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By Mirriam Chabala
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Inviting Hindus, Muslims to Day of Prayer can cause confusion, guides Sumaili

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FNB dragged to court for issuing ATM card to third party without consent from account holder

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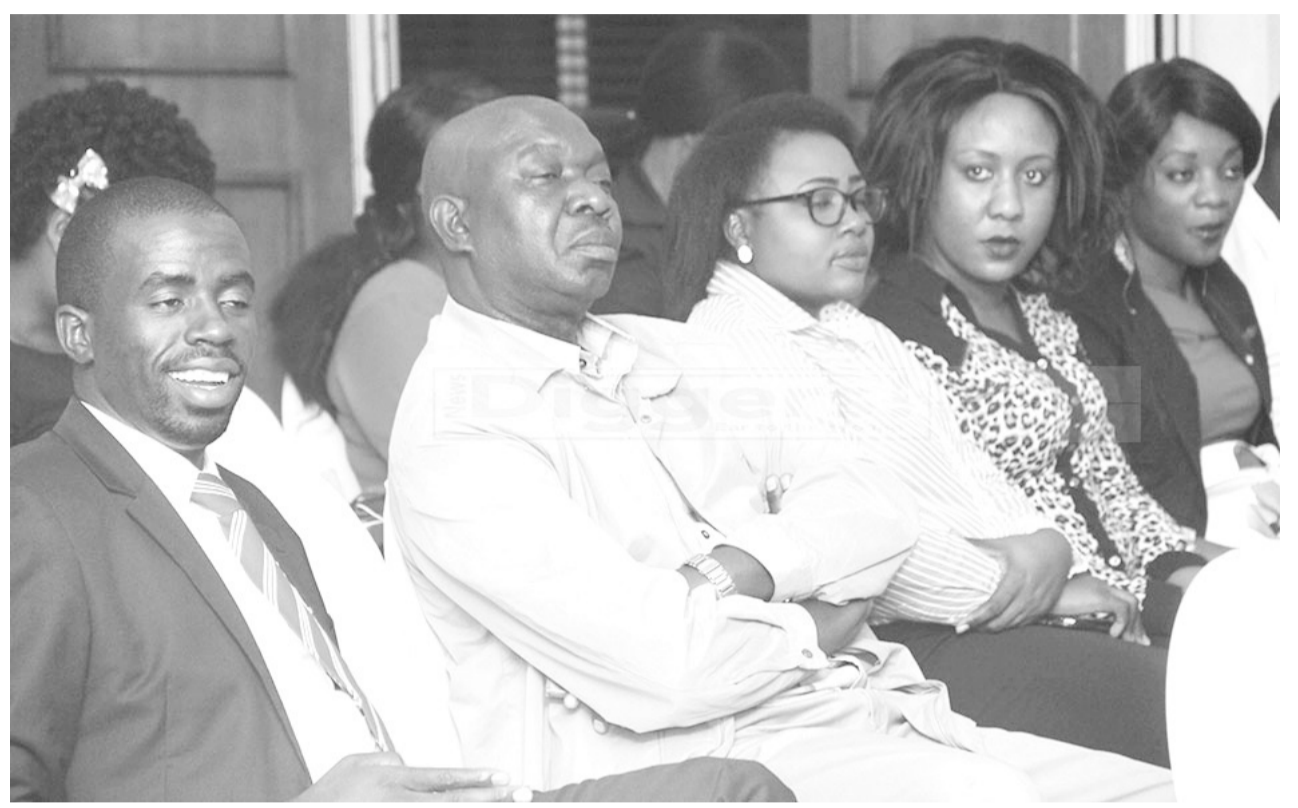
Works and Supply Minister Felix Mutati with Chance Kabaghe during an investment meeting yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

IAPRI urges govt to improve market infrastructure to tackle cholera

By Abraham Kalito

Cholera cannot be expected to end if Zambia does not develop a clean horticultural value chain where fruits and vegetables can be stored in a conducive environment, says the Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI). And Musika managing director Reuben Banda says the non-existence of a structured horticultural market was clearly evident during the cholera outbreak early this year. Meanwhile, Works and Supply Minister Felix Mutati says agriculture's contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is still uninspiring and a source of concern for government. Speaking during the Zambian Fresh Produce Wholesale Market Investors' meeting, jointly-organized by IAPRI and Musika in Lusaka yesterday, IAPRI executive director Chance Kabaghe suggested that cholera outbreaks cannot be expected to end if the country doesn't develop a clean fruit and vegetable market. "We have done a lot of work that is not only beneficial to this country, but the whole region. But our real main task is to make sure that, the Zambian agricultural stakeholders have proper data for them to make informed decisions. So, this country, in the last 10 years, has really been moving in the right direction because the policies that will advise the various stakeholders have the empirical evidence behind it. Ourselves, together working with Musika, we thought it was prudent that where agriculture has reached in this country, we needed to have a very modern fruit and vegetable market. Soweto, as we all know, is a

disaster! The rains are just around the corner. This, Minister and stakeholders who are here, if it's actualised quickly, we know it is going to be actualised, will be the beginning of the end of cholera in Lusaka. So, to us, it's an extremely important meeting for investors. This is really a private sector initiative to move this sector forward. Where is agriculture in Zambia today?" Kabaghe wondered. "We are self-sufficient as a country in a sustainable manner in maize production; the whole value chain of maize in this country. Maize is no longer an issue for Zambia. Even during the so-called El Niño, we still produce enough maize and export to the neighbouring region, including South Africa. Soya beans, we are now the past three, four years, we produce more than what we need for ourselves. Aquaculture is becoming very strong. We can boast today as a country that we are self-sufficient in the production of wheat. Really, if these three a country has in place, it doesn't have to worry about staple food. The next part becomes now, the horticultural part. Really, our horticultural sector has been wish washing up and down. As we are talking, farmers who have been involved in the tomato production this period, they are crying! And they are saying that, 'we will never grow tomatoes again!' When at the beginning of this season, a box of tomato was hitting K400, right now it is K5. Some are just throwing it; taking it to waste." Hesaidthetimetoinvestinthe horticulture sector was now. "Again, I'm trying to say, we have the agro-economic zone in this country that can grow literally, apart from those



Former Electro Commission of Zambia public relations manager Chris Akufuna (second from left) among the members of public at the discussion forum organised by News Diggers! In partnership with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) at Southern Sun Hotel on Tuesday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

very extreme fruits, such as apples, we can grow literally most of the vegetables and fruits we are talking about. So, as a country, we are ripe, we are ready to move in the horticultural sector. And you cannot move in the horticultural sector, Minister, without addressing issues of marketing. The value of chain in marketing. We thought that the time was now. Time was now to invest in the value chain, especially the marketing component, because once the marketing component is set right, production becomes much easier, people start investing in those areas. Like I said, today, when you say, 'I'm growing tomatoes, people start asking, what's wrong with you?' Why are you growing tomatoes?

So, this meeting is really called upon to address this critical position." And Banda said the non-existence of a structured horticultural market was clearly evident during the cholera outbreak early in the year, which had a devastating impact on fresh produce marketing systems causing serious food safety and health concerns, and huge losses in terms of revenue. He also noted that a good fruit and vegetable market, coupled with a clean value chain, would address the non-transparent and uncompetitive marketing practices that tend to benefit unregulated brokers. "Musika and IAPRI are committed to this process. That is why we joined hands and commissioned

a feasibility study early this year to establish the major challenges hampering the growth of the sector and seek solutions that will help to transform it into one that is commercially viable. The repercussions of the non-existence of a structured horticultural market was clearly evident during the cholera outbreak early in the year, which had a devastating impact on our fragile fresh produce marketing systems causing serious food safety and health concerns and huge losses in terms of revenue. As a non-profit company that works to stimulate and support private sector investment in the smallholder market, Musika's interest in the development of structured fresh fruit and vegetable markets is to create

more opportunities for smallholder producers who are greatly disadvantaged by the non-transparent and uncompetitive marketing practices that tend to benefit unregulated brokers," Banda said.

Meanwhile, Mutati, who was standing-in for Finance Minister, Margaret Mwanakatwe, said agriculture's contribution to GDP is still uninspiring and a source of concern for government. "Government has a passion for agriculture, and that passion, today, is being anchored on the transformation of the agricultural sector. That, the dividends that can be realised from the agricultural sector are huge if we translate the issues of diversification of the economy into a practical output. Hearing from Musika has taught one lesson that, as a nation, we have engaged in production conversations, which have been anchored on ambition, but less so whether those conversations have been anchored on evidence research and data. Today, we are creating order on what must be done in the agriculture space, in particular, the horticultural space. Agriculture contribution to GDP has remained uninspiring and a source of concern. And we say agriculture is the main stay. And from a government perspective, our role still remains that we will not only provide supportive infrastructure, but will also anchored trade facilitation. We believe that GDP and growing the economy," said Mutati.

PEPFAR awards K1.7 million to NGOs for HIV projects

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The U.S. Government's President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR), in collaboration with the National AIDS Council (NAC), has given K1.7 million to 10 community and faith-based NGOs in Zambia to help in the fight against HIV. In a statement issued by US Embassy public affairs officer Sean McIntosh, the 10 organisations are grantees who were selected from the over 200 applicants that had applied for the grants. "Through the generous support of the American people, PEPFAR will award over K1.72 million,

equivalent to US \$172,000, to 10 community and faith-based Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Zambia. The 10 organizations were selected from more than 200 applicants, and will implement innovative approaches to address the HIV prevention and OVC needs in their communities. This will include: early childhood activities to ensure improved learning and health outcomes, involving men, to promote prevention of mother-to-

child transmission of HIV, and treatment support for people living with HIV," McIntosh stated. He stated that the grantees already received their awards during a ceremony, which was held at the U.S. Embassy on Wednesday. "The U.S. government, through the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief, more commonly known as PEPFAR, in collaboration with the National AIDS Council (NAC) announced the ten

awardees of the 2018 PEPFAR Small Grants Programme today. The PEPFAR Small Grants Programme was created to support the work of small local partners, and provides one-time grants between ZMW 100,000 (\$10,000) and ZMW 250,000 (\$25,000) to support community-led sustainable programmes in the field of HIV prevention, support to orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), and their households, and democracy and governance related to

Zambia's HIV response. The organizations officially received their awards during a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy. U.S. Ambassador Daniel L. Foote welcomed 20 representatives from the selected organizations and provided welcome remarks that emphasized the significant role of civil society in the fight against HIV. PEPFAR is proud to partner with civil society and to support the work of these ten organizations," stated McIntosh.

FNB in court for issuing ATM card to third party unknown to account holder

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Lusaka High Court judge Mwila Chitabo has set October 30, for hearing a case in which First National Bank Zambia Limited (FNB) was sued by Adfinity Advertising and Marketing Limited managing director Mallek Hussein, a Lebanese national, claiming damages for breach of confidentiality after his account was used by unknown person in Belgium and other towns. Hussein sued FNB in January this year, seeking damages for mental distress, anguish, inconvenience, stress, negligence, as well as interest on the amount found due, payable and legal costs. He stated that sometime in July 2014, he was made to open an account through his former employer Lamise Advertising Limited with FNB upon which a cash deposit of K500 was made on account number 62485743712 and that he never met the bank agent at the time. Hussein stated that he left employment and was on his own because the company he worked for had been sold to Primedia in December, 2014. He stated that around September 2017, he approached the bank in an effort to open a personal account and a company account since he had left Lamise and had opened his own account but was informed that he already had an existing active bank account. Hussein stated that basing on the bank's confirmation of an existing bank account, he requested for the account statement and the same was availed to him. He stated that to his surprise and shock, the account was very active as monies were being deposited into it by unknown people and later withdrawn via ATM card in Belgium and other unknown places. Hussein further stated that he was never issued with an ATM card by the bank and was therefore, shocked by the bank's move to issue an ATM Card to another person other than himself being the account holder. He stated that he had never travelled to Belgium or to other towns where the purported was used to withdraw money from his account. Hussein stated that despite the card being used abroad, the bank never raised a risk alert to avoid criminal use of such monies by undesirable persons. But in a defence filed in court, FNB stated that Hussein had not suffered any loss or damages as alleged nor was he entitled to any of the reliefs sought. The bank also stated that Hussein's employer Lamise Investments Limited were the ones that opened a savings account on his behalf on July 25, 2014.

But in a reply filed after the bank denied the reliefs Hussein was seeking, the plaintiff stated that it was negligent of the bank to proceed to open an account purportedly for him without conducting due diligence as to the provision of the document, whether they came from him or not. "The defendant was

negligent in its duties to accept indemnity from the purported plaintiff's employer as the ATM and personal identification number are personal documents and should not be collected by a third party as doing so compromises secrecy and as it turned out the plaintiff never signed for the ATM card or

PINS and the account was operated by strangers to the plaintiff within the country and abroad," he stated. Hussein further stated that the bank was negligent by giving an ATM card to persons other than the account holder. "The defendant should have ensured that before an ATM card is used abroad, the customer has activated it by

presenting it himself to the bank and that is to ensure safety of the customer's money and to prevent fraudulent activities as is the case here," he stated. "The plaintiff says that he had never seen any bank agent for the purposes of opening a personal account, he therefore, not have met the purported 'KYC'

[Know Your Customer] requirements for opening an account and if it were so, he would not have approached the defendant's bank to open a personal account if he had one already. The defendant is estopped from relying on the purported Know Your Customer when they did not know the plaintiff and had never dealt with him."



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Reverse nonsensical increase of minimum wage, Wynter Kabimba tells Simukoko

By Mirriam Chabala

Labour Minister Joyce Simukoko must reverse this nonsense of increased minimum wages before it causes massive job losses among domestic workers whom she won't employ, says former justice minister Wynter Kabimba. And Kabimba, who is now Rainbow Party general secretary, says the Patriotic Front doesn't think when making national decisions. The opposition leader also added that the PF government has continued amending the Constitution just to keep itself in power, which is not right. Speaking when he featured on Hot FM's Hot Seat programme, Thursday, Kabimba agreed

with the Zambia Federation of Employers (ZFE), who have rejected the new minimum wage, describing the increment as too high, and that it has the potential to send people out of employment. He stressed that Simukoko would not achieve whatever she intended to achieve by trying to become a populist like late president Sata, warning that she would not get away with it. "That is the consequent effect! That will be the result, people will lose jobs! So, what the Zambia Federation of Employers are doing is that, they are trying to protect the welfare and the lives of the poor maids, okay? That between getting K500, which they are getting now, or

the K700 that they are getting now, and getting zero, they are saying that, 'it is better they retain the K500 or the K700.' The life in this country is just unbearable for everybody... why haven't they reduced the price of commodities? Why do they allow Shoprite to continue charging high prices for food commodities? Why is it that the income of a number of people is not rising? Why is it that, the mining companies that are making money in this country are not being taxed to the levels that they should be taxed? So, whom are you punishing? You are punishing the citizens during a period when the economy of this country is a runaway economy. Whether we like it or not, PF has

tells Simukoko

failed to manage this economy, it doesn't matter," Kabimba said. "My advice to the Labour Minister is: reverse this nonsense! That's my piece of advice to her. This is ridiculous. You won't achieve what you wanted to achieve; you are being populist like Michael Sata was, but you won't get away with it because you think Michael Sata got away with it, not at this time. So, a lot of maids will be laid off and the Minister of Labour won't employ them anyway." Asked if he thought the

government officials who came up with the policy didn't think before doing so, Kabimba said: They don't think when making decisions, that is not even a question you must ask. They don't think at all before coming up with policies." And Kabimba observed that the PF had continued amending the Constitution just to keep itself in power, which was not right. "The danger of not creating consensus is just one thing, that again you are having a constitutional making process, which is driven by those that are in power to preserve their power for their own self-interest and self-preservation. That is what it means, and that is what has been wrong with our constitutional-making process in the past. When Dr Kaunda was told that the people do not want a one-party state, he decided to legislate for the one-party state. So, he went against the general consensus of the country, what did we see? The one-party state brought us a lot of problems, it had its own advantages, but it also brought about a lot of problems on account of lack of consensus. So, there is nothing that excludes citizens from broad participation that can hold, and this is a very simple lesson of governance," Kabimba said. "I hope that the guys in the Patriotic Front realise that, and the sooner they do, the better for the country. But if they think that they are going to be making ultimatums as if you are the airport when the plane is about to take off, it won't go well. You ought to ask yourself a question, 'you are in power for who?' That question has been posed to you by the people so you are just holding that power in trust, it's not your power and if you are conscious of that, then invariably, you will be saying to yourself, 'let me go back to the people that have reposed this power in me and find out what they say.' But what is saddening now is to see how we are being given deadlines: 'if you [don't] do this by such a day, we are proceeding' let them proceed." He noted that the constitutional amendment process would keep going on as long as government did not build a national consensus and consulted citizens. "We shall not succeed in arriving at a constitution that will stand a test of time for as long as we do not build national consensus. If this process is going to be driven by the monologue of instructions and directives and views from the Minister of Justice to citizens, it will just not work. Can't we learn lessons from the past? I have always said from the time when I was in PF and Minister and some people did not agree with me at that time, but I am sure now they realise I was right; I have said build consensus and then you

shall have a constitution... Look, we have gone beyond the era where government has to dictate to citizens, and the sooner the Patriotic Front and the Ministry of Justice realise that, the better for them. There is no room now where government sits on Mount Olympus and start dictating to citizens below the cliff, it just doesn't happen. President Trump has tried it in America, but he has just not succeeded; everybody has tried it somewhere else, but they have not just succeeded. So, there must be transparency in the manner in which you are taking these decisions, two, there must be broad participation by citizens," Kabimba stressed. "You don't sit in your office, swinging and giving instructions and say, 'I want submissions by such and such a date', this is not a wedding of your daughter, sir! This is a country that you dealing with and you can't run government through arrogance! You must respect the citizens because we all belong to this country and we must participate in the affairs of this country, whether unreasonably or not. So, this constitutional-making process will not succeed. They can proceed with it, the Minister of Justice can proceed with it, but I can tell you that, it will not halt. He will come back again after some time and start asking for submissions." Kabimba said the IMF bailout package was not the solution to the country's economic crisis because it was also just another debt, which would have to be repaid. "Zambians must exploit the natural resources of this country themselves and you will see that the situation will change. On the US \$1.3 billion IMF package, well, IMF is just another form of debt trap. In fact, you will be lucky if they give it to Zambia because they have said they will not deal with Zambia unless, and until Zambia can prove how it is going to manage its external debt, which is frightening, which is flying through the roof! So, if it ever does come, it's just another extra debt, that's not free money. We ought to realise, as a country that, there is no free money in this world anymore. You can use all sorts of acronyms 'development aid, assistance, chakuti chakuti (what what)', you can use all that, but the bottom line is that, there is no free money. Whatever amount of money you get from anybody, you have to pay it back. Be it the World Bank, be it the IMF, be it China, America, you have to pay back that money. So, if you are going to pay back that money, you must have a scheme of generating revenue and generating an income for you to pay back that money. It will be unfair for us to pass on the debt of this country to the future generation," said Kabimba.





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Inviting Hindus, Muslims to Day of Prayer can cause confusion, guides Religious Affairs Minister

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
National Guidance and Religious Affairs Minister Godfridah Sumaili says inviting Hindus to the National Day of Prayer and Repentance can cause confusion. And Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya has insisted that Zambia is not in debt distress and that there are no ongoing discussions about giving away public assets as a way of settling loans. The duo was speaking at a press briefing held at the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Wednesday. Asked why Muslims were not included in the national prayers, Sumaili said there would be confusion if other religions were invited to a Christian event. "The President Announced the national day of prayer fasting and repentance [but] the only thing is that when we meet as Christians in one place and then we say 'Hindus come' I think there will be confusion, but they are free to meet on their own on this day, honour this day and pray. So that's

the only reasons. So really it's an arrangement that we want to worship God in the way that we are accustomed to," Sumaili said. Sumaili also said it was sad that some leaders could speak ill about their country abroad. "It is so sad that even some leaders will speak ill about their nation outside but there is only one Zambia and you are a child of this nation. We have to love our nation and in whatever we are doing we should do the best for our nation. So this ministry is mandated to promote those values. And I can tell you that we have rich culture values which we are losing out. And then we have these values which are in the constitutions, if we can embrace all these values, I am sure that Zambia will stand and that Zambia will be envied by other countries," Sumaili said. She advised leaders not to politicize the national day of prayer and fasting which is held on October 18th annually. "And these national prayers,

we should not politicize these prayers. 90 percent of Zambians are Christians and we need to honour our creators. God answers prayers and we have seen it happening I think in 2016 when we had a drought and all the African countries in the southern region were affected by that. As Zambia we let the prayers to pray for the rains and we saw what happened. We had the rains and we had a bumper harvest and we started feeding all these other countries surrounding us. So we cannot trivialize prayer, we cannot politicize prayer because we honour and fear God," she said. Asked what her message was on the UPND not participating in national day of prayer, Sumaili said it was unfortunate that a leader who called himself a Christian could do such a thing. "I feel that it is very unfortunate and that as a responsible leader and you call yourself a Christian, you stop people from praying. It is very unfortunate but even if the leadership has stopped

people from going to pray, people from UPND have come to pray as individuals. In fact last year we had a leader in the UPND who was part of the programme and led in one of the programmes," said Sumaili. "The national House of prayer which was in place then yes they raised some funding and some funding has gone into what is happening now. I think we are going to be quiet aggressive concerning the National House of Prayer. We need to be aggressive on this issue which is so important to the nations. And I would encourage that every family becomes part of this covenant house of prayer." And Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya insisted that Zambia was not in debt distress and that there were no ongoing discussions about giving away public assets as a way of settling loans. "There continues to be an unsubstantiated debate on debt position and this has extended to a malicious rumour that we are in debt

distress as far as Chinese loans are concerned and that government is now going to offer or sale to the Chinese, public assets such as ZNBC, ZESCO and such as the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (KKIA). I want to put it on record clearly that there is no debt crisis in Zambia and that in particular we are not in debt distress with the Chinese loans and that absolutely there is no discussion relating to the offer of indeed the give-away for public assets such as the ZNBC, ZESCO and the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport," Siliya said. Siliya said those spreading rumours about Zambia being in a debt crisis were just malicious. "These stories that are circulating nationally, locally and internationally must truly be disregarded and they are just malicious rumours by those who are determined to distract us as a government and as a people. So I want say it once and for all that these are malicious rumours. I

believe that when I featured on Sunday Interview last week or the other week, I did indicate that we must give room for the Minister of Finance to do her work. What is important is that Zambia is not in debt distress, is not in debt crisis and I believe that the Minister of Finance very soon when she will be presenting to parliament should be able to give you all the information and I do not want to pre-empt her [speech] including the president who will be giving a statement in parliament this Friday," Sumaili said. Siliya said the country had benefited a lot from Chinese loans. "Zambia has a lot of partners [such as] China, the World Bank, the IMF, bilateral relations with other countries whether it's the US, the UK and so on. It is quiet strange to me that China is being singled out especially just after His Excellency just went to China to attend the ... meeting. When we look at our relationship with China since 1964, we've benefited a lot in infrastructure development. We are attracted to this bilateral cooperation with China because these loans that government of Zambia get from China are concessional loans and even when they are commercial loans, they don't have any extraneous conditions," said Siliya.

SA taxi drivers stone Zambian to death

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
South African taxi and minibus drivers have stoned to death a 28-year-old Zambian national after mistaking him for their west-African enemy in a town called Klerksdorp. According to a statement issued by First Secretary for Press and Public Relations at the Zambian High Commission in South Africa Naomi Nyawali, the deceased identified as Rabson Zulu was first stabbed by a group of over 30 drivers who mistook him for another foreign national whom they accused of murder. "Rabson Zulu, holder of passport number 528427 was stabbed with a knife before being stoned to death together with four (4) other foreign nationals by a group of over 30 drivers in collaboration with the local community. According to the information made available to the Zambian High Commission in Pretoria, Mr. Zulu was murdered over the weekend in a case of alleged mistaken

identity at a tuck shop located in Pinasdorp area where he had gone to buy washing powder to clean the car for his relative who he was visiting. It is alleged that the enraged mob of taxi and minibus drivers together with local people wanted to carry out a revenge attack on an identified foreign national of West African origin for allegedly killing one of the taxi drivers who was accused of raping his employee," Nyawali stated. Nyawali revealed that after realizing that they had killed a wrong person, the mob fled the scene and no arrests had been made. "After realizing that they had killed an innocent person, the mob fled the scene with no arrests made so far. Mr. Zulu's mortal remains have since been deposited at Tsepong government mortuary awaiting repatriation to Zambia. His death comes barely few weeks after another Zambian national, Kenneth Sikopo was shot dead in cold blood in Germiston in the same country," disclosed Nyawali.

And Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa Emmanuel Mwamba has expressed sadness over the incident.

Mwamba has since called on police to carry out thorough investigations to ensure that Zulu's murderers face justice, and has further

wished the bereaved family and the entire Zambian community in South Africa God's strength during the difficult time.

Court fines driver K2,500 for causing death of cop

By Zondiwe Mbewe
The Lusaka High Court has fined a driver K2,500 or in default, serve six months simple imprisonment for causing the death of a police officer who led the convoy of United Nations World Tourism Organisation delegates last year. Dismus Ng'andu had pleaded guilty to the charge before High Court judge Gertrude Chawatama. Facts in this matter were that Ng'andu, on November 15, 2017 at around 15:00 hours, caused the death of Victor Ngoma while driving a GRZ Mercedes Benz along Haileselesie Avenue. Ng'andu and Ngoma were part of the convoy ferrying the United Nations World Tourism Organisation delegates from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport to City Airport.

Ngoma was leading the convoy, riding a GRZ motor bike but Ng'andu's failure to make a proper look out caused Ngoma to run into his motor vehicle. Ngoma sustained injuries on impact and was rushed to UTH where he was pronounced dead. In mitigation, Ng'andu, who was represented by lawyers from the Legal Aid Board, said he was remorseful for causing death of his friend. He said he had learnt a lesson and he would be more careful and safety conscious whenever he was driving on Zambian roads. Ng'andu said he would be haunted for the rest of his life knowing that he caused the death of his dear friend. He said in an attempt to save Ngoma's life, he assisted in taking him to the hospital

and even reported himself to the police. Ng'andu pleaded for the court's leniency saying he was a first offender who readily pleaded guilty to the charge. He asked the court to consider a fine as opposed to custodial sentence. And delivering judgement, judge Chawatama took into consideration the mitigation but said the offence for which Ng'andu was charged was serious especially that a life was lost. She urged him to be extra careful when driving. Judge Chawatama added that the continued number of deaths being recorded on the roads were a source of concern. She therefore fined him K2,500 to be paid immediately or serve six months simple imprisonment.

By *Miriam Chabala*

Patriotic Front (PF) Secretary General Davies Mwila has defended government's upward revision of the minimum wage for domestic, shop and general workers, saying the increment is in line with the party's 2016-2021 manifesto. And Mwila has vowed that President Edgar Lungu, as the 'union leader' for maids and other domestic workers, will continue fighting for better conditions for them. On Wednesday, CSPR observed that the recent adjustment to the minimum wage for domestic workers was too high, warning that it could lead to job losses. But reacting to CSPR's concerns in an interview, Thursday, Mwila said maids were not slaves and they were enough people in the country who could afford to pay them well.

"We have heard people saying 'no we are going to get our relatives from the village', that is against the Biblical teachings. You can't get your relative from the village to come and become your slave so that you start telling them to clean your house, washing your clothes, and taking care of your children and then you don't even pay them and you say 'this is my relative so I will just give them nshima. I think that is unZambian, that is unbiblical and we

Maids are not slaves, don't hire if you can't pay - Mwila

must desist from this mentality of viewing maids as slaves whom we can just treat in which ever way that we want. These maids have got families, they have got children and aspirations which they want to achieve and us as PF will continue protecting them. And there will be no shocks in the economy because we have enough people in this economy who can hire maids and pay them well," Mwila said.

"We commend the government for revising the minimum wage upwards for our domestic workers, the shop workers and other categories of protected workers. Because this is in line with the Patriotic Front manifesto for 2016 to 2021. The Patriotic Front was formed as a mass movement for the poor and weak in society, the PF is a pro poor political party that strives to protect, defend and promote the interests of the poor and weak in society. Domestic workers, shop workers and

protected workers fall under this category of workers that need protection, promotion and workers that need to be defended by the party. Since the revision of the minimum wage is in line with the party manifesto, it calls for us to ensure that we also uplift the lives of ordinary workers who are also facing challenges in taking care of their families."

He said government had considered a lot of factors before increasing the minimum wage.

"I want to put it very categorical that government considers a lot of factors before any policy is implemented and that proper situation analysis is done before any policy announcement is made. Therefore, to claim that government did not take into consideration the entire spectrum of economic fundamentals is not correct, as being claimed by the CSPR. The Patriotic Front as a ruling party which is formulating the policies

which government is implementing, has a very robust team of researchers and technocrats who are very competent think tanks. As a party which is making policies which government is implementing, we do thorough research and survey before we can recommend any policy to the government. Mind you, the government policy is the Patriotic Front policy because we are the party in government, we are the ones that have been given the mandate by the people of Zambia to rule, we are the ones that are the ruling party and government is there to implement our policies. So these are policies that are properly enshrined in our constitution," Mwila said.

"We shall not allow a situation where our people are subjected to slave wages and conditions. What CSPR must ask itself is, can the Director for CSPR survive on a K522 [salary]? Can he pay rent, take to children to school, find transport and

buy clothes and groceries in K522? The answer is that no one can survive to everything in K522, therefore, we as the political party in power recommended in line with our manifesto that the minimum wage should be revised. It must be very clear that maids were not meant for a particular class, maids are meant for people who have to pay them because they are not slaves. The Bible is very clear that you cannot keep people as slaves by giving them wages that are below the threshold that can sustain their lives. We must protect the people and we as PF will make sure that we will continue to look at the welfare of the peasant and the domestic workers."

He vowed at his party and President Lungu would continue fighting for better conditions for maids and other domestic workers.

"In terms of civil servants for instance, government has been giving increments to civil servants over the years and it's also important

to note that civil servants have got a very robust representation through which they air out their grievances, they have a system through which they communicate when negotiating increments for their salaries. They have got unions, but the maids don't have unions. The only representation that ordinary workers have is us the people whom they have given the mandate to preside over the affairs of the state. President Edgar Lungu is the number one union leader for the maids, he's the number one union leader for the domestic workers and those who are working in the shops. So it is incumbent upon President Edgar Lungu and those who are working in the shops to stand up and fight for the maids because they have no unions. And there will not be any job losses because the revisions that have been done are in line with the income hours of those that employ maids," said Mwila.

PF scared of my swelling popularity - Kalaba

By *Sipilisiwe Ncube*

Bahati PF member of parliament Harry Kalaba says the PF is scared of his swelling popularity. And Kalaba says the time for his oppressors is slowly coming to an end because there will be no third term for them.

Meanwhile, Kalaba says

it is frustrating that up to now, Secretary to the Cabinet Rowland Msiska has not yet given him the modalities of how he can pay back salaries and other emoluments he earned during his illegal stay in office as Foreign Affairs Minister.

He said this when he

featured on 5FM's Burning Issue programme, Thursday.

"Because I have passed through Kitwe and five people have come and mobbed me and they want to greet me and I am greeting them, they want to say I broke the law? And now they hear Kalaba how

his popularity is swelling, they fear. So all we are saying is that we should remove politics out of the police," Kalaba said.

"This is a game we are playing. Let us not play this game in the changing room. The PF behind the police should come out and go on the pitch. So

now when I will be going to the Copperbelt, I will be making sure that I don't 'break the law with impunity'. I will be asking my people to get all the necessary permits and I know the Public Order Act very well. The Public Order Act is about holding public meetings in a public space."

And Kalaba warned that the carpet beneath his oppressors has been swept away as there would be no third term for them.

"And I want to tell my supporters across the country that if it means being arrested for their cause, if it means being detained, inconvenienced for their cause, this is a battle I am prepared for. I actually provided for that when I was resigning. I knew I will be talking fearlessly. I knew the ramification of talking to a clique of people who think they own Zambia. I know that I am stepping on their toes and that they are uncomfortable with me, but here is what I am telling them that the carpet beneath your feet has been swept off, your time is up and there will be no third term," Kalaba warned.

Meanwhile, Kalaba said Msiska had not yet told him how much he owed government.

"When the Constitutional Court ruled that ministers should return the money that they had illegally obtained during their stay in office, I was the only one to say I was going to pay the money back. I wrote to the Secretary to the Cabinet and even now if he is listening to me. I told him 'give me the modalities of payment [because] I want to pay back, let me know how much I owe' and up to now I have not been given that, but I did my part," he said. Asked to comment on the revised minimum wage for domestic workers, Kalaba said it was laughable for government to increase salaries of people it had not employed.

"It's laughable. I mean, how do you increase salaries for people you have not employed? And you have even increased the salaries for civil servants, you have not increased salaries for those in the parastatals and you want people to begin paying higher wages. Where will the money come from?" asked Kalaba.

Small Zambian businesses are under threat from foreign competition, says Mwenye

By *Mukosha Funga*

Zambians are hardworking and dedicated people, but their entrepreneurship skills are being limited to small businesses which are also under threat from foreign competitors, former Attorney General Musa Mwenye has observed. Mwenye was speaking in commendation of the service he received after visiting a market restaurant in Lusaka which he said offered faster services than top class restaurants.

"Clearly, the vast majority of Zambians are not lazy. We Zambians are very

hard working people who just need opportunities to thrive and achieve success in our spheres. I noticed that the waiting period for food in that market restaurant was much shorter than I have had to wait, in the top end restaurants I've visited. The restaurant did not have sugar free drinks but the waitress went out of her way to get that one bottle for me from a nearby shop," stated Mwenye in a Facebook posting.

"This level of service is replicated in charcoal traders, dealers, hardware sellers and other shops where Zambians ply their trade. Sadly, even

with this level of entrepreneurship, it appears that Zambian enterprise is largely limited to small businesses and even those are under threat from competition. The result is that we Zambians, actually may not own our economy. While foreign direct investment is vital and must be encouraged, local businesses are even more important to sustainable development and must be encouraged. Is there any good reason why we Zambians, cannot have policies to position our hardworking people to fully participate in every sector of the economy?"



LAZ president Eddie Mwitwa answers questions from the audience during the discussion forum on Separation of Powers organised by News Diggers! in partnership with OSISA



New Labour Party president Fresher Siwale poses a question to LAZ president at the discussion forum on Tuesday evening



Mutati led MMD secretary general Raphael Nakacinda



Lusaka lawyer McQueen Zaza



Zambia Open University acting Dean at the School of Law Dr Munyonzwe Hamalengwa

Separation of powers 'Executive vs Judiciary' discussion forum organised by News Diggers! in partnership with OSISA - Pictures by Tenson Mkhala



PF deputy media director Antonio Mwanza answers a question from the audience



Lusaka resident Grace Shankaya directs a question at LAZ president Eddie Mwitwa



Members of the general public listen to proceedings of the discussion on Separation of powers organised by News Diggers! In partnership with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) at Southern Sun Hotel on Tuesday evening

The government has gone into overdrive trying to defend the country's reputation over fears that China is about to take over strategic national institutions and assets. In the past week, we have seen our diplomats abroad, government officials and PF propagandists, sweating to defend the Chinese agenda in Zambia.

We understand this panic because the story of Chinese takeover of Zambia's national assets has gone wild like an uncontrollable bushfire. Zambia is being discussed on forums where it has never featured before; videos and cartoons and have been created and shared on social media, leaving the world puzzled about what kind of a people we are to allow this.

The question is; are there any national assets that the Chinese are taking over in Zambia? The answer is yes! This fear of Chinese taking over assets is real and it has gotten Zambians very worried. If it has not dawned among our government leaders, then truly we are in wrong hands.

China has indeed already repossessed some of the assets in an indirect way. ZNBC

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Chinese takeover of Zambia's assets is real

is repossessed because they have ring-fenced the cash flows of the national broadcaster for the next 25 years or so. Honourable, Dora Siliya knows very well that all business decisions at ZNBC apart from editorial policy, are under Chinese control which owns Star Times.

China, through Star Times, is in charge of the income wing at ZNBC because they have 60 per cent controlling stake in a special purpose vehicle called Top-Star, while ZNBC remains a minority shareholder. China put in their money - which by the way is embroiled in corruption, but to them it's an investment, from which they must recover profits, even

before ZNBC does.

That already is repossession. A normal lender gives you money to do whatever you want to do and will only wait for you to pay them back; a bank will lend you money to start a farming business and they will let you run the entity without dictating when you must start harvesting. But on this one, the Chinese are coming in to control the cash-flow at ZNBC. They have ring-fenced the cash flows; they are making the critical decisions. China has got control of the signal; they are the signal distributor and bullying anyone else who attempts to provide competition as a signal carrier.

Where has it happened in the

world that a foreign company becomes a signal distributor on behalf of the national broadcaster? And they are even licensing local television stations, making them pay to carry their signal. This is a strange deal. It is complete repossession. It is happening before our own eyes, we are watching and they have taken over the broadcasting station. There is nothing that Ambassador Emmanuel Mwamba can say on SABC in South Africa that can change the reality. Your Excellency, we are under siege!

This is what Africa Confidential meant. They are warning us that what happened to ZNBC will happen to Zambia National

Airport Corporation, they are going to ring-fence the cash flows until they get their money and their profit. By the time they will give it back to us, it will have already been obsolete and Honourable Margaret Mwana k a t w e ' s successor will be looking for more money again to reinvest.

When AVIC International helps government construct the Lusaka-Ndola dual carriageway under the so-called PPP, and takes 27 years to handover the accompanying roadside hotel facilities that Honourable Ronald Chitotela is boasting about, the Chinese company will have already milked all the life out of that road.

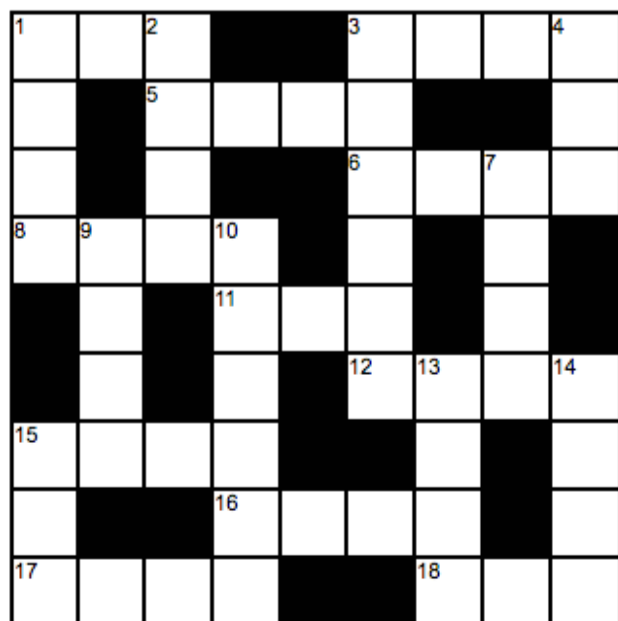
Again, in 27 years' time, his successor will be going back to China for the same 'help'. That is a takeover of national facilities.

Government is saying ZESCO is safe, but they know that the moment a Chinese company lends money to the utility, the model we are seeing from the influential Asian nation is that they will immediately ring-fence the income for ZESCO. That is the fear Zambians have.

President Lungu, Honourable Mwana k a t w e , Honourable Dora Siliya and other PF pundits should not underestimate public sentiments over this matter because the public has read between the lines. They have seen what the Chinese intention and strategy is. ZNBC is just an example to prove that, in terms of Chinese takeover of national assets, it has already started.

If this government has not seen this, then let their eyes open up and see. If government has not seen that ZESCO and all these others have been taken over, this is the time for them to wake up because it is real.

Crossword puzzle 187



“Man is not, by nature, deserving of all that he wants. When we think that we are automatically entitled to something, that is when we start walking all over others to get it.”
- Criss Jami

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Solutions to puzzle 186



Reader's feedback

Missing cocaine scandal at Magistrates' Court

Dear Editor,
 "The last person who was in custody of the strong room keys has the answer to that puzzle; if there was a break-in to the strong room, the very moment the custodian of the said keys would have reported. In security, we perform HAND OVER and TAKE OVER, which is a legal procedure, and we call it HAND OVER CERTIFICATE (HOC). In this strange case, start from the beginning; check the dates and names; time the custodian last handled the contraband. Was counter-checking done every morning? Since bosses are suspected to be involved, it is a matter up there at DEC offices who know it better. Otherwise, it is simple to trace as from the beginning to now." - Joseph Zulu

"How are we to trust the justice system in the hands of the corrupt police, the drug-dealing DEC; the crooked ACC and the conniving Judiciary?" - Stan Li

"When Pilato sang about koswe, you insulted and arrested him, but this is the Zambia he was talking about - all govt institutions have broken down and it's up to the people power to reclaim our own motherland." - Chanda Marcus

"24kg of cocaine is a lot of money and that could be the reason why it has gone missing. It's very tempting." - Alstone Sakala

"This is how rotten our systems are. 24Kg of cocaine amounts to millions of Kwacha if you google the estimate price of a gram in

the United states and compare to the Zambian Kwacha. This theft could only have been possible by high standing members and it's a shame." Mimi Jones

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'UPND Solwezi councillor resignation to trigger unnecessary by-election'

"Stop causing an unnecessary by-election; it's costly to the nation." - James Masuwa

"Why can't they put up a law like if a councillor dies or resigns, the one who was a runner-up should continue so to stop these by-elections." - Samuel Simwala

"What an excuse. Remember the same was said by the UPND candidate recently. This sell-out will next week join PF. She has received her

payment and ruined her political career for silver coins. Maybe her husband has a huge tavern bill to pay and she wants to stop debt collectors coming for her TV." - Scott Davis

"Disaster, wrong decision. So, she couldn't wait till 2021 and then opt out and not stand for re-election...?" - Akapondo Kansansa

"What's happening in UNPD? Top officials are resigning. Where are we going with the party?" - Friday Simpamba

ND OPINION: While being raped, sold, Zambians are sleeping like the Petauke victim

Editor,
 "Diggers! You are a strong voice. Never relent in your critical, productive analysis." - Aandrew Nonde

"Wise words, thumbs up bane; we are very good at talking, let's implement, kaili." - Kachidi Chinjanja

"Article's on point." - Clement K. Mwamba

"Fitting analogy..." - Muyunda Mulele

"It hurts to read such articles. I wonder what has become of us citizens? When I was 14 years in 1989 I was able to identify & condemn the common wrongs of UNIP. Wrongs such as the non-availability of locally-made essential commodities (unga na saladi) & dilapidated public infrastructure. Today, even adults older than me, are unable to identify the wrongs going on such as over-borrowing, new taxes, increase in energy tariffs, corruptly-acquired fire tenders, misplaced priorities (borrowing to set up Zambia Airways). Shame." - Mwalim Nchete

"Truth hurts; let's unite and liberate ourselves from these criminals." - Henry Mukuka

"Bottom line here is that, we are in deep slumber while all spheres of our country are being auctioned for a song." - Mike Phiri

US and Somali forces who raided the family home of a former president and detained three teenagers may have been acting on misleading intelligence, according to officials in the unstable east African country.

Somali soldiers accompanied by at least one foreigner broke into the house of Aden Abdullah Osman Daar, a revered nationalist leader and former president who died in 2007, in the town of Janale, around 100km southwest of Mogadishu late on Friday.

Members of Daar's family told the Guardian they were deeply shocked by the raid, which targeted Islamic militants from the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabaab organisation.

The incident will raise further concerns about the use of special forces troops to fight extremism in Africa. Last year the deaths of four American soldiers in an ambush in Niger prompted anger and led to questions over the costs of such deployments.

Senior US officials are reported to be considering deep cuts to the special operations deployment on the continent.

Three male members of the Daar family between the ages of 15 and 20 were arrested in the raid, the relatives said. The whereabouts of the detainees are currently unknown.

The troops also raided an adjacent farm belonging to Daar, who led Somalia from 1960 to 1967 and was the country's first post-independence president.

The office of Hassan Ali Khaire, the Somali prime minister, has apologised to the family.

One Somali intelligence officer with direct knowledge of the operation – which took place in a region known as a al-Shabaab stronghold – said “there was bad intelligence during and before the raid on the house of former president”. “The Americans did not know the place. They relied on false intelligence gathered by local informants who are sometimes biased due to clan influence,” he said.

However a source in the prime minister's office gave a different version of events.

“The target of the raid was not the house of former President Aden Abdullah. This was an operation conducted by Somali special forces with their American advisers. The forces

US-led raid of Somali ex-president's home blamed on bad intelligence

were following a member of terrorist group who ran away toward the house of the former president but the forces mistakenly raided the house where the family lived,” the

source said.

The source also said Khaire told the family that the incident will be investigated and the three detained youths released soon.

A second intelligence

officer who worked with the American special forces said mistakes were often the fault of unreliable local informants.

Major Karl Weist, a spokesman for US Africa Command,

said that American forces, in an advise and assist capacity, partnered in a Somali-led ground force operation to disrupt and degrade al-Shabaab operations in the

vicinity of Wagaante, Somalia, on the night of 4 September 2018.

“The operation targeted al-Shabaab's improvised explosive device network. US forces were in a supporting role only,” he said.

Somali forces have been fighting Islamist militants from the al-Shabaab organisation for more than a decade. In recent years the US has increased its support for local troops, sending special forces to train Somali troops and accompany combat operations. The US has also conducted a growing number of airstrikes, including dozens by unmanned drones.

The incident highlights the difficulty of military operations in a complex political and social environment.

Raiding the home of a prominent local family and detaining innocent individuals risks fuelling support for insurgents, experts say.

There have been frequent claims that raids, sometimes involving US forces, have caused civilian casualties. **THE GUARDIAN**



Sister Ofelia Morales Francisco is working to help save the endangered Lake Patzcuaro salamander, or *Ambystoma dumerilii*. **AFP**

The pop star vs the president: Uganda's generational fight

“We used to be scared,” said Josephine Katumba, a 30-year-old hairdresser in Kamwokya, a poor suburb of Uganda's capital Kampala. “We don't have fear anymore.” President Yoweri Museveni has long had police beat the defiance out of his opponents, but a 36-year-old slumboy singer turned MP has energised and emboldened Uganda's youth, worrying the government.

Black scorch marks on the potholed road outside Katumba's tiny salon

mark where residents have routinely burnt tyres to protest the arrest of Bobi Wine, a local boy done good, charismatic pop star and unlikely opposition firebrand. There is “Free Bobi Wine” graffiti everywhere.

“People have wanted change for a long time,” said Katumba, nimbly braiding a customer's hair. “The difference now is that Bobi is young and he speaks for the youth.”

As a pop star Bobi Wine blended lyrics on social justice and poverty with

catchy Afrobeat rhythms, earning him committed fans among Uganda's often poor urban youth.

He took on the nickname of “His Excellency the Ghetto President”.

Under his real name Robert Kyagulanyi he won a by-election in 2017 and entered parliament, where his popularity and outspoken opposition to Uganda's long-time leader shook up the country's “Groundhog Day” politics.

In power since 1986, the

74-year-old Museveni is the only president most Ugandans have known: the country's median age is less than 16.

Museveni has had the constitution amended twice, to remove term and then age limits, clearing him to run for a sixth term in 2021.

The opposition has for two decades been similarly dominated by 62-year-old Kizza Besigye, Museveni's former friend and personal physician, who has lost four successive elections.

Besigye “has become part of an entrenched political system in which change feels impossible without fresh leadership,” said Kampala-based independent analyst Anna Reuss.

Kyagulanyi has swiped the opposition mantel from Besigye and provided a voice for a youthful population fed up with old men telling them what to do.

“Besigye is there to help, but he's not from the ghetto. Bobi can come and talk to us on the streets,” said Katumba.

The combination of “his age, his background and his story” make Kyagulanyi a challenge unlike any Museveni has faced during his 32-year rule, said Ugandan writer and political analyst Rosebell Kagumire.

She described him as “an outsider who is trying to shake things up”.

But in Uganda, shaking things up is risky.

Kyagulanyi rode into parliament on a wave of urban, youthful support. He quickly spearheaded resistance to the ruling party initiative removing age limits that cleared the way for Museveni to rule for life, and led protests earlier this year against a new social media tax. **AFP**

South Sudan leaders reach 'final final' deal

South Sudan warring parties have signed a final power-sharing agreement meant to end five years of civil war.

The ceremony on Wednesday evening in the Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, follows an agreement

reached last month by President Salva Kiir and rebel leader Riek Machar.

It was a “final final” deal, government spokesman Ateny Wek Ateny told the Associated Press news agency.

Under the deal, President Kiir will

maintain his position while Mr Machar will return to government as one of five vice-presidents to be appointed in an expanded transitional government.

But a similar peace agreement signed in 2015 collapsed months

later, throwing the country into further violence.

Tens of thousands of people have been killed and millions displaced in the conflict which broke out about two years after South Sudan's independence. **BBC**

Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and the rest of PSG's star names will wear the basketball hero's brand logo during the Champions League this season. Michael Jordan will feature on Paris Saint-Germain's shirts during the Champions League this season as part of a tie-up between the basketball great's Jordan Brand and the Ligue 1 champions.

PSG announced the partnership at an event in the French capital on Thursday, which included Kylian Mbappe and Dani Alves launching their new kit for Europe's premier club competition.

The club crest will be joined on the shirt by the Jordan Brand's "Jumpman" logo, the iconic image of the NBA legend replacing the Nike swoosh.

Jordan Brand is a subsidiary of Nike, which supplies PSG's kits for all other competitions

PSG team up with NBA legend Michael Jordan for Champions League

and the club's relationship with the US sportswear giant is otherwise unchanged.

"Jordan Brand and Paris Saint-Germain share a distinct position in sport and style, so to partner with the club is a

natural fit," Jordan said.

"We're excited to unite these two passionate communities by putting the Jumpman on the chest of Paris Saint-Germain to continue fuelling the energy for sport and style globally."

PSG forward Neymar added: "For me the Jordan Brand means phenomenal, magic, irreverent. It is perfect for Paris and for the Champions League.

"It is a huge responsibility to

carry Jordan's name on a shirt and we look forward to an excellent season.

"Two partners that are champions, both Paris and Jordan, so I really hope this connection brings us many

titles."

PSG kick off their Champions League campaign away to Liverpool next week and will also face Napoli and Red Star Belgrade in Group C. Goal.com

Devastating Dembele finally showing why Barcelona spent €145m on French star

The young Frenchman struggled horribly to replace Neymar in his first season at Camp Nou but he has started the current campaign brilliantly

Life can change in an instant and football frequently demonstrates that. Ousmane Dembele flirted with a Barcelona exit this summer and yet a month later is a crucial component of Ernesto Valverde's treble-hunting team. The coach appeared unwilling to put his faith in the French winger but after Dembele individually earned Barcelona two victories at the start of the season with his goals, he has carved out a place alongside Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez in the attack.

His Barcelona story started badly. Dembele endured a largely disastrous debut season in Spain after his €145 million move from Borussia Dortmund in 2017, arriving as the man expected to replace Neymar after his world record transfer to Paris Saint-Germain.

Before the forward had time to settle into the team he suffered a hamstring injury which sidelined him from September until January, during which time Valverde constructed a 4-4-2 system which helped Barcelona defend robustly and still gave the South American duo up front plenty of

opportunities.

Valverde chalked Dembele's injury up to inexperience and

his frustration was exacerbated after the Frenchman returned to feature in just four games

before suffering another hamstring problem which kept him out for a month.

Back again in February, Dembele's form was erratic and one step forward was

often followed by another backwards, with only a few stand-out flashes demonstrating why Barcelona bet so heavily on him.

One came against Chelsea, with a rip-roaring shot flying past Thibaut Courtois and earning Barcelona passage to the Champions League quarter-finals with a 3-0 win over the Blues at Camp Nou.

Two late goals against Villarreal proved another boost and showed he could be useful in hitting teams on the break, operating at a speed now beyond Suarez and even Messi.

Sadly it came too late to salvage the European campaign, with Valverde only giving Dembele five minutes in what has become known as 'The Roma debacle', as Barcelona threw away a 4-1 first leg lead to suffer a quarter-final knock-out in April. Goal.com



It's do or die says KAYSA coach

By Alex Chilumbwe

Kabwe Youth Academy (KAYSA) coach Chewe Mulenga says it is do or die in the six remaining games for his side in the FAZ/MTN super league. Mulenga noted he needed three wins and one draw

for his boys to be safe from relegation. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Mulenga broke down his intentions and worries concerning the remaining games. "It is do or die for us in the remaining six games. We now have National Assembly in

the bottom four but are on a safer side than us. I sit my boys down and remind them we ought to play for a win and do everything in our powers to do so. It will not be easy and it is all because we are three teams that are likely to survive all at each other's loss.

It is a tough one for us but we will do it," said Mulenga. Meanwhile, striker of the side Ian Sililo said he has been encouraging his teammates to be calm and composed as the he promised that the team will give everything to win. "I'm always encouraging my

teammates to stay calm and composed. It is an everyday case of reminding them that we will fight until the last game. We are a very good side and our losses have been those of running low on endurance. We are a younger but tougher side as compared to other teams so we will give it our everything," assured Sililo. And National Assembly coach George Kapembwa said his side did not belong in the relegation zone and attributed its current standing to a few defence errors. "We could have not found ourselves in the relegation zone had we not allowed premature losses. My defence left a few loopholes and through them we lost. We will fight back and win remaining games because we do not belong in the relegation zone. It is even surprising that NAPSA is above us on the table," said Kapembwa. The bottom six of the table include NAPSA Stars, National Assembly, Lumwana Radiants, Kabwe Youth Academy, Nchanga Rangers and New Monze Swallows in that order.

Coach salutes SIA netball team

By Alex Chilumbwe

Sport In Action (SIA) netball team coach Owen Kawanda has applauded his under 22 girls for fulfilling all their regular league fixtures in the first round of the Midlands Netball league. Kawanda said it was not easy for the girls as they were juggling both ball games and academics in school. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Kawanda

appealed to his seniors at SIA to find more means of supplementing efforts made by the girls in fulfilling the fixtures under circumstances he described not so favourable. "We have fulfilled all the fixtures and it has not been easy. My team comprises girls that are 22 years or below but they always manage to juggle both sports and academics. It could be because SIA does

not entertain sportsmen and women that are not in school. Those that are gotten from the compounds are taken back to school. Managing young girls is not easy but their dedication has helped me fulfill all the fixtures," Kawanda said. And Kawanda also expressed gratitude to SIA for all the life and management skills it freely offers to all sportsmen and women under it.

"SIA has got special programmes that teach the under 22 boys and girls how to win at life. They are given mentorship sessions every now and then and it helps them behave well. They are in the regular league where most ladies are married and they are the youngest but they stick to behaviour that befits their age. So far this year, we have recorded only one pregnancy. Three years

ago, the number would have been alarming. I just wish and hope SIA will keep supporting and educating these young people in other aspects of life other than sports," summed Kawanda. SIA has top under 20 teams in football, netball, volleyball and girls soccer in midlands, and won the Best Global Sports Initiative award in Washington DC this year in August.

SHEPOLOPOLO BEAT LESOTHO

By Alex Chilumbwe

Zambia women national team has beaten Lesotho 2-0 in their first COSAFA match in South Africa.

The goals came from Misozi Zulu in the 37th minute after benefiting from a cross made by Barbara Banda while the second goal was delivered by Barbara Banda in close range in the 57th minute. Shepolopolo coach Beauty Mwamba said she was happy with the result and was not worried about the scoreline.

"First game and first win in the tournament is all good to me. The girls played well although they battled with the weather that has not been favourable to their side but later picked it up well. There could have been more goals from them but I'm not worried about it. The two scored goals maybe be worrisome when we play Cameroon but we are all good and we will beat Cameroon," said Mwamba.

Barbara Banda won player of the match and blamed the unfavourable weather for a 'not so good performance'.

"We have played well and won but the weather was not okay for us. Our performance could have been better had the weather been favourable. I really was hoping for more goals. When we face Cameroon, we will look for a win and scoring more goals so that we stay on the advantaged side of the group," said Banda.



Chelsea's Charly Musonda to miss over a month due to injury. The winger who is yet to make his competitive debut for his loan club Vitesse got injured while playing a behind closed doors friendly match against Royal Antwerp. Goal.com

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