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Constable Nkhoma is captured harassing a motorist, Devidas Runpnar after he refused to divert to the police station

Cops record, expose Kanganja as he banishes erring officer to Shang’ombo

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In an audio (published online) which was shared by police officers in Lusaka, Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja is heard giving

instructions to the Lusaka Division Command to immediately transfer

an erring police officer to Shang’ombo after he was captured having an

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Meanwhile, Kabimba has advised PF Secretary General Davies Mwila to stop party cadre Chanoda Ngwira's acrimonious behaviour towards government wings like the Judiciary because its destroying the party. Speaking when he featured on Hot FM's Frank on Hot programme, Tuesday, Kabimba said he had

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stopped buying or reading newspapers in Zambia because they have nothing to offer him, adding that he avoids print media journalists who like to call him so that he can join those that are practicing politics of insults. "There is nobody who is talking about the policies they would bring in this country if given an

opportunity to govern. Everybody's ideology is about insults and how to humiliate and demean someone else across there and you, the press has contributed. You also think that the only way you can sale the image of your Radio station is by bringing someone here who is calling everybody 'Pompwe', 'nibakabolala

aba, ba pompwe (they are thieves, despicable thieves), they are corrupt, and everyone is cheering 'eee eee eee this is the message' and you start running that as a headline throughout the day, as if it changes the price of oil in Iraq. Print media same, if they don't put a sensational headline they think nobody will buy it,"

Kabimba said.

"During Michael [Sata]'s time, when you saw the name Sata, whatever it was they said about him, you bought the post. That culture has continued, I have stopped buying the print media myself in this country, there is nothing that they can tell me that I can learn from them. Me I don't want to be covered for insults and you know what I tell some reporters when they phone me? I tell them 'try ba Kambwili, not me on that one'. So journalists share the inequity of this political degeneration."

And Kabimba said UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema should have sought necessary evidence before alleging that ZAFFICO had been sold.

"I have seen a lot of debate on social media about what a sale is. If I want to know whether or not Hot FM has been purchased by Robbert Chikwelete, for example, what will I do? I will go to PACRA and conduct a search. All documents relating to limited liability companies, business names, are public documents. I will go and pay a fee, and they won't ask you why. So I will say to them 'give me the Hot FM Limited file'. So I will browse through it until I get to a document which shows the change in shares between Hot FM and Robbert Chikwelete. Then if someone asks me a question, I will tell them 'yes, I actually verified this and here is a computer print out from PACRA showing the transfer of shares from Hot to Robbert Chikwelete. So the owner of Hot FM now is Robbert Chikwelete,'" Kabimba said.

"Similarly, if it is a share sale on the stock market, I can still go to Lusaka Stock Exchange (LUSE) and conduct a search and check the documents, so I will be speaking from

a view point of evidence based facts over the matter. Even if I wanted to use that information for political purposes, I would be saying to the Zambian people 'here is evidence of a sale... If we wanted to tell the Zambian people as Rainbow Party that there has been a sale of ZAFFICO to anybody, that's what we would have done. I don't know what evidence he (HH) has but if I were in his shoes, I would have looked for the evidence and I would have been telling the people of Zambia that 'I want someone in government to challenge these documents that I have' but to argue as we are seeing on social media now that if a company is listed on the stock market then it means that there is a sale, that is nonsense! Can we reduce this sharing of ignorance." Meanwhile, Kabimba said the PF needed to discipline Ngwira because he was destroying their party. "I want to deal with PF cadre called Chanoda Ngwira, this kind of nonsense must be stopped by PF. The PF Secretary General must be ashamed that you have a character who is trying to destroy the Judiciary, the fellow appears on ZNBC and he's given more than two minutes talking nonsense. You can't build a political party like this, these are not the cadres that you need to promote the image of your party, they are just destroying PF. Can we stop this nonsense, the SG must call this Ngwira guy and tell him 'stop it'. I watched him on TV saying 'I am going to sue judge A and B', does he even know what that means? Who says that for a judge to give testimony he needs the authority from his so-called employer? Why this indiscipline which is being tolerated in political parties? And the fellow if even being given headlines and space which they can't give to people saying sensible things on ZNBC, this is rubbish," said Kabimba.

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) says it is disappointed with the unprofessional conduct being exhibited by Copperbelt Police Commissioner Charity Katanga adding that her stay as commissioner is causing havoc for opposition political parties. And NDC has challenged Katanga to disclose the rationale used in granting a police permit to PF

Commissioner Katanga causing havoc to opposition, says NDC

youths to hold their Chinese solidarity march. PF youths led by their provincial chairman Nathan Chanda yesterday obtained a police permit and staged a solidarity march for Chinese

national in the country, a move that is seen as a counter to the opposition's condemnation of the abusive influence and corruption by the foreigners. In a statement issued,

Tuesday, NDC National Youth Chairperson Charles Kabwita charged that Katanga was highly desperate and would do anything to appease the PF. "Katanga wants to succeed

Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja and will do anything to earn promotion. The stay of Katanga on the Copperbelt as police chief is causing havoc for opposition political

groupings. As NDC, we are displeased with the double standards Katanga is playing," he stated. Kabwita challenged Katanga to disclose the rationale used in granting a police permit to PF

C/Belt PF protests against 'Xenophobia'

By Mukosha Funga

Hundreds of Copperbelt PF members on Tuesday held peaceful protests against what they called 'xenophobic attacks' on foreign investors.

And the PF members have vowed to make Copperbelt Province a no go area for UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema.

PF Copperbelt youth Chairman Nathan Chanda said the solidarity march was in support of peace and unity and against incitement of xenophobic attacks on all foreign investors and riots on the Copperbelt Province

The PF cadres marched from Independence Avenue, near the Ndola City Council, through to the Central Business District until they got to Cabinet Office.

Traffic came to a stand still in town as onlookers and shop owners opted to close their businesses.

And in presenting the petition to Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Bright Nundwe at his office, Chanda said the youths on the Copperbelt would not allow lawlessness.

"The reason why we are here is to tender a petition to President Edgar Lungu on a number of issues happening in our country especially issues to do with xenophobic attacks on investors. We have seen the opposition inciting members to attack investors, but as youths, we say no. We don't want them to dare us," Chanda said.

And Chanda vowed to make Copperbelt Province a no go area for UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema.

"If things continue, we are ready to effect citizen's arrests on those



inciting violence on the province. We know what Mr HH has done to the people of Zambia. We will make Copperbelt a no go area for Mr HH and his party. We demand respect for our leaders and acknowledge that there is only one president at a time. We know that UPND are planning to cause havoc and we condemn it. Youths are not tools of

violence and should not be used by disgruntled politicians whose agenda do not mean well for Zambia," said Chanda. And Nundwe said he would not allow any form of confusion on the Copperbelt. "Thank you the youths for this peaceful demonstration which shows that Copperbelt is peaceful. I want to

run a smart province across the board. Any person that comes to bring any percentage of confusion, the provincial administration, we'll not condone. There is no prudence to cause confusion," said Nundwe. "If I had powers, I could have called President Edgar Lungu; State Counsel, The Doctor, The Professor, because

of his unprecedented development. We will defend the name of Edgar Lungu. I have advised the security wings to be on alert for any vehicles coming to the Copperbelt looking suspicious to deal with them nicely." Others that joined the march were small scale miners commonly known as jerabos who came in tipper trucks.

youths to hold their Chinese solidarity march when theirs was rejected. "Today, PF cadres have been allowed to hold a solidarity protest to support Chinese investment and presence in Zambia. This is the same Katanga who has twice rejected the bid by NDC youth leaders to hold anti Chinese protests in the same region. As a party, we are worried with the selective application of the Public Order Act POA. It is officers such as Katanga who have vehemently brought shame to the police service by gagging the opposition," stated Kabwita.

"As a party, we challenge Katanga to disclose the rationale she has used in granting the police permit, allowing PF youths to hold the so called Chinese solidarity march. Katanga should seriously reflect on her conduct. We are ready as a party to meet her in the political arena. We admire the professional men and women in uniform who are working so hard in extreme conditions. If Katanga continues with her unprofessional conduct, we are ready to remove her from office using legal ways."

Traffic officer in viral video gets assault charge

By Mirriam Chabala

The Zambia Police Service has charged the traffic officer who was involved in an altercation with a motorist in a video that went viral on social media with the offence of common assault.

Police Spokesperson Esther Katongo disclosed this in a statement, adding that administrative action had been instituted in the matter, following Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja's recommendation to have the officer dismissed from the service. Katongo further advised police officers to always be professional

and exercise restraint while discharging their duties.

"The traffic police officer that was involved in the altercation with a motorist in a video that has gone viral has been charged with the offence of common assault contrary section 247 of the laws of Zambia. Brief facts are that, when the victim, Devidas Rupnar, aged 40, reached the junction of Lusaka's Kalambo Road and Freedom Way at about 14:00 hours yesterday, 12th November, 2018, he was approached by a traffic police officer identified as Constable Brian Nkhoma who ordered him to accompany

him to the police. The officer is reported to have been infuriated and subsequently harassed the victim when he was requested to record his particulars so that he could report later as he was rushing to the office. The victim reported the matter to police and a statement was recorded. The officer is currently detained in police custody," stated Katongo.

"Further, administrative action has been instituted in the matter in line with the recommendation by the Inspector General of Police to have the officer dismissed. Police officers are, therefore, reminded to always be professional and

exercise restraint as they discharge their duties. Meanwhile, we wish to inform members of the public that there are fake Facebook accounts that have been opened using particulars and pictures of the Inspector General of Police, Mr Kakoma Kanganja. Initial investigations have revealed that the accounts were opened from Nigeria. We, therefore, advise members of the public to avoid falling prey to these criminals who would want to defraud them using these fake accounts. Communication has been made to Facebook to have the accounts pulled down."

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"Power to the people and the people in this case is PF who

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have been given the mandate to rule until 2021. But let me be very clear on this one, let us use our power properly. Let us stick to our lanes. Let us keep to our line of duties. I am saying so because you think that because you are the ones who employed us, you can direct us who to hire and fire, that's not how it goes. The power to hire and fire is reposed in the President of the Republic of Zambia for the civil servants. And the power to hire and fire, subsequent

to separate procedures in the party, is vested in the President. So those of you who think you can position yourselves for appointments or disappointments, stop it! Just continue working. Because if you work, I will know who is working, if you are just a rubble rouser, I will know who is just a spoiler. So when the time comes for me to appoint people to positions in the government, in Southern Province, I will do it to the best

interest of the party and the government," President Lungu said.

"Even in football, it is the coach and the managers who determine which people to put where. So those of you who are working, we have reports that you are working. Those who are destabilizing the party, we know you are destabilizing the party. Those that are destabilizing government, we know you are destabilizing government so amubaleke,

bayende (leave them, let them go). Your role is to tell the President and the party that things are not working, this is where things are wrong. Not to say that this one should be fired, or this one should be hired, you can't do it because it is not your prerogative."

And speaking at the official opening of the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) Mid-Term Review Meeting at Avani Hotel, President Lungu said Zambia was committed to improving transparency of its debt management.

"Matters relating to good governance, sound financial management, effective project implementation and cost efficiency in the conduct of public affairs are cardinal. Funds, whether from cooperating partners or from domestic resources, come at a great cost to taxpayers in giving and recipient countries alike. Misuse or misappropriation of funds, corruption, misprocurement and poor project implementation must be dealt with decisively. In this regard, I therefore emphasize the need to build strong governance institutions. In Zambia we are dealing with these issues directly. We have, for example, recently passed a new public finance management act that has introduced stiff, decisive administrative and legal actions, which have already seen perpetrators of such acts being dismissed immediately

and legal action being taken.

We will continue to strengthen other laws dealing with management of public finances. Key among them is the repeal of the current procurement law to introduce elements of cost control through benchmarking of pricing and use of expert estimates to guide the procurement process," said President Lungu.

"We are also in the process of enacting a new planning and budgeting bill that will ensure value for money and guidance of national priorities as well as linking budgets to plans. On debt management, Zambia will remain steadfast in ensuring that our debt remains sustainable and does not compromise our sovereignty in any way whatsoever. It is in this regard that the country is implementing bold measures to ensure that we achieve debt and fiscal sustainability. My government is receptive to sound advice and support from cooperating partners. We are committed to improving transparency on debt management and reporting. I also wish to stress Zambia's commitment to creating a conducive atmosphere for reforms aimed at strengthening good governance and upholding the rule of law." Meanwhile, World Bank Chief Executive Officer Kristalina Georgieva said African countries needed to act decisively against growing debt.



Ministry of National Development Planning Permanent Secretary (Development Planning and Administration) Mr. Chola Chabala, Assistant Director (Development Planning) Richard Lungu and Lusaka Securities Exchange (LuSE) Chief Financial Officer Silas Simukoko during a meeting where the private sector presented their submissions on alternative financing for the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP), November 2018. PHOTO | CHIBAULA D. SILWAMBA | MNDP

Magistrate denies stealing 34kg of ephedrine

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A Chisamba based magistrate sitting in Lusaka, Susan Mangalashi, has thrown out all the applications by magistrate Maggie Tantameni, who is facing criminal charges, saying they are misconceived.

And Tantameni and her co-accused have pleaded not guilty to stealing 34 Kilograms of ephedrine valued at K1,870,000, property of government.

In this matter, Tantameni is jointly charged with Felix Mkandawire, a court interpreter, Francis Mphanza, a senior public prosecutor and Didie Kangwa, a senior clerk of court with three counts of abuse of authority, removal of property under lawful seizure and stealing by persons in public service.

In count one, it is alleged that Tantameni and Mphanza on November 8, last year, in Lusaka being persons employed in the public service as magistrate and senior public prosecutor respectively, jointly and whilst acting together, did use the position of their respective offices to obtain property, profit or benefit for themselves or another.

In count two, it is alleged that Mkandawire, Mphanza and Kangwa on November 8, last year in Lusaka, jointly and whilst acting together knowingly and with intent to hinder or defeat the process, did conceal 34.0 kilograms of ephedrine valued at K1,

870, 000. The ephedrine was taken under the process of authority of the court of Tantameni.

And in the third count, it is alleged that Mkandawire, Mphanza, Tantameni and Kangwa between November 8, 2017 and December 30, 2017 in Lusaka, being employed in the public service as court interpreter, senior public prosecutor, magistrate and senior clerk of court respectively, jointly and whilst acting together did steal 34. 0 kilograms of ephedrine. The drug was valued at K1, 870,000 the property of Government of the Republic of Zambia which came into their possession by virtue of their employment. Magistrate Tantameni through her lawyer, had asked the court to refer her case to the Constitutional Court in order to determine whether she could be tried by a court of equal jurisdiction.

Her lawyer, Prosper Muyatwa had further submitted that the Constitutional Court should render it's opinion on whether the Chief Resident Magistrate Kenneth Mulife, who is the complainant in this matter on behalf of the Judiciary, could allocate the case to a Chisamba based magistrate Susan Mangalashi, who was also a magistrate like herself.

Muyatwa had further argued that

Mangalashi was not in a position to impartially and justiciably dispense justice to try Tantameni in the state she was in, adding that it was a serious misdirection because her immunity must first be lifted. But when the matter came up for ruling, Tuesday, magistrate Mangalashi, dismissed all the applications saying they were misconceived.

She said whilst it was true that judges and magistrates had immunity from acts done during their judicial function, that immunity was not absolute.

Magistrate Mangalashi stated that where an impropriety had been committed of the nature of criminal conduct which may include violations of the law, breach of court rules, abuse of office or interfering with the flow of justice, then such immunity could not stand.

She said the Judicial Service Commission Regulations Act talks of the institution of criminal prosecutions against erring judicial officers and the suspension of any disciplinary proceedings until the final determination of criminal charges.

She added that this showed that there was no requirement that before a magistrate could be prosecuted before a criminal court, they must be dismissed first or have their judicial immunity lifted.

Magistrate Mangalashi ruled that the application by Tantameni's counsel was misconceived and it was not a case to be referred to the Constitutional Court.

"A3 has been charged with the criminal offence, she is appearing as an accused person who can be tried by this court. A3 is not charged with any capital offence which will not require me to hear the matter. I have all the jurisdiction to hear the matter," she said.

She further ruled that the issue of unfair trial does not arise because magistrate Mulife allocated the case to her and did not hear the matter.

"Counsel's application for the matter to be referred to the High court is denied in that the Chief Resident Magistrate allocation and transfer of the case are administrative in nature not adjudicative and do not in any way prejudice A3's right to a fair trial. It has been the practice that where a magistrate declares interest or there is risk of partially or prejudice to an accused, a magistrate from a different station or district maybe brought to try the matter," ruled magistrate Mangalashi.

In taking their pleas, Tantameni and her co-accused denied all the charges.

Trial will commence on December 18, 2018.

By Mirriam Chabala

A 25-year-old Chinese national is nursing multiple injuries in Mazabuka General Hospital after a fight involving seven of his friends, which erupted after the victim discharged a loaded firearm.

Police in Southern Province established that the victim discharged the firearm resulting into a

Chinese national nursing wounds in hospital after fight with friends

fight that left him with a dislocated right shoulder, bleeding from the nose and mouth, and swelling on the left side of his face.

Police Spokesperson Esther Katongo confirmed in a statement that the incident happened on Monday morning around

10:00 hours in Mazabuka's Kabobola extension area. She stated that police, who rushed to the scene and recovered a pistol

with seven rounds of ammunition, had quickly evacuated the victim to Mazabuka General Hospital for treatment, adding that the suspects identified as Chen Zhong Zhong, aged 32, Zhang We Nhu, aged 48, Lin Dan, aged 29 and Wang Hai Ming, aged 31 years. All have been detained in police custody. The victim sustained a dislocated right shoulder, bleeding from the nose and mouth and swollen left side of the face," stated Katongo.

"Another report of assault was received from Wang Zangmin, aged 50 years, who reported that he was assaulted during the same fracas by Su Wang, aged 36, and sustained swollen right eye as a fist was used in the act. Su Wang also made a counter report that he was assaulted by Wang Zhangmin and sustained a swollen cheek and eye. It was further established that Bruce Wang, the victim and currently in hospital, was the one who discharged a loaded firearm. Investigations in the matter have continued."

Police in Mazabuka of Southern Province received reports of assault O.A.B.H (Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm) from concerned members of the public that there were about 8 Chinese nationals who were fighting amongst themselves and a gunshot was fired. This occurred on 12th November, 2018, at around 10:00 hours at Kabobola extension along Great North Road. Police rushed to the scene and recovered a pistol with seven rounds of ammunition and quickly evacuated a male, Bruce Wang, aged 25, of Asian origin of Kabobola to Mazabuka General

Former ZAF boss fights conviction in High Court

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Former Zambia Air Force Commander Christopher Singogo, who was slapped with a six year-sentence by the Lusaka Magistrates' Court in 2009 on charges of abuse of authority of office and theft by public servant, has asked the Lusaka High Court to declare that the sentence was too severe.

Singogo allegedly awarded a contract worth K486 million in violation of the then Zambia National Tender Board procurement procedures, thereby obtaining advantage and profit for himself.

Particulars of the offence were that, while Singogo was ZAF commander, he allegedly ordered purchase of two power generator sets at a cost of K110 million and later instructed that the same be installed at his two

lodges in Lusaka and Livingstone.

And when the matter came up, Monday, a panel of three High Court judges, Mwila Chitabo, Sharon Nawa and Catherine Phiri sat to hear Singogo's appeal.

Singogo claims that his conviction was not supported by any evidence on record.

He said, through his lawyers Ganje Muhango and Kelvin Bwalya, that the lower court's findings that he acted unilaterally and without authority or approval of the Zambia National Tender Board procurement procedure

when he purchased two generators should be discredited.

Singogo argued that the arresting officer's evidence that the minutes of the tender board were irrelevant in his investigations was a dereliction of duty on the part of the police because the minutes would have assisted in proving whether a meeting was indeed held over the purchase of two generators.

On the charge of theft, Singogo argued that there was no evidence to show that the two generators installed at his two lodges

were bought using ZAF Money.

He further said the only way to distinguish the items, was through serial numbers but added that the prosecution did not produce such evidence in court.

Singogo asked the court to uphold the appeal but in an event that the appeal fails, the court should find that the sentence was too severe.

However, the State insisted the two generators installed at Singogo's lodges were stolen and that the issue was adequately addressed by the lower court.

RTSA warns Idibala-dancing motorists

By Abraham Kalito

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) public relations manager

Fredrick Mubanga says the agency has noted an increase in motorists performing the Idibala-

fainting dance whilst driving.

In a statement, Tuesday, Mubanga said the dance,

coupled with a tendency by women to apply make up whilst driving, was destructive to other road users.

"The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) is concerned with the high levels of destructive practices by motorists being exhibited on the road while driving. In some cases, female drivers tend to apply make-up while driving a situation that might prove to be destructive on the part of the driver and may cause a road traffic accident. And of late, the Agency has observed that some drivers have fallen prey to the "Idibala-Fainting" dance which has taken the social media by storm. Some of the drivers have captured and posted videos dancing to the "Idibala-Fainting" dance while in control of a motor vehicle," stated Mubanga who warned that perpetrators would be dealt with.

"And in most cases, the drivers are using handheld mobile phones to take such videos of themselves dancing to the song while driving. The dance itself may prove to be destructive and fatal on the part of the driver as the reaction time on the road may be compromised. Further, Section 169 of the Road Traffic Act No.11 of 2002 prohibits motorists from operating or using a handheld mobile phone while driving. Additionally, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act No.11 of 2002, a driver has a duty to act in a manner that does not compromise their safety and that of other road users. Section 180 of the Road Traffic Act provides that the driver should have complete control of the motor vehicle. Therefore, the said dance has the effect of causing the driver not to have full concentration hence risking the driver and other road users."



Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Parastatal Bodies Peter Daka (middle in red t-shirt) and First Quantum Minerals country manager Kingsley Chinkuli lead the team of parliamentarians during a tour of Kansashi Mining Plc in Solwezi on Monday. - Picture by John Chola/SUMA SYSTEMS.



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Women in Zambia bear the lion's share of the responsibility of attending to social obligations. They are largely unrecognised, unrewarded and unsupported in this role. Women are generally in the forefront of caring for the weak and vulnerable within their communities; tending to the needs of households and school-going children as well as the sick and vulnerable. In many instances women are also playing the role of bread-winner. Women have limited access to credit and are often overlooked when it comes to career advancement. Societal and cultural norms and practices place a glass ceiling on advancement as is evidenced in inheritance matters. The school enrolment rate for girls is lower than for boys and female literacy is behind that of male counterparts. With less than 20 per cent of parliamentarians being women, the participation of women in decision-making in Zambia remains woefully low. As a result, Zambia has not kept pace with other countries within the Southern African region. This has led to skewed development, as decisions fail to take adequate account of the insights of more than half of the population.

Women are also the disproportionate victims of physical and emotional violence. In many instances where they depend on male breadwinners, they can fall victim to physical and sexual abuse and are often rendered powerless by the belief that if they report cases of defilement or sexual harassment perpetrated by a male partner against even their own daughters, it will take away the support they receive from those breadwinners. Teen pregnancies, early marriages, teen prostitution (many entering the commercial sex trade as young as 12 years of age) and abortions are common in high density communities where lack of meaningful income and years of neglect

have stifled the prospects of advancement of women.

Current policy initiatives are unable to address the challenges that women in Zambia face. The most obvious (though incoherent) policy initiative of granting loans to women's clubs reflects the short-term thinking of government over the past 20 years. These loans are designed to assist women in their trading and other entrepreneurial activities. Funding for these initiatives is normally ramped-up at critical times prior to elections. In addition, the loans and grants are distributed and administered through government ministries and agencies that lack the capability to monitor and assess the performance and effectiveness of the support being rendered.

While there are some initiatives to support greater enrolment and retention of girls in school, these efforts are not enough. Further, nothing is being done to address the constraints put on women by tradition and culture. Recently, however, there have been some positive, enlightened interventions into harmful traditional practices that have tended to demean women.

NAREP will address the challenges being experienced by women through a variety of mechanisms and interventions that will: (1) support their role as societal pillars; (2) capitalise and fund new business initiatives that favour women in all sectors by linking this to government procurement initiatives; and (3) create incentives for the public and private sectors to significantly increase hiring, training and career advancement of women through the introduction of a preferential tax rate for women which should encourage employers to be more proactive in recruiting female employees.

NAREP also recognises that the planned

investments in development sectors such as health, education and infrastructure (including water and sanitation) will serve to benefit women. This is because the burden of looking after the sick, attending to school-going children and ensuring availability of water, food and other household needs fall disproportionately on the women.

NAREP will also seek to address the challenge of the low participation of women in decision-making by promoting the equal participation of women in such decision-making. The issue of increasing the participation of women in decision-making to meet the 50:50 level agreed by Zambia under international commitments must be addressed from various angles. Domestication of international protocols supporting greater equality in political decision-making should be complemented by sensitisation and education directly aimed at challenging society to recognise the contribution of women to national development and tackling gender stereotypes.

NAREP will establish a fund for the education of the girl-child, which fund will have a component that will pay out money to mothers in rural communities who ensure that their daughters attend school.

A special women's fund will be established and operated through banks, financial institutions and lending agencies at grassroots level. The lending will be tied to a strong mentorship and training programme. Wherever possible, funding will be linked to private sector corporate and social responsibility plans. NAREP will as far as possible, provide support in a tangible (i.e non-monetary) way to women's groups so that they are able – on the strength of collateral assets such as land – to raise finance and undertake economically sustainable projects.



Noises, Smells, Secrets and In-laws

A few days ago my Landlord-friend told us how his plushy ultra-modern housing apartment he built late two years ago in Lusaka's Meanwood has already housed six families. He was complaining that he is not making much from rentals because most times he is paying Estate Agents to look for new tenants because people do not stay more than three months in his houses. Our friend was almost calling his Church Pastor for especial prayers because he was beginning to suspect that his house was haunted by an evil spirit that was chasing people away. However, his mind changed a few days ago when he received a call from his most recent former tenant who explained why he left. His most recent tenant, a local business man had left without notice. He packed and moved out of the last week in frustration after missing a business flight to China. He complained that he left the house because it kept embarrassing him to his family and neighbours. Rumour has it that his in-laws had visited his home but one fateful evening that tenant had a troubled stomach and upon arrival decided to visit the only toilet in the house leaving his in-laws in the livingroom chatting. All was fine when he left but by the time he came out of the sacred room, he found no one in the living room and the all windows and the exterior door wide open. When he inquired why everyone had left the livingroom and opened windows at that time of the night; his wife who was in the kitchen told him that it was hot so she was just trying to let the heat out but his little daughter followed him and whispered to him that the real reason the windows were opened was because there was a bad smell in the house. Filled with embarrassment the gentleman struggled to meet his in-laws the following morning to say bye and in the process lost time and missed the morning flight to China. This happened just a few days when his son told him that the neighbour's children were telling his children that they are able to see what happens in his bathroom when they stand at their balcony because they have clear glass instead of obscure glass. The man could not take it

anymore, without notice he shifted his family out of that house and taken them back to Kalingalinga and vowed to only move into a house he will build for himself with his own design specifications. Just before our friend he finished narrating his story another friend of ours interjected and started telling us why he left a good house in Kabulonga. His story was that one day his neighbor who was living in the other apartment of the semidetached flat they were sharing approached him and asked him to stop using bad language when he was quarrelling with his wife because the neighbour had little children whose bedrooomed although belonging to a different house was separated from his bedroom room by a single wall thus the children could hear everything going on in his bedroom. The walls had no sound proofing mechanism so sounds pass through it easily to the next room. Before long everyone had something to say about their nightmare houses but one vivid story that struck most was that of one lady friend of ours who lives in Livingstone. She lamented how their house though beautiful is so hot nowadays and everyone wakes up with a headache in the morning. At first they thought its normal and common feeling because we are entering the hot season but they were shocked to find out that their neighbour's house was so cool that in the evening everybody is forced to wear something warm. After analyzing the neighbour's house, she found out that although the house plans were similar, her neighbour's house was cooler because it has better ventilation owing to its orientation against the sun path and had big windows that allow wind to blow through the house. Lastly a pastor friend of ours had something to say. Being a pastor, a month ago he had invited his church executive leaders for a meeting at his home but being a strategic man he sneaked out of church and rushed home to make sure that everything was well in readiness for the meeting at his home. Up to date he is grateful to God that he went home before the others came because he found the whole

house smelling burnt fish because his daughter had forgotten a pot of dry fish cooking on the stove. The meeting did take place but outside under the tree because their house is an open plan design and the smoke had gone to all the rooms and all carpets, blankets, curtains and clothes had to be washed to get the smell of fish smoke out. It took a week for the smoke to die out. That wouldn't have been the case if the house was not an open plan because the smoke would have been confined to the kitchen but that is not to say open plans are bad, no, they have their own advantages. Well, how any building functions needs to be determined way before it is built. Deciding how a house will serve its users is called Architectural Design. In Architecture, a building design puts a lot of things into consideration. Among the things considered are facets such as user's way of life (culture and tradition), expected activities, building use and lifespan etc. Having a house that embarrasses its occupants through lapses such as everyone in the house hearing toilet noises, picking embarrassing smell or hearing private bedroom talks are proceeds of poor or lack of design. The Design of the house should not just be looked at in terms of beauty and how cheap or expensive building will be. Since buildings and more specifically houses are used by people, it is very important to pay attention to how best the user will find satisfaction in living in that house or using that building because it is pointless to build a house or building that does not make the users happy. It is in this regard that it is not advisable to just pick or download a house plan from anywhere just because it looks nice. A good design in the western world is may not be a good design in many instances back here at home because of the difference in culture and lifestyle of the users. Building is great investment, do it right.

"Wherever we want to go; our feet shall take us there."

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) has suspended an Itezhi-tezi clinical officer's practicing license for posting pictures of patients during an ART session on his Facebook page. And HPCZ says health practitioners should uphold the professional code of conduct and should therefore desist from capturing and sharing pictures of patients during work sessions. In a statement, Tuesday, HPCZ Senior Public Relations Officer Terry Musonda stated that the council received a complaint from the public

Clinical officer loses license after posting pictures of patients during ART session

on the alleged violation of patients' right to privacy and confidentiality who were attending Anti-Retro Viral Treatment session conducted by the clinical officer, Mwansa Chalwe. He disclosed that Chalwe allegedly posted pictures of the patients on his Facebook page, an act which was unethical and a professional misconduct. "HPCZ has confirmed receipt of a complaint from the public on the

alleged violation of patients' right to privacy and confidentiality who were attending Anti-Retro Viral Treatment (ART) session conducted by Mr. Mwansa Chalwe, Clinical Officer General holder of license number HPCZ 10/2/14/06491 working at Nansenga Clinic in Itezhi-tezi, Central Province," Musonda stated. "It is alleged that Mr. Mwansa Chalwe, posted pictures of clients

(Patients) during an ART session on his Facebook page which violated their privacy and confidentiality. The alleged action by the Clinical Officer General was unethical and a professional misconduct." Musonda stated that Chalwe had since been served with a letter of suspension of his practicing license and was not permitted to perform any duty at any health facility until the matter

was determined. He added that investigations into the matter had continued. "Mr. Chalwe has since been served with a letter of suspension of his practicing license while HPCZ conducts further investigations into the matter. To this effect, Mr. Chalwe will not be allowed to attend to patients and is not permitted to perform any duty at any health facility until the matter is

determined. The Health Professions Council of Zambia has also written to both the Provincial and District Health Offices in Central Province informing them of this decision," stated Musonda. He said health practitioners should desist from capturing and sharing pictures of patients during work sessions and should uphold the professional code of conduct.

Four days after the cancelled high school examinations resumed under a newly-announced timetable by the Ministry of General Education, a grade nine pupil called our office line from Mwinilunga, to find out if we had any information regarding the new examination calendar.

The boy who said lived with his elderly grandparents had no idea that his friends had actually gone back to continue writing the exams.

"I was looking for the new exam calendar, so my friends found this number on Google, and I wanted to also find out if you have the calendar or you can help me find the new dates for exams," said the boy in a rather helpless voice, which suggested that he never wanted to miss the date, but his efforts to find the information were ending in frustration.

There was an emotional lump on the throat of the editor who delivered the devastating news to the poor child. Ironically, though, the boy did not seem too devastated himself, but perhaps the excitement was because it had not dawned on him that he was never going to be allowed to sit for the exam papers that he missed.

Indeed, that boy missed a considerable number of examination papers, not because of his playfulness, but because of the incompetence of individuals who are running the education system in Zambia. Because of a few rich pupils in urban schools who were able to bribe teachers in order to get leakages, this poor boy's future has been messed up. His life will never be the same again.

There is an indictment on the Ministry of General Education, which was reflected in this boy's situation. This boils down to the

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Failed education system, symptomatic of a nation nursing a leadership crisis

failure by the responsible government authorities and the Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ), to prevent pupils from being disfranchised.

If ECZ and the line ministry had taken the initiative at the time of cancelling the exams, to further announce specific contact numbers and advertise platforms on which those pupils who returned home could contact the authorities to find out when they would be required to go and sit for the exams, this boy would not have missed his future. But our examination system managers expected all pupils to get the information from radio and television. Surely, how many people watch TV in rural Mwinilunga, let alone listen to radio?

Barely a week after this incident, parents from Kafue called us complaining that all pupils who sat for GEC examinations in the district had their results cancelled on grounds that they were involved in exam

malpractice.

"Please help us here in Kafue. Our children wrote GEC, but their results, which have come out are blank, they are just saying 'exam multi practice (sic)', so please ask the minister for us. This is unfair because we spend a lot of money, but they have cancelled the results," said an angry mother who called the News Diggers! office line.

Following up on the complaint, we called General Education Minister Honourable David Mabumba and presented the problem. The Minister simply ducked the responsibility, asking us to tell the concerned parents to take their complaints to the Examinations Council of Zambia.

"If I were them, as parents, I think nothing stops them from going to the Examinations Council of Zambia to enquire 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 malpractice, what I am supposed to do

as a parent is to go to the centre and establish the level of those malpractices," said Mabumba.

As expected, no policy-review assurance from the Minister. We asked ourselves a question: how possible is it that every school in Kafue and every GCE pupil had access to leakage? How fair is such a punishment across the board? Like the Minister rightly put it, exams are written on an individual basis; so how can the Examinations Council of Zambia nullify results for everyone?

We know that these people who are running our education system in this country take their children to international schools locally and abroad, which are never affected by such decisions, but they must have a heart. It is simply evil to condemn thousands of academically-talented children into the dungeon of failures when they did all they could to study and pass.

Dear readers, this is the same evil that we are seeing

at the Copperbelt University (CBU), where authorities withdrew the recognition of medical degree programmes on grounds that the institution had no capacity to offer these courses.

According to Health Professionals Council of Zambia (HPCZ) registrar Dr Aaron Mujajati, the council had withdrawn the recognition and approval of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and the Bachelor of Dental Surgery after an inspection revealed over-enrolment of students, inadequate number of lecturers and engaging unlicensed lecturers, among other issues.

While the students were still coming to terms with this alarming news coming out of such a high profile government-owned learning institution, which is operated by the Ministry of Higher Education; another institution called the Higher Education Authority (HEA) arrived on the scene to overrule the decision of the HPCZ.

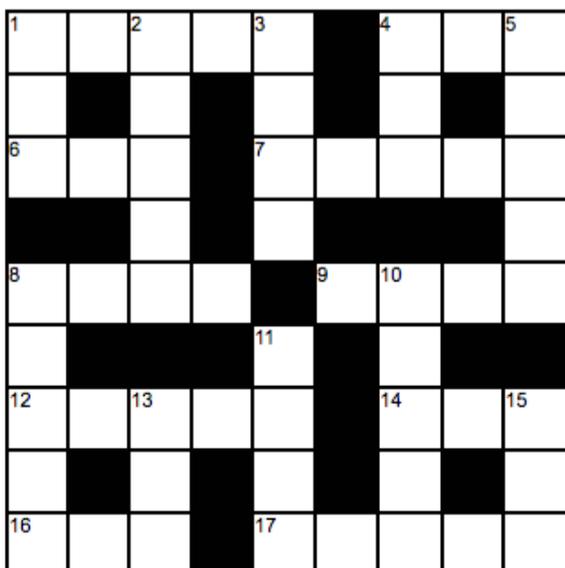
As if that was not confusing enough, we are now told that the Higher Education Authority overstepped its legal boundaries to reinstate the medical programmes at CBU because it is solely the mandate of the HPCZ to withdraw recognition of courses once the institution does not meet the required standards of medical programmes.

Frankly, we don't care who is supposed to withdraw programmes and who can overrule decisions. Our concern is the students. Has anyone cared to think about the plight of these future doctors? Students don't decide how many people an institution must enrol; they have no say in the recruitment process of lecturers. How can punishment be directed at them? Why not design stiff sanctions on an erring institution, which would not disadvantage the learners?

The medical students at CBU are being made to pay for the confusion in the leadership and management of State institutions. This is beyond evil. It is foolish to say the least! Our opinion is that the entire education system in Zambia needs a complete overhaul starting with the leadership.

Look at the confusion that Prof Nkandu Luo has brought at the University of Zambia. She abolishes the feared student's union and brings in her hallucinations from abroad, in a bid to kill students' unionism. Will this bring order among students at UNZA? Absolutely not! This is like changing the tyres to fix a car that has an ignition problem. No wonder our most prestigious university has been downgraded in the hands of a self-absorbed and egocentric professor. What a shame!

Crossword puzzle 230



"Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth." - Oscar Wilde

- | Across | Down |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. End of mom's labor | 1. Baby eating accessory |
| 4. Wallop | 2. Dashboard device |
| 6. Not good | 3. Difficult |
| 7. Backsides | 4. Kind of meat from pig |
| 8. Start up a computer | 5. One of the senses |
| 9. Completed | 8. Extensive |
| 12. On in years | 10. Neptune's realm |
| 14. Consume food | 11. Plumbing problem |
| 16. Hound | 13. Make a hole |
| 17. Bamboo eater | 15. Coffee alternative |

Solutions to puzzle 229



Reader's feedback

ND's OPINION: A crime scene with four pillars, a few roofing sheets and a concrete slab

Editor,

"I have enjoyed reading this article, and for sure, our leaders are taking advantage of tax payers' money. How on earth can, surely a concerned government, spend all those monies, which they don't know how to defend? Their days will soon catch up them." - Ivor Daniel Chalwe

"Indeed, no need of me adding nor subtract. Everything has been uprooted by Diggers!" - Kakoma J. Puwela Chiyomba

"I always give respect to News Diggers!" - Albert Bwanga

"There is need for the government to publicize the Bill of Quantities (BoQ) for the tollgate in the spirit of transparency. The MPs need to demand for that in Parliament! The cost of building the tollgate is exaggerated and raises questions on the seriousness of government's austerity measures." - Clement Raphael Banda

"Scandal pa scandal; let the International Criminal Court (ICC) judges prepare their robes and reading glasses very well as we are gathering long list of corruption scandals from Lungu's government, after that, we shall hand them over another Fredrick Chiluba from Zambia." - Sam Rich Zulu

"Seriously, this is the most useless leader we ever had. Let us look at the importance of naming that toll gate after Sata. Who advised Mr. Lungu to name that toll gate please! For what?" - Catcherman Tiza

"Ronald Chitotela, my brother, after PF leaves govt, what will be your fate??? Look at all this evidence against you!" - Jay Ponda

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PF's schemes to arrest HH over ZAFFICO fiasco

Editor,

"There is something fundamentally wrong. HH doesn't have the mandate to rule. So, how can he pose as a threat? What he says is inconsequential unless otherwise. It would help if those entrusted with power would tell us how they intend to fix the economy. Either way HH will emerge the winner. Effectively, this pre-empts any attempts by the Chinese to buy ZAFFICO." - Ben Kauzeni

"The best is a reaction to put his allegations down, prove yourselves! If you are leaders, your counter-reaction must be to tell us clearly the lies of opposition. But if you arrest, then to me, it means the opposite: listing = sale." - Hams M. Koresi

"They are just moulding him for 2021 to take over this country." - Akapondo Kansansa

"HH should go and lecture those cops on the implications of listing a company on the stock market. Let him tell them categorically that floating shares on the stock market alters the ownership structure and should cite Zanaco Plc as an example." - PoliCritic Lungu

"Selling shares is just another word of selling a company! Government will be the minority and with no control just like it is at Zanaco! At the end, minority shareholders can be bought by the majority shareholder. So, HH's statement is CORRECT." - Pious Emmanuel Sungah

VJ's view that a person who has never been MP shouldn't be eligible to be Speaker

Editor,

"VJ has a valid point; look at the behaviour of Dr Matibini..." - Mujuta Munaka

"Yes, we may disagree with his point, but by comparison Namugala is better than Dr Matibini. In most cases, there are a lot of serious errors by him." - Jervas Sapwe Kabumbu

"Compare Dr Matibini to Madam Catherine Namugala; good observation, VJ." - Kesaf Chilufya

"I give credit to the deputy speaker, Madam Catharine Namugala, for the way she conducts Parliament. I think VJ has a valid point which needs consideration." - Wisdom Shilamba Sr.

"In my view, Dr. Matibini is the worst Speaker Zambia has ever had." - Joseph J. Lungu

"Dr Matibini has never been a good speaker. A good speaker will never throw away important motions whether they seem to be disadvantaging his party. A good speaker will always be neutral." - Khumalo Ntombi

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Kabwe Central PF member of parliament Tutwa Ngulube says Zambia must expect worse if UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema is to become Republican President because the man is already showing symptoms of bad leadership by peddling lies.

And Ngulube says there is too much indiscipline among PF MPs as most of them are not focused on development, but instead positioning themselves to be adopted in 2021.

Speaking when he featured on UNZA Radio's Lusaka Star programme, Tuesday, Ngulube said it was unfortunate that Hichilema, who was aspiring for the highest office, could be summoned

Expect worse if HH becomes President, warns Tutwa

by police for peddling lies. He argued that Zambians should, therefore, expect worse from Hichilema should he be elected Zambia's seventh Republican President in 2021.

"Of course, it's a belief to say, 'yes, the Chinese are corrupt' or are cutting deals, but at the end of the day, you cannot, and you should not lie to Zambians. It's unfortunate that a man who aspires for the highest office in

the land, like HH, can be summoned to the police. It means that there is something wrong. If he sits down and analyses the situation, I think even himself should know that certain allegations should not come from him. It's unfortunate that a person who wants to be President can be accused of telling lies or can be accused of inciting people to riot. It means then that when he becomes President, we might have a situation

worse than that or it means then that you are not doing your politics according to the book," Ngulube said.

And Ngulube said there was a lot of tension among PF MPs as some had already started grooming their own people to take over fellow MPs' constituencies in 2021.

"What is going on in Central Province is very unfortunate because we have some members of parliament who want

to choose successors to fellow members of parliament. So, we have a situation where some members of parliament have started grooming potential members of parliament for 2021, and this is causing a lot of tension because a member of parliament has his own constituency. He cannot go into another constituency and start forming branches and wards, and also, he cannot start inciting people to rise against their own members of parliament! So, I think that is partly what contributed to those differences [at the Vice-President's official residency] because it has been going on for a while, but we are humans and when you get to a certain level, people begin to get emotional. And, as at now, what is happening if you note is that, the majority of members of parliament are not even delivering development. They are actually spending so much time worrying about what will happen in 2021 and it's very sad," Ngulube revealed.

He said interfering with other people's constituency operations was a sign of political immaturity.

"You know, the biggest problem that we have is indiscipline, and I think the party secretary general [Davies Mwila] has mentioned [and] the President has insisted that all those undisciplined members of parliament will not be adopted in 2021. I think that's the statement that the President made in Ndola or in Kitwe when he went to commission a tall gate. And I support that motion by the President. We cannot have members of parliament trying to interfere in intra-party elections; we cannot have members of parliament trying to create divisions in other constituencies. I think it's a sign of political immaturity because if you have your own constituency, why should you worry about what is happening in other constituencies? Because

in 2021, you will also be judged by your own voters," he said.

Meanwhile, Ngulube endorsed the government's move to list ZAFFICO on the Lusaka Stock Exchange (LuSE).

"It's unfortunate that some people are peddling lies that ZAFFICO has been sold and what we hear is that ZAFFICO has been listed on the stock market. [And] maybe, just to guide people who might not know what listing on the stock exchange means. The listing of a company means that the company is opening its shares for people who want to invest monies in that company, to bring their monies and also participate as shareholders. So, if ZAFFICO is going to have an opportunity to trade on the stock market, we believe it's going to raise enough income for its operation and also for its investment because ZAFFICO, as you may know, is a company that was for a very long time in a comma. ZAFFICO was dead [and] it had to take the government to start pumping in money for ZAFFICO to wake up and start doing what it is doing. So, government cannot continue funding ZAFFICO. ZAFFICO must, on its own initiative, begin to raise monies to invest in the Kawambwa Tea plantation, to invest in whichever area they want to invest," said Ngulube.

"So, if ZAFFICO can explain to the people why it has decided to list? Which areas of priority it is going to have? It will be very easy because for politicians, the listing of a company on stock market means it has been sold. What we need to do right now is maybe to ask the Chief Government Spokesperson (Dora Siliya) to tell the nation on what the status of ZAFFICO is? I know that the issue came up on the floor of Parliament and it was clarified, but maybe for those that didn't hear what Parliament was told, the listing of ZAFFICO does not amount to a sale!"





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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Pharmaceutical Society of Zambia (PSZ) president Jerome Kanyika has condemned the Higher Education Authority for overturning the Health Professional Council of Zambia's decision to withdraw sub-standard medical courses at the Copperbelt University. Last week, HPCZ withdrew the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the Copperbelt University (CBU) for various anomalies, a decision which was overturned by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) two days later.

On Monday, HEA Director General Professor Stephen Simukanga ordered CBU to continue with the withdrawn courses.

"The Higher Education

Pharmaceutical Society condemns HEA for allowing 'sub-standard' medical training at CBU

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. 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," stated Prof Simukanga.

But in a statement, Tuesday, Kanyika condemned HEA for over turning the decision.

"We are concerned with the statement issued by Higher Education Authority (HEA) on the status on the training in two programs namely Bachelor of Medicine and

Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery. We express our concern because the statement seem to contradict the earlier decision by Health Professional Council of Zambia (HPCZ) to stop the training and what we can see is a conflict of mandate," Kanyika stated.

"The HPCZ act no. 24 of 2009 of the laws of Zambia, part 4 section (32), (33), (34) and (35) mandate the HPCZ to approve all the health training programs except Nursing and Mid-wifery and the public may know that Higher Education Act did not repeal the General Nursing Council

and Health Professions Act, as such the mandate given to the two institutions has remained as provided for in their respective laws. Further, looking at the HEA Act no. 4 of 2013 of the laws of Zambia its provisions do not override the other two aforementioned pieces of legislation and as such the action taken by HEA may cause confusion in the minds of the public."

Kanyika stated that the one year grace period which HEA had given CBU was too long to continue training which did not meet minimum standards.

"Much as we appreciate the

urgent need to produce more health practitioners, we want to state that training of quality health practitioners must be priority. Therefore, we take the one year grace period stated by HEA as too long a period to allow training that does not reach the minimum standards to go on. We pose this question to the general public that can we allow a health worker who has been allowed a one year of sub-standard training to operate on a patient or alternatively can we allow a health worker to skip one year of their mandated training and expect them to do a correct job? The answer is "NO." Therefore, we feel training especially for health practitioners (people dealing with human life) should not even start until the minimum standards are met," Kanyika stated.

Meanwhile, Kanyika called on HEA to engage the HPCZ in order to harmonize areas of similar mandates and avoid future contradictions.

"The pharmaceutical Society of Zambia (PSZ) supports the stance of HPCZ to insist on institutions maintaining high standards without which guaranteeing safety from health care hazard will remain a pipe dream. We call up on HEA to engage HPCZ so as to harmonize on areas of similar mandate. As PSZ, we have noted that the laws that deal with health professions education, practice and the commodities and equipment they use are contained in different pieces of legislation and as such, we recognize that this has been a fertile ground for conflict of roles or mandate among the different institutions and as such we are in the process of engaging the Attorney General to help in interpretation of their various laws to help reduce on the confusion that the conflicting statements and actions are causing to the public," stated Kanyika.

Cops record, expose Kanganja, as he banishes erring officer to Shang'ombo

By Mirriam Chabala

In an audio shared by police officers in Lusaka, Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja is heard giving instructions to the Lusaka Division Command to immediately transfer an erring police officer, captured having an altercation with an Indian national.

Earlier on Monday, a video went viral on social media in which a Traffic Police Constable identified as Brian Nkhoma was seen having a quarrel in a motor vehicle driven by an Indian national. When the officer noticed that he was being filmed, he got enraged and attempted to beat the motorist after failing to confiscate the camera phone.

Later in the evening, the Inspector General transmitted a message on the Police Radio to all units, directing that the Traffic officer in question must immediately be banished to Shang'ombo, one of Zambia's remotest district in the outskirts of Western Province.

"So you see how the IG has reacted so swiftly over this officer who was having an argument with that man. Just because the person believed to be a victim is a foreigner, this officer will lose his job. He (Inspector General) is supposed to order an investigation to find out what happened but he has gone straight to recommend a transfer and dismissal. This is unfair. What about those who killed the UNZA student (Vespers Shimuzhila)? What has the IG done about the officers who killed a Zambian during that riot? Nothing, but the whole

police command is shaking to protect a foreigner," said a police officer who shared the recorded Radio Message on conditions of anonymity.

"And you the journalists must ask the IG, because he is also punishing this officer by sending him to Shang'ombo. So it's like he is saying Shang'ombo District is for condemned officers. What is about those other officers who were transferred there without committing an offence? Unless he tells you that he was drunk when giving those orders, which I suspect he was; otherwise he was not making sense and he was being emotional without facts at hand."

In the same audio Kanganja was also heard saying his directive was a warning to other erring officers.

IG: ...Make sure that that officer is transferred to Shang'ombo with immediate effect. Prepare a truck, that officer must move, How do you read Delta 1?

Receiver: 001 Sir, reading

you fine. Confirm sir! IG: Roja Delta 1, this constable Brian Ngoma or Nkhoma, he must go immediately. He is tarnishing the image of the police. We can't condone such nonsense.

Receiver: Roja sir! Your message all received sir! Delivering the same to 100, confirm sir!

IG: Romeo, this must be a warning to all officers involved in such activities. We are going to deal with them.

Receiver: Roja sir and received, confirm sir!

IG: Confirmed delta! Standing by!

Meanwhile the police sources said the traffic police officers who were caught taking bribes by Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo in August have returned to work under general duties without being charged and have since been transferred outside Lusaka Division.

In a statement yesterday, Police Spokesperson Esther

Katongo the Police Service had charged said traffic officer with the offence of common assault.

"The traffic police officer that was involved in the altercation with a motorist in a video that has gone viral has been charged with the offence of common assault contrary section 247 of the laws of Zambia. Brief facts are that, when the victim, Devidas Rupnar, aged 40, reached the junction of Lusaka's Kalambo Road and Freedom Way at about 14:00 hours yesterday, 12th November, 2018, he was approached by a traffic police officer identified as Constable Brian Nkhoma who ordered him to accompany him to the police. The officer is reported to have been infuriated and subsequently harassed the victim when he was requested to record his particulars so that he could report later as he was rushing to the office. The victim reported the matter to police and a statement

was recorded. The officer is currently detained in police custody," stated Katongo.

"Further, administrative action has been instituted in the matter in line with the recommendation by the Inspector General of Police to have the officer dismissed. Police officers are, therefore, reminded to always be professional and exercise restraint as they discharge their duties. Meanwhile, we wish to inform members of the public that there are fake Facebook accounts that have been opened using particulars and pictures of the Inspector General of Police, Mr Kakoma Kanganja. Initial investigations have revealed that the accounts were opened from Nigeria. We, therefore, advise members of the public to avoid falling prey to these criminals who would want to defraud them using these fake accounts. Communication has been made to Facebook to have the accounts pulled down."

Husband beats Petauke DC after finding her with lover at motel

By Mirriam Chabala

Petauke residents were treated to bizarre news over the weekend when District Commissioner Velenasi Banda Moyo was allegedly caught with a boyfriend at Nyika Motel by her husband.

But when contacted yesterday to verify whether or not it was true, Moyo said "I am not commenting anything on those things and I am not interested".

According to witnesses, Moyo told her husband that she was traveling to Chipata for work last Friday and would only return to Petauke on Sunday, when in fact she had a weekend date at a local motel.

"She had told her husband that she was travelling to Chipata. But she was meeting another boyfriend at Nyika Motel. So another person who saw her there is the one who told the husband what was

happening. When the husband called her, she said she was on the way from Chipata. But he did not believe, so that he came to Nyika Motel and found them," the witness narrated.

"The moment he arrived, he found them comming out of the room and he went straight to beat both the DC and the boyfriend. He also broke the phone for the wife. It took other people who were around to stop the

fight."

But when contacted, Moyo said it was just social media gossip.

"I am not interest in those things. I don't know, how do you verify things that are on social media? I am not commenting anything. The stories are fake, I am not commenting anything," said Moyo before this reporter could even finish asking the question regarding what happened at Nyika Motel.



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President Vladimir Putin during a welcoming ceremony at Singapore's Changi Airport. AFP

'We don't need their prize': Myanmar defiant as Amnesty pulls Suu Kyi award

Myanmar authorities and citizens leapt to the defence of Aung San Suu Kyi Tuesday after Amnesty International stripped her of its top award over indifference to atrocities committed against Rohingya Muslims, doubling down on support for the civilian leader in the face of global ire.

Suu Kyi's international reputation as a rights icon is in pieces and Amnesty's move is the latest in a string of rescinded accolades.

Canada revoked her honorary citizenship last month and the US Holocaust Museum in March took back an award named after

concentration camp survivor Elie Wiesel.

Institutions that once showered Suu Kyi with titles are rapidly distancing themselves from a leader they argue is doing little in the face of alleged genocide and ethnic cleansing against its Rohingya minority.

Amnesty's "Ambassador of Conscience Award" was bestowed in 2009 and other recipients include Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai and Ai Wei Wei.

"Today, we are profoundly dismayed that you no longer represent a symbol of hope, courage, and the undying defence of human rights," Amnesty International chief Kumi Naidoo said in a letter to Suu Kyi released by the group.

"Amnesty International cannot justify your continued status as a recipient of the Ambassador of Conscience award and so with great sadness we are hereby withdrawing it from you."

But domestically, Suu Kyi remains popular across vast swathes of Myanmar and within her party, the National League for Democracy, which won elections in 2015 ending decades of military-backed rule.

The stripping of awards not only harms the "dignity" of Suu Kyi, but also that of all NLD members, the party's spokesman Myo Nyunt told AFP, adding he thought this was all part of a wider conspiracy.

"All these organisations are working for the Bengalis who have left the country in order to get citizenship," he said, using a pejorative term for the Rohingya that is widely accepted in Myanmar and falsely implies they are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. AFP

Magufuli deploys military amid cashew nut crisis

Tanzanian authorities have deployed the military to buy cashew nuts from farmers to solve a row over prices.

President John Magufuli had given traders a Monday deadline to buy the crops at government-approved rates.

Farmers had halted sales of their harvests for weeks, saying offers from private traders were too low.

Critics have accused the president of trying to use the crisis over cashews, one of Tanzania's main exports, for political gain. Mr Magufuli rejected offers from 13 companies who wanted to buy the crop at \$1.3 (£1) per kilogram.

The Tanzania People's Defence Forces were ordered to buy the produce from farmers in the southern Mtwara region at \$1.43.

On Saturday, Mr Magufuli sacked the agriculture and trade ministers over the crisis, which has seen a fall in the prices of cashews.

The president said he wanted to ensure that thousands of farmers got a

fair price for their cashew nuts and secure vital export earnings.

But some say his real motivation is to boost his popularity in the Mtwara region, an opposition stronghold.

Opposition politician Zitto Kabwe said the government should seek parliamentary approval for buying cashew nuts.

Mr Magufuli appointed two other ministers and four deputies after dismissing Agriculture Minister Charles Tizeba and Trade and Investment Minister Charles Mwijage. He also disbanded the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania and revoked the appointment of the board chair, Anna Abdallah.

BBC



Ethiopia arrests intelligence officers

Ethiopia has arrested more than 60 former security and intelligence officials for alleged human rights abuses and corruption.

The arrests came at the end of a five-month-long investigation, Attorney General Berhanu

Tsegaye said Monday.

He said some are still on the run. Killings, beatings, repeated rape and disappearance of prisoners are some of the offences allegedly committed by the former security and intelligence officials against suspects held under

anti-terrorism legislation, Mr Berhanu said.

The law has been strongly criticised as violating the rights of people, and an amendment is currently being drafted.

Thirty-six suspects were also arrested over the weekend in

relation to these crimes.

Twenty-seven additional individuals from the military conglomerate, Metal and Engineering Corporation (Metec), are also in police custody for allegedly embezzling public funds for six years. BBC

Mom criticized for breastfeeding 9-year-old says, 'It's nice for the child to be in control'

The topic of breastfeeding, for better or worse, remains a controversial one — especially when it comes to discussing how long it should go on. It's particular controversial if you're Sharon Spink, a British mom who has been speaking out about how she let her daughter nurse until she was 9 years old.

"When I came to have Charlotte, I had decided on natural term weaning. It's nice for the child to be in control of when they want to wean, rather than forcing the issue," Spink, 50, an actor based in North Yorkshire, England, told the Sun, after sharing her story with the Caters News Agency and having it picked up in global outlets, from the Daily Mail to the New York Post, similar to what happened in 2014 when she first shared her story about nursing her then-5-year-old.

Spink, who's also a mom to three older kids, said she wanted to break the stigma around extended breastfeeding — a concept that's been promoted by celebrities including Mayim Bialik and Alanis Morissette and has raised angry criticism in the public realm many times over the years — perhaps most notably in 2012 when the cover of Time magazine featured a 3-year-old boy standing on a chair to breastfeed from his defiantly posed mom. It was part of a feature package around the rise of attachment parenting — a method with three main tenets: co-sleeping, baby-wearing (that is, slings rather than

strollers), and extended breastfeeding, all as ways to bond and "attach."

Later came stories about moms who breastfed their 4-year-old and 6-year-old, and one who said the plan was to continue until her daughter was 10 years old, all prompting criticism that veered into accusatory, sexual-based territory, as it has this time for Spink, who said her daughter self-weaned just a couple of months ago. In response, she has been called a "pedophile" on Facebook, where one of the many stories

about her and Charlotte had been shared 6,000 times. Others called the situation "freakin weird," "nuts," "perverted," "selfish," "sick," "bizarre," "child abuse," and "unnatural."

But for all the attacks on Spink, there were also many strong defenders, at least one of whom called her an "inspiration." "Wow what a fantastic amazing woman achieving nearly a decade of

breastfeeding... What an amazing bond they must share," noted another. "Shame something so

natural is frowned upon in this day and age." Another chimed in with, "A woman breastfeeding her OWN child is wrong because the child isn't a baby, but it's totally okay for adult humans to drink the milk of a mother cow? Jesus Christ, human beings are weird sometimes."

And there was this heartfelt reply to Spink's critics: "Society judgment is disgusting. You do realize that the world health organization recommend to breastfeed a MINIMUM of two years... Why do you feel the need to judge her?"

Spink did not immediately respond to questions from Yahoo Lifestyle about why she decided to go so public with her story or about whether or not her daughter has been teased about it. She did, however, respond to a similar question posed by someone on her Facebook page, writing, "She's fine & her school friends are so nice. There's never been any bullying."

The biological age of weaning for the human species is between 2.5 and 7 years old, according to research by a Texas A&M University anthropologist, with the average being 4.3 years. In the U.S., where most moms stop breastfeeding much earlier, the CDC reports that 57 percent of babies are still nursing at 6 months (25 percent exclusively through 6 months), and fewer than 36 percent of babies are still being breastfed at 12 months. **Yahoo**



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Williams sparks Clippers over Warriors in overtime upset

Lou Williams scored 25 points from the bench as the Los Angeles Clippers upset the league-leading Golden State Warriors 121-116 in a wild overtime thriller at the Staples Center on Monday.

Williams reeled off 10 of his points in overtime to secure victory after the Clippers squandered a 14-point fourth quarter lead before digging in for the win.

The 32-year-old veteran was supported by 23 points from the bench by Montrezl Harrell as the Clippers improved to 8-5 in the Western Conference standings.

The Warriors remain on top of the West after suffering only their third loss of the season. The NBA champions are 11-3 following the defeat.

Kevin Durant led the scoring with 33 points



Clippers forward Tobias Harris, right, shoots as Warriors center Damian Jones defends during the first half of Monday's game at Staples Center.

while Klay Thompson had 31, including five three-pointers.

The Warriors had trailed

for much of the game, and appeared to be sliding toward a loss before a determined fourth quarter rally transformed the contest.

A Williams three-pointer had put the Clippers ahead by 101-87 with 6min 36 remaining before the Warriors came roaring back.

Thompson tied the game at 106-106 with 1:27 left on the clock but neither side were able to take a decisive advantage, sending the game into overtime.

Williams then took over with 10 points as the Clippers completed a morale-boosting victory.

Earlier Monday, the Warriors' loss was mirrored by a defeat for

their Eastern Conference counterparts, the Toronto Raptors.

The Raptors suffered only their second defeat of the season in a 126-110 loss to the New Orleans Pelicans in Toronto.

Anthony Davis had 25 points and 20 rebounds to lead a superb all-round offensive performance from the Pelicans, who saw four starters crack double digits.

New Orleans improved to 7-6 with the win, which was another sign the Pelicans are back on track after a six-game losing streak which jolted their early season progress.

- Sending a message - The Pelicans have now won three straight to move up in the Western

Conference standings.

Davis said New Orleans had been determined to send a message after their six-game slump.

"We just had to get back to it," Davis said. "We lost five in a row on the road and we're a better road team than that."

"We just have to be dominant on the road again and this was our next road game, so we had it in our mind."

"It was a good test for us; best team in the East and we're on the road, so we just made a conscious effort to get this one."

Davis was given support from across the Pelicans line-up on Monday, with E'Twaun Moore, Jrue Holiday and Julius Randle all making significant

scoring contributions.

Moore led the scoring with 30 points while Holiday poured on 29 points with 14 assists to hush the Raptors' home crowd at the Scotiabank Arena.

The Pelicans defense successfully kept Toronto's dangermen in check, with Kawhi Leonard and Pascal Siakam restricted to 20 and 22 points, respectively.

Point guard Kyle Lowry was held to just four points from 33 minutes on court as the Raptors fell to 12-2.

Elsewhere Monday, the Philadelphia 76ers celebrated the capture of Jimmy Butler with a 124-114 win over the Miami Heat.

Butler, who completed his acrimonious trade from the Minnesota Timberwolves earlier Monday, is not expected to make his first appearance for the Sixers until Wednesday.

Even without Butler, however, the Sixers had too much firepower for the Heat, who rapidly wilted in the face of a 35-point display from Joel Embiid.

The Cameroon star also pulled down 18 rebounds in a dominant performance. J.J. Redick had 25 points while Ben Simmons added 13.

Landry Shamet, Mike Muscala and Furkan Korkmaz all had double-digit points tallies off the bench for the Sixers. **AFP**

Ibrahimovic named top newcomer

Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic of the Los Angeles Galaxy was named Monday as Major League Soccer Newcomer of the Year, defeating England's Wayne Rooney among others for the award.

Ibrahimovic won in a balloting of MLS coaches and players plus a media panel with an average of 36.36 percent support to 32.25 percent for DC United captain Rooney. Mexico's Carlos Vela of Los Angeles FC was third on 13.47 percent.

Ibrahimovic scored 22 goals and added 10 assists in what was only the third 20-and-10 season in MLS history. The Galaxy went 9-2 with four drawn when the Swedish icon scored a goal.

With a roundhouse volley kick to score against Toronto FC on September 15, Ibrahimovic netted his 500th career goal, joining Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as only the third active player to reach that lofty milestone.

Ibrahimovic failed to lead the Galaxy into the playoffs but his career has already included titles with European giants FC Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and Inter Milan.

He has also netted a record 62 goals for Sweden, with star turns in the 2002 and 2006 World Cups.

Rooney, who scored 12 goals in 21 appearances for DC United after joining the club in July and lifting them from the cellar to the playoffs, won the nod in voting from club technical staff -- 34.31 percent to 28.43 percent over Zlatan.

But the Swede edged Rooney in player balloting 34.99 to 30.90 percent and decisively took media voting 45.65 percent to 31.53 percent.

Newcomer of the Year recognizes players in their first MLS season but with prior professional experience, making Rookie of the Year candidates ineligible. **AFP**



Caitlin Foord of Australia celebrates her goal with team mates during the International Women's Friendly match between the Australian Matildas and Chile at McDonald Jones Stadium yesterday in Newcastle, Australia. **AFP**

By Alex Chilumbwe

Two European based players Edward Chilufya and Mwiya Malumo have been summoned for duty ahead of the 2018 Mopani Copper Mines COSAFA Under-20 Championship.

Chilufya of Djurgardens FC in Sweden and the England based Malumo attached to Vulcan FC teamed up at Dubai International Airport yesterday.

Coach Charles Bwale has named a 30 member provisional squad with 26 players already in camp.

The notable absentees are Zesco United midfielder Lameck Banda and Kafue Celtic's Francisco Mwepu who are out of the country attending trials.

Team Manager Mwansa Kapyanga said Dream Factory defender Kingsley Hakwiya and Muma Mumba (Green Eagles) have been

Chilufya, Malumo called for U20 duty

excused from camp until they finish writing their grade 12 examinations.

Hosts Zambia open their campaign against Central African guest nation DR Congo on match day one (December 2), a classic clash that will no doubt set the tone for the remainder of the tournament.

The top team in each pool as well as the best-placed runner-up will contest the semifinals, which will both

be played at the Nkana Stadium on December 11, with the losers at that stage playing for the bronze medal as a curtain-raiser to the final.

Zambia are 11-time winners of the COSAFA Under-20 Championships, while Zimbabwe and South Africa have six wins each. Madagascar are the only other nation to lift the title after they enjoyed success in 2005, beating Lesotho in the

final.

FULL SQUAD

Goal Keepers

Prince Bwalya (Green Buffaloes), Patrick Chooma (Intersport Youth), Flobby Mashakalati (Circuit City) Bradley Mweene (University of Pretoria)

Defenders

Kingsley Hakwiya (Dream Factory), Jonathan Kapeembe (Romeki FC), Christopher Katongo (Kasama United Youth

Academy), Justin Mwanza (Young Nkana), Andrew Phiri (Kafue Celtics) Whiteson Chiluba (Supreme Grace) Oliver Lumbiya (Young Nkana) Benson Kolala (Nchanga Rangers)

Midfielders

Muma Mumba (Green Eagles), Kings Kangwa (Happy Hearts), Thomas Zulu (Kafue Celtics), Chanda Mukuka (Gomes), Prince Mumba (Kabwe Warriors), Patrick Gondwe

(Young Nkana), Albert Kangwanda (Kafue Celtics), Musonda Kalale (Chambishi) Lameck Banda (Zesco United) Salifyaji Mugala (Morning Stars), Godfrey Mashata (Happy Hearts) Edward Chilufya (Djurgardens IF)

Forwards

James Chilimina (Kafue Celtics), Francesco Mwepu (Kafue Celtics), Martin Njobvu (Nchanga Rangers), Mwiya Malumo, Emmanuel Mwiinde (Young Green Buffaloes) Kingsley Fichite (Green Eagles)

Gamphani replaces injured Fashion in Chipolopolo squad

By Alex Chilumbwe

Chipolopolo coach Sven Vandebroek has summoned SuperSport United striker Gamphani Lungu and United States based defender Prosper

Chiluya as last minute inclusions to his squad.

Lungu has been brought in as a replacement for the injured Fashion Sakala while Chiluya will be an additional prospect to the

backline.

Sakala has been ruled out of Saturday's Group K Africa Cup of Nations qualifier after having picked up an injury on Friday whilst in action for his club Oostende

in the Belgian top league.

Sven told FAZfootball.com from South Africa where the team is currently shaping up for Sunday's clash that Chiluya would increase his options at the back.

The team will be in South Africa until Friday when they fly to Maputo.

(Goalkeepers)

Kennedy Mweene (Mamelodi Sundowns)

Toaster Nsabata (Zanaco)

(Defenders)

Simon Silwimba, Solomon Sakala (both Zesco United), Lawrence Chungu, Isaac Shamujompa (Both Buildcon), Kabaso Chongo (TP Mazembe), Stophila

Sunzu (FC Metz), Prosper Chiluya (Bethlehem FC-USA)

(Midfielders)

Nathan Sinkala, Rainford Kalaba (Both TP Mazembe), Bruce Musakanya (Red Arrows), Emmanuel Banda (KV Oostende), Clatous Chama (SC Simba), Enock Mwepu (Redbull Salzburg)

Lubambo Musonda (Gandzasar Kapan), Salulani Phiri (Polokwane City)

(Forwards)

Augustine Mulenga, Justin Shonga (Both Orlando Pirates), Patson Daka (Redbull Salzburg), Gamphani Lungu (SuperSport United)

ZESCO is attractive, but I'll stay at Nkana - Kelvin

By Alex Chilumbwe

Nkana's prolific attacking midfielder Kelvin Kampamba has distanced himself from rumours linking him with a move to Super League Champions ZESCO United.

The rumours, fuelled by sports social media gossip are suggesting that ZESCO CEO is in talks with the former Power Dynamos genius who joined Nkana earlier this year. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Kampamba said that ZESCO was attractive but he would stay at Nkana for the foreseeable future.

"It sounds like a very attractive move but it is not happening, at least not now and not next season. I'm very happy here and I'm learning a lot. There is just one section of the media that started the rumour otherwise it did not even exist

to me," said Kampamba.

And ZESCO United CEO Richard Mulenga described the rumour as cheap gossip. He also said that there was no way a club in the champions league would trade their star player to their league competitor.

"We are not even in talks with

Nkana over Kelvin. It is only that rumours are quickly spread and people believe them easily. We shall always make known of our scouted players like we always do. The online media that started the rumour should call us for confirmation," advised Mulenga.

Kampamba left Power Dynamos for Nkana in May 2018 after refusing to sign his renewed and improved contract at Arthur Davies stadium. He has since been instrumental in most of Nkana's victories in both tournaments and league games.

Coach Mwape downplays 7-0 defeat to Cameroon

By Alex Chilumbwe

Zambia Women National Team coach Bruce Mwape

says he has picked some positives from the 7-0 bashing by Cameroon in a practice

match at Centre of Excellence in Abidjan yesterday. Mwape noted that the team

will need some polishing in the remaining four days before the Africa Women Cup of Nations (AWCON) kicks off in Ghana.

The Copper Queens played a practice match against the Lionesses of Cameroon on Monday evening and suffered a 7-0 loss.

"At the moment we are almost there, but we still need polishing up especially in the defence and the midfield that's where we are having problems," he said.

Mwape said the loss should not get into the girls heads as it would demoralise them ahead of the tournament.

"The girls should not let the result get into their heads it is just a practice match and it has given them an insight of what they will expect in Ghana. That's the type of play they will find in Ghana, they just need to be serious and get goals for us to get to finals because that's our target," said Mwape. He added that the result was not a true reflection of how the team played and that he was happy he gave everyone a chance to play.

Cameroon played a physical game and left some players

seeking medical attention. The casualty list of injuries from the practice match has goal keeper Catherine Musonda, midfielder Martha Tembo and defender Anita Mulenga.

Both teams used the game to prepare for the AWCON tournament.

Meanwhile, soccer fans on FAZ social media page have urged Mwape to offer good counsel to the ladies following their 7-0 loss.

They have indicated that the loss had a bad psychological effect on the girls adding that it would affect them negatively in the tournament.

Zambia is in Group B alongside Equatorial Guinea, defending champions Nigeria and South Africa.

Cameroon are placed in Group B with host Ghana, Algeria and Mali.

Zambia will play its opening game on Sunday November 18 against Equatorial Guinea and face Nigeria on November 21 before wrapping up their group games against South Africa three days later.

The team is expected to leave for Ghana on November 14 and will be based in Cape Coast.



Japan's Saori Ishibashi, Japan's Mai Mugiyama and Japan's Sae Taira compete in the Kata team female final during the 24th Karate World Championships at the WiZink center in Madrid on November 11, 2018. AFP

Former England midfielder Joe Cole announced his retirement on Tuesday after making more than 700 appearances for seven clubs including West Ham and Chelsea.

Cole, who turned 37 last week, said his career had been "a dream come true" and he now hopes to move into coaching.

Ex-England and Chelsea midfielder Joe Cole retires

His final club was Tampa Bay Rowdies in the United Soccer League, the second tier in the US.

Cole made 716 professional appearances, scoring 104 goals for seven clubs and his 56 England

caps spanned across three World Cup tournaments. He made his international debut aged 19 when he

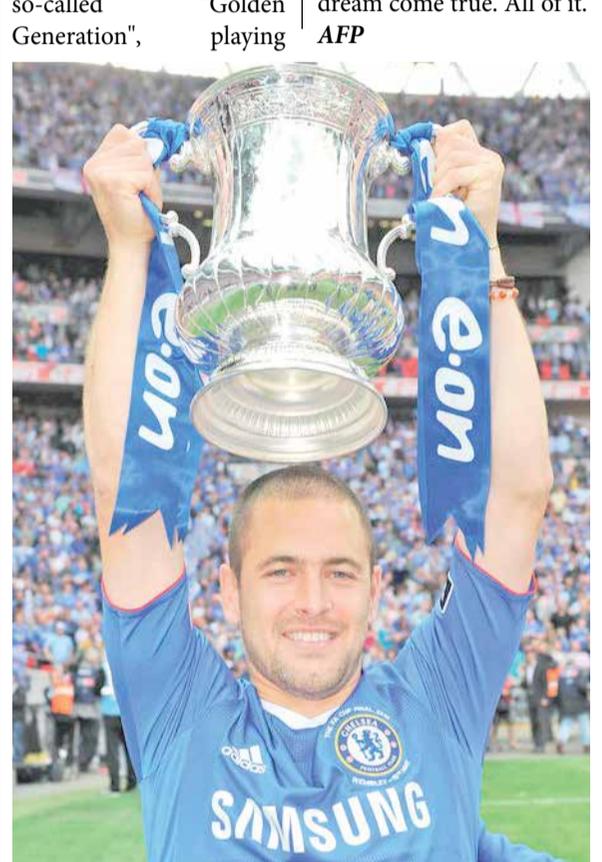
was earmarked as one of England's brightest young talents at the Hammers. Cole was part of England's so-called "Golden Generation", playing

alongside David Beckham, Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand, Paul Scholes, Michael Owen and Steven Gerrard, plus his Chelsea teammates John Terry and Frank Lampard.

Cole said in a statement: "After 20 years as a professional, the time has come for me to hang up my boots. It has been a dream come true. All of it. AFP



Esperance's players kiss the trophy after winning the CAF Champions League second leg final football match between Egypt's Al-Ahly and Tunisia's ES Tunis at the Olympic stadium in Rades. AFP



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