Kalyalya said debt levels had risen significantly in the recent past.

"We see that the export grew from 1.9 billion to 2.1 billion. Look at imports, imports also did grow from 1.9, you will see that even though they both grew, exports grew faster. But now when you have a deficit, obviously it has to be financed by something. So what we see is that there was a grow-down of the debt to finance that and then the public financial account contributed. What we note is that the fiscal primary data indicate that fiscal deficit of 1.4 percent of GDP on a cash basis was recorded in few things," Dr Kalyalya said. "We are noting that this is encouraging but a lot more still needs to be done in terms of fiscal consolidation, in terms of also containing debt as you have been covering in the media, the debt levels have risen so significantly in the recent past. Part of the contribution to that is the fiscal. So what we are urging is that more efforts are being made."

Dr Kalyalya said the high fiscal deficit and debt levels continued to pose risks to the macro-economic stability.

"The current relatively high fiscal deficit and debt levels continue to pose risks to macroeconomic stability. For the year to September 2017, the preliminary budget deficit (on a cash basis) was broadly in line with the 2017 budget. The measures taken by government to reform subsidies in the energy and agriculture sectors and to pay down arrears are important steps towards reducing the fiscal deficit. Further steps to contain high debt levels are required. In this regard, under the medium-term debt strategy, the government is

realigning its financing away from external to domestic sources to avoid external debt distress and achieve debt sustainability. Others measures underway include legal reforms in public financial management and the contraction of debt," he said.

Dr Kalyalya noted that economic growth in the last ten months had been slower than the seven percent projection.

"We noted that there is little economic growth to the private sector particularly the productive sectors of the economy. We see that growth is happening but not as strong as we would like it to be. There are also still some risks in the financial stability to the economy in the non-performing loans as we have been indicating still remains high although there has been in recent time some change in direction. We also took account of the fact that economic growth is quiet slow as there is some projected growth this year, next year, and the year after but still not anywhere in the 7 percent range as seen since 2011 to 2013," Dr Kalyalya said.

And Dr Kalyalya said it was worrying to note that the average nominal lending rates for commercial banks still remained high.

"Yield rates on both Treasury bills and government bonds continued to decline, reflecting increased demand. The weighted average yield rates for Treasury bills and government bonds dropped to 10.6 percent and 17.2 percent in September 2017 from 14.1 percent and 19.9 percent in June 2017, respectively," Dr Kalyalya said.

"Average nominal lending rates for commercial banks remained high, declining only marginally to 25.4 percent

in September 2017 from 26.6 percent in June 2017. In addition, the highest lending rate increased to 39.5 percent in September from 37.0 percent in June 2017 in spite of the easing of monetary policy."

Dr Kalyalya also said that deposit rates had gone down.

"Deposit rates (cost of funds) have come down, with the highest interest rates on wholesale deposits declining to 27.0 percent in September from 29.5 percent in June. The savings rate for 180-day deposits for amounts exceeding K20 000 also declined to 9.4 percent from 11.0 percent, whilst the average savings rate for amounts below K100 was virtually unchanged at 1.9 percent," he added.

Meanwhile, Dr Kalyalya, whose term comes to an end in February, said it was an honour to serve as BoZ governor.

"Success is not something that one can attribute to an individual, I am just a figure-head here, there are all these colleagues, there are others who are not in the room here who contribute immensely to what you have seen eventually being presented here. So I am very honored for the opportunity to actually serve in this institution," Dr Kalyalya said.

"So transparency I think is one issue you can associate with the Central Bank during this period but we are also not running away from accountability. So we will do our part and we will continue to do as our part as Central Bank. As we said, we will not shy away from scrutiny. We have embraced very strongly the issue of evidence base, we make decisions based on the information that we have. So I am proud to have been associated with the institution and the colleagues that I have served with."

President Lungu appointed Nkonde, a former Solicitor General, to the position of High Court judge in May 2016, along with eight others.

In counselling the appointees during a swearing in ceremony on June 14, 2016, President Lungu said the public had a bad perception against some judges because they had questionable conduct.

"I hope that you will be equal to the task and will be able to execute your duties within their professional ethics, because that is the only way that you will gain respect and support of the Zambian people. Many times, members of the public formed perceptions about the judges because of their conduct which did not conform to the norms," said President Lungu.

The Post newspaper was closed down on June 21 and later forced into liquidation on November 2, 2016.



# Toll fees are too high - Kafue MP

By Mukosha Funga

Kafue UPND member of parliament Mirriam Chonya says motorists are suffering because toll fees are too high. Contributing to the debate on the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development budget for 2018 in parliament yesterday, Chonya observed that people who lived in areas where there were toll gates were still crying about the high cost of toll fees.

“Government seems very excited about this new source of funding for various programmes in government, not just road maintenance. However, the people of Kafue, and I believe others where these toll gates are, are still crying about the high cost which they have to meet to pass through these gates. Where we copied this concept from, our colleagues were looking for a longer term funding modality

of generating funds for road maintenance but in our case we seem to be in a hurry to get as much as we can from the citizens so that we are able to fund this [and that],” Chonya said. She observed that the money which was meant for road maintenance and development was being channeled to other sectors. “And I hear salaries last month were met partly from this toll

gate money but that is just speculation Madam Speaker. In continuing on this, when the people of Kafue queried why some of this money is not going to meeting the township roads, we were told that the policy is that only roads on which the toll gates are mounted are supposed to be maintained. I would want to call for the reform of this policy if that is the case so that the people of Kafue can begin

to see the benefits of passing through these toll gates at such a high cost so that part of that money can go towards maintaining their township roads. I heard the minister here talking about the completion of the L-400 project, Kafue was nowhere in that phase and now we are learning here that phase two has started and most of it has already been implemented and Kafue is not even a priority having

not benefited from the first phase so I would really want to make this compassionate appeal, honorable Minister of Infrastructure Development, to hear the cry,” she said. Chonya also asked government to prioritise construction of houses for teachers. “We seem to be paying a lot of attention to putting up housing units especially for our men in uniform, that is good for them, they do a good job when you need them but my appeal is that we look at other professions which are equally in need of this infrastructure. Each time the Minister of Infrastructure comes to speak, he is grappling with how to deal with the housing infrastructure for teachers because the efforts in this area are not visible or they are not tangible. So what can the ministry do to help the ministers much more? I am aware that within the ministry, there was a policy that was passed to say when a new school is built, a housing stock of 20 would be given but the schools that are now under construction are fewer than the ones that we have from the past which do not have this accommodation. Therefore, there’s need to also pay attention to other people in the public service generally. This cannot be achieved overnight and I appreciate the efforts you are making to meet the private sector to help you with this. However, we must also be cautious of the kind of partners we are going to engage because if these become too expensive, it means those who are supposed to benefit will not afford,” said Chonya.

# It’s childish for Kambwili to continue telling lies about Lungu - Chanda

From front page

“We want to challenge prophets of doom who are busy preaching lies that President Edgar Lungu and the Patriotic Front has neglected the vision of our founding party father Mr Michael Sata to show us what has been neglected. As PF youths on the Copperbelt, we find such attacks as childish and without substance. It is shallow thinking for anyone who is power hungry and wants to be called ‘Mr President’ to continue telling lies that President Lungu has neglected the vision of Mr Sata. Today, it is testimony that President Lungu has carried on the vision of our father Mr Sata, may his soul rest in peace,” Chanda stated. “The PF under President Lungu has carried on the vision of Mr Sata in the road sector. Today, most of the road projects which Mr Sata started are still been worked on and some have been completed by President Lungu and new road projects are been launched under the pave Zambia 2000 and link Zambia 8000 which was the vision of Mr Sata to connect the country through massive road infrastructure development.” Chanda stated that President Lungu and the Patriotic Front would not be distracted by some desperate, power hungry people. “As PF youths we find the continued attacks on President Lungu as ridiculous, unfounded and childish. However, we forgive some

people who are so desperate to be called ‘President’. The PF under President Lungu will not be distracted by some desperate, but nothing to do people. Today, we have just witnessed the launch of the Pave 2000 road project in Chifubu constituency under Pamodzi ward of Ndola district on the Copperbelt, this we will continue and we thank the President for his vision,” Chanda stated. Chanda also urged the contractor doing the Pave Zambia 2000 road works on the Copperbelt to give priority jobs to Copperbelt based individuals especially youths. “Let me also take this opportunity to urge the contractor doing the Pave Zambia 2000 road works



on the Copperbelt to give priority jobs to our youths, locals on the Copperbelt. From the 500 jobs to be

created in this project, we appeal to the contractor to look at our youths of Ndola in Chifubu constituency in

particular. The Pave Zambia project focuses on upgrading of urban and township roads in Zambia,” stated Chanda.

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Mirriam Chabala

FDD spokesperson Antonio Mwanza says the Constitutional Court’s ruling on ministers’ illegal stay in office is an academic exercise because it did not specify how much, or when they were supposed to pay. And Mwanza says Attorney General Likando Kalaluka must resign on moral grounds for attempting to represent private individuals in a clearly decided matter. In an interview yesterday, Mwanza observed that if the former ministers wanted, they could decide to be paying K1 per month. “We welcome the decision by the Constitutional Court to make those ministers who were illegally occupying

# Attorney General must step down for gross misconduct - Antonio

office to pay back the money that they owe the Zambian people. But we have also noted with serious concern the gaps in that judgment because that judgment was not instructive with regards to how much each of those former ministers should pay and when they should start paying and how much to pay in what installments, or what would happen if they default. The judgment did not give these directives. So as it is, that judgment will be rendered academic because none of

those former ministers will be compelled to pay back because they will have to make up their own mind when to pay and how much, if they want they can even start paying K1 per week, per month per year it is up to them,” Mwanza said. “So that is a serious gap that has been created by the ConCourt. It should have been very instructive because that is how a judgment should be but as it is, that’s an academic exercise and I bet that those former ministers will not pay. So for us as a party, we have asked

our legal team to scrutinize this judgment and see how we can join in to ensure that those former ministers actually pay.” He charged that the former ministers destroyed the fabric of good governance. “Almost all of them who were ministers then were running for office as members of parliament and during that time, they had access to state machinery and they were giving illegal instructions to state institutions like ACC, the police and ECZ. So those ministers damaged the whole

fabric of good governance and democracy because they were illegally holding office and illegally giving instructions to institution and the damage they have caused cannot be repaired. There are serious decisions that Cabinet undertook so what will happen to those decisions which were made by that bunch of ministers who were masquerading as Cabinet when they were not?” Mwanza asked. And Mwanza said Kalaluka must resign on moral grounds. “The Attorney General is a learned counsel. He understand very well that he is attorney for the state and not for individuals. For him to go and represent private individuals using state time, using government machinery and resources to go and represent individuals is serious gross misconduct on his part and the Attorney General must step down, that is our demand. There is no way that he can deliberately misguide himself to start representing private individuals when he knows very well that Constitutionally, that is not his mandate to be a lawyer for individuals in a private matter. He must step down,” said Mwanza.

# Britain can’t pretend to regret Mugabe’s downfall - Envoy

By Mirriam Chabala

The British Government does not pretend to regret Robert Mugabe’s downfall because he is responsible for Zimbabwe’s oppression and economic failure, says British High Commissioner to Zambia Fergus Cochrane. In a statement today, the British envoy noted that Mugabe’s resignation as Zimbabwe’s President yesterday was a moment of hope for that country, adding that Mugabe had squandered

Zimbabwe’s remarkable potential to succeed. High Commissioner Cochrane stated that he was hopeful that Zimbabweans would now achieve the brighter future that they deserved. “This is a moment of hope for Zimbabwe. Robert Mugabe squandered the immense potential of a remarkable country. While Britain recognises his role in Zimbabwe’s struggle for independence, he was responsible for [that country’s]

oppression and economic failure. The British Government does not pretend to regret Mugabe’s downfall. The UK hopes that Zimbabweans will now achieve the brighter future they deserve,” High Commissioner Cochrane stated. Meanwhile, High Commissioner Cochrane urged Zimbabweans to prioritize the formation of a legitimate government through the holding of free, fair and credible elections. “The immediate priority is to ensure that

Zimbabwe has a legitimate government [and] the only way to achieve that goal is through free and fair elections, held in accordance with the constitution. To this end, and as Zimbabwe’s oldest friend, Britain stands ready to work alongside the country’s people, the international community and partners in the region such as the Republic of Zambia under the leadership of His Excellency President Edgar Lungu,” stated High Commissioner Cochrane.

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**Diggers Reporter**

Three Zimbabwean women have appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court for stealing food stuffs and assorted items from Pick n Pay.

Lindani Ndhlovu, Joyce Mutanda and Thembi Nkhosi Ndhlovu, all of Lusaka's Chunga compound are alleged to have between October 30 and November 1, 2017 jointly

# 3 Zimbabwean women in court for stealing food from Pick n Pay

and whilst acting together stole 48 multi vitamin supplements, 13 chocolates and 69 Gillette blades.

The items are altogether valued at K18,887. Taking plea before magistrate Irene Wishimanga today,

Lindani Ndhlovu admitted stealing from Pick n Pay stores. Ndhlovu told magistrate

Wishimanga that she only stole food stuffs and lotion and not multi vitamin supplements and Gillette blades.

"Your honor I only got food stuffs and not those other things," Lindani said.

Meanwhile, Mutanda and Nthembi Nkhosi denied stealing assorted items from Pick n Pay stores.

The matter comes up on November 22 for Lindani's sentencing and fixing of trial date for Mutanda and Nthembi Nkhosi.



L-r: Chief Chitimukulu, Patrice Motsepe, chairman of the Patrice Morsepe Foundation and Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa Emmanuel Mwamba

## 3 month sentence for man who trespassed at Inonge's residence

By Diggers Reporter

A 30-year-old man Lusaka has been sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour for trespassing at Vice-President Inonge Wina's house.

Royd Kashiwa was facing one count of criminal trespass at Government House plot 2 with intent to annoy.

Lusaka magistrate Brian Simachela convicted Kashiwa upon his own confession that he entered the Veep's residence as he had nowhere to sleep.

The incident happened on October 10, 2017 when Kashiwa entered Government House after which he lit the fire to keep himself warm.

And a public prosecutor told the court that an assistant superintendent, a Muleya from State House, who was called by a neighbour to see what was happening at the Veep's house was told that this was not the first time the convict was found there.

Kashiwa entered the premises by climbing over perimeter wall an officer found him organising himself to start cooking. Magistrate Simachela said there was need to punish the convict as his behavior was so strange and suspicious that he left public places like the University Teaching Hospital and Intercity Bus Terminus and only to go at the Vice-President's house.

The magistrate however exercised maximum leniency as Kashiwa is a first offender who readily admitted the charge.

The three-month sentence is with effect from the day of arrest.

# \$25m ADB loan to building society will push national housing agenda - ZUFIAW

**Miriam Chabala**

The Zambia Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers has welcomed the recently approved \$25 million loan by the African Development Bank to Zambia National Building Society (ZNBS) meant for institutional capacity.

In a statement today, ZUFIAW President Ackim Mweemba noted the loan which was also aimed at financing of affordable housing in Zambia was timely, adding that housing was an integral part for the livelihood of all households. He expressed confidence that ZNBS, being a public

institution, would offer relatively lower lending rates that would resonate well with government's program of inclusive development.

"In sight of the above development, we would like to encourage workers in the country, especially our members, to take advantage of this great opportunity and access funding for their housing projects. Taking cognisance of the fact that the current lending rates in Zambia have been very high, making it difficult for employees to access mortgages. It is our sincere hope that, Zambia National Building Society (ZNBS)

being a public institution, will offer relatively low rates that will resonate well with the Government's program of inclusive development," Mweemba stated.

"Further, housing has a direct positive impact on the land market and on a range of professional services such as, real estate broking, conveyancing, construction, valuation and indeed marketing. The facility does not only resonate well with the AfDB's agenda, of inclusive growth in African countries, more especially those whose mortgage markets are still underdeveloped, but also affords an opportunity for low

to medium income earners in Zambia, to access affordable mortgage finance which has always been a challenge."

Mweemba urged ZNBS not to be impartial in granting the loans, arguing that ZUFIAW as a labour movement believed in the shared values and culture of fairness in granting equal access to facilities by all the citizens.

"We are also hopeful as a Labour Movement that

ZNBS shall continue with their shared values and culture of fairness in granting equal access to the facility by all the citizens. The benefits of these loans must not be, a preserve of a selected few "especially the elite" but open to all deserving individuals who qualify to access the facility. In Zambia today, low-middle income earners have had limited access to affordable financing to the extent that, their needs have

not been adequately catered for by the commercial banks," stated Mweemba.

"That said, we further wish to urge ZNBS management not to forget their own employees as they disburse these funds to the public. As ZUFIAW, we shall be alert in monitoring the social and economic impact that this particular funding will bring to the low-middle income earners, including our members and to the nation as a whole."

## Man who stole computers from Chimbokaila gets 5-year sentence

Diggers Reporter

A 36-year-old man of Kanyama compound who stole five desk top computers valued at K80,200 from Lusaka Central Correctional facility has been sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labour.

Bright Bwalya was facing one count of breaking into the building with intent to commit a felony on September 15, 2017 around 20:00 hours.

Magistrate Felix Kaoma said he was satisfied that the prosecution had proved the case beyond reasonable doubt as Bwalya, who was in possession of some stolen items a few hours after the break-in, was in the vicinity of the prison where the theft occurred.

Police only managed to recover a CPU, monitor and camera from Chibolya where Bwalya sold the items.

Magistrate Kaoma said considering that Bwalya almost paralysed government offices due to his selfishness, there was need to punish him in order to deter other would be offenders. He observed that there were too many conflicting statements in Bwalya's defense.

# Zambia Sugar employee gets 4 years for corrupt practices

**Mukosha Funga**

The Choma Magistrates' Court has sentenced a Zambia Sugar employee to four years imprisonment with hard labour for corrupt practices involving K10,000.

Willard Mwiinga, a 40-year-old Maintenance Superintendent at Zambia Sugar Company PLC of House number 4 Mukuyu Staff Area was arrested by the

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in 2014 for corrupt practices.

According to a statement issued by ACC public relations manager Timothy Moono today, details were that on dates unknown but between 1st January and 26th April 2014, in Mazabuka District of Southern Province of the Republic of Zambia, Willard Mwiinga being an employee of Zambia Sugar Company did

corruptly solicit for K40,000 and actually received K10,000 cash gratification, from, a Director of Lazpine Engineering Company, as an inducement or reward for having facilitated the award of contract to maintain rollers to Lazpine Engineering Contractor at Zambia Sugar Company PLC.

Magistrate Exonorbit Zulu passed judgement over this matter.



**Mukosha Funga**

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Catherine Namugala yesterday accused UPND Whip Garry Nkombo of wanting to divide the country according to provinces.

This was after Nkombo, who is also Mazabuka UPND member of parliament, observed that Southern Province MPs had not been given a chance to debate the budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development.

After debates on the ministry were concluded, Namugala read out the first individual item on the budget when Nkombo rose to offer his misgivings.

“Thank you Madam, I was actually preparing to stand on a point of order, but now that you have recognised me, I appreciate. Madam we have just gone through a very important note and I would like [you] to take judicial notice that Southern Province was completely alienated from participation of this vote. Regardless of the fact that the Business of the House committee did agree, which

# Namugala accuses Nkombo of trying to divide the country

you are aware about, that I, being the Whip will indicate to you, honorable chair...” Nkombo said but Namugala cut him off.

“Honorable Whip of the UPND, the issues that are raised in the business committee should be left there. If they were meant for all the members of this House, they would all be members of the House business committee, they are not. You are members by virtue of the positions that you hold and many of the issues that have been discussed in that committee are to be discussed or revisited within that committee. I would like to advise you Whip that if you have any grievances, you raise them in that committee and I know that there is a scheduled meeting very soon,” Namugala said.

Nkombo insisted that he wanted it to be in record that Southern Province MPs were excluded from the debates.

“I take your advice Madam but to just put it on record that we have not participated in this vote as if we don't belong to Zambia, I thank you,” Nkombo said.

But Namugala accused Nkombo of trying to divide the country, adding that there were a lot of factors she considered when moderating debates.

“I will not comment on that because I believe that Zambia is a unitary state and we cannot become regional in our debates. Honorable Whip for UPND, please desist from wanting to divide the country according to the provinces. There have been times, as chairperson of this committee, I don't look at provinces, there

are many considerations that I take into account and you will know that there have been times when other provinces have not debated and they have not raised issue with that fact. I put the question, the question is that K162,946,480 stands part of the estimates, as many are of that opinion say I...” said Namugala.

In a statement today, however, Nkombo charged that Namugala's remarks were abusive.

“I take great exception to her insinuations as highly confrontational and abusive, and unfair to me as I have a job to do. It appears to me that the Speaker and his deputy are functioning at cross purposes. I refuse to be dragged into cheap regional slander by anyone including herself. It should be noted that those

who rush to label others by region are the worst in this cause,” he stated.

Nkombo also said there was nothing secret about parliamentary committees.

“The public deserves to know the truth about the way business is run in the house. It is a fact that on account of the limited time parliament has left to attend to passing of the budget, the Speaker cordially sought the indulgence of all members through the whips from both sides PF and UPND and of course the other groupings MMD, FDD and independents to understand the time limitations available to complete this task ahead. For the last week I personally have been responsible to consult widely among our members who to debate on what vote and submit in

writing to the presiding desk. Why then change a settled decision by the committee by oneself?” asked Nkombo.

“If anyone wishes to confirm this position, you are welcome to do so with the Speaker himself, the Clerk of the National Assembly Mrs Cecilia Mbewe or indeed my PF counterpart And Government Chief Whip Hon Richard Musukwa. How can she even say in her remarks that ‘what is discussed in the business of the house meeting must remain there’ as if it is a secret? Be that as it may, budget scrutiny and approval is a very serious undertaking and culminates into the appropriation law. Therefore should not be trivialized by the presiding officers to use their authority to abuse equals.”

# Govt should also pay me for consultancy during illegal stay in office - Mukanga

**Sipilisiwe Ncube**

I will give a quotation for the consultancy work I did as Minister after Parliament was dissolved so that we see who needs to pay who, says Yamfwa Mukanga.

In an interview with News Diggers! yesterday, the former Transport and Communications Minister said he was ready to honour the Constitutional Courts' ruling but hastened to say that he needed to be paid for all the work which he did.

“I am also giving a quotation for my consultancy for the period and for everything. I will put it there, we will go and talk with my friends, then we will push it in so that we see who is going to pay who because what we put in was more than what the people think. And for a person like me didn't even get the salaries they are talking about. I can tell you that we are going to put in that quotation, it is very simple,” Mukanga said.

He said that his input was more than what people thought.

“I am putting my own quotation for the consultancy during the period because at times I would come from Mufulira and do the work for you. So even all those I will put them there, so I have no problem with that. I am an engineer myself and it is the engineering technical issues I was putting in, so I need that to be paid as well. I have no problem, we follow what the courts do and we will honour what the courts are saying but we will also do our part,” said Mukanga.



## My ministry used part of its budget to buy office building - Chitotela

**Sipilisiwe Ncube**

Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister Ronald Chitotela says the Ministry has acquired a new office block situated opposite the Zambia Information and Communication Technology Authority (ZICTA) in Lusaka. Chitotela said the new office building was acquired using part of the K213,976,677 budgetary allocation to his Ministry for the year 2017.

He said this when he presented the budget policy statement in support of the 2018 budget estimates for his Ministry in parliament today.

“Madam Chairperson, allow me to present the implementation of the 2017 budget by the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure

Development. The ministry's approved budget for 2017 was K213,976,677 comprising K20,760,337 for personal emoluments while K30,972,289 for the recurrent departmental charges and K46 million for the infrastructure in the new districts and K116,244,051 for operational grants for Road Development Agency (RDA) and National Housing Authority (NHA) and National Council for Construction (NCC). Using this fund, as well as those from the external sources, the Ministry registered a number of success some of which include and not limited to the following (I) acquisition of the new office block which is situated opposite ZICTA,” Chitotela said.

“Chairperson, since its

establishment, the Ministry has been sharing the office spaces with the Ministries of Works and Supply, and the ministry of Transport and Communication. In order to address the shortages of office space for the members of staff, the ministry has acquired a new office block situated at stand N0.28 Independence Avenue, Ridgeway opposite ZICTA. I wish to take this opportunity to inform our clients and members of the public that the ministry will soon be moving into the new building.”

And Chitotela told parliament that his ministry would recruit 250 professional and technical staff in its approved K283,708,070 budget for the

2018.

“The Ministry has been allocated with a total of K283,708,070 for 2018 within the budgetary allocation and through external funding, a priority program that will be implemented include the following, implementation of improved structures for the ministry. The ministry will recruit and place 250 professionals and technical staff at provincial and district levels for effective and efficient supervision and monitoring of infrastructure projects countrywide. This will ensure adequate capacity for the Ministry and value for money for the infrastructure facilities being constructed in our country,” said Chitotela.





What is there to say about Robert Mugabe that has not been said already? His rise and fall from 'Grace' has been well documented, his defiance to leave office was witnessed by all, and the state in which he has left his country stands testimony to the kind of leader he became. Perhaps, the only thing we can say that has not been emphasised from the happenings in Zimbabwe is, how hard it is to see the true feelings of the people.

It would be nice to see what is now on the mind of FORMER president Mugabe, seeing the wild celebrations on the streets of Harare, Bulawayo, Gweru and all of Zimbabwe. We wonder how he feels after realising that he had been living a lie. The soldiers who swore allegiance to protect him and his office have stabbed him in the back. They pretended to be loyal to their commander-in-chief, but when the deed was done, the soldiers showed whom they were truly loyal to, which is themselves.

Every time Mugabe spoke at the United Nations, African Union, SADC and COMESA, he always referred to the will of the people of Zimbabwe. He carried himself as a true patriot and a celebrated comrade of the comrades who fought in the liberation struggle.

Mugabe had no idea that the lava was boiling and there was only one man who was sitting on the crater and preventing the volcano from erupting. All along, he had been dealing with plumes of smoke that managed to escape the edges of the buttocks of this one man. Therefore, when he was convinced by his family and advisors that the molten lava could be contained, he pushed this man called Emerson

# Mugabe was living a lie, so are others

Mnangagwa off the crater, producing the consequences which are still materializing on international television.

Of course analysts are cautioning Zimbabweans to be wary of their 'saviour' because it was his bottom that managed to suppress a revolution and not Mugabe's weak, frail buttocks. They say this is the man who, as a matter of fact, was calling the shots in the defence forces, and therefore it will be impossible to oust him when his time comes. To some extent, the critics have a point which can be justified by the fact that all of a sudden, street vendors in Harare have money to print expensive

posters worshiping Mnangagwa. But anyway, that is a story for another day.

Our point is that the people Mugabe said he was fighting for; the people he thought loved him, are undressing on the streets in jubilation for his downfall. There is no doubt that when Mugabe said "Zimbabwe will never be a colony again" citizens viewed him as the most detested colonialist. They had no means of challenging the oppression, given the iron fist with which he ruled, but in their hearts the citizens wanted a Zimbabwe without Mugabe.

This is how hard it is for those who hold political power to hear

the voice of the people. They always hear and believe what their spouses say, what their advisors say, what their ministers say and most dangerously, what the intelligence says. The truth is; all these have the capacity to make a president unpopular. We can search the whole continent, but we won't find an advisor to the President who has the capacity to tell a sitting Head of State "sir, you must step aside now because people don't want you anymore". The opposite is always the case, and Presidents interpret that as the people's voice.

This is the danger that comes with silencing critics. When a

President insulates himself from condemnation, he listens only to the burping sound of those he eats with, while the sound of rumbling stomachs of the majority are ignored. But even those who eat at the high table with the President are never content with what they have; they always want more power and more wealth.

They say, the most successful revolutions are instigated by the clique within the corridors of power. While they eat with their master, they study his weaknesses and they patronize him enough to earn his trust until he lets out all his secrets. Then a time comes when they

feel confident enough to take him out. When they do, they swiftly move to convince the people to give them a fresh mandate to undo the bad things that the bad man had done.

It is the case in Zimbabwe, historians will tell you that the military commanders in that country were among the best-remunerated citizens, but their loyalty was not with their paymaster, and neither was it with the poor people; as citizens will soon discover when the dust settles.

But we cannot blame the people of Zimbabwe, they say when you haven't tasted an orange before, a lemon feels like the real deal. When you are too thirsty, you convince yourself that brown water is nutritious. Therefore, let the people of Zimbabwe enjoy the moment. As they do, let other African leaders learn how hard it is to hear the true voice of the people when you are surrounded by henchmen.

Let them observe that even two to three-years-old children who are too young to understand and appreciate anything beyond their own mother's breasts, are dancing to Mugabe's departure, including pets.

Perhaps the only animals which are unhappy with the fall of Mugabe are the chickens, because the happiness of a man is usually a nightmare for the cock. Judging from the nature of dancing in Harare, we can assume that very few cocks survived the mouth last night.

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# Lessons for Jacob Zuma in Robert Mugabe's misfortunes

President Robert Mugabe's endgame in Zimbabwe holds various lessons for his South African counterpart, Jacob Zuma, as the latter too, considers his prospects towards the end of his presidency. The first, obviously, is that while, from the pinnacle of power, a country's president may feel the monarch of all he can survey, it is always possible that the blade of the guillotine is just around the corner.

Accordingly, it is always prudent to keep at least two bags packed for a hasty exit: one full of suit, shirts, underwear and socks, another full of foreign currency (preferably dollars or Euros). You just never know how things might pan out, so it is best to be prepared.

Following the almost-coup, Mugabe has been in a stronger position than many African dictators before him because the African Union has in recent years become a lover of democracy and a hater of coups. It therefore now demands that changes of leadership must have at least a veneer of constitutionality.

This has always been the Zimbabwean military's weak point during this past week of flirting with political power. Hence its insistence that, despite its take-over of the airwaves, State House and parliament, alongside its house-arrest of the president and his family, its

actions are not a coup.

In turn, this has provided Mugabe with a considerable degree of wriggle room, which he has sought to exploit to the full. Indeed, it has remained his key bargaining chip, not least because the African Union does not want to be seen as party to the overthrow of a hero of African liberation.

Explicit political actor

Zuma will feel confident that whereas in Zimbabwe the army has long been deeply involved in the ruling party's internal affairs and the wider political arena, the South African National Defence Force is not an explicit political actor. He stands in no fear of a military coup (or even a Zimbabwe-style non-coup). Yet he does have to worry about what happens within his political party, the African National Congress (ANC).

Even if his favoured candidate, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, were to win the party leadership at the ANC's December congress, Zuma's continuing as South African President might be seen as a political embarrassment. If strong contender Cyril Ramaphosa wins, even more urgent calls will be made from within the ANC for the him to be "recalled" because he will be viewed as an electoral liability. It is a fair bet that, whoever wins, an excuse will be made for a delegation from the party

leadership to visit the president and to ask him to stand down. Just ask former President Thabo Mbeki who was fired by his own ANC. If Zuma refuses to cooperate, then the ANC might turn to parliament, where enough ANC MPs might feel emboldened to vote with the opposition to dethrone him.

Fighting for survival

Like Mugabe, Zuma will be battling for a dignified exit. Even more urgently, he will be fighting for survival. In previous years, Mugabe may have feared the prospect of retribution for his sins, and would have been determined to secure immunity from prosecution.

Now, at 93, he is confident that once out of office he will be left in peace. He may or may not appreciate the irony that, unlike his country's last white ruler Ian Smith, he will not be able to stay in Zimbabwe after he has been forced to stand down, but he will know that he has to leave.

Neither the army nor Zanu-PF will want him hanging around, fearing his ability to continue pulling strings. So off he must go, to South Africa, Dubai or Singapore (anywhere with a few decent shops for his shopaholic wife Grace). His major immediate concern then, we may presume, is safe passage and immunity for his family. We may further presume, that there is lots of money stashed away in

foreign bank accounts to keep the crocodile from the door.

Zuma's tricky position

Zuma is differently placed. If he loses the Presidency he stands in all sorts of dangers, not least of which is prosecution for past financial crimes and the prospect of his ending his days in prison. In other words, he has much more to bargain for, and he will be doing so from a considerably weaker position. Not least of his problems is that he is a lot younger than Mugabe, so could spend quite a few years in jail.

Zuma's major strength is that, whoever wins the party leadership, the ANC will probably want to grant him immunity and get him out of the way, as otherwise they face the prospect of their former leader facing a corruption trial during the lead up to elections in 2019.

But for a start, there is no provision for presidential immunity in the constitution, and its grant would face a strong challenge in the courts. Furthermore, if the Gupta or other Zuma allies in the project of "state capture" were to be prosecuted, Zuma could face being dragged into court as a witness.

In short, Zuma will realise that it will make sense to hot-foot it out of the country, preferably to a comfortably authoritarian country which will turn down requests for extradition.

The fickle people

What Mugabe is learning now, and it is something of which Zuma should take good note, is that the people are an ungrateful lot, and are likely to turn against you just when you most need their support. Up till a week ago, it was presumed that Mugabe retained the backing of all who mattered in Zanu-PF and that he would again be its candidate for president at the next election. But now, like many a dictator, he is having to learn fast that the people no longer love him.

Past allies, like the war veterans, had already turned against him, repudiating his apparent bid for his wayward wife, Grace, to replace him. Zanu-PF Youth leader, Kudzai Chipanga, initially declared his willingness to "die for Mugabe" and labelled Major-General Constantino Chiwenga, the leader of the non-coup, a traitor when the army first intervened. After being locked up, he shamefacedly read out an abject apology, begging forgiveness, and pleading the inexperience of youth.

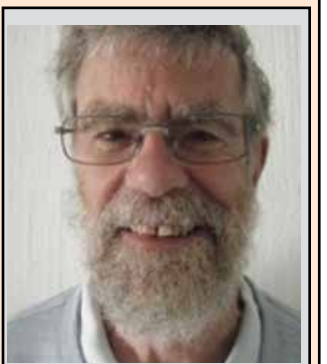
This has been followed by all 10 provincial organisations of Zanu-PF calling for Mugabe to go, and even encouraging ordinary people to join the marches being organised by opposition parties and civil society demanding his dismissal.

Zuma is too wily a politician not to know that once he loses

the party presidency, his support base will drain away, and that he will become known as yesterday's man. Yet like Mugabe, he will take comfort from the regional body, the Southern African Development Community (SADC), for there is nothing his fellow presidents dread more than the prospect of any one of their number facing impeachment.

He will also know that, unlike Mbeki, whose stature in Africa remains high, he has no viable future as a roving ex-president. Zuma will know that if he wants to enjoy his retirement in peace, he has to leave South Africa before he gets tangled up in court proceedings.

His best option will be to grab those two suitcases, make a hasty exit and move in next door to Bob and Grace in Dubai.



Roger Southall, Professor of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand



Zimbabwe's former vice-president, whose sacking led to the shock resignation of long-time leader Robert Mugabe, will be sworn in as the new president on Friday, the state broadcaster says.

Emmerson Mnangagwa, who fled to South Africa two weeks ago, would also fly home on Wednesday, it added.

His dismissal led the ruling party and the military to intervene and force an end to Mr Mugabe's 37-year long rule. The news sparked wild celebrations across the country late into the night.

The announcement that the 93-year-old was stepping down came in the form of a letter read out in parliament on Wednesday, abruptly halting impeachment proceedings against him.

In it, Mr Mugabe said he was resigning to allow a smooth and peaceful transfer of power, and that his decision was voluntary. A spokesman for the ruling Zanu-PF party said that Mr Mnangagwa, 71, would serve the remainder of Mr Mugabe's term until elections, which are due to take place by September 2018.

The state-run Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) confirmed that his swearing-in ceremony had been scheduled for Friday.

Nicknamed the "crocodile" due to his political cunning, Mr Mnangagwa issued a statement from exile calling on Zimbabweans to unite to rebuild the country.

"Together, we will ensure a peaceful transition to the consolidation of our democracy, and bring in a fresh start for all Zimbabweans and foster peace and unity," Mr Mnangagwa told Zimbabwe's NewsDay on Tuesday.

His firing by Robert Mugabe

# Mugabe's successor due back from exile

two weeks ago triggered an unprecedented political crisis in the country.

It had been seen by many as an attempt to clear the way for Grace Mugabe to succeed her husband as leader and riled the military leadership, who stepped in and put Mr Mugabe under house arrest.

Under the constitution, the role of successor would normally go to the serving vice-president, Phelekezela Mphoko. However, Mr Mphoko - a key ally of Grace Mugabe - is not believed to be in the country, and there are reports that he has been fired by Zanu-PF.

Some have questioned

whether the handover to Mr Mnangagwa will bring about real change in the country.

He was national security chief at a time when thousands of civilians died in post-independence conflict in the 1980s, though he denies having blood on his hands.

Opposition leader Morgan

Tsvangirai told the BBC he hoped that Zimbabwe was on a "new trajectory" that would include free and fair elections. He said Mr Mugabe should be allowed to "go and rest for his last days".

Prominent opposition politician David Coltart tweeted: "We have removed a

tyrant but not yet a tyranny."

African Union president Alpha Conde said he was "truly delighted" by the news, but expressed regret at the way Mr Mugabe's rule has ended.

"It is a shame that he is leaving through the back door and that he is forsaken by the parliament," he said. **BBC**



## The slipping crown of Germany's Angela Merkel

Ask a European about strong and stable leadership and, up until this week, they'd have pointed the finger at Germany.

A country proud of its post-war record of political stability and careful consensus-building.

Until, that is, Angela Merkel won the dubious honour of becoming the first German Chancellor since World War Two to fail to form a government.

"What next, Germany?" is the favourite screaming front page headline of the moment here; the question ricocheting across the country from the federal parliament to queues at local bus stops and on endless TV chat shows.

Germans have been rubbing their eyes, still not quite able to believe that their normally staid mainstream politicians may now be hurtling towards an unruly, unexpected snap election.

But not though if Germany's president can help it. Frank-Walter Steinmeier fears a new vote will only benefit the far-right.

He's now ensconced himself in back-to-back meetings with individual political parties, with a hefty dose of arm-twisting and pressure exertion on the agenda.

Since talks to form a new government collapsed in the early hours of Monday

morning, Mr Steinmeier and the new speaker of the German Parliament - the former finance minister, Wolfgang Schauble - have peppered their speeches with talk of duty and responsibility. In tones designed, you might say, to trigger the kind of Lutheran sense of guilt the political old guard here may still be receptive to.

The two men have appealed to grandstanding political players in Germany to work towards forming a government, putting party politics aside for the good of the nation and, they've argued, for the good of Europe too.

The German establishment is painfully aware that others outside the country are also rubbing their eyes in disbelief at the political crisis here.

President Macron, for one, is stunned. Without Angela Merkel and the economically powerful and politically influential Germany at his side, his vision of an ambitiously reformed Europe will remain just that: a vision. Europe's elite is dismayed across the board. It was gradually regaining confidence after the shock of the Brexit vote.

Things had seemed to be swinging the EU's way with a stronger euro, less support for populist nationalists, plus plans for reforming the



Eurozone, asylum policy and new cross country co-operation in defence. But all this requires Germany in the European driving seat, not tinkering in the garage back home.

Seats in Bundestag And what about Brexit? Well, that's difficult to predict with any certainty.

A contact close to Angela Merkel told me her coalition-building difficulties wouldn't

affect Germany's Brexit stance. Certainly the main political parties here are of a mind when it comes to the Brexit divorce issues.

But when it comes to talk of trade and transition, Angela Merkel will be missed if she loses her job or is politically distracted for months on end. Yes, she is a stickler for rules but Mrs Merkel is also a pragmatist.

She hopes for a good Brexit

deal for two main reasons: to benefit German business and also to help keep Europe stronger, by keeping the UK close as she apprehensively views Russia, Iran, North Korea and an unpredictable US under Donald Trump.

The British government has called for creative, imaginative thinking, resulting in an ambitious Brexit deal but for that you need political will and political clout on the EU-

side. No single voice is louder in EU circles than Germany's and Angela Merkel's. If she is silenced politically, that will have a knock-on effect beyond German borders.

So is she finished? There's talk here of "Merkel'daemmerung", literally 'the Merkel twilight', meaning the petering out of the Merkel era but I wouldn't write her off just yet. **BBC**



# Viral picture of ‘pregnant’ man has really touching story behind it

After a Kentucky couple suffered two heartbreaking miscarriages, they’re now spreading joy on the internet with their hilarious and mind-bending maternity photo shoot.

Iana Thomas and her partner, who are having a baby boy in December, posed together behind a tree, creating an optical illusion that makes it seem as if it’s the father-to-be with a baby bump.

“This photo really explains us well,” Thomas shares with Yahoo Lifestyle. “Not only for the sense of him ‘stepping in my shoes’ but the humor behind it. He’s always been my ‘goofball.’ That picture, in particular, spoke volumes to us and his personality.”

Robert Morton, 29, the photographer, collaborated with the expecting parents on the concept. “A common saying for most couples is ‘We’re pregnant.’ Of course, it’s just figuratively speaking, but how would it look if [they both] really were pregnant?” he says. “That was the inspiration for the photo.”

They also wanted the image to have an important meaning for their community. “A lot of African-American men aren’t in their children’s lives nowadays, and with this picture we wanted to show things from a different perspective,” Morton adds.

Since the image was shared, it’s gotten a lot of attention.

“We were at the shoot and said the exact words, ‘What if this goes viral?’ And it actually did! It was like something we had spoken into existence, it’s so real,” says Thomas. “A lot of the people took a negative approach to the photo at first and didn’t understand the humor, art, and concept behind it, but we love it, and ultimately that’s all that matters.”

While the deceptive photo is definitely funny, the rest of the images from the series speak to more solemn times. **Yahoo**



## How Kanye West got his life back on track

It’s been one year since Kanye West was taken to UCLA medical center for psychiatric evaluation. The incident came on the heels of the rapper’s abrupt cancellation of his Saint Pablo Tour following a period of bizarre behavior and outbursts.

Today, Kim Kardashian’s husband seems to be in a better place, with a baby on the way and living a somewhat quieter life. However, it was a grueling year to get to this point.

Of course, West has always had a flair for drama. Who can forget his 2005 “George Bush doesn’t care about black people” moment during the Hurricane Katrina telethon, or when he crashed Taylor Swift’s VMA speech in 2009? But West’s antics last year — public feuds, manic tweeting, and onstage outbursts — clearly had those close to him concerned. The rapper also started voicing his support of President Trump during shows, and took aim at high-profile friends like Jay-Z and Beyoncé.

During one show last fall, West went off on Jay-Z, claiming their kids never played together. He also criticized his *Watch the Throne* collaborator for not reaching out following Kardashian’s robbery. “Don’t call me after the robbery and say, ‘How you feelin’? You wanna know how I’m feeling?” West said on stage. “Come by the house. ... Bring the kids by the house, like we’re brothers. Let’s sit down.”

As for Beyoncé, he called her out during another show, saying he was upset by conditions she allegedly set regarding her performance at the MTV Video Music Awards that summer. “Beyoncé, I was hurt because I heard that you said you wouldn’t perform unless you won Video of the Year over me and over

‘Hotline Bling,’” West claimed, before abruptly ending his show.

Days later, West canceled his tour and was rushed to the hospital. It was reported the episode was due to sleep deprivation and exhaustion, but neither West nor Kardashian have ever officially commented on the situation. When the “Famous” rapper was released a week later, he didn’t immediately move back home. But he did go visit then President-elect Donald Trump in one of his first public outings. This reportedly irked Kardashian, who supported Hillary Clinton. **Yahoo**

## Rashida Jones denies that she left ‘Toy Story 4’ over unwanted advance from John Lasseter



Rashida Jones has denied a Hollywood Reporter article that claimed she left “Toy Story 4” as a writer, along with writing partner Will McCormack, over an unwanted advance from Pixar and Disney animation chief John Lasseter. Jones instead said they left over “philosophical differences,” and asserted that their exit was over the fact that they believed women and people of color did not have “an equal creative voice.” Lasseter was originally the co-director of “Toy Story 4,” but stepped down in July, with Josh Cooley taking over as the sole director.

In a statement first given to the New York Times, and later obtained by Variety, Jones and McCormack said, “We feel like we have been put in a position where we need to speak for ourselves. The break neck speed at which journalists have been naming the next perpetrator renders some reporting irresponsible and, in fact, counterproductive for the people who do want to tell their stories. In this instance, The Hollywood Reporter does not speak for us. We did not leave Pixar because of unwanted advances. That is untrue. That said, we are happy to see people speaking out about behavior that made them uncomfortable. As for us, we parted ways because of creative and, more importantly, philosophical differences.”

“There is so much talent at Pixar and we remain enormous fans of their films,” the statement went

on. “But it is also a culture where women and people of color do not have an equal creative voice, as is demonstrated by their director demographics: out of the 20 films in the company’s history, only one was co-directed by a woman and only one was directed by a person of color. We encourage Pixar to be leaders in bolstering, hiring, and promoting more diverse and female storytellers and leaders. We hope we can encourage all those who have felt like their voices could not be heard in the past to feel empowered.”

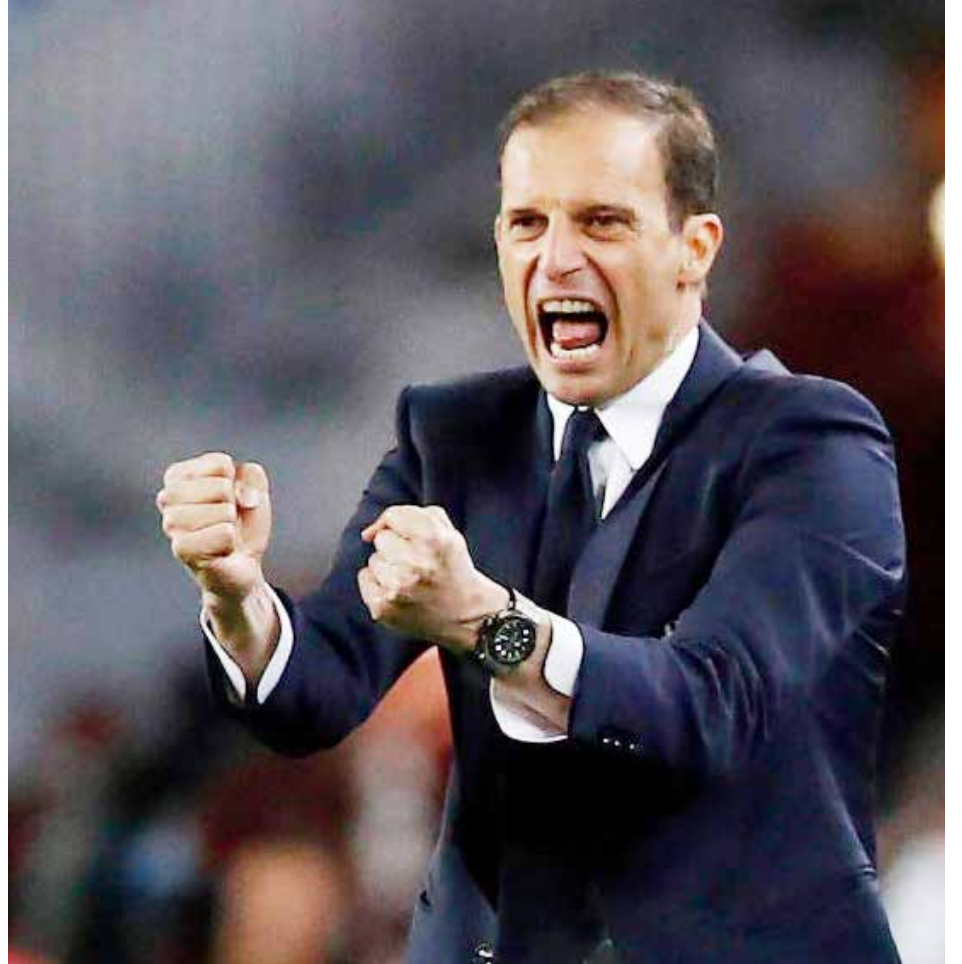
In its story, which was aggregated by several other outlets, THR noted that Jones and McCormack did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Lasseter announced a six-month leave of absence from Disney/Pixar on Tuesday, acknowledging in a memo to staff members that he crossed the line with employees. “I especially want to apologize to anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of an unwanted hug or any other gesture they felt crossed the line in any way, shape, or form,” he wrote in the memo.

A number of Pixar employees have described to Variety a “sexist and misogynistic” culture at the company with Lasseter at the helm, creating something of a “whisper network.” According to sources, women at Pixar were warned about Lasseter for the unwanted hugs and other attention he allegedly showered on young women.

**Yahoo**



# Mourinho, Allegri lined up for PSG job amid Neymar-Emery problems



Despite a formidable start to the season, the strained relations with the world's most expensive player means that the Spaniard's position is fragile

Won 16, drawn two and lost none. Goals for 71, goals against 10. Those are the extraordinary numbers of Paris Saint-Germain this season, yet such an incredible run may not be enough to save the job of Unai Emery.

Such is the power that Neymar commands at the Parc des Princes, the Spaniards' inability to please the world's most expensive player could cost him his job.

Though the former Sevilla boss strains to express that relations between the pair are cordial, he struggles to disguise a different tale.

"For me, what happens on the field is the most important thing. All that goes on outside is not the most important. What is important is what happens on the pitch," Emery protested before last weekend's 4-1 win over Nantes.

Neymar's busy social life continues to be a source of strife for the club and stories for the media, and before Wednesday's Champions League clash with Celtic, he was forced to launch another somewhat unconvincing defence of the player.

"Out of work, football, he

can enjoy his friends," the coach said. "In training he is very good. He is young, so he also needs to go out and be with them, but he remains responsible."

Nevertheless, it is clearly a source of concern for the club. Already the coach has been forced to alter his sessions to placate the summer arrival, with video analysis notably cut short due to the distaste of the 25-year-old for them.

Emery's job may not be in any immediate threat while results are still strong, but the pressure will ratchet up in the second half of the campaign, most notably when the Champions League returns from its hibernation.

PSG have notably stumbled before the semi-final stage on a persistent basis since QSI started pouring millions of euro into the club in 2011, and last season's exit at the hands of Barcelona in the first knockout round was a particularly bloody nose for a club with ambitions to reach the pinnacle.

Any failure to reach the last four will spell the end for Emery.

Jose Mourinho is one of those men targeted by the powers that be in Paris. He is not entirely satisfied with life at Manchester United, in part due to a clash of personalities with chairman Ed Woodward,

and has previously indicated that he does not see himself at Old Trafford for the long haul. "I am sure - that I will not finish my career here," he told TF1 in October.

He would carry with him the kind of character necessary to tame Neymar, plus long experience of handling the

world's greatest players, having coached the likes of Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Cristiano Ronaldo in a storied managerial career that has seen him claim Champions League crowns with Porto and Inter, plus a raft of trophies elsewhere.

It is that knowhow at the very

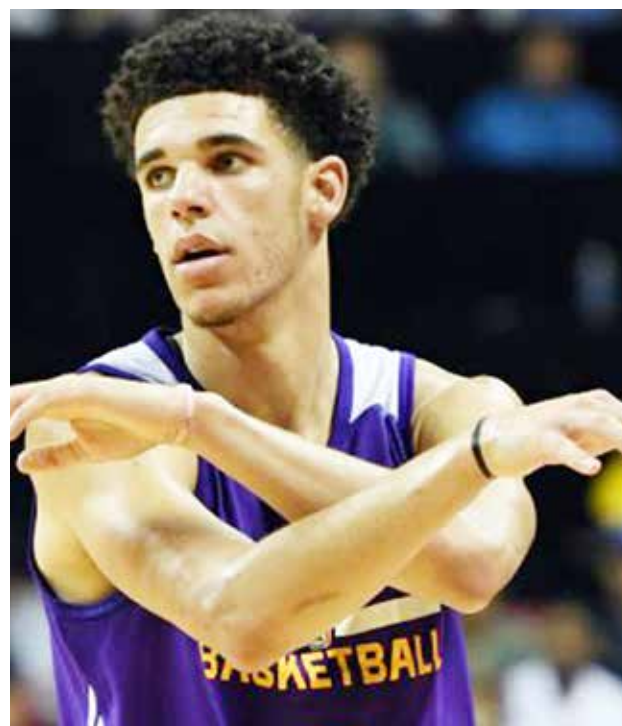
top level that PSG are eager to tap into.

Massimiliano Allegri is another who is of interest to the Parisian side currently. He took Juventus to the Champions League final last term, only to be undone by Real Madrid, yet he is a figure who carries a great deal of

tactical nous that it is believed that Emery is lacking.

Indeed, the 50-year-old Italian has spent close to a decade in charge of giant clubs in Serie A, having spent four years at AC Milan before taking over at Juve, where there is a sense that a cycle could be drawing to a close. *Goal.com*

## Walton 'Not Concerned' With Lavar Ball Criticism After Beating Chicago Bulls



Luke Walton insisted he's not concerned about suggestions that he and his fellow Los Angeles Lakers coaches are being "too soft" and "babying" Lonzo Ball after watching his team beat the Chicago Bulls 103-94 on Tuesday.

The accusations came from Ball's father, Lavar, in an interview with Bleacher Report in which he said he didn't have an issue with Walton but did have a problem with losing. The Lakers are now on a two-game winning streak while Ball became only the second player in franchise history to score two triple-doubles as a rookie last week.

"He's been away from me too long," Ball said of his son. "I see tendencies in his game—they're trying to baby him a little bit [...] They're soft. They don't know how to coach my son. I know how to coach him."

Asked for his reaction to the comments at Staples Center on Tuesday night, Walton said: "Absolutely nothing. It's not what we're here to do or talk about."

"So we're not concerned with what parents think of how we're coaching the team," he said, as quoted by Lakers Nation. "We're concerned with what's best for our team and how we can continue to get better."

And Kentavious Caldwell-Pope certainly helped the Lakers get better in this game, scoring 11 of his 21 points in the closing minutes as the home team rallied from a 19-point, second-half deficit to defeat the Chicago Bulls 103-94.

Lonzo Ball at Staples Center, Los Angeles, California, November 21. Sean M. Haffey/Getty

Kyle Kuzma scored a game-high 22 points, Brandon Ingram added 17, Jordan Clarkson scored 12 off the bench and Julius Randle contributed 10 in a reserve role for Los Angeles (8-10). Denzel Valentine shot 5 of 7 from 3-point range and scored 17 points to lead five starters in double figures for the Bulls (3-12). Antonio Blakeney, on a two-way contract that allows him to split time between the Bulls and their G-League affiliate, the Windy City Bulls, scored 15 off the bench for Chicago.

The Lakers rallied to tie the score at 80 on a layup by Josh Hart with 9:32 left. Los Angeles finally went ahead 89-87 when Caldwell-Pope put back a missed 3-pointer with 3:06 remaining.

Caldwell-Pope followed with two 3-pointers that stretched the lead to five each time, and the Lakers kept Chicago from getting back within one possession. *Yahoo*

## Under-20 outshines Chilanga youth select

By Nyambe Lubasi

The Zambia Under-20 team played its first friendly match under new coach Mumumba Numba on Tuesday afternoon that they marked with a 6-0 win over Chilanga Youth Select team at Sunset Stadium in Lusaka. Zambia entered their second week of training camp in Lusaka head of the 2017 COSAFA U20 Cup that they will defend on home ground this December on the Copperbelt.

Nkwazi striker and Mamelodi Sundowns

target Lameck Banda scored a hat trick for Numba's side.

Clinton Lubula, Evans Chisenga and Harry Milanzi added a goal each.

Lubula and Banda are part of the 12 Zambia Under-17 players Numba promoted to the team he led to victory in the finals of the 2017 COSAFA U17 Cup in Mauritius in July.

Zambia has been drawn in Group A where they will play Swaziland, Uganda and Malawi at the COSAFA U20 Cup they will

host from December 6-16.

The champions will kick off their title defence against guest side from the CECAFA Zone, Uganda, on December 6 at Nkana Stadium in Kitwe.

Nkana and Arthur Davies Stadium in Kitwe will be the host venues for the tournament where all the group games and semifinals will be played.

The final and 3rd and 4th playoff will be staged at Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola.



*By Nyambe Lubasi*

Madalitso Muthiya says he seen at least five juniors who have shown potential at the Nkana Golf Club Academy and would like to help in their development.

Muthiya was in Kitwe from November 21-22 to hold a junior golfers clinic at Nkana Golf Club courtesy of Mopani Copper Mines who flew him in from South Africa.

Mopani have been sponsoring the Nkana Junior Golf Academy for the last three years.

“Already I have seen five or so players who are absolutely beyond their time in terms of being exceptional with their fundamentals and skills set of golf,” Muthiya said.

Muthiya said the players were all from Kandabwe Compound which is next to

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Nkana Golf Club and praised Mopani for looking after the juniors golfers education and welfare.

“I will definitely be looking out for them and I would

like to be involved in their development once I am invited back on a regular basis when I come for the golf tournaments,” Muthiya said.

Muthiya is heading back to Sunshine Tour duty this weekend in Mauritius for a tournament co-sanctioned by the European Challenge Tour.



## Penn State stays put in College Football Playoff rankings

James Franklin's team stayed put at No. 10 in the latest College Football Playoff rankings despite beating Nebraska last Saturday, 56-44, in its home finale.

The Nittany Lions close out the regular season this Saturday at Maryland.

Penn State (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) missed out on the Dec. 2 Big Ten title game after

losing back-to-back contests to Ohio State and Michigan State. The Nittany Lions have since won two straight and seem destined for a New Year's Six bowl with the College Football Playoff almost entirely out of reach.

Speaking of such, Miami made a small but potentially significant move up

to No. 2 behind Alabama in the CFP rankings, with Clemson slipping one spot to three and Oklahoma holding at four.

Wisconsin and Auburn remained next up behind the top four in a week when the top half of the selection committee's rankings were mostly unchanged. **Yahoo**



## FAZ salutes Sikazwe's 2018 World Cup appointment

*By Nyambe Lubasi*

FAZ has saluted Jan Sikazwe for making the final referees list for the 2018 Russia FIFA World Cup.

Sikazwe will be amongst six referees from Africa out of a total of 36 from around the World who will officiate at next June's finals in Russia.

“On behalf of the FAZ executive and the rest of the football family, I would like to convey our happiness on your recent appoint which is another vivid testament to your level of professionalism and competence in the game,” Kamanga said.

“The level of success you have attained in a calendar year is commendable. Evident among your achievements this year is your appointment to officiate at the FIFA U-20 World Cup, the FIFA Club World Cup final, and the Senior Africa Cup of Nations final held in Gabon.

“FAZ is further enlivened by the bar you continue to set for the current and future referees of the game both at domestic and international level. It is our hope that young referees will emulate the standards you have set as an ambassador and role model of this country.”

Sikazwe heads to the World Cup after also officiating the 2016 FIFA World Club Cup final last December that saw Real Madrid beat hosts Kashima Antlers of Japan 4-2 after extra time.

He later refereed the 2017 AFCON final in February in Gabon that Cameroon beat Egypt 2-1 in Libreville.

## Home of investigative journalism in Zambia

