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Dr Haabazoka with Engwase Mwale and Laura Miti at the Public Discussion forum on Wednesday

By Joseph Mwenda

PF lawyer Kelvin Bwalya Fube has asked President Edgar Lungu to decide whom he wants to serve between the people of Zambia and his friends who surround him.

In an open letter to the ruling party leadership, KBF who is also an election strategist says the recent increase of fuel prices is an indication that the PF has failed the pro-poor test.

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**I'm the expert, brags EAZ boss**

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

NGOCC executive director Engwase Mwale says the EAZ still has a lot of work to do in offering candid economic policy solutions to the country if its leadership is not sure about the accountability status in government institutions.

This was after EAZ president Lubinda Haabazoka said his organisation is not aware whether or not the PF government is accountable in its management of donor aid.

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# Lecturers warn of industrial unrest at University of Zambia

**By Mukosha Funga**  
The University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers' Union has warned of a looming industrial unrest at the highest learning institution

citing government's failure to release funds to help meet costs. In a statement, Thursday, UNZALARU General Secretary Dr Kelvin Mambwe revealed that government

had stopped releasing its K39 million grant to the institution since September, making it difficult for the institution to pay salaries. "The University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers'

Union (UNZALARU) calls on the Government to urgently remit the financial grants due to the University of Zambia in order to avoid any disruption of academic operations at the nation's

highest learning institution. The public may wish to know that, for its operations, the University of Zambia survives on internally generated resources and a monthly grant from the Government totalling K39 million. Of this amount,

K15 million represents tuition fees from those students sponsored by the Government. The public may further wish to know that the Government has hardly paid its monthly statutory commitments to UNZA on time. It is this delay which, earlier this year, forced the University Management to rely on overdrafts through a commercial bank, to pay salaries of employees. This is a very unsustainable and expensive initiative but one that Management had to undertake to ensure industrial harmony at the institution. From August 2018, however, the Government stopped paying the grant altogether for unexplained reasons," Dr Mambwe explained.

He stated that UNZA was at the verge of industrial unrest, which would affect the institutions calendar, performance and ranking. "It is for this reason that the University, which is not in a position to pay staff salaries from internally generated resources alone, is now on the verge of industrial unrest with potentially adverse consequences to its calendar, performance and ranking. Even commercial banks are now reluctant to extend overdrafts to the University, owing to the unpaid arrears occasioned by the Government's unexplained failure to remit the statutory grants for August and September. UNZALARU has taken the unusual step of issuing this statement to facilitate public understanding of the impending industrial unrest at UNZA, one that is a result of the Government's callous attitude towards higher education," he stated.

"The staff at the University of Zambia have been accustomed to neglect from the Government, but it appears that this neglect is NOW becoming an actual policy. UNZALARU members have not been paid their salaries for September and there is no indication when they will be paid. This issue does not only affect University staff but all government employees. Zambia is in a difficult fiscal position, and it is likely that Government will introduce painful spending

cuts, that the Kwacha will depreciate even further, and that the price of essential commodities including electricity will soon increase, as did that of fuel. Other groups of workers will soon find their salaries delayed or diminishing."

Dr Mambwe noted that top government officials did not seem to be affected by the financial crisis. "One group of state employees who do not appear to be affected are Constitutional office holders. We note with incredulity that the salaries of the President, Secretary to the Cabinet, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, Director of Public Prosecutions, Auditor General, Public Protector and Permanent Secretaries were increased in August and even backdated to January this year. This is outrageous when sources of revenue are drying up and the government is failing to meet its obligations to more important social sectors such as education. In the past, UNZALARU members have often directed their actions against University Management. In this instance, it is clear that it is the Government at fault. We demand that the Government releases the K78 million owed to UNZA to enable the University management pay the salaries of our members and other employees. Our members have bills to pay and other financial obligations that cannot be delayed," he stated.

Dr Mambwe urged Minister of Higher Education Professor Nkandu Luo to offer assistance to the lecturers instead of always condemning them for protesting. "Finally, we note that the Minister of Higher Education, Prof Nkandu Luo, has always been swift to condemn our members when they have taken actions such as go-slows to protest their mistreatment by university authorities. However, she has not uttered a single word of protest or of any assistance to resolve the matter of unpaid salaries. If Prof Luo is unmoved by the plight of those she is supposed to serve, then what will? If she is interested in the smooth functioning of the University and the wellbeing of UNZA's staff, we urge her to persuade her colleagues in Government to do the right thing: release the grants owed to the University immediately," stated Dr Mambwe.

## Livingstone hubby demands K50,000 compensation from wife's lover after sexual affair

**Zondiwe Mbewe**  
A 31-year-old woman of Kasiya Settlement area has admitted in the Livingstone Local Court that she once had sex with her lover in the middle of a field, a few meters away from her matrimonial home. Pauline Mwanza further told the court that since she started seeing her lover, he had bought her a chitenge material and given her a K30. This is the matter in which Nicholas Halubolya of Kasiya Settlement sued Given Mwananonga, demanding K50,000 compensation for committing adultery. However, the court has ordered the defendant to only compensate Nicholas K9,000 to be paid in monthly instalments of K500 and further warned him to stay away from the plaintiff's wife. When the matter came up before senior local court magistrate Essau Daka and presiding local court magistrate Ruth Liato, Wednesday, Halubolya told the court that he married

Pauline in 2004 and was charged four cows for dowry, which he paid in full. He added that they have three children together. Halubolya said problems in their marriage started in 2016 when Mwananonga proposed love to his wife. He said in 2017, the marital problems continued so he decided to move to another place because he was suspecting that Mwananonga was having an affair with his wife. Halubolya narrated that on August 21, 2018, he received a call from someone telling him to go to the place where his wife had gone for a camp meeting, but he couldn't go because his bicycle was down. "They then told me that my wife was with Given. In anger, I called my wife and told her to stay with Given. Later on, a woman called Gertrude told me that Given called my wife so that they can meet near the railway line so that they can have a good time. But I didn't want to entertain her, that's why I

came to this court so that I can be compensated because Given even bought a wrapper for my wife," Halubolya said. But in defence, Mwananonga denied ever proposing love to Pauline, saying he didn't know why he should compensate Halubolya when he never had any relationship with his wife. He further denied ever been intimate with Pauline. And when he was shown the wrapper that Halubolya had brought to court alleging that Given had bought for his wife, the defendant said he didn't know the wrapper nor who it belonged to. However, Pauline sent the court roaring with laughter when she identified Halubolya as her husband and Mwananonga as her boyfriend. She testified that Mwananonga had proposed love to her in 2016, but she did not consent and only accepted the proposal this year in March. "Given proposed to me in 2016, but I refused. Later on this year in January, he

again proposed, but I still refused. Before the end of January, he proposed again, but I still refused. But on March 5, I accepted when he proposed," she said. Pauline disclosed that she had sex with Mwananonga on March 26, this year around 20:00 hours in the middle of the fields near her matrimonial home. She further said Mwananonga had bought her a green wrapper, but she had never worn it because he had promised to get her a similar one so that she could make a suit. Pauline said the defendant had also given her a K30 once. She narrated that when she went for an SDA camp meeting in August, this year, she met Mwananonga there where he proposed that they go to the rail lines and have sex, but she refused. "Ba Given then insisted that let's go to the rail line to have sex, but I refused and told him that I was pregnant and my husband is suspecting that it's yours because of your actions. Then he said we go back to the camp since I had refused. At that point, my husband called and said, 'I know you are with Given, from there you should go straight to his house! Don't come back here!'" she narrated. And passing judgement, Magistrate Daka ordered Mwananonga to compensate Halubolya K9,000 to be paid in monthly instalments of K500 until the full amount was paid. He further warned Mwananonga to stay away from the plaintiff's wife and to stop communicating with her. Magistrate Daka further warned Pauline to stop communicating with Given and to keep her marriage, saying once she was divorced she would face embarrassment.

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# CCZ rebukes PF for shunning divergent views

By Mukosha Funga

Council of Churches in Zambia General Secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya says it is unfortunate that the PF government only embraces those who sing their praises. And Fr Chikoya says the 2019 budget does not address poverty reduction. In a statement issued by CCZ communications officer Michael Mazakaza, Thursday, Fr Chikoya condemned government's decision to deny Kenyan law professor Patrick Lumumba entry into Zambia. "CCZ General Secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya said all well-meaning Zambians must condemn in strongest terms the trend by the PF Government of deporting renowned figures that come into the country to share ideas that can be beneficial to the country. Fr Chikoya says it is sad that the Zambian Government finds it comfortable allowing into the country individuals with questionable reputations like Rhumba Musician Koffi-Olomide yet denying entry and sending back think-tanks like Prof Lumumba that mean well for the continent of Africa. Fr Chikoya has rebuked the PF Government's incessant

attraction to only individuals that sing praises for them while repelling everyone with dissenting views adding that this is not helpful to the Government. He says every Government needs dissenting views that serve as criticism. He emphasized that criticism is health for any institution that desires to move from one level to another," Mazakaza stated. "He says in May last year the same PF Government denied entry into the country and sent back South African opposition leader Mmusi Maimane who had come to attend his Zambian opposition counterpart UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema's court appearance that was due the following morning. Fr Chikoya further recalls that the same PF Government denied Zimbabwe opposition leader Tendai Biti asylum into the country last month. He says all these similar developments are denting the image of Zambia as a haven of peace and security in the Southern African region. He has since called upon the PF Government to stop denying entry into the country individuals that do not have any criminal record as the trend is becoming



Unza student Tiku(l) and concerned citizen Musonda Chikwanda attending the OSISA/News Diggers! discussion forum on Donor Aid last Wednesday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

unacceptable."

Meanwhile, Fr Chikoya announced that CCZ had elected United Church of Zambia (UCZ) Synod Bishop Reverend Sydney Sichilima as its new president.

Bishop Sichilima takes over from Bishop Dr Alfred Kalembo who successfully served his two terms of office.

And Chikoya observed that the 2019 budget did not address poverty reduction. "The Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) says in-as-much-as a critical look at the 2019 budget indicates a resource mobilization budget which if implemented effectively is

likely to bring the necessary resources required to meet the aspirations and economic objectives of the country, it is lacking in terms of poverty reduction. Commenting on the 2019 national budget presented in Parliament last Friday, CCZ General Secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya says in the short term there is little or no changes in improving the social well-being of an average Zambian. Fr Chikoya says the Church would have loved to see changes in the PAYE by increasing the non-taxable threshold to K4,000 from the current K3,300. He says this would have increased

disposable income to the general populace hence would have gone a long way in helping reduce poverty among citizens," he stated. "Fr Chikoya says increasing the non-taxable threshold should have been considered on grounds that in the recent past the nation has observed an increase in several taxes being introduced compared to limited disposable income. He says the prices of goods and services have been increasing amid stagnant disposable income and wages have remained frozen. He has further pointed out that the Church does not see how the 2019 budget was going

to stimulate growth among SMEs with the introduction of the flat tax rate of four percent which is an increase from three percent." He questioned the increase in expenditure to the Ministry of Defense. "And Fr Chikoya says the country is not at war to justify an increase in expenditure to the security wings. He says increasing expenditure to the security wings questions where our priorities are as a nation. He explains that the Church expected a reduction in expenditure on security and instead steadily increase funding to social sectors of the economy such as education, health and social protection. Fr Chikoya says a reduction in funding in terms of percentage to the social sectors is worrying considering that the allocation to the security wings has been increased," stated Mazakaza.

"On agriculture the CCZ GS says there is an urgent need to address the issues on the e-voucher system which have been affecting the nation's food production. He says late delivery of inputs has continued hence has been affecting the efficiency in the agriculture sector. Fr Chikoya has also called on the Government to quickly address the depreciating kwacha against major currencies. He says everything being done is tied up to the exchange rate which includes debt repayments hence the urgency. He says if not attended to the volatile exchange rate has the capacity to erode the confidence that citizens have in the economy and also has the potential to erode economic gains."

Fr Chikoya, however, commended Government for reducing tax for firms that process copper before exporting it saying it was a good move which must be extended to all other goods including timber.

## Even those who voted for PF want it out - HH

By Mirriam Chabala

UPND president Hakainde Hichilema has projected a historical removal of the PF leadership from power saying Zambians must unite and remove a thieving regime. Meanwhile, Hichilema says his party will not join "thieves" at the National Day of Prayer, Fasting and Reconciliation which falls on October 18. Speaking at a media briefing in Lusaka, Thursday, Hichilema urged Zambians to unite and remove PF from office in 2021 if they wanted better lives.

He observed that PF members were suffering even more than those who did not vote for the ruling party. "We have one country which we have been working together to deliver. Even before independence we worked together. There was no segregation, we needed each other. So we called for an early election before 1991, we had an election in 1988. Even now winangu munthu azawina na (someone will win by) 90 per cent. In 1991 we said we can't wait for 1993, there was an election two years ahead of time. We united. This time around we are saying we shall unite to say no to the corrupt, to the people who thieving, stealing from the blind. We are saying no to people who are using debt to take our money. My message is that this

is the time to work hard, this is the time not to pet with each other. This is the time not quarrel because the only quarrel which we have is with the PF. But it will not happen if we don't work hard, we have seen where we are going," Hichilema said. "Let's not be shy to change the government democratically. You should not fear! Why are we here? We want to change the government so that we can run this country better. We want a change of government, but we will do it democratically. Part of the process is to unite, you must know that the trouble maker is PF. So isolate the troublemaker, even you who are PF today because you are also suffering. What we have been saying is that we have a better solution for this country, everyone knows that. Even those who may not like us for whatever reason, now they know that we offer a better alternative and since we are one people, let us live like that." Hichilema reminded Zambians that the power to change their situation was within them.

"Zambians please, I know you have good hearts, but time has come that your good hearts will not help you in any way. No one person will do it for you. Me I remember when I was in jail people were sending notes to my wife, I read the note and it says 'HH what are you doing about the

situation in this country?' I am like 'but me am in jail'. That is your duty to do what is right for your children. Remember the kids who are still in prison. If there is a person who is hurting everyday it's me, I left innocent UPND children in prison and I said to them that 'we will work hard to get you out of prison'. Today somebody doesn't want to dialogue so we can get those children out of prison. They committed no crime, I am hurting inside. You should be in that situation as well, but they are not there I vein, they will come out. I will walk with them the remaining short distance to the destination," Hichilema said.

And Hichilema challenged PF to refund motorists who did not buy the Saudi Arabia fuel at the promised K5 per liter.

"Because we are dealing with thieves, we don't know if it's true that the fuel from Saudi Arabia came. And when Zambians quizzed them, they said 'no no no', it was only for six days. So if it was for six days, why didn't the pump prices go down for six days? Now here my request on behalf of the people of Zambia, if the fuel came which is supposed to be K5, it means all the motorists are owed any price above K5 they bought fuel for those six days must be refunded to the motorists. If you don't refund that money to the

motorists then even that money you have stolen. And if you don't refund that money now, time will come very soon and will ask you to refund as individuals... Citizens, let me indicate to you, the next increase you are going to see is electricity. Don't say you were not told. And because of this transit from VAT to Sales tax, you are going to see a reduction in revenue collection. As we you in 2012 the things we said are happening now. We are now telling you that you will see another feature load shedding. But you had goos rains, Kariba is full and in other places load shedding is already there. So these things are connected," he said. Meanwhile, Hichilema said his party would not attend the the national day of prayer.

"Some of us pray everyday. Some us go to Church every Sunday, some of us go to Sabbath every Sabbath. So why create a fictitious day of prayer? It means that those [in PF] maybe before that day they are pagans, they are other things. They are even doing negative things all year round including monies from the old people, then on the day of prayer once a year they go and pray. We are not part of them, we pray every day. I would like to tell Zambians that prayer without action does not yield results," said Hichilema.

# You cannot beg, tax yourself out of poverty – Lumumba

By Mirriam Chabala

Kenyan lawyer Professor Patrick Lumumba says it is voodoo economics to think that one can beg or tax themselves out of poverty. And Professor Lumumba says there is new scramble for Africa by the Chinese, noting that their appetite for African resources is almost insatiable. Speaking when he hosted Prime TV reporters at his office in Kenya, Prof Lumumba charged that the relationship between China and Zambia was not mutually-beneficial because Zambia was not benefiting as much as China was. He observed that getting loans from China would not lift Zambia out of poverty. "The government of President Lungu must do that which is in the best interest of Zambia. The evidence that is there suggests to me and others that this is a relationship that is one off unequal's, and that while we may have visible things in the terms of roads that are being constructed, in the terms of physical infrastructure...the question that we must ask in the long-term: 'are these going to solve the problems of Zambia and the people of Zambia?' The world now recognises that the true test of a country's state is not the Gross Domestic Product (GDP); it is not the Per Capita Income. The world now has a critical question, which is the 'gross national happiness' of the people of Zambia. Are young people graduating from the universities having opportunities to be employed? Zambians are asking: 'is the copper that is being mined, are we getting the right dividends from the copper?' And the evidence that is available is suggesting to us that there is something that is happening that will not be good in the long-term," Prof Lumumba observed. "That is why we are warning leadership that, even as you go, whatever your intentions are, remember the countries have found themselves in this situation. Don't step on the same land mines, listen to us! We are speaking to you, not because we want to remove you from power, what we have are ideas, receive them, use the ones that are workable and use them, it is you who will have the glory. That is what we are telling the administration of President Lungu and we hope that in his wisdom, like the ocean before, he will receive all rivers because it's through receiving new

ideas that you renew your own. This misguided belief by many African countries that you can beg yourself out of poverty, that you can tax yourself out of poverty is classical 'vudu economics.' History has demonstrated times without numbers that countries must harness their resources through value-addition and through trade. It is only in that way that you are capable of lifting yourself from the quick sand of poverty to the higher block of true prosperity." He said African politicians were being manipulated by their Chinese counterparts. "You can have black faces or African faces in the political arena, but they are merely being manipulated.

We don't want China to be the puppeteer and be the puppet. African countries must begin to interrogate the face of China in their economic and political arena. And that is the kind of approach that I intended to take [in my lecture] and of course, it's what I would have given to the audience. In Zambia, for example, we now have Chinese hookers, why should Chinese hook? Why should Chinese be running pubs?" he asked. "My view is that, we should enjoy a mutually-beneficial relationship and that can only be achieved if we define our agenda and our goals. There is no evidence to suggest to me that we have clearly defined what we want, that

is why we are allowing the Chinese to enter into areas, which we could ourselves be engaged in. That is why we are allowing Chinese labour to come in Africa in areas, which could be preserved for young Africans. That is my concern, am I right? I may not be right, but these ideas ought to be on the table of discussion for purposes of scribing so that if my ideas are without merit, they would be demonstrated to be without merit by force of reason, not by reason of force. And to deny one an opportunity to put those ideas on the table of negotiation is intolerance at its most absurd." And Prof Lumumba noted that there was a new scramble for Africa by the Chinese.

The initial 'Scramble for Africa', which characterised the Partition of Africa by European superpowers, occurred in the late nineteenth century following the Berlin Conference of 1884-1885. "One can see the evidence of this in many areas. If you go to countries, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Central Africa and indeed in many other countries in Africa, you see the presence of China, and my fear is their appetite for resources is almost insatiable, which is understandable because of the population that they have to take care of. But if we continue on this trajectory in the next 50 years, the

promises that we have made to ourselves under Africa Agenda 2063 will not be realised. You can see that the rise of China is not restricted only to the economic arena; they are also in the fullness of time going to afflict us with their political bacteria and that bacteria may very well inform how we conduct our politics. My view is; engage with China at the level of the economy, but define your interest. Engage with China, politically, but let us define for ourselves what democracy means to us. Engage with China in the arena of security, but not in a manner that undermines our sovereignty so that in real terms, the problem is largely with us," Prof Lumumba advised. "Our political leaders are not thinking of the next generation, but are ever-thinking about the next election! The Chinese are thinking for the next generation; they are asking themselves, 'in a 100 years' time, how will we relate with the world and with Africa?' Because if you look at the world quite keenly, there is a sense in which there is a new 'scramble for Africa.' There is a new scramble for African resources and China is at the forefront of it. China is prepared, they are moving with the delicacy of a sleepwalker and we are sleeping ourselves, and they will devour us! We can only survive if we are smart and the sooner we recognise it, the safer we are; it is only that way that we will stop our young men and women from dying."



United Party for National Development (UPND) leader Hakainde Hichilema addressing journalists during a press briefing at the party secretariat in Lusaka yesterday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## SA police issue arrest warrant against Zambian kidnapper

By Diggers Reporter

Police in South Africa have issued an arrest warrant for a Zambian living in South Africa, suspected to have kidnapped another Zambian. Douglas Dale Police Station in Johannesburg are investigating Aissata Mwila of Passport no; ZN 251393 for her alleged involvement in the kidnapping and disappearance of a Zambian national, Jeffrey Musonda, 50, of Itawa, Ndola. This is according to a statement issued by Zambia First Secretary for Press at Zambia's High Commission to South Africa Naomi Nyawali. "Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa, His Excellency Emmanuel Mwamba said it was regrettable that a Zambian national was named and involved in a dangerous kidnapping and extortion ring. He said he was in touch with the Police and the family to help trace Mr Musonda. Police stated that

Aissata Mwila 26years, has previously been involved in two other kidnapping and extortion cases which the Police have been investigating. Mr Musonda disappeared on 4th August 2018. He is alleged to have been lured by Aissata Mwila who it is alleged that he befriended on social media," Nyawali stated. "Aissata Mwila is alleged to have invited Mr Musonda to her house in Primrose Johannesburg. The Police say the scam works by a woman luring a man to her house and then the 'husband' turns up finds them. The enraged husband then demands money from the victim. Police say Mr Musonda was made to withdraw R10,000.00 that night and family members were later contacted and they also made a deposit of another R10,000.00. Police say bank video footage shows the money being withdrawn by a male suspect." She stated Mwila and her husband disappeared shortly after being interviewed by police,

promoting them to issue an arrest warrant. Since August, there has been no trace of Mr Musonda. Mr Musonda was in South Africa to celebrate his 50th birthday Anniversary. Police interviewed Aissata Mwila and her husband shortly after this but the duo have since disappeared prompting the Police to issue an arrest warrant. The Police have also advised the family to publish the case of missing person in national newspapers in South Africa and Zambia. Mr Mwamba said the High Commission to wrote to the South African to help especially in the fresh case of Mr Musonda," stated Nyawali. "He also said that he feared for the life of Aissata Mwila as she was connected to a dangerous ring and since police had identified her, she was the only lead to the other suspects. He appealed to Aissata Mwila to willfully surrender to the Police and help give information that would help find Mr Musonda."

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

NGOCC executive director Engwase Mwale says the Economics Association of Zambia (EAZ) still has a lot of work to do in offering candid economic policy solutions to the country if its leadership is not sure about the accountability status in government institutions. This was after EAZ president Lubinda Haabazoka, who mostly strayed away from the topic of discussion during the News Diggers/OSISA organised public discussion forum, said his organisation is not aware whether or not the PF government is accountable in its management of donor aid.

And Alliance for Community Action (ACA) executive director Laura Miti warned that if Zambia tells the donors to go to hell, it is not the people at the top who will suffer, but the poor citizens who depend on foreign aid for their medical needs.

The three were speaking at the public discussion forum held at Christmar Hotel in Lusaka, where members of the public also took turns airing their grievances with the manner in which government is abusing donor aid.

The organisers of the event had invited Ministry of Finance Permanent Secretary Mukuli Chikuba and his National Development Planning counterpart Chola Chabala, both of whom confirmed their attendance, but chickened out a few hours before the event, owing to "other pressing government programmes".

**Below is the shortened version of the discussion forum.**

Dr Haabazoka, opening the discussion.

I came here to talk about the budget analysis, but I know a thing or two about donor funding. From 1964, donor

# EAZ has a lot of work to do - Engwase

funding came from the IMF when the IMF opened access to developing countries to access funds for their balance of payment when we adopted the accessible exchange rate. Unfortunately when we were given access to IFM funds, our economy started falling drastically and we all know that in 1991 we decided to leave the command economy in favour of the market economy. When we liberalised our economy, we saw a new type of donors coming in, we saw donors that were funding government and donors that were funding organisations. And government was free of debt and our government had the luxury actually to even tell off other interest that were trying to manipulate government policy at that level, to look somewhere else. Now the most dangerous part about donor funding is that donor funding has put us as a country crossroads where one part is sponsoring this side and the other part is sponsoring the other side.

As Economics Association of Zambia, we are in the middle of those crossroads and as a new board, we want to help stakeholders to say that this Zambia can only be developed by us. Talking about how much donor funding do we get, our role today would be saying let us stop getting donor funding, let us use the resources and that way we can develop because at the end of the day, there is nothing without strings attached. It will be very difficult for you to speak your mind. Those that have followed me will know that I keep on flip-flopping, today I have this position, the following day I have that position. That is not flip-flopping [but] that is

going with the truth because whatever I do, whatever I speak, I do not get money from anybody. What I speak is what is in my head. And as we move forward as a nation, we need to say 'government, let us stop receiving donor funding [and instead] let us get the resources from the Mines.

It's unfortunate today [that] Zambia wants to be used as a battleground between the East and the West. Unfortunately some of the things I cannot say on camera because they might look upset but I will tell you that when one side says 'I am giving 60 billion into the country' and another person says 'even me I am creating a fund and I am bringing 60 billion'. Now imagine what is happening at micro-level, I know governments get a lot of funding and the USAID for example is very vital supporting those people that are on ARVs. So as Zambians we must learn to wean ourselves off this aid because USAID money today is there, tomorrow it might not be there. I know that there is no person that is going to be chanting [or] pushing an agenda without strings attached.

**On Prof Lumumba**

I have been following our fellow academician professor Lumumba who was denied entry into the country. I don't want to say whether that is wrong or right simply because I don't want you to put me in a group that 'am I red or am I green?' but we should be very careful with people we are dealing with and the kind of message that they would bring to you. I am telling you that these things run deep inside and after 50 years, there will be nothing below the soil

because we were fighting the wrong battle, we were fighting each other and in the end, we will get money from the donors. You know we cannot be embarrassed by 2.5 million dollars. The whole country, how can we be embarrassed using Twitter? You know I grew up in Russia and I will tell you that in Russia, they will never allow you to demean them but they will allow themselves to demean themselves. They will not allow you to take part in the process of demeaning themselves but as Zambians, we have accepted and invited other people to demean us. People are saying that I have been paid by the PF. I want people to show me that account because I have not been receiving that money. I need to go and see where that money is going so that I can also buy myself a house. So Zambians can you please stop what you are doing. This country we need to fix it.

**On Kwacha depreciation**

Currencies that are commodity dependent have been falling against the US dollar. The US dollar has been gaining against major currencies. People that have certain agendas know that your currency is supposed to have a downward trend [and] so they helped to push it further down and that comes in form of a tweet. Somebody tweets to say IMF has pulled out, within a short period of time, a connected newspaper writes to say 'there is tensed corruption in government', the other minute, a stakeholder, very respectable stakeholder says 'we are cutting aid because of massive rampant corruption when they know that they

are housed right opposite cabinet office [where] they can quickly go there and say 'I have this information.' That is being responsible. But when you are getting your salary in pounds, do you care? Actually you want the kwacha to lose even more value. But I get my salaries in Zambian kwacha [and] so I'm very protective about my own currency. If I was a bush economist, I said it last week that the kwacha was going to rebound, what has the kwacha done now? Hasn't it gained by a kwacha against the dollar? I said it last week and today it has happened. So am I receiving money from Amos Chanda? [or] am I receiving money from Davies Mwila? So we are innocent in this business and we are trying to tell you that we have done economics at the highest level. So when we talk you just have to keep quiet, watch football, support them and let us experts deal with these issues and that is what we want to bring in the Economics Association of Zambia. Fake chaps will come and say a lot of things but ladies and gentlemen, this is my vision. Mind you I also pay, my asset portfolio is well diversified. If the kwacha falls, I am one of the last persons to ever suffer because as an economist, I have highly diversified my asset portfolio.

**On his lingual dexterity.**

I like looking at Russia and there are some colleagues that are using Russia to decamping me and I want to tell them that I speak Russian very fluently, I speak Lozi, I speak Bemba, I speak Tonga, I speak Nyanja and I speak a lot of languages including Russian. And I think they can only speak either Nyanja or Bemba or

Lozi or Tonga. Maybe if the they speak two [languages] they are very lucky but I speak all those languages. Today I have found a platform to hit back.

Joseph Mwenda asks Dr Haabazoka to stick to the topic of discussion:

I just want to go back to the president of EAZ. I think you have told us enough about how many languages you can speak, about how people are fighting to decampaign you, how diversified your asset portfolio is...

Haabazoka (interjects): And [I have also talked about] what is happening to the economy. I always worry with the Diggers because they only pick... and he is very good at that. There is one Zambia one nation, no mention [from him]. Have you seen ah?

Mwenda continues: I was coming to that Doctor. Much as you have told us about those other things that you are concerned about. We would like to hear from you as EAZ. You have told us how much impact donor aid has on Zambia. My question is, do you think there is enough accountability of this donor aid on the part of government? I am concerned that you have not done justice to our topic today, that is why I came to ask this question specifically.

Haabazoka: Zambia as a country does not need any... but let me not say this because it is going to be the headline tomorrow. Whatever is being given to us is coming from us.. okay its donor because I don't want to look radical. But whether there is accountability or not unfortunately I don't know. The reason being, where I work, we do not receive donor funding. I have no access to government books. But we can go and look for the figures and sponsor another discussion forum with News Diggers, and if we discover that there was lack accountability, you will see how I will talk because I am not accountable to anybody.

**Engwase Mwale expresses concern with EAZ's position.**

I believe that Economic Association of Zambia (EAZ) still has a lot of work to do in his country because the issue of ensuring that institutions of accountability, institutions that must provide the checks and balances to government; I think the need for strengthening and re-engineering these institutions is something that is very credible. One wonders as to whether we are in the same country, we read the same auditor general's report, which year in year out raises serious accountability issues, misappropriation, misapplication. I think we need to come to a realisation that once we acknowledge a problem [or] a challenge as a country and we can collectively begin to look at it with analytical eyes and that will be one step for all of us to begin to resolve that. So the accountability challenges are there.

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## High fuel prices will escalate cost of living, laments ZCTU

By Abraham Kalito

The Zambia Congress of Trade Union has lamented that the recently hiked fuel prices will escalate the cost of living.

And ZCTU has observed that President Edgar Lungu is an irresponsible of Head of State whose government shields criminality.

Analysing the 2019 budget at a media briefing yesterday, ZCTU secretary general Cosmas Mukuka urged government not to surrender oil procurement to private companies.

"As regards oil procurement, ZCTU is concerned that government is increasingly leaving the oil procurement process in the hands of the private sector. Being profit driven, the private sector will continue to exploit Zambians by raising pump prices. In 2019, government intends to enact into law, a Bill which will, among other things, facilitate enhanced participation of the private sector in the procurement and financing of petroleum products. However, ZCTU is recommending and has always recommended that government must procure oil and other

petroleum products through bilateral arrangements to avoid private sector greed and involvement of middlemen who tend to escalate the cost of fuel," Mukuka said.

"To this end, ZCTU condemns the current increment in fuel pump prices which will have a multiplier effect on the cost of other commodity price. The increase in pump price of 17% for petrol and 22% for diesel will not only translate into an increase in transport costs but will also increase the cost of production which will in turn tend to increase the general price level of all commodities and escalate the already high cost of living."

And Mukuka charged that President Lungu was an irresponsible Head of State.

"It's a question of having a clear study because if we just rely on the Auditor General's report to review where we can arrest people without putting certain measures in the first place, we will fail. There two things here, the people handling resources, are they motivated? That's one area. If they are not motivated, illicit activities will go [on]. Two, what are the rules

governing the financial management in that sector? You find that even the supervisor may not be dedicated because maybe certain things are missing. So, even when government acts on its employees for us we are saying it has acted irresponsibly because there is no way you can shield illicit programs," he said.

"This government has shielded illicit programs that's why misappropriation of funds is the order of the day. So, why then would you dismiss an employee if your government shields illicit activities? There is no way you can shield criminality, that's acting irresponsibly. It's irresponsible as government especially from the head of state. He is irresponsible and now he has no choice but with a heavy heart disappoint the people he appointed." Meanwhile, Mukuka said mine owners had become extremely stupid because of government's poor labour laws.

"Now with the mine owners, they are saying we are going to do job cuts, that's stubbornness and arrogance of the highest level where you are in a country owned by Zambians, you are an investor there and you have

employed people and the only thing you have to do is I will cut jobs. I think these are some of the things which we need to invest in as Zambians. That's why for us in this budget speech, we were even saying when you say job creation, can you point the sectors, and can you point the physical jobs created, so that we are able to guard against such stupidity. Because you cannot always rush, certain things happen, and you rush to say I will cut on jobs, I will cut on this. I this is making us to be vulnerable and enslaved in our country where we bring in investors and can threaten us in that order. I think enough is enough we need to stand up and start clear that. If we followed the laws to the latter, that's why we are saying let's fund the ministry of labour, so that it does the correct job," said Mukuka.

"Termination of employment where people have invested in labour laws, cannot just be you wake you come out as a boss from a toilet and you chase people from your work. It shouldn't be like that. Let's invest in our labour laws. In people's countries and you have the audacity to say that I will cut on jobs?"

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Coming from a civil society perspective, US\$1 million for each unit of fire tenders, I'm just giving live examples that are in the public domain, even if one is not an economist, I think that is one area that already we need to begin to question our accountability aspects. US\$250 thousand for an ambulance that can actually be procured at US\$50 thousand or so. We can still be able to bury our heads in the sand that Zambia does not have accountability issues? We heard recently what happened at the medical stores, in the public domain and we saw the withdrawal of donor aid, we can still be able to say we are not sure if we have accountability issues? We've seen suspensions and dismissals in the recent past from our government, the officers that we put in place to take charge of our aspirations as citizens, we can still doubt our accountability aspect? I think we need to be real, we need to be genuine as we engage and we need to ensure that we share information that will get all of us to ask the right question, to engage in the more professional way. And we always said that a problem once acknowledged, it's a step towards resolving it. It is pointless in letting our government to do business as usual. We know that public expenditure is what is letting us into this debt issue. And that is why we hear a lot of donor aid coming in as project support, to precisely deal with some of the gaps that are not being addressed by our general economic development. Donor aid is not just about

# NGOCC highlights accountability challenges with donor funding

the direct budget support, it is all the other assistance that comes into the country be it through government, through civil societies or non state actors and also through the private sector. So it's important that we begin to articulate mechanisms of how any donor aid can come in and begin to benefit our development discourse. So it's important even as we engage in this discourse to say 'yes we may not need donor support or donor aid going forward but at the end, how are we utilising the 2.4 per cent or three per cent that we are getting will be put to its good use.

## **Laura Miti: Public resources going into private pockets.**

I think that our problem as a country is about total budget allocations and our sources of revenue. We are asking ourselves where the money in the national purse comes from and how it is used. Yes, we can live without donor money, but the problem that we see in Zambia is not about our sources from which we mobilise revenue into the treasury. It is that there is a hole in the treasury. Given that in 2017, the FIC report told us that the country lost about K4.5 billion in the reporting period, and the 2016 auditor general's report told us that K538 million was lost, the 2016 again auditor general's report on parastatal and other bodies

showed that K1.2 billion was not remitted to NAPSA. ZRA announced that one mining company evaded tax to the tune of US \$7.6 billion if you add penalties. That is more than the whole 2018 budget as announced which was about K71.1 billion. We have a problem with how we use our own money. If we can be so reckless with monies that come from other jurisdictions, with money from other tax payers send, what are we doing with our own taxes which no one can withdraw?

On that note, I can agree with Dr Haabazoka that maybe we don't need donor money. But when we say we do not need donor money, we should be accountable with our own money. If today Donald Trump woke up with a tantrum and suspended donor aid to Zambia, we would have a genocide in this country. So yes, we depend on the Americans to give us this help, but the truth is, we do have this money if we plan well as a country and we are accountable with our own resources. But right now, yes we can tell the donors to go to hell, but when we tell them to go to hell, who suffers? It won't be the people at the top, it will be the people at the bottom.

## **ACA wants Zambians to keep talking**

We should never underestimate the importance

of talking. Actions start from talking, actions start from understanding and sometimes even just the venting is important. We do have to talk before we act. One of our problems in this country right now is that the country sees itself either PF or UPND. We as citizens need to stand together and tell whoever is in power that the most important thing is to improve our lives. If we can get citizens to understand that they are voting for themselves, they are voting for their lives to be improved. If that does not change, we have people even in 2021 doing the most ridiculous thing of voting PF down the line and UPND down the line. And that is how you get some really bad leaders.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

### **Chansa, a concerned citizen**

I would have loved if the government was here because one of the things that I wanted to talk about is this aspect where the government is not being proactive but they are being reactive. For instance we you look at the amount that we retained to the British Government. The first thing that started was a tweet that came from the British High Commissioner saying that 'the money that we give the government is being misappropriated and that

there is too much corruption.' Now after that tweet, there came that confusion. Now my question is 'if we have retained the money, why are we doing a forensic audit if the money was intact and has been found?' To me, I think the confidence that we are trying to give to the outside world is too questionable.

### **Mwenya, a concerned citizen**

It baffles me because the way the minister has come out today (Wednesday October 3rd) where she is saying 'we have given back the money is like when we were kids, if you lose something in the house and you can't go and sleep because your father said 'you won't sleep until you find the money.' So you have got no choice but to find it, this is the kind of scenario that we have. For crying out loud please we are not kids. Those guys when they give the report to the president, [it means that] they have done their homework, the money was not there. And we have seen what has happened with the kwacha the past week. We are just concerned. I voted for them and I am regretting because I can't even defend them.

### **Hector, concerned citizen.**

Right now there is a US\$350 million project that is going on regarding the Millennium Challenge [Account], and what are the donors building?

Drainages, sewer systems... Are we not embarrassed surely? We are failing to do drainage system in this country yet year in and year out the Auditor General is telling us that our tax payers' money does not reach the intended target. Where is the problem? Is it the donors or ourselves?

### **Chileshe Musonda, concerned citizen.**

How do we strengthen our corporate governance institutions such as the ACC, the Judiciary, the Police. I am of the view that we will reach a stage in our country where it's very critical for us to be very objective. Actually when you interact with people in the communities, they will tell you that 'educated people have disappointed us.' It's like whatever we are doing, we are doing it with a political lens. We are scared that today if I speak out PF might follow me, I may lose my job. So what do we do, how do we strengthen these institutions? I know that deep down the heart of Dr Haabazoka, he has got the answers but because he is scared to come out in the open, he can't speak the truth here. You can even see on social media that there are these arguments between himself and other economists who don't agree with what he says. But it's not just him, we have reached a stage where the media has become for lack of a better term useless that we depend on African confidential to understand what is happening in our own country. Our CSOs also you listen to statements that come from Young African leader Initiative (YALI) and you ask yourself to say are these guys representing us or what?

### **Mwenda: vote of thanks**

Us as News Diggers have changed the approach, we don't want this fight to be the fight for the media, Zambia doesn't belong to the media, Zambia belongs to you [and] so it makes a difference when you come and air your views. We have access to the politicians, we call them, we talk to them, but you don't have access to them. And that is the reason why we provide a platform for you people to come to this event, engage with the people that are governing you so that you can ask your questions and hear from them. Whether you leave satisfied or not should not be the fault of News Diggers or any media organisation. So we want to see as many of you coming to our discussion forums and we will try to make them as none-political as possible. It's unfortunate that today we did not manage to get the permanent secretaries from the government side because we really hoped that they were going to come so that you could have chance to hear from them. Otherwise, thank you very much all for coming.

# Lungu must choose between his friends or Zambians - KBF

By Joseph Mwenda

PF lawyer Kelvin Bwalya Fube has asked President Edgar Lungu to decide whom he wants to serve between the people of Zambia and his friends who surround him.

In an open letter to the ruling party leadership, KBF who is also an election strategist says the recent increase of fuel prices is an indication that the PF has failed to the pro-poor test.

"PF as a party was founded on the premise of being Pro-Poor. This meant being sensitive and measured when taking decisions; political, social or economic that affect the Zambian people to their detriment. The recent Fuel Increment has lamentably failed this test. I have observed with shock and dismay the proliferation of silly actions of endorsing candidates for 2021 as well as the making of almost each and every political and developmental activity a matter of 2021. This lack of focus and lack of passion, heart and ambition for the Zambian people by most political players within the Patriotic Front Party is the reason so for many of our

challenges and failure represent the values and beliefs which the founding father of this party the late President Michael Chilufya Sata stood for," he said.

"The current PF leadership mindset does not meet the standard that was set by the founding father. We cannot pretend to represent the moral fiber of the founding father when our views are diametrically opposed to those that he stood for. With such a mindset to leadership, it is impossible for such people to be objective and truthful when called upon to contribute to the decision making processes and such people will only be truthful when they are in small dark corners in their silly little cliques where they conspire to fill there already full bellies while the masses starve. What a shame. My one line to the President of the Party and the Republic is that he must choose between his friends and the Zambian people. We have moved from a pro poor party to a pro foreign interest serving leadership. This must be reversed immediately. Zambians must come first at all times."

He observed that government was taxing citizens to the grave.

"The Zambian government cannot be taxing the Zambian people at each and every turn when there is a fiscal challenge. It is inhumane to keep demanding that the citizens part away with more of their consistently dwindling earnings and to add insult to injury, the political players who are already indulged with the trappings of privilege, choose to increase their pay within the same stride. It is only about a month ago that to cushion the effect of the high cost of living on domestic workers, the solution was found in the middle class whose income or revenue streams are already strained, suffering and uncertain. Barely a month later, government has increased the price of fuel," KBF said.

"My open advice is that the people of Zambia do not only expect more from us as the party in power but that they actually deserve more. We must remember that cheaper fuel was a campaign promise and if we are politicians worth our salt, we must honour our campaign promises. We

must also remember that we promised and stand for lower taxes and more money in people's pockets."

KBF challenged those who have been championing for President Lungu's third term to stop lying to the Head of State.

"To those officials in the Patriotic Front whose only contribution to finding solutions to the many problems being faced by the country is to shout "Lungu 2021" and to threaten other members with suspensions and expulsions, I think the time has come for you to make yourselves relevant to the country and do the jobs that come with the positions you hold. Our party and our country are in the problems they are in because too many of you are failing at your jobs. Too many of you are corrupt and too many of you choose to flatter the President with lies because if you tell him the truth of how rotten you have made things, you will expose you failings and shortcomings. Some of us would rather stand with the poor than compromise the principles and values that made PF win government," said KBF.

Since we started having a series of public discussion forums, a few people have raised eyebrows, wondering what agenda lies beneath this initiative. Some have been openly frank to ask us about it and we have explained, but others have remained speculating. Today, we would like to explain to those (especially in government) who are undecided about whether they should attend any of our interactive events.

Let us start by reminding our readers about how News Diggers! was born. We wish we had one of those fancy, ingenious stories to tell about how we conceptualised our multimedia platform. But the truth is that, News Diggers! started simply as a pastime preoccupation of a team of 'bored' unemployed young journalists. Instead of toiling from company to company, dropping application letters, CVs and all the job hunting paperwork, we decided to sit down and continue interacting with our news sources and news readers.

We refused to be delinked from the political, economic and social life circle of this country because we cherish it so dearly. We were eager to continue amplifying the voice of those who cherish our country as much as we do. We believed that journalism must never be silenced, but should be allowed to speak, because that is its greatest virtue. Indeed, there was nothing we could speak better than journalism, and

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# Why govt, public must attend OSISA/Diggers! discussion forums

today we are proving that we can speak it fluently.

When we started, we said although our voice was new, it was full of hope, determination and purpose. We promised to do our best in giving readers a reason for supporting us. We are humbled to say that the amount of support we have received from the public has boosted our confidence and made us believe even more in our capacity to make a difference at a national scale.

Our mission has been to help effect positive social change, influence public accountability and good governance through online digital investigative journalism. This is the only agenda we have. And that is what gave birth to our partnership with the

Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA).

Under this project, OSISA has tasked us to facilitate public discussion forums aimed at promoting democracy, good governance and accountability in Zambia. Like us, our partners believe that a responsible government needs numerous platforms to interact with the people that it is governing. Anyone who lives in Zambia today can agree with us that our government is far from perfect, especially in the face of shrinking democracy, abuse of public resources and lost donor/investor confidence.

Noting public concerns around the lack of accountability in policy implementation and resource management within government

institutions, News Diggers! and OSISA have partnered to provide an extra platform for government to explain 'misunderstood' policies, assure taxpayers of accountability measures and inspire confidence in governance stakeholders, both local and international.

When we invite government leaders to any of the forums, our aim is not to embarrass them. In fact, we are more concerned about how we can protect them from any unwarranted malice that may arise, so that they can feel safe and continue to attend our interactive events. Our desire is to bring government closer to the people. We believe that is the most effective way in which Zambians can make informed decisions and government can listen to

people's concerns. Citizens need to meet those in government face to face, air their concerns and hear the answers.

Surely, how else can one define patriotism if this is not it? We may be a private newspaper, but we love this country more than anything else. That is the reason why we continue to sacrifice our time to provide this service which comes at a great cost to us, but offered free to both the government and the people.

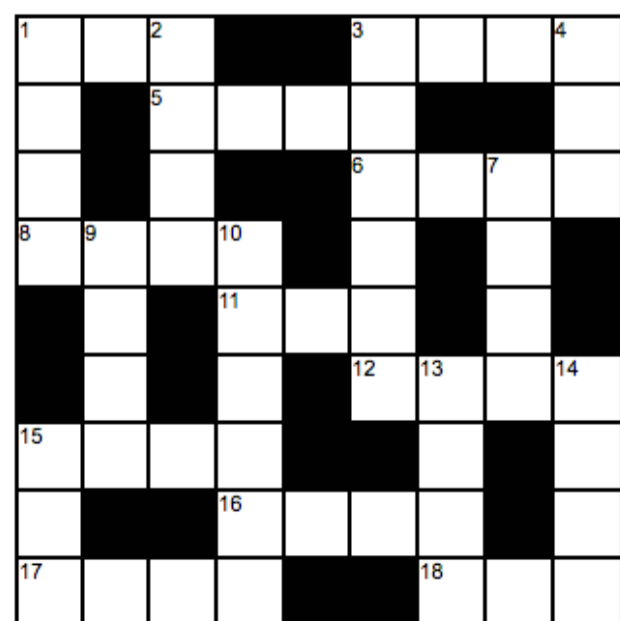
It is this government that has told us that negative speculation about democracy, corruption and lack of accountability takes a huge toll on the country's image, which eventually devastates the economy. That is why we are seeking the truth; we want correct information

to be given to the public. We don't want our currency to be trading at K15 to a dollar because of negative sentiments on social media. As a patriotic institution, we want government to face the people and give first hand information.

We want to emphasise that we have no intentions of ambushing or humiliating our government leaders in any way. This is their platform to explain government programmes and policies. It is also expected that government may have some challenges in implementing its activities; surely, there is no harm in asking participants at these forums for ideas. That is what it means to be a listening government. Unfortunately, if the government leaders decide to shun this platform, it is only those outsiders who are suspicious about government's activities who will come to escalate their speculations. That would not be right. So we want our government to trust us on this agenda because, together with our partners OSISA, we mean well.

To those who have been coming to our discussion forums, we cannot thank you enough. We are grateful and humbled for the support that you have been showing us and we pray that you will continue to partner with us as we take our country forward.

## Crossword puzzle 202



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- ***Gustave Flaubert***

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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Egypt boy king</li> <li>3. Thug</li> <li>5. Starchy food grain</li> <li>6. Head infestation</li> <li>8. Egg on</li> <li>11. A grain</li> <li>12. Sticky strip</li> <li>15. Boast</li> <li>16. Choc. cookie, vanilla center</li> <li>17. Make progress</li> <li>18. Authorize</li> </ol> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lose one's footing</li> <li>2. Singing threesome</li> <li>3. Batter's head cover</li> <li>4. Payable</li> <li>7. What fans do</li> <li>9. Behind</li> <li>10. Fire breathing monster</li> <li>13. Army no-show</li> <li>14. Radiate</li> <li>15. More than just ask</li> </ol> |
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## Solutions to puzzle 201





# Reader's feedback

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Go to our News Diggers Facebook page, select a story you like and jot down your comment. We will pick that as your feedback and get you published on this page. The shorter the comment the higher the chance of getting published.

Note that we block Facebook users who use abusive language.

## Maggie's irritation with debt talk

Editor,

"When there are many questions targeted at you, please take note that things have gone totally wrong. Please, Madam Mwanakatwe, try to

develop a thick skin in order to withstand the pressure from Zambians and adequately answer the questions. Please stop raising your temper because we have no time for them." - Frederick Ntemena Kafumbe

"Did she expect a toast only at business breakfast or just praises of her budget? Someone help me, please!!!" - Solomon H Phiri

"We demand nothing but proper answers. We are not PF cadres to sing 'dununa reverse' a meaningless song for the vision less." - Stephen Katete

"Maggie, give us a break from so many taxes, which are meant for servicing the huge debt we never benefited. Instead, provide positive solutions to the ailing economy and you will receive positive remarks. Spare yourself from this 'negative debt talk' by simply tendering in your long overdue resignation and continue playing pool. Kwasila! Meanwhile, if you as Finance Minister are not aware, Zambia's external debt servicing costs escalate to US \$706m - Maggie, Why??" - Martin Nyanjagha

"Margaret Mwanakatwe should know that dictator Edgar Lungu's reckless PF party regime caused all the mess she found at the Ministry of Finance. And the regime has continued mismanaging Zambia's financial affairs. Ms Mwanakatwe should not expect to be given a break for as long as she holds that position." - Chivunda Samusungwa



## Association of Mine Suppliers' argument in favour of sales tax

Editor,

"The Association of Mine Suppliers and Contractors don't even know what they are talking about. It will just be a few months from today when they realise that what they are calling 'progressive' is the hearse to be used to carry their businesses to their graves. Anyway, they will soon cry." - Victor Chansa

"Mines have already started blackmailing

govt with job losses and all those funny issues.

All along, Mopani was quiet, but just after changes in the mines policy mentioned in 2019 budget, Mopani has started and the way we know our govt, they will be arm-twisted." - Chali Pride Zimba

"Let the Mine Suppliers enjoy the benefit, not the so-called foreigners; Zambians have suffered a lot." - Steven Njekwa

## ND OPINION: Can't Kaunda help?

Editor,

"I agree with you diggers, let KK explain what happened with Barotseland Agreement, so that the Barotse people can move forward." - Lu Bagrey

"I don't think KK has either the strength or will to talk to these people. If there's anyone who is a security risk in this country it's the current government." - John Mufichani

"I doubt Kaunda's ability to provide meaningful presidential guidance with advent of tech-platform. His era of hide & seek can't stand. Simply, technology exposes incompetent leaders who thrive on lies, propaganda, brutality etc." - Kool Int

"Kaunda's silence on national matters are shocking. During the incarceration of HH, he remained mute, especially when we were polarised and needed reconciliation. He was too silent due to a soft touch for PF even when it's clear and the writing is on the wall for the lack of direction and leadership, he continues to be mute. Yes, he is old, but he needed to raise up to the challenge of statesmanship, but he has not...to the disappointment of many that banked on his wisdom. Shame!!!" - Katima Mulilo

"But what difference would his word make even if he spoke against this cruel, corrupt and selfish incompetent government? What this situation needs is one strong voice of citizens and one strong opposition party voice; otherwise we are doomed!!!" - Chanda Senta



# OSISA/News Diggers! Public Discussion Forum on Donor Aid

*Top left: Economics Association of Zambia president Lubinda Haabazoka (l), NGOCC executive director Engwase Mwale(c) and Alliance for Community Action executive director Laura Miti speak to the audience. Top right: A member of the audience listens to the discussants. Centre left: Journalists listen as a member of the audience makes a contribution. The discussion was held at Chrismar Hotel on Wednesday October 3, 2018 - Pictures by Tenson Mkhala*



*Laura Miti*



*Lubinda Haabazoka*



*Engwase Mwale*



*UNZA student Tiku directs a question at Laura Miti*

Cristiano Ronaldo has been left out of Portugal's next four internationals, the national coach Fernando Santos said Thursday, days after rape allegations against the Real Madrid star resurfaced.

Fernando Santos told a press conference that he and the President of the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) Fernando Gomes talked to Ronaldo and "we agreed that the player was not available for this or the next call up".

"I will not reveal the details of the conversation we three had," said Fernando Santos when pressed by reporters.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner missed the two internationals Portugal played in September. At the time, Fernando Santos suggested that the 33-year-old's absence was temporary and intended to help the star attacker adapt after his move from Real Madrid to Juventus.

"This is not what I am saying now," Fernando Santos said on Thursday when asked if the explanation was the same. The omission comes as Ronaldo, one of the world's most successful and highly-paid sportsmen, faces down allegations of rape.

Last month, an American

# Ronaldo to miss Portugal internationals - coach

woman, Kathryn district court in Nevada, allegations, Fernando I fully believe his word  
Mayorga, accused of raping her on June 13, Santos defended the when he says e would  
Ronaldo in a 32-page 2009. player. "I know Cristiano never commit a crime  
complaint filed with a Asked about the Ronaldo very well and like this."



Paco Alcacer scored his fourth goal for Dortmund on just his third appearance for the side. AFP

Earlier Fernando Gomes also spoke up for Ronaldo.

"I believe what he said... because I've known Ronaldo for many years and I can attest to his good character," Fernando Gomes said.

Ronaldo, Portugal's captain, will miss three Nations League games, against Poland on October 17 and against Italy and Poland in November and a friendly against Scotland later this month.

Meanwhile, Eder, who scored the extra-time winner as Portugal beat France in the final of Euro 2016 but was dropped for the World Cup in Russia, returns to the 25-man squad

**PORTUGAL SQUAD:**  
Goalkeepers: Rui Patricio (Wolves/ENG), Beto (Goztepe/TUR), Claudio Ramos (Tondela)

Defenders: Cedric Soares (Southampton/ENG), Joao Cancelo (Juventus/ITA), Kevin Rodrigues (Real Sociedad/ESP), Luis Neto (Zenit/RUS), Mario Rui (Napoli/ITA), Pedro Mendes (Montpellier/FRA), Pepe (Besiktas/TUR), Ruben Dias (Benfica)

Midfielders: Bruno Fernandes (Sporting), Danilo Pereira (FC Porto), Gedson Fernandes (Benfica), Pizzi (Benfica), Renato Sanches (Bayern Munich/GER), Ruben Neves (Wolves/ENG), Sergio Oliveira (FC Porto), William Carvalho (Beti/ESP)

Forwards: Andre Silva (Sevilla/ESP), Bernardo Silva (Manchester City/ENG), Bruma (Leipzig/GER), Eder (Lokomotiv Moscow/RUS), Goncalo Guedes (Valencia/ESP), Helder Costa (Wolves/ENG).

# Anthony Joshua will hold titles for long time - Wladimir Klitschko

Anthony Joshua will hold his world heavyweight titles "for a very long time", says former champion Wladimir Klitschko.

Briton Joshua, 28, is the IBF, WBO and WBA champion and beat Klitschko by knockout in April 2017.

"We will see how much and how big his desire is to stay successful," said Klitschko.

"It's easy to have success for a short period of time but to maintain it for a long time is really challenging." He added: "I'm a fan of Joshua so, due to his athletic qualities and age, I think he is going to hold the belts for a very long time."

Klitschko's nine-year reign as lineal world heavyweight champion was ended by Britain's Tyson Fury in 2015 before he failed to regain the IBF and WBA titles in the 11th-round defeat by Joshua.

Joshua produced a stunning seventh-round stoppage to beat Alexander Povetkin and retain his title in September.

However, he has yet to fight WBC heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder after discussions over a bout to unify all the belts fell through.

If the two do meet in the ring, Klitschko, 42, believes the result "could go either way".

"Anthony Joshua is younger, he is definitely

got talent, he's heavier and he has heavy hands," said the Ukrainian.

"Wilder is lighter. He has more experience in the professional boxing ring

whereas Joshua is Olympic champion and has a great Olympic background, which Wilder doesn't have."

SKYSPORTS

# Nsombo vows to take down Buffaloes

By Alex Chilumbwe

NAPSA netball team coach Pauline Nsombo will on the weekend be looking for ways of recording a fourth consecutive win in its fourth fixture, round 2, of the Netball Association of Zambia (NAZ) league after defeating Mazabuka Queens, Prisons Leopards and Lusaka City Council in the past two weeks. The pensioners' weekend fixture pins them against undefeated army side Green Buffaloes that only has a draw with Green Eagles for a bad result while NAPSA had no loss in the second round. Nsombo recalled Buffaloes were the only team that had never been beaten by them in the ten years the two sides had been meeting in the league. In

tournaments, Buffaloes had been beaten twice; the first one during the NAZ open tournament in 2016 while the second time was during this year's Commandant Tournament on 3rd September. "Buffaloes unlike us rely on experience while we rely on young talent. We are fit than they are but they know perfectly well how to use experience to their advantage. Almost every season I lose players to bigger clubs but somehow I still manage to groom new ones and I have confidence in the newly groomed players that will face Buffaloes. It is going to be a tough one against them but we will be playing to break their unbeaten record in the league," said Nsombo. Meanwhile, Buffaloes coach Catherine Chanda

said she was positive they would beat NAPSA but could not hide her displeasure in her girls dwindling performance in second round. "I have no doubt we will beat NAPSA although I am not pleased with my players' recent performance. It has really gone down and the awkward part is they do not seem to notice. We are scoring less and less goals than we did in the first round. NAPSA is an extremely good and physically fit team that cannot let us have it the easy way but will be there to guide them until we carry the day," said Chanda. Buffaloes are on top of the table with 51 points while NAPSA is third with 44 points.



Lionel Messi gives the Spurs defence yet another scare on a victorious night for his Barcelona side at Wembley with a 4-2 win at Wembley on Wednesday. Guardian



Liverpool's midfielder Keita was taken to the hospital after complaining of back pain leading to his being taken off early in their Champions League clash with Napoli on Wednesday. AFP

By Alex Chilumbwe

I'm not the right person to ask about the national team squad selection because I'm only a FAZ president and not the coach, says Andrew Kamanga. His statement comes after receiving numerous queries on the FAZ Facebook page as well as call-in sports programmes on named, inquiring why certain players were left out of the 24-man squad picked to face Guinea Bissau next Wednesday. "It is strange that people will post questions about the national team squad directed at me when the coach said everything he needed to have said at Wednesday's press briefing. I do not get involved in the selection of the starting 11 or any other selection. That is why we have a coach. Right now people should just be in their supporting moods and see to it that we give morale to whoever is going to start the game," Kamanga said. "I do not know whether the media decided to ignore the information we gave during the Barclays Cup launch in August. The Sports minister and I made it clear that the national team was not our baby. We do

# ASK SVEN - KAMANGA

not for anything decide who is called for the national team, who should be on the starting eleven or anything related. Please see to it that people also have access to such information so that we are not judged."

When national team coach Sven Vandenbroeck made known of a 24 man squad to play against Guinea Bissau on 10th October, soccer fans indicated they did not want Fashion Sakala to be on the starting

eleven citing his inability to utilise scoring chances. And Kamanga has issued a warning to unauthorised traders that are fond of buying tickets in bulk and later selling them at exorbitant

prices to desist from the act. "This game will closely be monitored by FIFA and CAF so we do not want irregularities of any kind. Unscrupulous businessmen and women are warned not to buy tickets in

bulk and later sell them at exorbitant prices as it is against the law. We also expect fans to handle themselves in a good manner and not engage in any kind of disturbing behaviour," advised Kamanga.



Neymar celebrates after scoring the free-kick that completed his hat-trick to lead Paris Saint-Germain to a 6-1 rout of Red Star Belgrade in the Champions League on Wednesday. AFP

## Napoli charged by Uefa after win over Liverpool in Champions League

Napoli have been charged by Uefa for setting off fireworks and blocking stairways during Wednesday's 1-0 Champions League win against Liverpool. Lorenzo Insigne scored a late winner for the Serie A side in Naples. Paris St-Germain have been charged

with setting of fireworks and crowd disturbances following their 6-1 win against Serbian side Red Star Belgrade at Parc des Princes. Red Star were also charged with crowd disturbances and illicit chants. The cases will be dealt with by Uefa on 18 October. BBC