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Kitwe riot victim

Storm radio stations, stop provocative programmes, says Chanda as Kitwe riots

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President Lungu collects levy from motorists at the newly constructed Ndola-Kitwe Toll Plaza - Picture by Salim Henry

Ndola - Kitwe Toll Plaza an insult to Sata, says Kambwili

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General Education Minister David Mabumba has advised Kafue parents, whose children had missing Religious Education results on their GCE transcripts, to complain to ECZ.

Last week, the parents complained that their children's results were marked 'mal-practice case' and that efforts to rectify the problem with school managements had proved futile.

"The problem was that the school discovered that almost everyone who wrote RE, no one has received the results! The [statement of results] were just written 'mal-practice case' now we don't know, almost everyone who wrote RE. In Kafue, there are about three schools and at Nangogwe,

Mabumba advises Kafue parents to consult ECZ over missing GCE results

Kafue Day and another one in Chiyawa; and we were there on Monday although we were told that we should give chance to the school so that they can know what to do and maybe try to follow up [the matter]," the parents said.

But when contacted, Mabumba said it could be possible that Kafue district was part of the over 500 GCE mal-practice cases that were recorded.

"What I am only aware is that there were 500 plus mal-practice cases that were recorded around

GCE exams. So maybe that could be one of them [and] maybe that is why they (results) have shown like that. The only thing which parents should encourage their children is to go to the Examination Council of Zambia so that they are given the details of the levels of mal-practice. But you know when I read the statement is this number in terms of percentage and so forth. But maybe since I have spoken to you and if you have an opportunity to speak to them, they need to understand other

than just being given a statement which is saying 'mal-practice', they need to go and say 'what sort of mal-practice was this?' Mabumba asked.

He advised the affected parents to follow-up the matter with the Examination Council of Zambia.

"If I were them as parents I think nothing stops them from going to the centre to inquire because you see exams are written on an individual basis. And therefore if you have got a son or a daughter whose



results will be showing mal-practice, what I am supposed to do as a parent

is to go to the Examination Council of Zambia and establish the level of those mal-practices. And I am sure the Examination Council of Zambia will be generous enough to tell those particular parents the level of mal-practice. What type of mal-practice was it? Was the candidate found to have leakage when writing exams? Or was a candidate caught with a leaked paper? Unfortunately I don't have the statement with me now but they were about 500 plus cases that were reported when I issued the statement on the GCE. Then of course if we have a report like that, it could be that Kafue was part of that," said Mabumba.

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"It is not done to over-burden the road users, but to create a sustainable goal. It is a global norm of financing and maintenance of road Infrastructure. So, when you hear these, just ignore and join the development agenda of this government. If we run short of money we shall responsibly borrow to improve the lives of the country. I must make it clear that, there is no country that does not borrow. When you borrow, we borrow to use and not to eat! We are not ashamed to say that," said President Lungu.

"US \$4.3 million has been spent on this project. This project, which has been named after the founding father of the PF, our father, could not come at a great time after we put to rest our mother (mama Kankasa). It is our prayer that his legacy can be protected and grown. I am saying this because there are people saying that,

'Lungu has lost Mr Sata's vision, no Lungu this, Lungu that.' If we carry on the vision of Mr Sata and someone says, 'we have forgotten,' then we say, 'tawaliko iwe!' (you were not there), you don't know what Mr Sata stood for."

But in a statement, Kambwili argued that the toll plaza in question was an insult to the late Head of State because he never stood for more taxes to burden the poor citizenry.

"It is irregular for the PF government to come and name the Ndola-Kitwe toll gate as 'Michael Chilufya Sata toll gate.' President Michael Sata was against too much taxes [but] today, there is going to be more than six toll-gates from Lusaka to Chililabombwe, meaning, therefore, [that] if somebody is travelling from Lusaka to Chililabombwe, he has to have K260 for toll gates only as a levy! I don't think president Michael Sata wanted to subject the Zambian people to that kind of levies. And it would be wrong for him to be associated with these taxes that are being unfair on the general citizenry more, especially the poor. To travel from Luanshya to Ndola, one would need K40 per day and you know that Luanshya has got no jobs, and most of the people in Luanshya now, are working in Ndola. All the wholesalers are in Ndola meaning, therefore, [that] the cost of doing business in Luanshya is going to go up by the installation of this toll plaza," Kambwili cautioned.

He argued that the facility looked too simple to cost as

high as US\$4.3 million.

"And surely, there are too many things that the President can do other than coming to officially open a toll gate, which is going to be unfair to the general citizenry. This is what we call proper 'Chipante-pante.' And I want to challenge the government to tell us what has made this toll gate cost US \$4.3 million? I think Zambians are being taken for a ride! There is no way that toll plaza can cost US \$4.3 million. This is corruption of the worst kind! If you look at the FRA sheds that were built all over Zambia, those sheds cost K5 million. We erected those sheds under Michael Sata. Go and look at [the] computation of that shed and go and look at the simplicity in that toll gate, you will see that this government is a thieving government! They have stolen the money, and let's call for a forensic audit to find out what material was used for that toll plaza to cost US \$4.3 million. This is daylight robbery against the people of Zambia," charged Kambwili.

"That toll gate, to be fair, can only cost K6 million to K7 million. Look at the Michael Sata Hospital in Mpika and all these other hospitals, do you know the cost? It's K12 million. Where is US \$4.3 million on that toll plaza? With only one permanent building [which is] the office block. But I challenge them on a serious note to tell us where the US \$4.3 million has been spent on that toll plaza? And Lungu

should have some shame when stealing. And all the infrastructure that is built on deals, he is always the one coming to commission them. Why? If the President is going to be officiating at the commission of a toll

plaza, what are the ministers going to be doing? It's because the man is not busy. He just wants to come and see that 'here we have stolen and it has been delivered and now we have to get our commission."

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Millennials need to adopt spirit of sacrifice - Vernon



By Abraham Kalito

Veteran politician Vernon Johnson Mwaanga has stressed the need to rekindle the spirit of hard work, selflessness and sacrifice in the millennials as espoused by Zambia's founding fathers.

Reflecting on Mama Chibesa Kankasa's life, Mwaanga observed that young people were too preoccupied with self aggrandisement. He told News Diggers in an interview that millennials had failed to emulate the spirit of selflessness, sacrifice and hard work which made it possible to defeat colonialism.

"In many of our neighbouring countries and elsewhere, they have found ways of looking after those who fought for their independence and sacrificed so much. Why has this not been done in Zambia? Our young people are much too preoccupied with self aggrandisement; me, myself and I. The levels of commitment and sacrifice which was the hallmark of a great many of our freedom fighters is no longer being emulated by this new generation. Surely, there must be a way of rekindling that spirit of hard work, selflessness and sacrifice, which made it possible to defeat colonialism," VJ said.

He regretted that majority of the freedom fighters died desperately poor because of governments failure to look after them.

"Our generation of freedom fighters has slowly but surely been disappearing as they are called to be with their creator. Sadly, the young generation has no idea of the selfless sacrifices they made, and the risk they took for Zambia to be free from the yoke of colonialism. Very little has been written by historians about that era. Many of them have gone to their graves desperately poor, apart from those who have been looked after by their families and friends," said Mwaanga.



PF choir sing at the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Lusaka for the requiem mass for late freedom fighter Mama Chibesakunda on November 3, 2018 - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Lukasha independent MP explains why he has 'gone PF'

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Lukasha Independent member of parliament Mwenya Munkonge says some of the developments that his area has gotten are as a result of him being pro-PF. Speaking when he featured on the People's Debate programme on Pan-African Radio, Monday, Munkonge said he decided to be a pro-PF MP in order to take the much needed development to his people.

"I have had benefits coming through being a pro- PF MP. Only yesterday, we were in Kasama during some ground breaking work with the

Minister of Health and we were doing ground breaking for two mini-hospitals in my constituency in Munkonge area and in Chiba area. And clearly, I cannot lie to myself because some of these benefits I am getting is from the result of being pro-PF," Munkonge said.

"I know that it's not an official position of government to only help pro-PF, in fact some of the things we get shocked like we are still working on our health posts, health centres and we find that in some areas which are held by the opposition, they have already gotten their health centres,

but we then don't fight based on political patronage. We fight the fight of the need for some of these services and it's a cry of every MP regardless of whether opposition or [ruling]. Your task as MP is to try and bring as much development into your area. And my personal decision was to say 'look, how do I help my people? And therefore I have made a deliberate decision that I should be pro-PF because even some of their developmental agendas which I have listened to, appeal to me."

And Munkonge said it was time for Zambia to stop

relying on foreign aid. "I would like to think [that] sometime in the future, we should do away with foreign aid. We should be able to sustain ourselves. We cannot live the life of a beggar. That's like saying 'no, I will be begging until I die, no.' Foreign aid has got its pros and cons and if we use it properly, it should be used to plan for a future where we don't need it. Yes foreign aid is needed now but we should be strategising to do away with it. We can justify borrowing for activities that are profitable. Borrow if you are going to have an activity that will enable you to pay back what you have borrowed and remain with a profit at the end of the day, 'go ahead [and] borrow.' But for a country we must be talking about in the future, building up reserves that will protect your exchange rate, building up developments that will reduce your need on foreign aid," Munkonge said.

Meanwhile, Munkonge said only a minority were involved in theft of public resources.

"I think we have to understand [that] a thief is a thief, he will not be targeting whether it's a shirt worn by Seizer (host) or a shirt worn...if he has seen an opportunity to steal, he will steal. So even trying to link it (corruption) to donor funding, generally if a person will be stealing, they will be stealing from the government, they will be stealing from donor funding. They will steal because they are thieves. The fight we have is in trying to upgrade the system to make it less so that it's not easily manipulated by these sorts of individuals. And they are in the minority. The majority of us would not want to steal. But you see, it doesn't need the majority to make a bad smell that affects the majority," said Munkonge.

Regular tariff changes is because of fluctuating production cost - Zesco

By Mirriam Chabala

Zesco has dispelled claims by the Zambia Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the utility company is not transparent in the setting of electricity tariffs.

Last week, ZCM president Nathan Chishimba addressed journalists at a CEC organised workshop where he alleged that Zesco lacked transparency in the way it formulated tariffs and warned that this was scaring away investors.

"There is a complete lack of transparency about tariffs in Zambia. It's basically a black horse, we don't know how tariffs are arrived at. They will just tell you 'you will pay 10.3 cents', they will even convince politicians that 'we need 10.3 cents to survive' and that's what you will be charged. We don't have a formal basis for which we can determine that electricity actually does cost 10.3 cents. Zesco will just announce a number and all the politicians will be singing that number without verifying whether it's an objective number or if it conforms to global standards and that is what our

problem is, said Chishimba.

But reacting to Chishimba's remarks in an interview, Zesco Spokesperson Henry Kapata said Chishimba's accusations were not true.

"The first thing is that we do what is call cost and income model. Our tariff setting is based on what we envisage our cost to be over time and then that's what drives what we call a pricing model. So Zesco will assess the projects that it needs to engage in for us to deliver a certain service and all those costs are compiled and then we make an application to ERB. Now, the application to ERB looks at three things. It's a simple formula that determines tariffs, it's required revenue, then it also takes into account a return on asset. A return on asset that is determined by the regulator. If fact, it's called RR; Required Revenue. So Required Revenue is equal to allowable cost plus a return on asset. But the return is determined by the regulator and the allowable cost are also determined by the regulator. So there are certain costs that the regulator does not allow us to pass

on to consumers," Kapata said.

"And when people speak about [lack of] transparency, that's not true. Because when Zesco makes an application to the ERB, before the ERB could approve the tariff which should be implemented, it goes through a series of hearings with Zesco. So it invites several people from everywhere and Zesco stakeholders and we go round the country as Zesco sensitizing people, holding meetings and they ask questions, and we answer them, we justify our core structure in the hearing and on that basis then ERB makes a decision. So transparency is there when it comes to tariff setting, it's not a unilateral decision."

Kapata explained that Zesco was regularly adjusting tariffs because cost of producing electricity was changing everyday, depending on the economic indicators.

"As Zesco, we don't just jump from a Mango tree and start increasing prices. There is a process involved. And collectively after the hearings, ERB picks up everything and issues a statement. So let's take

that approach than attacking one another as institutions. Yes they have the right to say what they said but Zesco's position is what we have explained. We try by all means to engage the people so that they understand why we have to do this. We cite a lot of things like operational cost. For example in 2016, Zesco's operation cost was somewhere around K2.4 billion and were at the same level buying electricity at 15 ngwee per kilo watt hour. So can we survive just a small company? We would fall," said Kapata.

"So we try to explain the cost of a raw material and production. When we explain those things, people will be understand that this is the reason why we write to ERB for tariff adjustment. A transformer that was bought four years ago at K40 thousand, today 2018, do you expect that machine to be at the same price? Not at all! If anything this should be an annual thing, every year we should be able to put something, because the cost of production changes depending on economic indicators."

HH should have walked over to Lungu for a handshake at church - Dr Chanda

By Mirriam Chabala

Bwana Mkubwa PF member of parliament Dr Jonas Chanda says President Edgar Lungu cannot always look out to greet Hakainde Hichilema whenever they are in the same vicinity because he has protocols to follow.

And Dr Chanda has cautioned Zambian voters not to allow people like UPND vice-president Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba anywhere near the echelons of power, saying the former Defense Minister's allegations against people from Eastern and Luapula Provinces whom he branded as thieves, disqualifies him for national leadership.

Speaking when he featured on UNZA Radio's Lusaka Star programme, Monday, Dr Chanda asked UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema to stop overrating his worth. "The President is the President, so if Mr HH really wants to greet President Lungu, does he expect the President to leave all the protocols and the security to start looking for HH in the Church somewhere? It can't happen! Why can't HH walk to the President? We only

have one President in the country, just in case people don't know. There can only be one President, and like President Sata used to say 'on a toilet seat there's only one person who sits there at a given time'. So leave the President to govern and recognise him. It is these same people who don't recognise the President who expect to be greeted by him. But why not walk over to the president? You think the President will say no to a greeting?" Dr Chanda asked when a caller wondered why the two rivals did not greet each other at Mama Chibesakunda Kankasa's requiem mass.

"And I remember at St Ignatius about two years ago during President Sata's memorial, we saw pictures of President Lungu greeting HH. So these are the petty politics we are talking about of who didn't greet who. Let us measure ourselves according to our true worth. The President greets everyone, including the cadres and all of us. But if you think you are more important than the president and that he has to look for you [to greet

you], those are delusions of granger, you are deceiving yourself."

Dr Chanda also wondered why the UPND had started to love late President Michael Sata so much after his death.

"It surprises me that UPND now is praising late President Michael Sata. When President Sata was alive, who insulted him the most? It's the same people, they called him a dictator and insulted him to the grave. Now today the same stones that they threw at President Sata, they are putting now on his tombstone, they are the Chief mourners today. But President Sata is not hearing your praises, he should have heard them when he was alive. That is why some of us who worked with him closely appreciated him when he was still alive. So don't try make him a saint now or show that you love him more than us. We don't want that kind of hypocrisy," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Chanda warned that GBM would divide the country if his party was given a mandate to run Zambia one day.

"I don't know if Mr GBM has



done a scientific analysis. But what he said is an example of irresponsibility because once you start dividing people by tribe, then you are just dividing the country. Corruption knows no race, it knows no colour, it knows no tribe. Yes there may be a few bad elements in Eastern and Luapula Provinces but there is nothing like collective guilty. If 100,000 Nazis kill 600 Jews, you cannot say 'all Germans are devils'. There are good Germans and there are also bad ones called Nazis. So I don't believe in that kind

of generalisation because if one Bemba does something wrong you cannot blame all the Bembas or if one Tonga person does something then you say 'all Tongas are like that'. So that collective guilty is irresponsibility of the highest order and we don't expect that careless talk from a national leader like GBM or any other national leaders by the way," he said.

"If Mr GBM and his party are aspiring the rule the country one day but already insulting the people of Eastern and Luapula then how are they going to govern? What are they going to tell them? I think he owes the people of Eastern and Luapula apology. He can provide evidence if he has the people from Eastern or Luapula or anywhere who are corrupt, he can take the evidence to ACC or wherever he has to take it. But to insult all the Easterners and those from Luapula is mark that he (GBM) is already disqualified for national leadership. He is coming to divide the country with his party. As Zambians

we should not allow such leaders near the echelons of power because they will come and destroy the country."

Meanwhile, Dr Chanda asked Mazabuka member of parliament Gary Nkombo and his Kafue counterpart Mirriam Chonya to openly say what they think about the Kafue - Mazabuka road, now that government has started working on it.

"The MPs for Mazabuka and Kafue were busy making noise in Parliament when the Kafue-Mazabuka road was in bad state. But today the road is being worked on and they are quiet. I challenge honourable Nkombo and honourable Mirriam Chonya to make a comment the same way they were making the noise on how they are neglected and how bad it is. Even honourable Mwiimbu used to say that 'we the people of Southern province feel segregated'. But the PF doesn't segregate. We look at the country as one, we are not dividing the people at all," said Dr Chanda.

Climate Change will affect water quality, quantity - NWASCO

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO) director Kelvin Chitumbo says climate change is likely to severely impact the quality and quantity of water.

Chitumbo said this in a statement issued by his Public Relations and Communications Manager Mpunga Simukwai to highlight the rising impacts of climate change and climate variability that has affected the country and the region. Chitumbo said NWASCO had developed a Climate Risks Screening (CRS) Guideline for the Water Supply and Sanitation Sub-Sector.

He said climate change would eventually lead to adverse impacts on the economic and social well-being of the communities if adaptive measures were not put in place.

He added that the CRS guideline would provide the framework on systematic steps which practitioners

could take to identify climate hazards and extenuating measures as they designed and implemented water service projects.

"Though the guideline is primarily intended for use on new projects, it can also be

used to climate proof already existing water services projects and infrastructure by guiding decision making for any modifications that may be required," said Chitumbo.

Chitumbo said the guidelines

were also intended to be used as decision making pointers during project planning and designs so that climate risks were identified and appropriate adaptation measures selected to reduce vulnerability.

State wants ConCourt to state if Mutembo can be reinstated as DPP

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Two years after Mutembo Nchito sued the State to challenge his removal as Director of Public Prosecutions, the State has now raised preliminary issues in the Constitutional Court on November 15, on whether the decision by the President to remove Mutembo Nchito as Director of Public Prosecutions can be reviewed by the court and whether he can be reinstated.

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when the matter comes up on November 15, they intend to raise preliminary issues, among them, whether the provisions of article 144 of the Constitution (Amendment) Act no.1 2016 applied to Mutembo and whether he could be reinstated as DPP.

They further want the court to state whether the amended petition was the correct mode of commencement of action to challenge the decision of the tribunal set up to probe Mutembo and whether the court could grant the declaratory orders sought by

him.

"Take notice that when this matter comes up for hearing before the full bench of the Constitutional Court on November 15, 2018, at 09:00 hours, the respondent intends to raise the following preliminary issues: (a) Whether the petition discloses any cause of action; (b) Whether the provisions of article 144 of the Constitution (Amendment) Act no.1 2016 apply to the petitioner and whether the decision by the President to remove the petitioner from the office of

Director of Public Prosecutions can be reviewed by this court, and whether the petitioner can be reinstated as DPP; (c) Whether the amended petition herein is the correct mode of commencement of action to challenge the decision of the tribunal set up to probe the petitioner; (d) Whether the amended petition is a re-hearing of the matters heard and determined by the tribunal set up to probe the petitioner and (e) Whether this court can grant the declaratory orders sought by the petitioner," read the notice.

By Mirriam Chabala

President Edgar Lungu has asked the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) International to empower local contractors engaged in the ongoing construction of the Copperbelt International Airport with life skills.

Speaking when he held talks with the contractor at Dag Hammarskjöld area, off the Ndola – Kitwe dual carriageway yesterday, President Lungu said it would be wise if local contractors were empowered with skills which they could use even after the end of the project.

“We would like get the skills that are necessary for maintaining the Airport after completion passed on our people because we won’t have to come to China everyday when we have a problem. So in this respect, we expect that you cooperate with the ministry, the technical staff from the National Council

Lungu asks AVIC to transfer skills to local contractors

of Construction. Make sure that Zambians are brought on board to work under the 20 per cent contract policy. We don’t think [that] you can only give them drainage jobs or wall fence construction. We know they don’t have the skills, [but] supervise them closely so that by the end of the project, they will be able to utilize those skills and turn them into their own and be able to utilize them in our industries,” President Lungu said.

“I am saying this because you may be worried that they don’t have the competence, they don’t have experience. But if they don’t have experience and the competence, then

what can you do? Can’t you give it to them? So you have to make sure that you collaborate closely with our local contractors. Whether they are not competent, work with them and see to it that the work which comes out is up to the standard which you promised us. We will not take it if you come and tell us ‘this project has failed because of the 20 per cent’ because the 20 per cent is the one we have made for ourselves and we have agreed. So work with them, give them the skills. All defects should be cured on your side to ensure that the blame games to say ‘no it’s because of the 20 per cent that we are doing shoddy works.

I believe that want to be ambassadors after this project we will talk to other African countries about the quality of the works that you are able to do. So we don’t have now to compromise on the quality of works that you will be undertaking in the name of the 20 per cent, we will not take that.”

The President also demanded that the contractor looks into the working conditions of service for locals, who were usually being exploited.

“I am being told that the workers are being ill-treated, they don’t have protective wear and that they are below standard wages. They have seen me and they expect me

to talk to you about their welfare and about everything else that goes with staff issues and motivation to do the job. We don’t want sabotage on account of being disgruntled. So the whole reason of us being here was simply to have an appreciation of where we are... we will be talking to banks involved in China to give the remaining monies as soon as possible that we continue without any disruptions on account of the China Exim Bank not giving you the money,” said President Lungu.

And speaking to journalists after his closed door meeting with the contractor, President Lungu expressed gratitude

to all cooperating partners helping government to fulfill its promises to the people of Zambia.

“We should be happy that a government that promised to do certain things and we are seeing them, as opposed to those who want to come and give excuses when time comes to account for your time in office. When the tour of duty ends, we want to point to the things that Zambians bought into the PF vision way back in 2011 and they renewed the mandate and their confidence in PF in 2016, about development infrastructure, improving the wellbeing of our people, economic growth and so on. So the impression I have is that we are on the ball and like I said, we don’t want to continue listening to noise from outside. This is what we want, agriculture, tourism development, manufacturing... we promise the people of Zambia a lot and we are grateful that our partners, whether Chinese or American or Europeans, they are all doing what they’ve told us,” said President Lungu.

And the contractor’s representative, who disclosed that about 800 workers so far had been engaged to carry out various types of works, promised President Lungu that the local contractors would be empowered with skills.

“We are ready, and we promise you that. We are ready to sub contract 15 per cent people to do \$6 million works to the local sub contractors and material suppliers. With the remaining period of construction, we will have ideas of how many more local contractors we need. We have awarded three local contractors who are working at the site. Total sub contracting works will reach \$4.5 million this year,” said the representative.

Amos Chanda orders police to storm radio stations to stop provocative programmes

By Mukosha Funga

Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda says police must start being proactive by storming radio stations to stop provocative interviews which he says have started incite xenophobic attacks in Zambia.

Last week, Lufwanyama police fought running battles with ZAFFICO workers following reports that the institution had been sold to the Chinese. And when President Edgar Lungu arrived in the province for the two-day working visit, Sunday, provincial minister Japhen Mwakalombe told him that UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema had told lies that ZAFFICO had been sold to the Chinese when he featured on Sun FM radio earlier last week.

But the Head of State said he would ignore such detractors. However, Kitwe’s Kawama, Chimwemwe, Buchi and Kwacha residents yesterday joined in a riot ignited by saw millers demanding that government tells the truth regarding the alleged sale of ZAFFICO to the Chinese. Residents denounced government through anti-regime slogans, expressing displeasure on the Chinese influence as they burnt tyres and blocked roads.

They charged that since 2016, government had been making wrong decisions which had affected their livelihoods. Some residents were badly injured during the crash with anti-riot police, in protests that lasted over an hour.

And speaking to journalists after President Lungu concluded his visit, Chanda

ordered police to start stopping provocative radio programmes featuring government critics.

“There is an outbreak of malice and propaganda which is resulting in near incidents of xenophobic reactions among the population...when you politic in a manner where you incite people, that ceases to be politics but criminal activities. There is a failure of common sense. You can’t anticipate that someone is going to lie that this one is a criminal. So I can’t wake up in the morning and say Bwali is not a criminal, then you say I am proactive. So the listing of ZAFFICO was actually announced proactively by the President last year, but someone has turned it in a xenophobic manner to target a certain nationality. That’s why we are saying that we can’t apply pressure on the police but I think they have the responsibility, when there is a real threat to the breakdown of social order, we must be telling the police to be proactive. If they must go to a radio station to stop a propagandist who is inciting xenophobia, it is not a violation of media freedom, police must go into the studio and stop that nonsense because if they don’t, it will turn out in riots and probably loss of life. So maybe that’s the proactivity [that we can have]. Maybe the state, at the level of the police, must be more proactive and stop messages of incitement that are resulting in these unnecessary tensions,” Chanda said.

He said Ministers must not get tired explaining the ZAFFICO decision even if people don’t

understand. “Somebody says you can’t wash a pig. If you wash a pig and think that it will remain clean, you are mistaken, it will go back in the mud. The least you can do is emphasis, maybe I take this opportunity to announce here that ministers are under instructions, particularly Honorable Chitotela, Honorable Mwanakatwe, to issue ministerial statements on these matters. Particularly on ZAFFICO, maybe we should be talking about these things every morning. If this is what it will take, we will, there is a public broadcaster. We can make ZAFFICO a national

anthem if you please...even IDC will issue a statement.”

He also urged journalists to curtail their interviewees if they became provocative.

“If you are interviewing someone on Radio and they go that far, you stop them, because there is a public responsibility, a higher call to duty by the media is to stop this information from going out. It is not just because I have a mouth I can say it, just because I have a hand to punch I can, no! They were supposed to stop that irresponsible leader, whoever it was who gave that statement and tell them, there was a public statement and this is

what it was,” he said.

“There are people whose speciality is to dispose off public assets. That feeling in them, they see it in others so that again is a personal problem which we can’t deal with. The PF when it took power has not sold a single enterprise. From 2011 up to now, there has not been a single company sold by the PF. In fact, the PF reversed the concession of Zambia Railways and also reversed the sale of Zamtel. Those who are taking about selling are talking about themselves because this feeling is so strong in them that they cannot run away from it.”

Govt owes K5.2bn to people who won cases against it – Lubinda

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Justice Minister Given Lubinda says government owes K5.2 billion to individuals and institutions that won court cases against it.

And Lubinda says of the K5.2 billion, only K200 million has been provided for in the 2019 budget.

Speaking in Parliament Friday when he contributed to the debate on his ministry’s budget for next year, Lubinda also warned that any public officer who aids or causes government to lose revenue shall be brought to book.

“I regret to inform you, the House and the nation that a total of K5,241,878,000.89 is owed to individuals and institutions who won cases against government. [That] is what the compensation and awards fund is owing individuals and institutions who won court cases against government. Of this amount, K200 million has been provided in the 2019

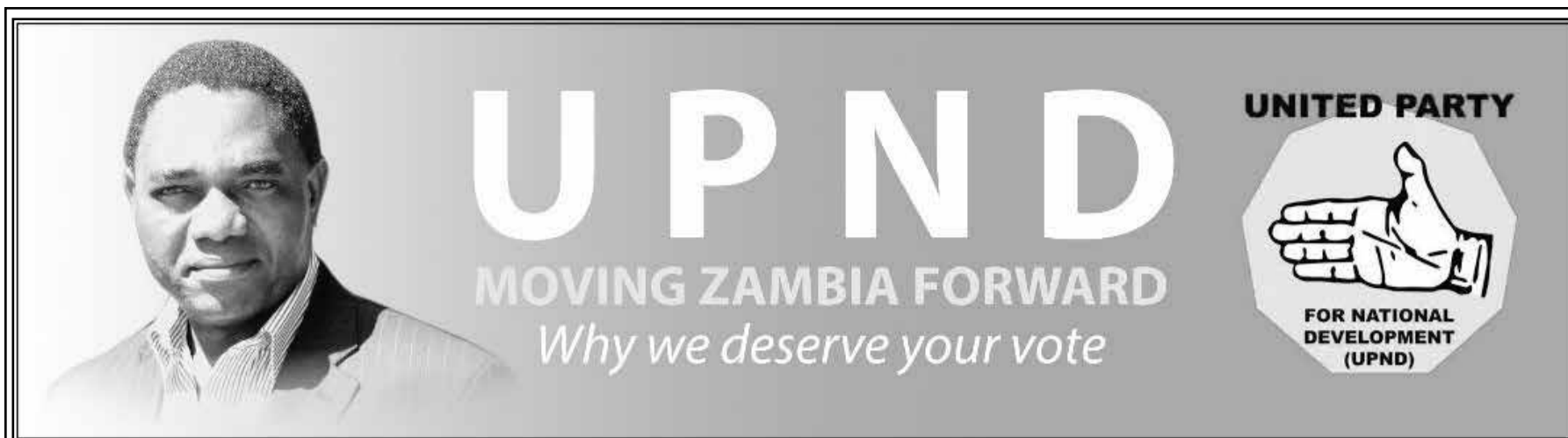
budget. The ministry and government generally is deeply concerned with the escalation and the huge amounts the government has to pay towards the compensation and awards fund as this is crowding out funding to other even more important government programmes,” Lubinda said.

Lubinda said his ministry had issued a memo to all ministries, provinces and other government spending agencies to submit debts owed by government.

“The Ministry of Justice will streamline and strengthen its debt collection unit to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. As part of this process, the ministry has issued a circular through cabinet office requesting all ministries, provinces and other spending agencies to submit debts owed to government. This will be enhanced by recruitment of more specialised state advocates to assist in debt collection,” he said.

He warned that any public officer who aided or caused government to lose money would be brought to book.

“To address this challenge, the ministry will continue to engage the treasury to facilitate recruitment and retention of state advocates for placement in ministries, provinces and other spending agencies to ensure that timely provision of legal advice to government, and particularly to ministry of justice. Government is implementing the Public Finance Management Act 01of 2018 which has strengthened accountability, oversight, management and control of public funds in the Public Finance Management Framework. As the house is aware, that piece of legislation puts responsibility on any public officers who aids and causes government to lose revenue. And going forward we shall ensure that such public officers are brought to the book,” warned Lubinda.



Zambia's Mounting Debt, UPND's Concerns

By Situmbeko Musokotwane

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy” – Proverbs 31:8-9 We can all clearly see that the debt situation is very bad and getting worse every day. The debt burden is truly becoming heavy on most of us ordinary Zambians. According to the experts, public debt has reached 60% of GDP, putting the country at high risk of debt distress, which simply means that we will soon fail to meet our obligations.

As a result of this mounting debt, between January and September 2018, interest payments on debt were 125% of the three quarters’ budget; this was 25% over-budget. In contrast, social programmes like Pension Fund and Social Cash Transfer received only 56% and 36%, respectively, while Food Security Pack for poor families and women and youth Empowerment Funds received nothing (0%). Some PF commentators will claim that this poor prioritization was because “the opposition infiltrated the public systems”. We must not be fooled or detracted by such ridiculous propaganda when the statistical facts about the failed economic management are laid bare for all to see. They will claim that UPND is against investment in infrastructure. What we are against is to disguise corruption in unplanned infrastructure development projects. Why should our roads cost more than three times to construct than the regional average? Why should our fire engines cost a million dollars when international reference prices are about a quarter of that? Why should the Lusaka Ndola Dual carriage cost billions of dollars? What is the motivation of undertaking these projects? Judging from the Auditor General’s 2017 Report, we are inclined to think they are conduits to steal public funds. This is what the UPND and the Zambian people are against. Countrymen and women, we believe that with the right leadership and political will, Zambia can do many things differently to remedy the situation. Here are two things, for example, that

together we can do.

Stop the excessive borrowing: In 2017, the Government developed the Economic Stabilization and Growth Programme (ESGP) and convinced us of their seriousness to tackle the economic crises. The Government assured us that it would undertake fiscal consolidation measures to reduce the Government deficit and accumulation of debt stock by (a) reducing overall expenditure from 27.7% of GDP in 2017 to 22.8% in 2019, and (b) reducing fiscal deficit from 7% of GDP in 2017 to 4.1% by 2019.

What has happened? Fiscal deficit in 2018 will be larger at 7.4% of GDP and not 5.1% of GDP as per the ESGP. In the 2019 Budget, deficit is increasing to ZMW28.8 billion (9.6% of GDP) against the ESGP target of ZMW 16.6 billion (4.1% of GDP).

While we are not surprised – for after all, this was the policy meaning behind “dununa reverse” – we are rightly worried that this will further weaken our fiscal and debt positions. It will affect our ability to attract the much needed investment that creates jobs for our youths that are graduating and roaming the streets without jobs. It compromises our real investment efforts, not the PF type investment strategy which aims to line their pockets through malpractices in procurements. It compromises poverty reduction efforts and scares away investors and cooperating partners as we have seen in the education and social cash transfer, where even the money meant for the poor has been abused, and the cooperating partners have frozen their support. And yet the PF are always singing and championing that they are a party for the poor!


Fellow Zambians, we cannot borrow our way out of debt; we must simply find the political will to apply prudent fiscal policies that stem further debt accrual. Thus, we should simply go back to ESGP and stop playing “chidunune” and “chipante-pante” with our economy. Let us demand our MPs to ask the Government to go back to the fiscal consolidation Plan in the ESGP and develop a new fiscal framework

that represents a more ambitious fiscal consolidation effort for the medium term. Share decision-making responsibilities honestly and fairly: Article 114 of the Zambian Constitution (2016) provides for the National Assembly to approve all loans and guarantees to be contracted by the State. This means the Executive has a constitutional obligation to have all loans and guarantees approved by Parliament. We need to start implementing this legal prescription so as to establish the right checks and balances in debt contraction. We need the Planning and Budget Act, the amendments to the Procurement Act and the Loans and Guarantees (Authorization) Act that ensure more transparency and oversight in the management of public resources. This is what the ESGP promised in 2017 and this is what we should do.

We are now entering 2019 and the above pieces of legislation have not yet been presented to Parliament. What other reasons would one think of apart from the PF’s fear that this will expose them in their corruption? Are the delays meant to give space to the Executive to secretly and unilaterally negotiate and finalize unplanned and unbudgeted debt deals with China, Turkey and others without parliamentary oversight? Is this not immoral, illegal and unfair to the Zambian people? Can’t we, as Zambians, hold the Government accountable and demand that the PF simply does the right thing for once and petition our MPs to ensure these laws are tabled in Parliament this year?

We want to assure Zambians, that we are available and ready to join forces with every like-minded countryman and woman, to demand, for and on behalf of the Zambian people, credible, accountable and dedicated policy leadership that will take us out of the current economic mess; respect and account for public funds; and bring us back on track to realizing our long term vision, the Vision 2030.

Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, MP. is UPND Chair for Finance



Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama
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Establishing rate of return - Cash flow

I have met many people who are willing to commit huge sums of money just to meet their business dreams. Unfortunately, many lack the means of computing the real return for the investment they are making. Someone somewhere may have told them that a given business runs very fast. And just for this, they will borrow money from a bank or other source. A few years along the line, the business fails. There are generally two types of businesses we are familiar with. There are those that start informally. Others start formally with proper processes of project evaluation.

If you are in a hurry to succeed, please, ignore the formal approach. But if your value is to start a business that gives you profits, you will need to consult a professional to work out the business plan. The key element of the business plan is investment evaluation that focuses not only on net present values but the quality of cash flows that will support the business. The term 'net present value' is generally used by accountants but it is really associated with entrepreneurs. It will be defined a little later but it is important to know that anyone who goes into any kind of business will

have to know, before hand, whether what is projected to be earned over a period of time makes business sense when all the costs to be incurred are taken account of today. The key factor that helps an entrepreneur decide whether or not the business makes sense before it even starts is the issue of cash flow; or money you expect to earn and spend during the course of the business. All this has to be done on paper before you make a final decision as to whether or not to go into the business. Cash flow can be looked at as the lifeblood of any business. The business should, therefore, generate more money, than what is anticipated to go out of the business. You need to capture the relevant cash flow and then adjust them for tax, interest payments and inflation. This is because as your business earns money, part of that money will have lost value due to devaluation, inflation and interest payments. An entrepreneur should be able to work out these costs, and then sit down to count the real value of the business, if you were to start it. If you do this part well, you will be able to ascertain prospects well before you commit your money. It is then you will assess whether or not to proceed with the idea altogether.

Most investors do not do this because they fear to lose time. Others believe evaluations are unrealistic and irrelevant to the business. As a result, they commit huge sums of money and only realize years later that they are actually not earning as much as they had thought because they did not take account of some factors that would reduce the value of the earnings. Had they known things would come out that way, they would have not gone ahead to invest; or perhaps, been a little bit cautious about the prospects.

One gentleman went into the business with a great expectation that he would earn more than a 100 percent return after three years. But when the internal rate of return or the net real earnings of the business was calculated by his business colleagues, they found that the cash flow he anticipated would only give him a four percent return after three years. The opportunity cost in this case was that going ahead with the project at four percent would cost him the advantage of earning over 30 percent in the stock market. Next week, we look at Idea Testing.

(This article is an excerpt from my book, 'Business Values for Our Time')

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Vice-President Inonge Wina says all Permanent Secretaries in line ministries have necessary qualifications which were ascertained before their appointments.

But an investigation conducted by News Diggers in April this year revealed that Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection, Dr Bishop Chomba is not a double PhD holder from "Oxford University (Trinity College)" and "Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson)" as he claims to have on his government endorsed biography. <https://diggers.news/local/2018/04/21/investigation-exposes-ps-chomba-as-oxford-disowns-his-phd/>

And Vice-President Wina says information by some UPND officials that District Commissioners are campaigning for PF in Mangango district using government resources and vehicles is wrong.

Responding to Chiengi FDD member of parliament Given Katuta who wanted to know during the Vice-President's questioned time, Friday, why government

Wina claims all Permanent Secretaries are well qualified

had not extended the verification of qualifications to Permanent Secretaries, Friday, Wina claimed all PSs were trained and had requisite qualifications.

She however challenged Katuta to take information regarding PSs without qualifications to the Secretary to the Cabinet.

"A Permanent Secretary in any ministry is at the apex of the governance system. Before PSs are appointed, they are scrutinised by the various security wings of government and their qualifications are ascertained at that time. As for the honourable member for Chiengi, if she can bring this information to the Secretary to the Cabinet regarding Permanent Secretaries who do not have qualifications, I think this will be very welcome. But for now, I know that all PSs in the line ministries are trained and have the requisite qualifications for the job they are holding," Vice-President

Wina claimed.

But a News Diggers! investigation in April revealed that Bishop Chomba has fake qualifications.

"We have been asked about Mr Chomba's credentials on previous occasions. We have no record of his ever having been registered as a student at Trinity College, Oxford. I am copying this reply to my colleagues at the University's Research Degrees Office, who will be able to confirm whether he has been awarded any doctoral degree from the University. The College does not hold this information. The digitised College records that have been checked go back to the 1930s," The Oxford University, Trinity College responded to a News Diggers press query in April.

Despite the report, no action was taken against Bishop Chomba.

And when asked by the leader of opposition Jack Mwiimbu what they were doing regarding

District Commissioners who were campaigning for PF in Mangango district using government resources, Vice-President Wina said that information was false.

"The comment by the leader of the opposition is an assumption. Because DCs have not been allowed by the central committee to participate in the campaigns in Mangango. I do know that there are no government vehicles that are being used in that campaign. I think the honourable member must have been given untruthful reports because all the campaign vehicles in Mangango have been secured from Lusaka. We can go there to Mangango to verify whether government vehicles are being used in the campaign," she said.

Asked a follow up question by Gwembe UPND member of parliament Attractor Chisangano who wanted to know what to do to DCs who were found using government

vehicles to campaign, Vice-President Wina said the idea of concentrating on DCs would not win UPND a seat in Mangango.

"As a political activist, your job is to concentrate on the campaign. You are not going to Mangango to hunt for DCs and vehicles. If the purpose of going to Mangango is just to confiscate vehicles simply because you suspect this vehicle belongs to a DC, I think the law will take care of that. It's not DCs who win campaigns. We have our own party structures on the grounds and these are the people leading the campaign in Mangango. So the idea of concentrating on DCs will not win UPND a seat in Mangango because our people are there campaigning. If there is even one DC in Mangango, he can leave but we are still going to win Mangango," she said.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Wina acknowledged that the country's reserves had gone

down adding that government was taking different measures to increase them.

"I do realise that our reserves have gone down from \$2.something million to \$1.8 million. Of course that is acknowledged. But government has not just sat to mourn over this situation. Government is taking measures to ensure that we increase our reserves by taking many interventions including the austerity measures that we have taken which will help us to be able to contain excess expenditures unnecessarily," she said.

Vice-President Wina also said NRDC College management was still investigating the causes of riots at the institution.

"The riots at NRDC were prompted by students who were in the first or second year and wanted to get into the next academic level without passing the required subjects. I'm yet to see a university or college where a student can aspire to go to the next level when they have not passed all the required subjects. However, as of now, the college has been reopened. Of course management is looking into the causes of the riots," said Vice-President Wina.

We understand that there are hundreds of thousands of citizens out there who are submerged in misery and are looking for ways of letting out their anger and frustrations. Some have lived in poverty for generations because successive governments have not cared enough about their plight. Others have seen their businesses collapse as a result of poor economic policies and they have no kind words for the government.

There is also another frustrated group of people in the political arena who have failed to form government because they believe that their votes keep getting stolen. They have tried to call for electoral reform, but no one is listening and it's just not working for them. They are now failing to control their emotions because their time is running out.

But above all, the angriest are those who have individually and directly been aggrieved by this Patriotic Front regime. These include very well qualified people who have been retired from government in national or public interest without committing any wrong. The only offence they committed perhaps is belonging to a particular tribe, or questioning an illegal decision by their superiors, or exposing criminality. They have been fired without following proper procedure of retiring a civil servant.

Some of these victims have died of depression; some survivors have lost hope and have resorted to beer drinking and other illicit activities. They can't afford to pay rent because they left government with no terminal benefits on which to earn a living. Even the brave ones

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Insulting Lungu won't get anyone out of poverty

who are trying to survive through private sector entrepreneurship have failed to pull through because their business opportunities keep getting trampled upon by State agents who have followed them in their retirement. Most of these victims feel going to court is a sheer waste of time because they know that there is no justice they can get as long as their oppressors remain in power.

These victims are extremely mad at President Lungu for allowing criminal elements to abuse State power in fighting personal battles. They want the Head of State to know how aggrieved they are, but they have no platform on which to engage him. Their letters of complaints can't even go

past the gates of State House. The few that get delivered end up in the very hostile hands of the aggressors who then make the situation worse for the victims.

All these devastated people would like to take a bite at the President because they can't handle their frustrations any more. They have tried to endure, but they can't stomach it further. The edge for vengeance is getting the most out of them, but since they have nothing to fight back with, some have started giving government leaders a piece of their mind.

There is a Lusaka resident called Justin Chikonde who has a bone to chew with the Patriotic Front and President Lungu in particular. This elderly man took social media by storm a few days

ago because of his insulting prowess. He was heard and seen in a viral video insulting the Head of State and Cabinet Ministers in a manner that cannot be repeated in a narration.

This aggrieved fellow who claims government owes him about K15 million in benefits, had jaw-dropping insults; insults which not even a sworn enemy deserves to hear. What was heart-breaking was that these insults were not coming from a young teenage boy who could hide behind the influence of alcohol. They were coming from a man whom, in our assessment, could be the same age as President Lungu.

We do not agree with that approach. For whatever wrongs he may

have committed, insulting President Lungu is a monumentally stupid thing to do. Why do we say this? Well, President Lungu does not deserve anyone's insults, not only because it is a crime to insult him, but because it solves nothing at all. It will not take anyone out of poverty. Insulting the President will only make the situation worse for the victim who may have had a very good reason for being angry at the State. As we speak, police have arrested Mr Chikonde, and anyone who has seen that video wonders how he will get out of that self-inflicted problem.

Don't get us wrong. Zambia is a democratic country, therefore, citizens are free to illustrate where President Lungu is going

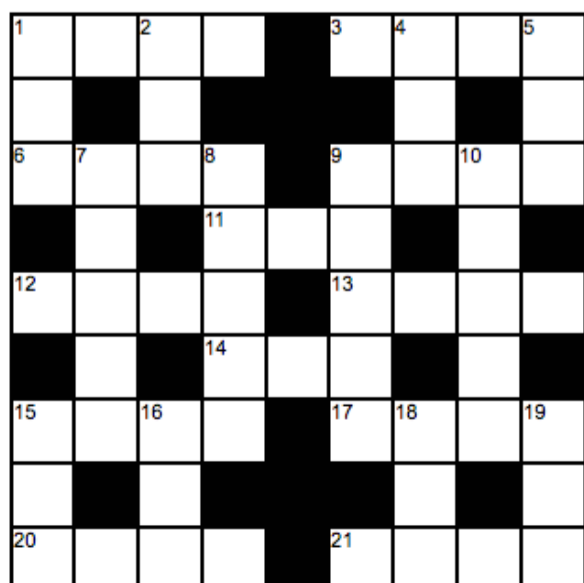
wrong and telling it in his face that he is a failed leader (like we are repeatedly doing). They can call him a dictator if that is what they think he is – that is not an insult. They can go further and publicly mobilise citizens to vote him out at the next elections. Those with legislative power have an extra privilege of removing him from office before the next election using an impeachment process, as long as the law supports their grounds.

But we are totally against the growing trend of showering insults at the leadership of this country. In countries like the United States, what Mr Chikonde was saying is not a big deal. We see Americans insult President Donald Trump on live television and they call it freedom of speech. But that is not, and must not, be allowed in Zambia. Let us not copy other people's negative cultures and make them our own because it will cause a huge governance problem for generations to come.

Those who are individually aggrieved by this government must carefully manage their frustrations. We would like to encourage those who are seeking solace from the Church to continue getting spiritual counselling. There are also other support civil society organisations that take up such matters of State victimization and these institutions are ready to help. Reach out to them and let them hear your case.

Insulting President Lungu is not a solution at all. It's just like cursing at a stone which you hit into; it may give you some short-lived satisfaction, but it can't stop the bleeding. After all, a stone has no ears.

Crossword puzzle 224



“Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.”
- E.F. Schumacher

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Solutions to puzzle 223



Reader's feedback

Lusaka Mayor's refusal to pay food bill

Dear Editor,

"The Mayor was right to demand for a better service by protest payment. He said he's a regular patron at the same food spot and expected a full, complete, good service. The Mayor went to that spot in his individual capacity as Mr. Miles Sampa, and not as His Worship the Mayor. Neither was it the Council paying the bill. Some restaurants even give complimentary food to inconvenienced customers because they can't afford to lose a good customer because of their bad service. Of course, we are not in support of dishonest gimmicks to eat food without paying for it. That's theft. Service is a whole package, as the Mayor explained, and customers expect nothing less." - Jameson Munengo

"Let us support the Mayor of Lusaka." - Mulenga Geoffrey

"PF have given us the most entertaining mayors in history. It's like you need a dash of madness with a sprinkle of being a clown to qualify for mayor. Keep entertaining us. It keeps us distracted from poor governance." - Mukosha Mulenga

"You are just a thief; just go and pay the money, then start by improving the work culture at the Council because the service Council offers now is pathetic and below par." - Chitalu Katebe

"Criminal act being justified. We don't expect our Mayor to behave like that because even

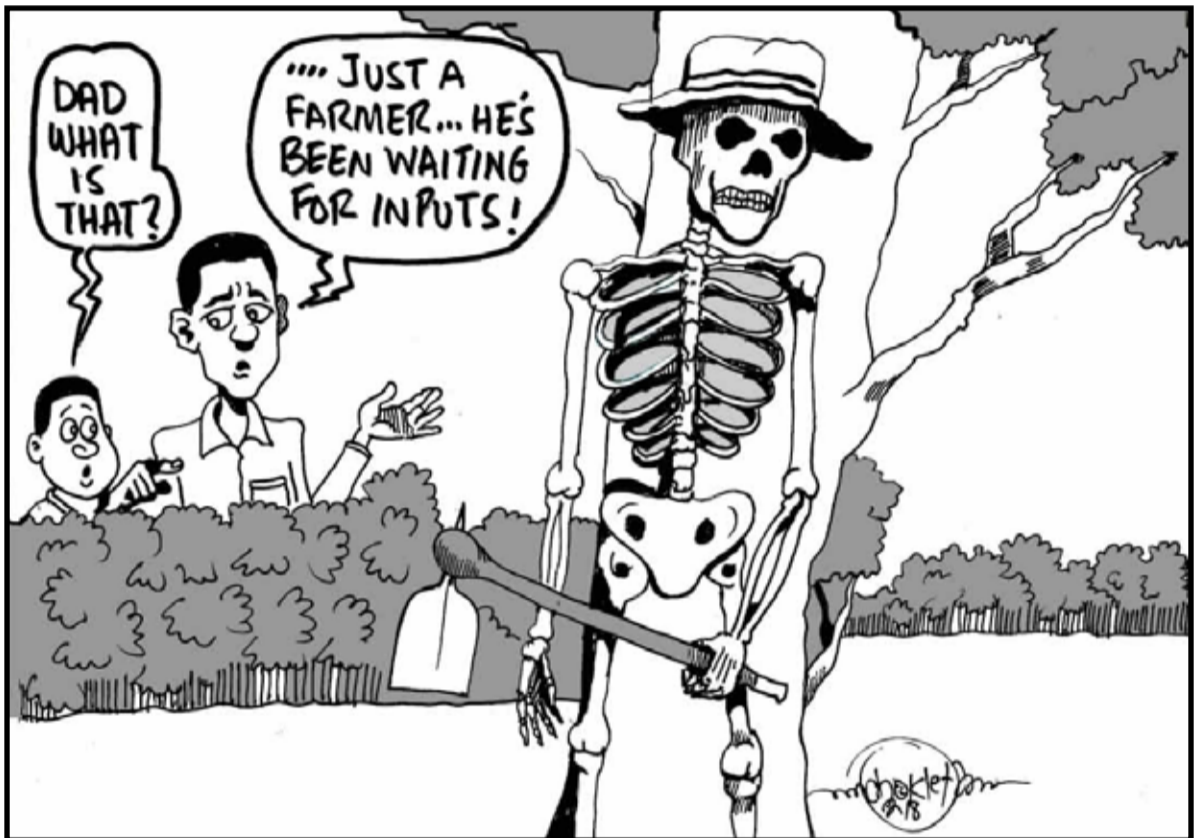
a kaponya cannot do that." - Geoffrey Samusungwa

"To think that at one point this man wanted to be president of Zambia is scary, I think the country had a lucky escape from him." - Mutinta Mulonda

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Kambwili's ejection from Parley over digital migration 'jail' comment

Editor,

"Kambwili did a very good thing. Why was the PF cadre (Deputy Speaker) insisting that Kambwili should withdraw the 'you will go to jail' statement when that's the fact because corruption is written all over the US \$273m migration deal? PF under Sata spent US \$9m to migrate 6 provinces, but under 'koswe mumpoto,' they've spent US \$273m to migrate 4 provinces and mortgaged ZNBC to the Chinese." - PoliCritic Lungu

"This Parliament is a joke! I've heard Ministers make treasonous claims and nothing is done to them, but seems statements from those opposed to govt get the wrath of the Speaker and his deputies." - Kapampa Musukwa

"Mwimba is a PF cadre." - Midibo Dibo

"Kambwili should be the first one to be arrested over digital migration; he started the process and messed it up." - Makasa Martin

"Even him, now, he should be ready to go prison." - Joseph C Cosmas Chisulo

Chongwe Council's decision to stop Chinese cemetery construction

Editor,

"Let the people of Chongwe throw their weight behind the Council to stop this impunity and criminal behaviour by these foreign elements. The Council must not stop at demanding restoration of the land to its original status, but must also consider legal action against the perpetrators of this illegality together with their collaborators." - Kanyata Mubita

"Let's hope, ba Chongwe Council you will not rescind the move you have taken to stop them." - Chikwekwe Kalezhi

"Who gave them permission in the first place?" - Mwendā Sitali

"Bravo, Chongwe Council and News Diggers!" - Le Vy

"Next, we'll hear they're constructing a town of their own! This how racism started in South Africa..." - Keith Moono

S. Korea, US resume suspended joint marine drills

South Korea and the United States on Monday resumed small-scale military training that was indefinitely suspended following an historic summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

The combined marine drills were among "select" joint exercises that were indefinitely delayed in June, after Trump met with Kim in Singapore and pledged to halt "very provocative" and expensive joint military drills with Seoul.

But the Korean Marine Exchange Programme (KMEP), involving some 500 marines from the US and South Korea, will resume for two weeks from Monday in the South's southern city of Pohang, Seoul's defence ministry said.

"We have previously said we will conduct US-South Korea battalion-level or small-scale drills as planned," ministry spokeswoman Choi Hyun-soo told reporters. Washington is Seoul's security ally and stations

28,500 troops in the South to protect it from its nuclear-armed neighbour.

The two countries have long carried out joint exercises which they insist are purely defensive in nature, but which Pyongyang sees as a rehearsal for invasion.

Along with the marine drills, Seoul and Washington suspended

the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian training in August involving tens of thousands of troops.

They also agreed to halt the Vigilant Ace air force exercise slated for December.

The resumption in military drills comes just days before US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is set to hold

talks with his North Korean counterpart on denuclearisation and plans for a second summit between their leaders.

At their meeting in Singapore, Trump and Kim signed a vaguely worded statement on denuclearisation but little progress has been made since.

The two have sparred

over the exact terms of the deal, with Washington pushing to maintain sanctions against the North until its "final, fully verified denuclearisation" and Pyongyang condemning US demands as "gangster-like".

As a latest sign of increasing frustration, the North's foreign ministry issued a

statement on Friday threatening to resume building nuclear weapons unless US ends sanctions against Pyongyang.

The North is under multiple UN Security Council sanctions for its weapons programmes.

In an interview with Fox News on Friday, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo reiterated that sanctions will remain until Pyongyang carries out denuclearisation commitments made in Singapore. **AFP**

In push for stability, France gives 30-million-euro aid to Gambia

France gave 30 million euros (\$34 million) of aid to Gambia on Monday as part of efforts to support its democratic transition and ensure stability in a region Paris deems vital to its interests.

Born of British and French

colonial rivalry in the 19th century and surrounded by francophone Senegal, Gambia - a tourist haven and groundnut producer - won independence from Britain in 1965.

President Adama Barrow won the December 2016

election by beating exiled authoritarian former leader Yahya Jammeh, who fled Gambia after regional militaries launched an operation to remove him.

"What's at stake is consolidating democracy

and stability in Gambia," said a French diplomatic source, as French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian visited Gambia.

Paris has major economic interests in Senegal and wants to ensure a rebel movement in the

southern Casamance area, separated from the more affluent north by Gambia, does not flare up after Jammeh broke ties with Dakar and destabilized the area.

The International Monetary Fund has warned Gambia against any new borrowing after its debt stock reached 130 percent of gross domestic product at the end of last year.

The aid provided by France comprises 5 million euros for budgetary support, 20 million for drinking water projects and 5 million for agriculture.

Under President Emmanuel Macron, France is attempting to broaden its economic influence in Africa to anglophone regions. **REUTERS**

Danish suspect in \$17 million fraud case arrested in South Africa

South African police on Monday arrested a Danish woman accused of stealing 111 million crowns (\$17 million) of Danish government funds intended for the most vulnerable in society, the Danish state prosecutor for financial crime said.

The case, seen by many Danes as a symbol of the decline in confidence in once trusted institutions, comes in the wake of a major government tax scandal and a money laundering case involving the country's largest bank, Danske Bank.

Denmark is now working with the South African authorities to extradite the woman, 64, the State Prosecutor for Serious Economic and International Crime said in a statement.

Reuters was not immediately able to reach the suspect's lawyer for comment, but he was quoted by Danish

broadcaster DR as saying he did not wish to disclose how his client would respond to the accusations.

According to anti-corruption coalition Transparency International, Denmark is one of the least corrupt countries in the

world. The woman, an employee of the Danish ministry for social affairs for more than 40 years, is suspected of transferring government funds intended for vulnerable people to her own accounts between 2002

and 2018.

"The arrest of the main suspect means there is now hope of finding the lost millions," Danish justice minister Soren Pape Poulsen wrote on Twitter.

The woman had been the subject of an international

arrest warrant since Oct. 18 when the ministry announced the findings of an internal investigation.

Three other people are suspected of involvement in the case. One of them was arrested in Johannesburg on Oct. 30. **REUTERS**

EU recalls Tanzania envoy amid plan for anti-gay squad

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The European Union (EU) has criticised the state of human rights in Tanzania and recalled its ambassador to Brussels for talks, amid a plan for an anti-gay crackdown announced by a local official.

Same-sex relations are banned in

Tanzania.

Last week the governor of the economic capital Dar es Salaam announced plans to launch a surveillance squad to hunt down gay people, but the government has distanced itself from the idea by saying it is not official policy.

In a statement, the EU has said it "regrets

the deterioration of the human rights and rule of law situation in the country and will be conducting a broad review of its relations with Tanzania".

This follows a warning from the US Embassy in Tanzania that there were reports that gay people could be arrested.

BBC

Host South Sudan to include Darfur rebels in Sudan peace talks

South Sudan will host peace talks in Juba next week between the government of Sudan in Khartoum and all Sudanese opposition armed groups, and will also include rebels from Darfur, a presidential adviser said on Monday. Sudan, which had previously accused its southern neighbor of stoking unrest in parts of its territory, agreed to mediation by South Sudan on Sunday, although only in its conflicts with rebels in the border regions of South Kordofan and Blue Nile.

Independence for South Sudan in 2011 meant that many previously restive areas escaped Khartoum's rule, except for South Kordofan and Blue Nile, where rebels kept up their fight.

Tut Kew Gatluak, an adviser to President Salva Kiir, said the talks would now also involve rebels in Darfur, a region of Sudan along the border with South Sudan where rebels have been clashing with President Omar Hassan al-Bashir's forces since 2003, although fighting has subsided in all the rebel regions in recent years.

"President (Salva) Kiir has invited all the armed opposition groups present in Sudan, whether in Darfur or in the two states of Blue Nile and South Kordofan, to participate in the talks in Juba," he told a news conference.

The Khartoum government has unilaterally maintained a ceasefire with rebels in Darfur, Blue Nile and South Kordofan since 2015, and extended it in July.

Sudan and South Sudan have long traded accusations of supporting rebels in each other's territory, during wars in which hundreds of

thousands of people have died.

Kiir's government and South Sudan's main rebel group concluded a peace deal in September in

Khartoum, with Bashir's assistance, that was aimed at ending a civil war that had been raging since 2013.

Gatluak said Kiir would

play a reciprocal role in the negotiations between Bashir's government and the Sudanese rebels, starting in Juba next week. Khartoum has said further

peace talks under the aegis of the African Union are expected to take place in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, in mid-December. **REUTERS**

Pope condemns anti-Semitism amid increase in attacks on Jews

Pope Francis called on Monday for the eradication of anti-Semitism following an increase in attacks and hate crimes against Jews in several countries and said it was vital to preserve the memory of the Holocaust.

In the worst attack ever against U.S. Jews, a gunman yelling "All Jews must die" stormed a Pittsburgh synagogue on Oct. 27, killing 11 worshippers and wounding six other people including four police officers, before he was arrested.

"We are called to commit ourselves to ensure anti-Semitism is banned from the human community," Francis said during a meeting with rabbis from the World Congress of Mountain Jews.

Mountain Jews are the descendants of Jews who left ancient Persia and settled in the Caucasus. Francis said the Holocaust, in which the Nazis murdered six million Jews around



Pope Francis meets a delegation of Rabbis from the "World Congress of Mountain Jews" of Caucasus, during a private audience at the Vatican, November 5, 2018. Vatican Media/Handout via REUTERS

Europe during World War Two, must continue to be commemorated to keep its memory alive.

"Without a living memory, there will be no future, for if the darkest pages of history

do not teach us to avoid the same errors, human dignity will remain a dead letter," he said.

He noted the recent 75th anniversary of the deportation of Rome's Jews by Nazi occupiers

and that Nov. 9 will be the 80th anniversary of "Kristallnacht," the night when mobs ransacked thousands of synagogues and Jewish businesses in Germany and Austria. "Sadly, anti-Semitic

attitudes are also present in our own times. As I have often repeated, a Christian cannot be an anti-Semite, we share the same roots," Francis said, stressing the importance of inter-faith dialogue.

In the run-up to Tuesday's contentious U.S. elections, in which immigration has become a central issue, racist fliers have been reported on university campuses in at least five states, while synagogues in New York and California have been sprayed with anti-Semitic graffiti.

Last week British police launched an investigation into alleged anti-Semitic hate crimes within the opposition Labour Party, after a report that Labour itself had found evidence of party members threatening politicians. **REUTERS**

Saudi Arabia told the United Nations on Monday it would prosecute those responsible for the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at its Istanbul consulate, as Western states pressed it for a credible investigation.

Bandar Al Aiban, the head of the Saudi government delegation at the first U.N. review of the kingdom's record in five years, heard calls from more than 40 nations, including the United States, for a thorough inquiry and a string of rights reforms.

Saudi Arabia tells U.N. it will prosecute Khashoggi killers

He told the hearing that King Salman had instructed the Saudi public prosecutor to "proceed with the investigation into this case according to the applicable laws" with a view to establishing the facts and "bringing all the perpetrators to justice".

"As regards the passing of citizen Khashoggi, our country is committed to carrying out a fair investigation and all persons involved with that crime will be prosecuted in the justice system," Aiban said at the end of the half-day session.

Aiban gave no details on the status or whereabouts of the 18 Saudi nationals detained in connection with the case and repeatedly declined to answer journalists' questions about them, saying: "The case is still under investigation, as you know...I think my statement

was very clear."

Khashoggi's sons on Monday demanded the return of the body of the Washington Post columnist and critic of the Saudi government, who disappeared at the consulate on Oct. 2. **REUTERS**



Taraji P. Henson Style llywood Film Awards November 4, 2018 wearing Brandon Maxwell Spring

Janet Jackson Rallies Her "Sisters" With Empowering Feminist Speech

There's a reason Janet Jackson received the Global Icon Award last night.

Taking the stage in Bilbao, Spain, for the MTV European Music Awards, the 52-year-old entertainer used her platform to amplify the voices of other women who don't necessarily receive the same media attention she does. As Camila Cabello, Jason Derulo, Lindsay Lohan and more celebrities cheered, Jackson said, "I love you guys so much. I accept this award with profound gratitude. To be called an icon is a tremendous honor, but one that comes with a tremendous responsibility. Tonight I feel moved to speak for women whose voices have been stifled." After a dramatic pause, the singer told the Bizkaia Arena, "I am one of those women."

The pop music superstar went on to tell viewers that she stands with her "sisters"—the "women who have been gagged, both literally and emotionally," as well as the "women who have been abused," the "women

who have been intimidated" and the "women who have lived in fear."

"Tonight, I carry the hope that a new world is emerging—a world in which caring people, male as well as female, will no longer tolerate gender inequality. Women, our voices will be heard. We will be heard when we speak out for justice," she said. "Speak out for the spirit. Speak out for a spirit that crosses all borders, recognizes the dignity of all people and affirms the beauty of all faiths. Speak out for acts of true charity, small and large. Speak out for an all-embracing love. Because it's love that will heal our wounds. Love that will give us strength to come to one and other's aid. So, let's lift our voices. Let's start today and let the ever-amazing love of God lead the way. With all my heart, I thank you, God. I thank all of my fans. I love you so much." After telling her son, Eissa Al Mana, "Mama loves you," she said, "Thank you so much for this honor."

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Nicki Minaj to Open the 2018 E! People's Choice Awards

The 2018 E! People's Choice Awards are sure to have a stellar start this year, because E! has officially revealed that Nicki Minaj will be opening the show by performing a song off her most recent certified

platinum album *Queen!* The "Barbie Dreams" rapper is a finalist in two categories at this year's show, with nods in both Female Artist of 2018 and Album of 2018, which means there is even more

to celebrate if you are a fan of Miss Minaj and her groundbreaking music. The artist will definitely prove that she deserves to be recognized in those categories with her opening performance on

Nov. 11, and we cannot wait to see which bop she chooses...and what she wears on stage.

Seriously, there's no doubt in our minds that Minaj will slay on stage, because let's be honest, she's done it

so many times before.

And no matter what award (or awards) Minaj takes home from the PCAs, her opening performance is making all of our Barbie dreams come true. Gracing the PCAs stage

will be the next big event in a huge year for Minaj thus far. Trust us, she's had a phenomenal 2018.

The songstress dropped her fourth studio album, *Queen*, in August and it debuted at number two on the Billboard 200.

She has also released some killer collabs this year, teaming up with amazing artists like Ariana Grande, Post Malone, Jason Derulo, BTS, Little Mix, Lil Wayne, Eminem, Tyga, and more! Her *Minajesty* also stepped outside her comfort zone—but if we're being honest, nothing is outside her comfort zone—and started up her own Beats 1 radio show on Apple Music, called *Queen Radio*, which has been wildly successful.

EONLINE

Rihanna skewers Trump for using her music at one of his 'tragic' rallies

Like her fellow artist, Pharrell Williams, Rihanna isn't "Happy" about her music being used at a political event.

The "Wild Thoughts" singer took to Twitter to voice her displeasure after the Washington Post's Philip Rucker mentioned her song "Don't Stop the Music" was playing at Trump's rally for U.S. Senate candidate Marsha

Blackburn in Chattanooga on Sunday.

"It's been said a million times, but here's a million and one — Trump's rallies are unlike anything else in politics," Rucker tweeted. "Currently, Rihanna's 'Don't Stop the Music' is blaring in Chattanooga as aides toss free Trump T-shirts into the crowd, like a ball game. Everyone's loving it."

Rihanna fired back: "Not for much longer... me nor my people would ever be at or around one of those tragic rallies, so thanks for the heads up philip!"

Earlier Sunday, Rihanna endorsed Democrat Andrew Gillum in Florida's governor's race with a post on Instagram:

Election Day is Tuesday. **USATODAY**

You can now buy the ultimate 'Star Trek' souvenir: a \$5.7 million house

Calling all Trekkies: There's a new piece of "Star Trek" memorabilia you can get your hands on, but fair warning – it'll put a sizable dent in your wallet. A futuristic-looking house featured on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" is now for sale in Malibu, California, and it can be yours if you have \$5.7 million to spare.

The listing boasts four "eclectic" bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms and a "chef-inspired" kitchen. Other perks include an ocean-view terrace, a lavender and rose garden, a "spa-like" bath in the master suite – plus "beautiful emerald stone counter tops." The house was featured in the third episode of Season 3 of the sci-fi show in 1989, when the USS Enterprise answered a distress call from a seemingly destroyed planet and found the only two survivors living in the house.

"Perfect for the technological whiz who enjoys to expand their imagination in this euro-style playfully contemporary home," a description on the real estate site reads. *USATODAY*



Camila Cabello poses with her awards during the 2018 MTV Europe Music Awards at Bilbao Exhibition Centre in Bilbao, Spain, November 4, 2018. REUTERS/Sergio Perez

WHICH PARTY DESERVES YOUR VOTE?

Building on its accolade as a trendsetter in promoting national discourse and objective news reporting, News Diggers now introduces a platform for political party players to debate topical issues affecting citizens.

We have picked the Patriotic Front and four other top political parties seeking to form government in 2021 and offered them a full page each in the print edition of News Diggers on which to publish their agenda.

Starting tomorrow November 6, 2016, the top leadership of these political parties will go into detail explaining why they deserve your vote.

Mondays: Patriotic Front

Tuesdays: United Party for National Development

Wednesdays: National Restoration Party

Thursdays: National Democratic Congress

Fridays: People's Alliance for Change



These articles will further be published on all our social media pages. We now call on you the readers to evaluate and give them feedback by commenting as follows:

For a party you would vote for, comment starting with: "Yes Vote" and add a very short reason if necessary

For a party you wouldn't vote for, comment starting with: "No Vote" and add a very brief reason if necessary

Voting wisely means understanding what you are voting for, know them now.

Supporting democracy from the home of investigative journalism

Mayweather to face baby-faced Japan kickboxer Nasukawa

Boxing superstar Floyd Mayweather Jr said Monday he will come out of retirement to fight a Japanese kickboxer half his age, Tenshin Nasukawa, on New Year's Eve in Saitama. The 41-year-old unbeaten American, who won world titles in five different weight divisions and was considered the best pound-for-pound boxer in the sport, out-boxed Irish mixed martial arts fighter Conor McGregor in his last fight in August 2017. That victory improved his boxing record to a perfect 50-0, but the format or rules for his meeting with the baby-faced Nasukawa were not specified by the Japanese mixed martial arts promoters RIZIN. Mayweather posted a teaser photo on his Instagram feed at the weekend, showing him wearing kickboxing gloves. "I want to give the people what they want -- blood, sweat and tears," Mayweather told a news conference in Tokyo after reportedly flying into Japan on his private jet.

"It's always been a goal of mine to go outside of the US and display my talent. The world has never

seen Mayweather compete live in (Japan)," he added, promoting the cross-code bout as an expansion of his

businesses to the Far East. "I want to continue to build my relationship with Money Team Tokyo.

We've been making some huge fights happen in the US, but we look forward to taking the Mayweather

Promotions banner and the TMT banner worldwide."

Nasukawa, who is described in the press release as "perhaps the best combat sports prospect (Japan) has ever seen", boasts a 27-0 record but has never competed as a professional boxer.

The 20-year-old with a bleached-blond quiff called it an "easy decision" to accept the offer to face Mayweather in Saitama, north of Tokyo.

"It was a surprise offer but I accepted without hesitation," said Nasukawa. "I don't care what the rules are. I want to be the man who changes history. I'll do that with these fists, with one punch -- just watch." Mayweather insisted Nasukawa would be no pushover.

"He's young and he's undefeated so it's obvious he's doing something right," he said.

"This kid right here is an unbelievable talent, he looks like a gym rat," added Mayweather.

"He's very special, he's fast, he's strong. I'm older now and when it comes to experience, I have it on my side. He has youth on his side and he's going to bring a lot of excitement."

Mayweather, who stopped McGregor in the 10th round last year after coming out of retirement for a \$275 million pay day, had been flirting with the idea of a rematch with the Irishman or facing McGregor's recent MMA conqueror, the fearsome Russian Khabib Nurmagomedov.

"I've been blessed to be in the sport a long time and to make over a billion dollars in the sport," added Mayweather.

"But this particular bout is special as far as giving people something they've never seen before.

"I'm not really worried about the weight class or rules -- it's about me displaying my skills against another skilful fighter. I just want to entertain."

AFP



Undefeated boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. of the U.S. poses for a photograph with his opponent Tenshin Nasukawa during a news conference to announce he is joining Japanese Mixed Martial Arts promotional company Rizin Fighting Federation, in Tokyo, Japan November 5, 2018. Photo credit - REUTERS

Lakers' maddening play continues as Kawhi Leonard-less Raptors rout LeBron James and Co.

Just when you thought the Los Angeles Lakers' first season with LeBron James couldn't get more maddening...

Magic Johnson finally addressed reports that he chewed out Lakers head

coach Luke Walton last week for the team's slow start, and his words figure to be scrutinized.

"I said it, Luke took it and we're all good," Johnson, president of operations for the Lakers, told the Los

Angeles Times on Sunday night as tipoff approached for the Lakers' game against the Toronto Raptors at Staples

Center. "It's no big deal."

No big deal? Well, that depends on exactly what Johnson meant when he told the L.A. Times something else about Walton, in his third year of a five-year \$25-million contract.

"He's going to finish the season," Johnson said, according to the L.A. Times. "Unless something drastic happens, which it won't." Not everyone will be convinced of that after the Lakers lost to the Raptors, 121-107.

Because not long after Johnson wrapped up the interview, the Lakers trailed the Raptors by 31 points. Less than 10 minutes into the game.

By the end of the first quarter, the Lakers trailed by 25 points, 42-17, in what ESPN reported was historically bad. According to ESPN, the Lakers had never been outscored by more than 24 points in a first quarter in the shot-clock era (since 1954-55). YAHOO



Marcus Rashford of Manchester United celebrates after scoring his team's winning goal in stoppage-time as Manchester United came from behind to triumph 2-1 at The Vitality Stadium, Bournemouth, England on Saturday Nov. 3, 2018.

Buffaloes athletes dominate Area Board competition

By Alex Chilumbwe
Green Buffaloes athletes dominated Sunday's Area Board competition held in Lusaka, winning both gold and silver as five of its competitors finished in the top ten. The 10 kilometre race was organised by Zambia Amateur Association (ZAA) Edward Mwanza who also won last year's Lafarge's International 21 kilometres won gold while Paul Ngulube who is originally a middle race athlete won silver. Both athletes are from Green Buffaloes. Mwanza finished with a personal best of 33 minutes 9 seconds while Ngulube managed 33 minutes 33 seconds. Zambia National Service(ZNS) won third position with fourth position going to Zambia Air Force (ZAF). Other Buffaloes' athletes in the top 10 were Brenani Mwiinga who finished seventh, Daniel Ngulube on eighth position and Ogen Chitambo who finished 9th. Buffaloes coach Innocent Haatuleke could not hide his excitement over his boys' performance. "I'm mostly happy because apart from

Mwanza and Chitambo, I used middle race runners and they did exceptionally well. This

does not mean that I will make them long distance runners permanently, I just wanted to see

if we as a club had other options in case of anything. I'm proud of their performance,"

said Haatuleke. Other clubs that competed include Nakambala, Prisons

of Kabwe, Solwezi athletics clubs, Zambia Police, Red Arrows and Kamfinsa Sports Club.

Barbara Banda scores on her Logroño debut

By Alex Chilumbwe
Barbara Banda has started her Spanish adventure with a bang, scoring a late goal to seal a much needed victory for her club Feminino Logroño. Banda signed with Escuelas de Fútbol de Logroño a few weeks ago and started the match against Sporting Club Huelva to mark her first appearance in Spanish Primera league. Logroño who recorded their first win of the season last weekend started strong and broke the deadlock after 10 minutes thanks to a strike from Equatorial Guinea's 29 year old midfielder Dorine Nina. Logroño controlled much of the game but had to wait for the second half to double their

lead and secure victory. Fourteen minutes to time Banda headed home

to double home side's lead. The hosts held on to win the match 2-0.

When Barbara Banda signed for Logroño they were bottom of the table

with 2 points and but now they are 11th on the log with 8 points.



Barbara Banda in action for Escuelas de Fútbol de Logroño

By Alex Chilumbwe
ZESCO United CEO Richard Mulenga has confirmed that Mamelodi Sundowns forward Lameck Banda will spend another season at the defending league champions club after reaching an agreement with Sundowns. Mulenga in an interview with Goal Diggers! said ZESCO United would continue to develop Banda for another season until their agreement sends him back to Sundowns.

Lameck Banda stays as Zesco eye Makwaza Jr

"We reached an agreement that allows us to keep and develop Lameck for one more season and he would go back to Sundowns

when time is due. As of now he is training with Sundowns although he will play for us. This 2018 season has been amazing for him," Mulenga said.

Banda had a successful trial with the Tshwane giants last year before returning to his homeland. And Mulenga also

revealed that ZESCO was eyeing Power Dynamos midfielder Linos Makwaza Jr saying talks to get him were still in the pipeline.

"Linus is our target from Power Dynamos but we have not finalized anything yet. Talks with his club are in the pipeline," said Mulenga.

Barcelona legend Xavi claims that most modern football bores him.

Xavi is tired of seeing teams who wish to play without possession, though he admits it is good for him to see examples of how not to be a coach.

"I have to admit that I find the football I watch on the TV boring," he told Catalunya Radio, per AS.

"Many teams are ponderous and play monotonous football. Teams that set up in a 4-5-1 bore me; they don't want the ball.

"It's good for me to see things that I'm not going to do when I want to be a coach.

"I have a clear idea of how I want my team to play:

Most football is boring, says Xavi

dominate the game, take hold of the ball and look to create and be active. That's how it was for me at Barcelona."

Nevertheless, Xavi has admiration for Atletico Madrid boss Diego Simeone, who has always set up Atletico Madrid to stop other teams from attacking.

He added: "Tactically, we've come a long way, so much so that playing with space almost seems impossible. Every team looks to close down the space. Physically, it's also difficult to improve on. Simeone is the one who

takes this approach to the extreme.

"Attacking a Simeone defence is really difficult and they know how to reduce spaces and always have cover. Simeone believes he doesn't need the ball to dominate a game, but, with all due respect, I am the opposite.

"The biggest thing about Simeone is he knows how to transmit his ideas to his players and convince them. He's assured them it's the only way to compete with Barcelona and Madrid and he's achieved that." *Goal.com*



BARBARA BANDA

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BUBBLING IN SPAIN



Russia's Karen Khachanov celebrates his first Masters triumph following a memorable win over Novak Djokovic. AFP



Raheem Sterling scores Manchester City's fourth goal as the Premier League champions returned to the top of the table with a 6-1 thrashing of Southampton. AFP