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IMPLICATED

By Mukosha Funga

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The high-level exhibit theft has also implicated magistrates, DEC officers and court interpreters. *To page 6*



ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) would like to remind members of the public that it is a requirement under the Road Traffic Act No. 11 of 2002 that change of ownership for a motor vehicle and trailer should be done within fourteen days from the time a person buys a motor vehicle or trailer.

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President Edgar Lungu(right) talks to Arch Bishop Fridolin Ambongo Besungu Head of Delegation of Catholic Bishops from Congo at State House yesterday - Picture by Salim Henry

2 Chinese beat Zambian worker to death in Mungwi

By Abraham Kalito | nationals of Ng'wena main area in Mungwi for beating a 42-year-old Zambian worker to death after accusing him of theft.

Police in Northern Province have arrested two Chinese Northern Province Police Commissioner Richard Mweene confirmed the development to News Diggers! in an interview saying the Chinese nationals used planks and fists to beat up Evaristo Chileshe on Sunday. *To page 6*

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By Mirriam Chabala

UPND Secretary General Stephen Katuka has warned that Zambians will rise against Chinese if government continues giving them contracts at the expense of locals.

In a statement, Monday, Katuka observed that the rate at which the Zambian government was entertaining Chinese nationals who were displacing Zambians through big financial offers had created serious anxiety among citizens.

He warned that Zambia may soon start experiencing xenophobic attacks if government did not pay attention to citizens' concerns.

"Xenophobia is defined as 'deep-rooted fear towards foreigners' and 'fear of the unfamiliar'. The word comes from the Ancient Greek words ξένος (xenos), meaning 'strange', 'foreigner'. Xenophobia has also been defined as dislike or prejudice against people from other countries. Xenophobia, simply put, is the fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers. Some of the factors that cause Xenophobia include the following: 1. Reckless take over of property and opportunities by foreigners like land, employment and Businesses; 2. Abuse of locals by foreign investors; 3. Fear of losing territorial control by the locals; 4. Religious differences and racial differences; 5. When the Central government is seen to favour the foreigners at the expense of local ones; and 6. Anxiety among citizens triggered by a feeling of neglect by the government," Katuka stated.

"There are a number of

Zambians may rise against Chinese if govt continues favoring them, warns UPND

countries which have experienced Xenophobic attacks; Some of the most recent ones being South Africa in which there was a feeling among South Africans that the high unemployment levels were caused by an influx of foreigners who were preferred by the South African Authorities than the locals. This led to arbitrary killings and aggression on foreign nationals especially those from Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. This act prompted the South African government to expatriate South African

nationals who were in the diaspora like Mozambique, Nigeria and many others after word went round that the host nationals would retaliate. To date, there is systematic killings and aggression on foreigners in south Africa. The other forms of Xenophobia though complex to substantiate could be the Boko Haram offensive on the Western education which has culminated into what looks like acts of terror on civilians either from the Northern Part of Nigeria or Southern, but more dominant in the Bono State peninsula."

Katuka advised government to come up with guidelines outlining exactly what kind of works foreigners were allowed to do in Zambia.

"At the rate Zambia is entertaining Chinese nationals in which they are displacing Zambians through big financial offers is but a time bomb. It has also been noticed and reported that, in some instances, the Chinese are beating Zambians in places of work for simply failing to follow instructions. This is a serious indictment on the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens. In some cases, government

is awarding high cost road construction contracts to the Chinese firms some of which have monopolized the system. This has created serious anxiety among the marginalized local contractors and if this situation is allowed to degenerate, it may lead to aggression on foreign nationals. Today, just listening to live phone-in radio programs will suggest serious anxiety and uneasiness among Zambians. There is also a concern by some Zambians that the Chinese are even getting as far as selling phones on the street and

running restaurants, which, from the understanding of Small and medium Enterprises should be a preserve of poor Zambians," stated Katuka. "If the above grievances are not attended to through enactment of pro-Zambian investment policies or partnership oriented investment policies, we may reach a stage where there would be an uprising against foreign nationals as many Zambians have no capacity to compete in business with foreign nationals. German has a history of Xenophobia especially against the Jews. This was experienced as far back as the time of Adolf Hitler who was reportedly triggering fires and later accused the Jews of arson. We do not want to see this Xenophobia in Zambia given government's recklessness in administering opportunities to foreigners at the expense of the Zambians."

Former lecturer sues CBU over K172,678 gratuity

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A former Copperbelt University lecturer has sued the institution in the Lusaka High Court, claiming that they had neglected to pay him over K100,000 gratuity, as well as K172,678 accrued salaries, after he resigned. In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Dr Festus Mushabati cited the Council of the

Copperbelt University.

He stated that his employment was governed by a signed collective agreement between the Council and the Copperbelt Academics Union (CBUAU).

Dr Mushabati stated that he resigned at his own instance, giving the institution three months notice after which his resignation was approved.

He stated that on October 20 last year, he computed his terminal benefits due and payable to him in the sum of K162,602, which was to be paid on his last working day.

Dr Mushabati disclosed that the institution had up to-date failed to pay him his full terminal benefits from October 20, 2017, despite repeated reminders and had also

removed him from the payroll.

"On October, 20 last year, I computed my terminal benefits due and payable to me in the sum of K162,602.52, which was to be paid on my last working day. Failure to which, the institution was to keep me on the payroll until the terminal benefits were paid to me in accordance to Article

189 of the Constitution. The institution has up to now not paid me my full terminal benefits from October 20, 2017, to-date despite repeated reminders to do so. I have also been removed from the payroll," Dr Mushabati lamented. He stated that on August 30, he was paid K50,000 out of the K162,602.52, leaving a balance of K112,602.52.

Dr Mushabati stated that the payment was made following a demand letter sent by his advocates.

He stated that as at August 30, the institution owed him salary arrears amounting to K172,678.82, which accumulated for the past 10 months from November, 2017, to August, 2018, and continued to accrue.

Dr Mushabati lamented that he had suffered loss and damage, and that the institution had no defence to his claims.

He now claims for an order of payment of K112,602.52 being unpaid gratuity, K172,678.82 accrued salaries, as well as, interest on the amounts, costs and any other relief that the court may deem fit.

Kalabo health worker on the run after killing 3

By Mirriam Chabala

Police in Western Province are looking for a man identified as Nyambe Lienda of Katoya Village in Kalabo District for suspected poisoning of six people, three of whom died, while others are still hospitalized.

Police spokesperson Esther Katongo disclosed in a statement that, Lienda of unknown age, a daily classified employee at Nyingo Rural Health Centre in Kalabo, is suspected to have administered a drug to the six victims on

September 8, 2018, on the pretext that the drug was able to cure all ailments.

"The suspect is reported to have administered a drug to the six females on 8th September, 2018, at about 14:00 hours on pretext that the drug was able to cure all ailments after which three identified as Nosiku Biemba, Namushi Nyambe and Sibeso Biemba died the same day, while three others Liyoyelo Nyambe, 51, Namakau Nyambe, 66, and Manawa Kalumbu, 52, are still hospitalized at Kalabo District

Hospital. The drug administered to the victims has not yet been ascertained. The suspect is on the run and a manhunt has been launched. We appeal to those who could have information on the whereabouts of the suspect to report to any nearest police," Katongo stated.

And Katongo revealed that police in Western Province also recovered three AK 47 rifles from three suspected assassins, commonly known as Karavinas, believed to be behind murders involving people

suspected of practicing witchcraft in the area.

"The suspects were apprehended after police had an operation following a tip-off from members of the public. They are currently detained in police custody and the operation has continued. Being in possession of illegal firearms is an offence, hence we appeal to all those in possession of illegal firearms to take advantage of the Firearm Amnesty and surrender them before they are arrested and prosecuted," stated Katongo.

MPs must challenge 30 ngwee Internet tariff in Parliament - GBM

By **Miriam Chabala**
UPND vice-president Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba has advised opposition members of parliament to prepare a motion against the newly-introduced 30 ngwee Internet tariff, saying Zambians have rejected it. And Mwamba says the Patriotic Front government

cannot discipline Konkola Copper Mines even if the mining company does not pay its suppliers and contractors because most government officials have been dining with KCM bosses. In an interview with News Diggers! Mwamba said it was dictatorial for President Edgar Lungu to start

imposing taxes on Zambians without subjecting them to a debate in Parliament. "First and foremost, government needs to tell us how that tariff came about. I don't think anyone understands how the Internet tariff came about. And then secondly, in any functioning democracy, or indeed in any

country where leaders have got any regard for the law, that thing [the Internet tariff] should have been subjected to a debate in Parliament. People, through their representatives, should have argued whether or not they wanted the Internet usage to be taxed. But because we have a President who is just

a little dictator that doesn't understand anything, Bills are just being imposed on people every day! Lungu doesn't care, for him, everything is okay as long as it doesn't affect him. Lungu is a dictator, what he is doing by imposing the 30 ngwee tariff on citizens, which they haven't accepted is dictatorship, those are

traits of dictatorship. Because clearly, that 30 ngwee tax has been rejected, even members of the public, who are not even members of the UPND, have come out strongly to say the Internet tariff does not make sense, it doesn't," Mwamba said.

"The taxes in this country are just too much; I wouldn't be surprised if tomorrow PF introduced a toilet tariff where Zambians will now have to pay for answering of the nature at their own home! You can't just understand this government because, really, what just needs to happen is that, the Internet Bill should be taken to Parliament so that people can agree on the way forward about that Bill, that's what we need. Not the President making phone calls to his ministers dictating how Bills should be implemented without proper consultation with the people, no! So, I would like to encourage members of parliament, especially those from the opposition that, as the House resumes sitting, please prepare to take a motion to Parliament to disprove the enactment of that Internet Bill, we don't need it, we have not accepted it because we are not convinced that it's necessary. That Bill needs to pass through Parliament, even if we know that PF has got the numbers and they can allow that Bill to pass, it still needs to be debated because that's procedure."

And Mwamba, the former Kasama Central PF lawmaker, said government was incapable of disciplining KCM because government officials were afraid of "biting the finger that feeds them". "PF cannot say [anything] about KCM because they have eaten their money, they can't bite the finger that feeds them. We know that these ministers in PF have been sharing the proceeds from the mines, so what do you think they can tell KCM if it failed to pay its suppliers and contractors? Nothing! Because they are all scared that if they discipline them, then they will not get their commission from the next contract! That's why the only way Zambians will get out of this is to vote [for] our party [UPND] in 2021. Let's remove this lying PF once and for all! I can assure you that, we will not tolerate such kind of behaviour from investors when we get into office. And Zambians must understand that life will only get worse as long as PF continues to be in power," warned Mwamba.



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Zambia is not in a debt crisis – EAZ

By Mukosha Funga

Economics Association of Zambia president Dr Lubinda Haabazoka says the country is not in a debt crisis and it has room to borrow more. And Dr Haabazoka says government should consider nationalizing mines which are not making any profits. Speaking on ZNBC's Sunday Interview, Dr Haabazoka said Zambia was not in a debt crisis. He said the best route for the country to take was to refinance debt that would provide room to borrow more. "Do you know why it (our debt) is manageable? Because I have heard stories that no 'we are in a crisis' and when I tell people that there is no crisis but yes our debt is very high, they start saying I have been bought. When I was saying 'don't get loans', people were saying 'you are in the opposition' so I don't know now where I stand. I am standing in the middle. Now government is able to meet its obligations. Our laws are very clear, when government gets revenue, the first thing you look at is where you are supposed to pay. So we are paying now, civil servants are getting their salaries on time, government is meeting its obligations. Yes, there are challenges with contractors and what not but that just tells you that that's not the priority of government. The priority is debt service, salaries and other government expenditure. When you look at our credit rating, it was recently downgraded. Why? It is because we are able to meet our obligations now but there is concern that we will be unable to pay the Eurobonds which are going to fall due in the next five years, because those are bullet payments. So the solution to the problem is to restructure and refinance the debt," Dr Haabazoka said. "I was for a sinking fund years ago but now I am against a sinking fund because time has passed for us to have enough resources in a sinking fund. We have a lot of projects that are competing for government resources...what government should do is refinance the Eurobond. Get other loans that are conventional loans which we are going to start paying interest and principle over time. For example, after 25 years, we are able to service debt. What is the advantage of that? The amount of money that we are spending monthly on servicing all our debt on

average is going to reduce because instead of paying that amount in a short period of time, the same loan, you have increased the tenure therefore increasing the repayment period. We can actually borrow more because now we are able to pay the loan. So we can play around with the tenure, the interest rate, getting cheaper loans and even actually borrow more. Because if you get a loan of say 50 years, I know people will say you are transferring it for the future but you are able to service the debt and build infrastructure so why not?" And Dr Haabazoka advised government to nationalise non profit making mines. "So after refinancing, we need to look around for ways we can locally generate revenue. So where can we get locally generated revenue? Unfortunately, it's only the mining industry. God knew why he put copper and cobalt in the soil. Look at the mining companies, we are spending over a billion dollars every year refunding them VAT. Honorable Chikwanda did not pay them VAT for about six to eight months. We were owing them over \$680 million in VAT Refunds which we are still actually paying. Why are companies refunded VAT? So that government reduces their cost of doing business. So as EAZ we are saying as government, can you stop because the mines have not been posting profits, they have not been paying corporate income tax, the only thing they pay is mineral royalty tax. In 1990, ZCCM made a profit of \$180 million, from 1997 to today, the mines have never produced any corporate income tax excess of \$180 million. So let's change, instead of refunding the VAT, let us do this, if we sell copper for example of \$100 million, we are going to say \$16 million, which is 16 per cent VAT, \$16 million of it is not taxable, it is not tax deductible, we are only going now to look at the remaining 84 per cent. From there we remove your expenses, we remove the mineral royalty whatever, then we come and tax you. Government is going to save in excess of one billion dollars," he said. "Government presence in especially the mining sector it very important. I think it is high time we started taking back mines that are not performing because if the private sector is unable to

run the mine, they are doing a disservice to the nation." Asked if he was proposing that government should nationalise the mines, Dr Haabazoka said, "Those that are not profitable, yes!" Asked how that would sit with private investors, Dr Haabazoka said they'd be forced to pull up their socks. "They know that if they are not going to post profits, government is going to come for us because you know, we are

not talking about government grabbing a cooking oil making factory, that is wrong because if you are not producing oil, another company will produce. But this is copper, which is not growing. This copper is limited in the ground and this copper is supposed to benefit you and me so we should be able to mine it to the benefit of the country," he said. "ZCCM, for example, the infrastructure we are talking about now was built

by ZCCM, the roads, the schools, the hospitals, in 1990, one of the most difficult years in Zambia's economy, ZCCM made a profit of \$180 million, supporting Power Dynamos, Nkana, Kafilonda, everyone, supporting all those clinics, schools, parks, but they still made a profit. So sometimes you sit back and say 'gentlemen, this is not working'...so for us to look like we are not just nationalizing, we need to go and get those

mines which are not making a profit. If you are making a profit, continue operating but you continue fighting with CEC for non payment of power, we are buying electricity from Mamba at 13 cents and selling you at 6 cents when the consumer in the household is buying at 7 or 8 cents?" Asked if government was able to run a mine, Dr Haabazoka replied in the affirmative. "Government is able to run anything," said Dr Haabazoka



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Lungu fears Congo election crisis may spread into Zambia

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

President Edgar Lungu has expressed fear that the outcome of the December 2018 Congo DRC elections might be endangered by the lack of an all inclusive electoral process. And President Lungu has further expressed fear that if something went wrong in Congo DRC, there will be an influx of refugees in all of its nine neighbouring countries. This came to light after a delegation of DRC Conference of Catholic Bishops paid a courtesy call on President Lungu at State House on Monday and highlighted their worries and fears ahead of that country's elections this year. In welcoming the delegation which was led by conference vice chairperson Archbishop Fridolin Ambongo Besungu, President Lungu in his capacity as SADC Chair for Defence, Politics and Security, assured the team that he would engage other organ members on the steps of creating confidence in DRC's electoral process. "I am aware that you have been wanting to come a long time ago but for some reasons am told you couldn't come because I have been busy, but all the same I would like to welcome you. As you know DRC is a very good neighbour of ours [and] when things go wrong there, we are affected like many others and we think we are affected immensely ourselves," said President Lungu. "I have shared this concern with President Kabila and he has assured me that all is well but it's good to hear all the sides. I met him recently in Namibia at the SADC meeting, he again assured me that all is well [and that] elections will be held as scheduled. But going by the media reports you get the impression that all might not be well because of the issue of abrogating some of the December 2016 agreements where you had agreed on certain parameters." DRC Conference of Catholic Bishops secretary general Bishop Donatien Nshole Basula highlighted to President Lungu through an interpreter Guy Kapembwa Kotati, on some of the challenges that his country was facing. "When we are here, it means that something is abnormal in our country. We are catholic church composed of bishops who are pastors representing our people who are suffering. It is

from that suffering that our people have experienced for about a decade, that the church – looking at the obstacles in our politics – plays an important role. The last role that the church played was during the Inter-Congolese dialogue in 2016 which brought the sent investor agreement and this agreement gave the hope to all the Congolese that this time we are going to come out of the political crisis. Unfortunately we lost one year and that agreement was not operational. After pressure from both external and internal, a date for the elections was announced," Bishop Basula said. He said his country's electoral body had revealed that the incumbent Joseph Kabila was no longer eligible as candidate. "The committee on elections tried to respect the calendar on their agenda. We can say for now [that] things are moving in the right direction. We record the positive situation that we are saluting among them is the enrolment of voters, the call of candidates to be presented at the same committee and one of the important aspect was to know that President Kabila was not a candidate. From that time, the country learnt that we are going to the democratic change for the first time. Since then we are worried that is why we are here. From the time the president said he is no longer a candidate, there are many actions in power which he is doing which provoke the worry in us, which give fear or doubt if elections will really take place," Bishop Basula further complained. And updating the media soon after a meeting between President Lungu and the Congolese delegation of Bishops, State House Press Aide Amos Chanda said the president was going to make a presentation to SADC member states on the challenges faced by Congo. "In summary I will tell you that His Excellency the President has noted with concern that the process is not as inclusive as it should be and he has expressed fear that the outcome might be endangered by the complaints of lack of an all inclusive process, exclusion of certain candidates particularly candidates Bemba, candidate Katumbi and CR former prime ministers. So he says working with SADC he is going to make a presentation to other members of SADC on the steps that should help

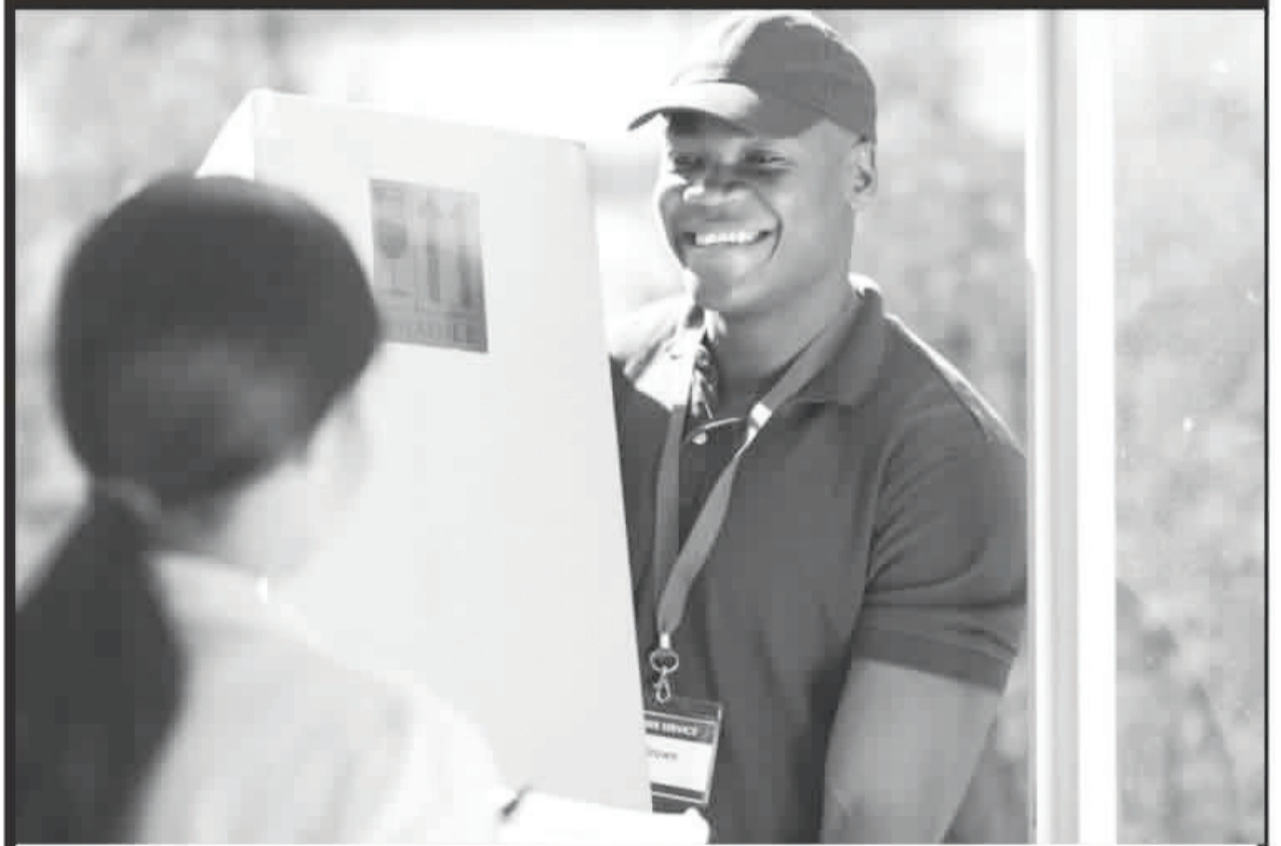
create more confidence in the electoral process so that the outcome is free, fair and universally accepted so that we forestall possible protests, possible grievances that can undermine the outcome and therefore create a situation of instability," Chanda said. Chanda said the President expressed fear that if anything was to happen in Congo, there would be an influx of refugees. "He has acknowledged the sovereignty of the DRC but he has also stressed that Congo was so integral, so critical to the regional stability that if something went wrong there, there will be an influx of refugees in all of its nine neighbours.

So he is going to escalate this to other members of SADC. They (Bishops) came to meet him in his capacity as Chairman of the organ of Defence, Politics and Security," said Chanda. Meanwhile the Bishops in also summarising their meeting with President Lungu to the media pointed out the incarceration of major opposition political parties ahead of the December elections. "As you know the conference on Bishops in DRC are very much involved in political and social situations. They are involved not like political actors but as pastors besides their people. They are not interested on the political

power but on the wellbeing of the population who are in their charge. According to the current situation, the Bishops Conference believe only in the organisation of credible elections fear free and inclusive elections which can bring peace to be a solution to this Congo crisis. We came to share this with SADC because we believe that SADC can accompany the Congolese people to come up with credible elections. The main worry is the problem of political prisoners, the political leaders who are still living in exile and also the exclusion of some major opposition leaders who are out of the electoral

process, the termination of using that vote machinery without the consensus of other stakeholders," said Bishop Basula. "The conference would like SADC to get involved and help follow up those measures to obtain the inclusivity of the elections, the election where all major actors will be involved and to guarantee the security of election observers during that period. We are happy that the Zambian president took those measures serious and promised, according to his mandate in the SADC, to share this worry with his colleagues in the hope that Congo will be helped to organise credible elections."

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10 arrested, as missing cocaine implicates magistrates, DEC officers and court officials

By Mukosha Funga

Police in Lusaka have arrested about eight Lusaka Magistrates' Court officials in connection with 24kg of cocaine which went missing last month.

And Judicial and Allied Workers Union of Zambia president Peter Mwale says he is disgusted by the manner in which DEC officers are torturing poor civil servants and trying to force them to give up their colleagues.

The cocaine was an exhibit in a matter in which Sydney Mwansa, Shaibu Likuta and Teddy Matanda are jointly charged with trafficking and are appearing before chief resident magistrate Kenneth Mulife.

According to sources, the cocaine was reported missing after DEC had already called 11 witnesses to the stand.

The state told the court that the exhibits had gone missing in August 2018 and investigations were launched although the state proceeded to call other witnesses.

However, a combined team of law enforcement agencies arrested at eight court officials last Thursday and began to search their houses.

"You know, when suspects are apprehended, whatever drugs they are found in possession with are taken to the lab at UTH to confirm what type of drugs they are. So it was the same in that case and when the cocaine was discovered missing during one of the court sittings, an excuse was given that rats had eaten it. But that raised suspicion because the cocaine had been replaced with some other unknown substance. So how could rats have eaten the cocaine and replaced it? So eventually, the Judiciary had to lodge in a complaint of theft with the police and that's when investigations began," the source narrated.

"Last week, DEC started making some arrests and so far, about 10 people that I am sure of are in police custody at different holding cells. Among

them are court interpreters and there are also some outsiders. They have even started searching their houses because you know, 24kg of cocaine is a lot of money. You can imagine, someone can pay K2,000 for just 0.2 grams of cocaine now imagine 24kg. And that cocaine was originally destined for South Africa."

The source said about four DEC officers were also being investigated in connection to the same case.

"What we are told now is that even some DEC officers are being investigated and other law enforcement wings like the OP have joined the operation and it appears they want to look into some magistrates as well but we shall see how it goes. The case is supposed to come up for ruling on case to answer any time soon but with these developments, I don't know how that will work out," said the sources.

And in an interview, Judicial and Allied Workers Union of Zambia president Peter Mwale said he was disgusted by the manner in which DEC officers are torturing poor civil servants and trying to force them to give up their colleagues.

"It is true, it is not a joke! They are being arrested like chickens, being harassed! How do you go with guns to arrest Judiciary officers? And these are just very poor general officers in the judiciary who are suffering. Imagine! We are not going to accept this and if this continues, all judiciary workers who are unionised will stop handling cases of DEC. The DEC themselves will be bringing their own interpreters, they will be bringing their own clerks of court, that's what's going to happen," said Mwale.

"I am challenging you to go to Woodlands Police and see how these people are being tortured. And you can imagine they have not been charged since Thursday. I have already seen

the chief resident magistrate Kenneth Mulife to complain about how these people are being treated and I want to see the DEC commissioner also because these poor civil servants cannot be treated in this manner. How can you be torturing people and

asking them to give up their colleagues on matters that they have no clue about?"

He charged that there was a cartel within DEC which knew exactly what had happened to the cocaine.

But DEC deputy public relations officer Kamufisa

Manchishi said the commission could not give out any information because the investigation was still active.

"We are aware that the matter was reported to the police by the Judiciary concerning theft among other things and of course there is a

component that we ourselves as the commission have to get involved in the investigations. So of course the investigations are ongoing and there is nothing for us to give out at the moment because it is an active investigation," said Manchishi in an interview.



Defense Minister Davies Chama and Religious Affairs and National Guidance Minister Rev Godfridah Sumaili welcome visiting vice chairperson of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Archbishop Fridolin Ambango Besungu and his Secretary general Donatien Nshole Barula at State House when he paid a Courtesy call on President Edgar Lungu yesterday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Mushipe sues Mashi Hardware over K170,000 legal fees

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Suspended UPND lawyer Martha Mushipe has dragged Mashi Refrigeration and Hardware Limited and its director Isaac Mwitila to court, claiming an order to pay her K170,000, being the outstanding balance for professional and legal services rendered to them.

In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Friday, Mushipe stated that she was at all material times a legal practitioner by profession, being the principal partner of

Mushipe and Associates and was suing the defendants on behalf of the said firm.

"The plaintiff is and was at all material times a legal practitioner by profession, being the principal partner of Mushipe and Associates and is suing the defendants on behalf of the said firm. The second defendant is one of the directors of the first defendant," read the statement of claim.

She stated that between June 1, 2017, and June 15, 2017, she entered into an agreement

with the defendants to represent them with regard to a debt owed to the defendant by Grandview International Limited Company.

Mushipe stated that upon agreement of K30,000 deposit, she accepted instructions from the defendants and proceeded to file and serve writ of summons as well as a statement of claim dated June 9, 2017.

She stated that in pursuing the defendant's instructions, she diligently carried out the said instructions and successfully

managed to uphold the defendant's interest, recovering the debt owed by Grandview International Limited Company to the defendants.

Mushipe stated that upon completion of the defendant's instructions, she rendered detailed bill to the defendants, listing out the nature of work undertaken by her as well as a sum total of their outstanding legal fees.

She disclosed that the defendants had refused to settle the fees.

"The defendants have since refused to settle the outstanding legal fees, which are rightfully due to the plaintiff for the services rendered to them," read the statement of claim.

Mushipe now claims the sum of K170,000 being the outstanding balance for professional and legal services rendered to the defendants, the bill to be taxed in default of agreement.

She is further claiming for an order compelling the defendants to immediately pay her the above outstanding legal fees due, interest on the outstanding balance, legal costs of this action and other relief the court may deem fit.

Police nab 2 Chinese nationals for murder

By Abraham Kalito

Police in Northern Province have arrested two Chinese nationals of Ng'wena main area in Mungwi for beating a 42-year-old Zambian man to death after accusing him of theft.

Northern Province Police Commissioner Richard Mweene confirmed the development to News Diggers! in an interview saying the Chinese nationals used planks and fists to beat up Evaristo Chileshe on Sunday.

"We have arrested two Chinese nationals for the Offence of Murder and these are: Yangen Yuan, 32, and Zhaoguo Dong, 42, both of Ng'wena Main Area in Mungwi. They are accused of murdering Evaristo Chileshe, 42, a security guard at

the said address. They accused him of stealing iron sheets. Kicks, fists and plank were used. Occurred on 9/9/2018 in Mungwi. Body of deceased lying in Kasama General Hospital Mortuary awaiting a post-mortem," said Mweene.



Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama

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The Four Step Process to Get Out Of Unemployment

By Simon Sakala (Guest Columnist)

In last week's article, I wrote about the circumstances that led me to discover what I had in my hands, that is, the opportunity to teach English. In this article, I will discuss work. One day, as I was wondering around my neighborhood, I came close to a play park where mothers were playing with their children. As I passed by, I got the idea that, if I provided something that could add value to their time, I would not only create work for myself but would also be able to make a contribution to the community. That day, I decided I was going to concentrate on teaching children. As I look back today, I consider the decision the best I ever made in my career.

Work is not necessarily a job. The job exists because there is work to be done. The title of the job suggests the type of work the holder of the job is required to do. However, in most cases than not, this fact is gotten the other way round. The job title comes first. The reason why many people are unemployed today is because they search for a job instead of looking for work. If you look around, you will see a lot of work desperately crying out for people to do it. If you take up the very essential work that you can do with what you already have in your hands, you might end up with a very good job.

Work is simply an activity involving mental or physical effort done to achieve a result or a task. The words effort and results are vital in

this definition. Work cannot be said to be done if either one of the words is missing. All work result in value creation.

The work I am doing now had been there all the while I was unemployed and frustrated. The circumstances helped me pay attention to what I had not been paying attention to. I had to undergo a mindset change and a paradigm shift that helped me "discover" the work. The shift gave me the impetus to strive to overcome barriers and limitations resulting from language and cultural differences. I was also able to discover advantages that my background afforded me.

To become a good teacher, I had to improve the results of my effort. In other words, I had to do very good quality work. The quality of work would be determined by how much value it would deliver and ultimately, how many people would benefit from that value. The higher the quality, the greater the demand and consequently the greater the rewards that it would attract. I decided to learn Japanese although I know people who have lived here much longer and do not speak Japanese and yet they are fine. I had to adjust into the work culture. The productivity levels are probably three times more than what I was used to. I started to learn about many relevant subjects including effective teaching methods, cognitive psychology, psychology of skill acquisition and performance, language development and parenting. I thought it was vital

to do everything I was doing with an attitude of service.

To evaluate the quality of my work, I used a simple tripartite validation process. The first part was personal validation. I had to be satisfied myself with the quality of my work. The second part was people. Other people had to say the quality was good. The third part was visible results. My work had to produce exceptional results.

The importance of work should be the core emphasis of the education system and society. Children are told to go to school so that they can go to a good college so that they can get a good job so that they can earn a good income. In other words, income is the goal of every effort. The question then is, what would happen if everyone had the money? Well, there would be no need to work, one would say. Then there would be no doctors in the hospitals, no teachers in the schools, no one to make the traffic lights and place them on the streets, no one to manage wastewater and sewage in the cities, and so on. Children should be told that they go to school so that they can learn work skills to help them contribute to society. They should be taught that the more relevant their work and the better its quality, the greater the contribution they are bound to make. If their contribution benefits a lot of people in the society and the world, they might end up being very rich, like Bill Gates. Next I will discuss creating a good job.



President Edgar Lungu with Vice chairperson of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Archbishop Fridolin Ambango Besungu and his Secretary general Donatien Nshole Barula (l) when they paid a courtesy call on him at State House yesterday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Last week, the national broadcaster ran a news report, which annoyed Southern Province Police Commissioner Bonny Kapeso. According to the police chief, the story contained false and alarming information capable of disturbing public peace.

The summary of the background is that some rural towns in Southern Province; including Gwembe, Dundumwezi and Sinazongwe, have been ravaged by hired assassins or gangs called the "Karavinas" who have been shooting people with home-made guns. The murder statistics from these cases have been frightening to the extent that members of parliament took Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo to task in the House this year, demanding his immediate intervention.

So, last week, Southern Province Permanent Secretary Mwangala Liomba visited Sinazongwe District in the company of journalists to, among other things, get first-hand information about the escalating cases of murder in the area. Sinazongwe District Commissioner Protacio Mulenga took the honour of updating the superior government official with statistical data regarding the number of fatal shootings that had occurred, as far as he was concerned.

"The number of people that has been shot by the caravinas is close to 40 since the beginning of this year. Our police officers in the district, they really don't have vehicles. The district is so big with a population of close to 130,000 people but there is lack of man power in security," reported DC Mulenga.

But the Southern Province police chief did not take kindly to this report, because he felt it was a clear case of misinformation; charging that there were no such statistics. Mr Kapeso went further to issue a statement

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Kapeso is blaming ZNBC for his failure to prevent crimes

rubbishing the ZNBC story and threatening to summon the reporter for questioning.

"That information did not come from 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. 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," said Mr Kapeso.

"I will 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."

We know that ZNBC, as a national broadcaster, has a lot of objectivity problems in its reporting. When it comes to political news, believing what is aired on ZNBC news is at viewer's risk. This is a television station that has learnt the art of misquoting facts and misinforming the nation.

However, on this Sinazongwe report, we have challenges agreeing with Mr Kapeso. The Southern Province police chief is trying to hide his own poor performance in crime prevention and in the process, attacking a defenceless ZANIS journalist who produced the

ZNBC news story. Mr Kapeso cannot charge the journalist with the offence of alarming the nation, while at the same time admitting that the reporter quoted the District Commissioner accurately.

Why is Mr Kapeso so angry that his side of the story was not told as if the journalist accused him of being a gang leader of the Karavinas? When the DC was reporting the murder statistics to the permanent secretary, the local police station officer in charge was present in the meeting. If the DC lied, why was Mr Kapeso's subordinate just sitting ndwii without correcting the report?

We are interested in this matter because all of us as journalists have had similar problems with the police, especially provincial commissioners. In many instances, when a government official, such as minister, issues a statement bordering on security that we feel is

exaggerated or inaccurate, we always rush to these same police commanders for clarity; but they never want to contradict what the government people have said.

Take the abduction of the Lusaka Mayor by PF thugs last month, for example. Mr Miles Sampa told not only us, but the BBC too, that he had reported his abduction to the police, and an investigation had been launched. But when the government gauged that the development was going to be an embarrassment to the ruling party, the provincial minister announced that there was no such report of abduction reported at any police station in Lusaka.

We got in touch with relevant police commands, both at Headquarters and Lusaka Division, but no one was willing to disagree with Mr Bowman Lusambo's statement. Understandably so, the police feared that journalists would quote

contradicting statements from two government wings.

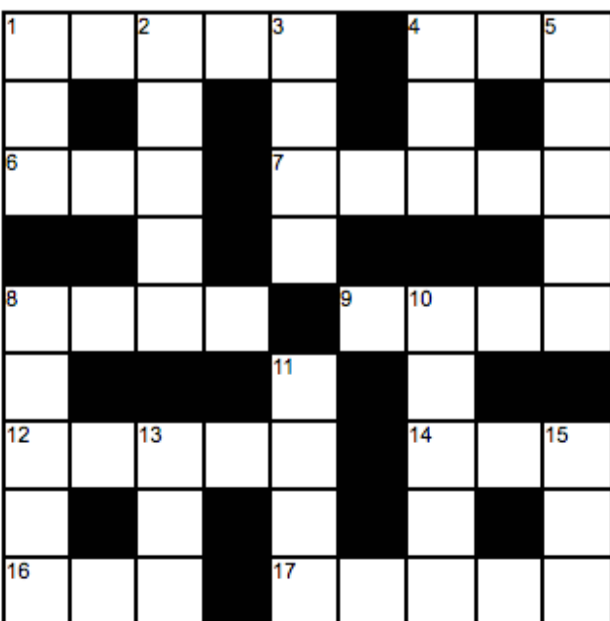
So, we can simplify to Mr Kapeso what his statement means. He is plainly calling the DC and the PS as incompetent government officials who simply cooked up statistics from their dreams and fed the information to the journalist who didn't care to verify. But if the reporter writes that story stating that, "Mr Kapeso has accused the PS and DC of being incompetent authorities", he will be the first one to call the journalist unprofessional.

Readers may wish to know that although Mr Kapeso was rubbishing the murder statistics under his nose, the facts are actually worse than the DC reported; and these are confessed by the police commissioner himself.

"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.

So, what is the problem here? Bwana Kapeso, sir, stop blaming the journalist for your own bad crime prevention record. It really matters less if it's 20 people or 40 people who have been killed. It doesn't matter if 10 of those who were shot had infidelity problems; the question is; how many have you successfully prosecuted for gun violence in Southern Province? If these guns are hand-made, have you identified the manufacturer? Those are the problems you must be worried about. Being talkative is not a reflection of one's proficiency - get to work!

Crossword puzzle 184



"You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying. To the best you can do everyday."

- Jason Mraz

Across

- 1. Milk or orange juice
- 4. Corn on the ___
- 6. Affirmative head movement
- 7. Quartet doubled
- 8. Chew the fat
- 9. Loafer or sneaker
- 12. Approximately
- 14. A grain
- 16. Snake-like fish
- 17. Refuse

Down

- 1. Family room
- 2. South Asian country
- 3. Massage target
- 4. Slice
- 5. Scrub in the tub
- 8. Machine for lifting heavy objects
- 10. Elephant groups
- 11. Cook by boiling slowly
- 13. Lubricate
- 15. Stare at

Solutions to puzzle 183



Reader's feedback

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Police's arrest of RPP leader for protesting against China

Editor, "Arresting Lukuku for his lone protest against growing Chinese influence over the Zambian govt only exposes the govt's lack of

sincerity on the Chinese deals. In UNIP days, the China-Zambia co-operation was a political rallying point because of its transparency and tangible results. China was investing in textile factory that boosted the market for locally-grown cotton. Today, we are talking of over-priced infrastructure investments whose kickbacks have benefited only Mr Edgar C Lungu. I bet he personally issued a command for Lukuku's detention." - Christopher Kalima

"James was protesting on behalf of millions of Zambians who are not happy with Chinese nationals who have taken over their maize-roasting businesses. Arresting him is not fair. He is a lone figure and the police should have just assigned one officer to escort him. Please just release him." - Mike Phiri

"And the whole Lusaka is ndwiiiiii when this guy is doing a solo demo for the good of the country." - Gomezgani Bili

"Another case which will go nowhere. How was a lone man disturbing the peace? He was within the law. POA doesn't apply to a lone protestor." - Brian Tembo

"The destiny of this country will change when few brave people speak out. It's like that always. If we can't all march, at least we can show solidarity." - Brian Simasiku

"Why is it that protestors in Africa are arrested or even shot at/killed, whilst western country protestors are not? They end up being heard after days & nights of protesting and sleeping in the cold." - Happy Chimwemwe



Miles' return to social media, U-turn on apology

Editor, "I got so many questions running through my head, but the first that comes to mind is: who could be so dumb as to create a pseudonym and then out themselves?" - Lumano Chinkunka

"These silly arguments have nothing to do with the welfare of the people of Lusaka. Grow up, you power hungry politicians." - John Mufichani

"How many days are remaining to fulfil your promises as Mayor? Mind you, the rainy season is just around the corner..." - Given Chikeu

"Anyway u-turning for these guys is their greatest quality." - Edna Kalaluka

"Okay, Ba ND, I am so delighted with you guys, keep the candle illuminating..." - Robby LM

"Mr Jokersome Bwalya Sampa Miles is really dull and I wonder how he got to where he is now. Must have kissed and licked a lot of asses on his way. The man has a dead brain, completely useless to this Nation. He's only job is to please ba tata Lungu of the Patriotic Failures club. No data." - Albert Mulenga

ND OPINION: Ex-Students shouldn't repay govt loans until Ex-Ministers pay back

"Exactly! No double standards, former ministers with the help of Lungu need to repay the illegal payments they received." - Sylvester Chongo

"Exactly. After all, they do not even have good jobs that are worthy of their hard work." - Grace Musukwa Berry

"This is a good move; let ministers first pay and loans second." - Webby Mulopwe

"If ministers have not paid why should students pay?" - Joseph Chisenga

"They should lead by example." - Layson Nyirenda

"If they are targeting those in employment then it's okay." - Remmy Lundwe

"The students will repay their govt loans but the Ministers will be protected by Big Brother Lungu when infact they got the money illegally unlike the students." - Alex Munalula

Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir has dissolved the government in a bid to fix the country's troubled economy.

A presidential statement late on Sunday said that the move included a cut in the number of ministries to 21 from 31.

"President Omar al-Bashir has informed that he will sack the government at all levels, the prime minister, federal ministers and ministers of state in order to fix the situation facing the country," the statement said.

"He will form a new government that can once again bring hope to the Sudanese people."

The measure was necessary to solve "the state of distress and frustration faced by the country during the last period", the statement added.

Al-Bashir's decision to fire the entire cabinet comes as Sudan faces a growing economic crisis, with inflation surging to more than 65 percent.

The cost of food items and other products has more than doubled over the past year, while the foreign currency market has seen the Sudanese pound plunge against the US dollar.

Sudan's central bank has twice devalued the pound this year.

Sudan's al-Bashir sacks entire cabinet in bid to fix economy

As a result, it has become more difficult to import essential supplies such as wheat.

In January, a doubling of the price of bread triggered demonstrations after government's decision to cut subsidies and stop importing wheat from overseas.

Sudan's economy has been struggling since South Sudan gained independence in 2011, taking with it three-quarters of oil output and depriving Khartoum of a crucial source of foreign currency.

The economic crisis was highlighted for the first time in April when Ibrahim Ghandour, then-foreign minister, announced in parliament that he had been unable to pay salaries to his staff for months due to a shortage of funds.

He was immediately sacked.

The situation has worsened despite the United States lifting its decades-old trade embargo last October. *ALJAZEERA*



Rescuers carry a wounded man from the scene of an explosion after suicide car bomb rammed in a local government building in Hodan district, Mogadishu, Somalia. Photo credit - Reuters

Saudi arrests Egyptian seen eating with woman

An Egyptian hotel worker has been arrested in Saudi Arabia after he was seen in an online video, eating with a fully veiled Saudi colleague, the Arab kingdom's labour ministry has said.

In the video widely shared on social media, the two eat at a desk and wave at the camera.

At one point, the woman, dressed in a robe which leaves only her hands and eyes visible, feeds the man a piece of food.

A labour ministry statement on Sunday said an inspection team had visited the unidentified hotel in the western city of Mecca and detained the Egyptian for violations including working in a profession restricted to Saudis, without

providing details.

The hotel owner was also summoned "for failing to adhere to spatial controls for employing women", the statement added.

Government regulations stipulate that workplaces should ensure a private setting for female employees separate from males, but in practice this is not uniformly applied.

An inspection team visited the hotel in Mecca - Islam's holiest site - and detained the Egyptian for working in a field restricted to Saudis, a ministry statement said, Reuters news agency reports.

The hotel owner was also summoned "for failing to adhere to spatial controls for employing women", Reuters

quoted the statement as saying.

Official regulations state that workplaces should

provide a private setting for female employees, separate from males, but this does not always happen, Reuters

reports.

The arrest of the Egyptian has drawn mixed reaction on social media, the Jordan-

based al-Bawaba news site reports.

One Twitter user described the arrest as "insane": *BBC*

ANC dismisses reports of plot to oust Ramaphosa

South Africa's governing African National Congress (ANC) has dismissed reports of a plot to oust President Cyril Ramaphosa, calling them blatant lies and shameless gossip.

South Africa's Sunday Times said it had evidence that senior ANC officials were plotting with the country's former President Jacob Zuma.

The paper published a photo, showing

what it said was a secret meeting last week between Mr Zuma and several key allies - and claimed the group was preparing a campaign to remove President Ramaphosa from power.

The ANC swiftly condemned the report as lies and shameless gossip.

But the party's chief whip, Jackson Mthembu, said the alleged plot should be taken seriously, and warned of the

deep factional battles still raging in the party.

Mr Zuma was forced out of power last year and is now facing a corruption trial and other investigations.

His successor, Mr Ramaphosa, is still struggling to consolidate control over his party and to revive a struggling economy, ahead of national elections next year. *BBC*



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Djokovic wins third US Open, equals Sampras on 14 Grand Slams

Novak Djokovic clinched his third US Open title on Sunday with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 triumph over Juan Martin del Potro, taking him level with Pete Sampras's mark of 14 Grand Slams.

Djokovic, playing in his eighth final in New York and already the champion in 2011 and 2015, is now just three Slams behind Rafael Nadal and six back from the all-time record 20 held by Roger Federer.

It was also the third time the 31-year-old Serb -- who missed last year's tournament with an elbow injury which sent his career into a mini-crisis -- completed the Wimbledon-US Open double.

"I want to say Pete, I love you, you're my idol," said Djokovic of Sampras.

"To the support of the loved ones, my kids, my wife, my small team of people that has been there with me through difficult times as well," added the Serb who underwent elbow surgery after the Australian Open in January.

For world number three Del Potro, it was a heartbreaking experience coming in just his second Slam final, nine years after he was crowned US Open champion before a long battle with wrist

injuries pushed him into depression and to the brink of retirement.

"When I had my surgery I could truly understand what Juan Martin was going through when he had surgeries that kept him away from the tour for two or three years," added Djokovic.

It was Djokovic's 15th win over the Del Potro and fifth in five at the Slams.

It came in a final which was business-like rather than thrilling, a relief for a tournament still reeling from the controversial women's final on Saturday.

The result also means that 50 of the last 55 majors have been won by the 'Big Four' of Federer, Nadal, Djokovic and Andy Murray.

Del Potro backed Djokovic to surpass Federer's mark of 20 Slams.

"Of course he can. Novak has everything to make records in this sport," said the Argentine.

"I was so happy to be playing the final against this magnificent idol," added Del Potro of his close friend Djokovic.



Novak Djokovic hoists the US Open trophy for a third time after beating Juan Martin del Potro in the final.

"He knows that he's one of my friends on tour and he knows he's one player I want to watch win on tour. Of course I'm sad to lose but I'm happy for Novak as well. You deserve to win." With the Arthur Ashe

Stadium roof closed as heavy rain swept New York, conditions were slow and sluggish.

After taking just two points off Del Potro's first three service games, Djokovic, in his 23rd final at the majors,

pounced to break for 5-3.

The key was his success with a lung-busting 22-shot rally and he pocketed the set when the 29-year-old del Potro netted a forehand. It was only the second set dropped by the Argentine

at the tournament.

For Djokovic, it was an illustration of him growing into the championships as he took his run of consecutive sets won to 14, stretching back to the second round against Tennys Sandgren.

Djokovic was soon 3-1 up in the second set before Del Potro carved out his first break point of the match to level at 3-3.

He had three more chances in the eighth, all saved by Djokovic in a marathon 20-minute game which left even Hollywood superstar Meryl Streep clasping her head in astonishment.

The effort took its toll on a suddenly weary-looking Del Potro as a 95-minute set was claimed by Djokovic in the tiebreak.

Del Potro was looking at having to become the first man since Pancho Gonzales in 1949 to win the US title from two sets down. **AFP**

Chipolopolo set for Gabon friendly

By Alex Chilumbwe

FAZ communications manager Desmond Katongo says the senior national team has arrived safely in Libreville, Gabon ahead of tomorrow's friendly against the Panthers. The friendly would be part of the AFCON qualifier game against Mozambique on 10th October, 2018 at the Heroes National

Stadium in Lusaka. Chipolopolo coach Sven Vandenbroeck said he would be using the friendly to determine which player would be introduced earlier or later in the

game for good results. Soccer fans bemoaned the late introduction of Enock Mwepu on Saturday when Zambia played against Namibia and drew in Windhoek.

Before the draw against Namibia, coach Sven had called friendlies time-wasting and added they kept players tired for too long. The coach has a duty to win all the remaining games

in order for the country to qualify to the Africa Cup of Nations next year. The game will start at 17:00hrs local time and 18:00hrs Zambian time at State De'l Amitte stadium.

Matero Magic knocks Pacers

By Alex Chilumbwe

UNZA Pacers yesterday failed to defy the magic that Matero cast in their 62-74 loss in week 9 of the Midlands Basketball league at National Sports Development Centre (NASDEC) hall. The two giants in the league exchanged a series of unstoppable drive-ins and three point shots that made the game unpredictable in the first third quarter and half way into the fourth one. Matero Magic coach Obed Shamboko said his win was dedicated to the

fans that had lost faith in his guys as most of his key players were absent. "Today's game was evidence I do not depend on specific players. Fans did not think we would win against Pacers because some of the key players were absent. They do not know that I simply give them different game times and they all can deliver. In midlands, you cannot pretend Pacers are an easy side and every win against them counts. We are doing everything to catch up with league leaders, Lusaka City Council (LCC) Looters," said Shamboko.

Meanwhile, Pacers point guard Gosa Gosa took comfort in other games that would be played in second and third round. "We are a bit shaky right now as our wins are not very convincing and while losses are. We will make amends and see which areas are making us lose. We are all very good three point shooters and I think we should capitalise on that and play more defensive. It can really help us to be more defensive and little offensive. If we are not making baskets, they should not either," said Gosa. In other results, Looters beat stubborn

young side Bulldogs 87-74 while Hurricanes lost 58-70 to Munali Suns. Hawks beat struggling Green Eagles 74-71 and in the ladies category, Buffaloes lost 67-73 to UNZA Honeys. Looters maintained their top spot and clean record of having won all 7 games they have played so far while Green Eagles was managing with one win in eight games. In the feminine category, Honeys proved unbeatable while Hotspurs may not be too hot to melt their losing ways and leave the bottom of the table.

Salah and Sadio Mane nominated for 2018 Fifa FIFPro World11

The Reds stars are the only African representatives on the shortlist for the best players in the world. Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mane have been named in the 55-man shortlist for 2018 Fifa FIFPro World11 following their stellar performances at Liverpool and for their respective countries in the year under review. Both players will slug it out with 13 other forwards for three attacking slots. The recognition comes after Salah and Mane's immense

contributions to Liverpool's 2017-18 campaign, helping the Reds to a third-place finish in the English Premier League and a Uefa Champions League final spot. Salah, in his debut campaign at Anfield, scored 44 goals and swept major awards including the Premier League Player of the Year gong, and last week, was second runners-up at the Uefa Men's Player of the Year award behind Cristiano Ronaldo and winner Luka Modric. goal.com



Three-weight world champion Crawford has an unblemished record of 33-0. Skysports



Balotelli dropped from Italy squad. goal.com Balotelli dropped for Italy's Nations League game in Portugal. AFP

Women's coach promises trophy

By Alex Chilumbwe

Our eyes are on the trophy and we are here to break a record of having competed favourably in the past years but failed to win the COSAFA, says women national team head coach Beauty Mwamba in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Mwamba also said the girls were in high spirits and were looking forward to winning all the games in the group stages of the tournament and proceeding to semifinals that would usher them into the finals. "We have always competed favourably in this tournament but we have not won it. Last year we played well but finished third and this year, we are going to break this record of not winning it. The girls are just as expectant as fans and are wearing a

...IT'S OUR TIME TO GET COSAFA

positive spirit. It is also a good squad that understands that in a tournament, we play for everything unlike the league," Mwamba said. Mwamba also said the girls'

were not emotionally affected by the dropping of former head coach Enala Simbeya within a month of her engagement with Shepolopolo. "They handled it well and did

not show that they would be weakened emotionally. They are all grown ups that understand things change, and that they are still with a familiar face which is

I was also comforting for them. Their focus right now is winning especially that soccer fans are dividing attention between them and the senior men's national

team," said Mwamba. The ladies will play their first group stage game against Lesotho on Thursday. Other group members are Mozambique and Cameroon.