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UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema pays a courtesy call on Senior Chief Kasempa of the Kaonde people of North Western Province during his tour of the - Picture by Brian Mwiinga

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Lungu extends mandate for the Commission of Inquiry on violence despite austerity measures

By Mukosha Funga

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PF youths challenge Sunday's support for 30 ngwee call tariff

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By Mukosha Funga

President Edgar Lungu has once again extended the Commission of Inquiry into Political Violence and Voting Patterns' mandate from June 30 to December 31, 2018. But sources at the Ministry of Justice say it would make more sense for government to disband the commission in light of austerity measures since their resolutions are not likely to have an impact on the 2021 elections.

Recently, President Lungu signed Statutory Instrument No. 60 of 2018, allowing the Commission of Inquiry into Political Violence and Voting Patterns to continue operating until December 31.

Initially, the commission was tasked to finish its work within 120 days of being appointed but this has been stretched on three occasions.

When asked to clarify what they commission had taken so long to finalise its report, commission secretary Nzovwa Chomba declined to give an interview, but promised that commission chairperson justice Munalula Lisimba would soon hold a press conference.

But sources at the Ministry

Lungu extends mandate for violence Commission of Inquiry despite austerity measures

of Justice disclosed that government had no resources to pump into the commission and it would therefore make sense to disband it.

"This Commission has been to nearly all provinces except Central and Lusaka provinces and as you know, its work should have lasted three months but it has dragged on for a couple of reasons, the biggest being that there is no money for the work of the Commission and also, there seems to be a lack of planning from the team leadership. And now that government is rolling out these austerity measures, it is better to disband such commissions because at the end of the day, whatever results and recommendations they come up with will be

academic, they are highly unlikely to have an impact on the 2021 elections," the source said.

"Right now as we speak, we have had several by-elections and we have seen that violence remains a problem. We saw people being maimed in Chilanga, there are reports of violence in Kasanengwa, and all this goes to show that this commission of inquiry is not the solution. I doubt that they will finalise the report by December and when they eventually do, there won't be any time left before 2021 to make any real changes at political party and government level which could bring about any change. As it is, this exercise is not making sense."

The source wondered whether

any recommendations to amend constitutional provisions from the commission would be taken into consideration.

"The minister (Justice Minister Given Lubinda) is already saying he will go ahead to publish the Constitutional Amendment Bill if the dialogue process keeps on dragging. So if he does publish, will the recommendations from the inquiry be taken into consideration since they will only finish later than December?" asked the source.

The source also disclosed that the commission had only focused on holding public meetings without complementing it with detailed research.

"Something else which is

problematic is the approach taken by the Commission of having numerous public hearings without complementing this with detailed research and unfortunately the end product may not be credible at all. I am also worried that PF has not bothered at a high level to submit to the Commission, as far as I know, was a low level official, Mr John Phiri, who failed to justify why he was representing the party. And the Zambia Police has not bothered to make an appearance and yet there are many accusations of violence perpetrated by the Police. The seriousness of major stakeholders like PF, Zambia Police and ECZ is worrisome," said the source.

"It seems the Commission was just a public relations stance to demonstrate that Government was doing something about violence and the regional voting patterns. But as matters stand, this Commission will not come up with any meaningful solutions to the problems at hand and come 2021, the same violence and voting patterns will be prevalent."

The source observed that most commissions appointed under the PF government never concluded their work. "Besides this Commission, there is equally the Legal and Justice Reforms Commission which was mooted when Wynter Kabimba was in office and chaired by retired Judge Frederick Chomba. This Commission which started earlier than the one on political violence, has not completed its work as yet and of course they also cite lack of funding from government. It would seem none of the Commission of Inquiries set up by PF during Sata's time has successfully concluded their work and reports publicly made available," said the source.

Sunday lambasts UPND over 30 ngwee tariff, as PF youths disagrees with him

By Mirriam Chabala

The UPND must grow up and begin offering logical solutions to government

instead of always playing the role of professional armchair critics, says PF media director Sunday Chanda.

Reacting to UPND deputy secretary general Patricia Mwashingwele, who recently challenged President Edgar

Lungu to name the exact people he referred to when he said Zambians had already accepted the newly-introduced 30 ngwee per day Internet tariff, Chanda said the UPND's remarks were typical of her party's infantile pettiness.

But some PF supporters have condemned Chanda's support of the Internet call charges and used the PF WhatsApp groups to disagree with him.

In a statement, Chanda emphasised that there was need for meaningful and coherent debate from the opposition parties if the country's democracy was to thrive.

"UPND deputy spokesperson Patricia Mwashingwele's recent snide remarks over the 30 ngwee Internet calling tariff are so simplistic that she gives new meaning to the word 'meaningless.' No doubt in a democracy she can be asking who the 'people' are; - clearly, she must start by asking which 'people' Abraham Lincoln referred to in his definition of democracy. She also fails to appreciate that while Parliament comprises representatives of the people, the 30 people she has problems with sitting as Cabinet, are members of the same August House. The UPND deputy mouthpiece must also understand that any responsible government needs to find resources to invest in cyber security. As opposed to playing the role of professional armchair critics, UPND must grow up and begin offering logical solutions as well as checks and balances," stated Chanda.

"The UPND mouthpiece's remarks are typical of her party's infantile pettiness as well as her leadership's compulsive habit of splitting hairs in a vain attempt to appear savvy. Perhaps her confusion shouldn't come as such a surprise - with her coming from a party whose understanding of the phrase 'the people' denotes one person around whom everything and everyone revolves. The life presidency in the UPND has the party under siege: stuck in a rut of a crisis. Naïve apologists like her are desperately trying to cover up the UPND debacle by deflecting attention with their meaningless drivel. For our democracy to thrive, we need meaningful and coherent debate from the opposition."

But the PF youths did not receive Chanda's statement with warm hands. "We rejected the k30 ngwee whatsapp tax...its not about the opposition but its people... This will affect even us not only the opposition. Not all of us in PF are well to do. Most of us are struggling," reacted Fidelis in a PF WhatsApp group called "ECL 2021 and Beyond".

Jackie Mando commented: "Let's not just supporting anything which is imposed on us by our leaders just because we are PF. Mind you Zambia is bigger than our PF and mind you, we will not be in power for centuries"

Shemaiah: "But internet tariff is unfortunate people because bundles are already taxed. And as an IT [person] myself, I fully understand that this will be taxed even on a person who does not use Skype, messenger or WhatsApp call

because it is difficult to tag charge on its own. Secondly this can make mobile provider to exploit customers, it can even be 1 kwacha.

Another PF supporter recalled how former president Rupiah Banda lost power, and posted: "RB was kicked out because of not listening. He later confessed he was wrongly being advised and cheated that all is well on the ground. He is with us, y can't he advise? Let's not push our popularity too far"

Jackie Mando: "Our govt under the able leadership of ECL should reverse it, its never too late"

Charles Banda: "But he said it's final people have accepted".

Jackie Mando: "Which people?"

Charles Banda: "Us I believe, who else do you think he was referring to? Even on the RTSA speed trap cameras he said people wanted the signage to be improved and it has been improved."

Jackie Mando: "But he is not being fair to the Zambian masses"

Charles Banda: "I guess that's for the zambian masses to decide, as PF what do we say?"

Daisy: This may turn against us ka..."

In another PF group called "The real supporters of PF", another youth reacted to Chanda's statement saying: Reducing the complaint of citizens over this 30 ngwee tariff to mere political opposition is a big mistake. Listen to people. This tariff is not a political issue, it's a financial issue affecting most of us, PF members inclusive. Let us not close our ears to complaints of the Masses."

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

A 54-year-old Zambian national identified as Kenneth Sikopo has died after he was shot seven times by two unknown assailants in Germiston, South Africa. Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa Emmanuel Mwamba has confirmed this in a statement issued to the media by his first secretary for press and public relations Naomi Nyawali.

The deceased, who was a businessman based in

Zambian dies after taking 7 gunshots in S/Africa

Germiston, is reported to have been shot last week around 20:00 hours at his business premises in the presence of his clients and friends.

Mwamba, who has

expressed sadness over the development, revealed that the assailants entered the deceased's internet café and immediately closed the exit doors, an indication that they were there only to

kill as they fled the scene thereafter without stealing anything.

He said that police in that country have since launched a man-hunt and instituted investigations to ascertain

the motive behind the killing.

He said that police have so far ruled out xenophobia as a motive for the deceased's murder.

He disclosed that Sikopo's

mortal remains were taken to Germiston State mortuary and is scheduled to be buried at waterfall cemetery with the help of the Zambia Association in South Africa (ZASA) after his family in Zambia signed the affidavit to have him buried in South Africa.

He said the deceased had survived another attack a few months ago and further wished the Sikopo family God's strength and comfort during the difficult time.

Sexual harassment video from Petauke is inhumane, cruel - NGOCC

By Mirriam Chabala

NGOCC has urged the police to make sure that they arrest a Petauke man who is behind a video that has gone viral on social media in which he filmed an unconscious naked woman after allegedly raping her.

And Police say they will not rest until "the thug is arrested and prosecuted".

The said man, who is believed to be a pimp filmed a naked drunk woman and fondled her private parts

while inviting other men to go and sleep with her.

The man boasts, in a highly graphic video which police are trying to contain from circulating, that he had bought a lot of beer to deliberately intoxicate the average age woman.

In the one minute twenty seconds video the man is seen moving the woman's underwear to the side exposing her private parts.

He also invites other men to join him saying he had

gotten tired of having his way with her.

"Guys muona katundu uyu? So wamene afuna atombeke, yamwa yakolewa. So guys imwe katundu benangu mulibe nichito zibilatu. Katundu uyu, kutomba usiku onse nikulema naye uku manje, ablaka ka, ise bamene tiziba ku gula moba tagula moba, gelo ikolewe, agonna, katundu very nice (guys, do you see this property? So whoever wants to sleep with her, she drunk so much beer

and she is too drunk now.

So guys, I know that some of you don't have property. Here is property, I slept with her the whole night and now I am tired, she blacked out. Us who know how to buy beer bought beer so that the girl can drink and get drunk, she is sleeping now. Very nice merchandise)," the man is heard saying as he fondles her private part whilst filming.

"So apa nifuna ni tombeko ka last but nilibe ochita

invite so ngati kuli muntu aliko pa fupi napa Petauke, nilipa Petauke nalema nayo katundu iyi, bwelani tichaye (So I want to have sex with her for the last time but I don't have anyone to invite so if there is anyone who is near Petauke, I am in Petauke, I am so tired of this merchandise, come we do it together)."

But NGOCC programmes manager Chilufya Siwale said in a statement that the man in the said video needed to be arrested for taking advantage of the unconsciousness of the woman to sexually abuse her, which she said was "most inhumane and cruel".

"The Non-Governmental Organisation's Coordinating Council has been alerted to a disgusting video of a man in Eastern Province who was exposing the nakedness of an unconscious woman after allegedly raping her. As an organisation, we are deeply saddened by the conduct of the man in the video, who was sexually abusing the unconscious woman, while filming the ordeal. We would like to urge the police to immediately institute investigations and arrest the man for what is clearly a rape case. The man took advantage of the unconsciousness of the woman to sexually abuse her, which is most inhumane and cruel," stated Siwale.

"The conduct of the man is the worst form of indignity against a fellow human being, especially against a woman. NGOCC has since instructed its members in Petauke to help the police to identify the woman in question so that she can help the police with investigations and in identifying the man. This case yet again epitomizes the entrenched patriarchy and the structural challenges that women face every day. It is clear that moral decay is at its worst in our society, as evidenced by the sad incident in Petauke.

We urge the Ministry of National Guidance and Religious Affairs to sensitise citizens of our national values as enshrined in the Republican Constitution."

And Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo said police have launched investigations into the crime.

"The Zambia Police have launched investigations in the matter where a video has gone viral involving a woman in her unconscious state being sexually abused by a male person purported to have happened in Petauke District of Eastern Province. The conduct by the thug who filmed and posted the video on social media is inhuman, a violation of human rights and above all criminal," Katongo stated.

"We are therefore appealing to the victim not to shy-away from the Police as it has been the case in such matters but to avail herself to Police so that a statement can be recorded from her. We further appeal to relatives of the victim and those that may know her, to encourage her to go to any nearest Police Station and give information on what transpired on the material day and further be counselled."

She said police would not rest until the culprit was booked.

"We also call on members of the public who could have information on the whereabouts of the perpetrator of the heinous crime to confide in Police officers. The Zambia Police will not relent in arresting all those that would want to commit crimes using social media; and we are warning all would be offenders to stay away from such acts or risk being arrested and prosecuted. The perpetrator may be hiding today but he will not hide in perpetuity, soon he will be fished out. The same applies to all other cases involving abuse of cyber space," stated Katongo.

Court jails 2 cops, businessman for abetting illegal immigrants

By Mirriam Chabala

Two officers of the Zambia Police Service have been sentenced along with a Lusaka businessman to two years imprisonment with hard labour for aiding and abetting 20 illegal immigrants of Ethiopian nationality. Immigration Department Public Relations Officer Namati Nshinka disclosed in a statement that the trio were arrested on March 15, 2018, when they aided and abetted the said immigrants in Muchinga Province who were set to be transported from Nakonde border to Mbala District.

"Three Zambians have been sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour after being convicted for the offence of knowingly aiding and abetting illegal immigrants, contrary to section 46 (1) (a) of the Immigration and Deportation Act Number 18 of the Laws of Zambia. Immigration Officers in Mbala on 15th March, 2018, arrested Madonia Chikumbi, 36, a police officer of Sikanze Police Camp in Lusaka, Kafwa Kabwe (38), also a police officer and resident of Lusaka's Chilenje, and Hilary Hamweene, 27, a businessman of Garden House, when they did aid and abet 20 illegal immigrants of Ethiopian nationality to be transported from Nakonde border to Mbala District. The trio was jointly charged with the offence of aiding and abetting and remanded into custody. They were

sentenced at the Mbala Magistrates Court on 3rd September, 2018, to two years' imprisonment with hard labour, without an option of a fine. The 20 Ethiopians whom they aided were earlier deported after paying court fines, having been convicted for unlawful entry into Zambia," Nshinka disclosed.

And Nshinka disclosed that 11 Congolese nationals, seven minors, among them, aged between eight months and 15 years, were intercepted in Katima Mulilo, in a suspected case of human trafficking.

He also added that Department of Immigration had arrested 24 other people for various immigration offences throughout the country, between August 31 and September 3, 2018.

"11 Congolese nationals among them, seven minors, aged between eight months and 15 years, were intercepted in Katima Mulilo, in a suspected case of human trafficking. The foreigners, together with a Zambian male, were intercepted by police in the early hours of Tuesday, 4th September, 2018, around Nakatindi Village in Sesheke District and were handed to Immigration. Investigations in the matter have been instituted. Meanwhile, the Department of Immigration between 31st August, 2018, and 3rd September, 2018, arrested a total of 24 persons for various immigration

offences countrywide. These were two Zimbabweans in Kariba, two Malawians in Lundazi, and two Tanzanians in Isoka, all for unlawful stay. Others were two Tanzanians in Kasama, two Malawians in Chipata, one Chinese in Mwinilunga, one Chinese, one Vietnamese in Lusaka and one Kenyan in Kasumbalesa. Those arrested for unlawful entry were four Congolese at Victoria Falls Border Control, two Congolese in Chingola, one Congolese in Lukwesa, and another Congolese in Kasumbalesa. Others were one Zimbabwean in Namafulo arrested for unlawful entry and doing business without a permit, and one Tanzanian in Nakonde arrested for unlawful stay and doing business without a permit," he narrated.

And Nshinka cautioned that the conviction of the three Zambians for aiding and abetting illegal aliens should send a serious warning to citizens in the country to avoid the vice.

"We at the same time wish to commend all members of the public who have been proactive in reporting suspected cases of illegal migration and human trafficking to the Department. It is through their support that we can effectively enforce the Immigration and Deportation Act and contribute to the internal security of our country," stated Nshinka.

By Mukosha Funga

Cornell University Law Professor Muna Ndulo says Deputy Chief Justice Marvin Mwanamwamba's response to a letter from a Lufwanyama resident, who who demanded that Hakainde Hichilema be investigated for contempt of court, breached the judicial code of conduct.

In an article shared with News Diggers, Wednesday, Prof Ndulo also observed that there was someone urging the Lufwanyama resident on because he failed to state how the matter in question affected him as an individual.

"In a letter addressed to Chief Justice Irene Mambilima dated August 14, 2018 a Lufwanyama resident, Henry Chilombo asked justice Mambilima to inquire and investigate the comments made by Mr. Hakainde Hichilema last year towards Judges Palan Mulonda; Anne Sitali and Mungeni Mulenga. Mr. Chilombo stated that he believed that the expressed sentiments against the three judges amounted to contempt of court. Chilombo added that he understood also that Hichilema was wrong to accuse the Zambian judiciary, whilst in South Africa last year of corruption and being under the control of the president. This was a letter by an ordinary citizen written outside the context on any judicial process. Mr. Chilombo does not explain what standing he has which distinguishes him from the other 15 million Zambians. He did not also disclose how whatever outcome of such a weird request for inquiry would personally affect him over and above other Zambians. The inescapable inference is that

D/Chief Justice breached judicial code of conduct by commenting on would be court process - Ndulo

this letter is orchestrated by someone. It would seem then that this bird that is dancing by the roadside must have some faceless drumbeaters urging it on. Surprisingly, the Deputy Chief Justice decided to engage the private citizen and responded to the letter," Prof Ndulo stated.

"Thus, responding to the Chilombo's letter, Justice Mwanamwamba in a letter dated August 15 addressed to Chilombo stated that; the procedure on contempt of court was that, it is the prerogative of the court or adjudicator attacked or insulted to have the culprit summoned and charged with contempt. In this particular case, it was the Constitutional Court that was attacked and insulted. Thus the Constitutional Court judges are aware of the attacks and insults, but for unexplained reasons, they did not charge the culprit with contempt of court. In essence, it is not for the Chief Justice, Deputy Chief Justice or the Supreme Court, to make an inquiry into the matter. In fact, the matter does not need an inquiry because evidence is already there – the letter seemed to suggest since it is documented in the form of a report of utterances

by the named culprit. Justice Mwanamwamba went on to say that the Supreme Court does not tolerate attacks and insults on it. Justice Mwanamwamba went a step further to copy his letter to the Chief Justice and the Director of Public Prosecutions."

He noted that justice Mwanamwamba's response was strange because it gave a verdict without due process of the law, thereby breaching the Bangalore principles of judicial conduct.

"It is our view that this is an extraordinary letter and we would argue a step without precedent in the common law jurisprudence. It must necessarily be extraordinary because it is a novel procedure for the exercise of the judicial function. We do not make this assertion lightly because the letter not only makes finding of fact, but also gives a verdict without the due process of the law. One would have thought that judges should be the first to insist on ethical rectitude and respect for the settled tenets of due process. It is our view that judges should not be responding to letters concerning matters that are or might come before courts. Judges are oracles of law. They

are big masquerades and their best communication to society is through the rigorous respect for due process and judicious use of their judicial powers exercised through judgements upon proper hearing and determination. Hence, Judges should speak only through judgements in dealing with cases that are before them or matters that might come before them. The comments made by the Deputy Chief Justice are not comments made in court when the Deputy Chief Justice is sitting and is empaneled as a court and is exercising judicial powers. The letter gives a legal opinion on a matter that is not before the Deputy Chief Justice," he stated.

"We contend here that judges are prohibited by well-established judicial ethics as articulated in the Bangalore principles of Judicial Conduct and in codes of Conduct developed in most common law jurisdictions. Rule 2. 4 of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct states as follows: 'A judge shall not knowingly, while a proceeding is before, or could come before, the judge, make any comment that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome of such proceeding or impair the manifest fairness of the process. Nor shall the judge make any comment in public or otherwise that might affect the fair trial of any person or issues.' According to the Bangalore Principles a judiciary of undisputed integrity is the bedrock institution essential for ensuring compliance with democracy and the rule of law. Even when all other protections fail, it provides a bulwark to the public against any encroachments on its rights and freedoms under the law. These observations apply domestically within the context of each nation State and globally, viewing the global judiciary as one great bastion of the rule of law throughout the world. Not only have the majority of states in the world adopted the Bangalore Principles, many have modelled their own Principles of Judicial Conduct on them. International Organizations including the United Nations, the American Bar Association, International Commission of Jurists and Judges of the member States of the Council of Europe have given their support to the Bangalore Principles. Our own Zambian Act, The Judicial (Code of Conduct Act) of 1999, is modelled on the Bangalore principles, it states in section 8(1) that: 'A Judicial Officer or member of staff shall not while proceedings are pending or impending (meaning could arise) in any court make any



Cornell University Law Professor Muna Ndulo

public comment that may affect or may reasonably be construed to affect the outcome of the proceedings or impair its fairness or make any comment that might substantially interfere with a fair trial or hearing." Prof Ndulo explained that judges were expected to abstain from commenting on pending or impending court processes as doing so would be prejudicial.

"Canon 3A (6) of the 1972 American Bar Association Model Code of Judicial Conduct stated: 'A judge should abstain from public comment about a pending or impending proceeding in any court. In the Boston's Children Case, the US Court of Appeals, First Circuit, observed that: 'in newsworthy cases where tensions may be high, judges should be particularly cautious about commenting on pending litigation. Interested members of the public might well consider the Judge's actions as expressing an undue degree of interest in the case, and thus pay special attention to the language of the judge's comments.' Comments about a case pending before another judge or jury in the same court or jurisdiction as the commenting judge, can also be reasonably expected to affect its outcome or impair its fairness or at least create that appearance. A rule prohibiting such comments guards against the danger that a judge would feel pressured or would appear to feel pressured by the comments of a superior, peer and colleague or that a jury would accord deference or would appear to accord deference to an opinion expressed by a judge. Moreover, such a rule ensures that proceedings remain immune from outside influences, even if such influences are not specifically

prejudicial," he stated.

He advised judges to resist the temptation of responding to letters sent by members of the public, no matter their motivation.

"The task of judging implies a measure of autonomy which involves the Judge's conscience alone. Therefore, judicial independence requires not only the independence of the judiciary as an institution from other branches of Government; it also requires judges being independent from each other. In other words, judicial independence depends not only on freedom from undue external influence, but also freedom from undue influence which might in some situations come from the actions or attitudes of other judges. Judicial decision making is the responsibility of the individual judge, including each judge sitting in a collegiate appellant court.

In conclusion, we advise judges to resist the temptation of engaging the citizenry in the newspapers or responding to letters sent to them by members of the public no matter their motivation. No matter the temptation or provocation, Judges should remember the cardinal rule espoused by the Bangalore Principles and Codes of Judicial Conduct of Common law jurisdictions including Zambia. That rule is plain and simple, and it states that a judge should not make public comments on the merits of matters that might come before any court (his or her court or other courts). Courts are not advisory councils in the business of offering advisory opinions to busy bodies. Theirs is a judicial role given to them by the constitution to judge cases brought before them in accordance with the requirements of due process," stated Prof Ndulo.

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Lungu's insistence on 30 ngwee Internet tariff heartless – Mike Mulongoti

By Mirriam Chabala

People's Party president Mike Mulongoti says President Edgar Lungu does not care how much Zambians are taxed now because he has forgotten that it is ordinary Zambians who got him into State House. Commenting on President Lungu's assertion that the country must move on from the newly-introduced 30 ngwee per day Internet tariff because Zambians had already accepted it, Mulongoti said the Head of State is a heartless person who only cares about himself. President Lungu has directed the Ministry of Communications to finalise the Statutory Instrument (SI) to effect the 30 ngwee Internet calling tariff, alleging that people have already accepted it. But Mulongoti, a former Information Minister, reminded President Lungu that the people he was burdening with taxes today are the ones who put him into office.

"For me, some things he (President Lungu) says I don't take them seriously because he always has a hangover. When someone has got a hangover, they tend to simplify things because that's how alcohol works. President Lungu doesn't understand the suffering of the people because he's in the comfort zone. For him, everything is paid for by the people of Zambia, so to him, that 30 ngwee Internet tariff means nothing! And you see how people who don't have a heart for the people behave? He is flying to China now, he's all over, but at whose cost and what justification is there? He's gone to China and he will be back after he has drunk a lot of alcohol and he will not tell us anything, it's a waste of time! But what he's saying about those [speed] cameras

and the tariffs he's saying from his heart, that's how cruel he is," Mulongoti said. "There is nothing the people of Zambia have done wrong, in fact, if the people of Zambia didn't give him (President Lungu) comfort, by now he would have been history. It's the people of Zambia who made him live long by voting for him. He can be so arrogant now and even laugh at other people who he thinks are not in good health and they don't support him. This is very unfortunate for a man who came from Chawama, if he was still in Chawama that man could not be here today. But it's just his cruelty, which is motivating him today that he's even speaking like that. There is nothing you can say about a cruel man; he's just cruel like that. Just look

at him, he goes out of the country when he knows that civil servants have not been paid. Government has taken all the money to fund his trip, but in the meantime, the civil servants who work for him have not been paid. That's how cruel this President is, to him nothing else matters and with his hangover, each time he wakes up, he thinks all is bliss. But that's unacceptable." Meanwhile, Mulongoti charged that the Head of State was so interested in addressing all the interests of mobile service providers because government officials were getting kickbacks from the three mobile service providers in Zambia, namely; MTN, Zamtel and Airtel. "If he's got time to think, what he should do is this: can he examine the services being

rendered by the three mobile providers in this country, is it perfect? People have been complaining for a long time over the shoddy services being rendered. Now, when you render shoddy services, do you expect a client who is always aggrieved to pay you happily? That's the first thing government should do; they should find out if the service providers are doing what they are supposed to do efficiently. The cost of using phones in Zambia is very high, but can the President understand that when everything is paid for him? Us who feel the pain can tell you that those cell phones companies could have closed a very long time ago if they were not making profit. Those are capitalists; they have no wish to do charity. Their interest is to make

profit and they are ripping huge amounts. If you examine what they make per month, it's more than KCM does. So, what's the point of them crying?" asked Mulongoti. "But this is why I am saying that, when you have your priorities in the wrong direction, you end up becoming a salesman for a mobile company. Surely, how can the President be protecting the mobile providers? What is his interest? His interest must be the people of Zambia, those people who have come to set up those companies are here because they are making a killing and that money is coming from the people of Zambia. I have never heard him condemn these cell phone providers for their shoddy services. But he wants

to justify the fact that he wants to get that 30 ngwee from us, that's how heartless this man is and since the tendency in his government is corruption, how do we know? Maybe, they are beneficiaries from the mobile providers. They should tell us why they have become marketing people for the mobile providers; there is a story in your paper where Honourable Harry Kalaba was saying that all these leaders are doing business with KCM that's why they can't tell them anything! We are now beginning to think that maybe they eat from mobile providers, too. And if we check properly we surely find something. Knowing these characters, that's their habit."

CCPC hails BoZ's bank charge removal

By Abraham Kalito

The CCPC says the Bank of Zambia's move to abolish bank charges is a wakeup call to the financial sector to become more innovative and find other means of sustaining their operations. In a statement to News Diggers! Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) public relations officer Namukolo Kasumpa stated that the advocacy of deepening financial inclusion had suffered due to the high charges associated with banking services and had denied the public from enjoying simple and convenient banking services. "Gazette Notice No. 731 of 2018, which prohibits unwarranted banks charges and fees by the financial services sector, comes at a time when the need for financial inclusion is urgent. The Competition and Commission Protection Commission (CCPC) would, therefore, like to commend the Bank of Zambia (BoZ) for taking this bold step towards sanitizing the banking and financial services sector with regards to the numerous bank charges that have been obtaining. For some time now, consumers have complained of excessive and numerous bank charges. The removal of these bank charges is, therefore, a relief to the over-charged consumers who for a very long time were suffering from unfair trading practices in the banking sector. The advocacy of deepening financial inclusion had suffered due to the high charges associated with banking services, which had denied the public from enjoying simple and convenient banking

services," stated Kasumpa. "Citizens, more so from the informal sector despite having an opportunity to be financially included with the banking sector, have refrained as they perceive financial services providers as distrustful. This is a wakeup

call to the sector to become more innovative and find other means of sustaining their operations instead of levying endless charges on the public. The removal of unwarranted charges and fees is, therefore, expected to go a long way in promoting financial inclusion

and also ensuring that consumers are not unfairly charged. The Commission remains determined in its pursuit of ensuring consumers are fairly treated in all sectors of the market and will continue engagements with relevant stakeholders where

consumers' right seems to be restricted or violated. The Commission would like to encourage the banking public to report all banks that will not adhere to the Bank of Zambia directive for the prohibition of unwarranted bank charges and fees."

Zambia now in a debt spiral – Milupi

By Abraham Kalito

Zambia has plunged into a debt spiral because the money borrowed is too vast and cannot be paid back, says Alliance for Development and Democracy (ADD) president Charles Milupi. And Milupi says it is outrageous and irresponsible for Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya to state that Zambia is not in a debt crisis when the country has already started failing to pay back the money. In an interview, Milupi said the impact of the debt would be felt by all Zambians and not the government alone, adding that government should, therefore, tell Zambians the truth. Government added US \$1.3 billion to the total debt stock in just a six-month period between January and June this year, and has already put pressure on critical programmes, such as the Social Cash Transfer programme, which has only received less than 30 per cent funding by the end of the first half of 2018 due to government's huge debt interest payments, according to ZIPAR. "So, the consequences of this debt will engulf each and every Zambian. So, it is, therefore, irresponsible for Honourable Siliya to come and say that, we are not in a [debt] crisis. That is an insult to all those who campaign against the acquisition of those loans in the first place! In fact, what is happening in Zambia now is that, we are in a debt spiral. That means we get money from one source, fail to pay, then get money from another source, and fail to pay

then go to another source. That is a spiral and that is the situation Zambia is going into because the debt we have is just too much and we cannot afford to pay it. The Chinese government, the Chinese people, what the PF must understand is that they are on a mission. They have way over 1.6 billion people and they want land. They want resources to fuel their economic growth. When you deal with them, be alert because you will end up forfeiting your country to them! The PF is not alert to this fact, all they want is to borrow money," Milupi told News Diggers! And Milupi said it was outrageous and irresponsible for Siliya to state that Zambia is not in a debt crisis when the country had already failed to pay back. "I think that's an outrageous statement considering the situation in Zambia, frankly. A debt situation is not for the Patriotic Front, an unmanageable debt situation is not for the PF, it not an issue for Mr Lungu alone, it's not an issue for Dora Siliya alone, or Cabinet; it is an issue for each and every citizen in this country, including those that are not yet born. And Zambia has gone through a debt crisis before, and we knew the impact that it had on every citizen, not just in government. And that was just what? It was just US \$7.2 billion. And because of that, we had a collapsed economy, we were unable to invest in social infrastructure, in social services like health and education because most of the earnings were going towards the debt and the interest rates," Milupi added. "That was a loan amounting to US \$7.2 billion. Now for the information of Ms Siliya, those were

concessionary bilateral and multilateral loans with very low interest rates. And that is why when Jubilee 2000 and the rest of the world stood up and said, look, we cannot have Zambians and other Africans suffering because they cannot have medicine because they are paying those concessional loans, let's forgive them. And that's how all that US \$7.2 billion was forgiven and only half a billion dollars was paid. So, we have gone through traumatic experiences. Our economy collapsed, there were queues for everything; sugar, relish, you name it. And yet the vast amount of money was going towards servicing those loans." He noted that Zambia could afford to pay off the public debt owing to the country's relatively small Gross Domestic Product (GDP). "Now, by their own admission, governments own admission, which some of us are having difficulties accepting whether those are the true values, they are saying our debt now is somewhere \$15.3 billion. That amounts to well over 50 per cent of our GDP (Gross Domestic Product), and by the way, we have now gone to a country [Turkey] that is under debt distress to help us pay back these loans by way of refinancing. That is a crisis! Refinancing is 'kaloba.' You borrow money and you failed to pay it, that's a crisis! And then you go to another lender to say, look, 'take over my debts,' 'take over my debts' means give me money so that I can pay those people and then I will owe you some money, plus the new interest rates. So, the GDP that she was talking about is not even our GDP," said Milupi.

UPPZ accuses PF of perpetrating violence in Kasenengwa campaign

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

UPPZ spokesperson Francis Kope has accused PF supporters of causing violence against his party supporters and grabbing away of campaign materials at the on-going by-election campaigns in Kasenengwa constituency. And Kope further accused the ruling PF of forcing a hospitalized UPPZ supporter, who was allegedly stabbed, to wear a PF cap and took picture of him to claim that he was a PF member attacked by the opposition. But PF Kasenengwa campaign manager Vincent Mwale has refuted reports that his party members attacked UPPZ supporters, saying his party cannot attack a party without structures. According to Mwale, the person who is reported to have been stabbed was a PF supporter, who accidentally got injured during the cutting of chitenge campaign material. In an interview, Kope told News Diggers! that PF supporters caused violence against his party supporters and grabbed campaign materials away from them at the just ended by-election campaigns in Kasenengwa. "Our team was attacked by PF thugs in Kasenengwa, and our vehicles were broken [into], and they took away the campaign materials that we had, including the ECZ accreditation papers that we had for our polling agents and other colleagues. So, it is sad on the ground as you know that, the PF is losing ground, they have lost the support of their so-called stronghold, hence resorting to few tactics that they are implementing now, such as intimidation, violence, and vote-buying. Those are some of the tactics that they are now using so that they can discourage people from voting and because people will not see the meaning of voting if they are seeing their leaders sponsoring violence," Kope charged.

He said PF was intimidating his party supporters and confiscating campaign materials from them. "So, they want to intimidate people because they know that most of the people have resolved to support the UPPZ. Last time, we had our member Clement Muwowo who was stabbed in Chizuzu area. After being stabbed, if you saw in the video that we published on Sunday morning, the next thing that they did was to go to St. Francis Hospital where the patient was; they surrounded the hospital and went into the ward in the Intensive Care Unit where he was being kept; they threatened him and they were taking pictures," Kope narrated. He further accused the PF of forcing his party's member, who was hospitalized after being stabbed, to wear a PF cap and posted his pictures on social media masquerading that it was their member. "They forced him to wear a [PF] cap and took pictures

of him and masquerading that he was a PF member, and they are now lying that it was an in-fight when it was something that is a clear attack on the UPPZ because of their popularity in Kasenengwa. So, this has continued, and we have instructed the team there to report to the conflict resolution and management, and to the police. We are trying to see how best we can handle this otherwise, this is a tactic that the PF are using. Yesterday, they went flat-out distributing all food stuffs to the people shamelessly! In all the places, which they know they are not very strong, they are doing everything and they don't care; beating up somebody, openly beating up somebody so that they can be voted into because they know that ECZ will not make a decision to halt or maybe to disqualify them," Kope further charged. But when reached for comment, Mwale expressed ignorance on the opposition attacks and said he was hearing

such claims from the media. "I am not aware of those incidences. So, I am learning this from the first person that called me from Radio Phoenix and now from yourself. I think the first thing that UPPZ can do is to go and report this to ECZ and the police and give clear information about where these things happened and so on because I am not aware," Mwale claimed. He, however, admitted that one person was injured in the process of cutting chitenge campaign material. "The only incident that I am aware of is the one that is circulating on social media where they said there was a man who was stabbed in the rib and so on and the pictures were shown. And, clearly, that happened at the PF meeting where there were just PF people and there was cutting of chitenge and somebody accidentally got injured. Now, if they could turn around a story like that and made so much noise about it, it becomes very difficult to believe every

other information [which] they are giving because the first incident that was on social media was clearly a matter of accident when people were fighting for a chitenge. Now, these other claims I am not aware of and I am here in Chipata. I don't even know when this happened; they are not even letting us know or even just letting the police know. We also want to know where did that happen?" Mwale wondered. And Mwale, who is also Chipangali PF member of parliament, formerly of MMD, wondered why the PF would want to cause violence against a party that has no structures. "We have more people in Kasenengwa than anybody. We have more support than anybody! Why would we want to bring violence, especially on a party like that that has no structures, has no people in there! It doesn't make sense for us. So, I am not aware of anything because we also want to know when such things are happening," said Mwale.

I'll pay back salary but will bill govt - CK

By Mukosha Funga

NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili has written to Secretary to the Cabinet Rowland Msiska asking for guidance on how he can pay back salaries and other emoluments accrued during his illegal stay in office. But Kambwili says he will issue a bill to government for the services he rendered since President Edgar Lungu is the one who misled him by pretending to understand legal matters. "I write to your esteemed office to formally request your office for guidance on how I should pay back my earned salary and emoluments during the time I was minister from the time of dissolution of parliament in 2016 up to the time the Constitutional Court delivered its Judgment in the case of Steven Katuka & LAZ v The Attorney General, Ngosa Simbyakula and 63 Others. I must also bring it to your attention that I have every intention of pursuing a claim against the state immediately I pay back that money upon your guidance as to modalities for a full refund as I did not impose my continued stay in office but was misled by the appointing authority who at the time claimed to be equally knowledgeable in matters of law and its interpretation," wrote Kambwili who is also Roan PF member of parliament. "I look forward to your prompt response as it is imperative for every citizen to obey court orders and to respect the Judiciary even when one does not agree with its findings."

Kitwe man seeks funding to pay son's university fees

By Mirriam Chabala

A Kitwe peasant farmer is seeking financial assistance from well-wishers to settle tuition fees for his son who risks being kicked out of university for owing the institution in excess of K24,640,00. Lewis Washama explained to News Diggers! in a walk-in interview that his son, James, who is a fourth year student at Mukuba University, would not be allowed to sit for his final examinations this November if he did not settle his balance. Washama said the situation had been exacerbated after the running of Mukuba University was placed under the Copperbelt University (CBU), whose management did not allow anyone to attend classes or sit for any examination without paying. Washama said he had been to several institutions, including the Ministry of Higher Education to ask for assistance for his child, but that he could not get any assistance as the Ministry of Higher Education only promised him that the students' loan scheme, which could have assisted his son, would only be introduced next year at Mukuba University. "My name is Lewis Washama, I am 66 years old. I am peasant farmer. I have a son who is studying Mathematics and Chemistry and Mukuba University in Kitwe. He is in his fourth year this year and he has been denied to write the final examinations because he is owing the institution K24,640.00. Unless he pays

and clears this amount, that's when he will be allowed to write the examinations. I am, therefore, appealing to well-wishers who can be able to assist my child to proceed and write the examinations. I actually went to the Ministry of Higher education, where I was advised to look for other sponsors who can come to my aid. Then I was also looking for the loan scheme, but it has not yet been implemented by the Ministry of Higher Education [at Mukuba University]. I was, however, told that this loan scheme will be implemented next year in January. So at the moment, I was referred to see some other sponsors," Washama explained. Asked how he managed to keep his son in school all these years, Washama narrated that he had been using his personal earnings as a peasant farmer until in 2017 when he could no longer afford to continue doing so. "He was enrolled in 2015 and I have been paying for him since then. But then I have been struggling to pay for him because I am just a peasant farmer, I was struggling to pay bit by bit. Then in the third year of his studies, I failed to meet the requirement and that's when I appealed to the District Commissioner for Kitwe, Mr Binwell Mpundu, who wrote a letter to the Vice Chancellor to allow my child to proceed to the third year, so he was allowed and that's how the amount accumulated to this K24,000 now because



he was just learning on credit basis. So, now in this fourth year, the university has totally refused to allow him to learn without paying because the Mukuba University is now run by the Copperbelt University (CBU). So, the conditions are very strict; they can't allow my child to write exams, unless I clear this balance. So, I am appealing to well-wishers who can be able to assist me to offset this amount," explained Washama. For anyone willing to assist, Washama left the following contact numbers on which he

could be reached. "I am a peasant farmer, I cannot meet this figure, it's too much. My phone numbers are; +260 977 189 264, +260 969 794 007, +260 955 424 533. I am staying in Kitwe, Chimwemwe Compound." In January last year, Washama approached Kitwe District Commissioner Binwell Mpundu, who in turn wrote to Mukuba University to allow James proceed with his third year studies without paying, since he was vulnerable. But the university is still insisting that James would not be

allowed to write his exams until he pays. "The aforementioned is a third year student at your university. The family has failed to raise tuitions fees for him to continue his education. It is against this background that I write to your good office to enable him proceed to third year for he is vulnerable and just looking for well-wishers to help him raise the said tuition fees. His parents have promised to sell a property of land for them to [raise] monies for their son's university fees," wrote Mpundu.

Copperbelt Province Permanent Secretary Bright Nundwe says the theft of government resources in the region is escalating at an alarming level; noting that some workers were building expensive houses, yet their salaries were very small.

He recalled that when he was in charge of Muchinga, the province never had any audit queries during the three years that he served; but Copperbelt Province had proved to be notorious for theft of government resources.

In order to arrest the problem, Mr Nundwe gathered accountants, whom he thinks are the major culprits, from various departments and gave them a stern warning at a skills building workshop in Ndola.

“Every time, Copperbelt appears before the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee because of the evils that you commit wilfully, the PS sweats because of sins that you commit as accountants. We have a section of civil servants on the Copperbelt who have an agenda to steal wilfully with impunity. We have chaps building yet his salary is very low. So, next time if you steal, I will take you to PAC so that we sweat together. You don’t know how we sweat from the head to toes. We sweat everywhere,” lamented Mr Nundwe.

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Nundwe’s warning must be extended to Lungu, his Cabinet Ministers

enough, the more you have the more you want. But no matter how much you steal from government, we will bury you with a boxer and a shirt. So, account for government resources prudently, otherwise you will go and rot in jail. They will screw you in jail and you will find they have chewed your wife for nothing. Stop stealing!”

We like Mr Nundwe’s counsel to the government workers, but why has he been appearing before the Public Accounts Committee to sweat every year without rooting out the culprits? Why?

It seems the Permanent Secretary was very certain that he was addressing thieves employed by government as accountants, yet there is no action taken against

any one of them. The truth is that theft by these public servants is a little more complicated and deep-rooted than it is seen on the surface.

It is not always that accountants steal without any accomplice at the top of the government department or organization hierarchy. Usually, the bigger the amount stolen, the higher the accomplice involved. So, we would like to recommend to Mr Nundwe that he buys a mirror for his office and look into it every day when he reports for work and before leaving.

When accountants are able to steal big without being caught, that only goes to show that there is lack of internal controls to monitor expenditure and accountability. If

accountants who steal blood volumes of money are not arrested, it means Mr Nundwe’s office is weak or participating.

The Anti-Corruption Commission and Drug Enforcement Commission are there to arrest those who steal. The media is here to expose those that are abusing their offices; why can’t Mr Nundwe assume the role of whistle-blower if indeed he is concerned about the alarming levels of theft in his province?

What we are trying to say is that, if an accountant is stealing, but never fired, let alone arrested, it means Mr Nundwe is tolerating theft and is an accomplice. If Copperbelt Province is a perpetual culprit in the Auditor General’s report, yet Mr Nundwe himself is not

being fired, it means his appointing authority (in this case President Edgar Lungu) is tolerating the habit of stealing. In fact, this cannot be disputed.

Since the Patriotic Front came into power, the misappropriation of funds, as shown by the Office of the Auditor General, has only been getting worse, year after year. In the latest report, we saw the Auditor General go a step further to name some culprits, but we have not heard of any arrests made. That means our government is not serious about good governance and accountability.

We have not seen any desperate moves from State House to fight corruption and theft of public resources in government. What

we have heard from President Lungu instead is “ubomba mwibala alya mwibala, but mwilalya nembuto kumo”, encouraging theft among ruling party and government workers.

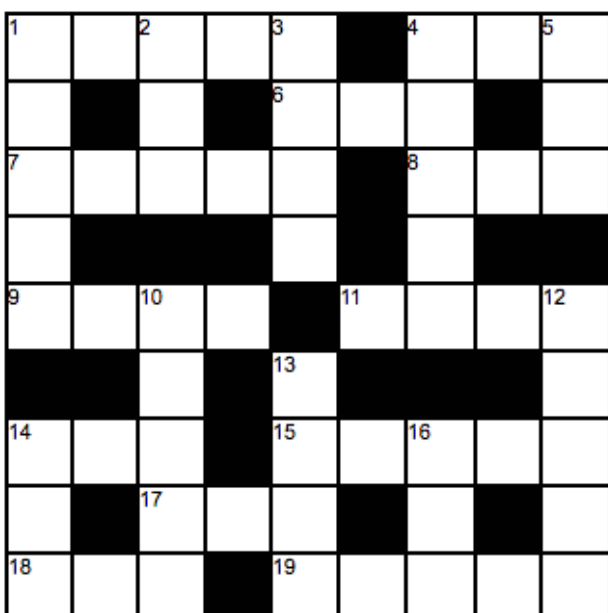
What we deduce from such statements is that State House staff, starting from the Head of State himself, is a participant of abuse of office and theft by public servant. That is why they simply condemn theft, like the Copperbelt Permanent Secretary was doing, but they do nothing about it.

In our view, Mr Nundwe’s warning to thieves must not be restricted to accountants on the Copperbelt. His message must be extended to his own office, all ministries and State House at the top.

So, therefore, dear President Lungu and your Cabinet, Mr Nundwe has a timely warning for you and your Cabinet:

“Money is never enough, the more you have the more you want. But no matter how much you steal from government, we will bury you with a boxer and a shirt. So, account for government resources prudently, otherwise you will go and rot in jail. They will screw you in jail and you will find they have chewed your wife for nothing. Stop stealing!”

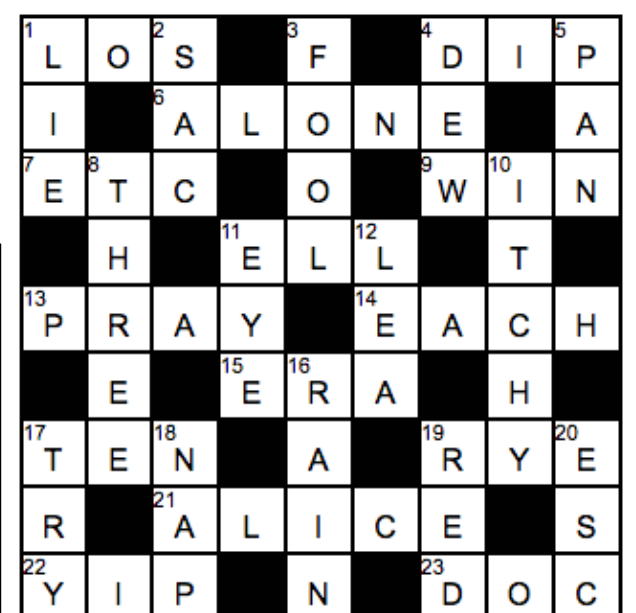
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“It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.”
- Nelson Mandela

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ND OPINION: Miles' apology for being abducted

Editor,
"Tough love there from ND! Very powerful analysis. What has happened to Sampa is very sad. They have reduced him to rubble, the PF. He will even apologise when they kill him 'I am sorry for killing me'." - Lyrical Soulz

"I am wondering how is

he going to deliver on his campaign promises if he can apologise for things that is obvious that he was abducted. Already is a compromised mayor, nothing good will come from him." - Watunda Wathunda

"On point, News Diggers!" - Sam Rich Zulu

"Article of the year!" - Andrew Nedson Mabuku Nyoni

"Miles Sampa is too naive and excited by being elected as Lusaka Mayor by the same lawless PF thugs who almost killed him. According to media reports, he reported the incident to the police; he claimed that he knows them. The thousands of starving PF thugs in Lusaka who grab other people's land and property are unemployed; the thugs are all over Lusaka, including markets and bus stations. As a Mayor of a large city where law and order is non-existent, Sampa should learn to ask armed police to accompany him on inspection tours, otherwise the very PF party thugs who support his party will lynch him." - Chivunda Samusungwa

"The first problem we have is, Sampa came on the scene broke and with nothing to offer apart from his handsome face. He publicly confessed that he was broke and he needed a job. By declaring that he was broke and he needed a job, he put himself up for easy manipulation by the powers that may be. He was quickly forgiven for his transgression in PF, given a priority over many loyal PF members and adopted for the Mayoral seat, in short; he sold his soul to the perpetrators of state capture and he must now pay the price." - Martin Nyanjagha

"At times I can't tell whether this man is going or coming. Mr Mayor, he who eats with devil must have a long spoon." - Scofield Manyoni

"Sampa is a perfect example of a puppet, a man without a voice, a man with no will, a pawn for the PF leadership." - Mangani Sampa



Mumbi's claim that PF has already won Kasenengwa

Dear Editor,
"Without doubt, PURE FAILURES, you have taken it....how do you lose when those who count the votes are the ones who decides the winner at the expense of voters? Indeed, it's a formality so you fool those already fooled that there is democracy in Zambia." - Belington Mulenga Chisenga

"This is the most NONSENSICAL statement I have ever heard." - Mufwambi Mubita

"So, why are PF thugs attacking opposition in

the area?" - Scott Davis

"Yes, you have won through corruption." - Mwenya Kelvin

"You should learn how to inform people; just put it very clear that you've stolen already." - Back Chris Owen Nayo

"Is it an election or selection? PF is really just competing by itself, therefore, this is just a selection." - Humphrey Kasale

"One thing I like about Mumbi is that she speaks/empties what they plan." - Solomon H Phiri

Nathan Chanda's view on KCM handing over mine to govt

Editor,

"Using what policy, Ba Mayor? Engage them and hear their challenges." - Vincent Kyamasengo

"In PF, anybody can just wake up with a running stomach and make a government statement. With this current incompetence and inefficiency, they think they can run a mine when simple toll gate collections grow legs and run faster than Usain Bolt!" - Dennis Wei Mulenga

"Just shut up if you've nothing to do for you are the same people who have reduced this mine to nothing, but today, you go on an anthill to hallucinate?" - Callaghan Mwamba

"You can't operate a dump site; can you manage to operate a mine size of KCM?? With the politics of employing cadres with no qualifications, convince me which parastatal is doing fine with good profit, not even ZNBC, which we pay K5 a monthly." - Linanga Emmanuel Kabula

"Most companies run by Zambians are just struggling and are being sustained by grants and loans from the donor community, and if there is board dominated by Zambians, it's a complete debacle." - Mwiche Mangala

Japan evacuates major airport after typhoon wreaks havoc

A major airport that was cut off when a huge typhoon smashed through its sole access road was being evacuated Wednesday, as Japan grappled with devastation caused by its most powerful storm in a quarter of a century. Boats and buses were ferrying stranded passengers from Kansai International Airport -- one of the country's busiest -- after thousands of people were forced to spend the night in the partially flooded facility.

At least ten people were killed, and hundreds more injured by Typhoon Jebi as it raked through the major manufacturing area around Osaka -- Japan's second city -- wrecking infrastructure and destroying homes.

Winds up to 216 kilometres (135 miles) per hour ripped off roofs, overturned trucks and swept a 2,500-ton tanker into a bridge leading to the airport, the region's main international gateway and a national transport hub.

The damage to the bridge left the artificial island temporarily cut off, stranding 3,000

travellers and additional staff overnight.

Runways were flooded as high waves washed into the facility on Tuesday, knocking out electricity and inundating buildings.

On Wednesday, boats began ferrying people out of the airport, and buses began to run on one side of the damaged bridge after safety inspections.

"We don't know how many hours we need to bring everyone out but we're doing our best to finish it by the end of today," Kansai airport spokeswoman Yurino Sanada told AFP.

She could not confirm how many people had left the airport so far, and there was no indication when the facility, which runs over 400 flights a day, might reopen.

"We had a blackout so there was no air conditioning. It was hot," a woman told public broadcaster NHK after being ferried to Kobe.

Temperatures have hovered around 30 degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit).



Evacuation advisories had been issued for over 1.2 million people, but it was not clear how many had heeded the warnings

"I'd never expected this amount of damage from a typhoon," she said.

"I couldn't sleep, but I'm relieved because I thought I might not be able to get out," another woman told the station.

Local media said the death toll in the storm stood at 11, with over 600 people injured.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, tweeting on his official account, said the government was working to get the airport back

online.

"We continue to make utmost efforts to respond to disaster damage and restore infrastructure," he said.

More than 1.2 million people had been advised to leave their

homes as Jebi approached the Kansai area -- Japan's industrial heartland -- although it was unclear how many had heeded the warnings. Around 16,000 people spent the night in shelters, local media said. *AFP*



The nearly 50-year-old bridge that collapsed in Kolkata, India last Tuesday killing one person and injuring 24. *AFP*

Over fifth of meat tested in UK showed unspecified animal DNA

More than a fifth of meat tested in Britain last year contained DNA from animals not listed on the label, according to the BBC.

The British Food Standards Agency (FSA) found 145 items out of 665 that it sampled in 2017 consisted partly or wholly of unspecified meat, it reported.

The products came from 487 businesses, including restaurants and supermarkets.

The FSA said the results, accessed under a BBC freedom of information request, were consistent with "deliberate inclusion", the broadcaster said.

But the agency added that the tests had deliberately targeted operations suspected of "compliance issues".

They were "not representative of the wider food industry", an FSA spokesman told the BBC.

Around half of the 145 contaminated samples came from retailers, which included three supermarkets, 50 belonged to restaurants and 22 originated from food manufacturers. Some specimens showed DNA from as many as four different animals, while others contained no trace of the actual meat listed on the product label.

Supposed lamb items were most likely to contain traces of other animals' DNA, followed by beef and goat, while cow DNA was the most common contaminate.

Pig, chicken, sheep and turkey also featured frequently when not specified on packaging. Mince meat was the product incorrectly labelled most often, followed by sausages, kebabs and restaurant curries.

The FSA was not available for immediate comment. *AFP*



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David Beckham's Major League Soccer franchise will be called Inter Miami CF, it has been announced. The club, owned by the former Manchester United player's company Miami Beckham United, unveiled their new name and logo with a video on Twitter.

"Four years ago, we dreamt of a soccer club. Today, we're proud to announce the official crest of that club. Join us on a journey that has only just begun," it said.

The full name of the team will be Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami, to symbolise the strong Spanish-speaking community within the population of the Florida city.

The club's motto "Libertas, Unitas, Fortuna" pays tribute to the concepts of freedom, unity, solidarity, inclusiveness, opportunity and good fortune for all.

"We are a new team but we are a city with a lot of history and I think that's what we wanted to create with this crest," said Beckham to SNTV.

But also, the authenticity,

David Beckham's MLS team to be called Inter Miami CF



Managing owner Jorge Mas added: "Our city and our fans draw their strength from the dreams of a global population that calls Miami home.

"It is only fitting that our name pays tribute to the inclusiveness that makes us who we are."

Beckham announced his plans to form an MLS franchise in January and the club will officially start competing in the American top flight in 2020.

Inter Miami CF has yet to find a home and in November the city's voters will go to the polls for a referendum on a no-bid lease to build the club's stadium for a reported \$1bn. **SKYSPORTS**

the South American flavour that we wanted in there. We also needed

that modern twist as well because that's what Miami is all about.

"I know that we have created something that our fans are happy with, I just

hope that we've created something that everybody will be happy with."

Germany coach Joachim Loew has confirmed there is no chance of Mesut Ozil returning to the squad in the wake of the player's bombshell retirement from international duty in July.

"I think everything has been said about this. When a player announces his resignation like that, you don't pick him for the squad eight or nine weeks later," Loew said at a press conference on Wednesday

Ozil return out of the question for Loew as Germany prepare France clash

ahead of Germany's UEFA Nations League game against World Cup winners France. "Players who have resigned will not have a role to play in future."

Ozil, capped 92 times, announced his retirement from international football in the wake of Germany's disastrous World Cup campaign, with his statement

accusing the German FA (DFB) president, Reinhard Grindel, of racism. Loew, meanwhile, regrets not having been able to speak to the Arsenal star about his

decision. "Mesut and I enjoyed a lot of success together over the years. I have tried several times to reach him on the phone, without any luck, and I will continue to try and make contact with him in future," he said.

Germany are desperate to put their summertime blues behind them on Thursday when they host the French -- the team who succeeded them as World Cup winners -- in Munich.

The start of the brand new Nations League has thrown up a mouthwatering match for Loew's side, which will retain a core of players who so badly underperformed in Russia.

"We are facing a new beginning. I feel that there is a positive impatience among the players to make amends for the summer," Loew said at the Allianz Arena.

Loew, who resisted calls to resign after a disastrous World Cup campaign, is now under pressure to show that he is the right man to lead Germany into a new era of success. He has a contract until 2022, having extended his deal in the spring.

"He has done a lot of thinking since the World Cup," midfielder Toni Kroos said of his coach.

"From our training sessions, I feel like we are changing one or two things, and I hope that people see that tomorrow (Thursday)."

Veteran midfielder Sami Khedira was among those left out of the squad, while youngsters Thilo Kehrer and Kai Havertz have been called up for the first time.

Manchester City's Leroy Sane also returns after his controversial exclusion from the World Cup squad. **AFP**

NAZ ignorant on player dues

By Alex Chilumbwe

Netball Association of Zambia (NAZ) says it has no idea how much allowances are due to the national team players that participated in the Region Africa Netball tournament the country hosted from 13th to 18th August, this year. The netballers have so far only been given K2000 each and were told the unknown balance would be credited to their respective accounts later. In an interview with Goal Diggers! NAZ president Getrude Mukumi said only the ministry of sports would know and comment on allowances due to players. "I am aware that they have only been given K2000 each and are waiting for the balance. I do not know how much the balance is or when it will be credited to them. People from the ministry are in a better place

to respond to questions regarding their allowances. As much as that is a genuine concern and part of my responsibility as association

president, only people from the ministry would be able to comment," said Mukumi. The netball national team had had challenges in

getting their dues after national duty engagements and in instances they got paid, the amounts had never been motivating.

FAZ, Simbeya part ways

Alex Chilumbwe

FAZ has with immediate effect parted company with Zambia Women's National team coach Enala Simbeya, barely two months after her appointment. The decision to part ways with Mrs Phiri was made during

the Football Association of Zambia Executive Committee meeting held on 1st September, 2018. In a press statement availed to the media yesterday, FAZ communications manager Desmond Katongo explained the decision and how the

association arrived at it. "FAZ and Simbeya reached a mutual agreement to part ways. The decision to part company is purely in the Associations and Simbeya's interest. We wish to take this opportunity to wish her the best of luck in her

future endeavours. FAZ has therefore, appointed Zambia Women's National team Assistant coach, Beauty Mwamba as acting national team coach," Katongo said. "We wish to congratulate Mrs Mwamba on her appointment. FAZ has

immense faith in her ability to deliver for the nation," said Katongo. Shepolopolo is intensifying training as they prepare for COSAFA Castle Cup in South Africa as well as Africa Cup scheduled for Ghana.

NAMIBIA WARY OF CHIPOLOPOLO

By Alex Chilumbwe

Zambia is still a football giant in the region even though the stakes have been on our side the past four-five years, says Namibia national team coach Ricardo Mannetti. And Mannetti also said Zambia National team remained a good side with every squad made. "We have always followed the Zambian team and Zambian football. Whatever team they come up with is always as good as the other team, and so we are not taking it lightly whatsoever," said Mannetti. Even though the stakes have been in our side the past four

...Zambia is a soccer giant in the region - Mannetti

to five years, Zambia is still a giant in the region. They still won more COSAFA Castle Cups more than us, so they are always a good side." Zambia will this Saturday

face Namibia in Windhoek on their group K AFCON qualifier game, and will be fighting for nothing but a win. Both teams are without a point yet in the qualifiers

and a win for either team would cause a mountain for the other. The game is the first real test for new Chipolopolo Coach Sven Vandembroeck who

has yet to take the squad for an international challenge. Coach Sven rubbished the need for any International preparatory friendly matches, calling

them a waste of time. The Belgian has made rare call ups to the national team, among them Congolese based TP Mazembe midfielder Rainford Kalaba



Premier League to trial VAR this season - Skysports



Things are looking up as Juan Martin del Potro beats John Isner. AFP

Pogba always welcome at Barca - Luis Suarez



Luis Suarez believes Paul Pogba should be challenging for more trophies than he is at Manchester United and would always be welcome at Barcelona.

Pogba has endured a turbulent two years since returning to Old Trafford for a then world-record fee of 105 million euros (\$121.7) and his relationship with coach Jose Mourinho has become strained.

The 25-year-old rediscovered his best form away from his club, for France in the summer, when he inspired Les Bleus to World Cup glory in Russia, beating Uruguay and Suarez on the way.

But since Alex Ferguson retired in 2013, United have failed to go close in either the Premier League or Champions League, while Barca have won three La Ligas in that time and the Champions League once.

"Pogba is an elite player who has won everything and we always want to have the best," Suarez told RAC1 on Tuesday.

"He is a player that has a lot of quality and who is one of the key players at United, and I think he would like to compete for more than he is competing for now.

"But that's how it is, he does not belong to Barcelona but he will always be welcome."

One Champions League crown in five years, however, represents a disappointing return for Barca, particularly while rivals Real Madrid have dominated the tournament, winning it three times in a row. AFP

