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*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

Political commentator and PF government sympathiser Chilufya

Tayali yesterday got an ironically rough and painful escort by paramilitary police who rescued

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By Abraham Kalito

Agriculture Minister Michael Katambo says the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) has failed to purchase the targeted 500,000 metric tonnes of maize because farmers have opted to sell their produce to alternative buyers who are offering higher prices.

And Katambo says government has not banned the export of maize, but has instead put an administrative restriction, which will halt the export of maize for a limited period.

Responding to a query from Kalomo Central member of parliament Harry Kamboni, who wanted to know how many metric tonnes of maize the FRA had purchased and whether the agency would meet its target, Katambo said government is monitoring the food security situation, but that the agency would not manage to purchase 500,000 metric tonnes of maize.

"As of 11th October, 2018, the Food Reserve Agency has procured 166,831 metric tonnes of maize. This represents 33.4 per cent of the targeted amount of 500,000 metric tonnes of maize. A comparative assessment of previous seasons' purchases, and this season indicates that, the Food Reserve Agency may not meet the target of 500,000 metric tonnes of maize. Currently, the national strategic food reserves held by the Food Reserve Agency are at 479,727 metric tonnes of maize, which is composed of

# Farmers are shunning FRA in favour of private buyers, says Katambo

this year's purchases and carry-over stocks. The stocks held by the Millers and Grain Traders' [Associations] of the Zambia, National Farmers Union, are estimated at 473,343 metric tonnes. This brings the total in the country's stock to 953,090 metric tonnes. Farmers are also holding on to maize stocks for their own consumption to see them until the next harvest. I urge the farmers not to offload all their stocks to the market. The government, through National Stocks Monitoring Committee, is continuously monitoring the maize stock in the country in order to ensure food security of the nation. Government has restricted the export of maize and mealie-meal," Katambo announced. "Madam Speaker, FRA like I said, may not meet the targeted 500,000 metric tonnes. Madam Speaker, there could be several reasons why the FRA would fail to meet the target. I would cite one or two; the private sector are offering higher prices [of maize] meaning our farmers have opted to go and

sell their maize where they are offering higher prices. And also, holding farmers in expectation of higher prices could also contribute to this effect. Madam Speaker, we are not treading on a dangerous path. It is important to note that, FRA stores maize in strategic reserves for three to four to five years, that is why there is a recommendation of 12.5 moisture content when FRA wants to buy. Madam Speaker, the national and human consumption is estimated at 131,374 metric tonnes, the total maize required for human and industrial [consumption] is also estimated 165,469 metric tonnes." And Katambo added that government has not banned the export of maize, but has instead put an "administrative restriction," which will halt the export of maize for a limited period. "This will talk about feed production for livestock or poultry and other productions that are required in these in our strategic reserves when FRA is selling maize. This maize is for strategic reserves, but for the next six to eight

months from now when we shall have another marketing season, then we shall have sustainability where food consumption is needed. There is no export ban, but only an administrative restriction. Therefore, there is no SI (Statutory Instrument) that has been issued to ban the export of maize and mealie-meal. The country needs to be food secure that's why we have put these administrative restrictions so that we can sustain ourselves and be able to have enough stocks as a country. Madam Speaker, it's a liberalised market. Farmers are able to sell where they can find good market," Katambo narrated. "Others are buying as high as K90 while us, under FRA, we are buying at K70 per 50 kg bag. This has not affected the price of maize, as other stakeholders and commercial private buyers are buying at a higher price. FRA has been restricted to procurement of only 500,000 metric tonnes of maize each season to avoid a crowding out of the private sector. Madam Speaker, the

factor is that the private sector is able to offer a higher price than FRA is, indeed, an indication that the private sector has been stimulated by the restriction of FRA to purchase only 500,000 metric tonnes. This should be noted, Madam Speaker, that there should be some budgetary implications of increasing the FRA price; if it were to be increased, there would be need for a supplementary budget if what has been allocated in the resource envelope in the Yellow Book was to increase the price." Meanwhile, speaking to journalists during a press briefing to coincide with World Food Day, Katambo asked citizens to change their eating habits in order to effectively fight malnutrition and hunger. The Minister also stressed the need for farmers to diversify their crop production so that citizens could have a wider range of food choices. "There is need to promote cassava and all these other types of crops instead of constantly depending on nshima as a staple food. Increase

investment in research and investment into the sector with emphasis on promoting climate resilient crops, which are also beneficial to the community; agriculture mechanisation with an emphasis on the promotion of conservation of agriculture equipment; the promotion of irrigation, especially for emerging and small-holder farmers; the promotion of improved storage of agro-products. This minimises food wastage. Enhancing water resource management and construction of other resilient agriculture infrastructure. Diversified crop production. People should change eating habits," Katambo told journalists at Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka on Tuesday evening. "Let me take this opportunity to recognise the investment by global citizens and Zambia, Civil Society Scaling Up Nutrition and other organisations for the support rendered to our government in promoting food and nutrition security in the country. Our efforts would be futile without your involvement. We look forward to continue our partnership with you to ensure that we fight food insecurity and malnutrition in the promotion of nutrition in Zambia. We should be the global generation that can celebrate defeating hunger and malnutrition together."

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Mkushi Farmers Association has rejected a request from government for financial contributions towards this year's Independence celebrations, saying they have no money to support that cause, and insisting that they would rather spend whatever little they can raise on a local orphanage.

This was in response to a letter dated October 15, from the Mkushi District Commissioner Mwamba who wanted the commercial farmers to help put resources

# Mkushi farmers reject government's plea for financial contributions towards Independence celebrations

together and support the 2018 Independence Day slated for next Wednesday.

In a letter dated October 16, and copied to Central Province Permanent Secretary Chanda Kabwe, the farmers' association chairman Nico Dr Kock pointed to the

biting economy, stressing that he had guided farmers not to feel obligated to make Independence contributions to the government office.

"Thank you for the letters addressed to our various farmers and dated 5th October, 2017, requesting

for support towards this year's Independence Day celebrations. Sadly, our farmers are not in a position to support this event in a large way. Many of them are operating at the brink of their overdraft limits, and they are not sure whether their

banks will be supporting them as we enter into the new season. Several of them are also operating under final demand letters, where the banks are about to foreclose on their operations. We have advised those farmers who are struggling not to feel

that they have to make any donations towards the event," Kock stated in the letter.

He, however, urged those that had the capacity to raise a small donation to instead support the Mkushi Hospital as well as the Maranatha Orphanage.

"For those who have the capacity to raise a small donation, we have recommended that they specifically support the donations to the Mkushi Hospital as well as to the Maranatha Orphanage, as the two sectors specifically link in with our objective to support the health sector as well as the vulnerable in society. With regard to support for the prisons, we have asked our farmers to consider providing support at a later time in the year, and when their budgets might allow, and hopefully once they have undergone their upcoming bank reviews, which will decide their respective fates. Farmers who support local organizations within their respective areas have indicated that they are continuing to help these despite their dire financial conditions (these include local schools and health centres), and we commend them for this, in these trying times. We are also very aware that our struggles are intricately linked to those around us and that as we go through these times, the whole community will also be suffering, and we feel for their plight," he explained.

And Kock stated that it was the association's prayer that farmers' cries to improve the dwindling farming conditions would be heard.

"We continue to hope that our cry for assistance will be heard, as farming (at all levels of the sector) has become increasingly difficult over the past three years. Prices for our produce have been low (even in the face of shortages), expenses have been climbing, and our interest rates continue to remain high. Several farmers are also operating on low water capacity due to regional drought, which has left some dams low on water. We hope you understand our predicament. As an association, we have provided developmental support to the new Mkushi Hospital this year, and we also participated in a big way in the [Central Province] Investment Forum and Expo, in the hope that it might help to improve the sector for all those who reside here, as our supporting businesses are also finding the economic climate challenging," stated Kock.



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*President Lungu's political adviser Kaizer Zulu parties with South Africa's elite*



By Mukosha Funga

Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili says he never fights back whenever he is attacked by his fellow members of parliament because he thinks fighting is for lunatics. On Tuesday, Kambwili this evening got yet another beating ordeal in Parliament, this time from Presidential Affairs Minister Freedom Sikazwe after he called him a witch. The incident happened when Kambwili was debating the 2019 budget and Sikazwe kept interrupting with running commentaries. It took a horde of other MPs to restrain Sikazwe who reached out for Kambwili's throat while throwing punches in the Chamber. "I was debating about debt, but Sikazwe kept on interrupting with running commentaries. He was shouting at 'uwe ikalafye (just sit down) you were part of the decision. He was saying 'just sit down that's rubbish debate'. Then I said Mr Speaker don't worry about Honourable Sikazwe, he was supposed to be a witchdoctor at some village, so that's why he is making noise," Kambwili narrated. "After I said that, that's when he followed me right in the House and started saying ndekuponona ine, ndaponona ine (I will beat you, me I beat). So he held me by the neck and threw a punch. Then the Parliament security and

# My strength is in the mouth, not punches, admits Kambwili

other MPs came to take him away. After business was suspended, just after the national anthem as the Speaker was walking out, he came for me. Even when I walked outside parliament, he followed me again and he started attacking me." When contacted, Sikazwe said Kambwili deserved it. "If he is claiming that he was punched, then he deserves it. But people were there, you can ask them. I

would have punched him but I was restrained by the people. I didn't follow him in the car park, I found him on the Roadside and he was waving at me when I was driving out," he said. Asked what made him angry to attack his fellow lawmaker, Sikazwe said he got annoyed because Kambwili called him a witch," he said. "It was the usual debate, he was debating and in

his debate, he was alleging that this government, whatever money they are getting, they are getting the money 'question!' that is what followed, where we said 'question'. And his comment now was that 'people who are saying question, like this one seated here Honourable Sikazwe is a witch. And that's what annoyed me. You can go and get the verbatim from parliament,

that made me annoyed." Asked if he was going to punch him if there were no people to restrain him, Sikazwe said he was going to punch Kambwili hard because he is a stupid man. "Yes I would have punched him seriously because he is very stupid," said Sikazwe. And reacting to Sikazwe's admittance, Kambwili said, "It just shows you the kind go leader that he is. You see, leadership is about

controlling your emotions and accommodating the views of others. And by and large, if somebody says you are a witchdoctor and you are not a witchdoctor, why should you get upset? What I know is that people get upset when they are told the truth." Asked why he never retaliated whenever he was attacked, Kambwili said he would not fall into the PF's trap. "For me, I know that I am in a very weaker position. If I hit back, the strides will turn against me. They want to provoke me so that probably I can hit one of them back and they say 'assault' and they will blow it out of proportion but I am way ahead of them, I know their thinking and I would not play in their hands. Like I said yesterday, I will not take any action, Parliament has got CCTV, they watched obviously and surely, if parliament wants to take action, they should not wait for me to complain. The man committed an offense which he has accepted in the newspaper," Kambwili said. Asked if he was physically strong enough to take on any PF member, Kambwili said he was not a violent man and his strength was in his mouth. "I am just a gentleman, I don't fight. For me, I talk policy and issues. My strength is in the mouth, not physical because people who go physical are abnormal. I mean, at our age fighting? What are we teaching the young ones? It is not a weakness but it is a mark of leadership," said Kambwili. "I am neither a physical giant nor a weak giant. I don't even know when last I fought so I don't know if I can win a fight or lose a fight. It is not my preoccupation to fight so to talk about either win or lose, it is a waste of time because I will never fight. It has never been my nature. I have been married to my wife for 25 years, I have never beaten her, not even a slap, you can ask by beautiful wife Carol, I am a gentleman, I believe in talking. So for those who want to go physical, to me they are lunatics. That's failing to reason.



Chilanga MP Maria Langa donates assorted cleaning materials to Chilanga Hospice

By Zondiwe Mbeve

Police in Eastern Province have arrested a 31-year-old woman of Nthambo village for allegedly murdering a 29-year-old man using a hoe handle after the two picked up a quarrel following a love proposal from the deceased. And police in Petauke District have arrested three Zimbabwean nationals from Bulawayo and a Zambian for theft of cash from motor vehicles. Meanwhile, a 35-year-old woman of Mukwalala village in Western Province was on Monday morning murdered by her brother-in-law using a pounding stick. Deputy police spokesperson Rae Hamoonga, who confirmed the separate incidents in a statement, Tuesday, stated that police in Eastern Province had arrested a 31-year-old woman of Nthambo village for allegedly murdering a 29-year-old man using a hoe handle. He disclosed that the murder allegedly occurred after the two picked up a quarrel when the deceased proposed love to her, but she turned him down.

## Nthambo woman murders man after denying his love proposal

"Police in Eastern Province have arrested Rebecca Daka, aged 31, of Nthambo village, Chief Ndake of Nyimba District for the offence of murder. Rebecca Daka is alleged to have murdered Christopher Zulu, aged 29, of the same address. This occurred on October 14, 2018, at around 20:00hours. A hoe handle is believed to have been used during the act; this was after the two picked up a quarrel when the deceased proposed love to the assailant who turned down the proposal. The body of the deceased is lying in Nyimba District Hospital awaiting post-mortem," Hamoonga stated. And he added that police in Petauke District arrested three Zimbabwean nationals from Bulawayo and a Zambian for theft of cash from motor vehicles.

He revealed that the suspects were allegedly targeting people withdrawing large sums of money from Barclays Bank, Petauke. "Meanwhile, Police in Petauke District have arrested three Zimbabwean Nationals from Bulawayo namely: William aged 38, Linas Chuma, aged 32; Pengosi Chuma, aged 37, and a Zambian, Thomas Mafuta, aged 38, of Kabwata in Lusaka, for the offence of theft of cash from motor vehicles. This occurred on different dates between March, 2018, and September 4, 2018, in Petauke District, Eastern Province. Brief facts of the case are that the suspects are alleged to have been targeting people withdrawing large sums of money from Barclays Bank, Petauke," he added. "The latest theft of K40,000 from a motor vehicle for Wilson Tembo of Njati

area in Petauke. This is the case that led to the arrest of the four suspects after the motor vehicle they used was identified as a Toyota Allion Registration number, BAD 9110. The suspects were found with sophisticated implements, which they have been using to unlock the motor vehicles. Investigations in the matter are ongoing and the suspects will appear in court soon." He appealed to members of the public to desist from moving around with huge sums of money, but rather use the various electronic banking services as much as possible to transact. Meanwhile, a 35-year-old woman, Nomai Ngango, was allegedly murdered by her brother-in-law on Monday around 01:00 hours and sustained two deep cuts on her head.

Hamoonga stated that her body was currently lying in Kalabo District Hospital Mortuary awaiting post-mortem. "Police in Western Province received a report of murder in which female, Sikapo Mbechi, aged 60, of Mukwalala village, Chief Namakayo, reported that her daughter Nomai Ngango aged 35 of the same address was murdered by her brother in law, Mwangi Mwiinga whose age is unknown. This happened on October 15, 2018, at about 01:00hours," stated Hamoonga. "Brief facts of the case are that, the victim sustained two deep cuts on the head, and a pounding stick is alleged to have been used. The body of the deceased is lying in Kalabo District Hospital Mortuary awaiting post-mortem. Investigations in the matter have been instituted."

By Joseph Mwenya in  
Kabwe

American Ambassador to Zambia Daniel Foote says the Zambians government has been carrying out a number of financial transactions in the recent past which lack transparency, adding that should the American government discover that its donor aid to Zambia is also being misappropriated, hard action will be taken without hesitation.

And Ambassador Foote says he has tried to tell President Edgar Lungu and UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema to sit and have a conversation on how they can united Zambia which is politically divided, but he has not succeeded.

Meanwhile, the US envoy used his courtesy call on Kabwe Diocese Bishop Clement Mulenga to share his upbringing as a naughty child from upstate New York, and how he doesn't like to be treated like such a big deal because of his revered diplomatic title.

And Speaking at Mulungushi University when he gave a public lecture to students on, "Harnessing the Constructive Energy of Zambia's Youth: Issues, Possibilities and challenges", Foote said the Zambian government has been making financial transactions that lack transparency.

"One thing that I would like Zambia do, is to be more transparent in its financial transactions. You can go on our websites and find out where every dollar of US assistance comes from and goes to. In recent years, Zambia has made a lot of financial transactions with private and public sector actors; and I think, it would be in the people's best interests and Zambia's markets' best interest to be fully transparent about where this money has come from; where it needs to be repaid and where it's going," Ambassador Foote said.

He said corruption was a drain on government coffers and robbed the people of the much needed services.

"Corruption robs the people most in need of government services of those services by having

# America will not tolerate theft of its donor aid, warns Ambassador Foote

corrupt individuals in institutions who self-enrich themselves. It promotes crime, violence and instability," he said.

And responding to a question raised during the question and answer segment on the US government's position on donor funds that have been misappropriated, the US envoy said the US government was still assessing the situation but warned that the American government would not hesitate to take stern action if it learns of funds being misappropriated in the projects it is supporting.

"The US support to Zambia alone is in excess of US\$400 million per year. We on a regular basis take a hard look at all our programmes; and any management controls and vulnerabilities that we may have across Zambia. But at this point we have not decided to freeze aid to Zambia, nor is it on my immediate windshield to freeze aid to Zambia. Now that having been said, if we find that US money is being misappropriated, then we will have to take a hard stance on our aid to Zambia," Ambassador Foote said.

During a meeting at Bishop Mulenga's office in Kabwe earlier yesterday, Ambassador Foote said he was brought up by Christian parents who sent him to a sister's convent for moulding whenever he became naughty at home.

"My aunt was a sister of the Franciscan Order, so whenever I misbehaved, my mother would send me to the convent for the afternoon and all the sisters would help me to learn how to better behave. I can't say that I have been a wonderful catholic in many years; I do go to church twice a year and that's probably not very much. But I do talk to the big man upstairs privately very often," he said.

"It's wonderful for me to come and see you, and despite my title, I don't consider that and I don't feel like I am big deal. I don't like to be treated like I am a big deal. I am just a regular bonehead from upstate New York who has been very lucky throughout his life."

Ambassador Foote noted that Zambia was politically divided, but he had failed to get the top political rivals to dialogue, joking that he was not a good marriage counsellor.

"I met some of your colleagues from Chipata, Mpulungu and I think that a lot of work that the church is doing is wonderful. I think you guys are well placed to help me understand the situations in some of the communities and cities here and Lusaka. That's one of the main reasons for this courtesy call. I am here to get a sense for the social situation, the economic situation and the challenges you think

are faced here," he said.

"The church has long been a voice of reason and a broker and liaison politically here in Zambia. And I know there has been conversation, we have talked about political dialogue for over two years now. I told both the President and HH that I would love to see them have dialogue but I got to tell you I don't think I'm a good marriage counsellor so hopefully they will and we will get them together at some point in time but that more up to them that it's up to us. I just wonder how you feel, I understand Central Province and Kabwe, like much of the country is sort of divided politically. Is that the case?"

In response, Bishop Mulenga said it was unfortunate that President Lungu and HH did not want to dialogue despite many calls

"That is the truth yes. We pray for peace in our country, we pray

for our two leaders and indeed for all the political leaders that we have in our country. We pray for them because what we desire is to have peace and of course peace is not just the absence of war and all that No! but it also involves progress in the lives of our people. We try by all means to see how we can help this political [dialogue] processes. Especially between the two leaders, the President of Zambia Mr Edgar Changwa Lungu and HH; because we know that at the moment these are the two outstanding leaders that we have anyway, politically speaking. The two parties that is the PF and UPND are the biggest parties that we have at the moment and that is the truth that cannot be refuted by anybody. So, if these two can come together and reconcile and we are talking about true reconciliation, we can say that probably that can be the starting point towards having true

peace," Bishop Mulenga said.

At that point Ambassador Foote interjected with a contribution to say that no one could succeed to get the two leaders to dialogue if they both don't value doing so.

"Its actually about the both of them. The church, Civil Society, ZCID, the US Embassy, the Chinese Embassy, the pope, the Baroness of Scotland, everybody can try to get involved in this process but at the end of the day they are the two guys who need to sit down and have a conversation," said Ambassador Foote.

Concluding the meeting, Bishop Mulenga said there was need for the National Day of Prayer to be met with action.

"I mean the bow is in their court for sure. Its like people are saying tomorrow we are going to have our day of National prayer and reconciliation and fasting, but we can pray its true and we should pray all the time its should not just be tomorrow. But at the same time, prayer alone may not achieve peace. There is always need for action. Concrete action not just prayer no! prayers will be empty, and God may not even listen to us if we do not act. Yes, Prayer is important yes but where is the action?" he wondered.

## Consult each other despite your differences, Aka tells politicians

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

MMD founding member Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika says politicians of today should learn to put their differences aside and seek each other's advice in times of need.

Meanwhile, a Pentecostal pastor in Senanga district of Western Province has prophesied that Bahati PF member of parliament Harry Kalaba is a rising leader who must be careful with those who want to join him.

The duo was speaking when Kalaba paid a courtesy call on them in Mongu and Senanga respectively. "So this is a lesson that you people should learn, [in our days] despite our political differences, anyone of us could go to anyone of them as a parent," said Akashambatwa.

And Kalaba said Akashambatwa was one of the people who inspired him.

"I am really honored to be hosted

by this man. He is one of those that have really inspired me in what I do. This province has been defined by a lot of people and he is one of those," Kalaba said.

Kalaba who also visited various churches in Mongu, Limulunga and Senanga districts appealed to the church to pray for the leaders.

"It is the responsibility of the body of Christ to always pray for the country. we have intercessors here who should be interceding for us leaders so that whatever we do should be the will of God and that we should be like John the Baptist and that Christ should increase in us as we decrease in ourselves. We are in extra ordinary times and extraordinary times, the loan wants to raise men and women," he said.

And pastor Nicholas Tembo of the Pentecostal church in Senanga prophesied that Kalaba was a rising leader but warned him to be careful with those wanting to work

with him.

"I can assure you that keep on fearing God at every stage because many are the times that people will pretend to love you but in reality they are not with you. I am seeing already [that] you are rising. And you have to be careful because when you begin to rise, a lot of things come your way, just be careful which type of people are coming along because sometimes it is not everything good which attracts good people. Sometimes good things attract bad people. May God give you wisdom. What I am seeing are reshuffles. It is also our prayer that if God willing, He can give you as our president according to his time. It is a great revolution and we are praying that may God continue to use you," Pastor Tembo said.

Kalaba also paid a courtesy call on Chief Nyumbu Kashingula at the new Mushuwa royal palace in Limulunga district.

By Mukosha Funga

University of Zambia lecturer Dr Austin Mbozi who was arrested on Monday on allegations that he insulted President Edgar Lungu, was released on police bond yesterday after being charged with a different offence of "showing hatred, ridicule and contempt."

His lawyer Mulambo Haimbe told News Diggers that it was illegal for the police to detain his client for three days without charging him.

"Dr Mbozi has finally been charged with the offence of showing hatred, ridicule or contempt because of race, tribe or origin of colour, contrary to section 70 of the Penal Code. He was released on Police bond today (yesterday) and is expected to appear in court on October 26, 2018," said Haimbe.

On Monday police picked up and detained Dr Mbozi at Woodlands Police station over an article he wrote blaming President Lungu for Vespers Shimunzila's death.

In the article, Dr Mbozi also highlighted the dangers of tribal voting, saying an outcome of such voting was having irresponsible leaders.

In a video recorded before Dr Mbozi, a lecturer in Philosophy of Good Governance, availed himself to police, which you can watch on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiaakiR1U4o&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop> the lecturer admitted saying President Lungu was ultimately responsible for Vespers' death.

Dr Mbozi, however, said there was a doctored version of his article which was circulating online.

"I wrote a statement criticising the PF regime over the killing of the UNZA student. Then, on the internet, another one is circulating saying that I have insulted the President and the police are looking for me. There is a criminal, a psychopath who cannot reason with me who must have written that and put there and said that I said it," said Dr Mbozi.

"But it is true I did say that the President is ultimately responsible for the death, it is also true that I did say that tribal voting is the reason why people are being killed. People keep voting for tribes rather than merit, there is nothing criminal about that, it can just be annoying but it is not a criminal offence."

Below is Dr Mbozi's full article:

# Arrested UNZA lecturer out on bond after three days in detention for "insulting Lungu"

Mr President Edgar Lungu and your tribal voters, stop killing our hungry children

**By Dr Austin Mbozi  
To you Mr President**

I do not know whether you personally or your hard core supporters, will take kindly to what I want to say here. But saying it gives me some inner healing after seeing you or your police kill our children for asking you to give them food. I live within UNZA. The whole Saturday night, I was hearing hungry UNZA students mourning their colleague near my house.

You say you have no money to feed them. But you yourself have eaten and you have money to buy bullets to kill hungry children. You may be right in saying that it is police and not you who killed the girl but even police did not intend to kill. Presidents 'kill', intentionally or not, by sending police to stop problems which they themselves cause. Even apartheid presidents and Adolf Hitler never personally killed any person. Vespers, the girl who was killed, was not making any public trouble on the road side at the time she was killed because she was killed from her room. Advising you or warning you does not help. My conscious does not allow me to keep quiet when I live around people like you. After saying this, if at all your administration will arrest me for it, I need my own time to reflect on what kind [of] action I need to take in order to manage to co-exist with people like you, given that nature placed us in one country.

**To you Vespers  
Shimunzihla**

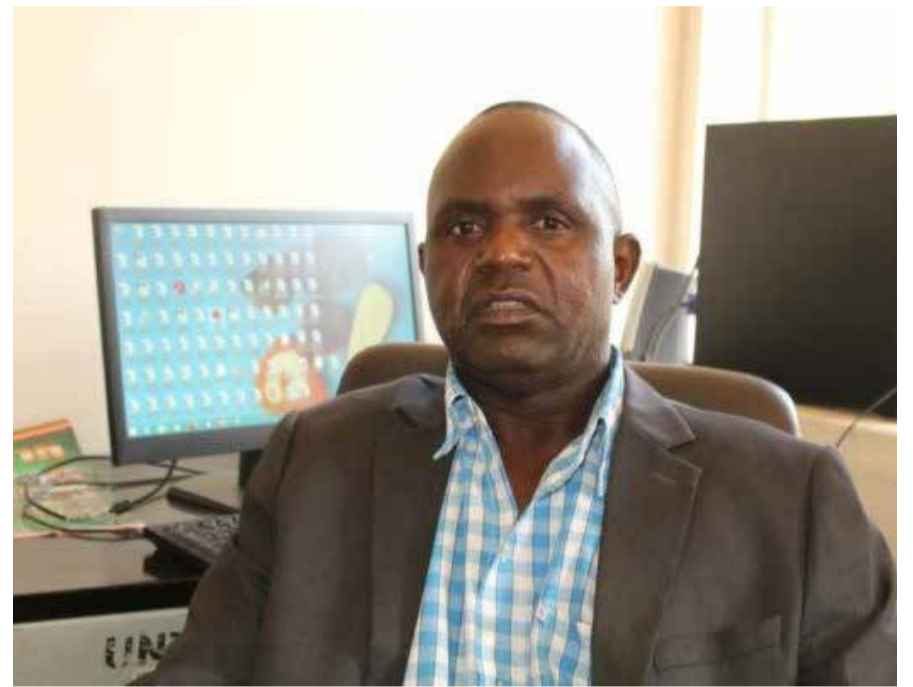
If I had a way of knowing that you voted for PF, I would have said you reaped the fruits of your foolishness. I had withdrawn from talking politics because I have decided that it is alright for voters of PF to suffer the consequences of their foolishness. I am not

economically suffering myself.

But I suffer inside when non-PF voters also suffer. So here is how I can put it. If you voted for Michael Sata and Edgar Lungu, I have no kind words for you. You will only become a hero if you shall become a warning to your fellow young people that President Lungu is an ungrateful person. Youths of your generation should from today onwards learn a lesson that voting for irresponsible leaders is suicidal. The Germans suffered for voting for Adolf Hitler in 1933. But if you did not vote for PF, you are a shining example of shining intellectualism, a student who could distinguish irresponsible leaders from responsible ones. It hurts to lose people like you. You may not have heard me, but in 2011, I warned Zambians that Michael Sata was the worst of leaders that were standing in that election. And today, you can see for yourselves. Irresponsible leaders leave fellow irresponsible ones to succeed them. Sata left Edgar Lungu for you.

**To you PF tribal voters**

You killed Vespers. You have been voting for a regime that killed Vespers. So what profit have you achieved by the death



UNZA lecturer Dr Austin Mbozi

of young Vespers who should have been your country compatriot long after Edgar Lungu is out of office? Have you or your tribe prospered because of this?

If I had my way, no PF voter should not even send condolences or attend Vespers' funeral to offer crocodile tears.

The fact is that PF is not voted for because pf any leadership abilities. From its very foundation in its formation with Michael Sata, it was built around anti-Bantu Botatwe sentiments. The same groups that now vote for PF refused to vote for Anderson Mazoka, they

were refused to support the Levy Mwanawasa administration and they still vow that they still never vote for presidents from specified regions.

I say this because it is useless to condemn symptoms of the problem such as the Edgar Lungu administration, corruption, brutality and so on when we know that the root cause is tribal voting. You may condemn and condemn, but the tribal voters will keep voting PF. In fact, President Edgar Lungu, for all his faults, is not inherently a tribalist. Street tribal voters are propping him up into power and

enjoy the pride of having 'their own' in power.

Vespers, it is not the police who killed you. The police do commit these atrocities because they are frustrated by these corrupt leaders. These politicians steal money for our children's food, send police to fight students while they pretend the battle is between police and students.

You have been killed by the tribal voters.

Vespers, you are not alone. Next, it could be me for saying the above. Or if not me, somebody else will suffer the same fate for simply speaking out. But tribal voters will keep voting.

## Govt reinstates 4 of 8 suspended from Community Development

By Mukosha Funga

Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda says government has reinstated four out of eight civil servants who were suspended from the Ministry of Community Developments to pave way for investigations into allegations of theft of donor aid.

Speaking to journalists at State House, Wednesday, Chanda also revealed that President Edgar Lungu had received a report on the administrative inquiry he had ordered into the matter.

"I wish to also announce that the

President received the report on the administrative inquiry that he had ordered in the Ministry of Community Development. And the administrative report is complete and submitted to the President, the President is hoary with the findings made so far but we are limiting our comments because the second part of the audit, which is the forensic audit is still ongoing. The forensic audit has completed at the Ministry headquarters but the auditors have now moved to Zampost head office in Ndola to complete this administrative inquiry which was undertaken in the Ministry of

Community Development with regards to the alleged misapplication or misappropriation or theft of funds meant for social cash transfer," said Chanda.

"But I can announce here that of the eight employees that were suspended to allow for smooth investigations, four have been reinstated and have resumed work because the administrative inquiry did not find them wanting. The minister, honorable Olipa Mwansa Phiri informed the President that the four have since resumed work and the others remain on suspension to allow for further investigations."

Just like that, huge government scandals are being born, trivialized, joked about and immediately disposed of to create room for yet another more entertaining scandal. Those in power must be enjoying this period of time when Zambians don't even have the time and interest to think about the implications of the governance wrongs that are being committed.

But we will deliberately stay behind on the most topical scandal for a little bit, to make sure that our views and opinions on the state of the nation are not equally carried away with the wind of blunders propelled by this circus government. We will come to the Presidential planes and the Kung Fu debates in the Zambian Parliament later, but for now, we would like to backtrack a little bit and talk about the telephone call scandal at the Public Service Management Division.

The telephone conversation between the Permanent Secretary at PSMD Boniface Chimbwali and Northern Province Permanent Secretary Elias Kamanga is mind-boggling. In that recorded phone call, we hear PS Kamanga being heavily reprimanded for instituting disciplinary action against his deputy provincial PS,

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# Chimbwali's foolishness exposes a sold presidency

an act which is compliant with government administration procedure.

We ask ourselves; why is Kamanga's deputy, the so-called Boniface Mbozi, being so heavily protected by State House? And how does a PF youth in the name of Munir Zulu get involved? How could a person responsible for the entire civil service admit being threatened by a PF cadre, who is not in any part of government structures, over a disciplinary matter at provincial level? How could a State House Minister and the political advisor to the President take so much interest in a disciplinary matter at provincial level? Who is this Boniface Mbozi and why is he so heavily protected? How many other such characters accused of wrongdoing are receiving protection from State House?

To answer this, we must first acknowledge that we are indeed a nation under siege from itself. This conversation confirms widespread fears held by many Zambians, cooperating partners and opposition political parties that institutions of governance have broken down irretrievably under this regime.

In fact, we must not beat about the bush here, but state with confidence that, it is not just ordinary government institutions that are under siege; the entire Presidency is under siege! Any arguments against this conclusion can easily be defeated by the fact that not a single statement has come out of the Presidency giving a State House position on the matter. The real Presidents of Zambia have decided that that case is closed.

Zambians need to open their eyes and see

this administration for what it is; the Presidency of this country has been auctioned to the highest bidder. People are asking; who is this 'little boy' called Munir Zulu? Well, he may be small if you are measuring him up to the gym instructor, but he is a very big boy in the system. He calls the shots at the highest level, and he has enough money to mingle with the much bigger boys who are running the country. Don't forget that this is the boy who bought off President Edgar Lungu's hat for K185,000 cash!

Can anyone be surprised, therefore, that Munir Zulu can call the shots at PSMD? No! So then, the fear and intimidation that has gripped those charged with professional administration is understood. People who work in this government now follow only two

rules; rule one, do anything to protect your job; rule two, memorise rule number one. In Bemba they say; sebana wikute (look like a fool, as long as you can eat).

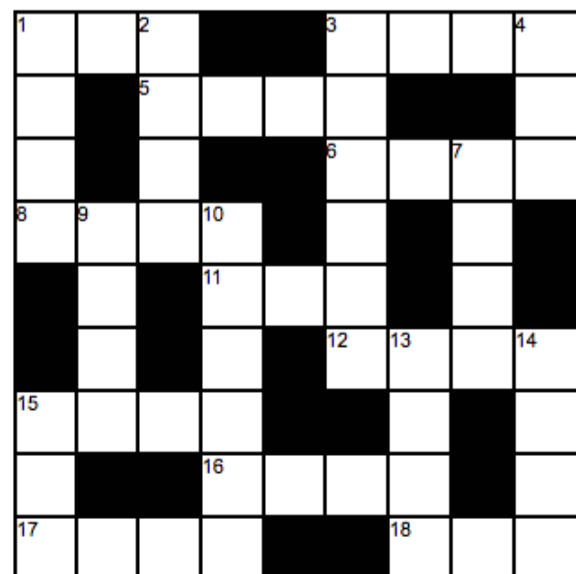
PS Chimbwali opted to be a fool in order to protect his job. That is why he was extremely angry when he felt that PS Kamanga was playing around with his T-bone. But Kamanga had a valid point when he told off PS Chimbwali that he doesn't take instructions from political offices when discharging his disciplinary mandate in his provincial office. In fact, Chimbwali is not Kamanga's boss, there is no such protocol in government where a Permanent Secretary reports to another Permanent Secretary. But we know that Chimbwali's intimidation of Kamanga was instigated by the big boys who we believe

surrounded him as he made that call.

We recall that on Wednesday, January 17 this year, the Civil Service Commission Chairperson Dickson Chasaya held a press conference at which he strongly warned civil servants against discussing government business on social media and giving government information to unauthorized persons outside the civil service, saying it was against their codes of conduct.

He said government under the Smart Zambia programme would be monitoring every civil servant's movement and those found to be unprofessionally interacting with suspicious people would be dealt with sternly. What does Mr Chasaya have to say about his brother Boniface Chimbwali over his conduct? Evidence is there in the public domain that Chimbwali was discussing government matters with Munir Zulu, even ordering other senior civil servants to exculpate themselves to a party cadre. Where is Smart Zambia's surveillance system while all this mess is happening? Surely, Zambia has gone to the dogs and we hope the dogs won't take offence for degrading them in this manner.

## Crossword puzzle 211

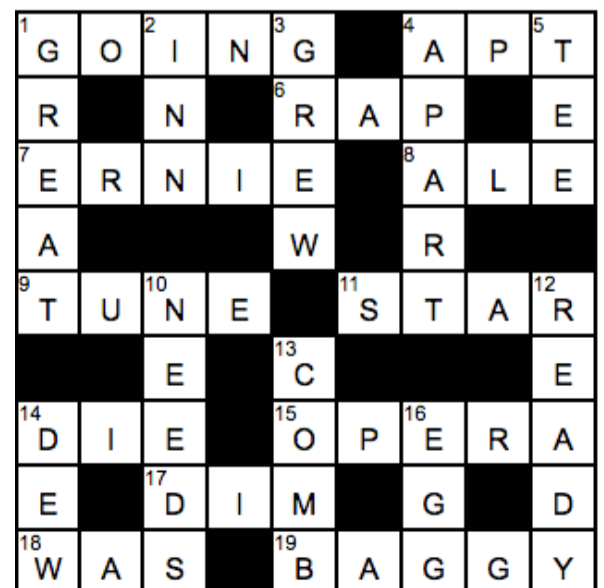


*"A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves."*

- Edward R. Murrow

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## Solutions to puzzle 210





# Reader's feedback

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## Stardy's refusal to disclose why ZAF's buying defence assets to protect Lungu

Editor,

"Current protection is enough naiwei! What threats are there against a person who has zero impact on the world stage, even in his own country?????" - Mwimanenwa Kamona

"Stardy Mwale was the Ndola-based PF cadre who terrorised UPND officials and Edgar Lungu rewarded him by appointing him as Permanent Secretary. Mwale has no moral authority to tell Zambians to tolerate Edgar Lungu's extravagant expenditure of State funds. Regime change is the only solution; the longer Edgar Lungu occupies State House, the worse Zambia's socio-economic outlook becomes." - Chivunda Samusungwa

"This is just a waste of resources. These guys should have pity at times. Children in rural Zambia are learning under trees; no quality health care and they are here trying to protect a President who is not a threat to anyone and is not under any threat." - Messi Barca

"Zambian leaders are a laughing stock. Surely, can you sink so low to just waste so much on an individual who has less impact on the lives of his people." - Pastorcharles Aquila

"What is there to protect so much about the Presidency that an aircraft can gobble so much over proper functional hospitals and schools? The everyday needs on the ground are so overwhelming to think a whole bunch of lawmakers can decide to purchase such an expensive toy used once in a blue moon." - Mary Taguma Bilsborough

"This government is there to waste money and enjoy life at the expense of the poor Zambian people; I wish we could trade the Tanzanian President with our own." - Alan Sweetney Zulu



## Kalaba's vow not to resign as Bahati MP

Editor,

"HK is quite clever. PF will fire him, but it's all cosmetic. HK knows how to play his cards. At the end of the day, his financial muscle will play a very, very big role." - Joseph Chakumika

"You are very true. Man of principles and morals. Stand firm. Be strong in God because with him, not even the sky is a limit." - Abson Musesa

"Good move, tell these fools off." - Matthews

Lishandu

"That's a spirit. We don't need to waste our money on by-elections, which are avoidable..." - Pious Emmanuel Sungah

"Still waiting for his plan. Another political joke!" - Joel Saniko Moonga

"HK is a hypocrite who wants only money." - Humphrey Kabwe

"Stand as an independent, hypocrite!" - Liteta Mwachisompola

## Wina's threats against online media 'denting' Zambia's image

Editor,

"To the contrary. It is the conduct of your government that is denting the country's image, not media/online postings." - Grace Shankaya

"Theft of public funds is what is denting the country. We are just speaking against corruption and daylight robbery of our resources..." - Rex Lisimba

"This is what dents the country's image: - stealing Social Cash Transfer monies, and refunding the UK; - denying Prof Lumumba entry into Zambia; - stealing about K19m in Ministry of Edu; - stealing \$1m for medicines - getting too many loans from China; - spending \$1m on a fire truck, which up to now, has never successfully quenched any fire; - publicly cheating people that Saudi Arabia oil deal will reduce fuel price to K5 - the list goes on..." - Chola Mwale

"Mama, we have international media, diplomats accredited to Zambia. These people live amongst ourselves; they see and hear everything that happens in Zambia." - Josephine Ngulube

"Just do correct things and all that will disappear, mum. As government, you need ideas whether positive or negative, hence, do not create an environment where ideas are denied the oxygen in order for them to thrive as doing that will be suicidal for the government." - Musonda David

# UN Security Council asked to meet on Myanmar atrocities report

The United States and eight other countries on Tuesday requested a UN Security Council meeting on Myanmar to hear from a UN fact-finding mission that has accused the country's military of atrocities against Muslim Rohingyas.

The request is likely to run into opposition from China, which has friendly ties with Myanmar's military and has sought to shield Myanmar from action by the Security Council.

In a joint letter seen by AFP, the nine countries said the mission's chairperson should brief the council to allow it to "receive further information on this situation and its implications for international peace and security."

The UN fact-finding mission released an explosive report last month that called on the council to refer the Myanmar situation to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, or to create an ad hoc international criminal tribunal, as was done with the former Yugoslavia.

The fact-finding mission said that Myanmar's top generals, including Commander-in-Chief

Min Aung Hlaing must be investigated and prosecuted for genocide in Rakhine State.

Myanmar has rejected accusations that its military

committed atrocities in the crackdown last year that forced more than 700,000 Rohingya to flee over the border to Bangladesh.

In a separate letter to

the council, Myanmar's Ambassador Hau Do Suan said his government "strongly objects" to the request to hear the fact-finding mission.

The ambassador repeated Myanmar's complaints that the report was "one-sided", based on "narratives and not on hard evidence".

"Putting accountability

above all else without regard to other positive developments is a dangerous attempt that will face utter failure," he warned in the letter obtained by AFP.

Britain, France, Peru, Sweden, Ivory Coast, the Netherlands, Poland and Kuwait joined the United States in requesting the meeting to be held during the month of October.

Support from the nine countries for the request means that China would likely fail to block a meeting through a procedural vote. Nine votes are required at the 15-member council to approve an agenda item and vetoes do not apply.

Myanmar maintains that the violence in Rakhine was triggered by Rohingya extremists who attacked border posts in August 2017. But the fact-finding mission said there were reasonable grounds to believe that the atrocities were committed with the intention of destroying the Rohingya, warranting the charges of "genocide." AFP



The migrants, forming what is known as "a caravan," set out Saturday from impoverished, violence-plagued Honduras and were headed north on the long journey through Guatemala and Mexico to the US border. AFP

Tanzania will not seek foreign assistance in its investigation over the abduction of billionaire Mohammed Dewji, deputy Home Affairs Minister Hamad Masauni has said, local media reports.

He had been responding to calls by opposition MP Godbless Lema who said the government was not doing enough to find the tycoon.

"If you look carefully at the statements made by the government and the police in particular... You'll see an utter lack of seriousness on [the government's] response on the issue at hand," privately-owned Daily Nation newspaper quoted him as saying.

Mr Dewji, reportedly Africa's youngest billionaire, was taken by masked gunmen in the Tanzanian city of Dar es Salaam on Thursday last week.

The abduction took place outside a swanky gym in the affluent neighbourhood of Oysterbay.

The kidnappers fired shots in the air before driving away with the billionaire,

eyewitnesses said.

His family has offered a 1bn Tanzania shilling (\$440,000; £330,000) reward for information that leads to his rescue.

Mr Dewji, locally known as Mo, is credited with turning his family business from a wholesale and retail enterprise into a pan-African conglomerate.

## 'No foreign rescue plan' for missing billionaire

His company, MeTL, has interests in textile manufacturing, flour

milling, beverages and edible oils in at least six African states.

Meanwhile police have released 19 of 26 people who were arrested

in connection to the abduction, The Citizen newspaper reports. BBC

## Canada legalizes marijuana for recreational use

Nearly a century of marijuana prohibition came to an end Wednesday as Canada became the first major Western nation to legalize and regulate its sale and recreational use.

The change was praised by pot enthusiasts and investors in a budding industry that has seen pot stocks soar on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges, but sharply questioned by some health professionals and opposition politicians.

"We're not legalizing cannabis because we think it's good for our health. We're doing it because we know it's not good for our

children," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on the eve of the reform.

"We know we need to do a better job to protect our children and to eliminate or massively reduce the profits that go to organized crime." The Cannabis Act, which fulfills a promise Trudeau made in the 2015 election campaign, makes Canada only the second nation after Uruguay to legalize the drug.

Its implementation will be scrutinized and dissected

by Canadians ahead of the next election in 2019, as well as other nations that the prime minister has said may follow suit if the measure proves a success.

Trudeau himself admitted in 2013 to having smoked pot five or six times in his life, including at a dinner party with friends after being elected to parliament. He has also said that his late brother Michel was facing marijuana possession charges for a "tiny amount" of pot before his death in an

avalanche in 1998, and that this influenced his decision to propose legalizing cannabis.

But Trudeau's office told AFP he "does not plan on purchasing or consuming cannabis once it is legalized."

In total, Statistics Canada says 5.4 million Canadians will buy cannabis from legal dispensaries in 2018 -- about 15 percent of the population. Around 4.9 million already smoke.

Stores in St. John's in the

Atlantic island province of Newfoundland were due to open their doors to pot enthusiasts as of 12:01 am local time (0231 GMT) on Wednesday.

"I'm going to have a lot more variety than the black market dealers, so you have a lot more choice at our store. The prices are very comparable," Thomas Clarke, owner of THC Distribution store, told public broadcaster CBC just prior to the big event.

AFP

# Brazil police ask state prosecutor to charge President Temer

Brazil's federal police asked the Supreme Court to indict President Michel Temer and confiscate his assets and those of close associates over alleged corruption.

Federal Police on Tuesday asked the Prosecutor General's office to charge Temer and 10 others, including his daughter, with corruption, money-laundering and racketeering.

Police investigated for more than a year whether Temer - who has been in power since May 2016 - took bribes to issue a decree in May 2017 to benefit companies in the port sector.

The Prosecutor's Office must now decide whether to file a criminal complaint against the president, request further investigation, or order the case closed.

Supreme Court Justice Lugs Roberto Barroso, who is overseeing the case, said on Tuesday

he would wait to see the findings of Brazil's Public Prosecutor's Office before deciding on how to proceed.

For the Supreme Court to investigate and possibly prosecute the president, according to the Constitution, it must get Congress' green light.

Lawmakers have rejected trials in two previous corruption charges levelled at Temer. He took office in 2016 after President Dilma Rousseff was impeached.

The Planalto presidential palace, contacted by AFP news agency, said the president would not speak about the police report.

Temer's lawyer said he had not yet been given access to it. Since the investigation began, Temer has denied that his decree on port management was linked

to bribes.

The new accusation comes less than two weeks before the

second round of Brazil's presidential election. Ultra-conservative Jair Bolsonaro is leading

in polls against leftist Fernando Haddad.

Temer, 78, is wrapping up his term as one of the

most unpopular Brazilian presidents in decades. He has a five percent approval rating. **AL JAZEERA**



*Mother crying after losing a child who was killed by the Israeli air strike at the hospital in Gaza early on Wednesday. REUTERS*

A Chinese man who allegedly faked his own death for an insurance payout has surrendered to police after his wife killed herself and their two children.

The 34-year-old was presumed dead after his car was found in a river, though his body was never recovered.

He did not tell his wife

## Chinese woman kills herself and children after husband fakes death

about his alleged plan and she believed he had died.

She later jumped into a pond with their children after writing an online

suicide note.

The man, who police said was surnamed He, surrendered himself to police in Xinhua county in

Hunan province last Friday.

He has been detained on charges of insurance fraud and intentional damage to property, Xinhua police

said in a statement on WeChat - a social media platform.

In early September Mr He bought an insurance

plan worth one million yuan (£110,000, \$145,000) without his wife's knowledge, police said.

According to a report by state-run Voice of China radio, his wife was named as the beneficiary.

On 19 September, Mr He used a borrowed vehicle to fake his own death in a car crash, police said. He was found to have loans of more than 100,000 yuan.

On 10 October, the bodies of his 31-year-old wife, their four-year-old son and three-year-old daughter were found in a pond near their home, according to the Voice of China.

In a suicide note on WeChat, she wrote that she was coming to "accompany" him, adding that she had "only ever wanted our family of four to be together", the Voice of China added.

Mr He turned himself over to police two days later.

A video which was later widely circulated on Weibo showed Mr He crying and saying that he had borrowed money to pay for treatment for his three-year-old daughter, who suffered from epilepsy. **BBC**

## France's Macron reshuffles cabinet amid scandals, plummeting popularity

A year and a half into his first term, French President Emmanuel Macron is looking for a new start.

He reshuffled his cabinet Tuesday and made a rare televised address to assure France that all is well after a bruising summer which has seen his popularity rating plummet amid protests, scandals and gaffes.

"Europe is tipping almost everywhere toward extremes and again is giving way to nationalism, we need all our energy to succeed. I have confidence in us," Macron said.

His approval rating fell to 29% in September, an all time low, after a summer of protests over proposed economic reforms and scandals involving his security aide Alexandre Benalla.

Benalla was filmed wearing a police helmet and beating May Day protesters in July, after which he was dismissed. Last month, a selfie of him posing with a gun during Macron's campaign led to another investigation and questions over the President's judgment.

Macron has also been hit by resignations of key cabinet officials, especially environment minister Nicolas Hulot, who quit the government during a live radio interview in frustration at Macron's

failure to tackle climate change.

"I don't want to give the illusion that my position within the government suggested that we are answering these problems properly, so I'm leaving the government," Hulot said. "I no longer want to lie."

Interior minister Gerard Collomb also announced his intention to leave the cabinet and return to his old job as mayor of Lyon. He was replaced by close Macron ally Christophe Castaner in the reshuffle Tuesday.

Even as he has courted international public opinion -- delivering a pointed rebuke to US President Donald Trump's isolationist message at the United Nations -- Macron has faced growing criticism at home for pursuing unpopular policies that many perceive as benefiting France's richest and cutting into the country's treasured social protections.

Public services ground to a halt in July amid mass protests and strikes against Macron's proposed economic reforms, which would slash public spending and see over 120,000 people laid off.

"Macron is implementing an agenda that aims at destroying all the benefits conquered

throughout the past half-century: pensions, protections against unfair dismissal, terms and conditions in both private and public sector," Axel Persson from the CGT union's rail workers branch told CNN at the time. "If he gets his way, we will be back to square one in terms of workers' rights in France."

This agenda has led to criticism by figures on the left, particularly from France Unbowed leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon. Police raided Mélenchon's offices this week over alleged misuse of European Union funds, prompting a furious protest from the 67-year-old who has accused the investigation of being politically motivated.

A veteran left-winger, Mélenchon came a close fourth in last year's Presidential election, less than two percentage points from making the run-off which Macron eventually won.

On the other side of the political spectrum, the other person in that run-off, National Front leader Marine Le Pen, has also ramped up pressure on Macron's administration, fanning anti-immigrant and anti-EU sentiment even as the French President has emerged as one of the bloc's strongest proponents. **CNN**

# Lady Gaga: 'I want to take the power back'

Lady Gaga has spoken out about the objectification of women in entertainment, saying she wants to "take the power back".

The actress and singer also spoke about her experience of sexual assault.

In a powerful speech at Elle's Women in Hollywood event, she said the oversized suit she was wearing was a break away from her usual choice of outfit.

"In this suit, I felt like me today. In this suit, I felt the truth of who I am well up in my gut," she said.

"After trying 10 or so dresses, with a sad feeling in my heart, that all that would matter was what I wore to this red carpet, I saw an oversized Marc Jacobs suit buried quietly in the corner.

"I put it on to a resounding view of eyes glaring at me in confusion. 'But the Rodarte was so beautiful!' one said.

"But the Raf Simons for Calvin Klein was so stunning on you!" said another. Lots of questions. They were all dresses. This was an oversized men's suit made for a woman. Not a gown. And then I began to cry."

Gaga - real name Stefani Germanotta - has spent the last month promoting her new film, *A Star is Born*, with actor and director Bradley Cooper, in a

number of elaborate gowns harking back to the old Hollywood era.

The 32-year-old hinted at her usual choice of outfit for red carpets and

why she wanted to make a change to her signature look. **BBC**



Writer Anna Burns smiles after she was presented with the Man Booker Prize for Fiction 2018 by Britain's Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall during the prize's 50th year at the Guildhall in London, Britain, October 16, 2018. REUTERS

## Nick Jonas Gives Priyanka Chopra the Sweetest Shout-Out in New Post

Nick Jonas has a very special message for fiancée Priyanka Chopra.

On Monday, the 26-year-old singer shared a touching photo of himself and the actress sitting in the back of some type of truck while overlooking a green field. Jonas is clad in denim cutoffs, a sleeveless shirt and a camo ball cap while pointing into the distance. The 36-year-old Quantico star surveys the scene while wearing a matching dark blue, striped outfit and Crocs.

"When the future looks oh so bright... Jonas captioned the image, which he tagged with Chopra's handle. The sweet post arrives less than a week after ET learned that the pair is planning to get hitched sometime next year.

"Priyanka and Nick are ready to tie the knot sooner than later. The couple has had an accelerated relationship, and are very comfortable with one another," a source said. "Priyanka has already been planning the wedding for a couple of months now and is excited to call Nick her husband one day. Priyanka and Nick are on the same page about wanting to get married earlier rather than later, and are telling friends it will most likely be next year."

Jonas and Chopra got engaged in July after roughly two months of dating. **MSN**

# Netflix is online video's Walmart, and its Tiffany

Netflix has managed to pull off the double axel of retail. The \$145 billion streaming-video company has both the scale of shopping giant Walmart and the pricing power of luxury-jewelry outfit Tiffany. Chief Executive Reed Hastings'

next trick is to work out how to maintain both labels.

Netflix added just over 1 million new U.S. subscribers last quarter, compared with an estimated 674,000, according to I/B/E/S/ data from Refinitiv.

Its worldwide tally is 130 million members. Such success comes despite occasionally hiking the price of its monthly streaming service - most recently a year ago. It's also a sign Netflix is turning out a desirable collection

of its own movies and TV series. And the increase is reassuring after Netflix missed its target in the second quarter, which sent its stock plummeting.

There are lingering concerns, though. Netflix is spending billions of

dollars on content that appeals to its subscribers. The firm signaled it will burn around \$3 billion in cash this year and last week bought a production studio in New Mexico to ramp up its own series like critically acclaimed "Stranger Things."

The competition continues to intensify, too. Rival media firms like Walt Disney wised up to the competitive threat and have pulled fare like the "Star Wars" franchise from Netflix as it readies its own direct-to-consumer products.

Even Walmart is looking to capitalize on the on-demand video service that it acquired in 2010, recently striking a partnership with MGM. Chief Executive Doug McMillon told Walmart investors on Tuesday that it was an opportunity to improve customer offerings without forking over a ton of money. **REUTERS**

## Chrissy Teigen says John Legend, Kanye West 'learned a lot' from political debate

Chrissy Teigen says her husband John Legend and Kanye West's very public political debate months ago was a teachable moment for everyone.

In April, the controversial rapper shared screenshots of text messages with Legend, who attempted to dispute his famous friend's political views. The conversation ignited after West backed President Donald Trump, becoming one of Trump's highest-profile celebrity supporters.

"The thing with Kanye is that his opinions have always been super strong," Teigen says in Vogue's November issue. "He's never been the

guy to push them on you, but he will say what he wants to say. Same with John."

The mother of two continues: "That's why I loved that they were able to have this civil discourse. Kanye learned a lot in the months after that. John did, too."

"You can't just believe you're the right one all the time. That's what makes us horrible," she continues. "Trust me: My views are super liberal, and I'm like, 'How could anyone not think this way?' But people are also entitled to their opinion."

Teigen and West are on opposite ends of the political spectrum. In fact, Teigen is one of

Trump's biggest adversaries online, which resulted in the commander in chief blocking the "Cravings" author on Twitter last year after a "no one likes you" tweet.

She revealed to Vogue that the blocking gives her anxiety because she has no idea what people are talking about in response to frequent, sometimes controversial, presidential tweets: "Do I get in the bunker or not?"

"I still don't know why I'm not blocked," Legend adds. "I have said as many bad things about him as she has. Maybe it's because I'm a man; I have no idea." **USATODAY**

By Joseph Mwenda

The Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Republic of Zambia for the financial year ended 31st December 2017 is out with glaring irregularities in the various Ministries, Provinces and other spending agencies.

The Report which was taken to Parliament on Tuesday has highlighted a sharp increase in unaccounted for funds that has risen from K386, 000 in 2016 to K31 million in 2017, misappropriations of Funds from K3 million in 2016 to 5 million kwacha in 2017 and overpayments from K1 million in 2016 to K7 million in 2017. The irregularities in some instances represent an increased by more than 500 percent.

But the report also shows that there was some reductions in unaccounted for revenue from K3 million in 2016 to K873, 000 in 2017, unvouched Expenditure from 170 million kwacha in

# AG reports increased 'theft' from K386, 000 to K31 million in 2017

2016 to 14 million kwacha in 2017 and Undelivered materials from K116 million to K1 million among others. According to a statement released by Auditor General's Head of Public Relations Ellen Chikale, although the misapplication of funds seemed to have reduced from K162 million in 2016 to K61 million in 2017, it remained the highest ranking irregularity for the period under review and continues to be an area of high concern for the

Office.

"It entails that institutions applied funds budgeted for a specific programme on unrelated programmes without the authority from Secretary to the Treasury thereby depriving the beneficiaries of the much needed benefits from the said programmes. The nation may wish to know that although Misapplication of Funds on face value may appear to be a lesser evil especially if applied on buying

medicines in hospitals, it may have some criminal undertones especially if paid to officers purporting to be undertaking government programmes when in actual fact they may have no intentions to travel and carry out the work. This irregularity deprives Government of the resources to be applied on developmental issues instead of benefiting a few individuals," Chikale stated. "The other irregularity that is of high concern to

us is irregular payments which have increased from K1 million in 2016 to K21 million in 2017. The audit of 2017 covered areas that cut across all the five (5) Developmental Strategic Areas of the Seventh National Development Plan and the issues mentioned in the report are those issues which could not be resolved during the audit process and those which were highlighted in the previous reports, but had not been corrected as of

24th September, 2018. It is also worth noting that the Office interacted and communicated with Controlling Officers whose accounts were audited at various levels. The purpose of this interaction was to provide an opportunity for the Controlling Officers to clarify and take corrective action on the findings of the audits by so doing demonstrate the value and benefits of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI).

The Report contains seventy four (74) paragraphs consisting of sixty one (61) paragraphs on audit matters whilst thirteen (13) paragraphs are on other matters. In addition, the Report contains audit recommendations which are aimed at addressing the issues raised during the audit process."

The table below shows a comparative summary of some of the major issues contained in the report for your scrutiny.

# Police give Tayali 'painful protection' after beating by UPND cadres at court

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Political commentator and PF government sympathiser Chilufya Tayali yesterday got an ironically rough and painful escort by paramilitary police who rescued him from a beating by angry UPND cadres outside the Lusaka Magistrate's court. Tayali was expected in

court to take plea in a matter where he is charged with publishing defamatory matters against opposition UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema. But a mob of well built UPND youths that was also at court to give solidarity to their leader, landed on the outspoken EEP president to settle

their scores before the court could hear him. Police quickly swung into action with a brutal protection of the victim, that almost interrupted all court proceedings, as a result of the commotion. The officers were seen grabbing Tayali by his torn jacket and necktie, and dragging him to a court room where he was locked

up for safety. After a few minutes, the police managed to calm the situation and Tayali appeared in the dock, entering the court room from a different entrance. When the indictment was read to him, Tayali denied the charge against him after earlier complaining to the court that he wasn't ready to take plea because his body was in pain as a result of the beating. Tayali's lawyers had told the court that their client's mental faculty was not in order because of the punches he had received hence he was not ready to take plea. In this matter, Hichilema has dragged Tayali to court for publishing defamatory matters against him. It is alleged that Tayali on dates unknown but between October 1, 2018 and October 9, 2018, in Lusaka, did unlawfully publish defamatory matter concerning Hakainde Hichilema, with intent to injure his reputation by exposing him to hatred, contempt and ridicule and to damage him in his profession, trade and standing in society.

Tayali allegedly published defamatory matter concerning Hichilema in form of a facebook post and by publication on various media including through videos and on radio where he said "Ba Lungu please wake up, HH wants to usurp power using civil disobedience and violence..." This matter is being privately prosecuted by lawyers: Nelly Mutti, Jack Mwimbu, Mulambo Haimbe, Lastone Mwanabo and Zevyanji Sinkala. Tayali's lawyers include: Osrbone Ngoma, Towela Nkhoma and Jonas Zimba. The prosecution and defence argued back and forth over Tayali's condition and whether he was ready to take plea or not. At one point, Tayali stood up and showed the court his torn jacket and saying he was in pain. But magistrate Felix Kaoma instructed his lawyers to tell their client to behave himself, saying it was his court and not a political rally hence he needed to follow the court's rules.

His lawyers then apologized and asked the court to order that security was heartened for both the defence and prosecution team in the wake of the attack on Tayali. But Hichilema's lawyers objected to the application on grounds that there was no medical proof that Tayali was unwell. However, magistrate Kaoma ruled that Tayali should go ahead and take plea since he already had instructions from his lawyers. After the charges were ready to him, Tayali denied the charge. The court then adjourned the matter to November 30 and urged Tayali to avoid making commentaries on the matter in court. He also urged Hichilema to guide his supporters. "Accused must not make commentaries in relation to the matter before court. If at all the attackers are known, let them be reported to the police. President of the party let's guide our followers. No one should attack another person I believe we are a civilised nation," said magistrate Kaoma.

## DPP enters nolle in court officials' trafficking case as DEC rearrests them

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The State has entered a nolle prosequi in a drug trafficking case involving seven court officials and two businessmen. The suspects have however been re-arrested and their whereabouts were unknown by press time. In this matter, businessmen, Eric Chipango, Emmanuel Chimba were jointly charged with court officials; Emmanuel Chirwa, Bearvan Mengo, Mathews Mukanda, Victor Nzaila, Florence Mushoka, O'Brian Muyunda and Didie Kangwa, a senior clerk of court, for trafficking in 80.11 grams of

cocaine without lawful authority. When the matter came up before a Kafue based magistrate sitting in Lusaka, Kawama Mwamfuli, Wednesday, a State witness, 45 year old senior Security Officer from DEC Collins Hamainda was on the stand, being cross examined. It was at this point that the State told the court that the DPP had entered a nolle prosequi. However, after the court rose, before the accused could even leave the court room, they were rearrested and whisked away to an unknown destination.

## Messi would struggle at Man United - Scholes

The former United and England midfielder has been a frequent and vocal critic of his old club, who are languishing in eighth place in the Premier League – five points adrift of any other member of the “Big Six”. They had to watch Manchester City win last season’s title in record-breaking fashion and Pep Guardiola’s men are flying high at the top once more, alongside Liverpool and manager Jose Mourinho’s former club Chelsea. “That shouldn’t make any difference but it does,” Scholes told ESPN. “United now feels like Liverpool from years ago, like we’re making all the same mistakes as they did. “We were watching Liverpool and City from afar and smirking as they changed managers and players every year, never getting anything right. It feels like we have turned into a Liverpool or a Man City. “I feel like people at Liverpool and Man City are looking at us and laughing like we did at them many years ago.”

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France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris (C) comes to the rescue in a 2-1 Nations League win over Germany he put down to their 'mental strength'. AFP

# Madagascar, Senegal, Tunisia, Egypt qualify for Africa Cup of Nations

Madagascar, for the first time, Senegal and former champions Tunisia and Egypt sealed places at the Africa Cup of Nations finals Tuesday with two matchdays to spare.

Njiva Rakotoharimalala scored four minutes before half-time to earn Madagascar a 1-0 Group A victory over Equatorial Guinea on the vast Indian Ocean island. In the same mini-league, Senegal left it late in Sudan to win 1-0 with Sidy Sarr heading the lone goal four minutes from time in Khartoum.

Senegal and Madagascar have 10 points each from four matches, seven more than nearest rivals Equatorial Guinea with two rounds left, and the top two finishers in each section qualify.

Tunisia and record seven-time title-holders Egypt secured places in Cameroon next June with away victories in Group J over Niger and eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) respectively.

A Firas Chaout brace brought 2004 champions Tunisia a 2-1 win in Niamey and Ahmed Hegazy and Marwan Mohsen netted as Egypt cruised to a 2-0 victory in Manzini.

It was the second 1-0 victory for the Malagasy over the Equatoguineans within four days

after captain Faneva Andriatsima scored the winner last Saturday. They qualified despite having to play a preliminary tie, won 4-2 on aggregate against Sao Tome e Principe, and being seeded last behind Senegal, Equatorial Guinea and Sudan.

Qualification for the Malagasy came after 18 failed attempts, with French coach Nicolas Dupuis' most common starting eleven comprising four players based in France, one each in Algeria, Belgium, Egypt, Reunion, Saudi Arabia and Thailand, and one local.

After Chaout netted twice within four minutes, Youssef Oumarou pulled one goal back before half-time for Niger, who could not prevent leaders Tunisia maintaining their perfect record.

Second-place Egypt were too classy for eSwatini despite lacking injured star Mohamed Salah, who strained a thigh muscle during a win over the same opposition in Cairo last Friday.

Defender Hegazy used his aerial strength to nod the 'Pharaohs' in front on 19 minutes and Mohsen doubled the lead soon after half-time.

On a happy day for Indian Ocean island states, the Seychelles held South

Africa 0-0 in Victoria and the Comoros snatched a late 2-2 draw with Morocco in Mitsamiouli.

Although neither the Seychellois nor the Comorans are contenders for places at the 24-nation finals, they will be encouraged by the results against much higher ranked rivals.

The Seychelles are 189th in the world, 116 places below South Africa, while the 149th-ranked Comoros are 104 places lower than

Morocco.

El Fardou Ben Nabouhane from Red Star Belgrade put the Comorans ahead on eight minutes in Mitsamiouli and levelled in the final minute after Khalid Boutaib and Nordin Amrabat scored.

Cameroon, automatic qualifiers but playing in Group B to gain competitive match practice, drew 0-0 with Malawi in Blantyre to remain leaders with eight points, one ahead of Morocco.

After celebrating slamming six goals past the Seychelles in Johannesburg last Saturday, South Africa suffered the embarrassment of dropping two Group E points in Victoria.

Lebo Mothiba was foiled by the woodwork just after half-time and South African team-mate Percy Tau had a goal disallowed in a marginal offside decision.

South Africa later surrendered the group leadership to Nigeria, who

completed a double over Libya with a dramatic 3-2 away triumph.

Nigeria built a two-goal lead within 17 minutes of the kick-off in a match moved to Tunisian city Sfax for security reasons only for Libya to score either side of half-time.

But Odion Ighalo, who scored a hat-trick last Saturday, once again broke the hearts of the gallant Libyans with an 81st-minute goal, his second of the match. **AFP**

## LeBron James has no clue how to address Los Angeles Lakers coach Luke Walton

LeBron James and Luke Walton were in the same 2003 NBA draft class, with an 18-year-old James going No. 1 overall to the Cleveland Cavaliers and a 23-year-old Walton being selected 32nd overall to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Much has changed in the last 15 years, as Walton has now progressed to being the Lakers head coach and James has become one of the greatest players of all-time.

Since joining the Lakers, James revealed that the player-coach dynamic has stumped him early on when it comes to how to address Walton.

"I've called him coach a couple times and I've called him Luke a couple times and he hasn't said anything," James explained on a recent episode of HBO's *The Shop*, which he co-produces. "And I'm like, 'What

should I...what do you want me to call you?' Like, I need to know. I need to know this."

James said that it's not just the five-year age gap he and Walton have that's thrown him in a name-game conundrum. Cavs coach Tyronn Lue is only 41 and preferred to be addressed by his name. But James said he called Lue "coach" and always felt hard-pressed to show the utmost respect for the man with the clipboard.

"For me, you're my coach and I always feel like there's a hierarchy to that," James said. "Like, I'm the player and you're the coach, so it's like the respect factor. ... That's how it goes."

The Lakers open their season Thursday night against the Trail Blazers. **MSN**

# Kalunga pioneers handball in Southern Province

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
National team Handball player Nathan Kalunga has taken voluntary work aimed at growing the sport in the country to a whole new level by offering training sessions to selected boarding schools in Southern province. In August, Kalunga opened a Handball academy called Mutima Handball Academy that recruits under 18 boys and girls and are trained on a free cost. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Kalunga noted that senior players in different sports disciplines had the capacity to supplement government's efforts in growing various sports in the country. "As long as one has the passion for the sport, they can find a means of seeing to it that the sport grows. It can however only be done if those well-to-do or senior players do not see

the venture as a means of getting rich. Do it because you have a heart for all

the idle kids or youths that otherwise would be stuck in a number of

vinces," explained Kalunga. Asked about what ignited him to extend his passionate

hand to selected schools in Southern province, Kalunga let more passionate

words ooze out of him. "When we talk about minor sports in the country, it is always about Lusaka yet talent can be found everywhere. In fact Southern and Copperbelt provinces have always been talent hubs of various sports but are neglected when it comes to facilitating their trainings. They have poor sports facilities but this should not be the reason to keep them in the dark. I want to show people that there is talent everywhere and that it is not only football that matters," said Kalunga. Meanwhile, Handball Association of Zambia (HAZ) president Victor Banda applauded Kalunga's efforts in growing the sport in different parts of the country. "He is really an outstanding player at national team level who alternates between goal keeping and field playing. His coaching ability is just as amazing and I believe it is something inborn. As an association we are looking for effective ways of engaging him since he is both a coach and a player," said Banda. Kalunga is currently at Pemba boarding school in Southern province and will next week visit Choma Day secondary as he continues with his Handball expeditions in the province.



**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
FAZ has revealed that the Zambia Women National Team will be camped in Nigeria ahead of the 2018 Women's Africa Cup of Nations to be hosted by Ghana. FAZ General Secretary Adrian Kashala announced yesterday during a press briefing in Lusaka that the team would head to Nigeria before the tournament kicks off, where it would play a series of friendly matches. Kashala said the Nigeria camp would help the team acclimatize to conditions in West Africa before the tournament. "I believe this will give our ladies enough time to adapt to weather conditions in West Africa and just to have a motivating training place. We understand that for players to perform better they need to be motivated and this Nigerian camp will be part of it," said Kashala. Meanwhile, Shepolopolo coach Beauty Mwamba said that the Nigerian camp was reason enough for the girls to give it their all and go into the tournament fully prepared.

## Shepolopolo to camp in Nigeria ahead of WAfCON

"I think this is a good move by FAZ especially that resources are not easily available for such

camp. This camp should be reason enough for us to work extra hard and go to the tournament fully

prepared and in winning spirit. We are grateful to FAZ for this," said Mwamba. The Zambia Women

National Team is currently in local camp ahead of the Africa Cup of Nations that will take place in November.

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
FAZ Vice president Rix Mweemba has disclosed that the association made K1, 065, 000 profits from the October 10 home match against Guinea Bissau at National Heroes Stadium in Lusaka. The deputy football chief said this during a press briefing in Lusaka yesterday. "The association made K1, 065,000 gross profits from sales of K1, 573, 570 and an additional K133, 900 was made from perimeter advertising. I must also mention that expenses on the game amounted to K644, 000. And out of the 49, 954 total capacity, there

# FAZ rakes in K1m from Guinea match

were 36, 324 tickets that were sold," Mweemba said. He also noted the security lapses that led to some disorder around fans with 20 tickets that sat where they were not supposed to sit. He however thanked fans that turned up to cheer the Chipolopolo boys during the home match.

On the Guinea Bissau mission, Mweemba said despite treating the visiting team with utmost courtesy the West Africans did not reciprocate. He said FAZ filed a complaint with the Match Commissioner over the hostile treatment from their Guinea Bissau

counterparts during the return match in Guinea. "The team was given a 26 seater bus to use even for their luggage from the airport with supporters coming to their rescue to offer a bigger bus. We had an encounter of pitch invasion during the game and we did highlight

those things to the match commissioner and we are yet to hear what he will say about the hostility we suffered in Guinea Bissau," said Mweemba. Zambia lost 2-1 to Guinea Bissau, the same score line Chipolopolo recorded during their home victory at Heroes stadium.

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
You will be the first one to know if there is any drama surrounding my parting of company with the same Football Association of Zambia, says former FAZ Assistant Technical Director Moses Sichone. The former Chipolopolo defender was appointed

## Sichone leaves FAZ on mutual consent

Assistant Technical Director in November 2017 and has left his position after having served for 11 months. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Sichone said his relationship with the

association remains healthy. "There is no bad blood at all, that is why FAZ said that we have parted company on mutual consent. We will still be able to work together in some areas of the same

interest. I am thankful for the opportunity I was given to work with everyone at the association," said Sichone. FAZ General Secretary Adrian Kashala released a statement yesterday

that indicated that the association had parted company with Sichone on mutual consent. "On a sad note I would like to announce that FAZ and the Assistant Technical

Director Mr Moses Sichone have parted company on mutual consent. A one month notice had been served to ensure a smooth separation of both parties," read the statement.

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# FROM GUINEA TIE



France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris (C) comes to the rescue in a 2-1 Nations League win over Germany he put down to their 'mental strength' - AFP



Chan Sung-jung says MMA can have a positive impact

## United won't win league with Lukaku - Scholes

Manchester United may never win the league with Romelu Lukaku as their main striker, according to former midfielder Paul Scholes. "I'm just not sure you are ever going to win the league with a goal scorer like him," Scholes told ESPN. "I don't think his play outside of the box is good enough. "I'm not sure if he works hard enough but he's still a young man who has done well and scored a lot of goals. He's quick and strong, but Lukaku is one of many United players who look like they're short

of confidence. "I don't think he realises how good he can be, but he needs help because who else can play centre-forward at United now?" Indeed, Scholes does not believe that either Anthony Martial or Marcus Rashford are able to step into the fold when Lukaku's form dips, with Jose Mourinho insistent on playing both out wide. And the former England midfielder believes that competition for places is key, pointing to the fact that Sir Alex Ferguson had four centre-

forwards he could call upon when the club won the treble in 1999. "Maybe, but they look like wingers," he replied, when it was put to him that Martial and Rashford can play through the middle. "And they're getting slagged off by the manager. We had four centre-forwards - [Andy] Cole, Teddy [Sheringham], Ole [Gunnar Solskjaer] and [Dwight] Yorke - and when they through bad spells, which every footballer does, someone else was waiting to come in. *Goal.com*

## Asian MMA star slams 'shocking' Las Vegas brawl

Asia's highest-ranked mixed martial artist said fighters must remember they're idols for children as he slammed last week's "shocking" scenes after Conor McGregor's defeat to Khabib Nurmagomedov. Chan "The Korean Zombie" Sung-jung said the post-fight violence, when Nurmagomedov and his team attacked McGregor and his entourage in images beamed around the world, had set back attempts to clean up MMA's image. "We should be inspiring kids and not shocking them," the Seoul-based featherweight said ahead of this week's Angel's Fighting MMA event in Seoul, where all profits pay medical expenses for terminally ill children. "As martial artists we are role models," added Chan, who is ranked 10th in the world by the UFC in his weight division. *AFP*