



IT'S PF INCITING PEOPLE WITH THEFT - HH

Man in court for defiling 'an idiot'

By Diggers Reporter

UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema says he is ready to face the police for interrogations tomorrow and has vowed that he will continue speaking for the people as long as he is alive. And Hichiema says he has not incited anyone to riot, but the PF is doing so through theft and corruption. *To page 11*

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 29 year-old man of Lusaka's John Laing compound has been dragged to court for defiling a mentally challenged juvenile. And three people have appeared in Courts on one count of theft of chemicals used for making Boom detergent paste. In this matter, Peter Kombe, a machine operator, is charged with defilement of idiots or imbecile contrary to the laws of Zambia. *To page 5*

Sata must be turning in his grave



President Edgar Lungu testing the gym equipment during the official opening of the Neelkanth Sarovar Premiere Hotel in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Salim Henry

Lusaka PS asks PSMD to dismiss deputy over theft

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Lusaka Province Permanent Secretary Charles Sipanje has written to Public Service Management Division (PSMD) recommending the dismissal of his deputy Josphat Lombe for allegedly misappropriating public funds, among other offences. Meanwhile, Committee chairperson Howard Kunda sent away the controlling officer and his team for referring to documents

which were not attached to the submission. Sipanje told the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Monday, that his

deputy's offense was similar to the offense committed by four accounting officers who were dismissed over meal allowances amounting to K1 million. *To page 11*

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Lusaka lawyer Kelvin Bwalya Fube has asked President Edgar Lungu to halt investigations against his political rival Hakainde Hichilema saying the recent ZAFFICO riots are just a tip of the iceberg of the frustrations which Zambians are bottling up. And KBF says the current opposition has failed to show citizens that they have better programmes for the country.

In a lengthy statement, Sunday, KBF noted that there was a general disgruntlement among citizens over the manner in which the nation was going.

"It is my sincere hope that government is aware that the recent ZAFFICO riots are just a tip of the iceberg of the many bottled-up frustrations simmering in a growing majority

Halt investigations against Hakainde, KBF tells Lungu

of Zambians. Having observed an escalation in tensions building towards Wednesday 14th November 2018, I am persuaded to appeal to each one of us to introspect. It will be folly for us as a people to ignore the current social and economic distress sweeping across the nation. We must realize that what affects one of us affects all of us without choosing one's tribe, gender, vocation or political affiliation," KBF stated.

"Unless some of our

politicians have become so detached from reality and from the people of Zambia, any Zambian politician worth his salt is aware that there is growing disgruntlement and disappointment among Zambians over the state of affairs of our nation. The hard truth is that our citizens in general are unhappy and frustrated about the management and direction of the country. Some people might hope that this is unique to urban areas only. Unfortunately, our people in rural areas are equally

expressing the same sentiments of frustration and disappointment. What is worth noting is the fact that this is a national issue and my appeal is that we put cheap politics aside and treat it as such."

He listed some of the things Zambians were frustrated about.

"From the broad spectrum of Zambians that I have had a chance to interact with, the following issues form the core of what is afflicting and agitating the Zambian people in general: Unemployment is too high and is the major

reason for the high poverty levels being experienced in the country, our economy has too many burdensome policies for the citizens. There is a general feeling that government is contracting huge debt for non-priority construction projects at seriously inflated prices and passing the burden to citizens. When government is calling for belt tightening amongst the citizens and civil servants, there is absolutely no evidence that senior government officials holding political offices are tightening their belts.

Citizens are bottling up frustrations as they are being denied their critical rights of assembly and freedom of expression. Good governance and rule of law in the country is deteriorating.

Agricultural performance has been dangerously poor and consistently negatively affected citizens in the rural areas," KBF stated.

"There is a consistent and constant failure by government to communicate national issues effectively to avoid unnecessary suspicions. There is a strong perception that our President has been held hostage by a small group of self-serving individuals. Citizens believe the President is not fully aware of the true state of the nation. If as the ruling party, we don't sober up and get to the bottom of these and many other issues of concern, shifting the blame will not make the situation any better.

We can harass or arrest all those with opposing views, but without addressing the real issues, we will only succeed at mobilizing the Zambian people against President Lungu and the PF Party as a whole. I hereby call on the PF Party and government to make a clear distinction between politics of intimidation and good governance. We, as PF are the ruling party and are entirely responsible for the state and direction of this nation. All other

politicians, disgruntled elements and opposition political parties can be excused for their rumbling and political gymnastics. For us on the other hand, our actions and decisions affect every citizen regardless of their political affiliations. When the economy is not doing well, it is our responsibility to rectify the situation."

KBF asked President Lungu, therefore, to halt investigations against Hichilema.

"We only have one Zambia and if we do not guard against her destruction the country we know and the great future it holds will cease to be. Whatever our challenges and frustrations, I ask all the people of Zambia to believe me when I say the solutions to our problems lie within us. The solutions are there. To this end, I humbly appeal to my President His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, as commander in chief, to in the interest of the nation, halt the planned investigations against the UPND President," he stated.

"I believe that if we destroy each other and destroy the country, it will be that much harder to recover as a nation. Let us immediately begin to make all things about Zambia and not about the political parties to which we belong. Let us move away from blaming each other and move towards consulting and correcting each other."

And KBF stated that the current opposition had failed to show citizens that they have better programmes for the country.

"It is a known fact that the current opposition has failed to demonstrate to Zambians that they have better programs for this country. The people of Zambia are therefore still looking to the party that promised lower taxes and more money in their pockets. It is not too late to steer the boat towards the shores of prosperity," stated KBF.

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By Mukosha Funga

Northern Province Minister Brian Mundubile says the provincial administration is expected to attract investment pledges amounting to US\$2 billion from the upcoming Tourism and Investment Expo in the Province.

And Mundubile says activities to showcase the country's potential investment opportunities will continue beyond the Northern Province Expo, which is scheduled to take place from November 20-24, 2018, under the theme: "unlocking investment opportunities, 100 years after the end of the First World War."

Speaking when he featured on Diamond TV's Costa

N/Province Expo could attract over \$2 bn in investment pledges - Mundubile

show, Sunday evening, Mundubile also said that the province had been speaking to local firms about investing in various sectors of the province, as one way of promoting local investment.

"There are quite a number of companies that are coming to the Expo, but, of course, they are in categories. We have got companies that are coming as exhibitors, those are in excess of 100 and they are coming to showcase what they have. Then, there

are also companies that are coming as investors; those are just coming to look at the potential areas for investment going forward. What is very important is that, when you look at an Expo, what is good to note is that, the moment you pronounce that you are going to host an Expo and you set the date, you already begin to market those areas. So, for the past six months that we've been marketing the tourism and investment Expo, we've been receiving

a number of visitors in form of investors and companies coming to the Province," Mundubile narrated.

"I think in our projection, we are going to be very happy to have landed investment pledges in the region of \$2 billion. But as today, we are at \$4.5 billion in terms of investment pledges. So, as Northern Province, we feel that this is a success already, even before we start. So, it's been a very good journey, in that we just didn't wait for the investors to come,

but we also go out to speak at different platforms. My Permanent Secretary has been to America, he's been to Durban (South Africa) to speak on various platforms. I have been to South Africa myself; I have been China a few times, even on the local scene. So, through these discussions, we've been talking about the potential that lies in Northern Province. I have been able to tell our would-be investors that there is no place like Northern Province."

He added that the provincial administration had been encouraging local firms to take advantage of the Expo, which kicks-off next Tuesday, and look put for possible investment opportunities.

"We want to promote local investment as much as possible, and we have actually gone out. We are having meetings with Chambers of Commerce; we already have had meetings with the Kitwe and Ndola Chambers of Commerce, and just the other day, we had a meeting with Lusaka Chamber of Commerce. We are moving on into Northern Province and many other areas. Because we also want to understand specifically what issues investors want government to address before coming up with these investments. And we are getting some very interesting and intelligent ideas from these organisations," he explained.

And he said added that forums to showcase the country's potential investment opportunities would continue even after the Northern Province Expo.

"As provinces, we have taken it upon ourselves, first of all, to promote tourism in our respective provinces. But then we will have this initiative that links Eastern, Muchinga, Northern and Luapula for tourism and we've got the southern block also. So, in the end, the entire country will be connected for tourism. But first, we have gone just as provinces; so, Northern Province is promoting the tourism potential in Northern Province; Luapula has done the same; Eastern has done the same and Muchinga will soon be doing be the same. Then, we will soon begin to link. So, for the future expos, there will be specific expos that maybe will look at some regional tourism expositions that will include all the four provinces going forward. So, besides holding expos as individual provinces, we have agreed as provincial ministers that in future, depending on what we want to promote, we will look at linkages and how best we can market the tourism in these areas together, going forward," said Mundubile.



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PLACING THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT PLACES

By Mukosha Funga

PF deputy media director Antonio Mwanza says the ruling party is not interested in UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema because he is just an ordinary citizen who must face the law when he breaks it. Speaking on ZNBC's Sunday Interview, Mwanza dispelled assertions that the PF was mounting pressure on police to arrest Hichilema, saying the ruling party respected the autonomy of state institutions. "First of all, I want to

PF uninterested in HH, he's just an ordinary citizen - Antonio

make it very clear that the Patriotic Front is not interested in Mr Hichilema because he is an ordinary citizen running a club called UPND, that is a club that is registered under the Registrar of Societies. He is an ordinary citizen who is not special in any way. Mr Hichilema is an ordinary

Zambian just like any other Zambian. He doesn't enjoy any immunity, he does not enjoy any special treatment and he is not above the law. So if Mr Hichilema is going to commit a crime, the law will be exercised on him just like it is exercised on everybody else," Mwanza said. "We as Patriotic Front, we do not have any special

interest in Mr Hakainde Hichilema but what we are saying is that we were voted by the people of Zambia, they have given us the constitutional mandate to run the affairs of this country and it is in our interest as the ruling party to make sure that there is sanity, peace and the rule of law in this country. To make sure

that everybody lives and abides by the laws of this country. It is our mandate and the people of Zambia expect us to provide that leadership. This is the reason why the President has created the Ministry of Religion and National Guidance to remind us as Zambians of the values and the principles that run us as Zambians."

He cautioned citizens not to abuse their right to speak.

"You have the right to speak, but you don't have the right to lie. You have the right to speak but you do not have the right to incite people to be violent. The public property and infrastructure that is being damaged belongs to the people of Zambia and the peace that we have enjoyed in the last 54 years should not be taken for granted. The Patriotic Front, as a government that believes in the separation of powers, as a government that believes in the independence of institution, we do not interfere with the operations of police. The police are governed under the Zambia Police Act...the Patriotic Front does not interfere in the affairs of any public or state institution. These institutions are independent, they are autonomous and they are carrying out their mandate in accordance with Acts that establishes them," said Mwanza.

HEA overturns HPCZ's decision to ban medical courses at CBU

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) has overturned the Health Professionals Council of Zambia's decision to ban two medical courses at the Copperbelt University. On Friday, HPCZ directed CBU to discontinue offering the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery programmes on account that the institution lacked capacity to produce high quality health practitioners. But in a statement today, HEA Director General Professor Stephen Simukanga directed CBU to continue running the programmes, saying the authority was the custodian of all higher education institutions in Zambia. "The Higher Education Authority (HEA) has directed the Copperbelt University (CBU) to continue running the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery Learning Programmes at the Higher Education Institution (HEI) until further notice. As mandated by the Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013 and Statutory Instrument No. 25 of 2016, HEA is the custodian of

all HEIs in Zambia, be it public or private, and has the authority to accredit Learning Programmes at these HEIs," Prof Simukanga stated. He stated that the deficiencies at CBU did not warrant banning the institution from offering the courses.

"For this reason, in May 2018, the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of

Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery Learning Programmes at CBU were audited by experts acting on behalf of HEA for purposes of accreditation. Preliminary findings of the audit indicated that the Learning Programmes had areas that needed improvement. Following the findings, HEA began a process of guiding CBU in thoroughly addressing

the Learning Programmes' deficiencies and had asked the HEI to develop an implementation plan over a period of not more than one year. This was expertly deemed as a sufficient period of time in which to rectify all of the Learning Programmes' deficiencies," stated Prof Simukanga. "Moreover, as it was expertly determined that the shortcomings of the

Learning Programmes did not warrant the closure of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery Learning Programmes as "continuous improvement" of these Learning Programmes is instituted, CBU shall continue providing these Learning Programmes while they address the shortcomings that have been identified."



Diplomats accredited to Zambia prepare to lay wreath at the Cenotaph in Lusaka during the remembrance of the men and women who died in the First and Second World War on November 11, 2018 – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

ZRA intercepts smuggled Christmas chickens

By Stuart Lisulo

The Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) has intercepted a truck with smuggled chicken pieces worth K260,000 in unpaid taxes. In a statement, ZRA corporate communications manager Topsy Sikalinda stated that the consignment of chicken pieces was declared as transit goods going to a neighbouring country

when in fact were destined for Lusaka.

"The chicken pieces and truck have been seized on grounds of false declaration and forgery contrary to section 141 Cap 322 of the Customs and Excise Act. The intercepted chicken pieces are worth K260,000 in taxes. There is precedence for traders to try and smuggle in

goods during the festive season in order to make more profits, but the Authority has ensured that the Mobile Compliance Unit is in all strategic parts of the country. The consignment was declared as transit goods going to the neighbouring country when in fact the consignment was destined for Lusaka," stated Sikalinda in a press release issued,

Monday.

"Our investigations have so far revealed that this particular company has been smuggling meat products into the country using transit fraud. We always say it is cheaper to pay taxes than smuggling as the cost of smuggling is losing both the goods and the truck. We are aware that during the festive season, the

temptation to smuggle goods like alcohol, groceries and other items is high, but we want to assure Zambians that the Authority is on high alert to deal with smugglers. The Authority wishes to call upon all members of the public to report anyone whom they know may be involved in tax evasion and we promise the reporters' confidentiality will be protected."

Sesheke UPND MP dies

By **Mirriam Chabala**
Sesheke UPND member of parliament Frank Kufakwandi has died in South Africa after an illness. UPND deputy Secretary General Patrick Mucheleka confirmed this to News Diggers in an interview, Monday. And in a statement, Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa Emmanuel Mwamba revealed that government had evacuated Kufakwandi last month and he had been receiving specialist treatment at Arwyp Medical Centre in Johannesburg. He stated that Kufakwandi had been treated for a cardiac condition. Ambassador Mwamba stated that Kufakwandi's wife, Masiliso, was at the bedside. Meanwhile, Hakainde Hichilema stated that Kufakwandi's death was a double tragedy to the UPND, as it was not long ago when the party lost its Mangango representative Naluwa Mweene in an accident. "It is with great sadness and sorrow to announce the passing on of our Sesheke Member of Parliament Hon. Frank Simona Kufakwandi who died in the early hours of this morning in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he was receiving medical treatment. As a party, we shall greatly miss his immense contribution and dedication to the country where he was representing our great people of Sesheke. On

behalf of the entire UPND family, we send our sincere condolences to the family of Hon. Kufakwandi and the people of Sesheke constituency. For us, it is a double tragedy to have lost two members of parliament within such a short space of time from Western Province. We place everything in the mighty hand of our God during

this trying moment," stated Hichilema in his message of condolences. The Patriotic Front, through party Secretary General Davies Mwila, also sent a message of goodwill to the UPND and to Kufakwandi's family. "The Patriotic Front has learnt with shock and profound grief the passing on of UPND's Sesheke member of

parliament Hon. Frank Kufakwandi who has died in South Africa after an illness. Our hearts and prayers are with the family of the late Hon. Kufakwandi and the UPND as a party. May the good Lord console and comfort the bereaved family during this sorrowful moment," Mwila stated in his message of condolences.



Court interpreters' lawyers want nolle disregarded in trafficking case

By **Zondiwe Mbewe**
Lawyers representing seven court officials and two businessmen charged with trafficking in narcotic drugs have urged the Lusaka Magistrates' Court to take the nolle prosequi entered by State Advocate Grescillia Mulenga in the last proceedings seriously saying the said nolle was done illegally and unconstitutionally. They say that if the advocate entered a nolle prosequi without authority of the DPP, it means that the current proceedings are a nullity and the previous case was still valid because the powers that Mulenga exercised can only be exercised by the DPP. According to the law, only the DPP can enter a nolle prosequi, but has power to delegate by way of a written authority, to a particular advocate to enter a nolle. In this matter, businessmen Eric Chipango, Emmanuel Chimba and court officials Emmanuel Chirwa, Bearvan Mengo, Mathews

Mukanda, Victor Nzaila, Florence Mushoka, O'Brian Muyunda and Didie Kangwa, a senior clerk of court, are facing four counts of trafficking in narcotic drugs and two counts of theft by servant. Recently, the Director of Public Prosecutions entered a nolle prosequi in a case in which the nine were facing three counts of drug trafficking in relation to the disappearance of 24 kilogram of cocaine, which drugs are subject of criminal proceedings before another court. However, upon their release, the accused persons were re-arrested. At the last sitting, the defence had raised some preliminary issues as regards the irregularity of the proceedings. Among other issues, the defence had urged the court to take judicial notice of the proceedings that were before the previous magistrate, which proceedings were subsequently discontinued by the State by way of a

nolle prosequi. And when the matter came up before a Siavonga based magistrate Victoria Chitulungoma sitting in Lusaka, Monday, Deputy Chief State Advocate Gamalielimba objected to the defence's proposition for the court to take judicial notice of the proceedings of the other court saying there was nothing specifically raised to require that merger. He added that the submission was not supported. On the defence's application that the accused persons were in court illegally because they were not formally warned and cautioned,imba argued that the only process recognized at Law leading to the production of a warn and caution statement, was a trial within a trial. He added that the issue of a warn and caution statement was prematurely raised by the defence as the State had not attempted to produce any at that

junction. Zimba further argued that the basis upon which the court was being urged to refer the matter to the High Court for Constitutional determination, was misconceived. He said the court had nothing to do with the proceedings that were before the other court. Zimba further argued that there was no nolle prosequi on the record of the current Court, hence all the concomitant arguments made should fall out. However, the the defence lawyers comprising of Keith Mweemba, Jonas Zimba, P Muya, Makondo Simubali, among others, argued that they were inviting the court to take judicial notice of the contents of the other court in order to compare with what would be said when trial commences, with what was said in the previous court in case a witness decided to change their statement. Mweemba said when trial

commences, they don't want to be accused of aducing evidence from the bar. He said the issue of the nolle prosequi should not be trivialised as it was a very serious issue because it was done illegally and unconstitutionally. Mweemba added that if the advocate entered a nolle prosequi without authority or constitutional power, it meant that the current proceedings were a nullity and the previous case was still valid. He said this was because the powers that Mulenga exercised was only given to the DPP in this country. Mweemba further said the State should have demonstrated to the court that the accused persons were formally arrested and charged, adding that the only arrest that was formal was in the previous proceedings. Another defence lawyer Jonas Zimba argued that the application by the defence for a Constitutional reference was properly before the court. "And not until the issues being raised are determined, it would be improper to proceed with the matter before you. We pray that this matter be referred to the High Court for determination of the issues that have been highlighted," he said. The matter has been adjourned to November 23, 2018 for ruling on the preliminary issues raised.

29 year-old in court for defiling "an idiot"

By **Zondiwe Mbewe**
A 29 year-old man of Lusaka's John Laing compound has been dragged to court for defiling a mentally challenged juvenile. And three people have appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates' Courts on one count of theft of chemicals used for making Boom detergent paste. In this matter, Peter Kombe, a machine operator, is charged

with defilement of idiots or imbecile contrary to the laws of Zambia. It is alleged that Kombe, on unknown dates but between October 10, 2018 and October 11, 2018 in Lusaka, had unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 16 years knowing she was an idiot. And when the matter came up for allocation, Monday, the

accused was not present in court. The matter has however been allocated to magistrate Alice walusiku and Kombe is expected to take plea on Tuesday. Meanwhile, three people have appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates' Courts on one count of theft of chemicals used for making Boom detergent paste. This is a matter in which Godfrey Malambo, 38, a Security guard;

Felix Kalumba, 30, of Kanyama compound and Ephraim Mulenga, 38, of Chawama are charged with theft contrary to the laws of Zambia. Particulars of the offence are that the three jointly and whilst acting together on October 21, 2018 stole chemicals for making Boom detergent paste valued at 10, 850.87 the property of Trade Kings Limited.



Zambia towards the middle-income nation status: The UPND strategy

By Geoffrey Lungwangwa

The UPND will strive to make Zambia a prosperous middle income country once voted into power. The whole issue of the VISION 2030 is extremely pertinent because that is the direction our country ought to be going and I will anchor my submission on VISION 2030. As a country, our vision is to be a middle-income prosperous country by 2030. This was the statement that we agreed to as a nation way back in 2007.

This was the legacy of President Levy Mwanawasa, MHSRIP. When the policy was put in place, 2030 was 23 years away. We are now almost 12 years away from 2030 and very little seems to be happening. A lot of things have happened on the way, but in order for us to honestly and adequately assess whether or not we are on course to reaching VISION 2030, we must be honest enough and critically analyse where we are and what we are doing.

Country men and women, there are many countries that have aspired to achieve the status of a prosperous middle-income country in Asia, here in Africa and many parts of the world. The story of the Tiger nations in East Asia is very clear. The only thing is that there are certain strategic policy positions that any country that aspires to attain the status of a prosperous middle-income country should put in place.

There are certain strategic policy directions some countries have taken to succeed in achieving the status of a prosperous middle-income country. Look at Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and South Korea as well as Ghana and Ethiopia. You will see that they are putting value on certain things like education, science and technology.

This is what we as the UPND intend to do in revitalizing and spurring our nation towards that VISION 2030 in terms of poverty reduction and employment creation in the country. The following needs to be done:

1. **YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY:** The biggest victims of unemployment and poverty in our country are the young people. The young people of 0-35 years are about 80 percent of the population which translates to about 12 million people and unfortunately it is in that number that we find the highest levels of poverty and communicable diseases. The heart, soul and mind of any Government should have this policy direction. What programs can be put in place to ensure that young people have opportunities for employment and reducing poverty among

themselves. Us in the UPND have not heard the Patriotic Front give the nation a strategic direction around those programs. The country needs a team that will ensure that strategic policy directions are put in place to combat poverty and unemployment among the young people. What policies have been put to ensure that young people are linked to the land instead of our land being taken over in big chunks by foreigners in particular the Chinese. The young people are supposed to be enabled to occupy the land and capacitated to be productive on their own. This is what countries do and this is what the UPND shall do once given the realms of power.

2. **PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:** The UPND shall ensure that Education institutions put in place programs that hinge on the transformation of knowledge and skills for the growth of the national economy especially for the young people because that is what they need as they have the energy, strength and aspiration for a better future. That however, will only be realized when they are given the right knowledge and skills for them to contribute towards the transformation of the country. This as a Government of the UPND we shall strive to do as theoretical knowledge alone is not enough to grow the country towards that prosperous middle-income status.

3. **UPND shall emphasise on Mathematics, Science, Technology and Engineering:** This is what countries striving to achieve the status of prosperous middle income emphasize in their education system. This is what Ghana and Ethiopia are doing. In the sixties, India emphasized a lot on the training of its young people in Mathematics, Science, Technology and Engineering and today India has made tremendous transformation and many other countries are following suit. This is what we should hear from a Government that understands what VISION 2030 is all about in terms of what our education system can do to be able to give that push that is very necessary in the transformation of the country.

4. **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY :** We are now in the fourth Industrial Revolution in the world. We are now in the age of the importance of data and Digital technology is transforming our world. The countries that wish to reach the prosperous middle-income status ensure that they create an environment for Digital Technology so that it can go to as many young people as possible. We need to develop a digital technology generation for those who are from Zero to 35 years. Those are supposed to be given the skills, know-how in the field of Digital Technology if we are to transform this

country.

5. **SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES:** That is very important as this is where the business and minds of our young people are in terms of for example, poultry, piggery and tomato farming. But our young people are being pushed away from the SME sector by foreigners, in particular the Chinese. The Chinese are selling Salaula which is supposed to be sold by our young people. The Chinese are selling chickens and sand from Katuba in our country which is supposed to be done by our young people. Foreigners are coming all the way from far flung countries to come and make blocks here and have taken up shops in the compounds. This is where our young people should be active. The UPND will give hope to the young people by coming up with strategic measures to stop the intrusion of foreigners into the SME sector where the hopes and aspirations of our young people lie.

6. **INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNANCE:** The hot issue of strengthening and ensuring that the institutions of Governance are independent is very important. Institutions such as the Legislature, Anti-Corruption Commission, Electoral Commission, Judiciary and the Police must be strengthened and given the opportunity to be as independent as possible so that we can effectively combat corruption and the challenge of illicit financial flows out of this country. This is what countries that want to achieve that middle-income status do so that when you are given the responsibility of taking care of the funds of this country and decide to take the route of corruption, then you should know that things are hot and you will do the right thing. That is what we ought to be doing and shall do.

7. **VALUE ADDITION:** A country that aspires to reach the status of a prosperous middle income country should empathise on value addition. It should develop its manufacturing sector and ensure that raw materials are transformed into finished products before being exported. That is the best way to earn more money from exports and improve the country's foreign exchange position. Besides, adding value to the country's products creates employment in the manufacturing process. Employment creation is critical to the reduction of poverty among the young people.

Professor Geoffrey Lungwangwa is MP for Nalikwanda and Chairman of the UPND Parliamentary Caucus Committee



Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama
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Establishing rate of return – Idea Testing

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Last week, we looked at 'Establishing rate of Return' by focusing on cash flow. There are times you have to work out whether or not going ahead with an investment is worth the effort. You do not have to try it in order to know the fact. Simple calculations can guide you without losing any money. It is not always that you have to stop your business idea and go to the alternative investment such as the stock market the moment you realize that the business in question will not reward you as expected. You may still proceed with it at four percent, for the pride of running your own business, but what is important is that at least you go into it, with the full knowledge, of what you will earn in the future.

If anything, it is always helpful to go into an investment for which you are sure about the possibilities of success. You will need to subject your ideas to tests before you lose your money. Business is not only about experience. It is also about anticipation. Our fore-fathers who appeared to have succeeded in business depended much more on intuition as a way of forecasting. When their businesses failed a few years later, they blamed innocent people for the failure. Worse still, when the circumstances changed, they failed to know when to wind up and perhaps change focus.

This is the essence of a business plan.

In short, in making an investment decision, one may wish to consider the present value, future value or even the net present value of the investment. If you borrowed money from a bank and you are sure of the income that the business will generate in the next five years, it is important to know that the money today will not be the same money next year. Because of the passage of time, the value of money changes for, sometimes, the worse. Because of the interest rate factor alone, you will need to know what the future cash flows of your business are worth today before you undertake the investment. Once you know the present value by discounting the future earnings with the interest rate factor, you will then have to subtract the cost of the total borrowed money from the present value. If the end result is negative, do not go ahead to invest your money. My advice in this case is that you will have no choice but to learn a bit of accounts to understand these terms. I have decided not to skip them in this book because I find them an essential business value in modern business.

You may not appreciate the mathematics, but the principle is that in making an investment decision, detach yourself from your feelings. Do not be sentimental. Listen to people

but never incorporate such views into your decision making process until you have made a thorough analysis.

Some people have actually missed the opportunity to enter new investment territory because they were completely attached to the existing business. They refuse to consider meaningful information about excellent investment options. One of the issues I have had to deal involves calculating risk and return. Many potentially wealthy people are not making the decisions they ought to be making because of fear. Fortunately, uncertainty can easily be ascertained.

To decide to invest is a risk. Failing to invest is also taking a risk. For example, an opportunity may arise about buying shares of a newly listed stock. If you buy these shares, you are taking a risk. On the other hand, if you decide not to buy the shares, you are taking a risk because if the shares rise, you will have missed out on the opportunity, and an opportunity lost is a cost. Even those who are risk-averse are actually taking risks. Three years later they begin noticing their neighbour making progress. The reason they are in the same position would be because they chose not to make decisions.

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

By Abraham Kalito

Ministry of Mines Permanent Secretary Paul Chanda says mining companies should brace for the introduction of the Sales Tax and quickly re-orient their working plans to fall in line with the policy once it takes effect early next year.

In an interview, Chanda urged mining companies to brace for the introduction of Sales Tax next year.

"Of course, next year there will be Sales Tax, which implies that there will no longer be VAT refunds. This is government policy, and there is nothing that the mining companies can do. It will come into effect next year so, they just have to adjust their working plans. And you can see if you are a serious miner, would you rely on VAT for capital, no! You always have to find money to put in your business. VAT won't be there. It's also just being fair between us, as individuals, and citizens

Mining companies should brace for Sales Tax - Chanda

and companies. Not just the mines, but whatever company, which benefits from the VAT refund. We pay tax; VAT refunds have never been refunded to us. So, it's just fair that we are given an equal playing field. It's just common sense. So, the mining companies, all I can do is urge them to quickly adjust because they won't be crying for refunds anymore! They should just work on their business plans and re-align them, re-orient them and see how they can fit in with the new policy," Chanda said.

"As a Zambian, and as I know, that money which has been outstanding for this long, first of all, you remember

that Statutory Instrument (SI) number 18, which came into effect. It demanded that whenever a mine company exports, wherever that copper, cobalt and all other kind of minerals goes, they have to make available to ZRA (Zambia Revenue Authority) the sales returns to show how much they have sold, to whom they have sold it to so that we are able to know how much we are entitled to as a country. Some companies complied and government, through ZRA, has been refunding that VAT refund. Of course, some amounts were too huge. The government is liquidating those arrears slowly."

He insisted that VAT

refunds cannot be used by mining companies to pay staff salaries, among other liabilities.

Government has proposed to introduce the Sales Tax in a bid to avoid paying VAT refunds, especially to mining companies, who are still owed around US \$600 million, a situation that has strained government coffers. "However, that cannot be the source of capital for mining companies. That should not be the reason to stop paying salaries. That money just helps for operations. And usually, that money is used to meet the salaries for the workers, buy some tea; those daily needs of the company. You cannot

rely on VAT refund as your capital. Then you are not a miner. In mining, you have to bring money, real money, sink it there, invest it and buy equipment. I can tell you, one of those machines can cost as much as US \$15 million. So, if you rely on VAT, then you are not going anywhere because mining calls for huge investment, huge capital. VAT refund is just to help in operations. So, the excuses that companies give for failing to pay workers is not welcome. It cannot be accepted, we don't need people to give excuses," said Chanda.

VAT can broadly be defined as a consumption-based tax, which is levied in the supply

chain at each point where value is added to a good or service.

It was introduced in 1995 to replace Sales Tax at that time, which was not helping government generate as much revenue.

Data shows that since VAT's introduction, government revenues have grown exponentially, but currently, government has to refund exporters, such as mining companies whose exports are zero-rated, a situation the PF administration is attempting to erase.

Sales Tax will, therefore, be re-introduced from April 1, 2019, despite stiff resistance from a broad range of stakeholders.

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, Monze Central UPND member of parliament Jack Mwiimbu raised a point of order in Parliament, questioning why the minister had allowed Times of Zambia Newspaper to be publishing articles in Chinese, a move he said was discriminatory against Zambian languages.

But Honourable Dora Siliya, who is also Chief Government spokesperson, confidently told the National Assembly last Tuesday that this decision was actually discussed and passed by the directors of Times of Zambia following a strategic Board resolution to improve newspaper sales.

"Mr Speaker, in 2015, the Board and management of Times of Zambia began to explore various ways to raise resources for the company. Among the strategies identified was to attract new business through subscription and advertising targeted at new commercial communities in Zambia, such as the Turkish, the French-speaking and the Chinese communities. It is in this regard, Mr Speaker, that the decision to translate and reproduce some carefully selected stories of the day in Mandarin was arrived at. The Times of Zambia hopes this will expose the paper to potentially new income from a community that would not necessarily be attracted to it because of language barrier," said Siliya.

"Mr Speaker, the alleged discrimination against the people of Zambia does not arise. Mr Speaker, English

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Colonial state-owned "Mutende" was more considerate than *Times*

is the official language of Zambia, the language in which the Times of Zambia Newspaper has always been published. Let me emphasise once again that all stories published in Mandarin are translated from the English version in the same copy."

We think the minister missed the context of the point of order that Honourable Mwiimbu raised. Or perhaps she actually knows what the Monze MP was asking, but she simply dodged the question because the Petauke MP is very good at escaping intricate debates.

In our view, and without putting words in Honourable Mwiimbu's mouth, what the UPND lawmaker was trying to find out was why the government-funded newspaper found it reasonable to translate some articles in Chinese and not in Nyanja, Lozi, Bemba, Tonga

or any of the commonly spoken local languages in order to attract people who speak these dialects to buy the newspaper.

Honourable Mwiimbu was not suggesting that the Chinese articles contain insulting or discriminatory messages against Zambians. So, Honourable Siliya's response fell short of what was expected from her. In fact, she raised more discriminatory questions in her answer because she made it clear that it is the affluent communities like the French and Turkish, which we must expect the Times of Zambia to publish in; but not in any languages spoken by Zambian communities that can't read English.

What Honourable Siliya doesn't realize is that she is actually suggesting that government, through the Times of Zambia, cares

more about these Chinese nationals because they have money to buy newspapers, compared to the poor Zambians who can't afford it. This is the discrimination that Honourable Mwiimbu was talking about.

The minister was further suggesting that the number or population of Chinese nationals living in Zambia is now so high that if they don't read the Times of Zambia, it would heavily and negatively impact newspaper sales. One would have thought that Zambia has more Bembas, Nyanjas, Tongas and Lozis who deserve this courtesy from their national newspaper, which they fund through taxes. One would have thought that it was more beneficial to the country in the long-term if local communities in the far-flung areas would be incorporated in the news discourse.

This decision is very strange coming from a government that has introduced the vernacular New Breakthrough Method to Literacy (NBTL) in the school curriculum; it is very discriminatory coming from a government that wants to promote a reading culture and promote national discourse on state affairs.

If Honourable Siliya and Times of Zambia recognizes that English is the official language for Zambia, which indigenous citizens must learn in order to read news, then how special are the Chinese that they are allowed to impose their own national language in a State-owned newspaper in Zambia? It is very strange that rather than encouraging the Chinese to learn the host's official or national language, it is the government that is bending its rules to accommodate

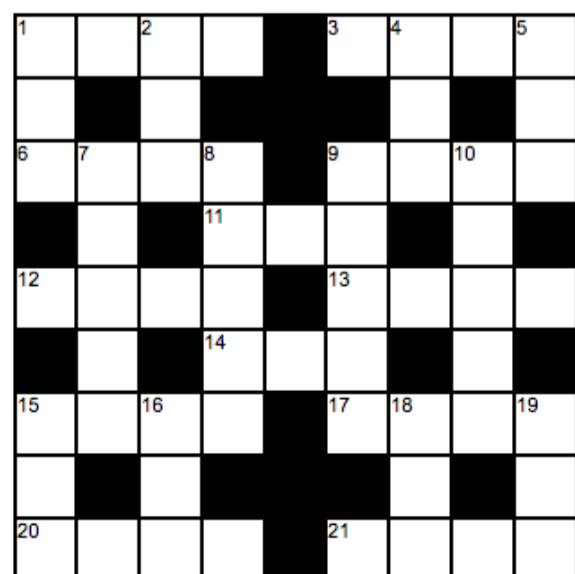
the Chinese national language! This is the Chinese influence that Zambians have been complaining about, which is worse than the colonial masters.

In case Honourable Siliya's media studies have become so rusty and subdued by politics, we wish to remind her that even our colonial state published a newspaper called "Mutende" in those four languages before Zambia was born between 1936 and 1964. Unfortunately, after Kaunda's administration abolished that media policy in a quest to promote the 'One Zambia One Nation' motto, no subsequent government thought it wise to reverse this decision.

But our point remains that, if even the colonial State recognized the need to inform the people in their indigenous languages, why then must our own government go out of its way to satisfy the social demands of a foreign community while neglecting its own citizens? This is sad for the poor citizens. At this point, we can confidently say that our colonial-funded Mutende newspaper was even more considerate of its captured population than the Chinese/State-owned Times of Zambia.

Dear Honourable Mwiimbu, your question was straightforward. Is the minister in order to allow the publication of Mandarin news in Times of Zambia? The answer is no! Honourable Siliya is outrageously out of order and deserves to be reprimanded together with the hopeless board of directors that approved this decision.

Crossword puzzle 229



"Since governments take the right of death over their people, it is not astonishing if the people should sometimes take the right of death over governments." - Guy de Maupassant

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Solutions to puzzle 228



Reader's feedback

Chitotela's jabs at HH in budget debate

Editor,

"Ba Chitotela...ba minister... Are you okay? Let's use your reasoning. Someone 'can't pay his farm workers well' and he wants to rule the country. So, what do you have to say about someone in his private life who fails to manage his health; fails to manage his home; fails to run his law firm; fails in his personal life to create employment for anyone? That's the kind of person who should rule our country; that's the kind of person to bow down to; roll on the ground praise and hero-worship? Who are you trying to fool? Someone in their private life has employed hundreds of citizens, has donated schools to communities, has made a success of himself!" - Mwanakatwe Chulu Sikasula

"Leadership vacuum, all they think is to fix the opposition. If only they could fix the country's problem with the same ego Zambia would be a better place for everyone." - Tonny Mukutu

"Find something productive to talk about than HH. Leave him alone. All the problems we are going through are through your own making, together with your new colonizers (Chinese) and not HH." - Thamanga Udye

"Just debate...I think time is now ripe for HH to be leader because he is on each PF MPs' lips and party member. Wow, the man has made strides..." - Hams M. Koresi

"Some debates!! Instead of explaining how they arrived at those eyebrow-lifting millions of dollars! Zambians also need

evidencell!!" - Namukolo Ikafa

"I look forward to the day when debates will focus on improving the economy and making the lives of Zambian better." - Susan Katebe

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HPCZ's order to CBU to stop offering medical courses

Editor,

"This is retrogressive; the approach should be based on giving timelines to institutions to correct what is perceived to be substandard unlike authoritative approaches. At the end of the day, Zambia is our country; it's everyone's responsibility to do their part in improving it." - Obrian Mwanza

"Unprofessional way of handling sensitive issues. This is unacceptable. HPCZ should be proactive not reactive." - Davy Sage Mpundu

"HPCZ should inspect these schools before enrolment of students to ensure compliance. It is highly inconveniencing and expensive to send a child to a non-compliant school, at a high cost, both in tuition fees and upkeep, only to learn of its deregistration by whatever media. This school's incorporation was highly-publicized; where were Dr. Mujajati and his team?" - Grace Shankaya

"Thumbs up to the HPCZ you are one of the best among the professional bodies in this country. You don't compromise on service delivery." - Katachi Katachi

ND's opinion on Inonge Wina & Bishop Chomba's 'qualifications'

Editor,

"Nice write-up." - Abel Katongo

"Well put." - Kashweka Kash Kashweka

"So, Mrs Wina lied on the floor of the House about qualifications for permanent secretaries. Anyway, I wonder if we have any honourable govt officer in this regime because they are either lying or defending lies and she is one of those liars." - Mofi Kaseketi

"At her age wisdom was to be overflowing out of her..." - Coxy Kaluba

"Even the title, Bishop, is not genuine because no church has ever ordained him. So, I am not surprised to hear that his credentials are questionable." - Jibambo Kafwilapanembo

"These are things to resign for. But PF seems to have problems on how to handle its erring members, just like it was for Masumba." - Bex Maila

"If the universities do not issue information to third parties, they would have said so as their official reply. The man is a liar." - Bob Kaima

By Abraham Kalito
Economist Chibamba Kanyama says International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout packages accepted ahead of general elections usually unseat African governments because voters vote against the tight austerity measures which come with the programme. But Kanyama has, however, observed that the Zambian government does not have the 2021 elections in mind in their quest to secure a much-needed IMF programme. In an interview with News Diggers! in Lusaka, Kanyama said African governments are usually unseated with an IMF programme

IMF bailout packages during elections usually unseat African govts - Kanyama




if accepted ahead of general elections because voters vote against tight austerity measures the bailout package will introduce. "There is no question an IMF programme comes with conditionalities. These conditionalities may include; tight fiscal management that affects both resource mobilisation and spending. Resource mobilisation may include an adjustment in the tax policy. The expenditure

side may involve serious austerity measures, such as a reduction in all forms of subsidies; rein in on general wage bills and possibly tightening of the monetary policy. Given the high level of infrastructure investments in the country, much of it financed by debt, any government would be quite unsettled with an IMF programme," Kanyama said. "IMF itself has called for a containment

on infrastructural investments in view of the debt position. Election periods are a determining factor when considering an IMF programme. Generally, as has been experienced in most parts of Africa, governments that introduce IMF programmes during an election period are unseated. Voters may be voting against austerity and will in the process throw out the baby with bath water."

But Kanyama has observed that the PF government, however, does not have the 2021 general election in mind in their quest to secure the much-needed IMF programme anticipated to be around US \$1.3 billion for balance of payments support. "In the Zambian context, I do not think government has the 2021 elections in mind when considering the IMF programme. First, whether or not we have the IMF, the economy currently requires fiscal consolidation so that we have sufficient borrowing headroom in the future. Zambia needs to strongly insulate itself against the external spill over economic challenges. For example, our reserves are totally dependent on copper sales and this should be managed because as things stand, any drop in the price of copper, we have all forms of instabilities including the exchange rate movements. Second, government has so far demonstrated it is not scared of the public backlash emerging from austerity measures," Kanyama added. "Consider the removal of street vendors, which we all thought would not be done as it was a huge risk on the popularity of government. That experience alone shows us government has the capacity to contain the unanticipated consequences of IMF conditionalities. Third, I do not think the IMF programme will introduce anything new in terms of conditionalities beyond what government has already done. The removal and rationalisation of subsidies on fuel, agriculture inputs and energy emanate from Article IV advice by the IMF. In short, government has in effect applied most of those conditionalities without receiving IMF money."

He added that the IMF has softened their traditional uncompromising stance over the years, signalling that Zambia has a higher chance of securing the programme. "It is also important to note that IMF is no longer that 'bulldozing' and uncompromising lender. Its approach has changed greatly over the years in favour of negotiation and engagement. In the Ghanaian experience four years ago, civil society, such as Oxfam, played a big role in structuring an IMF programme in that country. Even that picture you took of Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe posing with the IMF team that recently visited Zambia told a lot about how IMF has reformed; those guys will be sharing that picture with their colleagues in Washington, DC because now, it is the borrowing countries that have more leverage on the negotiating table than the IMF itself," said Kanyama. An IMF team visited Zambia last week and have since concluded their mission visit after having exchanged information on economic data with the Zambian government. The Team were here to exchange information on economic data that will facilitate the development of a macroeconomic framework for use during the Article 4 Consultations, in the first quarter of 2019, according to Minister of Finance Margaret Mwanakatwe. In July this year, the Fund had suspended discussions on a possible economic bailout programme because the Zambian government's borrowing plans had compromised the country's debt sustainability, which in-turn, would undermine Zambia's macroeconomic stability.






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Bowman is still on the streets - Mwashingwele

By Mukosha Funga
UPND deputy spokesperson Patricia Mwashingwele says Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo is still on the streets and the streets cannot be taken away from him. Last week, Lusambo said UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema was useless and if he was still on the streets, he would have called him stupid. But in an interview, Mwashingwele said Lusambo was still on the streets.

“This news that is being thrown around by the ministers, Hakainde Hichilema has said even if they insult him, even if they take him to prison, it won't put food on the table for the poor Zambians. It won't take the taxes away, the huge debt that the country has contracted, so now here again, I am seeing Honorable Bowman Lusambo calling HH useless, calling him stupid, he cannot say 'if I was still on the streets', you see, you can never take the streets away from a person. For him to use that unpalatable language, it shows that he is still on the streets. Because if he was really honourable, I don't think he could have used words like useless and stupid on a leader of the biggest opposition of this land,” Mwashingwele said.

“These ministers should not spend a lot of energy on HH. Hakainde Hichilema is not the problem. The problem is their leadership and

management of this country and that's what they should spend their energy on. People are hungry, people have lost jobs, people are worried about their future, so when they are all trying to call HH useless and stupid because of the riots that happened on the Copperbelt, it is extremely unfortunate, unfair and I think the Patriotic Front are losing direction because if they did, they

would have been worrying about what the people are complaining about.” And Mwashingwele wondered why the PF was complaining that HH was inciting people in an area they claimed to be their stronghold. “According to the PF, Copperbelt is one of their stronghold, so there is no way they could panic if HH says something on the Copperbelt. If I have an issue in my home, my

neighbour cannot come to incite my children to rise against me as a parent, then there is a problem with me as a parent. So if they are panicking about Hakainde Hichilema having gone on the Copperbelt, then there is something wrong with the PF. Instead of worrying about HH, they should start worrying about what they are going to do for the people on the Copperbelt. If the people

on the Copperbelt trusted them as they claim that it is their stronghold, let them speak to their people and not worry about Hakainde Hichilema,” said Mwashingwele. “But for them to be talking about him every day, where even honourable Dora Siliya is ready to resign because HH has said something, it also tells us how strong HH is and this is the problem that arises from

a stolen election. They are still having sleepless nights about Hakainde Hichilema because they know that they are in that position unfairly, from a stolen vote. So let them manage what they stole from UPND. Give the people what they want instead of wasting so much energy on Hakainde Hichilema. I want them to spend that energy on how they will redeem this country.”

Lusaka PS asks PSMD to dismiss deputy over theft

By Sipiliwe Ncube
Lusaka Province Permanent Secretary Charles Sipanje has written to Public Service Management Division (PSMD) recommending the dismissal of his deputy Josphat Lombe for allegedly misappropriating public funds, among other offences. Meanwhile, Committee chairperson Howard Kunda sent away the controlling officer and his team for referring to documents which were not attached to the submission. Sipanje told the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Monday, that his deputy's offense was similar to the offense committed by four accounting officers who were dismissed for obtaining meal allowances amounting to K1 million for a number of days which exceeded the calendar year. “The query arose as a result of five officers being paid

for days ranging from 637 to 763 days in a calendar year for which they could not account. I wish to report that the out of the five officers, four accounting officers have since been dismissed from the civil service with effect from 17th October, 2018 for the offenses of misconduct, unethical conduct and misappropriation of public funds for the full amount of 365 plus the excess as [shown in the submitted copy]. Further, my office has suspended the deputy permanent secretary (DPS) and has made recommendations to the permanent secretary, Public Service Management Division (PSMD) for his dismissal from the civil service as the offenses committed are similar to the four officers already dismissed by civil service commission. The suspension letter and the

recommendation for staff dismissal from the public service are available for audit verification,” Sipanje told the committee. Sipanje said he had also reported his deputy to the police and to the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) for further investigations. “Further, in order to serve as a deterrent measure and set an example to other officers [who are] still in the service, I have reported the matter to the Inspector General of Police (IG), [and to] the Drug Enforcement Commission to carry our further investigations as the matters are indicative of Money Laundering,” said Sipanje. Meanwhile, after noticing that the document he had did not have any of the material the PS was referring to as proof of action taken, Kunda ordered that the committee

be excused for about five minutes in order to share notes. After sitting resumed, the committee, together with officers from the Auditor General's office discovered the referred to attachments were only submitted on the particular day of sitting, which is against procedure. “There are a lot of issues that we have considered and gone through. There are documents for example the appendix 32, it is not there, and we can't see it. There are other documents that you have referred to but are not indicating that they are part of what you have referred to. So it is important that we allow you to prepare properly PS. And the fact that you have given us this documents today and the AG's (Auditor General's) office receiving the same documents today, you know the process is such that the auditor general has to go

through these submissions that you bring so that they can give us expert advice on these documents. So it makes work very difficult if you bring these documents just the day we are sitting and to make matters worse, the AG confirming that they have just received them (documents) makes it difficult to follow,” Kunda observed. Kunda then sent away the controlling officer and his team and asked them to resubmit to the office of the auditor general as well as to the committee following the approved time frame. He warned all controlling officer submitting before his committee to desist from referring to documents which were not there. He said the committee would not take kindly to half baked submissions. “And this should also be... and now I am addressing all the controlling officers, this should an example that we do not want to see documents that are presented to us half baked. We want documents that if you refer to it, it should be there so that we can go through. If it is not there, why refer to it? So this is a timely warning to the ones that will come and appear before this committee going forward that we need to see documents that are complete and not documents that will come on the day. So at least we need to have documents presented to the AG's office at least three days before appearing so that that process of verification can start. So let us have this taken very serious so that we can conclusively deal with these matters. We would like you to come back on Wednesday next week at 11:30 hours prepared with all the documents put in place and submitted,” said Kunda.

I'm ready to die for the people, I won't stop talking - HH

By Diggers Reporter
UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema says he is ready to face the police for interrogations tomorrow and has vowed that he will continue speaking for the people as long as he is alive. And Hichilema says he has not incited anyone to riot, but the PF is doing so through theft and corruption. Last Friday, the Copperbelt police command summoned Hichilema to appear at Ndola Central Police for questioning, after the opposition leader was accused of inciting the riots that broke out in Kitwe on Monday. State House has blamed Hichilema for the uprising, saying his claims that government has sold ZAFFICO to the Chinese was provocative and enraged the rioting residents. But Hichilema insists that he has not incited anyone to riot, stressing that he will not be intimidated into silence.

“We know that the PF is trying to use intimidation tactics; they want to silence everybody who is speaking for the people. But we are not cowards; we are not going to stop talking for the people. We will keep highlighting the stealing that is going on. These problems that the country is going through are a creation of the PF. We warned them about everything that is happening now. We told them to stop borrowing recklessly. But they did not listen, so now the problem that they created has come back to eat them; what do they do? They start blaming us who were warning them. They are blaming the collapsing economy on HH, the kwacha fall it's HH, the death of Vespers is HH, the riots in Kitwe is HH; everything is HH, even when the rains delay, the blame will be HH,” he lamented. “So I don't know what the police want to hear from us, but we are not afraid, we will avail ourselves because

we are law abiding citizens, we don't run away from the law. But let me tell you something about this ZAFFICO scandal, we are far ahead of them. We know exactly what they are doing. I can tell you that there is a link between the Chinese, the Mukula and the sell of ZAFFICO. Even the timing can tell you that these things are interlinked. They want to have unquestionable access to the natural resources that belong to the people of Zambia. And when we question this, they say we have incited people. It is them who are inciting people by their theft, their selling our country to people who are not even genuine investors. Michael Sata, is turning in his grave when he sees what these people are doing to the country that he loved.” He stressed that he never incited the Kitwe residents to riot. “HH has not incited anyone to riot; if you have failed to govern

you cannot put the blame on HH. When our times comes, we will take responsibility for our policies, we will not blame the opposition. Instead we will listen to the people and do the right thing. What we are saying is that Zambians don't have money to buy any shares in ZAFFICO, they don't even have money to put food on the table because the PF has messed up the economy. Only those who are cutting corrupt deals from government are the ones who have the money; and we all know which foreigners these are who will buy the shares,” said Hichilema. “So how is it inciting people to riot when you say leave ZAFFICO for the people of Zambia and don't sell it to foreigners? That is what we are saying on behalf of the citizens, and we will not stop talking. As long as HH is alive, he will not give up talking for the people, we are ready to die for them and their suffering.”

Remember when Donald Trump said he and Kim Jong-un fell in love? Well now it seems they just don't talk anymore.

Instead, the US and North Korea appear to be staring one another down, waiting for the other to blink or make a move. And neither appears willing to give way. Discussions aimed at setting up a second summit between the two leaders didn't happen as planned this week.

Chairman Kim's aide, the hardliner Kim Yong-chol was supposed to travel to New York and meet US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

But the BBC understands that the meeting was cancelled after the State Department discovered that the North Koreans didn't get on the plane as

US and North Korea suffer communication breakdown

planned.

The official line is that the meeting will be rescheduled and Mr Trump said he's "very happy" with how things are going, and that he's in "no rush" while sanctions remain in place.

In Seoul, too, they are urging reporters not to read too much into the missed meeting - there have been missed meetings in the past, they say.

Although officials from the Foreign Ministry did express "disappointment".

South Korea's President

Moon Jae-in warned me in his BBC interview that he expected "bumps and bruises" on the way as the international community tries to persuade North Korea to disarm.

But it's hard not to feel that both the momentum for talks and the opportunity to engage with North Korea may be slipping away.

Even at a lower level, the new US North Korean envoy Stephen Biegun has been in his job for over two months and has still not met his Pyongyang counterpart,

Vice Foreign Minister Choi Sun-hui.

Complete denuclearisation? The root of this standoff is that North Korea and the US have never really agreed on the goalposts of "denuclearisation".

What do they actually mean when they talk about disarmament? Yes the two leaders signed an agreement in Singapore, but the lack of detail in the deal we talked about back then is now coming back to haunt these talks and potentially scupper progress.

From the start, Pyongyang has been clear. They will not unilaterally disarm. They want a staged process where they give a little and get something in return.

That means, right now they feel they have done enough to warrant sanctions relief. Both the US and the UN have placed tough economic penalties on North Korea.

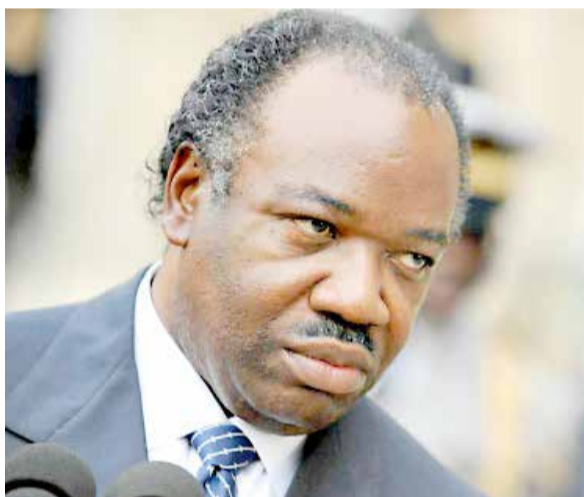
Around 90% of its exports are banned including coal, iron ore, seafood and textiles. There are also caps on the amount of oil it can

buy. If Kim Jong-un is going to build up his economy as he has promised his people, then he will need the sanctions lifted.

However, the US has also been absolute. There will be no sanctions relief until "complete denuclearisation".

Right now, that seems a lofty and unrealistic goal. President Trump did say that "he'd love to take the sanctions off", and then added that North Korea "would have to be responsive, too". **BBC**

Gabon leader 'seriously ill'



Gabonese President Ali Bongo is seriously ill but on the mend, his spokesman says, ending weeks of official silence on his condition.

Speculation has mounted on the health of President Bongo, 59, with some reports saying he suffered a stroke.

He is being treated in Saudi Arabia, with the initial announcement last month saying he was suffering fatigue.

His spokesman Ike Ngouoni said Mr Bongo was "recovering all of his physical abilities".

No mention was made of a stroke but the president had suffered "bleeding which required medical care", Mr Ngouoni said.

Ali Bongo succeeded his father Omar Bongo as president in 2009, who governed the western African nation for more than 40 years.

He narrowly won re-election in 2016 in a poll marred by violence and accusations of fraud. **BBC**



Around 70 leaders including US and Russian Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin marked the centenary of the 1918 Armistice in Paris - AFP

Uganda's pop star Bobi Wine returns to stage after arrest

The Ugandan pop star turned opposition MP Bobi Wine has performed for the first time since being charged and jailed for treason.

There was a heavy police presence for the show, which was only allowed because it was a non-political event.

Bobi Wine has alleged he was tortured and beaten while in custody in August, something denied by the authorities.

His popularity among Uganda's youth is seen as a challenge

to veteran President Yoweri Museveni.

Many among the thousands attending the concert wore red, the colour associated with Bobi Wine's 'people power' political movement.

"I thank Uganda police for providing us security and not stopping us as they have always done," the performer told the crowd, AFP reported.

"We are a peaceful people but we want to be listened to."

The 36-year-old MP, whose real

name is Robert Kyagulanyi, stood and won as an independent candidate in a by-election last year in Kyadondo East, central Uganda.

In August he and more than 30 other opposition politicians were charged with treason after the president's convoy was allegedly pelted with stones after a campaign rally.

He left Uganda for treatment in the US for injuries he said he received under detention but returned in September.

Three-quarters of Uganda's population is under the age of 35 and Bobi Wine has become a rallying figure for a youth angry at poor job prospects and stagnant politics, correspondents say.

Bobi Wine was born four years before Mr Museveni first became president in 1986 and has been calling for him to retire at the next elections, in 2021.

The self-declared "ghetto president" is yet to say whether he wants to run himself. **BBC**

Rihanna hints new music is on its way with brand new video



It's been more than 1000 days since Rihanna released her most recent album, which is just entirely too long.

Sure, the superstar has been busy making movies, launching an industry-shaking beauty brand in Fenty Beauty, being a fashion designer and still going to Number 1 with the odd collab like 'Wild Thoughts' but it's time we get Anti's follow-up, right?

Well, luckily for everyone, Queen Rih is returning sooner rather than later to save the world from the incessant misery and impending doom with her magical voice and undoubtedly legendary bops.

The multi-talented icon usually keeps quiet about her music until it's ready - while fans know that she is almost always recording as she is often spotted leaving studios around the world - she shared a new video last night that has everybody screaming for more.

She posted a video to her Instagram

Stories showing her dancing and singing along in the studio to, presumably, one of her new tracks, and judging by the look on her face she's sitting on a stone cold banger. Knowing fine well that her fans are desperate to hear her voice on a new track, she made the wait even more agonising by muting the video. Queen of trolling!

Don't ask us how but we're pretty sure that the song she's listening is an absolute banger, ready to take over the clubs, soundtrack our 2019 (unless she pulls an Ariana and drops it for the Christmas party season) and restore peace in the world.

Rihanna's next album will be her ninth and could very well be her most successful to date as she only gets bigger (and better) with everything she does, and everything that isn't music only makes the hype for the music bigger.

This one is gonna be special - we have a feeling... mtv.co.uk

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Man City back on top with derby win as Liverpool maintain title pursuit

Reigning champions Manchester City returned to the top of the Premier League with a 3-1 derby win at home to Manchester United on Sunday as Liverpool maintained their title charge with a 2-0 victory over basement club Fulham.

Chelsea, like the top two, remained unbeaten in league action so far this season but lost ground in a goalless draw at home to Everton, while fifth-placed Arsenal were indebted to Henrikh Mkhitaryan's late equaliser in a 1-1 draw with Wolves at the Emirates.

City ended the day two points clear of Liverpool and four in front of Chelsea.

Goals early in each half

at the Etihad from David Silva and Sergio Aguero left City in a commanding position before an Anthony Martial penalty gave visitors United hope of a comeback.

But Ilkay Gundogan put the result beyond doubt four minutes from time with a third goal that crowned a sublime 44-pass move.

City manager Pep Guardiola said his side had to overcome "fear" before defeating their local rivals.

"We deserved the victory," Guardiola told the BBC. "The first half we played a little bit with fear but football is a game and we didn't want to lose the ball."

Asked why City had been



fearful, the Catalan boss replied: "We wanted to play good in front of our fans and we know how important it is to play in

this game." - 'Different circumstances' Defeat left United 12 points behind City just 12 games into the league season, with beaten manager Jose Mourinho accepting there was now a difference in class between the Manchester clubs.

"There is a gap, Manchester City start playing from the beginning of the season at a certain level that allows them to get a lot of points," he said.

In midweek, United scored twice in the closing five minutes to secure a hard-fought 2-1 win away to Juventus in the Champions League while City continued their campaign in European club football's elite tournament with a 6-0 thrashing of Shakhtar Donetsk at the Etihad.

"Everybody has to agree, it is one thing to go to Juventus and play against one of the best teams in the world for 90 minutes, another thing to beat Shakhtar Donetsk at home 6-0 and be very relaxed," said Mourinho.

"We arrive in different circumstances."

Earlier, Liverpool returned to winning ways after a shock 2-0 defeat by Red Star Belgrade in the Champions League.

But they needed a huge slice of luck in 14 seconds that completely changed the game shortly before the break.

Aleksandar Mitrovic headed home for the visitors only to be wrongly ruled offside.

The hosts quickly broke upfield and Trent

Alexander-Arnold's pass freed Mohamed Salah to score his eighth goal of the season.

"The most important thing is reacting in a situation like that and that was brilliant. Allison, Trent, Mo and done, it was a fantastic situation," said Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, whose side put the result beyond doubt when Xherdan Shaqiri made it 2-0 in the 53rd minute at Anfield.

Under-pressure Fulham boss Slavisa Jokanovic described the situation that led to Liverpool's opener as "absurd".

"We didn't defend well this counter-attack but this counter-attack shouldn't exist. It's a completely absurd situation we have to defend." AFP

Federer crashes to Nishikori in ATP Finals opener



Roger Federer suffered a shock straight-sets defeat to Kei Nishikori at the ATP Finals on Sunday, severely denting his bid for the 100th title of his illustrious career. The Swiss, who has won the season-ending event a record six times, produced an uncharacteristically error-prone and fractious display in the round-robin match as the Japanese seventh seed prevailed 7-6 (7/4), 6-3.

The result means Federer is now in danger of failing to qualify for the semi-finals for just the second time in 16 appearances at the event.

"I felt we both struggled, you know, throughout the first set," he said. "You could tell it was sort of a first round. I had my chances maybe a bit more than he did. Then I started to feel better in the second set. I think we both did. The level went up. Unfortunately I couldn't keep the lead that I got early. That was important, I think, at the end. That was the key of the match."

Federer, 37, has beaten Nishikori in

Shanghai and Paris in recent weeks but despite having the backing of a full house at the O2 Arena, he never really settled into a groove.

Federer, showing real urgency, broke Nishikori immediately at the start of the second set but it proved a false dawn as he lost his own serve immediately Nishikori broke again in the sixth game and kept his nerve, serving out for victory. "I lost to him twice in the last two months so I played more aggressively and things started working, especially in the second set. There were some lucky points but I played well today," said Nishikori.

Overall the statistics made grim reading for Federer, who made a total of 34 unforced errors against 19 winners.

Federer denied that cutting back on his schedule increased the pressure on him to do well at the tournaments he did play. "I don't think, per se, I'm playing worse because of it," he said. "I think I've had that pressure, not going out early, most of my career." AFP



Brook Lopez #11 of the Milwaukee Bucks tries to block the shot of Gary Harris #14 of the Denver Nuggets at the Pepsi Center on Sunday in Denver, Colorado. AFP

By Alex Chilumbwe

Kitwe volleyball giants Chalube and Super Select of Lusaka are the new National Volleyball Champions of the Zambia Volleyball Association (ZAVA) 2018 closing tournament.

Their titles were won after Indeni of Ndola and Kamwala Magic of Lusaka failed to defend their 2017 titles.

Super Select battled it out with long time rivals Kamwala Magic in the female category final that was rocked by splendid serves, clever tosses and stiff blocks. Midlands league winners Magic did the most in the first set but Select picked up its composure in the second set. Theirs had always been an unpredictable final until Select won 3-2 in sets.

In the men's category, Green Eagles were favourites to win the the Cup but Chalube served them a surprisingly

Chalube and Select win ZAVA closing tournament

well-calculated game. Characterized by more tosses than spikes, Chalube kept making points while Eagles failed to reduce dependency on their fierce attacker Abraham Tembo. Tembo's spikes were however picked up by Chalube's Darren Kaonga who in turn set for long ball hitter Zacharia Kanyimbo. The deciding set ended 25-22 thereby making it 3-2 in sets. Chalube coach John Mapulanga recalled all the hard work he invested in the tournament.

"We started training for this tournament in late August and finally hard work has paid off. My players are quite young but very good at taking instructions. Come next year, we will have an Under14 team so that we mentor who graduates to the senior. We do not have to keep using the same players all the time," said Mapulanga. Meanwhile, Eagles setter Lucky Bwalya noted that they had underrated their opponents before learning about their improvement.

"We thought we would be playing against the old Chalube. We were not aware of how they have improved and these guys have got great endurance. We will work hard and do better next time," said Bwalya. Individual awards were as follows:
Ladies:
Best Setter - Tania Tembo (Select)
Best Server - Alice Nankamba (Select)
Best Blocker - Chilombo Kaumba (Select)
Best Attacker - Grace Daka

(Magic)
Best Defensive Player - Clara Daka (Magic)
Most Valuable Player - Alice Nankamba (Select)
Coach of the tournament - Nkolola Nyanga Chitambo (Select)
Gents
Best Setter - Clement Chama (CHALUBE)
Best Server - Paul

Mushaukwa (Eagles)
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Best Defensive Player - Darren Kaonga (CHALUBE)
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Best Coach - John Mapulanga (CHALUBE)



Tomoki Kameda of Japan (R) fights against Abigail Medina of Spain (L) during the interim WBC super bantamweight title boxing bout in Tokyo yesterday - AFP

Kashala urges Super League clubs to scout Division one

By Alex Chilumbwe
FAZ general secretary Adrian Kashala has advised super league team executives to explore Division one zones as they look to beef up their squads for the 2019 football season. Kashala noted that there was an uninformed neglect of talent in Division one by super league executives adding that they had little knowledge about them. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Kashala reminded football executives that some of the biggest football stars in the country were scouted directly from Division one and had since blown up. "It is amazing the kind of talent that football executives can tap from

Division one zones. This is a neglected division but it has produced some of the biggest football stars in the country. It is just that they receive little attention but they can do wonders in the super league," said Kashala. Meanwhile, Manchester United of Zambia (MUZA) football academy owner Keith Mweemba noted that super league executives were operating on low buying budget during transfer windows. "These guys allocate little money to buy good players that is why they opt for those that are already known. In the end it just becomes an exchange and tossing around of one star player until he is worn out. Division one is a talent hub for them, they only need to explore it," said Mweemba. MUZA boys had qualified for the 2018 Barclays Cup tournament alongside Young Green Buffaloes, Mighty Mufulira Wanderers and Real Nakonde. MUZA was knocked out in the preliminaries by Young Green Buffaloes on penalties after a goalless draw in regulation time.

Mighty Mufulira Wanderers gain promotion

By Alex Chilumbwe
Mighty Mufulira Wanderers have been promoted back to the Super Division with a game to spare after beating ZNS Lwamfumu 1-0 on Saturday. The Justine Chinama boys will be playing in the super league next season after a one season absence. Chinama said it had been a long time coming and added that his

boys were a definition of great fighting spirit. "They knew what was at stake and so they fought with there all. They have good discipline and focus so it is not strange that we have been promoted back to the super division," he said. Striker John Goma scored the game's only goal in the second half as Wanderers secured an

assailable lead at the top of the Division One Zone Two table on the deciding day of the season. Mighty's week 29 victory match played at John Kachofa Stadium gave them 65 points from 28 matches played. The use of Kachofa pitch was owed to renovations at Shinde Stadium ahead of next month's COSAFA Under-20 Cup.

Indeni, Mighty's closest rivals, is second on the table with 57 points from 28 matches played. Third placed Chambishi maintained its 56 points after losing 3-0 at Konkola Blades on Saturday. Chambishi and Mighty have a disputed Week 28 match that was abandoned due to crowd trouble at Chambishi Stadium last Sunday.

Madrid give Solari permanent contract



Manchester City's Bernardo Silva (L), seen here competing with Manchester United's Nemanja Matic, believes City's 3-1 derby win has done major damage to their local rivals' hopes of winning the Premier League title this season - AFP

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