



# PF, UPND VOW TO CLASH

*By Daniel Chansa*

The PF and UPND youths on the Copperbelt have vowed to sort out each other out next week Tuesday when UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema appears for investigations at the Police divisional headquarters in Ndola.

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## ...as police await HH in Ndola



UPND president Hakainde Hichilema, his deputy Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba (r) and Lusaka Province youth chairperson Obvious Mwaliteta join mourners at the funeral of the late Chieftainess Choongo - picture by Brian Mwiinga

## I won't allow other people's wives to be dancing for me as President – Kalaba

*By Mirriam Chabala*

I will not allow other people's wives dancing for me when I become President, says Democratic Party leader Harry Kalaba. Speaking when he featured on 5FM's Burning Issue programme, Thursday, Kalaba said the culture of taking women to the Airport to welcome the President through songs and dances will not be condoned in his government.

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## Govt has set aside K2m for new State House, House of Prayer, reveals Chitotela

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

Minister of Gender Elizabeth Phiri has condemned a man harassing his wife for allegedly committing adultery in a video that went viral on social media saying Gender-Based Violence (GBV) should not be condoned irrespective of the offence committed.

On Wednesday, a video went viral on social media in which a middle-aged man was urging onlookers to film his wife, whom he identified as Princes Chanda, after he allegedly caught her with another man.

Whilst the woman was defenseless and trying to hide her face, her husband held her head up for the cameras a couple of times, calling her a prostitute whom he had caught red

# Minister condemns man harassing wife in viral video

handed.

But in a statement issued by Ministry of Gender Media Liaison Officer Mwape Mwenya, Thursday, Phiri condemned people who were in the habit of taking pictures and videos instead of helping vulnerable victims who were unable to defend themselves.

Phiri said GBV was a violation of human rights, which should not be condoned irrespective of the offence committed.

She urged victims of GBV not to suffer in silence, but

report all forms of violence to relevant institutions to allow the law take its course. Phiri warned that anyone found conniving with perpetrators of violence risked facing the law as well. She asked the woman in the video to take necessary steps and ensure that her husband was answerable to the law for his unruly behaviour.

Phiri said there were better channels to air grievances than resorting to violence and breaking the law with impunity.

“No one is above the law despite the relationship the perpetrator and the victim shares. Violence is wrong in all its forms. The police should take necessary action against the perpetrator,” Phiri said.

And Phiri said beginning November 25 to December 10, the country would join the rest of the World in commemorating 16 days of activism against GBV, adding that it's during this period that sensitisation programmes would be rolled out in communities

on the dangers and repercussions of GBV.

She said Zambia had been recognized globally as a champion for the elimination of all forms of sexual and GBV.

“The citizens, therefore, need to work with government on eliminating this vice,” Phiri said.

She further said government, with support from the UN agencies, had set up four fast track courts aimed at hastening the judicial process in GBV matters.

Phiri cited Lusaka, Kabwe, Choma, and Mongu as some of the districts where the fast track courts were operational.

She said since the inception of the courts, more than 700 cases had successfully been disposed of.

Zambia has this year continued to grapple with escalating cases of GBV-related crimes, with the country having recorded 6,114 cases countrywide during the third quarter of 2018, indicating an increase of 1,018 cases from last year.

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

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it necessary to construct a new State House building to ensure that the Head of State and staff operate in a safe and secure environment. In addition, construction of the House of Prayer will be prioritised. In this regard, a total of two million one hundred and fifty thousand kwacha (K2,150,000.00) has been allocated to facilitate commencement of works for the two projects,” Chitotela revealed.

And he disclosed that K628 million was collected from weigh bridges, inland toll stations and ports of entry between January and September, 2018.

“Further, the national road tolling programme continues to significantly contribute to road infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance with a total of six hundred twenty eight million, six hundred and sixteen

thousand kwacha (K628,616,000.00) having been collected in the period January, 2018, to September, 2018, from weigh bridges, inland toll stations and ports of entry,” Chitotela said.

He further told Parliament that K11.8 million had been allocated for housing development in the 2019 budget.

“Access to adequate and affordable housing remains a key concern in Zambia. In this regard, the Ministry will continue construction of housing units not only in newly-created districts, but across the country. A total of eleven million eight hundred thousand kwacha (K11,800,000.00) has been allocated for housing development in the 2019 budget. Further, we plan to increase the supply of affordable housing by partnering with the private sector through public private partnerships (PPPs). The Ministry, in collaboration with partners, will also implement a programme to upgrade two shanty compounds in Lusaka to improve the quality of life of the people,” said Chitotela, adding that another total of K31.9 million had been allocated to complete infrastructure in new districts.

## Zambia needs cyber laws – Lubinda

By Mirriam Chabala

Justice Minister Given Lubinda has expressed concern over the lack of cyber security laws in the country, following an increased number of cyber crimes world over.

And Lubinda has encouraged citizens to use cyberspace for the good of human development.

According to a statement released by First Secretary for Press and Tourism at the Zambian Mission in India Bangwe Navile, Lubinda was speaking at the inter-ministerial conference on cyber laws, cyber crimes and cyber security in New Delhi, India.

The conference was also attended by Justice Ministry Permanent Secretary responsible for Legislative drafting Andrew Nkunka and Chief

Parliamentary Counsel Mwenya Kaela Bwalya.

Bangwe stated that Lubinda was worried that Zambia had no cyber security laws in place and that a lot of were using the cyberspace to harm others.

“Government is concerned over emerging cyber crimes in the country. Questions keep emerging on whether government will gag freedom of expression and speech [or not]. This international conference will be important to learn and share experiences and create networks specifically on cyber law, cyber crimes and cyber security, especially that Zambia is in the process of developing a legal framework for cyber security and cyber crime,” said Lubinda.

Lubinda said the conference was

important for Zambia as the country emphasised the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the implementation of the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP).

Meanwhile, President of Cyberlaws Net and Supreme Court of India advocate Pavan Duggal said artificial intelligence was anticipated to match human intelligence by the year 2062, calling for a legal framework among countries ahead of schedule.

“The conference is necessary, because cyber crime is a global phenomenon which will be gobbling USD 6 trillion globally per year. Cyber crime has resulted into massive increase in fake news and there is need for building blocks to harmonize

cyber law across the world. India has a slow conviction rate of cyber criminals, which is allowing more criminals to cause more harm. India as the biggest democracy in the world needs to update its legal framework on cyber law to protect its 1.3 billion people,” said Dr Duggal. Meanwhile, Justice Dipak Misra, an Indian judge who served as the 45th Chief Justice of India from August 2017 to October 2018, said the third world war would be fought through cyberspace calling on experts to debate further.

The conference which attracted 186 speakers, drew participants and senior officials from different parts of the world, including the Minister of interior for Malta as well as members of the diplomatic corps.

By Mukosha Funga

President Edgar Lungu says it is very difficult to take development to opposition strongholds because he does not have "special purpose vehicles" to do so. And Chief Chibwika of North Western Province was yesterday delighted to receive President Lungu at his palace, saying it was the first time since 1971 for the chiefdom to be visited by a Head of State. Speaking when he arrived at Solwezi airport, President Lungu, who was in the province to launch the farming season, confessed that it was hard to deliver development to opposition

# It's hard to take development to opposition strongholds - Lungu

strongholds.

"In this country, the opposition doesn't want to work with us. It is very difficult to work with the opposition because their political ideologies and philosophies do not allow them to work with the ruling party. I can give an example, that a few days ago I went to Kafue to go and help the people to keep the call of cleaning up our

surroundings..When I went there, the mayor of the district received me and he pledged to work with us because good living, health is desirable by all of us, this is a UPND mayor. But what happened is that the party suspended him for three months because he welcomed me and pledged to work with me," said President Lungu.

"So if you are

predominantly with the opposition and you want me to bring development, I have no special purpose vehicle I can use to bring development to your area. From 2015 when I became President, I have been trying hard to bring development to this region. I have promised you that I will be trying."

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Chief Chibwika said the fact that President Lungu could visit an opposition stronghold showed that he was a good man.

"The fact that you can come here, against all odds, to visit people who didn't

think much of you, shows what kind of a person you are. You all know that this has been predominantly an opposition area and because of that, we didn't expect you to come here. Not many people voted for you here but you have demonstrated that you are willing to go across and help whoever needs help. And the event that you are going to launch today, which deals with agriculture, the mainstay of us rural dwellers, this is exactly what these people need. The battles that are fought in the urban areas are not the battles that are fought here. Our battles are about bread and butter and the food that we put on the table. And the event that you are launching today is about that. So you are a man that wants to see food on the table for the rural person and uplift their lives. It's not about giving, it's about teaching," said Chief Chibwika.

"The insurmountable problems that we are facing today are not your making. There are past leaders that we had who forgot to build a clinic here, here are past leaders that we had, who forgot to build a secondary school and as you have now come onto this leadership, you are now trying to resolve these matters. The problems have become almost insurmountable but you are doing the best that you can. That's why we are seeing you across the country and we believe our day is coming."

In response, President Lungu thanked the traditional leader for the kind words and pledged to visit more chiefdoms.

## W/Province PS admits misapplication of funds at Parliamentary Committee

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Western Province Permanent Secretary Sibanze Simuchoba on Wednesday admitted before the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) that public funds amounting to K584,570, which were meant for various developmental activities, were misapplied under his administration. And PAC also learnt how Western Province illegally paid amounts totaling to K187,819 as hotel bills for its former provincial deputy permanent secretary Bernard Chomba. This came to light when the provincial controlling officer appeared before PAC to respond to audit queries raised in the Auditor General's report for the financial year ended 31st December 2017.

"Contrary to the Appropriation Act of 2016, amounts totaling K584, 570.00 meant for maintenance of government buildings, dredging of canals and borehole drilling among others were applied on unrelated activities such as payment of subsistence allowances, trade fair and payroll validation among others without obtaining authority from the Secretary to the Treasury. As at 31st August 2018, the funds had not been refunded. As a result of the misapplication, activities such as maintenance of government buildings were not fully implemented," read the AG report.

In response, Simuchoba first defended the

misapplication, saying the money was rightly applied because funding the trade fair was equal to reducing poverty.

After being grilled, however, Simuchoba admitted that the funds were misapplied.

"I wish to report that amounts totalling K447,023.54 were paid from the correct programmes and activities under the poverty reduction programmes. An amount of K137,546.48 was a borrowings to facilitate government programmes when my office was not funded for recurrent departmental charges," said Simuchoba.

In another audit query, it was revealed that the provincial administration paid amounts totaling to K187,819 to Country Lodge for settlement of bills incurred during the period 1st January 2013 to 2nd October 2015 as conference facilities, buffets and officers' accommodation and meals for its former deputy PS.

"During the period under review, the provincial administration paid a total amount of K187, 819.00 to Country Lodge for settlement of bills incurred during the period 1st January 2013 to 2nd October 2015 in respect of conference facilities, buffets and officers' accommodation and meals. Included in the settled bills amounting to K187, 819.00 were bills totalling K111, 655.00 incurred by three officers. (i) Deputy permanent secretary K11, 571 meal allowances, K65,

550 accommodation and total K77, 121.00; (ii) former provincial minister K13, 816 meals, K10, 750 accommodation, and total K24, 566.00; and (iii) former permanent secretary K9, 168, accommodation K800, and K9, 968.00. however the settling of the bills incurred by officers was questionable as there were no such provisions in the Terms and Conditions of Service for the public service," read the report.

"It was also observed that amounts totaling K18, 530.00 were paid to two other lodges namely; Hostels Board Management (K16, 530.00) and Mwandamena Lodge (K2, 000.00) for settlement of meal and accommodation

bills that were accrued by four officers following their transfers from various stations to the provincial administration. The payments were irregular in that they were not in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Service for the Public Service."

And in response Simuchoba said a recovery process for amounts totaling to K77,121 had already been instituted.

"Recoveries in amounts totalling [to] K77, 121. 00 have been instituted from one officer (former PS). A letter has been written to the Secretary to the Treasury through the office of the accountant general to help institute recoveries for the former permanent secretary who is in the foreign service.

A letter has been written to the secretary to the treasury through the office of the accountant general to help institute recoveries from the former provincial minister's benefits who is currently not in the civil service. Further recoveries amounting to K6, 600.00 have been instituted from officers for settlement of bills for meals and accommodation that were accrued to lodges by the officers following their transfers from other stations to the provincial administration Western Province. I have written to PMEC to recover the balance of K11, 930.00 for officers not sitting on provincial administration payroll," submitted Simuchoba.



President Edgar Chagwa Lungu (centre) talks to his Minister for Presidential Affairs Freedom Sikazwe (left) and Special Assistant for Politics Kaizer Zulu (right) after the extra ordinary Cabinet meeting on Wednesday at State House - Picture by Salim Henry



# PRESS STATEMENT: 2019 NATIONAL BUDGET

## PROMOTING PRIVATE SECTOR-LED GROWTH FOR A STRONGER ECONOMIC FUTURE

### Introduction

The Zambian economy has undergone a difficult period with growing public debt. Such high debt has weakened the economy, slowed short-term growth and threatens its long-term health as increasing servicing costs make the debt unaffordable. This has harmful consequences for businesses of all sizes and has reduced the private sector's ability to drive economic growth and improve prosperity for all Zambians.

Debt levels have made the business climate increasingly difficult, harming companies' performance and hindering the investment necessary to increase long-term prosperity. With the rate of non-performing loans at 11.7%, we are already seeing real challenges. Government arrears have reached K14.7bn, which has had knock-on effects throughout the economy. High levels of domestic borrowing have increased interest rates and reduced access, contributing to a slowdown in investment for businesses of all sizes.

### Budget 2019: private sector concerns with revenue-raising plans

The Minister of Finance rightly identified Zambia's debt as the country's key economic challenge. ZAM welcomes the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Margaret Mwanakatwe's commitment to the private sector-led growth that will make Zambia's debt levels manageable. However, we are concerned that the Government's focus on raising tax revenues by 1% of GDP will damage private sector growth and hinder the country's approach to managing its debt.

Some of the measures in the budget broaden the tax base, which is welcome, but overall, they increase the burden of doing business, which is a cause for concern. The approach of increasing tax revenues through the implementation of the sales tax and revisions to other taxes, charges and fees will constrain growth, causing the private sector to further struggle in an already difficult business environment. In particular, we are concerned that the introduction of the sales tax will increase the cost of doing business and incentivise movement to the informal sector. The lack of a refund mechanism will increase input costs and make tax avoidance more attractive and straightforward. Manufacturers will experience higher input costs, making Zambian products less competitive and increasing prices for consumers: we estimate that the sales tax could increase the cost agro-processing by 10%, stifling a growing sector that adds value to domestic produce. The growth of the private sector is necessary for Government to improve revenue collection as business activity, incomes and employment will increase, creating the bigger and broader tax base necessary for Government to meet its debt commitments. We are concerned that current proposals will in fact hinder growth, reduce revenues and narrow the tax base, undermining the country's approach to managing its debt.

### Policy Recommendations: an enabling environment for private sector-led growth

ZAM calls on Government to address the country's debt position through the creation of an enabling environment for businesses to drive the country's growth, while ensuring fiscal fitness. This means:

- Investing in the country's business capacity through a commitment to protect pro-growth spending on economic diversification and skills training, and improving the business climate through dismantling government arrears and improving access to credit through empowerment schemes.
- Promoting growth and investment through a commitment to not increasing the cost of doing business and the development of a stable tax and regulatory regime that works for Zambian businesses.
- Renewed focus on implementing austerity measures which will not harm the long-term health of the economy.

The Government could further promote private sector-led growth by developing a clear strategy for the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and state-owned enterprises (SOE). The role of the IDC should be scaled back to making strategic investments, rather than competing with the private sector. Government should consider listing SOEs so that they can be recapitalised and run commercially through independent boards, improving their productivity and reducing costs for the Treasury.

In the long-term, Government needs to develop a plan for refinancing its Eurobonds and agreeing a deal with the IMF. In particular, an IMF deal will give the Government fiscal space for pro-growth spending that can stimulate the private sector. This process begins through increased transparency through release of the Debt Sustainability Analysis, which will reassure international markets and lower borrowing costs.

Debt is a big concern for businesses in Zambia, but together the private sector and Government can work to grow Zambia's economy and manage the debt position. ZAM calls for a renewed focus on supporting private sector-led growth through the business-friendly domestic policies set out in this article, and a collaborative approach across sectors to develop proposals to tackle the affordability challenge of paying Zambia's debt. Today's indaba on public debt with participants from across business, civil society and research organisations can be the starting point for this approach: we need to work together to ensure that the future is bright for Zambian businesses – and for all Zambians.

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### By Zondiwe Mbewe

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) says it has identified five ministries that can be closed down or fused with others to save resources, arguing that there are too many unnecessary government officers drawing huge salaries.

And NDC says the National Health Insurance Act is a flawed, ill-conceived law that will not succeed, but will be a burden to Zambians.

This is contained in the "Why we deserve your vote" weekly newsletter to News Diggers! written by the party Secretary General Mwenya Musenge.

Musenge stated that the PF government was running a bloated government as they were too many ministries and unnecessary government officers who were drawing huge salaries. "As NDC we have identified about five government ministries that can be

# NDC will abolish, merge 5 ministries when it forms govt - Musenge

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," he explained. And Musenge outlined the NDC policy alternative for financing of the health sector.

He stated that when elected into government, NDC would immediately begin the process to repeal the National Health Insurance Act and abolish the National Health Insurance Management Authority. Musenge stated that the National Health Insurance Act was a flawed, ill-conceived law that would not succeed but would be a burden to the people of Zambia.

"Zambians are already over-taxed. they have the

lowest salaries in the SADC region but pay the highest taxes. Does this make sense? Zambians already pay the highest PAYE taxes in the region," he stated. Musenge further stated that when elected, the party would require employers that did not provide private health insurance to their employees to give those employees a health insurance allowance.

He stated that the party would further 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," stated Musenge.

He stated that although the health sector needed funding, the party

fundamentally disagrees with the means by which the PF was using to raise these funds.

Musenge added that as NDC, they would raise these revenues by taxing other avenues such as the mining companies, by ensuring that mining companies were tax compliant.

"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," he stated.

Meanwhile, Musenge stated that NDC would be purchasing medical supplies in bulk directly from the manufacturer, to cut out middlemen profits, take advantage of bulk buying discounts and ensure proper controls on the quality of medicines that end up in hospitals.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube  
Honourable Ronald Chitotela has threatened to eliminate my life if I continue debating against the corruption under PF, Choma Central UPND member of parliament Cornelius Mweetwa told parliament, Wednesday.

# Parliament hears Chitotela's death threats on Mweetwa

Mweetwa who rose on a point of order informed the house that the Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister issued life threatening remarks at break time after he made reference to the swelling corruption in the PF government.

"I have found it extremely compelling that I raise this point of order because of the transactions in the last few days. My I state, madam chairperson, that I am cognisant of the fact that amongst the fundamental roles that I should play as a member of parliament

like all of my colleagues beyond representation and legislation, is budget approval and debate thereof, and providing oversight on the executive. That is the reason why the people of Choma Central voted for me. Last week, when this house was considering a head under Ministry of Home Affairs and in particular Zambia Police, I stood on the floor of this house to share my thoughts on that particular motion," Mweetwa said in his point of order.

"And as you would agree with me, madam

chairperson, I debated Zambia police the way I saw it and in my discourse, I made reference to corruption that is obtaining under the leadership of PF. I didn't make mention of any particular individual. And as you know me, my debates are guarded. I don't make blank [or] baseless statements. I pointed to the areas which are in public domain in respect of corruption and in areas where citizens are not satisfied with the way public funds are being used. And one of those areas I referenced in my

debate was the US\$4.3 million constructed under the ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development. A tollgate worth US \$4.3 million that this should not have been the way we should be spending money [because] this money should have gone to police. I concluded my discourse by stating that this idea of saying 'you want to go and arrest HH' we as members of the UPND last time did a lot of work to restrain people not to go on the streets, which this time we are not prepared to do. And you provided council

madam chairperson after I made that statement."

He narrated how the minister approached him during tea break and issued him with life threatening remarks if he continued debating against the alleged corruption under his ministry.

"At break time, the Minister of Infrastructure Development, I suspect it is because of my reference to a tollgate worth US \$4.3 million, met me at the lounge down stairs here and told me 'iwe mwaiche iwe' meaning you young man, 'why are you debating like that on the floor of this house? Don't you know that you are risking your life?' and I told him that 'I am a policeman. I am trained not to fear to die. He said 'what I am telling you is serious' this minister here [who] is my elder brother. And he said 'what I am telling you is serious, if you don't know, there are people in this country who are trained, employed and paid to eliminate people,' 'so this line of debate you are taking mwaiche you are risking your life,' Mweetwa charged.

He said at first he thought the threats were a joke when in fact not.

"As if that was not enough, because I have a long standing history of friendship and comradeship with my elder brother, and I respect him, he knows that I have always told him that in my opinion, 'he is one of the sober ministers. I took it as a joke the way we joke because I joke with many ministers and members because they are my personal friends who are in PF. So I took it that way," he said.

In his narrative, Mweetwa said he was reminded that government had wings charged with the responsibility of eliminating people's lives.

"Now yesterday (Tuesday), after my debate on Religious Affairs [Ministry], where again I made reference to corruption obtaining under PF and pointed to those areas of corruption such as social cash transfer abuse, ministry of education and

three officers under his ministry that have been suspended and I also made reference to the toll-gate worth US \$4.3 million. My elder brother went to other UPND members of parliament indicating to say 'Mweetwa's debates are not good debates. I did confront him to warn him that in this country, there is a wing trained to eliminate people, that wing of government which President Rupiah Banda didn't use, and President Michael Sata didn't use, but that wing is there to eliminate people," he further charged.

Mweetwa who wondered whether or not he was still protected under the parliamentary privileges and immunities of the house asked for the speaker's ruling on the matter.

"I am talking about life here. I was elected to come here and debate issues fearlessly and that's what I do here. Madam chairperson, is my elder brother the Minister of Infrastructure Development in order to begin to instil fear in members of parliament of the UPND? Attempt to instil fear in me? And madam speaker, is he in order to inform me and other members of parliament whose names I will withhold, that government has a wing that can cause harm and even kill people. Is he in order to instil that fear and threaten death to me a member of parliament for Choma Central constituency, elected by the people? And by extension of those threats, threaten harm and or death to my family members who could become a target in the execution of those threats. Considering the privileges and immunities of this house, is my elder brother the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and whatever Development, in order to do what he is doing to me when I am merely stating facts in respect of the corruption obtaining under PF? I seek your serious ruling madam chairperson," said mweetwa.

First deputy speaker Catherine Namugala reserved her ruling to allow her investigate the matter.

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## Fixing the System – Our Politics!!!

**By Andyford Mayele Banda**

Before we get to the finer details of the PAC vision which I will advise News Diggers readers to look forward to, we must get all the basics right. We need to understand why we keep voting and yet we don't see change. Why is it that, to a greater extent, politicians sound almost the same? "I shall create jobs", "I will wipe out corruption", "I will make the agriculture sector get a lot of funding", "I will empower the women and youths etc," and yet most of them do the opposite when given the opportunities. They deliver zero.

To make you understand why PAC is different, we shall not rush to give you the finer details of the PAC vision like our colleagues have done. We would like you to understand and know that we know what we must do for things to change.

In our first article of why we deserve your vote, we pointed out one important aspect of good leadership- understanding the true intentions of why any person is seeking political office. We emphasized that **ONLY VISION SHOULD BE THE MOTIVATION**. Nothing else! Today we are talking fixing the system and we shall discuss fixing the system in three articles starting with politics.

We need our politics fixed before we can even talk about development. Our politics is the biggest challenge to Zambia's development today. We need to create politics that will focus more on creating solutions and discussing ideas as opposed to individuals. We need leaders who will focus more on fixing the economy and creating jobs as opposed to focusing on fixing political opponents. A lot of twists and turns in most government institutions must not be accepted as mere politics but must be pointed out as bad as they are. If there is theft by a Minister or government official, it is theft; plain and simple. If the Presidency is embroidered in a scandal, then it's a scandal. We have to learn as Zambians to be patriotic enough to call a spade a spade and not sugar coat it by some proverb. We must not accept infringement of individual rights in the name of politics; we must call it abuse.

There are a lot of wrong things that we have accepted in the name of politics, which if they were to happen in other jurisdictions, they would be total crimes. Hence, the idea

that wrongs are acceptable in politics must be wiped. Clearly, for our nation to prosper, we need to change our politics. We need a change of mind-set; we need a change of system. We need PAC.

We believe that the way a political party conducts its politics has a direct effect in the way it will govern should that party form government. The politics of Zambia have become toxic. Our politics have diverted from the real issues that affect our country to politics of individualism and self-aggrandisement. Politicians are pre-occupied and obsessed with self-preservation rather than service to the nation.

The problem with our politics is with the players, the politicians themselves. In order to change our politics we must change the political leadership. We have recycled politicians for far too long resulting in the same politics and the same way of governance. They have lost flavour. They are beyond their expiry date. Many politicians are not interested in the livelihoods of the majority of Zambians; they are only interested in themselves. Hence, we see them gambling every election cycle by defecting into different directions in the hope of gaining jobs, opportunities, contracts and favours should their affiliated political party hold on to government or form a new government. This has promoted the status quo. It also creates a situation where leadership opportunities are not available for emerging leaders. There is no progress in parliamentary deliberations since it is the same old politics of no substance that governs us. We keep perpetuating the same old politicians, the majority of whom are only interested in themselves and not the people.

Such kind of politics promotes a system that favours a few people as opposed to the majority of Zambians. You will find that most people in government get positions based on the support they gave the winner than on merit. Ministers are appointed not because they deserve it but because of the support they gave during elections. Permanent secretaries are appointed not because they have the qualifications but because they are politically sympathetic to the ruling party. Diplomats are appointed not because they are the right people to be

placed in those missions but because they are die-hard political followers. Those that don't get position are given dubious overpriced contracts to supply to the government or to state owned enterprises.

In such circumstances, a leader cannot make independent decisions because their focus is more on consolidating and favouring their supporters as opposed to finding solutions for the majority. Focusing more on their supporters limits their ability to find ideas and solutions that benefit the majority.

Such kind of leadership is toxic because every decision made is based on personal benefit rather than how it can positively affect the majority. In turn, public institutions can't operate effectively because they entertain people who are incompetent. In response, people lose confidence in public institutions and the government fails to deliver services to the people but delivers to political party supporters.

The country definitely needs a change in the way our politics are being conducted. We must start promoting ideas and solutions as opposed to insults and character assassination which culminate into violence and tribal talk. For this to happen we need a breed of selfless, change conscious driven leaders. A revolution must be born and a wind of change blown which should come with a fresh political flavour that is wholesome, palatable and inspiring for the next generation. The People's Alliance for Change (PAC) is a new revolutionary political party led by a new generation of leaders. It's time to give the Zambian people some fresh air politics and brand new ideas. As PAC we want to make individual development of citizens possible through the rapid creation of employment and by empowering of small businesses in all sectors. We want to create opportunities for Zambians through a system that fairly distributes resources. This is only possible with a government that doesn't owe anyone favours nor one that is bound by pre-signed deals. All this is possible if we change our politics and our political leadership. We are indeed the game changers.

**Andyford Mayele Banda**  
President  
People's Alliance for Change (PAC)

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

A Kabwe resident and former Mulungushi University student Prince Ndoyi says it is unfortunate that instead of using their mandate to uplift the lives of the people who put them in office, Central Province MPs are busy fighting to satisfy their selfish interests.

In an interview, Ndoyi, an MMD youth, said the recent political squabbles by Central Province PF parliamentarians at Government House was not inspiring to young people.

"I want to state that the political narrative of Central Province is uninspiring and very disappointing! And I make these comments arising from the situations that have continued to characterise Central Province in terms of fights over things that somewhat were expected that there should be a more amicable way of addressing those things. We know that

# Kabwe resident condemns Central Province PF MPs' fights

just recently, there was a headline that was making rounds on social media that some members of parliament were fighting at Government House. Such news makes sad reading, especially that Central Province just recently held an Expo to try and create a platform for exposing the different sectors of the province;

that platform should have been used in the fore to try and create the necessary environment for people to benefit and uplift the living standards of the people of Central Province," Ndoyi said.

He argued that the provincial members of parliament have no unity of purpose.

"So, instead what we are

seeing everyday [on] the news from Central Province is that either people were fighting for something, there were people who were fighting for who, there were people who said what, there were others who were lying, and it is very disappointing! And I want to say that all members of parliament

in the province have no unity of purpose. They are not consolidating their purpose to developing the province, but instead they are involving themselves in petty squabbles over toilets, bus stops, markets, [or] over plots! These are the things that have continued to preoccupy our leaders. And it's unfortunate that

the people of Central Province have bestowed their trust in a group of people to transform a province; to drive an agenda; to improve the living standards of the people; have lost the script and have focused more on safeguarding their business interests and protecting themselves," said Ndoyi.

## PF, UPND prepare for showdown when HH appears at Ndola Police

By Alex Chilumbwe

The PF and UPND youths on the Copperbelt have vowed to sort out each other out next week Tuesday when

UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema appears for investigations at the Police divisional headquarters in Ndola.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, PF youths led by provincial youth chairman Nathan Chanda held solidarity protests against what they

called xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals by the UPND.

Small scale miners, commonly known as Jerabos, also joined the protests and warned that they would sort out anyone who attacks the foreign investors.

'General' of the Small Scale Miners Richard Chileshe who is known as Chile 1 said the miners do not want to be disturbed, and warned that the youths on the Copperbelt would not allow the UPND to continue causing confusion in the province.

"You want us to become jerabos again. Remember the past. We can sort you out," Chileshe said in reference to the incident where he and his boys forced Hichilema to escape through the window of Sun FM radio in Ndola last time.

And 'Commander' of the Jerabos Cym Kalobo said the youths should not be pushed too far by those who want to bring confusion through xenophobic attacks.

Kalobo said any opposition leader that wants to peddle lies and bring confusion will be dealt with by the youths.

But UPND Copperbelt Youth Chairman Kelly Jibinga says their silence should never be taken as a sign of weakness by the PF. Jibinga says the PF will be met with force if they continue to insult the UPND and its leadership.

"The UPND on the Copperbelt would want to advise that, the Sooner the PF stops overrating themselves, the better for Zambia and all of us. The UPND wants to send a strong warning to the PF and Nathan Chanda that never should they take our being civilised as a sign of

weakness. And should you at one point try to prove your declaration that, Copperbelt is a no go area for the UPND, trust me. You will be sorry. Your manoeuvres will be met with unprecedented force. Bring it on, if you dare," Jibinga warned.

"The UPND has not taken Nathan Chanda's threats lightly and has since written to the Zambia Police to arrest Nathan Chanda for his life threatening threats on our President Hakainde Hichilema. The UPND will hold Nathan Chanda responsible should anything happen to HH while he is on the Copperbelt as he reports himself to the Police on a miscalculated PF engineered Police call out."

He said the UPND was concerned about the safety of its president when he appears in Ndola on Tuesday, and vowed that there would be a showdown.

"We want to put it on record that we are concerned and fear for the life of our President. Despite all the PF evil plans, our preoccupation as UPND is to rescue Zambia from PF looting of our limited national wealth and national resources. And we shall not allow PF sponsored thuggery to intimidate us. The UPND has God given responsibility to give hope to the suffering majority Zambians," Jibinga. "It is these same Zambians across our beloved country who will stand with HH and UPND should the PF conveniently and blindly choose to ignore the fact that more than half the population of Zambia will stand with HH should PF arrest him on PF engineered ZAFFICO saga Charges. Facts are known and The world is watching."



# DANGOTE

## DANGOTE INDUSTRIES ZAMBIA TAKES A NEW NAME

Dangote **Cement** Zambia Limited formerly Dangote Industries Zambia Limited has officially changed its name. The Company limited by shares and was incorporated on the 11th day of September 2007 in Zambia has since taken on a new name for purposes of business relevance.

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Dangote Cement Zambia Limited is part of the Dangote Group; the first biggest African Cement group present in several African countries and creating employment for thousands of people across the continent.

Times are getting hard enough, money is scarce, businesses are closing and the cost of living is skyrocketing. Every Zambian from the aged to the infant is feeling the impact of the harder economic realities that Zambians have to face. It's so expensive to get by in Zambia; it doesn't matter if you are alive or dead, because even the cost of dying is too high. People are now having express funerals because no one can afford to feed mourners for days as was our tradition.

All these challenges that businesses, families and individual citizens are facing can be traced back to the policy inconsistencies that are coming from the government and the leadership that is in charge of the economy.

The 2019 national budget has left us puzzled! We have listened to many experts and commentators on the 2019 budget that Honorable Mwanakatwe delivered on the floor of the House. No matter how one looks at this budget, the conclusion is simple: it is clear that it represents a very poorly laid out financial outlook for a country.

We have always wondered as to who exactly advised our Finance Minister to propose to do away with Value Added Tax (VAT) and replace it with Sales Tax? It boggles us that after laying out the revenue measures, key among them, revenue from VAT, a few moments later government announces its abolishment. What kind of confusion is that? You kill the cash cow you just made reference to? Was it an afterthought? Who sneaked this into the budget at the last minute without the Minister knowing?

International Growth Centre (IGC), the globally-renowned think-tank, have

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# Zambians should brace for reduced incomes next year

noted that since Zambia first abandoned the Sales Tax system in the mid-1990s in favour of VAT, government revenues had been growing exponentially. This means that up until the end of this fiscal year, the VAT system has remained a huge source of government's revenue.

Initial indications from government's perspective, however, are that Sales Tax is coming, and it will be implemented whether Zambians are ready for it or not.

This last minute inclusion, coupled with the proposal to review the mine tax regime, sent the Minister in confusion that shortly after presenting the budget before she could even change her makeup she had to announce the reconstitution of a Tax Policy Review Committee appointed to deal with technical issues

related to tax implementation matters raised by the public to ensure smooth transition following changes in the mining tax regime, according to her Ministry's official statement.

Mwanakatwe advised that consultations on Sales Tax policy implementation would be wide and extensive before commencement in April, 2019. We wonder why consultations would commence after the announcement of policy measures. One of the biggest threats to Zambia's economy and growth prospects is not even the debt burden, but the failure to exercise good economic judgement and fiscal discipline by those in charge of our economic affairs.

In case you are one of those who wrongly thought that Zambia was a

democratic country, here, you got it all wrong! In a functional democracy, citizen participation and government consultation are non-negotiable practices. Here is a budget that took all key stakeholders by surprise.

This budget does not give hope or inspire confidence in any economic player; it has nothing for the poor; nothing for the small businesses; nothing for the farmer; nothing for civil servants. Maybe it has something for the Chinese and other foreign interests.

The practice in government was to publish a Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) that gives a slightly long-term perspective or forecast to how the economy would be managed and guide national budgeting.

The IMF cannot give

Zambia any Balance of Payments (BoP) support because it continues to run a deficit budget and demonstrates no willingness to even stick to its own targets. The 'Zambia Plus' initiative that Felix Mutati developed to try and bring the economy back on track is anchored on a reduced budget deficit and reduced accumulation of debt stock.

However, a look at the 2019 budget demonstrates that there is no fiscal consolidation happening. In 2019, debt to GDP will rise to 69% to GDP as compared to 21% to GDP in 2011 when PF came into power.

The 2019 budget presents a far less ambitious fiscal consolidation effort. This essentially means that there will be weakened credibility of government fiscal targets. This is dangerous for investor

confidence and more credit rating downgrades are looming.

Even the Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD), a local policy think-tank, has foreseen that the government will fail to deliver on its promise of fiscal consolidation in the 2019 national budget next year because expenditure will far exceed revenue mobilization.

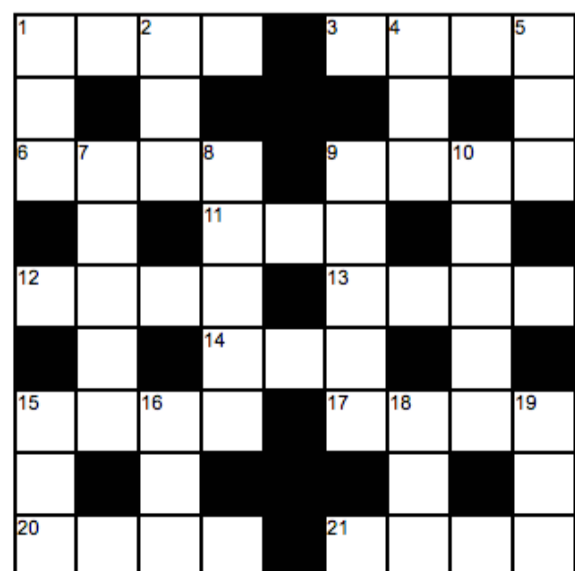
For starters, the total budget allocation in next year's budget has been proposed as K86.8 billion against a target of K75.3 billion in the 2019-2021 MTEF meaning that expenditure is expected to be above the projected amount by over 15 per cent. Secondly, the fiscal deficit is expected to widen since the macroeconomic target has been relaxed from 6.1 per cent of GDP in the 2018 budget to 7.4 per cent of GDP in the 2019 budget. And this without discussing the impact government's continued borrowing will have on narrowing our fiscal space!

And to finance next year's budget, government proposed that K56.1 billion will derive from total domestic revenues of which total tax revenues amounting to K46.95 billion are expected to support next year's budget, which will constitute around 54.1 per cent of the national budget.

Tax revenues anticipated to fund the 2019 budget are up from K41.1 billion announced in the 2018 budget.

The sooner Zambians realise the source of their diminished income, their failure to find employment, their growing destitution, increase in water-borne diseases like cholera, and many other problems, that point to failed leadership, the better. For now, ours is an economy in incompetent hands!

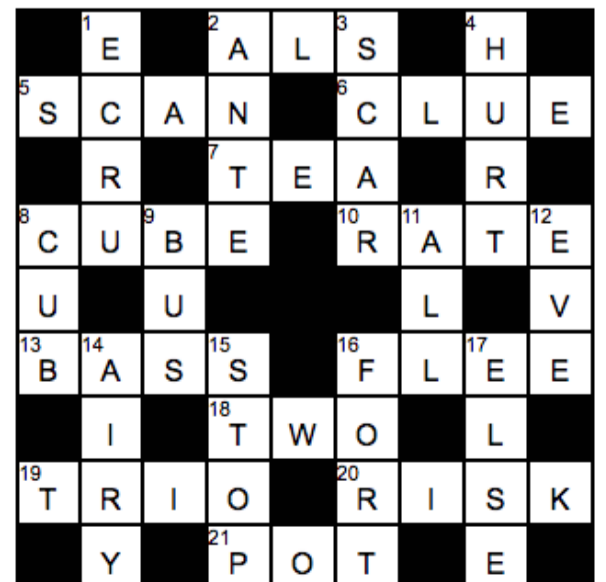
## Crossword puzzle 232



*"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."*  
- Marie Curie

- | Across                     | Down                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Casino cubes            | 1. Dead On Arrival      |
| 3. Small argument          | 2. Bus alternative      |
| 6. Swedish pop bad         | 4. Buddy                |
| 9. Put your hands together | 5. Pinnacle             |
| 11. Average                | 7. Battle of the ___    |
| 12. Fur loving pest        | 8. Away from each other |
| 13. Malevolent             | 9. Coffee additive      |
| 14. Color TV pioneer       | 10. Moniker             |
| 15. Left                   | 15. Drenched            |
| 17. Conceal                | 16. Not used            |
| 20. Burg or hamlet         | 18. Residue of fire     |
| 21. Impact sound           | 19. Poke fun at         |

## Solutions to puzzle 231





# Reader's feedback

## KBF's appeal to Lungu to halt investigations against HH

## HH's vow to die, continue talking for Zambians

"This HH; it's like, he is a big boss in Zambia. He shakes the whole politicians in Zambia, including the government!" - Honesty Simulwi

"Mr KBF, Zambia is not a banana republic. Zambia is governed by the supreme law of the land, which is the Constitution, therefore, anybody who breaks it, must face the wrath of law, regardless of their race, religion, political affiliation, economic and social status etc. So, in a nutshell, we have rule of law. Nobody is above the law, including those who are governing and governed. The police can summon, investigate, and arrest anybody whom they feel is a suspect or criminal without permission and interference from anybody." - Lawrence Chimukwaya



Editor,

"I just love HH, no need to hide. I pray every day that God protects him until he delivers Zambia in 2021." - Chrispine Chupa

"I love the intelligence of HH whose name now has shaken the current government because of misplaced priorities and unbearable debts, which govt confirmed." - Emmanuel Fulawulu

"We are with you, Mr president. Let them try arresting you!" - Temfuma Sam

"Be strong, HH." - Christopher Simunyama

## Katanga's approval of PF protests against so-called 'incitement'

Editor,

"Katanga is acting like a PF militia wing commander!" - Keith Moono

"This is what happens when you promote people to higher offices for wrong reasons. Now, we wait to see what happens on Tuesday. It will prove right those who claim our police get orders from PF politicians." - Christopher Kalima

"Where police are co-opted in the political governance, such are the fruits." - Bright Jalila

"A forced protest is always a flop. There is no base." - Adams Kambila

"Ba PF, are you normal? Even your leaders? People are crying that things in Zambia are not okay, but you don't want to listen to the people of Zambia? People are not working, but you want to put them in; busy protesting senseless things? Nonsense!" - Kapupa Jonas

"How do you march in protest of 'xenophobia' when Chinese are fighting amongst themselves!?" - Andrew Dre Kapenda

"What a hopeless bunch of brainwashed youths. You march to protect the Chinese, but can't march against the killing of your own black brothers and sisters? You cannot distinguish good and the evil agenda of the hopeless PF leadership?" - Monk Gyatso

"You failed to protest in solidarity of your fellow Zambian Vespers Shimuzhila death muli nu kuli ma Chinese. PF youths, wake up! Chinese are colonizing Zambia in a properly managed re-colonisation through corrupt leadership in PF." - Oscar Masani

### ND's OPINION: Colonial state-owned "Mutende" was more considerate than Times

Editor,

"This means the Chinese are a lot in Zambia to an extent that Times of Zambia is looking to make money from. This is serious & shows that we are heavily infiltrated. How else would one explain it?" - Mwengo K. Anthony

"Dora knows very well that Zambians are no longer interested in the government media papers because quality of news is below par and full of propaganda, that's why she has opted to milk the Chinese." - Kamz Kizzy Banda

"My question is who wrote that Chinese in the paper? Is there any Chinese employee at the Times of Zambia?" - Honesty Simulwi

"Remember, HH you have a huge following on our political platform & whatever you say catches many Zambians, including some of your ignorant followers who will react badly & foolishly. None of HH's minions disagree to what their leader says either true or false. Talk sense with evidence to back your utterances, than causing unnecessary anxieties in people's minds." - Joe Mankish

"The government has no answers; no way forward. The only option is to silence those they know that they know. It's a stranded leadership, a ship without the captain is Zambia. We are still borrowing without any good plan for expenditure." - Edward Banda

By Stuart Lisulo

Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) has so far paid a total of around US \$3 million towards its debt owed to local contractors and suppliers, an association has disclosed.

And the Association of Mine Suppliers and Contractors (AMSC) says the de-listing of Vedanta Resources Plc from the London Stock Exchange (LSE) last month will now mean less scrutiny of the activities of its subsidiaries, including KCM.

Last week, Mines Minister Richard Musukwa told Parliament that KCM still has a total outstanding liability of around US \$80 million that the firm owes its suppliers and contractors.

Following that revelation, Wusakile independent member of parliament Pavyuma Kalobo called on KCM to leave the country if it cannot afford to meet its financial commitments.

But providing an update on whether the troubled mining giant has made any payments on its liability, Association president Augustine Mubanga revealed that KCM had actually started liquidating its debt.

He explained that of the total US \$80 million owed, the firm owed around US \$7 million to its local suppliers and contractors.

"The US \$80 million, which the Minister [Musukwa] mentioned is the total debt that KCM owes to all suppliers, including foreign and local. But the local debt is in the range of about US \$10 million as at September 30. But as it stands today, the debt that KCM is owing to suppliers and contractors is in the range of US \$7 million now, which if they pay about US \$3 million or so this month, then it will leave that amount of like US \$3 or US \$4 million to be settled in December," Mubanga disclosed to News Diggers! in an interview.

"KCM has paid according to

## KCM starts dismantling \$80mn debt by paying local contractors

how we agreed. Two months ago, we agreed with KCM that the debt that they have must be liquidated in three months, which they suggested. The first payment done was last month; the second payment, they will be doing it next week and then the last payment will be done in December so that we will conclude the debt that is outstanding with KCM."

Asked whether the VAT refunds owed by the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) to mining companies was a factor in preventing KCM, among others, from liquidating their liabilities,

Mubanga argued that this was an invalid excuse.

"Our position is that, ZRA is supposed to pay out VAT refunds to any company, including local companies, and by law, they are supposed to do that. But some of these things, you need proof, and the claim you are following up, is supported by documentation. In most cases, yes, mines could have lodged in a claim, but to some extent they are to blame for the delay because they might have not furnished the Authority with necessary documentation

that must prove that, truly, the claims they are filing are well-supported," Mubanga responded.

"When we are talking about VAT refunds, we are talking about a small percentage of the operational capital that any company may have. VAT is 16 per cent. Now, you must have liquid (cash) to sustain your operations rather than depending on a refund from the Authority because the Authority, to some extent, might be constrained in the sense of revenue collection. So, we feel that VAT must not be used as an excuse in

operational challenges."

And asked whether the Association had any concerns relating to Vedanta's de-listing from the LSE last month in relation to the future ownership structure of KCM, he noted that the move may not change ownership of the mine, but de-listing will lead to less scrutiny of the firm's activities.

"What Vedanta has now done is that, by de-listing, they have taken over all the shares and they have become the majority owners of Vedanta Resources. The challenge that is there is that,

a company that is not on the stock market, especially the magnitude of Vedanta vis-à-vis Konkola Copper Mines, it casts doubt on certain credibility of information and also the corporate governance as well, might not be so strict on maintaining the corporate structure, and who they should employ... So, at the end of the day, you find that certain rules might be abrogated because there is no one who is monitoring the way you are running a company," explained Mubanga.

"So, that is the worry we might have. But in terms of the future of KCM? It is a very viable mine, and with proper management, good production record, the company can change the landscape of mining.

## 2020 census will help assess country's development – Wina

By Abraham Kalito

Vice President Inonge Wina says the 2020 census will provide indicators for assessment of the country's progress towards regional and global development frameworks such as the Africa agenda 2063 and sustainable development goals.

And Vice-President Wina says the 2020 census of population and housing will provide a basis for undertaking accurate electoral delineation and voter's registration throughout the country.

Speaking during the stakeholders meeting with co-operating partners on the 2020 census in Lusaka, Thursday, Vice President Wina said government would ensure that the activity is successfully and timely implemented.

"As we have heard, a census of population and housing is a major statistical undertaking that involves considerable investment of the country's public resources. The government realises that the census of population and housing is the cornerstone of the national statistics. The government of the Republic of Zambia is committed to ensuring that this important activity is successfully and timely implemented. Zambia has maintained a programme of decennial censuses (conducted every 10 years) and a regular programme of household surveys during inter-censal periods that provide data on population on a consistent and continuous basis. The 2020 census will therefore be the sixth national census conducted in Zambia after the 1969, 1980, 1990, 2000

and 2010 censuses. Our consistency in undertaking censuses has enabled the availability of information necessary for informed planning and eventual monitoring and evaluation of development programmes at all levels," Vice-President Wina said.

"We all know that the data that comes from the population and housing census is not only essential for social and economic planning but is also critical for setting statistical and administrative area boundary benchmarks that are necessary for facilitating among other things research, electoral processes and service provision to the people of Zambia. Because of their broad coverage data from population census has positive impact on economic growth and development

as it provides relevant, timely and reliable baseline official statistics required for ensuring development planning, targeting of resources and accountability. This in turn promotes good economic governance. In addition to providing useful indicators for the evaluation of the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP) and vision 2030, the 2020 census will also provide indicators for assessment of the country's progress towards regional and global development frameworks such as the Africa agenda 2063 and sustainable development goals (SDGS)." And Vice president Wina says the 2020 census of population and housing will provide a basis for undertaking accurate electoral delineation and voter's registration throughout the country.

"You are all aware that my government will be conducting general elections in 2021. In this regard, the 2020 census of population and housing will provide a basis for undertaking accurate electoral delineation and voters registration throughout the country. Therefore, it is important that the 2020 census is properly executed to inform the 2021 electoral process. A census by its' nature is a huge and costly undertaking that requires concerted efforts by all the development players. The census operation is intense, and its undertaking has a number of components which can be summarised into 3 major components namely; pre-census activities (preparatory stage), main census activities (data

collection) and the post census activities (evaluation, analysis and dissemination). The success of the 2020 census will therefore depend on the commitment and support from all of us here," she said.

"As usual, my government shall always remain grateful for your support towards the 2020 census including, timely disbursement of committed resources. Therefore, the controlling officer and Central Statistical Office (CSO) management have a duty to demonstrate our gratitude through prudent management of census resources. At this point, I would like to acknowledge the support my government has continued to get from UNFPA on virtually all census undertakings in Zambia. Currently the UNFPA has a country programme with the CSO and the activities on that programme include some 2020 census activities which they have already started working on with the CSO. With the new world order of conducting e-censuses, the UNFPA regional office is also making arrangements with some countries to share some data collection resources. For example there are discussions for Zambia to use the data collection tablets that UNFPA has provided to Malawi once our neighbour conclude their census undertaking this year. Such initiatives will go a long way in relieving the country of some financial stress."

She urged cooperating partners to support the 2020 census in whichever way they could for the program to be successfully implemented.

## Times of Zambia denies owing its former editor K587,406

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Times Printpak Zambia has denied owing their former employee Anthony Mulowa K587,406.02 being claimed as benefits under the first and second separation package saying to the contrary, the company only owes him K524,656.02.

And Times contends that Mulowa is not entitled at all to the reliefs being sought; such as costs and any other reliefs.

Last month, Mulowa sued the newspaper in the Lusaka High Court claiming K587,406.2 gratuity and leave days, as well as, interest, costs and any other reliefs.

Mulowa, who is currently working for the Road Development Agency as deputy communications director, was claiming

for payment of gratuity, service package, leave commutation, service bonus and repatriation benefits under the first contract amounting to K367,744.33.

He is also claiming for payment of gratuity, leave commutation and repatriation benefits under the second contract amounting to K219,661.69.

But in a defence filed in the Lusaka High Court, November 5, Times of Zambia denied owing Mulowa K367,744.33, saying they only owed him K312,744.33 for gratuity, service package, leave commutation, service bonus and repatriation benefits under the first contract.

They stated that K219,661.69 being claimed by Mulowa as payment of gratuity, leave commutation and

repatriation benefits under the second contract was incorrect, as the right amount was K211,911.69.

Times stated that they had a schedule of payment based on the date of existing the company and this was the schedule being followed to pay those who had left the company.

They added that they had not chosen to ignore Mulowa's claims.

"Going by the internal arrangements, he is to start receiving his monies in November, 2018 as priority is given to retirees followed by those who had resigned as the plaintiff did. The defendant contends that the plaintiff is not entitled to the reliefs sought herein namely; costs and any other reliefs at all," read the statement of claim.

By Mirriam Chabala

I will not allow other people's wives dancing for me when I become President, says Democratic Party leader Harry Kalaba.

Speaking when he featured on 5FM's Burning Issue programme, Thursday, Kalaba said the culture of taking women to the Airport to welcome the President through songs and dances will not be condoned in his government, adding that political party cadres will also not be tolerated.

"When I become President, I am going to deal with the issue of cadres firmly. Cadres will have to belong where they belong. We can't have a country that has

# I won't let other people's wives to be dancing for me at Airport - Kalaba

cadres running the show right, left and centre. Even when I was cabinet minister, I used to get irritated by the conduct of cadres. One day I was on a private vehicle going to Chelstone and at the Kaunda Square

roundabout, there were these PF cadres coming... we were in a long queue of vehicles and I got out to ask one police officer what was happening and he said 'awe ba boma bapita (government officials are passing); but




I looked and there was no Presidential motorcade passing and this officer said 'Sir its our people who are passing'. I said 'no no no, you can't allow anarchy' because if cadres are truly supporting us, then they should not do

the wrong things. So for me that issues of exalting cadres is going to be a thing of the past. Come end of August [2021], everybody will have to go to productive centres," Kalaba said.

"I will not even allow people coming to receive me at the Airport, for what? You are getting people's wives, who should be working in markets, who should be raising revenue in the markets to go and wake up early in the morning to go and begin dancing [for you] at the airport, that will not happen [with me]. Women are to be used in productive areas. They are to be used in revenue generation, women are to be empowered. The youths are not be used in violence, they should be used in productive centres. You see, these politicians are not using their children. They are using other people's children whilst their children are watching DSTV in their homes. Then they are using other people's children to stone others. But youths need to be given the right platform, that is why for me when I become President, I will ensure that the youths are mainstreamed in all the line ministries." Kalaba also charged that the current crop of leadership was bringing tribe into the country's politics because that was preserving their stay in power.

telling us about what is different among us, that is the problem. But if our leaders insisted on the strengths of each one of us, it would have been easier [and] we would not have been seeing other people losing their jobs in the civil service on account of their coming from a certain region. But because it is being entertained, [where people even say] 'this is my strong hold'... I am coming to politics to say 'that era is over', there will be no stronghold anywhere, Southern Province will just be as my stronghold just as Central Province will be my stronghold. But if the formula to becoming President is concentrating on Luapula to vote for me, then it's okay I am not going to be President. but I know and I believe in the resilience of the people in all these our Provinces that for them tribe does not even matter," Kalaba said.

He also said that the protests that were recently staged in solidarity with the Chinese in Ndola were unnecessary. "There was no need for that protest because there is no xenophobia. What is the meaning of xenophobia? When you break that word xenophobia into two: xeno simply means people and phobia is to be agitated towards the people, that's what it means. So where has that agitation been? Because from what I have been hearing, it has just been people saying, 'we as Zambians also need to be empowered', and that is a legitimate cry. Even in other countries people are talking like that and there is nothing with it... Zambians need to be in charge of their own destiny."






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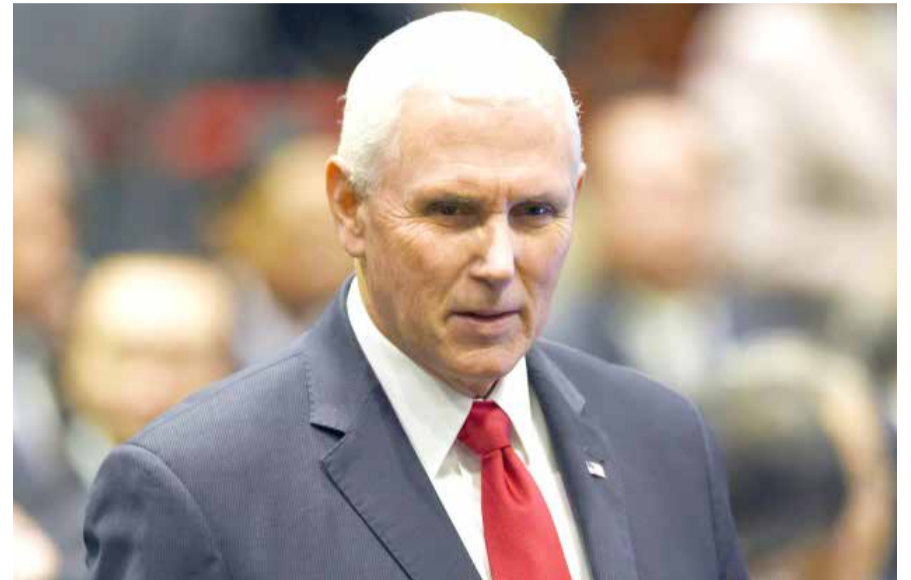
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Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street in London on November 14, 2018, to attend the weekly Prime Minister's Questions at the Houses of Parliament. British and European Union negotiators have reached a draft agreement on Brexit, Prime Minister Theresa May's office said on November 13. AFP

# US urges sustained sanctions pressure on North Korea



Vice President Mike Pence on Thursday took America's "pressure campaign" against North Korea to a summit of world leaders, as concerns mount over Pyongyang's key allies easing sanctions imposed over its nuclear programme.

US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un held a historic summit in Singapore earlier this year, signing a vaguely worded deal on denuclearisation. But there has been little progress since, with the two countries sparring

over the exact meaning of the agreement.

The isolated, impoverished North is under heavy sanctions imposed over its atomic weapons programme, which it has pursued in violation of UN resolutions.

Washington insists they must be maintained until the North denuclearises.

But US officials acknowledge enforcement of the sanctions by the North's traditional trading partners China and Russia has eased.

Meanwhile, Seoul has said it is mulling lifting its own measures against Pyongyang.

In remarks at the opening of a meeting with Southeast Asian leaders, Pence said America's regional "partnership also includes our pressure campaign regarding" the North. **BBC**

# Teachers whipped by jihadists in Burkina Faso

Schools in Burkina Faso near the borders with Mali and Niger are coming under increasing threat from jihadist groups demanding the schools abandon secular education.

On Monday, four armed men on motorbikes pulled up to a school in the small northern community of Toulfé.

Burkina Faso's Minister of Education Stanislas Ouaro told BBC Afrique the gunmen forced everyone on to the floor before whipping four of the teachers and the school director in front of the students.

The director got six lashes and each teacher got two, he said.

The gunmen reportedly introduced themselves as Ansarul Islam

members, an extremist group launched in 2016 by Malam Dicko and considered active in the northern part of the country.

Meanwhile, a public

school closed this week in the eastern town of Gayeri, after teachers reported seeing a threatening message written in French on an announcements board of the school.

"We will come back on 14 November to empty the school of its students. If we find a teacher, he is dead," the threat read, according to the education minister who spoke to the teachers.

The minister told the BBC more than 560 schools had not been operational in border areas since October as teachers had fled or not shown up to work because of security concerns. **BBC**

# Monkey kills baby boy in India

A 12-day-old boy has died after he was snatched from his mother and bitten by a monkey in northern India.

The infant's mother was breastfeeding him at their home in the city of Agra when the animal entered the house and grabbed him, the family said.

The monkey dropped the badly bitten child on a neighbour's roof after locals gave chase to the animal.

The baby died of his injuries

in hospital. Locals say simian attacks in the area are growing more frequent.

The baby's uncle, Dhirendra Kumar, told the BBC that the family was heartbroken.

"There are too many monkeys in the area. We live in fear. We have told the administration so many times to help us but they haven't done anything. The mother of the baby is too distraught to even speak," he said.

Pushpa Devi, the child's

grandmother said the family would "never recover" from the loss.

"I have lost my grandson. Just a few hours before the monkey attacked our baby, I had him in my arms. Our baby didn't have to die. People will talk about it for a while and then forget it. But we have to live with the reality that our baby is gone," she said.

Ajay Kaushal, the officer in charge of the nearby police station, told the Reuters news

agency that the baby had been badly mauled.

"The monkey bit the infant's head and only dropped him when people chased it with sticks and threw stones at it," he said

This is the latest incident in a series of monkey attacks in Agra, which is also home to India's most famous monument, the Taj Mahal. Two months earlier, a toddler was attacked by simians and is recovering in hospital.

**BBC**

# Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton considering surrogacy to have a baby

Blake Shelton and girlfriend Gwen Stefani are considering using surrogacy to have a baby, reports Us Weekly.

The couple is "determined to have a child together," an unnamed "insider" told the publication in its latest issue.

"They are in the final stages of choosing the woman who will carry their baby. It's extremely important to Gwen that she give Blake a biological child, and Blake is so excited," the insider reportedly said. Stefani, 49, and Shelton, 42, have been dating for about three years. Stefani has three sons (Kingston, 12, Zuma, 10 and Apollo, 4) with ex-husband Gavin Rossdale. Shelton divorced country star Miranda Lambert in 2015.

Last Sunday, fans of the couple thought Shelton was about to propose to Stefani when he unexpectedly pulled her onstage while accepting an award at the People's Choice Awards. That didn't happen, though Shelton did profess his love, saying, "I love her!" **USATODAY**



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# I left Barcelona because Everton gave me the 'wow' factor - Digne

Lucas Digne has revealed that he elected to leave Barcelona in the summer and join Everton because the club gave him a 'wow' factor.

The 25-year-old left-back has earned a France recall for the forthcoming matches against Netherlands and Uruguay thanks to his excellent early season form with the Toffees, for whom he has already turned out 10 times in the Premier League.

While he admitted it was a wrench to leave Barcelona, he felt the challenge Marco Silva laid down to him at Goodison Park was too attractive to turn down.

"I wasn't really planning to leave Barca and they

were not looking to sell me, but when I spoke to Everton manager Marco Silva on the phone I got this special feeling," he told Goal. "He really lit a fire inside of me and I thought: 'Wow! I really want to play for this club and manager.'

"Then I went to Barca and asked them to please let me go. After a few talks, they accepted, that this was my wish. I am thankful for that, because now I feel happy in

Everton.

"Barca was my childhood dream, so yes, it was difficult to leave, because I could have stayed to continue a great life in the club and the city. The club wanted me to stay.

"But I am 25 years old now and in a phase of my career, where I want to play every week, have a bigger role in the team and feel the full confidence of the coach. So I could not turn down the Everton project. *Goal.com*



## Former Wimbledon finalist Radwanska retires at 29

Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska, a former Wimbledon finalist, announced her retirement from tennis

at the age of only 29 on Wednesday, citing health issues.

"Today, after 13 years of playing tennis

competitively, I have decided to end my career," Radwanska said on her Facebook page.

"Unfortunately, I am no

longer able to train and play the way I used to, and recently my body can't live up to my expectations."

"I'm hanging the racket up and say goodbye to the pro tour, but I'm not leaving tennis," Radwanska said, adding that she was ready for "new challenges".

Radwanska, who reached a career-high ranking of second in 2012, complained of health woes last year, including suffering from viruses which she had to fight using antibiotics.

She struggled for form in the 2018 season, falling to 75 in the world rankings after starting the year in the top 30.

"Taking into consideration my health and the heavy burdens of professional tennis, I have to concede that I'm not able to push my body to the limits required," she said.

Besides the three-set Wimbledon final loss to Serena Williams in 2012, Radwanska also won 20 WTA Tour titles, including the WTA Finals in 2015. *AFP*

## 'Modric deserved to be named world's best player' - Luis Figo

Luis Figo feels that Real Madrid and Croatia ace Luka Modric is a worthy winner of this year's Goal 50.

It was revealed on Tuesday that the midfielder had finished top of our annual list of the world's top performers from the preceding 12 months, just ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo and Mohamed Salah.

It caps a remarkable year for Modric, who helped Real Madrid win a third successive Champions League in May before then leading his country to the World Cup final.

"He is one of those who certainly deserved an individual prize," former Madrid winger Figo told Goal.

"These awards are always subjective but, without a doubt, Modric has had a wonderful season.

"He made the difference with his national team and with Real Madrid.

"For this reason, his prize is well deserved.

"I live in Madrid and although we did not play together, we attended the same places, knew the

same people, also shared family moments together.

"He is a great person and it makes me happy that this year he has won so many individual trophies."

Lionel Messi has enjoyed another fine year with Barcelona, winning a domestic double last season before starting the current campaign in fantastic form.

However, in between, the No.10 suffered more heartbreak at international level, with his native Argentina eliminated by France in the last 16 of the World Cup in Russia.

Messi was, thus, criticised for perceived lack of leadership but Figo believes it is unfair to judge the 31-year-old too harshly for the contrasting quality of his performances for club and country.

"The team-mates are not the same, the tactical systems are not the same, the opponents are not of the same type," the former Portugal international argued.

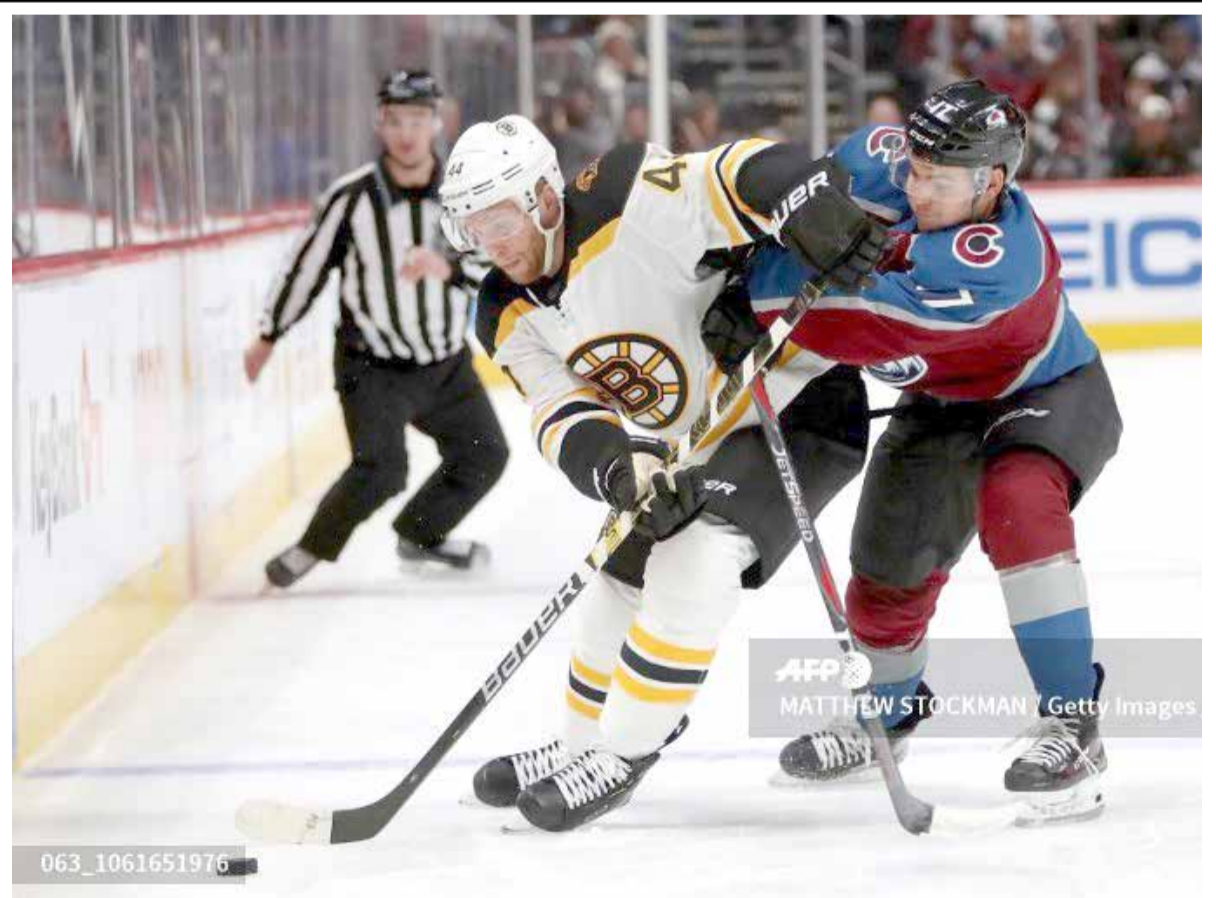
"When the quality [of the team] is lower, it becomes more difficult for a player

to win a tournament like a World Cup on his own.

"He can make a difference in one or two games, but it's hard to get to victory without having a high-level team.

"I think this is the big difference: between his club and the national team, there are different situations and limits that affect his performances."

*BBC*



Steven Kampfer #44 of the Boston Bruins fights for the puck against Tyson Jost #17 of the Colorado Avalanche at the Pepsi Center on November 14, 2018 in Denver, Colorado. *AFP*

# Win trophy WAfCON or World Cup trophy, demands Shepolopolo Coach

By Alex Chilumbwe  
Zambia Women  
Football National Team

coach Bruce Mwape has given the Shepolopolo girls an ultimatum of

either lifting the African Women Football championship trophy or

qualifying for Women World Cup next year. Mwape said that one

of the two goals had to be met despite being grouped among African women football giants Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea and South Africa.

He revealed that qualifying for the tournament that kicks off on November 18 was not an easy task adding that he did not expect the tournament to be any easy to all the participating nations.

He said this in an interview with local media in Ghana while the audio has been availed to the Zambian media by the FAZ crew in Ghana's Coast Cape.

"We have two goals of either winning this tournament or in the worst case scenario qualifying for World cup next year. Qualifying for

this championship was not a walk in the park and I expect this tournament to be just as tough. We have everything to play for and all my girls understand this," said Mwape.

Meanwhile, Shepolopolo midfielder Ireen Lungu re-affirmed her commitment to giving her all in the tournament. She said that her teammates were determined to prove to the football family in Zambia that they were capable of utilising Africa's biggest women football platform positively.

"It is more than exposure for us and my teammates are also talking about proving the football fraternity that we deserve to be here on a bigger platform. We need to win and be among the top three African nations that will qualify for World Cup next year. I have even missed out school so I need to make up by winning here," said Lungu.

The Copper Queens will play their opening match against Equatorial Guinea that replaced Kenya after Equatorial Guinea won its re-appeal of its disqualification. Equatorial Guinea was disqualified on basis of having used a non-eligible player during the qualifying matches to the championship but got reinstated after the appeal.



Jimmy Butler's debut for the Philadelphia 76ers ends in a 111-106 defeat on the road against the Orlando Magic. AFP

## NAZ appoints assistant coach amid player scandal

By Alex Chilumbwe  
Netball Association of Zambia (NAZ) has appointed Green Buffaloes coach Catherine Chanda as national team assistant coach amid a scandal that has seen NAZ fail to gather national team players. National team potentials boycotted the national duty call last week saying that they were being mistreated by the association executives. Chanda has replaced Prison Leopards' coach Davies Twininge who has been relegated to a mere official among team officials.

In an appointment letter received by Chanda, NAZ president Getrude Mukumi expressed confidence in the cooperation that would exist between assistant coach Chanda and head

coach Charles Zulu. "These two coaches have the much needed experience and are actually on top of the table in the regular league. I expect them to work well together because they will be sharing knowledge for a common goal," said Mukumi.

Meanwhile, a source within the NAZ executive

has disclosed that Chanda's appointment as assistant coach was aimed at stopping national team players from boycotting the international duty call ahead of the Diamond Challenge tournament in South Africa on November 27.

"Chanda is a class one warrant officer in Zambia army and 97 percent of

national team players are either under Defence forces or Home affairs. This means they will always be operating under her command on basis of being the senior most in the group. Otherwise we are yet to see if all players summoned for the national team will report," source said.

Zambia is scheduled to

play the opening match of the tournament against President Seats, a second choice national team for South Africa on November 27 and face Zimbabwe that qualified for Liverpool world cup the following day.

Other participating nations are Botswana, Namibia and South Africa's senior team.

## Ng'onga explains Chipolopolo absence

By Alex Chilumbwe  
Power Dynamos forward Alex Ng'onga says his absence in the national team squad that is yet to face the Mambas of Mozambique in an AFCON qualifier, does not mean that he has failed to prove himself to coach Sven Vandebroek.

Ng'onga noted that Zambia had a lot of prolific strikers that were in an everyday competition adding that each player had his bad and

good days.

In an interview with Goal Diggers! the alternating striker and club midfielder admitted that he needed to work extremely hard and prove to people that he can stay in form and guide Zambia to important victories.

"We are more than ten potential strikers for the national team and the coach will always pick the ones he feels has impressed him the most. There is no favouritism

at all; it is just that we have good and bad days on the pitch. Since I am not part of the squad, all I got to do is work extra hard and book a spot next time," Ng'onga said.

He also noted that the odds surrounding the AFCON qualifier on November 17 were not in any team's favour adding that there will be need for hard work by the squad.

Ng'onga who had bounced

back to national duty under Vandebroek's early days with the team underscored the importance of the clash and what the win would mean to soccer fans in the country.

"One cannot tell who will win because Mozambique wants it as much as we do. Our squad is a great one and I believe in them but they need concerted efforts with fans. They need to feel that we are all behind them

Diego Maradona says he "loves" Lionel Messi and described as "false" comments attributed to him attacking his Argentine compatriot and Barcelona legend. "Leo is a friend of mine and I'd never speak ill of a friend," Maradona assured Spanish sports newspaper Marca on Wednesday. Last month Maradona was quoted as telling Fox Sports in Mexico that Messi "is not a leader... It's useless to try and make a leader out of someone who goes to the bathroom 20 times before a game". He told Marca that "all that was false". "All I said was that Leo is a phenomenon. And that

## 'I love Leo' - Maradona denies Messi criticism

there were players who go to the toilet 20 times, but I never made any reference to Leo," he insisted. Maradona implored his fellow countryman to return to the national side after sitting out three friendlies since Argentina's group-stage elimination from this summer's World Cup in Russia. "I think he should return, because if not, we are in a pickle." Maradona, who led Argentina to victory in the 1986 World Cup, is currently in Mexico coaching second-division Sinaloa. **AFP**



# NGON'GA SUBMITS TO COMPETITION

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*...I'll work hard to rejoin Chipolopolo next time*



Medhy Metella (FRA) competes on Men's 100 m Butterfly during the Swimming French Championships short course 2018, at Piscine Olympique Antigone, in Montpellier, France, on November 15 to 18, 2018. **AFP**



Jeremy Stravius (FRA) competes on Men's 400 m Medley during the Swimming French Championships short course 2018, at Piscine Olympique Antigone, in Montpellier, France, on November 15 to 18, 2018. **AFP**