



# Not all highly educated women are romantically starved, says Kabwela

## WE HAVE ENOUGH

## SEX, MONEY

By Diggers Reporter

Artist and publisher Sampa Kabwela says it cannot be further from the truth for Zambian men to think women who are educated and financially independent are somewhat, sexually starved. Kabwela who works for a top International organisation says: "of the many things missing in my life, sex and money are not one of them, and I speak not just for myself, but an army of women who are having it all: good education, good money and great sex."

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Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa listens to his boss, the Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo - Picture by tenson Mkhala

### Kapeso threatens to summon Sinazongwe DC, ZNBC reporter for questioning over 'fake news'

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

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Protacio Mulenga and a ZNBC reporter may be summoned for questioning for giving false and alarming information to the public.

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### Lungu a playboy who must go – Kambwili

By Mukosha Funga

NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili says President Edgar Lungu is just a playboy

who must resign on moral grounds before Zambians start lining up for bread again.

And Kambwili warned that Zambians will take to the streets if the Chinese went ahead to take over ZESCO. In an interview, Kambwili, who is also Roan PF member of parliament, wondered why President Lungu chartered a plane and carried a huge delegation to China when the country was broke.

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### Cost of living in Kitwe hits K5,100

By Stuart Lisulo

The cost of living in Kitwe has drastically increased to a record-breaking K5,159 for a family of five, becoming the country's second most expensive city, according to the JCTR.

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### C/Belt police summon Kalaba

By Mukosha Funga

Police on the Copperbelt have summoned Bahati PF member of parliament Harry Kalaba to appear before the division headquarters on September 11 at 10:00 hours.

According to a call out issued by the Copperbelt Division Criminal Investigations officer and delivered to Kalaba yesterday,

the former foreign affairs minister is expected to appear before them without fail.

When contacted, Kalaba who held

various meeting in the province last week said he was not sure what the summon was about, but confirmed that he would appear.

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### Harry Kalaba's party wins deregistration case in High Court

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

PF deputy media director Antonio Mwanza says a lot of contracts are awarded to Chinese companies because they have a lot of money to pump in the projects than what Zambians can afford.

And Mwanza argues that the PF government has not introduced any new taxes to the Zambian people.

He said this when he featured on Hot FM's 'Hot Seat' programme yesterday.

And speaking when she called in during the programme, PF deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri said once the list of those who benefitted from the loan scheme is published, the beneficiaries should be named and shamed as most of them were from the well-to-do families.

"The quality of roads is being tested by the Economics Association of Zambia. It's an independent institution comprising of very educated and experienced engineers in various fields. And the quality of the roads is acceptable quality as per standard of the Zambian government and as per standard of the SADC region. In terms of the Chinese taking over the investments, I have always told people that it is important to be very honest with ourselves. All the companies that are given contracts are graded, according to the skilled labour that they have, they are graded, according to the equipment that they have, and according to the

# Zambians should accept Chinese funded projects; we don't have money - Antonio

technology and the capacity that they have. If, for instance, the Ndola-Lusaka dual carriageway, that project will cost not less than US \$900 million. The Chinese company that has agreed to deal with that has already agreed to pump their own money - US \$400 million under the Public Private Partnership," Mwanza narrated.

He said Zambia is among the 3rd cheapest countries in terms of constructing roads in the region.

"Which Zambian company today can produce US \$400 million? There is no single Zambian company that has got US \$400 million to pump in a project! So, if you look at all these major projects that are being done, it requires a lot of money. And people don't say that, Zambia is amongst the 3rd cheapest countries to construct a road. They can try Zimbabwe, they can try Botswana and they can compare. Zambia is the 3rd cheapest in the southern region in terms of construction of roads. So, if you look at the size of these

projects, you will realise that you need a lot of capital injection; your own money that you have to pump in before the project takes off. And we don't have local companies that have that kind of money to inject in a project. It has to go without saying that, first of all, we need to look at capacity," Mwanza added.

He also said a Chinese contractor once given a contract can work at night just to finish the works on time, while the Zambian contractor once given a down payment for a project abandons the works

"The attitude also matters. The Chinese investors, for

instance, when you give them a project, they will do it on time. They will even be working at night, they will be knocking off at 21:00hrs, but some of our own investors here, once you give them a down payment, they disappear! They go and buy a Range Rover, they go, they abandon the site, the abandon the workers! The money which is supposed to be used to buy materials they use it to go clubbing! So, that attitude also, we must deal with it, and we must accept that when we have given these projects to the Chinese, in no time they clear the works. So, we need to learn the good practices from the Chinese," Mwanza

insisted.

And Mwanza said the PF government has not introduced any new tax to the Zambian people.

"In terms of taxes, this is another story, which the opposition wants to use, but it doesn't work because the facts are that one; there is no new tax that the Patriotic Front has introduced. If you talk about the 30 ngwee [Internet tariff], it has been explained very clearly by the Minister in charge of Communications and Transport, Honourable Brian Mushimba that, every time we make these Internet phone calls and WhatsApp phone calls, the people that get the money are WhatsApp,

Facebook, Internet, we have no share in these costs. We use our data, but government has explained. Unfortunately, it is not every government policy that people will agree with," Mwanza said.

And Phiri said once the list of those who benefitted from the loan scheme is published, the beneficiaries should be named and shamed as most of them were from the well-to-do families.

"We should continue telling the truth to the people on what this PF government has done. And I want to emphasize that come 2021, these opposition will have nothing to talk about! And if you go to the Bursaries Committee and check, you will agree with me that the people who were getting those loans, actually, are not from vulnerable families, they are from well-to-do families. So, comparing as to who hasn't paid and who should pay is not right. When the names are published, they should be shamed because they were not even entitled to get those loans," said Phiri.

## Kapeso threatens to summon Solwezi DC, ZNBC reporter for questioning over false story



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Southern Province Police Commissioner Bonny Kapeso says Sinazongwe District Commissioner Protacio Mulenga and a ZNBC reporter may be summoned for questioning for giving false and alarming information to the public.

And Kapeso has also blamed the ZNBC journalist who compiled a report stating that about 40 people had been shot dead in Sinazongwe by unknown assailants, without verifying facts with his command.

On Tuesday, ZNBC ran a story in which District Commissioner Mulenga was filmed briefing Southern Province Permanent Secretary Mwangala Liomba, of the crime rate in the District.

Although the Police Officer In Charge was present during the time when the District Commissioner was briefing the Permanent Secretary, and did not correct the information, Kapeso insists that both the DC and the journalist are responsible for misleading the public.

Journalists have protested to Kapeso in his WhatsApp group, but the police chief has remained adamant.

The argument started on Wednesday when one of the group members posted a ZNBC news video clip in the group, which Kapeso rubbished as not having come from police.

"That information did not come from the police. DOO, OOP do not speak for the police. Let's just agree that as journalists, let's always verify information because we are trained. The reporter could have just phoned me in order to balance the story, period!" Kapeso stated.

But the journalists' group members argued that it was possible that the Permanent Secretary was fed with wrong information which was given to the DC by the local police. However, Kapeso insisted that the journalist who authored the story should have done the needful pursuant to journalistic ethics.

"I'm in charge of police, including Sinazongwe, and I have said that information did not come from police. If it came from us, why would I refute our own information? PS and DC are not trained in journalism. You are there to ensure a balanced story is written. If I were your editor, I would not run your story until it's verified by competent authorities. I would not relent on this subject because I am a journalist. Our brother quoted the DC, but the point is that, he should have balanced the story! 'If the DC said so, what did the police responsible for security say? Not everything that glitters is gold. The last paragraph should have reflected police position on those alarming statistics

because alarming the nation is a criminal offence! We may even call him for questioning to help us with such investigations. It was professionally wrong to send such a story," insisted Kapeso.

And in his statement, which he issued later, Kapeso refuted the statistics, saying that they were alarming figures.

"We wish to categorically refute the story running on social media headlined "40 shot dead in Sinazongwe" as not just misleading, but also sensationally alarming to the nation. What is true is that, from January to-date, police in Southern Province have recorded 68 cases of murder throughout the province with 38 arrests made out of those reported to us. These murder cases do not only involve shootings, but also incidents of deaths arising from gender-based violence; ordinary fights and spearing of suspects regarding issues of land wrangles, and suspected practice of witchcraft as well as issues of infidelity, among married couples," stated Kapeso.

"It is surprising that the author of the story did not confirm with my office as normally is the practice by professional journalists. The nation should, therefore, dismiss the authenticity of the story as it lacks credibility and objectivity."

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The Lusaka Magistrate Court has convicted a 43-year-old headman of Habeenzu village, in Shibuyunji, Lusaka Province, for assaulting a 57-year-old woman thereby occasioning her actual bodily harm. Wellingtone Habeenzu beat the woman with a stick, injuring her left leg and leaving her with a swollen shoulder and chest pains after suspecting her of killing his cow. Meanwhile, the Magistrates' Court has set September 12, 2018 as the date of sentencing. Particulars of the offence in this matter are that on July 1, 2018 in Lusaka district, Wellingtone Habeenzu, a farmer, did

# Court convicts headman for assaulting woman over cow

assault Lucia Mweenga 57, thereby occasioning her actual bodily harm. Facts of the matter are that on the July 1, 2018, the complainant Lucia Mweenga, was seated at her house in Mulela village when she saw the accused person in the company of other persons approaching her. When the accused person

got to where the complainant was, he started asking her as to why she had killed his cow and when she refused, he started beating her. "And when she refused, the accused person got annoyed and started dragging and beating her using a stick. She sustained a cut on her left leg, swollen shoulder and chest

pains. She then reported the matter to Shibuyunji police station where the officers took up the matter and proceeded with investigations which led to the arrest of the now accused person," read the facts. "Under warn and caution, the accused gave a free and voluntary reply admitting the charge. He had no

justification for assault." And when the matter came up for facts and sentencing, before magistrate David Simusamba, Wednesday, Habeenzu said the facts were correct after he was asked if he had anything to add or remove. However, the prosecution said they had failed to trace the original medical report

form which was in the custody of the complainant. Magistrate Simusamba then directed them authenticate the photocopied form and asked the accused person to move forward so that he could see the injured leg. He thereafter adjourned the matter to September 12, 2018 for sentencing.

By Mirriam Chabala

Chairperson for the House of Chiefs Land Policy Indaba, Chief Ngabwe, has disclosed that government has given titles to foreign investors for all the land in Gambwe Chiefdom a Central Province. And Chief Ngabwe has reiterated chiefs across the country have rejected the national land policy by government, saying the document lacks proper consultation and cannot be implemented in its current form. Speaking when he featured on UNZA radio's Lusaka Star programme, Wednesday, Chief Ngabwe suggested that government, through the Ministry of Lands, should be consulting chiefs before issuing mining licenses or giving land to foreign investors. "There are a lot of titles that have been given from Lusaka on a piece of land on some Chiefs' area where the Chief doesn't even know. They don't even know who is occupying that piece of land, where title has been issued in Lusaka. In my chiefdom, for instance, the whole of Gambwe Chiefdom, the Ministry of Mines has given title for the whole chiefdom! They have given mining licences; they've never even been there! But is that what should be happening? Do they know who is staying there? There may be minerals, but it would be better if the people on the scene knew about it. And what is worse about that is that, there is no participation of the chief as the final authority, which is happening to recommend. So, a chief is made like a spectator. There will be no chiefdoms, there will be no chief and that can bring a lot of confusion! Issuing large chunks of land to an investor, firstly, that investor needs to identify himself through the Zambia Development Agency [to show] the government that this is a correct investor," Chief Ngabwe explained. And Chief Ngabwe said that traditional leaders opted to reject the land policy in its current form because it had no clear specifications. "First and foremost, Zambia still does not have a land policy and in trying to manage land properly, in trying to come up with a policy that would ensure that the administration of land in this country is done properly, government did not follow the process and procedures that are

## Govt has sold off my whole chiefdom to foreign investors, laments Chief Ngabwe

required. The contents of what they came up with is what has brought out these differences in opinion. In fact, if you go back in 2012, Parliament had set up a Committee at the same issue of the land policy, and their report is available for all Zambians to see. And as chiefs, we examined this policy of December, 2017, and we found a number of issues that we considered that they were not appropriately done and made a submission through the House of Chiefs to government that they should take care of some of our concerns," he narrated. "However, the government, through the Minister [of Lands] herself, promised that they were going to come to us,

which they didn't, until they held the validation meeting in February, 2018. Now, what are the main concerns of the chiefs? First and foremost, we wanted a document that was participatory, that took into consideration all the needs of all stakeholders in Zambia, not only chiefs, but all the players in Zambia. The document that we wanted to come up with must be Zambian-driven. The second point is that, the content of the document did not cover all that is going on in the administration of land in this country. It has not also specified what has been the major difficulties in the way land is being administered currently because we have customary land and State land. What are the

problems in the administration of State land now? What are the problems in the administration of customary land now? That did not come out clearly because if we knew what their major problems were, we should be able to provide them solutions on how to deal with those things. After that, then we should have consulted all the stakeholders to come up with a new land policy that takes care of all the needs of the stakeholders." Chief Ngabwe stressed that there was need for government to consult with the traditional leadership in coming up with a land policy that protects the interests of all Zambians. "There is no other inheritance that we have apart from land.

Land is the only perpetual inheritance that God created for us. So, these were the major concerns that we have. We believe that in the terms of the chiefs in this country, only few chiefs were consulted. For example, in the case of Central Province, there are 39 chiefs, but only five were consulted. We, therefore, suggested to the [Lands] Minister that she should hold a national indaba where all the 288 chiefs were going to be called for discussions, and other stakeholders, but unfortunately, the Minister categorically told us that they had no resources to hold such a type of indaba and to us that meant that she was not prepared to engage us on this matter of land policy. We sought

audience with the President [Edgar Lungu] who encouraged that consultations should continue with the government and it was on that basis that we decided that each province, we must hold the national indaba where were going to pay all the costs ourselves because the issue was very important to the people of Zambia. The national indaba was then held from the 28th to the 29th of May at COMESA secretariat here in Lusaka, and we made out submissions, which are there for everyone to see," said Chief Ngabwe. Meanwhile, Chief Ngabwe called for a detailed land audit across the country in order to assess the total land available that had been left.

# MTN yet to understand 30 ngwee Internet tariff

By Abraham Kalito

MTN Zambia chief executive officer Charles Molapisi says the company is in consultation with government to understand the 30 ngwee per day Internet tariff that has been imposed on cell phone subscribers. And Molapisi says the telecommunications company intends to construct at least 300 sites in villages across the country to improve mobile services to the far-flung areas. When asked whether MTN's revenues dwindled following an increase in Internet calls as stated by government, and whether the 30 ngwee per day tariff on Internet calls was a welcome move, Molapisi said that he would only avail further information after consultations with government. "I think what is important for me to say is that, we work with the Ministry [of Communications] very closely; the Ministry has been very supportive to us over the years, and I think I would like us to go more into details. I have been in close contact with the Ministry. I think it's only after that we will be able to provide further insight into what this 30 ngwee move by government is all about. But what is important is that we work closely with the government, we align in terms of objectives with those of the government. So, we will explore a little bit more in details later. I think it's too early to say...[whether we had trouble collecting revenue or not] for me to provide the details that you are asking for. I think maybe first for me to

explore a little bit more in details [to see whether it's a welcome move.] I think once we are in face-to-face discussions, I think we will be able to provide the answers that you want once we are done with the final consultations with government," Molapisi told News Diggers! in an interview in Lusaka, Wednesday. And speaking earlier during a breakfast meeting, Molapisi said MTN Zambia intends to construct at least 300 sites in villages across the country to improve mobile services to the far-flung areas. "We are connecting all the villages; we have an ambitious plan of rolling out close to 300 sites in five months across the villages in Zambia. We will continue to strive to change the lives of our people because we believe that everyone deserves the benefits of a modern life. And we want everyone, not the Lusaka people alone, not the people on the Copperbelt alone, but people in Mpika, and people in Mporokoso. Zambia is a competitive market. It's a competitive market and we respect our competitors. They are working very hard just like we are working very hard," Molapisi said. "But we believe in our brand, we believe in the message for the future, and we also believe that MTN, we are truly the only operator in the continent that is properly committed to the African continent. We are the only one in this whole continent who is the people African operator that is committed that has got scale, that covers many countries, so our roots are Africa. Our commitment is Africa. We continue

to spend more money in this continent. We believe that our strategy makes more sense and we are committed to the future of Zambia and Africa." He added that MTN had embarked on a skills development mission, and had engaged educators to provide free grade 12 lessons on MTN TV, which 12th graders can freely access. "We sent an announcement yesterday; if you check our Facebook page [to start providing tuition lessons to grade twelves.] We will be going strongly in terms [of] announcement in the media. How we do this is that we have partnered with a number of very strong and competent educators. We are creating a platform for them to be able to give revision lessons for the past papers to enable our young people to uplift their skills and to be able to be competent," explained Molapisi. "So, all you need is a Facebook account, you access it across the network, any other network you are free to access it and from there, the content is going to be recorded, and it's going to be stored on the MTN platform, which is MTN TV. So, any time the grade twelves will be able to access it and it will be there for good, which will be very powerful. But the live sessions, which are going to be launched, and are going to be done by the educators live in the next three weeks by every Zambian irrespective of the network and that is the beauty about MTN; we cater for everybody because we want to leave our people in a better place."

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 21-year-old female police officer has appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court for stealing a deep freezer valued at K3,500, property of Resalu college. Particulars of the offence are that Jane Mumbi of Woodlands, on August 8, this year, in Lusaka, jointly and whilst acting together with other persons unknown did steal a deep freezer valued at K3,500, the property of Resalu college.

Mumbi could however not take plea when the matter came up, Thursday, because magistrate Betty Malupenga was unwell. The matter has been adjourned to September 24, 2018, for plea. And a 28-year-old business man of Lusaka's Garden compound has appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court for aggravated robbery where he allegedly stole MTN talktime worth K12,000, property of Ethan Suppliers and Retailers Limited.

## Cop in court for stealing freezer

Particulars of the offence in this matter are that on August 6, 2018, the accused person jointly and whilst acting together with other persons unknown and armed with knives, did steal MTN talktime worth K12,000 property of Ethan Suppliers and Retailers Limited, during which he used violence

against Alex Mushika in order to obtain or overpower resistance to it being stolen. When the matter came up for possible plea before magistrate Austin Kaoma, Thursday, the accused could not take plea as the offence he was charged with was beyond the courts jurisdiction. Magistrate Kaoma said until

consent from the DPP to commit the matter to the High Court was issued, the accused would continue appearing for mention. "The offence You are charged with is beyond the courts jurisdiction. Until consent from the DPP to commit the matter to the High Court is issued, you will be appearing

for mention. The offence [you are charged with] is not bailable, you are therefore remanded in custody," said magistrate Kaoma. The matter comes up on September 28 for mention. Meanwhile, a 31 year-old lorry boy of Kanyama compound has been dragged to court for allegedly obtaining K10,500 from a Zimbabwean national by falsely pretending that he had an employment opportunity to offer her when in fact not. Particulars of offence in this matter are that Yobe Mbewe between June 21 and July 30, 2018 in Lusaka, with intent to defraud or deceive, obtained K 10,500 cash from Betty Nyatelo by falsely pretending that he had an employment opportunity to offer to Nyatelo when in fact not. When the matter came up for plea before magistrate Racheal Mwansa, the accused pleaded not guilty. The matter has since been adjourned to September 19, 2018, for commencement of trial.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 24-year-old National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) student has pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful possession of psychotropic substances, namely 0.4 grammes of marijuana in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court. And the court has granted the accused, Chiza Chilanga, bail of K800 in his own recognizance with two working sureties in the sum of K5,000 also in their own recognizance, based in Lusaka and in employment. Particulars of the offence in this matter are that Chiza Chilanga, on August 27,

## NIPA student admits possessing marijuana

2018, in Lusaka, did possess psychotropic substances namely 0.4 grammes of marijuana, a herbal product of cannabis sativa, without lawful authority. When the matter came up for plea before Magistrate Judy Chiyaika, Wednesday, Chilanga

admitted to the charge. He said the drugs were meant for smoking. Chilanga, however, admitted that he had no lawful authority to possess the drugs when asked by the Magistrate. Meanwhile, Magistrate Chiyaika granted the

accused bail of K800 in his own recognizance with two working sureties in the sum of K5,000, based in Lusaka, and in employment, after his lawyer made an application for bail. "Bail has been granted in own recognizance in the sum of K800 plus two working

sureties also in their own recognizance in the sum of K5,000 each. The sureties must be Lusaka residents and must be in employment," ruled Magistrate Chiyaika. The matter has been adjourned to September 12, 2018, for facts and sentencing.

## Monze resident sues Chingola

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A Monze resident has dragged a Chingola man, Bwalya Chishimba Kambwili, to court for failing to pay back K195,000 debt borrowed in 2016. Bizwell Zulu is claiming for payment of the said debt, plus interest and costs. In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Zulu stated that he used to reside in Chingola before he moved to Monze District. He stated that by oral agreement made between the two in 2016, Bwalya borrowed money from him on various dates, which culminated to K195,000. "Between the plaintiff and

## man over K195,000 debt

the defendant in 2016, the defendant borrowed money from the plaintiff on various dates, which culminated

in a total debt of K195,000 as at August 31, 2016. In pursuant of the said oral agreement, the plaintiff lent

the defendant the money," read the statement of claim. Zulu stated that Bwalya had in breach of the said

oral agreement, failed to pay the sum of K195,000 which was lent to him. He now claims for payment

of K195,000 being money lent to Bwalya, interest on the money from September 1, 2016 to date and costs.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Former University of Zambia (UNZA) deputy vice chancellor Professor Geoffrey Lungwangwa says the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSEB) should not handle the students' loans recovery process in a mediocre manner. And Prof Lungwangwa says the Board should also

## Student loan recovery needs better handling – Lungwangwa

explain how it arrived at the 15 per cent interest rate to be paid by those who benefited from the loan scheme.

In an interview with News Diggers! Prof Lungwangwa, who is also UPND chairperson for the Education Committee, said the recovery of loans needed to be handled professionally. "The decision to recover the loans since 2004 must be done professionally. The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board should have a detailed data base of all the individuals that acquired loans from the government. For example, their names, when they were given the loan, how much they eventually ended up in terms of total amount of loans, how much is expected of them to pay with the 15 per cent interest rate, [just] that kind of information. So, that register must be replaced so that people should be able to [be] free to respect it," Prof Lungwangwa said. He said the Board should also explain how it arrived at the 15

per cent interest rate as well as the time frame for paying back. "And then they should also explain how they arrived at 15 per cent interest rate [because] 15 per cent interest rate is quite high! Is that a fair interest rate? And even the time frame; the period of recovery [which is] four to 10 years I think, how did they arrive at all that? And then there are other pieces of information that they need to...for example, if people are not employed, what conditions have they put in place to address their predicament?" Prof Lungwangwa asked. He said there was no way the Board would embark on a loan recovery just by putting a notice in the press without attending to the issues surrounding the subject. "...And then we have the other issue of those who are unemployed or those who have passed away, again what is the position of the Higher

Education Loans Board? So, these are matters of very high level professionalism and you just cannot embark on a loan recovery just by putting a notice in the press! You have to attend to the subject in a more professional manner like the way the banks do. When the banks give you a loan, first of all, you will have to understand the loan and then the recovery issues, and then you have somebody who is dealing with you. And if you have problems in terms of recovery [of if] you have certain difficulties, you explain to the bank or to the banker," said Prof Lungwangwa. "So the Higher Education Board, in my position or my view, should be a bit more professional. It should not handle this matter in a mediocre or amateurish way. So, there must be a register detailing who received the loan, how much they were getting each year?"



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By Abraham Kalito

The Zambia Congress of Trade Union (ZCTU) says government should first create employment for University of Zambia (UNZA) and Copperbelt University alumni who benefited from the loan scheme before asking them to pay back.

Government recently notified UNZA and Copperbelt University Alumni that the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELBS) would start loan recoveries, a move that has caused outcry from members of the public.

Commenting on the decision in a statement, Thursday, ZCTU secretary general Cosmas Mukuka said government should ensure that every graduate has a job before demanding repayment. "We support Government efforts to provide University education to as many Zambians as possible through a well-defined student loan scheme that does not leave any prospecting student behind. The motive behind the scheme is well meaning as it shall increase the number of students entering University and guarantee their ability to pay tuition fees. However, the Ministry of Higher Education should explain clearly how they intend to recover the said loans from the former University of Zambia and Copperbelt University students who benefited from the scheme. Further, the nation would like to know what contracts were entered into with the said students for them to have access to the bursary support which the Ministry is now demanding a repayment," Mukuka said.

"The Ministry should be sensitive to the plight of people before making certain demands from graduates who benefited from the said loans. If students signed for these loans, what were the terms and conditions for repayment, and when would repayments begin and how? The Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) is demanding answers to these critical questions and we wonder how the Ministry of Higher Education will manage to conduct an audit to determine which former students are in employment and those who are not. It is common knowledge that majority of former students from these two universities are still searching for jobs and Government would do well to first create job opportunities

# ZCTU asks govt to create jobs before demanding loan repayment

for such people before asking them to pay back loans. As things stand, the Ministry of Higher Education has not even sensitised stakeholders on how the system will capture those who have gone into productive and sustainable employment and will be able to pay back the student loans."

He urged government to ensure that the loan scheme catered for all those who intend to seek University education. "The notice is simply a general demand which fails to address the main objective and benefits of student loan repayment by beneficiary's student loans. A clear distinction must be made between former students in employment and those still searching for employment in order to avoid unnecessary persecution and prosecutions on those who will fail to pay back. The United Kingdom model is one of those systems that has worked well for all those pursuing higher education and who have benefitted from student loans. Through a well-established mechanism, the UK Government continues to offer University education to all who seek it and has managed to recover loans in the interest of its citizens.

We believe that no applicant seeking University education should be turned down on the basis that the Ministry has no money, hence our call for a well-defined Student Loan Scheme," he said.

"To reduce the stress and burden on these loans, Government should promote employment of these graduates from the University of Zambia

and Copperbelt University so that they have capacity to pay back the education loans they benefit from. We would like Government to create a conducive environment for job creation and open up business opportunities for the people, especially graduates in order for them to be economically productive. The notice from the Higher Education Loans

and Scholarships Board (HELBS) would only be supported if guidelines and the objectives are clearly made public. In the same manner the Board has informed the public, let it explain clearly how education loans will be disbursed and later recovered from the beneficiaries."

Mukuka asked government to regularise the informal sector instead of depending on the formal sector for revenue.

"The Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) is a major stakeholder in matters

affecting workers in this country and will not remain silent when parents (Workers) have to bear the consequences of their children's failure to pay back these loans. In a country where employment opportunities are on the decline and decent jobs scarce, it is prudent on our part to interrogate some of these initiatives. It is also incumbent on Government to regularise the informal economy because some of the graduates being targeted are operating in the informal economy and without proper regulations, it will not be easy to capture such individuals. We have always maintained that Government must hasten the process of organising the informal economy because of its strategic position economically. The tax base will be broadened, and this will result into more revenue for Government," stated Mukuka.



Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa shares a light moment with American Ambassador to Zambia Daniel Foote when he paid a courtesy call at his office at Civic Centre on September 6, 2018 - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

# Kalaba's party wins deregistration case

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The Lusaka High Court has quashed the decision by the Registrar of Societies to deregister Democratic Party (DP) saying their decision

was not only illegal but irrational, unreasonable and procedurally improper.

High Court Judge Sharon Newa has since directed the Registrar of Societies to issue

the party with a duplicate certificate of registration.

In this case, the Democratic Party, through its national secretary Precious Ntambu, commenced judicial review

proceedings challenging the registrar's decision to cancel registration of the party, arguing that it was illegal.

The Registrar deregistered DP on June 6, this year,

on grounds that it had not addressed the issue of why it should not be cancelled.

But delivering judgement, Thursday, Justice Sharon Newa said the decision to cancel the registration of the party was illegal, irrational and procedurally improper.

"In this case, not only was the Registrar of Societies decision to cancel the registration of the applicant as a political party illegal, it was also irrational, unreasonable and procedurally improper and I declare so, and the applicant succeeds. I accordingly quash the registrar's decision and direct the registrar of societies to issue the Democratic Party with a duplicate certificate of registration. The applicant is also awarded costs to be taxed in default of agreement, leave to apply is granted," said judge Newa.

# Siliya urges sexual harassment victim in Petauke video to come forward

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Petauke Central PF member of parliament Dora Siliya has advised the girl who was sexually harassed in the video which has gone viral to come forward and help police with investigations.

And Siliya says it is shameful that one can abuse a girl like that in a Christian nation.

In an interview with News Diggers! yesterday, Siliya urged the girl to come forward and help the police with

investigations.

"First, I'm calling on the lady in the video that she has to come forward and assist the police with investigations to identify the man who allegedly got her drunk and sexually abused her," Siliya, who is also chief government spokesperson, said.

And she noted that the incident signified the point government had been making on cyber laws, and the need to use social media and technology responsibly.

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one could abuse a girl like that in a Christian nation

"Secondly, this signifies the point government has been making about cyber laws and the need to use social media and use the convergence of technology in a responsible manner. It's quite shameful in a country, which is supposed to a Christian nation, one would feel that they have to abuse a baby in that manner, and I hope that this person can be brought to book as quickly as possible," she said.

Meanwhile, Siliya said the incident was also a warning to young people to be careful.

"It's also a warning to young people that, they have to be careful whom they are hanging around with, how they take their alcohol, that, indeed, we can't be in a society where everything can be filmed for public, but also that one can want to abuse another person in that manner. I just hope that the girl can come forward and assist the police with investigations," said Siliya.

# SIDA, ActionAid Zambia launch K48m grant project to revamp CSOs

**By Abraham Kalito**  
Swedish International Development Aid (SIDA), in partnership with ActionAid Zambia, have launched a grant project worth K48 million aimed at strengthening Civil Society Organisations' effectiveness in promoting good governance, transparency and accountability.

Speaking during the launch in Lusaka yesterday, ActionAid Zambia executive director Nalucha Ziba observed that CSOs were no longer vibrant enough and the fund would go towards reviving their vigor to sensitise

citizens on governance issues and human rights.

"The grant we are launching today was basically a civil society support grant where we will be supporting Civil Society Organisations around issues of promoting accountability, and there are various types of grants, which will be supporting larger established Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), as well as medium-scale NGOs, and upcoming and social movements. So, we will have various calls. And some of the causes have already started running; I'm sure you have seen

them in the various media where we have issued calls for proposals. So, basically, they are meant to enhance civil societies' role in accountability. We have noted a decline in the CSOs in terms of the vibrancy due to a number of factors. By and large one of them has been around issues of financing in terms of having donors supporting CSOs," Ziba said.

"Due to a number of changes [in] global funding, CSOs have changed over time and that has affected the vibrancy of civil societies in Zambia. In terms of

their performances, on top of that we still have, they are still operating under shrinking political and civic space. We saw the introduction of the NGO Act in 2009 even though it has reached the implementation phase, but now the policy will be put in place and soon there will be the implementation of the NGO Act, which itself will see further yielding to the decline or closing up spaces of the civil societies unless it is repealed and redrafted in a manner that it supports the vibrancy of the civil society organisations. So, from that background

you will see that the civil society activities and the vibrancy over time will be reducing. Mainly, it will be attributed to a number of factors. What I have seen is that a number of CSOs are coming up, but there are also social movements, which are coming up, but we tend to term them as civil society."

She said the grant project would encourage CSOs to pursue governance issues and sensitize citizens on transparency.

"But social movements are different from civil societies in the sense that they come together for a particular cause and a lot actually is coming up in the Zambian social movement, which in itself is very good because they are deeply-rooted, they are connected. A good example I can give is the 42-by-42 where you see a number of Zambians coming up [on] social media, such as Facebook for causes, which they are passionate about. The work of ActionAid Zambia is centred around our five priority areas stipulated in our Country Strategy Paper (ESP) 2018-2022. These priorities are aimed at women and girl's socio-economic empowerment: civic participation and state accountability; resilient livelihoods and secure climate justice; transformative women-led emergency preparedness response and prevention and finally youth engagement and empowerment," explained Ziba.

"In line with our vision to make strides in these

thematic areas, this project speaks directly to our effort towards enabling civic participation and state accountability. ActionAid Zambia works towards achieving these objectives through a human rights-based approach that entails capacitating people living in poverty with the knowledge and the skills required to bring about positive change in their lives. The Embassy of Sweden has long supported civil society interventions in Zambia by contributing to CSOs' effectiveness on accountability and transparency. This project is a testimony to the long-standing co-operation between SIDA and ActionAid Zambia."

And SIDA deputy head of mission Karin Sverken said the grant would help revamp CSOs and help in addressing accountability issues.

"I think ActionAid is doing a lot of important work when it comes to democratic governance, strengthening of human rights, working with gender equality advocates, also working with a lot of youth organisations; also the strength of ActionAid is that they are working all over Zambia connecting, linking up with the smaller community-based organisations and smaller NGOs. So, I think with Sweden, we share the same values as ActionAid do so that's why we willing to partner with them. And we also see them being a well-established organisation, so I'm very happy that we would reach this moment," said Sverken.

## US envoy seeks closer collaboration with LCC to tackle cholera

**By Tenson Mkhala**  
United States Ambassador to Zambia Daniel Foote says there is need for closer collaboration with the Lusaka City Council (LCC) in improving water reticulation and sanitation to help prevent cholera outbreaks.

And Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa says water and sanitation remains a major challenge in the city.

Speaking when he paid a courtesy call on Sampa at his office yesterday, Ambassador Foote said the US Embassy sought closer collaboration with the LCC to effectively implement the Millennium Challenge project, key bilateral assistance water reticulation project, to help keep Lusaka clean, healthy and green.

He said the fight against cholera would only be strengthened if the local authority worked together with some utilities in ensuring that drainages were clean and solid waste was collected on time.

"Your Worship, let me state that I am very grateful to meet you today. As you are aware, the Millennium Challenge project is one of the key bilateral assistance given to Zambia, which will help in keeping the country clean, healthy and green.

This is being implemented to improve sanitation and water reticulation in Lusaka. We would like to work with you, your Worship, in ensuring that we keep drainages clean, and we also ensure that solid waste is collected on time. This, we believe, will help mitigate cholera before the rains starts," Ambassador Foote said.

The US envoy added that the Embassy is ready to work with the local authority in keeping the city clean, healthy and green.

"One of the things I came to see you for is to try and work together with you in ensuring that we identify the key areas to help curb the challenges being faced," Ambassador Foote added.

And Sampa said water and sanitation remained a major challenge in the city.

"The main challenge we are facing in the city, mostly, is about water and sanitation. Most areas in the city have a big challenge of sanitation, and then running water from the taps is another bigger challenge. So,

with the ongoing project [Millennium Challenge] that project worth US \$50 million will go a long way in assisting the city in keeping Lusaka clean, healthy and green," Sampa said.

He said the local authority was grateful with the support from the United States government.

"Let me say that, we are very grateful with the support we are receiving from your government. We shall always engage you so that we have a clean city; a health city and a green city," said Sampa.

## Kitwe's cost of living breaches K5,000

**By Stuart Lisulo**  
The cost of living in Kitwe has drastically increased to a record-breaking K5,159 for a family of five, becoming the country's second most expensive city, according to the JCTR.

Data from the Jesuit Centre of Theological Reflection (JCTR) shows Kitwe's cost of living leaped to an unprecedented K5,159 in August, the highest-ever recorded, since the inception of the JCTR's Basic Needs Basket (BNB), from K4,564 recorded in July this year.

This means Kitwe on the Copperbelt Province has overtaken Ndola as the country's second most expensive city to live in for a family of five, with Ndola's BNB recorded for last month at

K4,908.

A year-on-year comparison also shows that the cost of living for Kitwe in August last year was at K3,666 for a family of five, registering a near-K1,500 rise in August this year.

Lusaka still remains the most expensive city for a family of five with the capital city's cost of living pegged at K5,402.31 last month from K5,256.29 recorded in July.

According to the JCTR, the drastic rise in the cost of living was triggered by a sustained increase in the average cost of essential commodities, such as kapenta, which saw prices skyrocket to K230 per Kg last month from K152 for the same quantity in July. "Significant increases in prices

were noted in kapenta, which increased by K78 from K152 in July to K230 in August per Kg, whilst a kilogramme of beans increased by K3 from K29 in July to K32 in August," JCTR stated in a press statement released, Thursday, by its social & economic development programme officer, Chanda Paul Chileshe.

Although price reductions were recorded for other essential food stuffs like beef and tomatoes, JCTR, the renowned Catholic-run organisation, lamented that the cost of living still remains way above affordable levels for ordinary Zambians.

"The JCTR is, however, concerned that despite reductions recorded in commodity prices such as

tomatoes and onions, the cost of living has remained high and unaffordable for most households. The Centre is further dismayed that despite scoring a good harvest in the production of tomatoes and onions, most of the produce is going to waste. This is largely attributed to infrastructure constraints related to poor transport, storage, processing, packaging facilities and importation of tomatoes and onions on the market," stated JCTR, who also reiterated their appeal to government to expedite promotion of value-addition in the country, among others.

The BNB normally takes into account the cost of living for a family of five across 15 major urban towns in the country.

# Women are entitled to both – a good education and great sex, just to be clear

*Sampa Kabwela*

There seems to be a common narrative among a bulk of Zambian men that women who are educated and financially independent are somewhat, sexually starving – as if to suggest that good education and good sex are mutually exclusive. This cannot be further from the truth. Pardon me if I sound like a brag, but I am educated, female and sexually not starving. Let me put it this way, of the many things missing in my life, sex and money are not one of them. I speak not just for myself, but an army of women who are having it all: good education, good money and great sex.

I recently sat next to two guys who were whining about their boss, a woman. “She is a slave-driver who just needs good sex”, they declared. They took turns bashing her, each narrating how she was placing unreasonable pressure and workload on them and throwing “tantrums”, demanding that they deliver every task by “CoB”. They picked on her butt and every part of her body before concluding that “If it’s sex she needs, she should just let us know rather than creating hell for everyone.” They then burst into hysterical laughter. A few days later, on Lusaka Times, a blogger hiding under the name of Anonymous went after one of Zambia’s thought leaders, a woman. “She probably has no boyfriend to service her”, the blogger wrote in reaction to her satirical letter, ‘Dear America, use a targeted missile’.

I once read an article in The Post newspaper with a sensational headline – Educated women are sexually starved. It was making reference to a radio discussion in which its popular host and male callers had arrived at that conclusion. The article had no details of how such a conclusion was reached at, except a cursory mention that educated women were sexually starved. For instance, the article didn’t specify which of the educated women the radio discussion was making reference to, because educated women come in all forms: married, divorced, single, celibate and dating. In all likelihood, the discussion was referring to the single educated woman because I would imagine

that the married, educated woman is getting her fair share of sex unless the suggestion is that her education is standing in the way of accessing sex in marriage.

I have written about this before but let me repeat. Spoiler: we are educated; get used!

I write to inform and, by extension, disappoint this stock of men who hold such un-informed narratives. I am sorry to disappoint you, but we educated women, married or single, are getting sex, great, safe sex under our terms. We have never been more on-demand sexually and professionally as we are now.

Listen, guys, our education is not for sale in exchange for sexual favours. We went to school precisely to run away from giving sexual favours. There is no correlation between a woman’s good education and sexual starvation.

There is no group of people to whom education has brought so much social and economic transformation than women. As for the single educated women, who receive so much scorn, research after research has demonstrated that single educated women are living better, healthier and longer lives. For instance, they have a lower prevalence and risk of catching sexual diseases compared to married women because they have more power to negotiate and insist on safer sex. The misconception that an educated woman is less likely to get married because men are intimidated needs correcting. The limiting pool from which women must find a man has nothing to do with education, but centuries of traditions and social structures that have favoured men and disadvantaged women. Men have a wider pool from which to choose a suitor; a 50-year-old man can easily get a woman in the range of 18-65 years. Such infinite ranges don’t exist for a 50-year-old woman.

There are also biological factors that work against a woman; her fertility rate is prime in her 20s and significantly drops in her 40s, while a man’s fertility is virtually unaffected by age (only beer).

Therefore, if a woman who happens to be educated

is ‘starving sexually’, it is not because of her education, but a social order that she inherited at birth.

But there is good news; education is shifting tables in favour of women. Today, a 40-year-old educated woman has a longer dating shelf life than her uneducated counterpart. On average, she makes her own money, has invested in property, lives a healthy lifestyle, looks younger and when fertility fails her, she can afford other scientific options of conceiving available on the market.

Research after research is showing changing dynamics that favour educated women. Education and financial independence have become a top non-negotiable factor for a majority of men looking for a woman to marry. This is a significant shift from decades ago where physical beauty and home-making qualities topped the list.

This has meant that a 40-year-old educated and financially independent woman has a wider than ever pool of men to choose from. I personally know of 30-year-olds dating women in their 40s. By men, I mean the educated, hot, successful and professional type and not the growing breed that lives offwomen.

The misconception that men are intimidated by an educated woman is not entirely correct. But if some men are truly intimidated, it’s about time, and we welcome that. At his core, a man is not intimidated by a woman he wants, no matter her list of degrees, achievements or social standing. When a man wants a woman, he will garner the confidence to go after her. A woman returns the right to say no if she doesn’t want him and this has nothing to do with her collection of degrees.

We educated women have never seen education as a barrier to finding a man, sex or marriage. We want both high education and great sex. Do not ask us to choose one or the other when we are entitled to both. But if we must choose, our education is not for sale, and we will never look back.

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*By Mukosha Funga*

NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili says President Edgar Lungu is just a playboy who must resign on moral grounds before Zambians start lining up for bread again.

And Kambwili warned that Zambians to take to the streets if the Chinese went ahead to take over ZESCO.

In an interview, Kambwili, who is also Roan PF member of parliament, wondered why President Lungu chartered a plane and carried a huge delegation to China when the country was broke.

“This country is so so broke that now we are being told that if you don’t register your borehole, for water given to you by God and not President Lungu or that fake bishop with fake degrees, then you must pay K30,000 kwacha as a penalty. And you hear things like the economy is doing very well from aba ba mucindila ubwali. I am equally disappointed that we can go and borrow \$30m to rehabilitate or upgrade Mulungishi conference centre when civil servants are

## Lungu a playboy who must go – Kambwili

suffering, the police are not being paid, council employees are not being paid, shortage of medicines is the order of the day, but yet this is a priority for our friends in government. This is why I say President Lungu has failed and must resign on moral grounds before we start lining up for bread and mealie meal,” Kambwili said. “In the meantime, President Lungu has travelled with a very large delegation to China and had to charter a very large plane when his counterpart in Tanzania always travels in economy commercially. President Lungu is just a playboy, a danger to the country who can’t take us anywhere.”

He observed that austerity measures had made the lives of

civil servants unbearable.

“Look here, this month the Police command has sent out correspondence to all 10 provinces to the effect that police officers will now have no allowances for operations and no fuel for daily operations because government is totally broke and they have to foot these from their pockets. How do you expect to fight crime with no money at all? Secondly, government has scrapped off many allowances for civil servants and circulars are there and have been circulated. How will civil servants already suffering sustain their lives and pay school fees for children because they don’t rely on salaries but the small allowances they get. Surely let us feel pity for our civil

servants and our people. They are suffering,” Kambwili said.

“I equally challenge this government to please look at the plight of the miners on the Copperbelt and the suppliers dealing with KCM. Vedanta Resources have completely failed and people on the Copperbelt cannot continue to suffer because of one company. This government needs to act now and keep out KCM. They have failed and are making our people suffer. Let them pay everyone they owe to the miners and let them go back. They have failed to run KCM.” And commenting on an Africa Confidential report, which revealed that a Chinese firm was in talks with Zesco over a take-over, Kambwili warned

that Zambians would take to the streets if that plan succeeded.

“Let me warn that any deal that has corruption laced with it will be reversed without any compensation whatsoever. We can’t and we won’t pay back a single ngwee for loans which have Lungu and his friend’s commissions in them. Not a ngwee. And as for those Chinese chaps negotiating to take over ZESCO, tell them that we will meet them here in the streets as Zambians. Let them take their dirty money somewhere else or to the usual recipients PF. ZESCO will remain a Zambian asset come hell or high water. That I can promise you as sure as the sun rises everyday,” warned Kambwili.

“I am totally shocked that President Lungu and his government can behave like this as reported by the African Confidential. Never in my over 25 years in politics have I ever witnessed a more arrogant, irresponsible and corrupt government than that of President Lungu. Even Chiluba’s government was never this corrupt. Aba niba kabola that even shaking hands with them, you have to thereafter check to see if you still have all your fingers and wallet pa tumba. The revelations of our government negotiating to sell ZESCO to the Chinese has left me heartbroken, shocked and angry and represents the growing trend of our country being recolonised by China. I have repeatedly stated on different platforms that Zambia is for Zambians and China is for the Chinese. We have lived in total harmony as indigenous Zambians of different races participating in different sectors of our economy from construction to high scale trade and retail trading.”

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To a great extent, former president Rupiah Banda's loss of the September, 2011, election had more to do with his predecessor, Levy Mwanawasa's achievements in State House than the weaknesses of the RB regime itself.

It can be said that late Michael Sata was the best opposition leader who knew how to provide checks and balances to the government, but had Mr Banda performed better than Mr Mwanawasa, the PF may not have been in power today.

In his own mind, as he served his presidency between 2008 and 2011, Mr Rupiah Bwezani Banda was confident that he was performing according to the expectation of Zambians. He was very sure that he was a listening President who attended to the needs of the people.

In fact, in his final year in office, Mr Banda adopted the name "a President for all Zambians". He felt the whole country loved him passionately because wherever he went, from Nchelenge to Zimba, Chasefu to Sikongo; it was all blue. The only thing president Banda could hear whenever he stepped out of his helicopter was chweeee chweeee chweeee, chweeeela!

So, it was understandably easy for the former president to believe when his State

House advisors told him that "all is well on the ground". With the amount of resources he had solicited for campaigns, he could not have imagined losing to a 'mad man' like Sata who had no money.

But on 22nd September that year, the impossible happened, and the old man could not hold back his tears. A couple of months after he had settled in his retirement and forgotten by those who were singing chweela for him, we, the journalists, remembered him. We went up close and asked, "how did it happen?" Mr Banda's response was, and will remain of great value to anyone who occupies State House after him.

"They (advisors) said, 'everything is okay on

the ground and we are winning the elections' ... so there was a lot of false intelligence and I was misled. When you are in that office, you hear a lot of nice things, but not everything is true. They say 'vonse vilityala bwino koma viyakine afisa (they hold back some information) because they don't know how you will react," said president Banda.

We know for a fact that President Edgar Lungu is hearing a lot of nice things about his leadership. When he is flying across the country, all he sees is green; he can't even differentiate between the vegetation and his supporters because wherever he goes everyone is dancing Dununa Reverse, like trees responding to the

wind. But like Mr Rupiah Banda said, advisors know that reporting problems to the President reflects a level of incompetence on themselves. So, to protect their jobs, they just say "fyonse filifye bwino bakateka", when in fact it is not true.

President Lungu is not in any PF WhatsApp group, so he doesn't know what his youths are complaining about. He doesn't drink from taverns anymore for him to hear what the Zambians are saying about his government. The only information he has about what is happening on the ground is from those who are trying to protect their jobs.

Now, it is important for our readers to remember that Mr

Banda's performance in State House was judged against that of president Mwanawasa. Unknown to Mr Banda, voters started looking back at how things used to be under Mwanawasa; the cost of living, the exchange rate, the adherence to rule of law, the fight against corruption, the financial reserves etc; and a decision was made that 'Rupiah must go!' In that election, a large fraction of citizens turned up not to vote for Sata, but to vote out Mr Banda and the MMD.

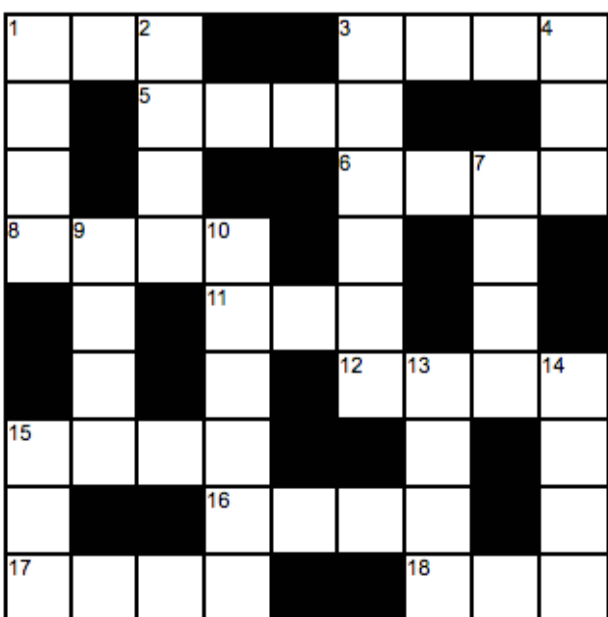
Today, Zambians are looking back at how they lived under Mr Banda's MMD. They are comparing that pain to the pain they are experiencing under President Lungu. They are observing that although

Mr Banda and his family were stealing, it cannot be compared to the theft of this regime. Although Dickson Jere was pompous, his pomposity was nothing compared to the arrogance of insults from the people who occupy State House today. Businesses that were limping under MMD have either shut down or have been taken over by those in power today.

Mr Lungu has to listen. PF supporters who chased Mr Banda in 2011 have tried to endure, but they are slowly giving up. They kept hoping that one day, soon, their leadership would sober up and start delivering what was promised, but they are getting nothing out of the deal. That is why they have joined the rest of the people in complaining about bad governance. It is no longer about how weak or strong the opposition is, but how bad Mr Lungu's leadership has been.

Mr Lungu should not be fooled into thinking that he is indomitable. When a decision is made that 'PF must go', it will happen. We know that our President fixes anything that threatens his stay in power (including complicated challenges such as his eligibility to stand in 2021), but that same capacity to manipulate the system is what will take him down once the system handlers decide to do one right thing.

### Crossword puzzle 182



*"Nothing is miserable unless you think it so; and on the other hand, nothing brings happiness unless you are content with it." - Boethius*

**Across**

- 1. Child's game
- 3. Minor mistake
- 5. "Say it \_\_\_ so!"
- 6. Fall gardening tool
- 8. Longest river
- 11. Tell an untruth
- 12. Seize
- 15. Traffic sound
- 16. Tickle Me \_\_\_ toy
- 17. Practical jokes
- 18. \_\_\_ Alamos, N.M.

**Down**

- 1. Ripped
- 2. Lass
- 3. "Sesame \_\_\_"
- 4. Baked fruity dessert
- 7. Hose problem
- 9. Capri, for one
- 10. Marries in haste
- 13. Absent Without Leave (abbr.)
- 14. Type of trees
- 15. Sack

### Solutions to puzzle 181





# Reader's feedback

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## Lungu's defiance on 30 ngwee Internet tariff

Editor,  
"Who does that? How do you say that people have accepted the 30 ngwee without engaging with them in the first place? Such are dictator tendencies, not good for any country's development." - Mary Mules

"In short, Zambians talk for a week and do nothing else.....govt goes mute and don't care what citizens think knowing very well that citizens will get over it and, thus my friends, is how we get shafted starting with corruption allegations etc. They know no one will go on the streets to protest or be on strike!!! Wake up friends." - Sylvester Chongo

"The bigger problem that koswe mumpoto has is that he don't care about what the Zambians think about the decision he makes...as long as it is beneficial to his government then it's fine..." - Jaey Anthony

"If this is what it takes for Zambia to learn what it means when one says 'vote wisely,' then let it be so; WE NEED MORE TAXES PLEASE. Let's dance and enjoy the tune....I hope the volume will be increased so that everyone hears and joins the tax dance." - Shelton Kaluba

"The President must not forget, even for a second, that he is entrusted by the people to run this public enterprise called Zambia on their behalf. His decision making must always reflect that trust. Decisions based on consensus are most likely to succeed. And like Martin Luther King said, 'A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a moulder of consensus.' And by the way, at every point in the life of a nation, there will always be criticism. To view that criticism as mere noise and to discard it without reflecting on it, is deeply regrettable. That as it may be, I am delighted that there are citizens who will always speak out against what they feel is not right out of conviction. Again Martin Luther King could not have put it better when he said, 'There comes a time when silence is betrayal'." - Mwape Nkonge



## Antonio's insistence that UNZA & CBU alumni must repay student loans

Editor,  
"First, tell your ministers to pay back the money they were paid during their illegal stay in office in 2016." - Flavio Kalunga Chipakula

"Lead by example, Antonio." - Andrew Nonde

"You can have my degree, coz I ain't paying." - Choolwe Nchemba

"The problem is that people are already servicing huge loans that they acquired, and this comes like a pothole in a smooth road. Maybe

starting next year." - Lewis Mtonga

"If the country is in debt, it follows that its people will also be in debt. So, let them pay once Zambia has paid all its debt." - David Phiri

"There's no problem is asking former students to repay loans, that's why they are loans in the first place. But government cannot just wake up and say we will start collecting in a months time. They should have given notice months or even a year in advance." - Chrispin Chilemu

## Africa Confidential's warning that Zambia risks losing sovereignty to China

Editor,  
"Zambia has been auctioned to the Chinese. Thanks, Africa Confidential, for the report." - Goodwin Chisenga

"This is sad. So, they increased electricity tariffs so that they can now sell Zesco properly. I am disgusted right now." - Muzumbwe Hakwaambwa

"PF have auctioned Zambia. Busy with China projects. We have already lost the sovereignty. PF caused all this in the guise of infrastructure, while not matching with income." - Muna Chikale

"We are in big trouble." - Chris Chisola

"This makes sad reading." - Kennedy Lungu

"Anyway, what more should we expect from a man whom, even from the start, has always been saying that he had no direction and no vision for mother Zambia?? Chipante pante type of leadership..." - Wise M. Ndhlovu

"Our docility will take us nowhere." - Ricker Kuku

"KK and friends led the independent struggle, even if his policies were bad, he never sold the country." - Evangel Yumba

# Landmark India ruling ends gay sex ban

India's Supreme Court on Thursday struck down a ban on gay sex after a decades-old campaign against a colonial-era law used to hold back LGBT rights.

Members of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups held tearful celebrations in cities across the South Asian nation of 1.25 billion people as the historic verdict was read out. "The law had become a weapon for harassment for the LGBT community," said chief justice Dipak Misra as he quashed the cornerstone of Section 377, a law introduced by British rulers in 1861.

"Any discrimination on the basis of sexuality amounts to a violation of fundamental rights," he added in the ruling, which added India to a list of more than 120 countries where homosexuality is decriminalised.

While India's law only legalises sexual acts between adults, gay activists have hailed the verdict as a major boost in the deeply conservative country where religious groups have fiercely opposed any liberalisation of sexual morality.

Activists had been fighting the ban since the 1990s,



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suffering several court reverses before Thursday's verdict.

The Delhi High Court decriminalised gay sex in 2009, but the Supreme Court reinstated the ban in 2014

after an appeal by religious leaders.

According to official data, 2,187 cases under Section 377 were registered in 2016 under the category of "unnatural offences". Seven

people were convicted and 16 acquitted.

"It was a law that propagated homophobia," said Keshav Suri, one of the petitioners against Section 377, who organised a dance show at

his family's luxury Delhi hotel to celebrate the court victory.

"In rural areas it is a harassment tool, used by cops, used by authorities for extortion for glorifying rape

and molestation," Suri told AFP in an interview ahead of the verdict.

Many Indian gay professionals have moved to Canada and Europe where they are more accepted, added the businessman who married his partner in Paris this year.

India's conservative government had opposed ending Section 377 but said ahead of the hearing that it would leave the decision to the "wisdom" of the Supreme Court.

It had warned, however, that judges should not change other aspects of Indian law, such as the right to marriage. Members of the LGBT community hugged each other and cried outside the Supreme Court in New Delhi as news of the verdict spread.

"I am speechless! It's taken a long time to come but finally I can say I am free and I have equal rights as others," said Rama Vij, a college student in Kolkata who gathered with others watching on television. *AFP*

## South Sudan court jails 10 soldiers for rape and murder

A South Sudanese military court has handed out jail sentences to 10 soldiers for rape of foreign aid workers and murder of a local journalist in 2016.

Eleven soldiers were on trial but one was set free due to the lack of charges

against him.

In Thursday's ruling, where the length of the sentences ranged from seven years to life, the court also ordered the government to pay damages to the victims.

The case was widely seen as a test of will by

President Salva Kiir's government to bring accountability in the military that has long drawn accusations of widespread rights violations and a culture of impunity.

The attack, one of the worst on aid workers in

South Sudan's civil war, took place in July 2016 as President Kiir's troops won a three-day battle in the capital Juba over opposition forces loyal to former vice president Riek Machar.

Manager of the Terrain Hotel, where the attack happened, Mike Woodward, told a court last year that "between 50 to 100" soldiers arrived at the hotel in the afternoon and began looting an hour later.

"Five women working with humanitarian organisations were then raped. John Gatluak was shot at 6:15pm," said Woodward.

Witnesses told Reuters news agency that victims phoned UN peacekeepers stationed a mile away and asked for help which did not arrive.

The military head of the UN peacekeeping mission was sacked and the political head resigned over the incident.

## Kenya to deport Chinese man over 'racism'

The Kenyan authorities have detained a Chinese national after he was caught on film talking about Kenyans in derogatory terms, Kenya's immigration department has tweeted.

It added that he will be deported "on racism grounds" The man, named as Liu Jiaqi, was recorded in the brief video saying that "all Kenyans [are] like a monkey, even [President] Uhuru Kenyatta".

From the conversation, the video appears to have been filmed by an employee of Mr Liu's who was about to be fired, though it is not clear why.

The employee challenged Mr Liu saying that "whatever you're doing is extremely wrong".

"I don't care," he responded.

"I don't like here, like a monkey people. I don't like [to] talk with them. Smells bad and poor... and black. Who like them? Why not the bright people like the Americans?" he added.

"So why are you coming to do business here?" the employee asked.

"For money...money's important," he replied.

The man or his legal representative has not yet commented.

China has invested a lot of money in Kenya in recent years, including in the new railway linking Kenya's capital, Nairobi, to the coast.

President Kenyatta was in Beijing earlier this week to take part in the China-Africa cooperation summit where he said: "Kenya appreciates China's demonstrated commitment in supporting Kenya's development goals." *BBC*



Kim Jong Un will host South Korean President Moon Jae-in for a summit in Pyongyang in September

# Enala blames hackers for FAZ insults

By Alex Chilumbwe

Former Shepolopo senior national team coach Enala Simbeya has dismissed speculations making rounds on social media indicating that she insulted FAZ after parting company with the football governing body. In a social media post, Simbeya cleared the air and said her social media account was rather hacked. "I stand to announce that I have been hacked by the professional haters and am writing to inform all those that are following this that the information posted on my account was not written or posted by me," Simbeya said. "To the Association with time you will know the truth that will set me free. I have great respect for my superiors or elders. You are like my parents as such I would never use bad words on any of you. To all Zambians, I

have respect for my country and I will not say anything that will bring shame to our beautiful country. Our country is a Christian nation and I do not just live in it but am also a law-abiding citizen and live in as a Christian should," Simbeya said. And Simbeya expressed shock at FAZ's decision to dismiss her barely two

weeks after she was engaged. "I know some people backstabbed me but FAZ should have taken time to investigate instead of making

a quick decision without establishing facts. Those who have pushed me into the ditch think it's the end of me but it's not. There is light at

the end of the tunnel. I know one day they will fall into the same pit," said Simbeya. Yesterday, FAZ announced it had parted ways with

Simbeya on mutual consent and that Beauty Mwamba, who was her assistant, will take over in an acting capacity.

## Copperbelt volleyball teams dominate tournament

By Alex Chilumbwe

Zambia Volleyball Association (ZAVA) vice president Kwasi Masole has attributed the poor performance of midlands volleyball teams in the ongoing Chalube tournament in Kitwe, Copperbelt, to inadequate mental preparation and fixture overloads.

Masole said most midlands teams juggled both the tournament and league trainings within a short period of time adding that it added pressure on their part.

In an interview with Goal Diggers! Masole kept hope the teams would perform better in other tournaments to be played before the Midlands Volleyball Association (MIVA)

league came to an end. "The Lusaka based teams had a lot of things to deal with prior to this tournament. They still have tight fixtures unlike Copperbelt teams

that have already concluded their league. It is not easy to manage tournament and league preparations all at once. All of them were knocked out either in quarter or semifinals and it is nothing out of the ordinary. I believe they will perform better in the other tournaments that are yet to be played," said Masole. Meanwhile, Green Buffaloes volleyball team skipper Richard Phiri bemoaned over-dependence on specific players and called for more team work in the midlands. "I do not think anyone can deny that most midland teams overly rely on either one or two players to win games. We could hear officials mentioning specific names and urging them to finish the game. I do not think that is exactly encouraging to other players. Copperbelt teams on the other hand play better as a team. Each player has a role to play and that to me is living up the name team," said Phiri. Green Eagles was knocked out in the semi finals in a 3-1 loss to Indeni while Green Buffaloes could only reach the quarterfinals and their journey ended in a 3-0 loss to Chalube. City of Lusaka packed its bags in the quarterfinals after a 3-1 loss to Buffaloes. The final game will be between Chalube and Indeni on a date to be communicated later. Indeni had reached finals of every tournament since last year and had only lost one.

## If Zidane had stayed at Real Madrid, I would have left - Ceballos

The midfielder feels his career at the Santiago Bernabeu has been revived by Julen Lopetegui's appointment as coach after a tough first year. Dani Ceballos admits he would have left Real Madrid had Zinedine Zidane stayed on as head coach.

Signed from Real Betis in July 2017 for a reported €18 million (£16m/\$21m), the 22-year-old barely made an impact in his first season at the Santiago Bernabeu, starting only four La Liga matches.

The Spain Under-21 star appears to have better prospects under Julen Lopetegui, though, having played in three of Madrid's four competitive matches in 2018-19, and he was called up to the senior national team for the first time last week. The midfielder says he gave up on last season when Zidane gave him only a minute of action in the Champions League win over Borussia Dortmund last September, just three days after he scored both goals in the 2-1 league victory at Deportivo Alaves, and would no longer be at the club if Lopetegui had not taken charge.

"It's something for him to explain, why I didn't get opportunities," he told Radio Marca when asked about Zidane. "I worked, I tried to make [his decisions] difficult for him, but a moment comes when you see it's impossible.

"I scored two goals in Vitoria and the next game I played one minute against Dortmund. When you spend weeks not feeling important, it's more difficult.

"There was a moment in which I gave the season up. We were 15 points [off the top] in La Liga and only had the Champions League left, but I didn't enter



into the dynamic.

"I hired a personal trainer in January, because I wasn't playing Wednesday and Sunday and I lost that intensity. I was looking to be fit for pre-season. "If Zidane had continued, I would obviously have looked

for an exit, but everything was different with Julen's arrival." Ceballos feels he was never given a fair chance to impress by Zidane and wonders if the former Madrid and Juventus star is capable of empathising with players who are forced to

spend weeks on the bench.

However, he insists he holds no grudge against the France great, as he thinks the past year has helped him to mature.

"You can never give up because my objective is to succeed at Real Madrid, as I said. Now,

I try to give back to the fans what they didn't see from me," he said.

"It's not a grudge. I came having had a great Euro Under-21 tournament, being the best player, to being ostracised right from the start... GOAL.COM

Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who sold AC Milan after a trophy-laden three decades under his ownership a year ago, could be set to return to football by buying Serie C side Monza, according to press reports in Italy on Thursday.

Media tycoon Berlusconi, 81, sold his majority stake in AC Milan in April 2017, after his money propelled the northern Italian giants to eight Serie A titles and five Champions Leagues among a haul of 29 trophies.

Corriere dello Sport reported

## Berlusconi interested in buying Serie C club Monza - reports

that Berlusconi and Adriano Galliani, his right-hand man at AC Milan, are set to take a 70 percent stake in the club which is based 20 kilometres (12.5 miles) north of Milan.

The report said the deal could be completed by the end of September.

Monza president Nicola Colombo told the newspaper he had been contacted by a representative of Fininvest, the Italian holding company owned by the Berlusconi family, who asked for details on the stadium and the club and wanted to know if he was

"open to discussion".

Colombo told Italian radio that the arrival of Berlusconi would allow the third division side to "make big plans and big dreams".

"As AC Milan's history shows, Berlusconi is not playing to compete but to win, so the

Serie A race could become a realistic goal," he said.

Berlusconi has stepped back from the public spotlight since his political party failed to capture the majority of votes he had expected in Italy's parliamentary elections earlier this year. AFP

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# Southerners suffer blow in relegation battle

ZESCO United yesterday beat struggling New Monze Swallows 2-0 in a week 31 FAZ/MTN super league rescheduled game at Levy Mwanawasa stadium in Ndola. The loss could be the final nail to pin Swallows back to Division one as the team is on the bottom of the table with 17 points, with only seven games to conclude the season. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Swallows coach Grey Sichoonga expressed happiness the team managed to fulfill its fixture despite financial challenges. "It is somehow satisfying that we managed to travel

and not let the fixture go by. There is something good about it because it added to their exposure levels and of course experience in the game. A loss is always painful but ZESCO can surely attest to the toughness of my boys. They played well and only failed to utilize their chances and with time, the experience in the super league will help them in future games," said Sichoonga. Both goals for ZESCO came from Enock Sabumukama in the 35th and 90+ minute respectively. "Any result that keeps us on top of the table is good for us. We are being extra cautious as to not allow premature

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losses or draws but to capitalize with every game to play," said coach of the side, George Lwandamina. ZESCO has 67 points and top of the league while Swallows is stuck in the relegation zone bottom with 17 points.



Terence Crawford, posing with his WBO welterweight belt after stopping Jeff Horn in June in Las Vegas, has signed a multi-year contract extension with Top Rank. (Getty Images)



Japan were due to play their first match since a heart-breaking World Cup last 16 defeat to Belgium in a match they had led 2-0. AFP

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