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Acting Auditor General Sally Rose (l) confers with Accountant General Dr Dick Chellah Sichemba during hearing at the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

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platforms purporting that the former President will be attending a card renewal event that has been organized by the Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD) party, on the 17th of November," read the statement in part.

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By Abraham Kalito

The Zambia Association of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ZACCI) has warned that the proposed Sales Tax, coupled with delayed payments of Value Added Tax (VAT) refunds, will force companies to lay-off workers in a bid to remain viable.

In an interview, ZACCI president Michael Nyirenda said that the introduction of the Sales Tax next April will lead to companies in the private sector restructuring and laying off workers in a bid to remain economically viable and profitable. "...That's number one. So, when you come to people, downsizing, reducing the

# Sales Tax will lead to job losses, warns ZACCI

number of people because of the introduction of Sales Tax, that is more reactive. Government, however, still needs to pay for those they owe, and they don't seem to be committed to that. So, [they] still need to find that money and pay because it's due. They cannot run away from that, but, of course, the more they delay, the reaction is that small-scale companies, even bigger

ones, will fail to operate. And, unfortunately, when it comes to that, the victims are employees; we might see companies laying off workers," Nyirenda said.

"The point is this: for us, from a business sector, the tax called VAT is actually better than the tax called Sales Tax. The reason is that VAT is claimable; it's not an added cost to business; it means I pass

it on to you who is going to consume my goods. So, I don't have to factor it in my business. Now, for Sales Tax, you will add it to your costs. So, if you want to add my tomatoes, then you must add whatever figure to the price of tomatoes so meaning that the price increases. Now talking about VAT Refunds, that's a management issue. Believe you me, Zambia

is an icon in terms of manging VAT in the region!"

Nyirenda added that ZACCI still did not understand why government insists on re-introducing Sales Tax, and wondered what went wrong with VAT for the whole system to be scrapped.

"But I was also saying that for us from a business sector, unless they can

really show us where the challenges are, if ZRA (Zambia Revenue Authority) can explain, we think VAT is so much better. It's just an issue of how you manage the VAT. Where do you put the money? If you put money from VAT in Control (Account) 99, then it's a problem because it can be used for other things. It's not a secret, but if you put in a VAT Refunds Account, then it will not be used for anything else, but refunds, because people pay in and you must also pay out. When it started, I used to receive cheques from the post office from ZRA. Now what has happened? I am

a living example; I would come to the post office for my claims. But also, they will send you their claims in terms [of] where you need to pay. And that was very beautiful when it started so where have we gone wrong? They need to show us where things went wrong. But also, one thing we note is because all the money is being put in Control (Account) 99, then it's used for other things and not VAT refunds and it has been difficult for them to separate that money," explained Nyirenda.

Government is set to re-introduce Sales Tax as proposed in the 2019 national budget from April 1 next year, despite stiff resistance from a broad range of stakeholders, in a bid to avoid paying VAT refunds, especially to mining companies, who are still owed around US \$600 million, a situation that has strained government coffers.

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Speaking during the launch of 2018 Northern Province Tourism and Investment Expo hosted by the Lusaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Lusaka, Siliya observed that commercial banks were denying Zambians business opportunities to help develop the country by not giving ordinary citizens a chance to access capital.

She argued that financial institutions were only fond of using government funds to make more money and reap profits, but are not involving ordinary Zambians to enhance financial inclusion.

Siliya also expressed concern that despite the aggressive efforts being made at various provincial levels to stage the tourism expos, they

may amount to nothing if Zambians do not participate in tapping the huge investment potentials.

Northern Province is gearing up to host an unprecedented Tourism and Investment Expo, which commences next Tuesday, under the theme: "unlocking investment opportunities, 100 years after the end of the First World War."

"After these Expos, we don't want to hear that it's only investors from foreign countries who have invested. We want to hear that 'Mulenga' will be the owner of a big Protea Hotel in Kasama; that should be the end result. We want to hear that 'Banda' left Eastern Province and is the owner of a big harbour in Mweru wa Ntipa in Luapula Province. But this is not going to happen unless the financial sector recognises that they cannot be following behind, but have to take a chance on Zambians. Banks, please, don't just make money using government money, make money because you are giving a chance on Zambians," Siliya appealed.

"We are welcoming foreign investors; yes, that's good, but we also must ensure that the space for Zambians is

filled by Zambians. But that won't happen unless the financial sector gets on board. So, the message from government to banks and all in the financial sector is: 'let's work together to truly tell our story by ensuring that we all do our part.'"

Siliya also reiterated that the potential of Northern, Central and Luapula provinces, as discovered through Expos, depended on the availability of financial resources to be fully-tapped.

"We want you, the banks, to take a chance on 'Haamambo,' 'Banda,' 'Mulenga' and every

other Zambian so that they can also be part of this investment potential. Let's change our story; being rich in Zambia should not only be associated with corruption, but with hard work and good business. The people that deny Zambians business opportunities are Zambians in these banks," she argued.

And Siliya, who is also Information and Broadcasting Minister, said there is an illusion that land is finishing in Zambia because some people have never flown over the country to see the vast swathes of land

still available.

"As part of decentralisation, we have to develop this country so that it's not only Lusaka Province, which should be talking about the wonders of Lusaka. Each one of us should be able to live in any part of this country because the infrastructure is there. The reason we have this illusion that land is finishing in Zambia, in Lusaka, Copperbelt, Livingstone, could be because some people have never had the opportunity to fly over Zambia and see how vast the country is," said Siliya – SUMA SYSTEMS.



Ndola PF youths protest against 'xenophobia' yesterday

By Abraham Kalito

Former Secretary to the Cabinet Dr Sketchley Sacika says UPND leader Hachilema's complaints against Chinese influence in Zambia implies he is patriotic towards the country rather than inciting xenophobic attacks.

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In an interview with News Diggers! in Lusaka, Dr. Sacika argued that it was not sabotage to speak against foreign influence in the local economy.

He charged that there was something wrong with Hachilema's critics for accusing him of inciting the riots that rocked Kitwe last week Monday.

"In 1964, we stood

# Complaining against Chinese influence doesn't amount to xenophobia, explains Sacika

on the threshold of Independence and of being masters of our own destiny. But we are now throwing everything away! In 1969, we paid the owners of our mines large sums of money in order to acquire the mines for ourselves. But 30 years later, the MMD government gave away the mines to foreigners eventually for nothing. Zambians don't know how much money the MMD government collected as a result of the privatisation of those mines. Apart from giving away our mines, the MMD government also

returned the economy to foreigners. In 1969, apart from acquiring the mines for ourselves, we had also embarked on a programme to put the economy of Zambia under the control of Zambians themselves. But since the MMD days, we have lost the focus. Now, it is not xenophobia to complain about the Chinese taking over the economy of our country," Dr Sacika explained.

"In fact, it is patriotism. What HH is doing is patriotism. Speaking for the country is patriotism. I don't think the Chinese would allow

the Americans to go to China to exert the kind of influence the Chinese are exerting on our economy. It is a misconception bordering on naivety to think that the Chinese are here for philanthropic exercises. The Chinese are not here for charity, they are here for business and to harvest as much profit as they can from their labour and Zambians must understand."

He said government should ensure that it does not outsource the management of the economy to the Chinese, saying doing so would negate the struggle for

independence.

"Zambians cannot afford to outsource the management of the economy to foreign interest, including the Chinese. Such an arrangement would completely negate our struggle for independence and reduce us to a nation of wage earners and not masters of our own destinies. Now, those of us who fought for independence feel greatly aggrieved to see what is happening to our country. Zambians must find out because this is important. Zambians must find out why they are failing to

manage their own affairs and why they are now prepared to give their economic assets away to foreigners, including the Chinese," he added.

"We built TAZARA and we are failing to run that company. Now, when you complain about your national assets being taken away or being given away to foreigners, that is not sabotage; that is patriotism. You know, if we had not been patriotic, we would not have chased the British out of our country! The British would still be here, still managing our mines. So, you cannot be accused of being unpatriotic, otherwise then there is something just not right with the one accusing you."

And Dr Sacika added that Malanji acted against the Constitution by instructing Chongwe District Council to give land to Chinese nationals as a burial site.

"Minister Malanji's instruction to the Chongwe Council over the land allocated to the Chinese for their cemetery is unconstitutional, null and void. Therefore, the Council has no obligation to comply with the instruction. According to Article 152 of the Constitution of Zambia, the administration of the district is the responsibility of the local authority. Only the local authority is constitutionally-empowered to oversee the programmes and projects. To this effect, Article 152 of the Constitution specifically states that the national government and provincial administration shall not interfere with or compromise the local authority's ability or right to perform its functions. What this means is that no minister, no official employed in the central government, may overrule or give instructions to the local authority in respect of the discharge of its functions," said Dr. Sacika.

"In order to ensure orderly management of public affairs, it is the duty of permanent secretaries to guide their ministers on the operations of the law. The system of government depends on observing the law and the regulations without which only chaos would prevail"



Southern Province provincial administration officers during the Public Accounts Committee at Parliament building - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

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former President has a very busy schedule of international engagements, between now and the end of the year 2018, to which he has been invited, to extent that he has had to regrettably decline to attend some of them. So it is simply not true that Mr Banda will be attending this event," stated Mfuni.

"For avoidance of any doubt, Mr Banda is a bonafide member of the MMD and is a very well known, also it's Former President and is, therefore, as a free citizen of this country,

within his rights to meet with the current leaders of the party that he was privileged to lead, and or any other persons. On this score, His Excellency Mr Banda has cautioned the country, not to embrace the growing trend of toxic, fake news based politics, if our country is to remain united and achieve its desired goal of national development. We hope this puts to rest any doubts any misinformation that may have been caused by the false news that has been attributed to the former President."

# Government seeks alternative private sector financing for 7NDP

By Abraham Kalito

Government has called on the private sector to provide alternative financing models for the successful implementation of the 7th National Development Plan (7NDP).

In a statement, Ministry of National Development Planning (MNDP) Permanent Secretary Chola Chabala stated that government cannot afford to wait for co-operating partners to fund the 7NDP, but instead recognized the need to raise local financing through the private sector.

“The Ministry of National Development Planning has called on the private sector to partner with government to provide sustainable, alternative and innovative financing for the implementation of the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP). Ministry of National Development Planning Permanent Secretary (Development Planning and Administration)

Chola Chabala made the clarion call during a recent meeting where he received submissions on alternative financing for the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP) from the private sector representatives. The institutions present included: Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); Bankers Association of Zambia (BAZ); Credit Reference Bureau; Lusaka Securities Exchange (LuSE); Insurers Association of Zambia (IAZ); Zambia Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ZACCI); Zambia Association of Manufacturers; Luano Rail/Stravena, Impact Capital Africa; as well as the Development Bank of Zambia (DBZ) and Zambia Development Agency (ZDA),” read the statement issued to News Diggers! in Lusaka, Tuesday, by public relations manager Chibaula Silwamba.

“The private sector’s submissions were in



Gwembe UPND MP Attractor Chisangano shakes hands with Southern Province permanent Secretary Mwanagala Liyomba shortly after he appeared for the Public Accounts Committee at Parliament building - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

response to a call by the Secretary to the Cabinet, Dr. Roland Msiska, during the last session of the National Development Coordinating Committee (NDCC) for the sector to provide the government with programmes they were implementing that will contribute to the attainment of the aspirations of the 7NDP. The NDCC mandated the Ministry of National Development Planning to work with the private sector to formulate an alternative financing mechanism for

the 7NDP. Chabala assured the private sector that the Minister of National Development Planning Alexander Chiteme will meet them to discuss their submission. He, therefore, urged other private sector entities, which were not represented, but that have concrete ideas on alternative financing for the 7NDP to come on board. Chabala said the private sector’s consolidated submissions would be submitted to the NDCC meeting scheduled to be held later this month.

The Permanent Secretary said the successful implementation of the 7NDP will depend, to a large extent, on the availability of financing for the Plan.”

According to Silwamba, the private sector had proposed that the Plan be funded through Public and Private Partnerships (PPP), capital markets, diaspora bonds, capital bonds and venture capital funds.

“In the integrated and multi-sectoral spirit espoused for the implementation of the 7NDP, the Ministry

of National Development Planning decided to invite all private sector associations, as well as individuals, to help formulate alternative financing models or solutions for the implementation of the 7NDP, hence the hosting of this meeting,” Chabala said. “There is donor fatigue and we have to be mindful that even development partners are going through economic challenges and it’s about time we started thinking of financing our own development. We can’t perpetually be depending on our cooperating partners.”

The SEC and the Lusaka Securities Exchange (LuSE) assured that the capital markets were ready and able to deliver on their proposition to support the implementation of the 7NDP, according to the statement.

SEC director of market supervision and development Mutumboi Munda expressed optimism that the capital markets would help to achieve sustainable development.

“Let us join hands to realise the full potential of the Zambian capital markets as an enabler of greater and sustainable economic growth and development,” said Munda.

To ensure the successful implementation of the 7NDP, participants proposed, among other interventions, the use of capital markets, diaspora bonds, capital bonds and venture capital funds to ensure that Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) are sustainable, according to the statement.

# There’s nothing sophisticated about Sata tollgate – Belemu

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Mbabala UPND member of parliament Ephraim Belemu says there is nothing sophisticated about the US \$4.3 million Michael Chilufya Sata Toll Plaza because it is just a booth where people sit and merely collect fees.

Last week, Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister Ronald Chitotela attempted to justify the US\$4.3 million Michael Chilufya Sata Toll Plaza’s cost saying it had superior, sophisticated infrastructure, which would not compromise revenue collection at the facility.

But speaking when he featured on UNZA Radio’s Lusaka Star programme yesterday, Belemu challenged government officials to own up about the true expenditure of the tollgate.

“What is so sophisticated about a booth to collect money from? A shelter for people to sit and collect fees you are calling it sophisticated? People must learn to own up and shut up if they can’t apologise! At least what we expected was for

people to apologise and somebody to be taken to task for embarking on such a project. Now, since they don’t have a conscience, they don’t have capacity in their own reasoning, they don’t have correct way of seeing things, the best they can do is to shut up. If that money was spent in improving one of our border posts, that would have been justified,” Belemu said.

“Even where they get these concepts, you go and copy correctly. Unfortunately, PF doesn’t even have the capacity to copy. When you are in South Africa, you have an option to use a road that has no toll fees. You can divert. It’s an option.”

Belemu wondered what was so unique about the infrastructure in Zambia that it must always be extremely expensive.

And Belemu said assertions that people had been incited to demonstrate against government last week were an insult to citizens. “Assertions that people are being incited to demonstrate or show displeasure over what government

is doing is an insult to citizens! It is telling you of the shrinking space for people to express themselves. Allowing people to demonstrate peacefully in a democracy is very important. Who doesn’t know [that] if you are an adult, and you have a house that, mealie meal [prices] have gone up? Do you need another person to come and tell you that the price of mealie meal now has gone up,” he wondered. Meanwhile, Belemu said he would fish out a report from Parliament that proved that ZAFFICO had been sold and give it to Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya to resign following her challenge to party president Hakainde Hichilema.

“By this afternoon or tomorrow, I will give her a report, adopted by Parliament, which proves that ZAFFICO land has been taken and used for mining and sold,” he said. Belemu argued that the UPND was not just politicking, but wanted to use the opportunity to help Zambians.

“As UPND, we are not there just

to politick and then want to form government. We want to use that opportunity to help Zambians. Not to get power just because you want to buy a suit, fly in an airplane, want to eat the food that you missed all these years; that you were practicing law and then you got clients’ money. It’s about using it to do what’s good for the nation,” Belemu explained.

He insisted that Zambia was currently being exploited by China because there was something wrong with government.

“People are coming into your house to remove every small furniture and then you are saying; ‘this is my trading partner.’ They are not trading partners; they are just picking things from you because you are unwise. It’s about capacity to negotiate correct deals, being sincere about the deals you enter with a particular country and how those deals are constructed in terms of what comes in the economy. It’s question of a government that clearly has no capacity to deliver goods and services,” said Belemu.

By Mirriam Chabala

Wynter Kabimba is a failed political project who is very envious of my political achievements and will take every opportunity to attack me, says National Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili. And Kambwili says Kabimba is the most hated politician in Zambia because his character chases away friends. Meanwhile, Kambwili has warned the PF to be wary of Kabimba's affection, charging that the later is trying to position himself as presidential candidate should President Edgar Lungu drop off from the 2021 race. On Tuesday, Kabimba, who is Rainbow Party general secretary went for Kambwili on radio saying he had left politics of insults to the NDC leader,

# Wynter eyeing PF presidency after Rainbow has failed, says Kambwili

who enjoys being on radio to insult the President and other government leaders. But reacting to Kabimba's attacks in an interview, Wednesday, Kambwili said Wynter was a failed political project. "I will forgive Wynter Kabimba because he is not Bemba. He may not understand the meaning of 'Pompwe', so you tell him that 'Pompwe' is not an insult neither is calling somebody a thief an insult. Now, I will not waste time to have a discourse with someone who is a failed political project. Wynter Kabimba is a failed political project,

who is very envious of my political achievements and he would take every opportunity to attack me. He has been running his so-called 'nashala neka (one man)' party for so many years and it doesn't grow. I started a political party and in less than eight months, it has a national character and it is one of the biggest political parties in the country with a lot of following. So obviously the man will feel so bad," Kambwili said. He further charged that Kabimba was too pompous to be President. "Wynter has always been wanting to be President.

But you know that his attitude, his pomposity, his know it all attitude does not go well with the people of Zambia. He is the only political leader who was fired and the whole country celebrated. I think it's an act of some kind of madness for a person who knows that he's hated so much by the entire Zambia to even aspire to be President. Who is going to vote for him? Wynter is the most hated politician I have ever seen in this country and my advice to him is to leave politics. Because politics is for people who can appeal

to the grassroots and can lower themselves before the poor, but Wynter is a 'some of us'. He is a wapamwamba (elite) politician, who thinks that pomposity and answering people off the cuff would win him the elections," Kambwili said. "Wynter can never run any political party that would stand, that is why now his only hope is to speak the PF language, thinking that maybe when President Lungu leaves, he can call him to be Presidential candidate, the way Mwanawasa was called by Chiluba. But you cannot compare Mwanawasa to Wynter. Mwanawasa was a down to earth person and he had good relations with people. Wynter has no relationships with people, he doesn't even have friends, look at what happened between him and [Fred] M'membe, they were very good friends. When he was in PF, he messed up the party, to the extent that no body loved him. Everybody wished him to be fired, and when he was fired, everybody celebrated. But when I was fired, the whole country sympathised with me. That is the difference between me and Wynter." And Kambwili insisted that Kabimba was jealous of him and UPND leader Hakainde Hcihilema's political achievements. "I have won three elections as member of parliament. Wynter Kabimba has never won an election, not even as a ward councilor or as a section Chairman. So he has no political history and he has no political muscle and as a result, he will attack all those who he thinks are strong. He has been attacking HH and he has been attacking me. The reason he has been attacking us is because he knows that we are strong political leaders. He has been running that political ka temba which doesn't grow and almost all his members have moved to NDC, so you know the frustrations. Even his friends: Dr Musumali and M'membe ran away

from him because the man has no relationship with people. If being President was to be voted for by an individual, Wynter could have been President already. But as long as being President is to be voted by the general citizenry, Wynter will never be," Kambwili said. Meanwhile, Kambwili warned the PF to be wary of Kabimba's love for them, charging that the later was positioning himself as presidential candidate. "I also want to warn the PF, he (Wynter) is issuing statements to try and woo the PF to consider him to run as President after President Lungu, don't make that mistake, Wynter is a natural confusion. Wynter can never stand on any election anywhere in the world and win because he is hated by everybody. So I will forgive him because it is the frustration that he has. Because really, when you call someone who is a thief, a thief, it's not an insult. It's like if you call me Chishimba Kambwili and I get upset that you have insulted me, but that's my name. Me I don't know what insults are and I don't insult, the only problem that I have is that I believe in calling a spade, a spade and that is why people trust me that I can form a political party and they can follow me," said Kambwili. "I am a man who can help the poor, but when Wynter used to be Secretary General of PF, no one used to go to his office. He used to chase people like dogs. So I can advise Wynter to concentrate on raring his ostriches, which he started when he was Secretary General of PF. Though it is alleged that even the money which he [used to get] those ostriches was ill-gotten, it is alleged that he used to get that money from PF well wishers when he was SG. Tell Wynter that I feel sorry for him because politics is not his game, let him concentrate on ostrich farming or probably let him try to go to a game called Garamoja."

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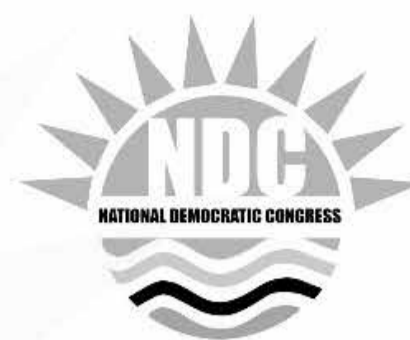


# NDC

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*The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom*

Why we deserve your vote



# Why NDC opposes the national health insurance act

**By Mwenya Musenge**

On or around 25th April 2018, President Edgar Lungu signed into law the National Health Insurance Bill.

This was despite widespread opposition, rejection and condemnation by most Zambians who took time to read the document and thus examined the far reaching consequences of this bill.

President Lungu and his government seem to know that the people of Zambia did not want this bill to be signed into law hence the bill was signed into law in a shroud of secrecy.

However, the consequences of this law cannot be hidden.

## OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.

The preamble to the National health insurance act states that the objectives of the law are to provide for sound financing of the national health system and to provide universal healthcare services to the people of Zambia by way of establishment of a national health insurance fund, funds of which are to be collected through a national health insurance scheme (tax) administered by a new parastatal body to be established called the National Health Insurance Management Authority (NHIMA).

This law mandates every working Zambian citizen above the age of 18 years to make monthly payments or contributions to NHIMA. These funds are then pooled together into the national health insurance fund. Those citizens who are working and paying into this scheme will be given membership cards which they will be able to use at a few select private clinics and hospitals where they will be able to obtain some discounts whenever they require medical treatment. A big chunk of the funds collected from this tax should then be used to rehabilitate government hospitals and clinics that are to be used by Zambians who are not members of this scheme.

In terms of collection mechanisms, for people who are in formal employment, payments to NHIMA will be made in a very similar manner to NAPSAs contributions. Both the employer and the employee will have to make equal contributions to this scheme. For the employee, this will come as a deduction from the salary. For those in informal employment or self-employed, the PF government does not have any solution of how they will compel these Zambians to voluntarily pay into this scheme. So in essence, the NHIMA will only be able to collect this tax from formally employed people.

## CONSEQUENCES OF THIS LAW.

1. The people who will be affected negatively by this law are those that are currently in formal employment. NHIMA will operate in exactly the same way that ZRA and NAPSAs operate; they will focus on the formally employed as a mechanism to collect these taxes.

2. Many Zambians in formal employment already

have private health insurance provided to them by their employers through institutions such as Hollard, SES, Madison and ZSIC. It will become very expensive for companies to maintain two health insurance schemes.

3. The biggest mining companies on the Copperbelt such as KCM and MCM own hospitals which provide healthcare services to their employees and immediate families. These mining companies together employ thousands of people. These thousands of employees don't need government health insurance because their healthcare needs are already catered for by their employers through the hospitals and clinics they own and manage.

4. The number of Zambians in formal employment is estimated to be around 850,000. This constitutes less than 10% of Zambian citizens of working age. These citizens are already the only ones who pay very high PAYE taxes. These are the same people who will be the ones paying this insurance tax to NHIMA.

5. ZRA and NAPSAs have failed to implement fully functional systems for collection of taxes and contributions from the self-employed or informally employed, so how is NHIMA going to do this?

6. This new health insurance tax is another cost of doing business for employers. The basic objective of every business and company is to make a profit. Companies make profits by keeping expenses and production costs as low as possible and maximising employee productivity. This new tax which employers will also be required to pay is an extra expense and additional cost of doing business. As a result, employers will hire less workers and require more productivity from existing employees.

7. This new law will encourage further casualization and sub-contracting as large companies will try to avoid paying this new tax to NHIMA.

8. The first impact of this law is that salaries of working Zambians will be reduced due to further tax deductions from their salaries. At a time when the cost of living is increasing sharply, inflation at roughly 8%, it doesn't make sense to burden the citizens with further taxes. The second impact on wages is that the employers will now be reluctant to give their workers salary increments due to the fact that they now have another cost or expense to deal with in terms of payments to NHIMA.

9. The NDC opposes this law for the simple fact that the citizens of Zambia are already over-taxed. Zambians have the lowest salaries in the SADC region but pay the highest taxes. Does this make sense?

10. The PF government and quasi government institutions have become notorious for various abuses of public resources. We won't delve deep into these abuses because they are clearly documented in the Auditor General's report and others in the public domain.

What guarantee do we have that these funds held by NHIMA will not be diverted to pay the \$700 Million and \$1.2 Billion Eurobonds which are due for payment in 2022 and 2024? We have seen how tollgate revenue is being misused and diverted with impunity and without consultation or transparency to apparently fight cholera and pay down government debts.

## NDC POLICY ON FINANCING HEALTH

1: When elected into government, the NDC will immediately begin the process to repeal the National Health Insurance Act and abolish the National Health Insurance Management Authority.

2: While the NDC will seek to reduce the cost of doing business for companies and employers, we will require those employers that do not provide private health insurance to their employees to give those employees a health insurance allowance, similar to transport allowances, accommodation allowances which are already required by labour law.

3: The NDC in Government will restructure the Ministry of Health, today the MOH is bloated with many bureaucrats occupying offices who are not actually involved in health service delivery. The goal of the NDC is to reduce the doctor to patient and nurse to patient ratio by having more health workers in service delivery and less highly paid administration bureaucrats.

4: As NDC we will raise these revenues by taxing other avenues such as the mining companies. We will not introduce any new mining taxes; we will only strictly enforce existing mining taxation laws to ensure that mining companies are tax compliant and remitting to ZRA all taxes that are due from them by law.

5: An NDC government will immediately change the procurement process for medicines by the Ministry of Health. There will be no more middle-men in the procurement process. NDC will purchase medical supplies in bulk directly from the manufacturer.

6: The PF government of President Edgar Lungu is running a bloated government. We have too many ministries and unnecessary government officers who are drawing huge salaries. As NDC we have identified about 5 government ministries that can be closed down or fused into other government ministries in order to save hundreds of millions of Kwacha. Ministries such as (agriculture, livestock and fisheries) (finance and national planning) (mines and energy) (education and higher education) (tourism and chiefs), these can be fused together or consolidated.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the NDC believes that the National Health Insurance Act is a flawed, ill-conceived law that will not succeed and will be a burden to the people of Zambia.

**Mwenya Musenge is NDC Secretary General**



# New wife vs Old Wife

When you wake up someday and your wife is looking and sounding more like your ex-wife, then you know something somewhere has gone terribly wrong.

That is exactly what happened to Mrs. Chibesa, except that it wasn't about the husband but about her house when she left it in wrong hands during her long honeymoon abroad.

Being a fine lady with an exceptional eye for top class fashion trends, she definitely was an 'A' list chart topping middle aged lady. Just when all were thinking she was set for a celibate life, she turned the course of the tide and splashed the town with a jaw dropping wedding whose acclaim still resonates in the streets of Kalulushi.

In bars men wonder how though now she is married they still find talking about her no matter how hard they try to avoid it.

'She is not even that beautiful after all', is one of the commonest phrases that never miss among people who talk about her.

Well one wonders why they talk about her if she is not beautiful. An honest judgement maybe genuinely hard to tell but one thing all who have known or just seen her at a distance can attest to is that there is something special about her that is not common and probably that is why she is a head turner. She has got class and takes good care of herself and every other thing around her.

Not long ago, she was Carol, but now she is called Mrs. Chibesa. It is not just her workmates talking about her but the teachers to her second born son's school. She has three children and another is on the way.

'This woman, awe. Tabacinja. Obviously abalume babo balofwa bwino (this woman doesn't change,

obviously the husband is happy)', whispered her son's teacher to her friend as Mrs. Chibesa was waving goodbye to her son after dropping him at school.

What is so special about Mrs. Chibesa so that even us today are now discussing her when she is far away in Kalulushi minding her own business?

The reason is simple. She does not change, but of course she changes yet there is something special about how she handles change because even as much as change is inevitable in life, some change is not worth having.

'She is getting even more beautiful as she is growing older. The children she bore have left her even more exquisite and built. She is like fine wine', her husband boasts.

It is not wishful. These things happen especially with houses we build. To some people the older the house become the uglier it becomes. That is not supposed to be the case. The older the building the more beautiful it has to look. As the house gets older, the understanding is that the owner should have figured out a maintenance plan and it is during these maintenance works that the beauty of a house can be enhanced through correction of once unsightly spots.

The older the house becomes, the higher its chances of having beautiful landscape of matured plants such as tree, creepers and some vegetation that takes long to grow. Logically, an older house even had a better chance of having extras like fully developed grass lawns, fruit tree orchards, ponds and gardens.

That is not usually the case. Old houses are usually rundown and ugly due to lack of maintenance and foresight.

We can learn from Mrs. Chibesa. Change does come whether we like it or not but we have a duty to manage it or else it will manage us. Even the best paint will someday fade, the best roof will someday leak and fall off but that should be an opportunity to replace it with something even more beautiful

It is not fair that newly built houses or buildings should be for beautiful and appealing to live in that old ones. So instead of always building a new house, we can also beautify and improve the one we already have.

Like wives and husbands or even friends, we cannot always be getting new ones. We first work on what we already have. There many ways to improve an old house depending on your budget. In case of inadequate space, a house can be extended and extra rooms added. An old house can also be modernised through refurbishments at a reasonable cost. A cost analysis has to be done because it is not always a fact that refurbishing is cheaper than building a new one.

They say old is gold yet the secret to keeping the old house golden is by emphasizing cleanliness. A clean neat lawn and fine yard does wonders to the appearance of a building. Sometimes what people need is to just clean-up their surrounding and there may be no reason to build another house. No matter how nice a house or building is if its surrounding is dirty and poorly maintained, the building can never look nice. In a nutshell, we can affirm that indeed cleanliness is next to Godliness. Building is great investment, do it right.

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

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The Lusaka Magistrates' Court has restored bail for a senior public prosecutor from the National Prosecutions Authority who has been dragged to court for allegedly using insulting language against his ex lover, a fellow prosecutor.

Recently, Richard Nyeleti's bail was revoked on grounds that he was interfering with witnesses by continuing to issue derogatory remarks against the complainant.

In this case, Nyeleti, 49, is charged with using insulting language.

It is alleged that Richard Nyeleti, on September 17, 2018 in Lusaka, did use insulting language to Chipo Gura to which he did said 'iwe chihule, ninakuchinda chinini chako (you prostitute I had sex with you...) in a manner likely to give such

## Prosecutor testifies in NPA insults case, as 'insultant' gets back bail

a provocation to the said Chipo Gura so as to cause such a person to break peace or to commit an offence.

When the matter came up before magistrate Thandose Chabala, Tuesday, a 34-year-old Public Prosecutor at NPA, Muleya Simusa of Kanyama compound narrated that on September 15, 2018, Nyeleti went to his place in Kanyama requesting for material to use to write his assignment, which he gave him.

He narrated that when he met Nyeleti at NPA on Monday, he asked him if the

books were of help to him. Simusa said later on as they were leaving the reception, Nyeleti asked him if he was going to go to ZIALE and he said he wasn't.

He said as they were speaking, Gura, the complainant bypassed them and when Nyeleti passed some remarks against her, the two started exchanging unpalatable.

"I told him that I can't go to ZIALE because I have financial challenges. I will go next year. As we were discussing, madam Gura by passed us after I greeted

her. After she by passed us, Mr Nyeleti said 'it is not good to go to ZIALE. You will die with high blood pressure, stroke'. It was at that point that madam Gura responded in Nyanja that 'Mr Nyeleti ndimwe bakuli, mukula mulibe nzelu (you are old, but you are growing up without wisdom)'. Then Mr Nyeleti responded 'iwe chi hule nimaku chinda, chinini chako,' he said.

Simusa narrated that everyone who was around at that time was shocked by Nyeleti's insults.

"The next thing I heard from

madam Gura was 'ine ba Nyeleti?' and he responded 'yes'. At that point there were a lot of people, we were all surprised. I was initially intending to come with Mr Nyeleti to court using his vehicle, but I left him," he narrated.

"Later in the day I was phoned by an officer from service headquarters, that's how I went there to give a statement. I went to see Mr Nyeleti at Kabwata cells later on when he was apprehended. He even sent me to go and buy food for him, which I did."

And Foster Jere 36, a secretary at NPA said she heard Nyeleti using insulting language and being a woman she was offended.

Magistrate Chabala later restored Nyeleti's bail and warned him not to interfere with the witnesses.

Earlier on, Nyeleti had applied for an adjournment on grounds that he was unwell but it was rejected because he had made that application after one witness had already testified.

The matter has been adjourned to November 23, for continued trial.

Justice Minister Hon. Given Lubinda launched the National Legal Aid Policy on Friday, November 9, 2018, in Lusaka. We have studied the document with keen interest. We took interest in this matter because it touches on a fundamental human right due to all citizens, which is access to justice.

We are further concerned by the operations of the Legal Aid Board, hence our desire to see how this policy seeks to address the numerous challenges that confront the operations of this only public entity established to provide a mechanism for the administration of legal aid services to the poor who cannot afford to pay for the services of a private lawyer.

We welcome the vision of this policy for a Zambia where equal access to justice for the poor and vulnerable groups is provided through efficient and effective delivery of legal aid services. The emphasis on the poor and vulnerable, among us, is the right way to look at access to justice.

Zambia's criminal justice system is very inefficient and many citizens on remand are separated from their families for crimes they may never be convicted for, whilst their children, dependents and those they love, lose their support resulting in children falling out of school, early death, marriages and other undesirable social consequences. The need for an effective legal aid system cannot be overemphasized.

Overcrowding is a major problem in most of Zambia's correctional facilities. Most prisons we have were built prior to Independence to accommodate a total population of about 5,500 prisoners across the country. The Human Rights

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# Improve conditions of Legal Aid lawyers, recognize paralegals

Watch Report on "Unjust and Unhealthy Report in Zambian Prisons" indicated that as at October, 2009, prisons housed a total of about 15,300 prisoners, which was nearly three times its official capacity; 35 per cent of these inmates were remand prisoners awaiting trial.

This, therefore, indicates that overcrowding is a consequence of criminal justice policy not necessarily the rising crime rates. This is supported by another report entitled "Challenging Disadvantage in Zambia" prepared by the Paralegal Alliance Network (PAN) and Prison Reform Trust (2015), which mentions that one of the causes for overcrowding was "the inadequacies in the Zambian criminal justice system, which holds people on remand or awaiting trial for a long period".

The enhancement of access

to justice necessitates the effective provision of legal aid understood as encompassing the provision to a person, group or community, by or at the instigation of state or non-state actors, of legal education, information, advice, assistance, representation and mechanisms for alternative dispute resolution. This is in line with the United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems, adopted by the UN General Assembly in December, 2012.

The document correctly observes that the legal aid situation in Zambia has been affected by the absence of a comprehensive national legal aid policy and a corresponding implementation framework to guide the provision of legal aid services by all legal aid service providers, including non-state actors.

We agree with Hon

Lubinda's sentiments that while legal aid interventions do not in principle transform the poverty situation of the recipients of the services, the interventions, coupled with governance and astute poverty reduction strategies, undoubtedly foster the social and economic development process of the country. But we feel the link between access to justice and poverty reduction cannot be downplayed.

The Legal Aid Board is greatly under-resourced with poor working conditions for lawyers and is heavily understaffed, hence carrying a perpetual backlog of cases, which compromises its efficiency. In its current form, we do not see how the Legal Aid Policy can retain the services of highly competent and experienced legal minds.

We see that the recently launched policy speaks to the need to reform access to justice

by formally recognizing the role of paralegal aid service providers and incorporating them into the formal justice system. Although this process was heavily supported by cooperating partners, it addresses a fundamental need in the country. We appeal to the government to seriously take ownership of this document and implement its measures.

It is not good leadership to use donor funds to write good documents only to fail to allocate resources for implementation. Paralegals and law degree holders not admitted to the Bar in Zambia operate in an environment without formal recognition of their work and the contribution they make to access to justice. As a result, there is no standardised regulatory regime in place to ensure the competence and accountability of paralegals

and law degree holders when providing legal aid services.

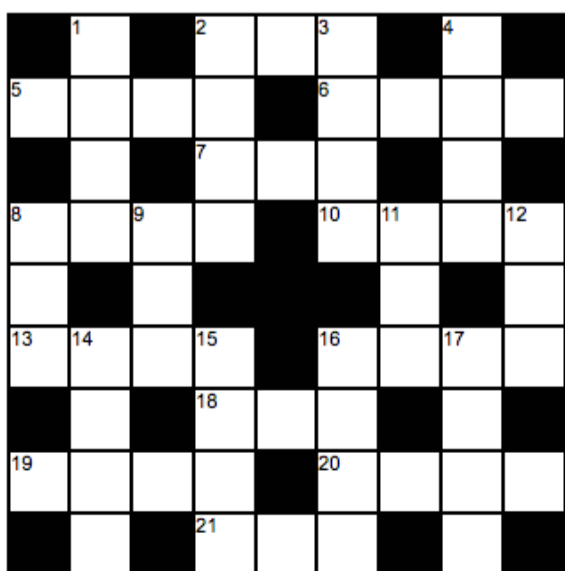
We have observed that government intends to, through this policy, recognise and regulate CSOs and university law clinics as providers of legal aid services. This is a welcome policy because NGOs have done a lot of good work through their paralegals, especially in rural areas and correctional facilities, but these paralegals some of whom are educated up to university level, have not received formal recognition, regulation and support.

We appeal to all those in the legal sector, including the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ), to support the legal reforms required by this policy to take effect. We need to move away from this elitist view of the practice of law, which disadvantages the poor and condemns them to perpetual poverty and exclusion.

We feel the need to review the law establishing the Legal Aid Board quickly and work on modalities to improve the training of paralegals. We have seen that with donor support, the Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVETA) has developed curricula for paralegal training across three levels of education, but we are not satisfied that this would work without government taking full ownership of this process.

Having a policy is one thing, implementing it is another. We appeal to the Justice Minister to demonstrate a meaningful passion and vigour to ensure that the right systems and laws are in place to enable measures to ensure access to the poor are enhanced.

## Crossword puzzle 231



***"Those who will not reason, are bigots, those who cannot, are fools, and those who dare not, are slaves."***  
- George Gordon Byron

- | Across                       | Down                    |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2. Yankovic and Pacino       | 1. Brown shade          |
| 5. Read quickly              | 2. Poker pot starter    |
| 6. Hint                      | 3. Left after cut heals |
| 7. Orange pekoe or Earl Grey | 4. Injure               |
| 8. 3D square                 | 8. Baby bear            |
| 10. Appraise                 | 9. City vehicle         |
| 13. Large string instrument  | 11. Everything          |
| 16. Run away quickly         | 12. 12/24 or 12/31      |
| 18. A pair                   | 14. Ventilated          |
| 19. Group of 3               | 15. Discontinue         |
| 20. Danger                   | 16. Fortified place     |
| 21. Flower holder            | 17. Besides; instead    |

## Solutions to puzzle 230





# Reader's feedback

## 'Traffic officer in viral video should've been suspended'

Editor,  
 "I feel suspension would be better so that he learns a lesson out of that. We all have made mistakes before. He who has not sinned, let him throw the first stone." - Kgarvey Chirambo

"His fellows should learn from this. Well done!" - Matanda Mwewa

"People are too quick to judge; I feel dismissal or whatever kind of punishment is a rushed decision." - Philip Chipeta

"The power of social media can never be underestimated! Viva social media!" - Oliver Sakanyi

"The power of a camera phone. Anytime you about to face these people just activate your camera. Way to go; money is hard to come by." - Alfred Chirwa

## CK's clarion call to show solidarity with HH in Ndola



Editor,  
 "For those who will manage to be there, please, CK is saying: 'let's go and show solidarity and not fight.' Please don't misunderstand him because they will end up accusing him for inciting, so please support HH peacefully and avoid confrontation with the law; HH will come out clean and life will continue - forward, forward!" - Jason Mwanza

"Don't mistake that for pangas and insults; 'solidarity' is a positive phenomenon synonymous with support etc. What CK is saying is that, we support HH for his braveness in protecting our resources, which you and I can't do because of cowardice. Is there anything wrong in that?" - Janet Mundando

"YES! Power to the people is what we need!" - Silumesi Inyama

"We need a revolution in this country otherwise we are heading into dictatorship!" - Mwenzu Sibajene

"Let us test the professionalism of the police. I can bet anyone that our police do not understand the law and rights of citizens. They will rush to teargas and gun shots on peaceful and unarmed protesters." - Cyrus Kalando

"Please, Zambians, learn to respect the rights of others; those who feel they need to stand with HH during what they perceive as HH's persecution need to be respected. Those who feel PF is the best thing that happened to Zambia also need to be respected. At the end of the day, it will show whether Zambia is on the right track or not." - Lawrence Mukoboto

## ND's OPINION: Play with Lusaka, don't mess with Copperbelt

Editor,  
 "Good analysis, ND! The people rioting on the Copperbelt are PF members themselves against the thieving, crooked leadership of Edgar. It appears they have bought into the messages of the TRUE GREEN that Edgar and his minions don't mean well for the nation." - Chiundule Wansimbi

"I'm loving this piece of writing! Straight on point." - Abraham Banda

"On this one, you have hit the nail on its head; these PF guys in govt are giving HH the unwanted attention, hence making him popular. These politicians in PF don't learn; what happened to MMD; especially RB with what they used to do to King Cobra the late, hence making him popular on the way." - Akapondo Kansansa

"Very well put, Diggers! PF is doing HH and UPND a great favour." - Agatha Nambeya Nayame

"Very tasty piece of writing." - Mumba Mubanga

"Excellent, wise, honest and timely opinion. A must-read for HE Edgar Chagwa Lungu. The police, the pre-colonial mentality, as aptly described by the Supreme Court of Zambia in the Christine Mulundika & 7 Others v. the People 1995's landmark judgment on the

freedom speech and assembly, must not excite the docile Zambians to ask their names. People power a must!" - Emmanuel Mwaba

"Perfect analysis; loud and clear..." - Warren Suwilanji Mucheta

## PAC's chasing away of C/Belt PS Nundwe for submitting conflicting documents

Editor,  
 "It is not surprising that Nundwe exhibited such high level of incompetence. He spends most of his time politicking and generally behaving like a cadre, and not a civil servant; that is the genesis of all his problems and it is pathetic to imagine that he is a controlling officer of a busy province like that." - Mike Sitali

"The result of having 'office orderlies' as PSs. I admire people like Kalumba, Sikwela, Chola and a few others who have proven track records!" - Sikabenga Ng'anda

"Ubomba Mwibala syndrome. PAC should be given prosecutorial authority." - Cornerious Silukuni

"That chap is hopeless and so is whoever saw sense to make him PS." - Mulela Mutemwa

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) yesterday applauded North-Western Province Permanent Secretary Ephraim Mateyo and his team for resolving the audit queries cited in the previous Auditor General's Report. But in sending off the controlling officer after he appeared before his Committee, PAC chairperson Howard Kunda said the PS might be called to re-appear after submitting the other missing documents. Mateyo and his team had appeared before PAC to respond to audit queries cited in the Auditor General's Report for the financial year ended December 31, 2017. "From what the honourable

# Parley Committee salutes Ephraim Mateyo for improved accountability




members have said, I would want to say that, yes, you have improved. For example, last year's queries had issues to do with misapplication and we have not seen that now, which is a very good improvement, but you still need to do more so that you don't appear here. Those who have done very well are not appearing here. They are not appearing on the Auditor General's Report. So, I can safely say that you have not done very well for you to [appear] here this

time. So, we need you to go back there and put systems that will work for you and not for you to work for the systems. Having said that, we would want you to reduce even further [on these] audits. I know you have been saying that it is very difficult, but it is possible, looking at the way you have attended to the queries, which appeared in last Auditor General's Report," Kunda said. Earlier during the proceedings, one of the issues that arose was

about an officer from the Ministry of Transport and Communication, who is based in Lusaka, but has continued drawing salaries from North-Western Province. Mkushi North PF member of parliament Doreen Mwape asked Mateyo to explain a salary that was paid to an employee despite her not returning to her position. "PS, query (b) questionable unblocking of salary. I want to read the query so that it's understood. In July, 2014, provincial

administration blocked the salary of Tabo Salome printer operator due to the fact that she proceeded on study leave without approval. However, in October, 2017, her salary was unblocked despite the officer not returning to her station and as at December, 2017, she had been paid amounts totalling to K38, 474, 53 in salary and arrears. PS, I want to find out, here is a person who proceeded on study leave without approval. The punishment, which was meted on her was to block her salary. First, I want to ask, who gave the instructions to unblock the salary of an officer who proceeded on study leave without approval? Again, according to human resource procedure, this was absenteeism. If an officer stays away from her duty for ten days, this calls [for] instant dismissal, but the only action, which was taken was to block her salary. As if that wasn't enough, this person was not even at her station, but she has continued drawing a salary up to now, I believe. PS, we need you to tell this Committee who unblocked the salary? And also, who authorised?" asked Mwape. In response, Mateyo, a former Inspector General of Police, called his supporting staff to assist in responding to the query. "You see, we, in [the] provincial administration, sometimes face a lot of administrative issues. The members of staff that we have are controlled double. You find that the line ministry, for example, in this particular case, the line ministry is the Ministry of Transport and Communication. That is where this person is and as I have reported, chair, this was not done by the province, it was done by the Ministry where this person belongs. That is why we wrote seeking clarity just as the honourable member is seeking for clarity from me. We wrote and the response hasn't come. In the province, we can be doing something and the line Ministry can also be doing something and that is why we have also requested for clarify on why," Mateyo explained. After his response,

provincial chief human resource development officer Bonwell Njunga chipped in to assist his superior on the query under review. "In this scenario, Tabo Salome was based in Solwezi and the payroll is in Solwezi. However, officers have dual reporting relationship where they report to the provincial Permanent Secretary as well as the Ministry. And the payroll for Salome is based in Solwezi, the Department noticed the absence [and] brought this issue before the Committee. It was instructed that; 'block the salary' to force the officer to come back so that we hear from the officer and charge the officer. The officer reported to Lusaka where the salary was unblocked," Njunga explained. Kunda, who is also Muchinga MMD member of parliament, then demanded to see the transfer letter for the officer in question, which could not be produced at the time. "The issue of payroll transfer is a challenge in some instances, for instance, in this scenario, this officer is currently under Lusaka, but we were not served with transfer letter. So, the mother Ministry, I would have loved if they were present to add more beef to this case because there was no transfer letter and they are showing us that this officer has been [transferred], but the Head of Department says the officer is in Lusaka, that is where he is serving. And this is surprising because the receiving office was supposed to receive this officer with the transfer letter for him/her to fill in the arrival advance and payment of salary, but it seems I don't know what type of relationship that they entertained and placed the officer back on payroll. And then our local PS is made to suffer for this issue, which was unblocked by another Ministry," narrated Njunga. And on the way forward on the matter, Mateyo said he would follow up the matter with the Ministry and have the matter resolved.






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I thought I would be going out to attend to my office work, but once it started, I knew I could not afford to miss any of it - I had to stay right through it!

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# Police must protect UPND like they have protected protesting PF youths - Mucheleka

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
UPND deputy secretary general Patrick Mucheleka says his party is shocked to learn of the "express speed" in which police on the Copperbelt processed a permit for PF youths to hold protest marches in solidarity with the Chinese.

In a statement, Mucheleka stated that it was his hope that the provincial police command would also use the same speed used to process the PF's permit when applying the Public Order Act to the opposition.

"As UPND, we never knew a day would come when the Zambia Police, under Charity Katanga, would allow our own people to march in support of those stripping our national assets and taking us back into colonialism. Even more shocking is the express speed with which Charity Katanga processed the PF permit to march in support of the Chinese who are grabbing everything in the country from minerals, land, assets such as ZNBC, ZAFFICO and even grave sites in Chongwe," Mucheleka stated.

He further stated that police on the Copperbelt should also allow his party and other political parties to march against the sale of national assets.

"We hope this is truly a change of heart on the part of the police in the application of the Public Order Act and will allow us in the UPND and other opposition political parties, plus other

citizens that will soon be marching and mobilising citizens in defence of our land and national assets. Like our president Hakainde Hichilema said, we shall not stop talking about PF corruption,

economic collapse, and now ripping off of our national assets and land," stated Mucheleka.

"The PF protest in defence of the Chinese yesterday (Tuesday) went incident-free as the

police gave them all the protection they needed and we expect the same treatment as well when our president Hakainde Hichilema appears for police summons next week on Tuesday. We

once more want to congratulate the PF for openly protesting in support and siding with the Chinese who want to grab ZAFFICO against the wishes of the people of Zambia."

## Opposition MPs roast Sumaili over failure to "guide" PF

**By Mirriam Chabala**  
Opposition members of parliament on Tuesday afternoon took turns castigating Religious Affairs Minister Reverend Godfridah Sumaili for failure to guide government on various national issues. Debating the 2019 budgetary allocation to the Ministry of National Guidance and Religious Affairs, Keembe UPND member of parliament Princess Kasune wondered what kind of impact the ministry had on nation when leaders were still not ready to solve challenges affecting citizens.

"I think it should pain us to realise that we are fortunate to be in these seats and act as voices for the people. Just like the Ministry of Religious Affairs is a voice beyond even us here, but I hope that you become a

voice to the President of this nation because there lies the peace or the lack of peace in this country. Religion should not be used as an opium of the poor. It is true that in many cases, religion has been misused and people have gone on a very bad path. The divisions that we are beginning to see is a political construct that has been created in this country to discriminate others against the very basic resources that they need. But why should that be the case? Where will the ordinary Zambians go if their own country cannot give them the very basic of every human's cry? They cannot get their jobs because they are from a certain religion or tribe, when did we become like that? I think enough is enough ladies

and gentlemen, we are becoming a disgrace," said Kasune.

And Chirundu UPND member of parliament Douglas Sykalima said it was immoral for the PF government to continue boasting about the Ministry of National Guidance when people were still killing each other. "When this Ministry was formed, I opposed it and I gave reasons why. This Ministry was supposed to be a moral police, they were supposed to be guiding across the board. The police should fall under this ministry in a normal country, all ministries are supposed to be falling under this ministry. Her job as a minister was supposed to evangelise to all the ministers and ministries. But I don't think that this ministry has lived to it's

mandate. We cannot afford to continue allocate money to this ministry when things are deteriorating in our country. You (PF) are talking about morality, but there are no morals to write home about," said Sykalima.

"In terms of values, there is nothing to write home about. In a country where immediately the PF came into power, every time there is an election, people have to hack one another. I have grown in this country and previously, even wilding a Panga (machete) was abominable. But today, people can freely hack one another. And then you go and boast out there that you have got a ministry which preaches morality, that is immoral! And those are the things that God hates, we have talked about his name in vein! Your job minister is to reverse these things, you must talk first of all to your won people in Cabinet, let people live ethics. May the God who is omnipotent guide you as a minister."

But defending the Ministry's role, Eastern Province Minister Makebi Zulu, who is also Malambo PF member of parliament said the opposition had contributed to the divisions that were going in the country.

"The divisions that we have witnessed in this country have not been from homes or Churches or anywhere in society but in the political arena. It is for this reason that the minister did take time to visit different political parties and discuss with them the need for national unity and dialogue. In meeting political parties, she created a platform in which certain grievances

could be talked about. But that platform has not been taken advantage of and it is for that reason that we tend to have a bankruptcy of honest in the political arena. From the time 18th October was declared as the day of national prayers, there has been little or no participation at all from those that are on the left. Why has that been so? I think it is the failure to practice patriotism and national unity. We created the day of reconciliation as the day we were going to settle our differences but many have shunned this day," said Zulu.

And in winding up debate, Rev Sumaili said her ministry had been engaging government leaders on various matters behind closed doors.

"I can tell you that you will be embarrassed when you get to know where the national dialogue process is and the role that our ministry had played quietly. We don't have to play to the gallery, the kind of work that we are doing is not to be displayed in the public, we are talking to ZCID, we are talking to the Church and I can tell you that where we are right now, we are at a very comfortable position and very soon you will hear where the national dialogue process is. Our job is not about politicking. We have national interests at heart, there are issues that we have spoken about. We have spoken about the issues of exam leakages and we advised... so I can assure that this ministry is intricately involved in ensuring that we guide the institutions, political leaders and the people in general properly," said Sumaili.



L-r: Chavuma UPND MP Victor Lumayi, Gwembe UPND MP Attractor Chisanagano and Breanda Tambatamba Kasempa UPND MP during the Public Accounts Committee hearing at Parliament building - Picture by Tenson Mkhala



# House Democrats to probe Trump impact on FBI, Justice

The incoming Democratic chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee intends to investigate President Donald Trump's impact on the integrity of the Justice Department and the FBI, according to a letter sent to top federal law enforcement officials on Tuesday.

Representative Jerrold Nadler, now the panel's top Democrat, gave acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker and FBI Director Christopher Wray until Dec. 31

to respond to more than 100 letters House Democrats have already sent concerning Trump's behavior toward U.S. law enforcement, including verbal attacks on senior officials. "I write with growing concern over President

Trump's repeated attacks on the integrity of the Department of Justice and the FBI," Nadler told Whitaker and Wray in the Tuesday letter that was made public. "The president's behavior appears to be motivated by an urge to shield himself, his family, and his business interests from the ongoing work of the department and the bureau."

A Justice Department official said Nadler's letter had been received.

The letter, surfacing a week after U.S. congressional elections gave Democrats control of the House, is an early sign of the heightened scrutiny that Trump and his administration can expect after the new Congress convenes in January.

Democrats are worried that Trump could undermine a federal investigation into Russia's role in interfering with the 2016 presidential election and any collusion by the Trump campaign. The probe is being led by U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

Moscow has said it did not meddle in the election and Trump has denied that any collusion occurred.

Trump set off alarms among Democrats last week by forcing the resignation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and replacing him with Whitaker, a Trump loyalist who has said the Mueller probe should be scaled back.

"The president has called the special counsel's investigation a 'witch hunt' at least 84 times this year," Nadler wrote. *Reuters*

# Rome rejects European Commission demands

The Italian government has defied the European Commission (EC) by sticking to its big-spending budget plan.

Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini said a deficit target of 2.4% and a growth forecast of 1.5% were unchanged.

The EC - worried about the impact of high spending on already high levels of Italy's debt - had told Rome to revise the budget or face possible fines.

It had set Tuesday as a deadline to Italy's governing populist parties to respond to its objections.

The EC's warning to Italy, the eurozone's third-biggest economy, is an unprecedented move with regard to an European Union member state.

Why does Italy want to spend more?

Mr Salvini, who leads the League party, was speaking after a cabinet meeting on the highly controversial issue.

In a statement, he said the government would stick to the budget's main parameters.

Meanwhile, Luigi Di Maio, the deputy PM from the Five Star Movement coalition partner, said: "We have the conviction that this is the budget needed for the country to get going again."

The government has vowed to "end poverty" with a minimum income for the unemployed.

Other measures include tax cuts and scrapping extensions to the retirement age - fulfilling several key campaign promises from the election in March.

A defiant Prime Minister

Giuseppe Conte insisted earlier that the budget deficit would go no higher than 2.4% of GDP in 2019, although the target is three times than that of the previous government.

The government argues that servicing its debt of 131% of national output - second only to bailed-out Greece - would hurt Italians, who have still not recovered from the decade-old financial crisis.

Italy's economy is still smaller than it was in 2008. The governing coalition argues an increase in spending would kick-start growth.

How bad is Italy's debt?

Italy's neutral Finance Minister Giovanni Tria and international observers had hoped the country would keep its deficit under 2% of GDP - and perhaps as low as 1.6%.

While 2.4% falls well short

of the 3% deficit limit under eurozone rules, Italy's debt level is alarming.

"For the first time the Commission is obliged to request a euro area country to revise its draft budgetary plan but we see no alternative than to request the Italian authorities to do so," the EC Vice-President for the euro, Valdis Dombrovskis, said last month.

He pointed out that Italian

taxpayers were having to spend as much servicing the national debt as on education.

"Breaking rules can appear tempting at the first look - it can provide the illusion of breaking free," he said.

"It is tempting to try and cure debt with more debt. At some point, the debt weighs too heavy... you end up having no freedom at all," Mr Dombrovskis said.

*BBC*



Italy's co-Deputy Prime Ministers Luigi Di Maio (r) and Matteo Salvini made defiant comments

# Zimbabwe army denies post-poll killings

Zimbabwe's military has told a commission of inquiry that its soldiers did not kill civilians during protests in the capital, Harare, that erupted after the contentious 30 July poll.

Six people were shot and killed and more than a dozen others were injured in the aftermath of the first elections to take place since Robert Mugabe was ousted as president

after three decades in power.

Supporters of opposition leader, Nelson Chamisa, clashed with security forces in the streets of the capital after they claimed that the ruling party, Zanu-PF, had stolen the election.

A seven-member independent commission of inquiry - set up in August and headed by former South African President Kgalema

Motlanthe - has been hearing testimony to establish who was to blame for the protests and the fatalities.

It is supposed to wrap up its work in three months.

The government has said that no order was given to shoot civilians on 1 August and that victims, some shot in the back, could have been killed by armed business owners or

militant opposition protesters.

Video footage seems to suggest otherwise.

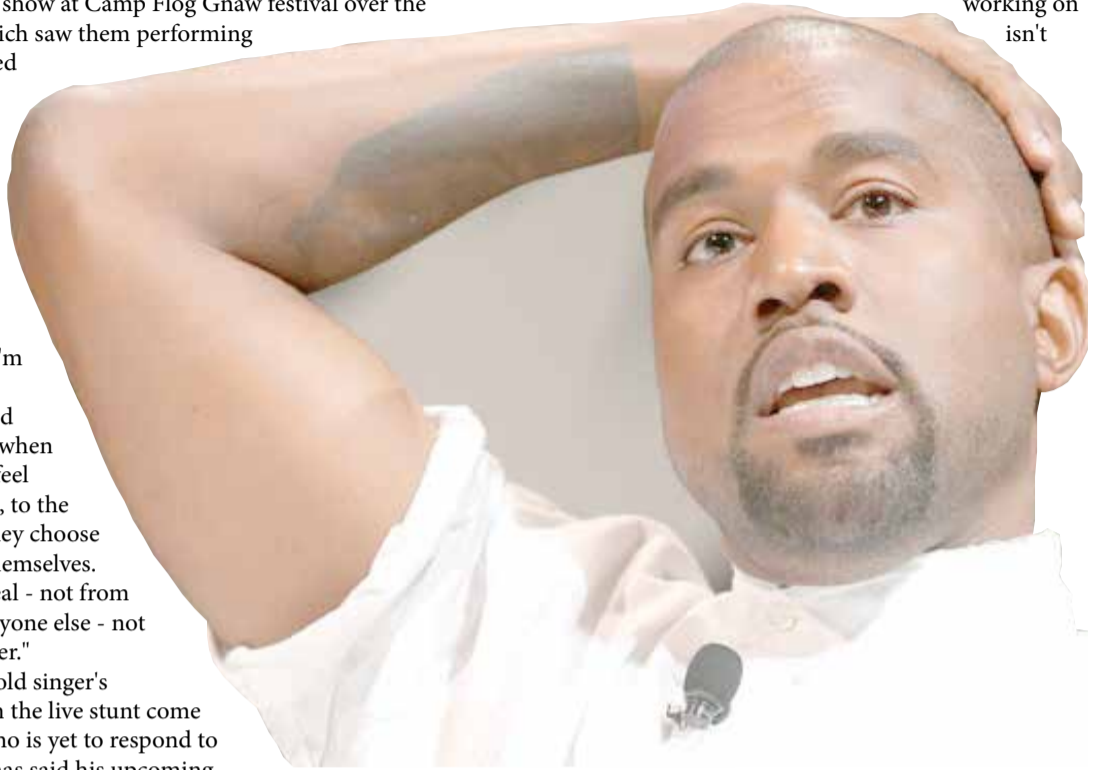
The army's testimony drew occasional, incredulous laughter from the audience at the commission of inquiry.

The opposition says the probe is President Emmerson Mnangagwa's attempt to escape liability. *BBC*

# Lorde accuses Kanye of stealing her idea



Lorde has accused Kanye West of "stealing" her production ideas for his and Kid Cudi's Kids See Ghosts live show. The 'Royals' hitmaker has commented on part of the duo's collaborative show at Camp Flog Gnaw festival over the weekend, which saw them performing in a suspended perspex box. Noting she did something very similar for her festival run last year, she wrote on Instagram: "I'm proud of the work I do, and it's flattering when other artists feel inspired by it, to the extent that they choose to try it on themselves. "But don't steal - not from women or anyone else - not in 2018 or ever." The 22-year-old singer's comments on the live stunt come as Kanye - who is yet to respond to the claims - has said his upcoming 'Yandhi' album will be delayed again. The 41-year-old rapper's next solo album was due to be released in September, before his wife Kim Kardashian West suggested it was coming on Black Friday and said it will be "worth the wait. However, after performing over the weekend he had a realisation that the planned LP isn't ready to be released yet - so fans will have to wait a bit longer.



He tweeted: "It felt so good being on the stage last night with my brother Cudi. "After performing again, I realize the new album I've been working on isn't ready yet. I'll announce the release date once it's done. Thank you for understanding. (sic)" Meanwhile, Kanye has started to follow a trend set by 2016 LP 'The Life of Pablo', as he's made post-release changes to 'I Thought About Killing You' from his 'Ye' record, this time because he hadn't cleared the beats used on the track. IOL



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Roger Federer of Switzerland shakes hands with Dominic Thiem of Austria after winning his match during the Nitto ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena, London, United Kingdom on November 13, 2018. AFP

## Madrid going for fourth straight CL triumph - Modric



Luka Modric has spoken of his delight after winning the 2018 Goal 50 – awarded to the world's best player of the last 12 months –

and says that Real Madrid are gunning for a fourth straight Champions League trophy, despite their poor start to the season.

The Croatian metronome enjoyed the best year of his brilliant career in 2018, lifting the Champions League with his club and leading his country to the final of the World Cup in Russia.

This saw him pick up a host of individual prizes, including the FIFA World Cup Golden Ball, The Best FIFA Men's Player of 2018 and UEFA Men's Player of the Year Award.

Modric has now added the Goal 50 trophy to his growing collection of individual honours after finishing above last year's winner, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Liverpool's Mohamed Salah, who finished second and third, respectively.

In doing so, Modric ended Ronaldo and Lionel Messi's recent duopoly of the prize, with the Portuguese and the Argentine having claimed every Goal 50 trophy since Wesley Sneijder triumphed way back in 2010.

"I am very happy to receive this award," Modric told Goal.

"I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. It is an honour to receive it, and to follow in the footsteps of these two great players.

"Winning after these two makes me very happy. It is an honour for me."

Despite all this personal glory, Modric's Real Madrid have endured a difficult start to the 2018-19 season, following the summer sale of Ronaldo to Juventus. [Goal.com](#)

# Ozil snubbed 'crazy' £1m a week offer for Arsenal stay

Mesut Ozil snubbed "crazy offers" from Asia in order to stay at Arsenal, claims his agent Dr Erkut Sogut, with it suggested that a £1 million-a-week approach was made.

The German playmaker saw his future with the Gunners called into question during the 2017-18 campaign as his contract ran down. He entered the final six months of that agreement before committing to fresh terms that are set to keep him in north London until 2021.

The 30-year-old had several opportunities to leave prior to penning that deal, with Sogut revealing that more money could have been made had Ozil headed for the exits.

He told Standard Sport, who reported the £1m-a-week offer: "We had some really big offers from Asia, there were some crazy offers. But for Mesut, money was by no means the biggest factor.

"Money is definitely one important thing to consider, but people must remember that footballing ability is just one aspect of a contract negotiation.

The commercial impact of a footballer is crucial nowadays.

"Mesut has the biggest social media following of any player in the Premier League and I just read that his shirt numbers were the largest at the club.

"At the end of the day, this is all information that has to be taken into consideration. So, the commercial side is very big with a player like Mesut,

who has played in different countries and was the No. 10 of the national team, where he won the World Cup.

"His market is worldwide. The club makes money out of these players as well, but it came down to what was in his heart.

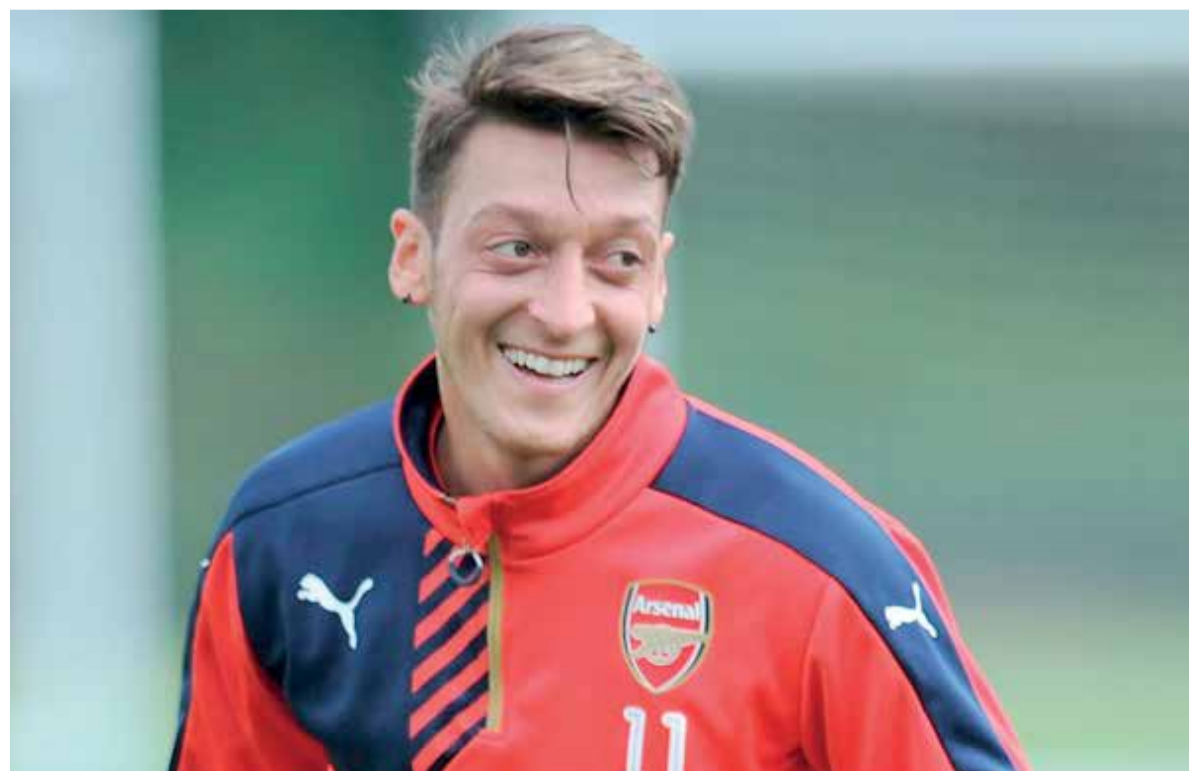
"We were free to sign with other clubs and in the end Mesut loves the club. I put everything to him and he just said, 'This is my home,

I want to be here."

Ozil has enjoyed a productive 2018-19 season now clear of the uncertainty which followed him around last term.

He has helped Arsenal to take in a 16-match unbeaten run, with positive progress being made in the Premier League, Carabao Cup and Europa League.

Four goals have been contributed to the





Buffaloes incorporates men during training ahead of their League decider against Nkwazi - Picture by Alex Chilumbwe

# Shepolopolo loses goalie to injury

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Shepolopolo second choice goalkeeper Catherine Musonda has been ruled out of the African Women football championship due to the injury she picked during a practice match against Cameroon in Abidjan. Team doctor Faith Chibeza Mwansa has confirmed the development to the media through the FAZ crew in Ivory Coast. Chibeza revealed that Musonda and another

Lionesses striker had a bad collision that left her left foot fractured and would be off the pitch for at least three months. "Her injury is very serious and will only allow her to return to the pitch after three months. She needs enough time to heal or else the injury will be worsened if it is forced," Mwansa said. She also mentioned striker Hellen Chanda as another player that picked up an injury during the practice

match. "Chanda's injury is not as severe as Musonda's and she has not been ruled out of the tournament. She just needs a little time to rest, as it is only a twist of the ankle," said Mwansa. The Copper Queens lost 7-0 to the Lionesses of Cameroon in a practice match that was played in Abidjan. Coach Bruce Mwape described the match as physical but expressed happiness that all his players were given a chance to play.

Shepolopolo will play their first match against Equatorial Guinea on November 18 and engage African champions Nigeria, three days later.

# Under-20 beats select side 1-0

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
The under-20 provisional squad has beaten a local select team 1-0 through an own goal netted by Boniface Sunzu in a friendly match played at Sunset stadium yesterday. The match was a test of how well and easily the young copper bullets would blend in the final squad for the Mopani Copper Mine COSAFA tournament next month. Under-20 coach Charles Bwale said he would not have a tough time assembling the final squad adding that the players were largely complementary to one

another. He also said he was happy with the sportsmanship that players exhibited during the match. "They have great coordination and they complement each other so well. It was beautiful to watch even though they only scored one goal. There is so much morale and determination among the boys," said Bwale. "Again the boys have admirable sportsmanship that you do not usually see in senior players. They are already bonding, and it is calming because you know there is a spirit of

oneness." The second squad walloped the local select

team 2-0 in an encounter characterized by fancy dribbles and well-timed

tackles. The tournament kicks off on December 2 in Kitwe.

# Athletics boring because Buffaloes wins everything - Elias Mpondela

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Zambia Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) president Elias Mpondela has bemoaned the level of competition in the athletics fraternity saying competitions have become too predictable. Mpondela revealed that all local competitions

in the country were won by Green Buffaloes with abnormal point-differences, thereby making it hard for the association to make a balanced national team. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Mpondela appealed to club officials and executives to scout

for new athletes that would cushion the fall in competition, especially in field and track events. "Local competitions have become boring. In every competition we are sure Green Buffaloes will win and that was not the case long time ago. I can tell you that in more

than six years, Buffaloes have been scooping the first position in all competitions," Mpondela noted. He further blamed the fall in competition on club executives' reluctance in recruiting new and younger athletes. "We have these club officials and executives that keep receiving poor results from competitions but are not doing anything about it. They have the capacity to train younger ones but they want to keep recording poor results. It is one of the reasons we keep calling the same people to represent the country at international level," said Mpondela.

Green Buffaloes athletics team scooped its 15th first position in the ZAAA closing season competition on Sunday at the competition held in Solwezi. The club only descended to second position earlier this year during the All New Comers competition that featured Kenyan and Zimbabwean clubs.

# Chipolopolo call up comes with pressure, says Edward Chilufya

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Zambia under-20 midfielder Edward Chilufya has described his summon for national duty as a great task that would require him to give his all and help the young Chipolopolo boys record history in Zambian football. Chilufya who plays for a Swedish side Djurgardens IF acknowledged the confidence that the under-20 coach Charles Bwale has in him and added that only exceptional playing would be a way of proving to soccer fans that he deserved to be in not only the provisional squad but the final cut as well. In an interview with Goal

Diggers! the former Mpande football academy star also noted that soccer fans had high expectations from foreign-based players adding that the pressure was more intense on his side. "It is really great to be summoned for national duty but I should mention that it comes with a lot of pressure. Everyone expects so much from a foreign-based player and that does not happen easily. I will have this urge to want to do more than everyone so that I prove to people that I really deserve to be in both the provisional squad and even the final cut," Chilufya said.

Asked on how easily he would blend in with local players, Chilufya took comfort in the different skills and tactics each player possessed. "Of course Swedish football is different from Zambian football but it is the difference in skills, tactics and other things that make players complement one another. There are a lot of geniuses and flexible players that play locally and I have such great confidence in them. We will train and play as a team. There is enough time to make adjustments and consequently blend in. Football is no one man show. One can

only guide his team to victory," summed Chilufya. Chilufya signed his first professional contract with Djurgarden on February 15, 2018 and made his professional debut for the side in a 1-0 Svenska Cupen win over Bk Hacken on March 12. He has represented the Zambia under-20 football team at the 2017 Africa U-20 Cup of Nations. He helped Zambia win the tournament, scoring in the final against Senegal in a 2-0 on March 12 and consequently ended with four goals, and was joint top scorer for the tournament.

## Bantwana hold Mexico to goalless draw in World Cup opener

The South African national U17 women's team played to a goalless draw against Mexico in their opening Group B encounter at the Estadio Domingo Burgueño Miguel on Tuesday 13 November 2018.

After surviving opening minutes of intense pressure and shaking off some early nerves, the South Africans came out of their shell in the second half and showed they are in this Fifa U17 World Cup to make a statement.

Bantwana almost fell behind in the third minute of the game, with the Concacaf runners up striking a shot towards Kay-dee Windvogel as the ball slipped through her hands but she just managed to retrieve it before it crossed the line. *Goal.com*



Elie Okobo #2 of the Phoenix Suns shoots the ball against the Portland Trail Blazers

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Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand returns a shot to Chen Yufei of China in their first round match of women's singles during the YONEX-SUNRISE Hong Kong Open 2018 badminton championship in Hong Kong, China, 14 November 2018. AFP



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Chen Xiaoxin of China returns a shot to Ruselli Hartawan of Indonesia in their first round match of women's singles during the YONEX-SUNRISE Hong Kong Open 2018 badminton championship in Hong Kong, China, 14 November 2018. AFP