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“Justice Ngulube even drives Mahtani’s Range Rover, he never disclosed interest”

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

Former Director of public prosecutions Mutembo Nchito says the Constitutional Court should subpoena former chief justices Ernest Sakala and Mathew Ngulube because they both have prior negative dealings and connections that should have excluded them from sitting on the Tribunal that recommended his removal as DPP.

And Mutembo has disclosed that the reason he will never expect Justice Ngulube to treat him fairly is because he had exposed the irregular receipt of payments from the Zamtrop Account that led to his fall as Chief Justice.

He also wants Justice Ngulube to explain why he did not disclose that, while the Terms of Reference for the Tribunal included questions that had to do with Dr Mahtani and the Nolle Prosequi entered in his matters, the former Chief Justice Ngulube was driving a Range Rover Sport ABR 3600 owned by Dr Mahtani.

In a further affidavit in support of ex-parte summons for leave to issue summons for the attendance of witnesses filed in the Constitutional Court, Friday, Mutembo stated that both Justices Sakala and Ngulube had prior negative dealings with him and connections that should have excluded them from sitting on that Tribunal for reasons of bias and conflict of interest.

Mutembo stated that he wanted justice Ngulube to explain why he had not disclosed to the parties that he was employed by Dr Rahjan Mathani as a legal consultant when the Terms of Reference included questions that had to do with Dr Mahtani. Mutembo further disclosed that the reason he would never expect Justice Ngulube to treat him fairly was because he had exposed his irregular receipt of payments from the Zamtrop Account that led to his fall as Chief Justice.

"It is also my intention in

Mutembo exposes former Chief Justices Ngulube, Sakala



relation to Justice Ngulube, to raise questions about his untimely departure from the high office of Chief Justice which came on the back of my exposure as Defence Counsel in the matter of the now infamous Zamtrop Account, where he received illicit payments. This has left me apprehensive as to whether he was able to hear me and participate in the Tribunal

dispassionately." read the affidavit.

"At the time of the exposure of the Zamtrop Account and the suspicious payments to Justice Ngulube as a sitting Chief Justice of the Republic, I had the displeasure of having to confront him in his office with these illicit payments and inform him that the payments he received would be made public. Justice Ngulube

was forced to resign his high post of Chief Justice, following the public outcry that followed the exposure of his irregular receipt of payments from the Zamtrop Account."

Meanwhile Mutembo stated that Justice Sakala just like Justice Ngulube, was conflicted and should never have accepted the appointment to the Mutembo Nchito SC Tribunal

after reviewing the Terms of Reference.

"One of the Terms of Reference the Tribunal had to deal with was the allegation that I walked out of Justice Mutuna's Court in the case of Development Bank of Zambia Vs JCN Holdings Limited, The Post Newspapers Limited and Mutembo Nchito notwithstanding that I had sought leave to be excused. The

day on which I was alleged to have walked out of court was March 26, 2012. On that day I and other Defendants in that action had complained to the Minister of Justice against the conduct of several judges in relation to the matter because of the apparent Perversion of Justice that resulted in our case being unlawfully taken away from Mr Justice Albert Mark Wood and irregularly allocated to Mr Justice Mutuna," read the affidavit.

"On the morning that I asked to be excused from the proceedings, we had submitted a letter with an extensive analysis of what appeared to be underhanded ways in which multiple Judges were involved in the case. One of the Judges we complained about was Mr. Justice Ernest Sakala, who was later to sit on the Mutembo Nchito SC Tribunal in 2015, to determine a question arising of the case of Development Bank of Zambia vs JCN Holdings Limited, The Post Newspapers Limited and Mutembo Nchito, a matter in relation to which we complained about him in 2012. It is my intention to elicit evidence from Justice Sakala that confirms that he was involved in matters surrounding this Term of Reference, which will go to prove my complaint on bias or conflict of interest under paragraph 31 (iv) of my petition that he should never have been involved in the Tribunal."

Further affidavit in support of ex-parte summons for leave to issue summon for the attendance of witnesses

I MUTEMBO NCHITO, SC, of RE/A/4/488a, Off Twin Palms, Road, Kabulonga, Lusaka of the Republic of Zambia do hereby make OATH and say as follows:

1. That my full names, and residential address are as stated above.
2. That I am a Zambian national.
3. That I am the

Petitioner herein and I am in that capacity competent to swear this my Affidavit from information within my personal knowledge and documents in my possession.

4. That I hereby make a further affidavit in relation to retired Justices Ngulube and Sakala.

5. That further to my affidavit dated 28 September, 2018

I aver that, I wish to elicit evidence from the two that shows that both Justices Sakala and Ngulube had prior negative dealings with the Petitioner and connections to the Terms of Reference that were investigated by the Mutembo Nchito SC Tribunal that should have excluded them from sitting on that Tribunal for reasons of bias and/or conflict of interest.

6. That in relation to Justice Ngulube, I would like for him to explain why he did not disclose to the parties, that while the Terms of Reference included questions that had to do with Dr R.L. Mahtani and the Nolle Prosequi entered in his matters, Justice Ngulube did not disclose to the parties that:

i. He was employed

as a legal consultant by Dr R.L. Mahtani;

ii. He maintained an office as such consultant at Finance House, which was the Headquarters for Dr R.L. Mahtani's businesses and;

iii. He drove and may still drive to this day a motor vehicle Range Rover Sport ABR 3600 owned by Dr R.L. Mahtani.

7. That Justice Ngulube's conduct described above, renders the Tribunal deliberations a nullity due to his non - disclosure of his conflict of interest.

8. That Justice Ngulube's disqualifying conduct at the Tribunal proceedings can be seen during the testimony of Dr Mahtani at page 1088 line 9 of Volume III of the Petitioner's the Bundle of Documents was as follows:

MR. MUTEMBO NCHITO SC: Sir, I have a rather delicate matter which I would like to deal with now. I have tried to avoid it but I have failed. Please tell the Tribunal what your relationship is with one of the Tribunal Members Mr. Justice...

MR. LIKANDO KALALUKA SC: My Lords, we object to that that is not relevant.

HONOURABLE JUSTICE MATTHEWS NGULUBE: Let me put it like this, I declare interest and recuse from that discussion.

MR. MUTEMBO NCHITO SC: My point is I have raised a question of bias before this Tribunal and I required evidence, so I brought evidence. I am bringing evidence, let the witness answer.

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UNZA students hold emotional candlelight prayer for Vespers

By Thomas Mulenga

A somber atmosphere characterised the University of Zambia Great East Road Campus on Saturday evening, as a multitude of students held a candlelight vesper for their fellow, a fourth year student Vespers Shimuzhila.

Shimuzhila died of suffocation caused by the teargas that was fired by Zambia Police officers who went to quell the protest at the institution on Thursday evening.

The heart-rending candlelight vesper was preceded by the signing of the book of condolences by different students, some of whom went with flowers, as others contributed money after signing the book.

The procession saw UNZA students unite, not in demanding meal allowances, but in mourning their colleague who died as a result of protests against delayed meal allowances.

Clad in black, the students gathered

at October Car Park, near Shimuzhila hostel, singing sorrowful songs among, among them the Sarafina movie sound track "Sechaba". The Students also sang "Kalombo Mwane" among other sorrowful songs.

The emotional procession which started around 20:00hrs, went on up to 23:00hrs. Lights were switched off and candles lit.

By 21 hours, October Car Park was filled by students, with a long queue of those who went to write in the book of condolences.

Individual Students and groups from different churches, took turns to sing and preach to fellow mourning students, encouraging them to emulate the humility that Shimuzhila exhibited when she was alive.

Farewell songs were composed and sung during the vigil, by musician students, who embedded soul moving messages in their valediction songs.

And different students who knew

Shimuzhila at personal level, gave their experiences with the late, describing her as a calm, down to earth person.

Pascal Mulenga, a visually impaired student, who spoke on behalf of students living with disabilities, recounted his encounters with Shimuzhila whom he said was a gentle and soft hearted person.

"As I stand here, I am filled with sorrow at the loss of our sister Vespers. She was a very soft hearted, gentle individual who never uttered bitter words or involved herself in violent activities. She only knew school and Church. I remember one time, I was coming from the school of education and I got lost, I heard a voice of a young lady who called me by name. She asked me where I was going, and she told me I was going in the wrong direction. She held my hand and led me to Zambezi hostel where I stay. Vespers was a true definition of a humble, loving and gentle person. It is unfortunate that

such a gentle soul died in such a cruel manner," Mulenga narrated.

During the vigil, students also demanded for a detailed investigation and prosecution of all police officers who came to quell the protest.

Misheck Kakonde, who is also Zambia National Union of Students President, said students won't keep quiet until the people responsible for the death of Shimuzhila were brought to book.

Meanwhile, a student representing the Seventh Day Adventist Church, announced that the late Shimuzhila would be put to rest on Tuesday, in Namwala District of Southern Province.

On Friday evening, after information emerged that a student had died of suffocation during the protest, government paid students K1, 500 meal allowances.

However, some students described the allowances as 'blood money' as it came after the death of Vespers Shimuzhila.

By Mirriam Chabala
Energy Minister Mathew Nkhuwa has admitted that the Saudi Arabia fuel was indeed cheaper but justified that government could not reduce fuel pump prices in Zambia because the

Selling fuel at K5.5 wouldn't make economic sense – Energy minister

consignment was not much of an impact at all. leader Hakainde that government enough and did not have Last week UPND Hichilema demanded refunds motorists who

bought the cheap Saudi fuel at an exorbitant price instead of the promised K5.5 per litre. But Nkhuwa says government cannot refund all motorists in Zambia for not buying the Saudi Arabia fuel at the promised K5.5 per litre because it does not make economic sense. "Yes the fuel was cheaper if you compare it with other fuel. But really if you have got feedstock for five days, can you seriously reduce prices for five days and then thereafter you increase? It just didn't make sense [for government] to do that. It didn't make business sense because five days is nothing, unless maybe if the fuel lasted for maybe six months or something like that. But for five days, it doesn't make economic sense, how do you just reduce and then tomorrow you up the prices again? You can't do things like that," Nkhuwa said in an interview. He said the UPND president was merely politicking. "It is not possible to refund all motorists, it doesn't make any economic sense at all. It's not possible that we can refund the motorists, we just can't. Where would we even start from? It's just not possible, you can start a Pandora box which will never work. So that talk by the UPND leader is just politicking, that is just political rhetoric." "The fuel was cheaper yes, but it didn't make much of an impact because the fuel was little. We use \$1 billion worth of fuel per annum, and when you look at \$20 million, it's a drop in the ocean. It's like you take half a litre of sugar and you want to put in a swimming pool and expect to have sweet water from that swimming pool, it won't happen. If you take even a 1kg of sugar and out it in a swimming pool, that water will never be sweet, you will never even feel it." Nkhuwa further said Zambians were very understanding people. "Politics are for 2021, for now we should just be working. So really people should make their judgment and know who is fooling them. Zambians are very clever people. They listen, and that's why they vote us in because they know that we mean well," said Nkhuwa



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MoF to appoint Tax Review Committee to deal with mine concerns over revised policy

By Mukosha Funga

Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe says she will appoint a Tax Policy Review Committee to review issues raised by members of the public on the revised policy. Last week, Zambia Chamber of Mines president Nathan Chishimba warned that proposed tax changes by government would put the country on a precipice of a deadly spiral that will damage the country, hurt the mining sector and make the country un-investable. "More tax regime instability, massive increases, and novel taxes not seen anywhere else in the world, will hurt the mining industry and all those who rely on its success," Chishimba warned in a statement issued in Lusaka, Thursday, after an emergency meeting of mining companies. "Having met as an industry, we are convinced that attracting investment is the only way to grow our economy and growing our economy – and the base of taxpayers – is Zambia's route to a prosperous future. To that end, we had a 10-point plan, which we took to government in July, in which we believed we could double the size of copper production and add a billion dollars a year of fiscal revenue, over the next six years." He said the non-refundable aspect of the sales tax would severely impact cost of mining, adding that the financial uncertainty was so great that banks are currently unwilling to provide financing to all miners. "The budget introduces a further feature to the MRT regime, which no other leading copper mining country applies. That is that MRT payments will no longer be deductible against Corporate Income Tax. This is in effect double taxation and takes no account of the need for reinvestment in exploration and expansion. The budget introduces the notion of a non-refundable Sales Tax, in replacement of VAT, without providing any detail whatsoever. Quite apart from the non-refundable aspect, which will severely impact cost of mining, the financial uncertainty is so great that banks are now unwilling to provide financing to all miners, big and small, without further clarity. The export duties that are intended to be applied to gold and gemstones will hit emerging and established operations alike. In fact, they will have the effect of putting legitimate operators,

many of whom are Zambians, out of business," argued Chishimba. "The introduction of an import duty on concentrates, combined with Sales Tax, will render imports uneconomic, and partially shut down the Copperbelt's smelters and refineries. This initiative

flies in the face of the government's beneficiation drive, and in one strike, destroys the potential for Zambia to become a southern African value-addition hub. This initiative has the effect of stringently penalising any company that has borrowed funds to invest in

operations. Not only does this dramatically increase the cost of borrowing for any business, but it completely disincentivizes the entrepreneurial risk-taking necessary to start new businesses. Some people will regard these increases as a great windfall for Zambia. But bear in

mind that no operation will mine, explore or invest under those circumstances. The returns are simply not worth the risks inherent in mining. So, far from being a feast, this budget will lead to famine." But in a statement issued by Ministry of Finance public relations head

Chileshe Kandeta, Sunday, Mwanakatwe promised to appoint a Tax Policy Review Committee. "The Ministry of Finance has taken note of the public statement made by the Zambia Chamber of Mines. We also acknowledge receipt of letters from some stakeholders, and the Chamber, seeking clarification on the new tax regime. Working with other stakeholder Ministries and relevant government agencies, we remain open to dialogue with mining companies that are willing to amicably discuss the transition to the new tax regime, implementation of sales tax and other fiscal and economic affairs, and future business cooperation matters," stated Mwanakatwe. "In view of the foregoing and in respect of our own plan to ensure a smooth transition, the Tax Policy Review Committee will be reconstituted and appointed to deal with technical issues related to tax implementation matters raised by the public." The Ministry affirmed that consultations on sales tax policy implementation would be wide and extensive before commencement in April 2019.



Journalists take notes at a public discussion forum on the state of the economy and public investment in children held at Southern Sun Hotel in Lusaka on Friday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

By Sipilisiwe Ncube and Mukosha Funga

PF youth Munir Zulu says the intra-party elections for Lusaka Province will be a source of deeper divisions for the Patriotic Front because a group of MPs from Luapula Province is rising against structures that are supposed to select eligible candidates. And Zulu says the MPs who are part of the "Luapula United" clique are more powerful and influential because they have more money than any other group of parliamentarians from other regions. In an interview with News Diggers! Zulu said since Luapula members of parliament had merged and formed a group called "Luapula United" which was playing an upper hand in the party elections, it was only expected that President Edgar Lungu would invoke the party's constitution provision that allows him to do away with elections and appoint the Lusaka Province executive. He revealed that "Luapula United was sponsoring former Kennedy Kamba to bounce back as provincial chairperson despite his former committee having been dissolved. "My honest opinion is that the President must appoint, because the PF constitution

Munir explains how "Luapula United" is rising to split PF

allows him to appoint a candidate. Why am I saying so? These elections could be a source of deeper divisions in the party. There is no way Luapula MPs are sponsoring party elections in Lusaka. Why not sponsor elections in Luapula? Lusaka should have been left to the likes of Honourable Jean Kapata, Honourable Nkandu Luo, Honourable Given Lubinda to sponsor their preferred candidate. But what is happening is people like Kennedy Kamba are being funded by MPs from Luapula and those MPs from Luapula now we are referring to them as 'Luapula united.' I personally called Honourable Mumbi Phiri [and] I said 'Honourable deputy secretary general, how true is this issue of Luapula united? She gave me an answer to say 'the Eastern MPs are not united, Muchinga MPs are not united, Northerners are not united, Lusaka MPs are not united, only Luapula is united because they have only one female MP,' Zulu said. "So for the sake of peace, let the President appoint his

preferred person because today you will hear that statement from the secretary general saying 'those that are not in good standing with the party do not qualify to stand'. Now in good standing, Kennedy Kamba was dissolved but they are saying he is eligible to stand. So I don't know why the secretary general said those who are in good standing with the party because if you are in good standing with the party, you cannot be dissolved." Zulu said that allowing Kamba to stand will prove that the Luapula united has an upper hand in the elections. "So if Kennedy Kamba is allowed to stand, it means the Luapula united has a stronger influential status in this party called PF. Then the issue of Emmanuel Chilubana coming on, former permanent secretary State House, people are saying he is not eligible. For me I do not know why they are saying he is not eligible because he was not fired from the party, he was fired from government. So we need to help the President on this

issue because this "Luapula United" is real," said Zulu. "The richest MPs today in the country are those from Luapula [and] that's the fact. There are no MPs that are richer than MPs from Luapula today, they are running the biggest ministries. We know for a fact, they have got more business friends on their table. And every day, secretary general is eating nsima with Kennedy Kamba at those places behind Pamodzi Hotel. I know I am so unpopular in PF because I speak my mind. Thomas Ankara said 'he who feeds you controls you' I am not fed by anyone of them so they can't control me and I have got an opinion to give and they must respect it." Meanwhile, according to PF sources, State House has also picked intelligence to the effect that the said "Luapula United" is scheming to challenge Lungu at the 2020 General Conference. "We have also heard worrying stories about this Luapula United because tabaleyangala (they are not playing). Nga ba boss tabale

salapuka, bakadabwisha (if the president is not careful, they will shock him). We we understand is that this group is doing ground work and in case the Constitutional Court doesn't rule in favour of the President. So there are two issues, first they are jostling for the position of running mate in 2021, then among themselves, there are others who are more ambitious and want to take it from the President in 2021," sources told News Diggers. "Their issue is that so many things have gone wrong in in the economy and the party has lost popularity. So they feel that the current President would be a risk or liability to go with to another election. That is why you are seeing that Luapula United movement." Ironically, the source name PF secretary general Davies Mwila as one of the Luapula United architects, but when contacted by News Diggers, the PF chief executive said he does not respond to petty gossip and cut the phone before any further questions could be posed to him.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Former University of Zambia deputy vice chancellor Professor Geoffrey Lungwangwa has urged the Ministry of Higher Education and the police to take responsibility of the death of a fourth year student who suffocated to death, arguing that had there been efficiency in the manner students' affairs were managed, the riots at UNZA would have been avoidable. And Prof Lungwangwa who is also former Education minister under the MMD government has observed that the police should have controlled the riots at the institution without resorting to violence. On Thursday evening, a multitude of University of Zambia students blocked Great East Road, protesting against government's delay to pay them their semester meal allowances. This prompted police to raid the campus and terrorised students, burning down a hostel in the process, which caused the death of Vesper Shimuzhila and left over 20 other students seriously injured. According to one of the male students who rushed Shimuzhila to the hospital, the female student was pronounced dead upon arrival at Levy Mwanawasa General Hospital. In an interview with News Diggers! Prof Lungwangwa said it was unfortunate that a female student's life was lost through a riot that was avoidable. He added that the Ministry of Higher Education knew very well that students depended on the allowances for their

Police, UNZA must take responsibility of Vesper's death – Lungwangwa

needs, hence the delayed payment was unacceptable. "First of all its very

unfortunate that the nation has lost a female student through a riot that was

very avoidable. The riot, we understand was non payment or delayed payment of meal

allowances. Now, that is an administrative matter because the Ministry of

Higher Education knows very well that when students come [to school] their resources in terms of money or the allowance is not available, and to delay the payment of the allowance, definitely is unacceptable. How do you expect the students to live if they don't have money to buy the food? So this was a very avoidable riot and its very unfortunate that the nation has lost a female student in a matter that should have been avoided," said Prof Lungwangwa. "This level of weak management on the part of Ministry of Higher Education is very unacceptable. And the Ministry of Higher Education must pull up its socks and be more efficient in the manner that it handles student affairs. We should not be loosing lives like this, innocent lives for that matter. [And] The police shouldn't have gone to that extent. They should have controlled the situation without resorting to violence as means of arresting the situation. The use of force is not acceptable.



Members of the public at a discussion forum on the state of the economy and public investment in children at Southern Sun Hotel in Lusaka on Friday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

PF Secretary General Davies Mwila has conveyed his condolences to the family of an UNZA female student Vesper Shimuzhila who died at the school campus after a teargas suffocation. Mwila in a statement also called on the police command to thoroughly investigate the matter and ensure that justice prevails. "On behalf of His Excellency President Edgar Lungu and the Patriotic Front and indeed on my own behalf I would like to convey our deepest condolences to the family of Ms. Vesper Shimuzhila, a 4th year student in the school of education at UNZA who tragically died due to reported teargas

PF leadership demands probe into police conduct after UNZA fracas

suffocation in her room during the protest by students at UNZA great east road main campus. It is deeply regrettable that such a young and promising life could be lost in an avoidable circumstances. We call upon the Police command to thoroughly investigate what exactly transpired and ensure that justice prevails," Mwila stated.

Mwila also reminded students that rioting and disruption of public order is not the right way to express their grievances. "We wish to make a passionate appeal to the students populace to exercise maximum restraint as their Government has heard their cry and will respond accordingly. We further want

to remind our intellectuals that rioting and disruption of public order is not the right way to express their grievances. There are several progressive avenues available that students can and must use to express their concerns to management and government respectively. Violent protests are retrogressive

and counterproductive to the student's cause. Violent 'vivas' are a stain to our intelligentsia. Violent 'vivas' steal away the trust, confidence and admiration that society places on your heads as intellectuals," Mwila stated. And Mwila has assured the students that the ruling party will listen to their cry and ensure

that justice prevails in the matter. "As a party, we are not naive to know the fact that there are irresponsible and unpatriotic political elements who unabashedly sponsor or aggravate students' unrest for selfish political capital. And as a party in government we would like to caution the student populace not to fall prey to such machinations but to instead look at the greater picture and focus on their education. Education is not only the best equaliser but it is the foundation and cornerstone of social and economic advancement. Our commitment in the provision of quality and affordable education remains unrivalled. This can be attested by numerous schools, colleges and universities that we have built since coming into office in 2011," stated Mwila. "I would like to end by assuring the students that your caring and patriotic government has heard your cry. Do not despair, remain calm and await government's urgent response. To the family of our late daughter, our late sister and indeed our late comrade, Vesper, may the healing hand of our Lord Jesus Christ console you in this hour of grief and pain. May Vesper's soul rest in eternal peace.

Zambia can't win fight against malnutrition with 2019 budget – CSO-SUN

By Abraham Kalito

Civil Society Organisation-Scaling Up Nutrition (CSO-SUN) has described as "insignificant" government's allocation of funds towards fighting malnutrition, adding that consequently, the fight will not produce intended results. Speaking to journalists after presenting a budget analysis report to the Parliamentary Committee on budgeting, CSO-SUN director Matthew Mhuru said Zambia cannot be expected to win the fight against malnutrition with low allocations in the 2019 national budget. He noted that the budget only allocates K16 per child for the whole year, instead

of the required K400. "Zambia has one of the highest rates of chronic malnutrition or 'stunting' rates across Africa – a staggering 40 per cent of children are stunted, meaning their bodies, brains and immune systems have not developed as they should. Reducing the levels of malnutrition in Zambia has been a key priority as evidenced at various moments, including the National Nutrition Summit, and the Vice-President's directive to permanent secretaries to improve nutrition funding. We note that

the [2019] budget speech did not appropriately address nutrition, which is not consistent with the narrative of prioritisation, if we are truly to reduce all forms of malnutrition, this needs to be reflected in the budget speech. Major nutrition specific lines including; infant and young child feeding; growth monitoring and promotion; micronutrient have all received cuts. Specifically, we note that the budget line on management of malnutrition has not been indicated in the Yellow Book raising concern

as to whether it will be adequately funded," said Mhuru. "Taxation on powdered milk is commendable in particular as it relates to infant formula as it may encourage exclusive breastfeeding. Similar taxation should be extended to unhealthy foods (high in salt, fat and sugar) and monies realised be invested in nutrition interventions. The 2019 national budget only allocates K16 per child for the whole year, instead of K400. Ministry of Health budget for nutrition has dropped from K19,254,018

in 2018 to K17,395,265 in the 2019 budget. Management of malnutrition allocation has not been indicated in the Yellow Book. Integrated management of childhood illnesses has reduced by about K900,000. (Promotion of) crop diversification and yield improvement has been reduced by K1,412,938; nutrition and Education has been reduced by K400,000; promotion of conservation agriculture have significantly dropped. All these cannot help us win in the fight against malnutrition."

Exam malpractice culprits will face fast-track court – Education Minister

By Zondiwe Mbewe
Minister of General Education David Mabumba says government wants to change the laws governing examinations in Zambia by introducing fast track courts that will help with examination malpractices. He was responding to a question in Parliament, Friday, from Serenje MMD member of parliament, Maxwell Kabanda who asked what government was doing to arrest examination malpractices in the country. “I just want to find out why exam malpractices have continued to rise and eroding the quality of education in this country? Exactly what are we doing to arrest this situation?” he asked. In response, Mabumba appealed to the MPs to join ECZ and his ministry in trying to protect the integrity of exams. “The issue of examination malpractice is an issue that sits within the community where we live all of us. The best people to police the exams is we the Zambian people because at the end of the day, like my colleague said, if you have a number of examination

malpractices, it only erodes the quality of education. And I want to appeal to you honourable colleagues in the constituencies where you come from, all of us receive information about examination malpractices, please join the Examination

Council of Zambia, the Ministry of Education, to try and protect the integrity of our exams,” he said. And Mabumba said his ministry was not sitting idle adding that government wanted to ensure that laws governing exams were

changed by introducing fast track courts to deal with examination malpractices. “However, we ourselves are not sitting just to allow examination malpractices to continue. When you look at the 500+ cases for the GCE, many of those were

detected and the candidates who were involved in those malpractices, their results will be revoked. Further, we also want to ensure that we change the legislation governing the examinations in this country,” he said. “And one of the things that

we will be bringing there is the punitive measure, as well as our collaboration with the judiciary in terms of fast track courts. Because what is happening is that you will find people who are involved in examination malpractice, sometimes it takes long to be prosecuted.

But once we change the law and we go into partnership with the judiciary, we will introduce fast track courts to try and help these examination malpractices.” Kabwe Central PF member of parliament Tutwa Ngulube then asked whether the suspension of the ministry’s PS Henry Tukombe, as well as suspension of donor funds would have any impact on issues of examinations. “I want to wish the honourable minister of education sincere condolences for losing a PS on suspension. I want to find out from you whether the suspension of your PS and the suspension of aid, relating to donor monies will have any impact on the issue of these examinations. We are aware that if we were to follow on set, probably we would find that your ministry has been accused of sitting idly and allowing a lot of examination malpractices including teachers writing exams for pupils and nothing happens. Yet today you are saying ‘you want to change the law’ do we really need to change the law in order for your ministry to come out so strongly on teachers who are writing exams for pupils?” he asked.

In response Mabumba said government wanted to strengthen the legislation so that they could strengthen the punitive measures in that particular law. “For the information of my colleague, not even withstanding the changes in the legislation, for 2017 a number of teachers were dismissed and the ministry will continue to do that. But what I’m just saying is that we want to strengthen the legislation so that we can strengthen the punitive measures in that particular law. And on Ngulube’s first question regarding withdrawal of donor aid, Mabumba said Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe had already given an elaborate statement on the floor of the House hence he didn’t want to say anything further.



*Teachers march as they commemorated this year’s International Teacher Day under the theme: ‘The right to education is the right to a qualified teacher’ held at Lusaka’s Civic Centre Nakatindi ground on Friday
Picture by Tenson Mkhala*

Chanda Kabwe unveils Central Province Investment Expo

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Central Province permanent Secretary Chanda Kabwe says the provincial investment expo which starts today at Mulungushi University is expected to capture about 100 companies to invest in different sectors. And Kabwe says 200 local and international companies, and 701 delegates have so far registered to attend the expo. In an interview, Kabwe also said the expo is also targeted at linking small scale miners, farmers and the emerging entrepreneurs with bigger economic players. “This is not a show, it’s an investment meeting or business meeting where we will be discussing ideas how to grow our businesses and to showcase the potential which we have in Central Province. The expectations are that after our meetings and our side tours and discussions, we should see people investing in the province in the sectors that we have highlighted, the agriculture sector, agro-processing, manufacturing, mining, tourism, energy, infrastructure development, forestry. So you will see investors putting up factories and industries around the province. That is what people expect,” Kabwe said. He explained that sideline meetings with traditional leaders will be held during the expo to engage them and make them understand the importance of opening doors for investment in their chiefdoms.

“We are also going to have a side meeting for our traditional leaders. So we have the 40 chiefs of central province who are coming to be part of the expo and will be able to speak to chiefs on the role of traditional leadership in uniting the province and the nation. So we want to see how peace can promote and create an investment environment. We know that without peace, it is difficult to come and invest. So we are looking at our traditional leaders to unite us because traditional leaders have subjects who belong to different political parties, tribes or churches. And the chiefs will be presented by the royal highnesses and the advisors so that we speak to them on peace and national unity. Secondly, we will be talking to them to ensure that their chiefdoms have a role to national development and investment so that both international and local investors are able to find investment opportunities in these chiefdoms, and because this is where the role materials are found,” he said. He further said that a symposium for youths would also be held to change their mindset. “Apart from that, we will be able to train the young people. We have a youth symposium and we will be speaking to young people on the mindset change, how young people can contribute to the growth of the economy not just in Central Province because we do understand as people of Central Province that the future of Zambia belongs to the young people. So these young people need to be tailored

in their mind not to just think about the white-collar job but that there is no industry or there is no government world-over which can provide employment for every citizen, no. Definitely there should be people in the informal sector and for those people in the informal sector, we need to give them the skills which they need and the tools that will make them to grow their business and contribute to the national development,” Kabwe said. “And then we are going to link the small scale miners, farmers and the emerging entrepreneurs. We are going to merge them and link them to bigger players in the economy so that they form partnership. When they form partnerships, it’s easier to grow and link one another from one level to another. After that we expect to expose the districts because we will have site tours for people go to see the districts in Central Province such as Itezhi-tezhi, Mumbwa, Chisamba, Mkushi, Luano and Ngabwe to see other potential we can identify from those.” And Kabwe said 200 companies had so far shown interest to participate in the expo. “We had 200 companies by Thursday who had shown interest to come and participate [and those are] both international and local companies and we had 701 already registered delegates. So we expect those numbers to come. Of those companies that have shown interest, maybe 50 or 100 companies will invest in Central Province,” said Kabwe

From page 2

HON. JUSTICE ERNEST SAKALA: But I thought the question of bias has been dealt with already.

MR. MUTEMBO NCHITO, SC: No my Lord, the issue, is, is there a relationship or there is no relationship between the witness currently on stand and ...

HON. JUSTICE MATTHEWS NGULUBE: Myself CHAIRPERSON: The issue has been dealt with already...

At page 1091 of the Bundle of Documents line 6

HONOURABLE JUSTICE MATTHEWS NGULUBE: I recuse myself.

CHAIRPERSON: The position is this; the Tribunal is not a trial as it is. It is here to investigate what has been levelled against you and at an earlier stage, the issue was dealt with because it was raised by you and it was dealt with in details and it took a long time. You want to revive this matter again?

MR MUTEMBO NCHITO, SC: My Lord, I am not reviving an issue. I am simply saying that the relationship of a member for the Tribunal to the terms of reference that the Tribunal is investigating is a material fact. Honestly you cannot sit My Lords, we hold you in such esteem.. there is no way that any lawyer can argue that is not a material fact for a lawyer to bring. I knew the sensitivity of it, I tried to avoid it the best way I thought I could but maybe my Lord was deemed unwise.

CHAIRPERSON: You have brought a witness to come and testify in relating to the Nolle prosequi. ...

MR MUTEMBO NCHITO, SC: No my Lords, I have said, this is my witness, I am leading him. I am saying, if any of the members of the Tribunal has a relationship to the terms of reference, that member should not be sitting at the Tribunal. That is my point.

9. That again during the testimony of DW46, Mr Sangwa SC, the Petitioner made an application to lead evidence proving that Justice Ngulube was a consultant for Dr R.L Mahtani on matters that were before the Tribunal regarding the civil and criminal cases and this was the response of the Tribunal at pages Pages 1274 lines 22 to 1275 of Volume IV the Bundle of Documents, the following exchanges were had:

Q: So in this particular matter, you worked with Mr. Mundashi and that is also the position is it not in relation to the Finsbury matter?

A: Yes, that is correct my Lord.
Q: We will be coming to the Finsbury matter when I deal with ground 4. But would I be right to say then that you were consulting Mr. Mundashi quite a lot on these matters.

Q: Not consulting we were co-counsel in this matter.

Q: You had extensive exchanges?

A: Yes My Lord.

Q: So he would be as knowledgeable of these facts as you are?

A: Yes My Lord.

Q: What about His Lordship Mr. Justice Ngulube did you consult him?

CHAIRPERSON: Look, why do

Further affidavit in support of ex-parte summons for leave to issue summon for the attendence of witnesses

you want to involve a member of the court? Look we have made a ruling already and we are not going to allow that to continue.

Mr. Mutembo Nchito SC: But My Lords, maybe let me see you in chambers so that we don't go on record. May I ask?

CHAIRPERSON: I have said before that all irrelevant matters even if they are on record, they will have to be expunged.

CHAIRPERSON: yes, you can make your application.

MR MUTEMBO NCHITO SC: My application My Lord is to lead evidence that demonstrates that His Lordship Mr. Justice Ngulube had participated in giving advise in a matter that touches on terms of reference that this Tribunal is currently constituted to investigate. I would like to lead evidence to demonstrate that His Lordship Mr. Justice Ngulube is closely connected to as a legal consultant to the Mahtani Group of Companies and Dr. Rahjan Mahtani, a person who is mentioned prominently in the terms of reference to the extent that he maintains or has maintained in the past an office at Finance House and drives a motor vehicle owned by Dr. Rahjan Mathani, Range Rover ABR 3600. I would like to bring that evidence because in my humble view, a person sitting in the position that His Lordship now sits on should have no more knowledge of the matter before him except the evidence and the documents which are brought before him.

If he has other knowledge, at the very least, that knowledge should be declared for the parties to take it into account. And if we take Section 6 (2) (A) of the Code of Conduct for Judicial Officers Act Number 134 of 1999.

At pages Page 1282 – 1283, the following exchanges were also then had:

MR MUTEMBO NCHITO SC: Then you may rule My Lord.
MR JUSTICE M. NGULUBE: I should not be seen to participate, how my good relations with Dr. Mahtani, Mahtani Group and his lawyers, shows that I am biased...

CHAIRPERSON: It is not necessary to go into that. The Application is refused.

10. That it is also my intention in relation to Justice Ngulube, to raise questions about his untimely departure from the high office of Chief Justice which came on the back of my exposure as Defence Counsel in the matter of the now infamous Zamtrop Account, where he received illicit payments. This has left me apprehensive as to whether he was able to hear me and participate in the Tribunal dispassionately.

11. That at the time of the exposure of the Zamtrop Account and the suspicious payments to Justice Ngulube as a sitting Chief Justice of the Republic, I had the displeasure of having to confront him in his office with these illicit payments and inform him that

the payments he received would be made public.

12. That after my uncomfortable encounter with the then Chief Justice Ngulube in his office, I later received a call from the then President His Excellence Levy Patrick Mwanawasa SC, who asked me if anything could be done to help the Chief Justice regarding the payments he had received and the case I was conducting in the Subordinate Court; I told the President that I did not think that anything could be done.

13. That the President then asked me to go and tell the Chief Justice Mr M. Ngulube that, nothing could be done on the request he had made to the President.

14. That I found myself in the uncomfortable position of having to go back to Justice Ngulube's office as requested by the President, to tell him that the President said that there was nothing he could do for him on the request he had made.

15. That it was after those events that Justice Ngulube was forced to resign his high post of Chief Justice, following the public outcry that followed the exposure of his irregular receipt of payments from the Zamtrop Account.

16. That this is the reason I would never expect Justice Ngulube to treat me fairly as I exposed the account and the payments that led to his fall from grace.

17. That in relation to Justice Sakala, he like Justice Ngulube was conflicted and should never have accepted the appointment to the Mutembo Nchito SC Tribunal after reviewing the Terms of Reference. That one of the Terms of Reference the Tribunal had to deal with was the allegation that I walked out of Justice Mutuna's Court in the case of Development Bank of Zambia Vs JCN Holdings Limited, The Post Newspapers Limited and Mutembo Nchito notwithstanding that I had sought leave to be excused. There is now produced and shown to me marked "MN1" the proceedings before Justice Mutuna.

18. That the day on which I was alleged to have walked out of court was 26th March, 2012. On that day I and other Defendants in that action had complained to the Minister of Justice against the conduct of several judges in relation to the matter because of the apparent Perversion of Justice that resulted in our case being unlawfully taken away from Mr Justice Albert Mark Wood and irregularly allocated to Mr Justice Mutuna. On the morning that I asked to be excused from the proceedings, we had submitted a letter with an extensive analysis of what appeared to be underhanded ways in which multiple Judges were involved in the case. One of the Judges we complained about was Mr. Justice Ernest Sakala, who was later to sit



on the Mutembo Nchito SC Tribunal in 2015, to determine a question arising of the case of Development Bank of Zambia vs JCN Holdings Limited, The Post Newspapers Limited and Mutembo Nchito, a matter in relation to which we complained about him in 2012.

19. That I reproduce below an excerpt from the letter of 26 March 2012, which shows our complaint against Justice Sakala's conduct in this matter in 2012.

"Adding to the confusion, the Chief Justice [Sakala] introduces very embarrassing contradictions which give the distinct impression that there is a conspiracy to pervert the course of Justice. Justice Sakala says that Judge Wood does not dispute his relationship with Mr. M'membe as disclosed in the memoranda of Hon Justices Musonda and Kajimanga. Firstly, Judge Musonda does not talk about a relationship between Judge Wood and Mr. Fred M'membe. Which memorandum from Judge Musonda is the Chief Justice talking about? Is the Chief Justice holding back information that might help your office to deal with this matter?"

Secondly, from your brief, it is also very clear that Judge Wood categorically denied the allegations made against him. Why then is the Chief Justice making an assertion that is wrong on its face? How can he say Judge Wood does not deny his relationship with Mr. M'membe when Judge Wood does so in his letter?

To add to the confusion the Chief Justice seems to have misled or participated in misleading the complaining parties as we shall demonstrate below.

After the files subject of our complaints were taken away from Judge Wood, counsel for Finsbury Investments wrote to the Chief Justice on 3 November 2011 raising various concerns. The Chief Justice wrote back on 23 November stating that he had investigated the complaint and ascertained the circumstances that led Judge Wood to send back the case record for re-allocation. The Chief Justice stated that, according to Judge Kajimanga, Judge Wood had recused himself because he was a friend of a friend of one of the parties! This may sound like

a tale we made, but the Chief Justice wrote in those terms. A copy of that correspondence is enclosed for your information.

That said, and from the brief you gave us what the Chief Justice should have disclosed in his later of 23rd November 2011 but did not, was the fact that he had a memorandum from Judge Wood that gave his (Wood J's) version of events. Indeed, Judge Wood paints a very different picture. The Chief Justice knew or at least ought to have known that what Judge Wood had to say in his memorandum to the Chief Justice was central to the complaint. There is no doubt that this amounts to concealment of relevant information from persons who ought to have received it.

In brief, Judge Wood states, in regard to the Finsbury matter, that he received a telephone call from the Deputy Judge in Charge who INSTRUCTED him (Wood J) to recuse himself on the grounds that the defendants (The Ventriglias) were losing their applications and that he (Wood J) was perceived as being a member of the Opposition Party, the Patriotic Front (PF). Judge Wood also told the Chief Justice that Judge Kajimanga, the Deputy Judge in Charge instructed him to recuse himself from cause No. 2009/HPC/322; Development Bank of Zambia Vs JCN Holdings Limited, The Post Newspapers Limited and Mutembo Nchito. Judge Wood was instructed to recuse himself because, according to Judge Kajimanga, one of the parties was a friend to Judge Wood and that he (Wood J) was delaying the matter. Judge Wood says he did not agree with these allegations but he recused himself.

When the Chief Justice was responding to the letter of complaint from the Advocates for Finsbury Investments, he had in his possession Judge Wood's memorandum which at the very least showed unlawful interference in the work of a Judge or in the worst case scenario demonstrated a conspiracy to pervert the course of Justice contrary to section 112(1)(a) of the Penal Code chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. Although he had this information the Chief Justice chose to suppress it.

In similar fashion, when our

firm complained to the chief Justice on 10 February 2012, he (Chief Justice) caused the Acting Deputy Chief Justice, Honourable Mr. Justice Dennis Chirwa to write to us. Justice Chirwa stated that an investigation had been done and that the matter complained about had been reallocated and nothing could be done. Justice Chirwa wrote that it was not clear why Judge Wood had recused himself, or that he had in fact done so. This was at a time when the Judiciary had Judge Wood's incriminating memorandum. The question that bothers us is this; did the Chief Justice make that memorandum available to Justice Chirwa? When we sent our complaint did the Chief Justice investigate the matter as is contained in the letter of Judge Chirwa? Why didn't judge Chirwa speak to Judge Wood about these matters? (All he says in his letter is that he spoke to Judge Kajimanga). If an investigation was done, surely all this would have come to light. Were there Chinese walls in the manner in which the complaints were being dealt with? Why should the Judiciary choose to conceal what Judge Wood had to say on countless occasions? The questions, Sir, abound.

Honourable Minister, the inconsistencies that are coming from the Judiciary and the attempts to cover up what actually transpired demonstrates that the matter requires an inquiry urgently. Our clients should not be expected to have their matters adjudicated in an environment where Judges can be interfered with without consequence..."

20. That it is my intention to elicit evidence from Justice Sakala that confirms that he was involved in matters surrounding this Term of Reference, which will go to prove my complaint on bias and/or conflict of interest under paragraph 31 (iv) of my petition that he should never have been involved in the Tribunal. There is now produced and shown to me marked "MN2" a full copy of the letter of complaint.

21. I depose to the facts herein verily believing the same to be true to the best of my knowledge.

Sworn at Lusaka by the said MUTEMBO NCHITO, SC.

Since he was elected president of the Economics Association of Zambia (EAZ), Dr Lubinda Haabazoka has taken quite a bashing from some of his fellow economists, opposition political figures and, of course, some sections of the public. These people have argued that something has changed in the man's tone when debating national issues. They are wondering whether he has been bought by the ruling elites, or he has aimlessly strayed from his famously-known calling.

So, when we invited him to take part in a public discussion forum on donor aid accountability in Zambia last Wednesday, the EAZ president used the platform to hit back at his malicious critics.

"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. 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," said the EAZ president at the interactive event on Wednesday last week where he also outlined his personal achievements.

Indeed, there is no lie in what Dr Haabazoka claimed to have achieved. He is truly an accomplished intellectual. As a newspaper, we don't think that his kilos are as a result of any good food from State House or money from any PF structures. We know he has worked so hard in life for everything that he has.

This is not any other academician. Before moving to the University of Zambia,

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If he's eating with both hands, Haabazoka will soon get constipated

he previously lectured at the Copperbelt University and held the position of senior lecturer in economics, banking and finance in the School of Business. He was also Head of Accounting and Finance Department.

He has conducted several research projects, some of which include; a study on capital market developments in Zambia; The National Economic Advisory Council commissioned study on Youth Employment Creation in Zambia; The National Economic Advisory Council Study on Railway Industry Developments in Zambia; Effects of Fuel Subsidy Removal; Role of Banking Sector Economic Development and Diversifying the Copperbelt Economy. He has authored four academic books and more than 12 academic research papers. You don't get this far in life overnight. It calls for a lot of determination and personal sacrifice.

But one thing we have come to learn about society is that academic accomplishments do not directly translate into moral uprightness. Morality is not taught in school; you develop it as you grow while being nurtured through life by the people around you. We do not believe that the richest or the most educated people are the most morally disciplined, and neither can we say the most illiterate or the poorest citizens are the worst in morality.

We have seen very poor people stick to their principals. Once they believe in a cause, they stick to it for life. A morally disciplined man or woman will proudly tell you that, "I would rather die standing than survive on my knees." That's how much they enjoy the struggle. It has nothing to do with how far they went in their education. In the same vein, educated and rich people who are morally disciplined cannot attribute their characteristic to wealth.

When you take away their money and property, they will adjust their status in society, but stick to their cause.

We would like to help learned Dr Haabazoka understand that if his public image gets damaged, no matter how much he tries to defend himself from malicious political attacks using his life achievements, he will not succeed in laundering his name. People who are accusing him of being compromised are not looking at his social status; they are listening to the words that are coming out of his mouth. Words define personality traits.

Dr Haabazoka is occupying a very high office in our land and we believe that he earned the position because of his personal background and the cause that he had been fighting for all his life. It was, therefore, extremely important for him before taking up the position to first ask himself if the job requirements were going to

fit into his life profile without compromising his principles. He should not say, "If I did not have this position I would have been speaking differently," that means he is trying to change himself to fit in the job, instead of changing the direction of EAZ to suit what he believes in as a principled leader.

But now that he is there and performing the functions of EAZ president, it is time for him to receive feedback. Citizens have the right and they will judge him (not EAZ) based on the position he takes on national matters. If Dr Haabazoka hears more negative feedback than he expected about how he is running the Association, it is a sign that he made a wrong judgment. It's an indication that he is not saying what the public expected to hear from him on topical subjects. If government oversight institutions confirm that donor money was misapplied and government admits it, but

the EAZ president says, 'he doesn't know if that is true,' people have the right to raise their eyebrows.

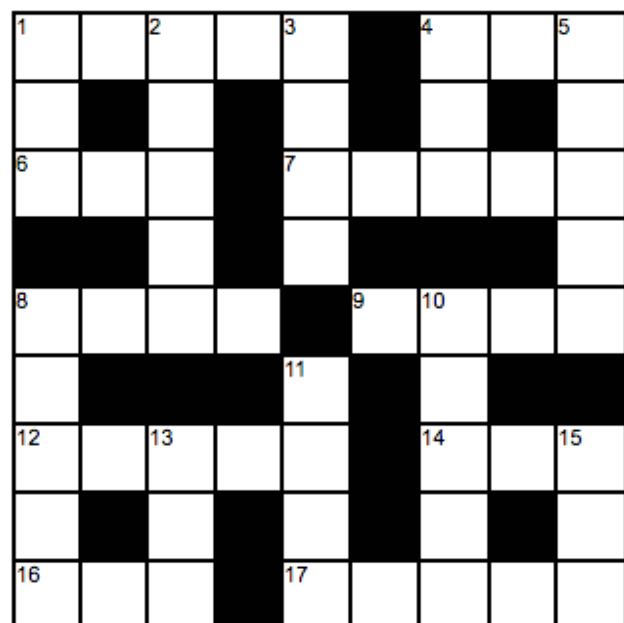
What that means is that, it is either citizens did not know Dr Haabazoka well or he had been giving people a wrong impression about what he stands for. So, as he gets disappointed with people who are not appreciating his new position, he must also allow them to show their disappointment in him for giving out a false impression about himself.

When people are accusing him of being compromised by the ruling party, he should not get angry. Hitting back is a waste of time because he will end up being the unreasonable man. Instead, he must check his morality gauge and see if it has gone empty or it is still full. It is not what people are saying that should worry our learned doctor, but what goes into his stomach when no one is looking.

It is easy for Dr Haabazoka to defend himself by claiming that he has not received any phone calls from State House or, indeed, the PF leadership, asking him to help launder the ruling party. In fact, no one may ever have evidence to prove that. But the learned doctor knows the truth. If his moral compass has not lost direction, he has nothing to worry about. He must sleep in peace and wake up with joy to do his job, while critics chock with envy.

But if Dr Haabazoka has secretly sold his voice in order to eat with both hands, from the voiceless and from the corrupt rich, he will soon get constipated. Sadly, constipation is always resolved with a smelly solution and people will eventually smell the truth.

Crossword puzzle 203



"The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently."
- Friedrich Nietzsche

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Salad dressing choice | 1. Plunder |
| 4. Vase | 2. Drifter |
| 6. Loafer | 3. Not soft |
| 7. Prepared | 4. Mex. neighbor |
| 8. Programmer's output | 5. Timberlake's old band |
| 9. Long grand story | 8. Hoot and holler |
| 12. Unearthly | 10. Orchard fruit |
| 14. Mountain peak | 11. Relax |
| 16. Brink | 13. Grog ingredient |
| 17. Special snack | 15. Poker prize |

Solutions to puzzle 202



Reader's feedback

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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Wynter's argument that the West using intellectuals in anti-Chinese crusade

Editor,
"Kabimba, that's naivety!!! Prof Lumumba is known to be an anti-corruption crusader! It just so happens that Chinese are caught up in the web...So, if Zambian authorities get a loan from IMF and fail to implement the project & can't account for the

loan, should that be the reason for govt to look to China?" - Robby LM

"Lumumba is not against the Chinese, but the way African leaders handle their countries' affairs. Very misguided on this one, Ba Wynter." - Maruza Kaputula

"And our government leaders are using China to loot our coffers so which is better?" - Chanda Marcus

"Kabimba is influenced by the Chinese, thus, he is defending. Maybe he is also funded." - Nchimunya Simwendengwe

"Information is what is lacking to base our fears on Zambia. If the government made info available on the debt the country owes China and other countries the story would be different because people would be informed before they could think to fear or not about China taking over Zambia. The President and government have decided to be arrogant and keep Zambians ignorant about the state/public coffers and that is fuelling anxiety among the people." - Mary Mules

"Very true, Professor Lumumba is a slave of the West using him to fight and discredit China for their interest in Africa..." - Ronald Kampolwa

"To some extent, Wynter is right. We, the African people, should be careful with this anti-China propaganda being championed by Western organizations just the same way we need to be careful with emerging Chinese influence." - Chilufya Mulenga

"One thing I like about Mr Kabimba is that he is never swayed by public dissent and play to the gallery and try to gain political mileage. He analyses issues professionally and give an intellectual response." - Mazabuka Mwanakalando



UNZA student's death after police burnt down hostel

Dear Editor,
"Too sad a life has been lost. I always wonder why police don't just stay at the roadside and keep vigil from there. Students are not a threat to any university property so keeping them off the road is all it takes to stop a riot. Police just worsen the situation each time they enter campus because there are many students with no intention of taking part in these demonstrations, and so was this innocent girl that has lost her life. It all comes down to poor handling of these situations by police." - Eng Chitundu Mwila

"Well-articulated, Mukosha Funga. This is exactly what transpired, unlike the reports

from other media houses...
#Frustrated UNZA student. The police are supposed to act in a professional manner unlike what transpired yester night." - Gubula Lumumba Simweene

"Too bad that a life can be lost just like that. Maybe she was not even part of the people who were protesting. MHSRIP." - Agrey Siyunda

"Sad news. MHSRIP. Why do police behave unprofessionally?" - Evaristo Mwalusoke

"Now I agree with Chishimba Kambwili. He said the Ministry of Home Affairs should be run by persons with legal and security knowledge." - Sonny Samuneti

Maggie's projection that debt repayment may go as far as 2038

Editor,

"Our children's future has been completely destroyed. A good parent leaves a good inheritance for his children. Is this really a good inheritance for our future leaders (children) that they will leave with them? Cry my beloved country, Zambia." - Paul W. Banda

"I will be just paying debt until I am old. Cry my former beloved country called Zambia." - Young Ha Hamid

"This is a very fat lie. At the current rate of borrowing that our PF government is going, we will be held in financial slavery forever!" - Daniel Njolomba

"No wonder they are still borrowing, knowing that it'll not be up to them to pay.... 2038!!!!!!!" - Pious Emmanuel Sungah

"For as long as we borrow, we are in it for a long time; way beyond 2038." - Alexander Nkosi

"2038, only debts already borrowed, taking it that we may still need to borrow..." - Mubita Muimui

"Can't these commercial banks also start giving loans to be repaid in 30/40 years? I am guessing by then, I will be no more!" - Happy Chimwemwe

Aid poured into disaster-ravaged Palu on Sunday after days of delays as efforts ramped up to reach 200,000 people in desperate need following a deadly quake-tsunami in the Indonesian city.

Planeloads of food, clean water and other essentials were landing with increasing frequency at Palu on Sulawesi island, where a powerful earthquake and a wall of water levelled parts of the region and killed at least 1,763 people, officials said Sunday.

Looters ransacked shops in the aftermath of the disaster more than a week ago, as food and water ran dry and convoys bringing life-saving relief were slow to arrive.

But the trickle of international aid to Palu and local efforts to help the survivors have accelerated in recent days.

Daisy chains of troops unloaded supplies directly onto trucks for distribution to villages around Palu or helicopters for delivery further afield.

More than 82,000 military and civilian personnel, as well as volunteers, have descended on the devastated city while Indonesian army choppers are running missions to deliver supplies to remote parts of the region that were previously blocked off by the disaster.

"They are in great need because the road is cut off and it's accessible only by air", Second Lieutenant Reinaldo Apri told AFP after piloting a chopper to rugged Lindu district, some 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Palu.

Tonnes of donations from Australia and the United States reached Palu on Sunday morning aboard Hercules military aircraft. A plane chartered by Save the Children also landed with emergency shelter and water purification kits as did another carrying a medical team from South Africa.

Teams of Indonesian Red Cross workers set up warehouses and fanned out to distribute supplies across the region, where the double-punch

Aid pours into Indonesian city stricken by quake-tsunami

disaster reduced entire neighbourhoods to rubble. But relief workers face a monumental task ahead.

Getting vital supplies to affected areas has proved hugely challenging, with only a limited number of flights able to land at Palu's small airport, forcing aid workers to take gruelling overland journeys.

The tens of thousands left homeless by the disaster are scattered across Palu and beyond, many squatting outside their ruined homes or bunkered down in makeshift camps and entirely dependent on handouts to survive.

"There is nowhere else to get food, nowhere is open," said 18-year-old Sela Fauziah in Palu's central market, where she queued with hundreds for essential food items being distributed by soldiers.

Things are even more desperate in remoter areas. As a helicopter touched down the jungle-covered mountains and ravines of Lindu, villagers rushed to grab boxes of noodles and bags of rice and oil.

The few minutes on the ground was enough time for Simsom Mudju, 49, to jump aboard with his young son, tasked with telling the outside world about the marooned community's plight.

"I am coming to Palu to report that we need tents, because 95 percent of our village has been destroyed," he said.

In difficult terrain outside Palu, chopper pilots can only land in villages with football fields and must compete with strong winds and rain, Apri said.

Hospitals are still overstretched and short on staff and bare essentials.

"At the moment we still

have medicine, but we really need drinking water for the patients and paramedics,"

doctor Achmad Yudha, from Anutapura Hospital in Palu, told AFP.

Medical teams have not even reached some of the hardest-hit far-flung

villages, despite more than a week lapsing since the quake. *AFP*



Indonesian army choppers are running missions to deliver supplies to remote parts of the region. *AFP*

At least 11 dead in Haiti earthquake: govt spokesman

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck just off the northwest coast of Haiti late Saturday, killing at least 11 people and causing damage to buildings in the Caribbean nation, authorities said.

The epicenter of the quake was located about

19 kilometers (12 miles) northwest of the city of Port-de-Paix, the US Geological Survey reported.

Government spokesman Eddy Jackson Alexis told AFP that 11 people were so far reported dead, adding that a disaster response

task force had been set up. The quake struck at 8:10 pm (0010 GMT Sunday) at a shallow depth of 11.7 kilometers.

The tremor was felt in the capital Port-de-Prince, sparking emotion among residents still shell-shocked from the massive 2010

earthquake that left at least 200,000 people dead and 300,000 more wounded.

President Jovenel Moise took to Twitter to urge Haitians to "remain calm," and said local and regional authorities were assisting those in need.

"The injured are being treated at area hospitals," Haiti's civil protection agency said late Saturday, noting that some of the injuries were sustained when people panicked after the quake.

Images of damaged homes and partially destroyed buildings were circulating on social media, but AFP was not immediately able to confirm their authenticity. Haiti's Nord-Ouest department is the poorest part of the impoverished country, with many isolated areas due to the dire state of the roads. Port-de-Paix is the capital of the department. *AFP*

China's Central Bank to cut reserve requirement ratio for fourth time

China's central bank announced Sunday it would reduce the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) for most banks by one percentage point, the fourth time this year the country has sought to free up credit for businesses as they face down \$250 billion in US tariffs.

The move to cut the amount of cash which most commercial and foreign banks must hold in reserve, to repay loans obtained via the central bank's medium-term lending facility, will take effect on October 15.

The decision is intended to "further encourage the stable development of the real economy, optimise the liquidity structure of commercial banks and financial markets, lower financing costs, and to continue increasing the financial systems' efforts to support small businesses, private enterprise and innovation," the People's Bank of China said in a statement.

The move will be used to pay down 450 billion yuan (\$65.6 billion) of medium-term lending facilities, it said, adding that it could also free

up another 750 billion yuan in funds.

The move is not expected to put depreciatory pressure on the yuan, the statement said, adding that the bank would continue to maintain a "prudent and neutral" monetary policy.

It is the fourth such move this year, as China seeks to blunt the economic impact US President Donald Trump's imposition of \$250 billion dollars of Chinese goods, roughly half of country's exports to the US. *AFP*

Conor McGregor was beaten on his UFC return by Khabib Nurmagomedov, but the Russian was involved in a huge post-fight melee that overshadowed the victory. McGregor was making his comeback to mixed martial arts after a near two-year hiatus but the former two-weight champion submitted to his rival's rear-naked choke midway through the fourth round in Las Vegas.

Nurmagomedov retains his lightweight title but then threw his gumshield, mounted the cage and looked to attack someone from McGregor's team.

A prone McGregor, still sitting on the floor after his defeat, was apparently attacked by someone from Nurmagomedov's camp as the bad blood that has been building up ahead of this fight came to a head. UFC boss Dana White later confirmed that three members of Nurmagomedov's support team were briefly detained by police but were released soon afterwards when McGregor said he would not press charges, according to White.

Nurmagomedov took one question at his press conference, and he

Conor McGregor beaten by Khabib Nurmagomedov as melee breaks out after fight

apologised to the Nevada State Athletic Commission and Las Vegas.

However, he spoke of his disdain for McGregor's behaviour leading up to the fight - including his

notorious 'bus attack' in April.

Nurmagomedov said: "I don't understand how people can talk about how I jump on the cage. He talked about my religion,

he talked about my country, he talked about my father.

"He came to Brooklyn and he broke a bus, he almost killed a couple of people. What about this s***?"

Nurmagomedov also told reporters that Russian President Vladimir Putin had called to congratulate him on the win.

The UFC lightweight champion had McGregor

on the ground less than a minute into the opening round and kept the Irish fighter on his back for much of the fight.

McGregor managed to stay on his feet for most of the third round, but could not hurt Nurmagomedov, before tapping out in the next.

After the melee, McGregor eventually departed in a huddle of security personnel, while Nurmagomedov was also hustled out as the crowd jeered and threw drinks at him.

White refused to hand Nurmagomedov his belt, saying he feared it would further inflame the crowd. "If I put this belt on you, everyone's going to start throwing s*** into the Octagon," he told Nurmagomedov.

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Khabib Nurmagomedov gets Conor McGregor in a choke hold to end the fight



Cristiano Ronaldo shrugged damaging rape claims to score for Juventus as the Italian champions beat Udinese 2-0 to stretch their lead at the top of Serie A on Saturday.

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Sarri's Barkley call rewarded as Chelsea beat Southampton

Maurizio Sarri has got little wrong in the three months since he was appointed Chelsea head coach and the Italian was in credit again after starting Ross Barkley in a 3-0 Premier League victory at Southampton on Sunday.

Barkley has operated largely as understudy to Mateo Kovacic in recent weeks but, having been selected ahead of the

on-loan Real Madrid man, the England international responded by setting up Eden Hazard's 30th-minute opening goal before adding the second -- his first for the club -- just before the hour.

Alvaro Morata came off the bench to complete the win at St Mary's in added time.

Hazard's goal was his eighth of the season, seven of which

have come in Chelsea's opening eight Premier League games, and continued his outstanding form since Sarri succeeded Antonio Conte as Blues boss in July.

But Barkley's performance was also a major factor in Chelsea's victory that ensured they maintained the pressure at the top of the Premier League immediately before fellow title-contenders Liverpool and Manchester City met at Anfield later Sunday.

This was only Barkley's fifth league start since his £15-million (\$20 million, 17 million euros) transfer from Everton in January, a move that had been put on hold from the previous August while the player continued his recovery from a serious hamstring injury.

But having shown promising signs earlier in the season, the midfielder, who was recalled to the England squad last week, offered compelling evidence at Southampton he is nearing a return to his best.

AFP

Hawks rout Hurricanes

By Alex Chilumbwe

Hawks basketball team recorded a season high of 8 three-pointers in just one quarter as they beat NAPSA Hurricanes 67-47 in week 13 of the Midlands Basketball league at Zamsure Sports Complex on Saturday. An exchange of two shot points and exhilarating drives rocked both sides but only in the first six minutes as Hawks claimed dominance thereafter. Hurricanes had a number of three tries that were not successful and failed to get rebounds while Hawks benefitted from their misses and failure to rebound. Hawks coach Oswald Kalamba seemed on the

ease throughout the game and resounded on his side's victory which he said he had foreseen. "I did not have one doubt they would play well and win. If they had as many chances as NAPSA had, the scoreline would have been different. I may have lost a few players to other clubs but this is still a good team. It is unfortunate they fail to play like this consistently," said Kalamba. And Hurricanes coach Mwape Kansolo noted his players did little defensively, and offensively they made more shooting tries than lay-ups that could have worked better for them. "I kept urging them to attack so that they could continuously get two points and shoot

from the spot but they chose to ignore. It was not a tough game for them but failure to take instructions cost them. Now I know where to touch as we intensify training before our next fixtures," noted Kansolo. Meanwhile, Munali Suns maintained its top spot after thrashing Nishati Denvers 83-60 while Buffaloes punished little ones of the league, Bulldogs Basketball Academy 75-56. In the feminine league, UNZA Honeys held on to its top spot on league standing after beating Nishati Shells 66-35 while NAPSA Breeze beat Hotspurs 60-50. Magic Sparks is second but with a game in hand while Buffaloes are third.

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Premier League champions Manchester City reclaimed top spot in the table thanks to a goalless draw against title rivals Liverpool on Sunday.

LeBron James' old locker now a towel closet after Cavs locker room redesign

LeBron James' departure to the Los Angeles Lakers ensured the removal of a giant Nike banner featuring his likeness, and the Cleveland Cavaliers replaced it with a banner of their own. The Cavs' use of spaces James left behind didn't stop there, though.

After a complete redesign of their locker room in Quicken Loans Arena, James' old stall is now a towel closet, as The Athletic's Joe Vardon pointed out on Twitter on Saturday.

James' old locker isn't the only one to change, however, as Vardon noted that every player's stall is in a different spot.

The Akron native played 11 seasons in two stints with the Cavaliers, bringing the city of Cleveland its first professional sports title since since 1964 when the James-led club came back from a 3-1 deficit against the Golden State Warriors in 2016. **YAHOO**

NAPSA SURVIVES

By Alex Chilumbwe
NAPSA Stars football club is officially out of the relegation zone after beating Kabwe Youth Academy 1-0. Austin Banda delivered an easy goal for the Pensioners in the 7th minute of the first half while Simon Sikombe missed a penalty

after being fouled by Fredrick Mwamanzi inside the box. NAPSA kept creating more chances in the second half but could not yield goals. On record, they created 11 chances and only scored one goal. Meanwhile, KAYSA could only create five chances that did not turn

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out fruitful as NAPSA had a solid block defense that ensured their 7th

minute goal gave them maximum points. Stars coach Muhammad

Fathi could not hide his excitement in officially surviving relegation

while his counterpart Chewe Mulenga gave in to the key that locked



Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey celebrates with teammates after he scored his side's third goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Fulham and Arsenal at Craven Cottage stadium in London.



Alexis Sanchez heads in the winning goal for Manchester United to Erase Two-Goal Deficit To Beat Newcastle in dramatic 3-2 win over Newcastle United. **beinsports**