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Mutembo exposes Chanoda

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Economist Chibamba Kanyama says all companies listed on the Lusaka Stock Exchange (LuSE) want to leave because they feel there is

little or no money on the market. And Kanyama says ZAFFICO's imminent

listing and the politics around it is because of the copper deposits under the forestry company land, not

only for the prized-Mukula Tree, which is on high demand in China.

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Lungu, HH met reveals Church mother bodies

By Abraham Kalito
The three church mother bodies have revealed that President Edgar Lungu last week met his rival, UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema, to confer on the

long overdue political dialogue and reconciliation process.

According to a communique signed by the Council of Churches in Zambia, Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia and the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops, Tuesday, President Lungu met Hichilema on November 12. *To page 10*

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We've made it easier for Zambians to have money in their pockets - Lungu

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

President Edgar Lungu says the PF government has made it easier for Zambians to have more money in their pockets and succeed economically because the environment is conducive.

Speaking during a field tour at his farm in Chongwe's Kanakantapa area, Tuesday, President Lungu argued that the PF government had made it easier for Zambians to have more money in their pockets because the environment was now conducive.

He explained that the PF's famous more money in your pockets 2011 election campaign slogan did not imply that a PF administration would put money in people's pockets, but that government would make the environment more conducive to enable Zambians make money for themselves.

"And when we told you that PF will bring more money in your pockets, we said you have to work hard for the money; you have to work hard for the money. But some detractors were saying: 'no ndalama ilikuti?' We didn't say we will put money in your pockets. We said we will make the environment conducive for you to successfully produce and access lending facilities and support programmes from the government and we are doing it. But those confused will say: 'no, you promised more money in the pockets.' We said we will give you money in the pockets, yes, but if like Jesus was telling his

people, he spoke in parables and those of us who knew Mr Sata, we understand what he meant. It is now easier for you to succeed than it has ever been. The women, especially, we encourage you, [and] the youths. So, I didn't come here to campaign because it's not my constituency. The owners of the constituency are getting worried to say: 'abwela kuchita chani President?' (What has the President come to do?) I came to support you. Let us continue cooperating and loving and talking to each other lovingly because not all of us are right all the time. Sometimes, we go wrong; we go astray, but talk to us friendly, instead of killing us," President Lungu said.

"Power should be worked for. My purpose of coming was just to share with you that I am still with you. We are all friends, but we keep saying that back to the roots because [that is] where you grow everything. I came here to just demonstrate that I am serious about farming because you know that without food, there is no future. And that's why we are partnering with the Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) and Panna Seed, and all those who are involved in agriculture, so that together we can [have] more impetus and more life into the agricultural sector because when you sit in Lusaka at State House [and] you are talking about farming, people don't think you are serious, but when they see you that you have got



President Edgar Lungu during field tour at his farm in Chongwe's Kanakantapa area yesterday
- Picture by Tenson Mkhala

connection with the land and can also grow, they will also try and emulate you."

The President said there was need for farmers to mechanize crop production to increase hectareage.

"I am very happy to find that all of you are still looking healthy, it means mukudya bwino (you eating well). Mukudya bwino it means musebenza bwino. So, mine, I assure you [and do] I want to meet the district farmers union here and see how we can work together because farming ya kambwili sisebenza (farming of using

a hoe no longer works). We have to use either oxen or machines like tractors and not everyone can afford a tractor. So, I want to work with them and see how we can partner in cutting the cost of tilling the land using a tractor, and that calls for a small token to pay the driver and save the charge. With one tractor, you can do a lot of hectareage and I believe that if we work together in Chongwe, we will demonstrate that we are united and cut the cost of production. The other thing is the planting of quality, good application to fertilizer

as you have already heard and demonstrated by the people who know better. Let's use the extension services available in Chongwe for us to be able to produce maximum [hectareage]. I am told that you are producing two [tonnes], one [and] sometimes half or 1.7 tonnes per hectare when in actual fact, others are producing eight [tonnes] and the optimum is up to 18, I am told. So, we can get to eight, we can get to nine or even to 10 and that will be richer," President Lungu said.

And speaking at the same

event when he briefed the Head of State on the types of seeds, Panna managing director Samson Nyendwa explained that there continued need to encourage farmers to diversify crop production.

"Your Excellency, we want to demonstrate the need for diversification so that our farmers can be well diversified, thereby, reducing risk. I must mention that the 'Shanga' in one 53 has a potential of 14 metric tonnes. We would want farmers to learn that, indeed, we can get better yields by planting improved seed and taking care of it. The farmers can even get 10 to 15 [metric tonnes per] hectare as opposed to the 1.7 or 1.8 metric tonnes per hectare that they are getting currently. And your Excellency, you will agree with me that, if our small-scale farmers were to get above 10 tonnes per hectare, that will alleviate poverty and inevitably it would improve the economic outlook of our people. And once we plant, we will take care against the fall army worms," said Nyendwa.

President Lungu, who was accompanied by Presidential Affairs Minister Freedom Sikazwe and his Special Assistant for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda, among other government officials, was received by Chongwe member of parliament Japhen Mwakalombe, who also serves as Copperbelt Province Minister.

Police to search Prime TV for video evidence against UPND MPs

By Mukosha Funga

Police in Lusaka have served Prime TV proprietor Gerald Shawa with a search warrant saying they want to search the station's computers and server for some footage which is the subject of their investigations.

But Shawa says it is shocking that police could rush to obtain search warrants when they would have simply requested for the footage in question.

According to the warrants seen by News Diggers! police want to search Prime TV computers for footage of a rally which occurred in Bweengwa on

October 30 at which Bweengwa member of parliament Kasautu Michelo and Choma central member of parliament Cornelius Mweetwa allegedly defamed President Edgar Lungu.

"The said video footage was shown on Prime TV main news on 30/10/18 at 19:30 hours. The video footage is kept or stored in computers at Prime TV premises. You are hereby authorized and commanded in the name of the President with proper assistance, to enter the Prime TV station of Lusaka aforesaid (in the daytime), and

there diligently search for the said goods, and if the same or any thereof found in the search, to bring the goods so found and also the said before this court to be dealt with, read the warrant.

The other footage police require is a news story which aired on November 18 in which Prime TV reported that some PF cadres had been given police uniforms on the Copperbelt.

But in an interview, Shawa said it was shocking that police could rush to obtain search warrants when they would have simply requested for the footage in question.

"For us, we are just surprised and disappointed. For them to come with a search warrant, it doesn't make sense. Unless they had asked and we refused, that would make sense and we would have given them what they want. If we had refused, they would have come with the search order. We are very skeptical about it. There must be some hidden motives behind it because you don't do that. They might even end up getting our servers or even our computers, that should be the motive behind this," said Shawa.

HH laughs at PF attempt to intimidate him, thanks Kambwili, Andyford for solidarity

By Daniel Chansa in Ndola

UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema yesterday laughed at PF attempts to scare him into silence, saying “you can’t scare Hakainde, I will always be there for the people”.

And Chishimba Kambwili says the opposition has now declared a full fledged war against the ruling party, going ahead.

Meanwhile, People’s Alliance for Change president Andyford Banda who also escorted Hichilema to police wondered why the government was wasting time intimidating political leaders instead of finding solutions to the problems facing the country.

Before recording a warn and caution statement on him, Police yesterday quizzed the leading opposition leader on questions ranging from the roles he played during the privatisation of the mines, to the statement he made when he featured on Sun FM; all of which he refused to answer.

As a united swarm of opposition cadres besieged Ndola Central Police station, where one ZANIS journalist was arrested for filming the dramatic procession that halted business in the Copperbelt capital, Hichilema was taken into an hour long interrogation, which went as follows, according to his lawyers:

HH’ s interview at Ndola Police started with questions on privatization:

1. Did you work as negotiator for Govt during privatization ?

Ans: I have never worked for government in my life
2. Do you have shares in Sun hotel?

Ans: No comment

3. Were you part of the privatization of the mines?

Ans: no comment

4. You negotiated for incentives in Sun Hotel?

Ans: No comment

5. You were in charge of evaluating Sun International Hotel?

Ans: No comment

6. Do you understand what privatization is?

Ans: No comment

7. Are you not a shareholder in Sun Hotel?

Ans: No comment

8. As a businessman, what are you dealing in?



Hakainde Hichilema addresses his supporters on arrival in Ndola yesterday when he appeared before the police - picture by Brian Mwiinga

Ans: No comment
Second Segment
(Police play a recording of the SUN FM Radio interview of Hakainde Hichilema of 2nd November, 2018)

1. Are you confirming it is a correct version?

Ans: no comment

2. Did you hear what was being said on the recording?

Ans: no comment

3. Were you the person being interviewed ?

Ans: no comment

4. Whatever we have heard in the interview was it not you ?

Ans: no comment

Police: Get a caution from him he will not respond to any questions

Warn and Caution statement

Taken on Tuesday 11th November, 2017 at 10:58 hours.

You are warned that police that police are making inquiries into allegations of seditious practices contrary to section 57 1(b) as read with section 60 (1) (e) (f) of the Penal Code, Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia.

You Hakainde Hichilema on 2nd November, 2018 between 10:00 and 10:30 while being featured at Sun FM Radio on Your Opinion programme did utter seditious words to bring the Zambian

government into hatred. You did tell a lie believing it to be a lie telling listeners on radio that: Nabashitisha Zaffico filyafine bashitsho ZNBC. Nanomba line ndelanda nabashitisha kuma Chinese. Twakana mukwai. We will reverse the decision”.

You were telling a lie that Zaffico had been sold when in fact not true. Do you understand allegations?

HH: I do

Do you wish to say anything in answer to the allegation?

HH: No

HH signs the Caution After administering caution, police state that they still have a few more questions :

1. Did you feature on Sun FM Radio on 2nd November, 2018?

HH: no comment

2. Did you say ZAFFICO has been sold?

HH: no comment

3. Which Chinese are you saying bought ZAFFICO?

HH: no comment

4. Do you have evidence that ZAFFICO had been sold to the Chinese?

HH: no comment

5. Do you understand difference between listing and selling?

HH: no comment

6. Do you understand that you promoted feelings of ill will against Chinese community?

HH: no comment

7. Do you know that you seditiously intended to raise discontent when you said ZAFFICO had been sold?

HH: no comment

8. Do you know that you told a lie on the sale of ZAFFICO?

HH: no comment

9. How do you reverse something that has not been sold?

HH: no comment.

After the interview a warn and caution statement was recorded from Hichilema before he addressed journalists and thanked the other opposition leaders who gave him solidarity “under difficult times.”

“We had the interrogation, in my view, it was done professionally, we are through with it, and we are going back home now. Thank you for the support as the media and through you, the people of Zambia, thank you for their support and I wish to say I will always be there for the people of Zambia; daytime, night time, difficult times, we will be there for the people of Zambia. And I am very grateful to the colleagues, my colleague president Banda, who has come all the way from Lusaka to be with us here, I want to thank president Chishimba Kambwili also

for coming this way. Some people in this country fear even to walk near a police station but I thank my colleagues and through them, their party members for allowing them to give us this support, ” Hichilema said. Asked if he was scared, Hichilema laughed at the attempt, saying he would always be there for the people of Zambia.

“No, no, no. Scaring Hakainde?” asked Hichilema whilst laughing. “I think the issue is not about scare or not. The issue is about standing for the people of Zambia. First and foremost, it is our duty to stand for the people of Zambia. In that order, the people of this region, the people of Africa, the people of the world, that’s how it works. So when you stand for the people, you don’t front fear. If you are afraid, you should never seek public office to serve the people.”

And Kambwili said the opposition had declared a war against the PF.

“This idea of arresting opposition leaders has been going on for a long time for no apparent reason for too long. And the reason is that every time one opposition leader is arrested, the others don’t stand with them and don’t stand by him. So I think

we should have a new dispensation, if one of us is touched, then all of us are touched, that should be the principle. Because all the time that they arrest one, today it’ll be HH, tomorrow it will be Banda, tomorrow will be Kambwili. So even those who didn’t come, please, let us not put partisan politics, what the PF is doing is illegal and we must put a stop to it and we can only put a stop to it if we say you touch one, you touch all of us, regardless of your political affiliation...today we are declaring war on the PF,” said Kambwili.

Meanwhile, Banda said the PF was wasting time by intimidating opponents.

“A lot of citizen’s rights are being abused. And this country is going through a lot of challenges and we are wasting time, coming to the police to come and discuss non issues instead of coming together and discussing solutions and ideas on how we can improve this country. We need to stop this idea of the PF diverting us from the issues that matter...not intimidating people who are speaking on behalf of the people. From here, we have learnt that it’s high time the opposition came up with a strategy to stand together,” said Banda.



NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili speaks to journalists as his wife Carol (l), and lawyers Christopher Mundia and Keith Mweemba listen at Lusaka Magistrates Court on Monday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Home Affairs Permanent Secretary Dr Chileshe Mulenga on Monday had a tough time trying to justify to the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on why the Immigration Department at KK Airport delayed to bank collected revenues amounting to K263,500 for 425 days.

And Dr Mulenga caused a stir when he arrived with a huge delegation of officers from cited departments saying he dragged them along so they could also be grilled individually.

“I can see that we have a problem of seats [and] so maybe I would suggest that those who have no issues can go and sit at the lobby so that they can follow the proceedings from there. But PS, are they all supposed to be here?” committee chairperson Howard Kunda asked.

In response, Dr Mulenga said was important for the officers be present because they were the same ones who who caused him to be summoned by the committee.

But Kunda asked some officers to follow the proceedings via parliament TV in the lobby as the committee room was filled to capacity.

One of the major issues which were at the core of deliberations was delayed banking of revenue amounting to K263,500.

“Contrary to Financial Regulations No.121 which states that all money received by any

Home Affairs PS struggles to justify delayed banking

accounting officer shall be deposited not later than next business day following the day of receipt, there were delays in banking revenue in amounts totalling K263,500 (USD 350) for periods ranging from 4 to 425 days,” read the query on the Auditor General’s report.

Responding to this audit query, Dr Mulenga said, “The delays were as a result of the reconciliations not being done on time. However during the routine pre audits, responsible officers were made to pay for the shortfalls in order to balance up the books. Management has since moved the officer from the station for failing to reconcile the records timely and assigned him with duties that do not involve handling of revenue and banking,” he said.

Asked by Chavuma UPND member of parliament Victor Lumayi if airport division had a qualified accountant officer, Dr Mulenga replied in the negative.

“I am sorry chair but we do not have qualified accounting officers because the officers who collect revenue are trained as immigration officers. However, to avoid the problems...because international airport

has been a challenge for some time, we’ve put an accounting officer who takes the responsibility of dealing with individual immigration officers. On the number of days for delayed banking, we have checked the records well and I am confident that the auditor general’s office once they see the evidence, will agree with us,” Dr Mulenga said. Kunda wondered how many days was in the ministry’s calendar if banking was delayed by 425 days.

The permanent secretary then said the delayment was only for eight days and not what the auditors captured.

“If I remember chair it is six to eight days, not more than that. And I am very confident of the answer because we’ve had problems at Lusaka International Airport and we have had officers dismissed. It is a station where we’ve had random checks because we handle huge amounts of money there. So it is something we pay a lot of attention to. The issue happened on the Easter holiday when they were not able to bank but when they reported after the four days holiday, the, the money was not banked immediately because the accounting officer had to deal with several

officers who had been on different shifts because each officer had to hand over individually and that took more than six days,” he responded.

Then Kunda asked the PS to explain why there was that delay when banks were within proximity.

Home Affairs Principal Internal Auditor only named as a Mr Sililo chipped in and tried to clarify the issue.

“One of the issues that brought to the number of days being recorded out of range was recorded on the 30th of March 2017 on receipt number 2373309 which was purported to be banked on 24th March 2018. However the correct position was the receipt number in question does not exist. It was a typographic error on the part of our colleagues from the other side (Auditor General’s office). The correct receipt number was 237309 which was receipted on 29th March 2017 and banked on 31st March 2017. When we calculate this number from how our auditor general reported, it is exactly 425 days. The other issue is the issue falling during the Easter holiday. On the Easter holiday, we have three shifts that are operational at the airport and at that particular time, the accountant does

not work. He only works during working days. So the collections from Thursday to Monday were not banked accordingly,” Sililo explained.

Asked by Milenge PF member of parliament Mwansa Mbulakulima if the use of e-banking was an admittance that human beings were not honest with cash, Dr Mulenga replied in the affirmative.

“What I would like to say is that as a country, we do have problems of honesty [and] integrity. That is all out there to see. It is very rare that we do what we say we will do and as a people definitely we need to improve. Now, these are questions of money [and so] to make sure that money is collected and accounted for, we have to make use of the available aids. Yes, there are also officers who are very honest and they go out of their way to make sure that government revenue is accounted for but sometimes we do get a few bad eggs and those bad eggs when we get them, we get them out of the system,” Dr Mulenga said.

Asked when the cited officer was moved from the duties of handing cash, Dr Chileshe said he had been out of office for a week and that he was not debriefed by the one

who was acting.

Meanwhile, Woodlands Police Station Officer in charge Binwell Masumba explained the challenge he was facing at his station.

“Speaking for my station, the number one challenge is the job description itself. We are deployed as police officers not to do some of the issues that we do. We do that because a police officer is perceived to have an extra sense. Certain things that we do are not within the job description. The challenges I face as a station, I have Kalikiliki for example where I give receipt books and the community there don’t believe or will not agree to be told that ‘you have to go and deposit the money in the direct deposit system.’ They will tell you to say ‘I have never stepped in the bank’ and then as officers on the ground what do we do? We receive that money and when we receive that money, we have to deposit or to bank it. The challenge now comes on how do we move from Kalikiliki to the place where there is a bank? Which is Woodlands. So you find that the officer who has received that money is supposed to have K30 for him to get on the bus and back to the police post. These are the some of the challenges that we face,” said Masumba.

In closing, Kunda warned the controlling officer to lead by example as a law enforcer and avoid being cited in the next audit report.

Millennials will rid the country of hatred, bitterness - Vernon

By Abraham Kalito
 Veteran politician Vernon Mwaanga says the millennials will rid the country of the hatred and bitterness exhibited by the current crop of politicians who are selfish and think they are bigger than Zambia. Responding to a press query, Tuesday, Mwaanga expressed confidence that the next generation of leaders would be more tolerant. "No matter how good or godly a leader may

be, there comes a time when they must hand over power to the next generation. There is an African saying to the effect that no matter how good a dancer you may be, you must know when to leave the stage. It is always better to leave the stage when the audience is still clapping, rather than when the audience starts booing you. There are many young men and women who deserve to be leaders in government and in their

political parties. It would be folly for me to give advice to young people that leadership is easy. It is not easy to lead diverse societies and people. There will be pitfalls and there will be times when you will stumble and even fall. When this happens, please get up and dust yourselves up and continue your journey. I have great hope that the next generation of leaders will be more tolerant of dissenting views. I am confident

that they will embrace the spirit of dialogue and debate and rid our country of the current hatred and bitterness, which is prevalent among the current crop of politicians, who think that they are more important and bigger than Zambia," Mwaanga said. "I have interacted with young men and women in different professions and engaged them in discussions on the future of our country, long after

my generation has gone to the land of the silent. I am privileged to have grown up at a time when we had legendary figures like our first President Dr Kenneth Kaunda and others, who took a keen interest in mentoring young people for future leadership in whom they saw potential. I benefitted from their scheme of things, in that even during the struggle for independence, I was given leadership roles at a very young age and even sent abroad for conferences and youth leadership programmes to the United States of America, Britain, Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Sweden, Italy and Ethiopia. At independence in October 1964, at the age of 20, I was appointed Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and promoted to the rank Ambassador to the Soviet Union, now Russia, at the age of 21 years. The rest as the saying goes, is now history." He said despite millennials lacking mentorship on leadership, they were more tolerant to divergent views than current politicians. "The young men and women growing up at this time, have not had this privilege of being mentored by accomplished people, with only a few exceptions. The young people of today are by far, better educated in their diverse professions. They concentrate on perfecting their professions and looking after their families. They face many challenges in a constantly changing world, which demands that they acquire relevant skills and abilities, which are required to build modern societies and economies. It is a cruel fact that our institutions of higher learning, are not capable of absorbing all the young people

leaving our secondary school systems and many of them are squeezed out of the school system. I am painfully aware that youth unemployment has become a very serious problem in Zambia, Africa and the World and both the African Union and the United Nations, have described it as a time bomb waiting to explode. It is this pool of unemployment youth, including the educated ones, who cannot find jobs, who are being used by irresponsible politicians to ferment political violence," said Mwaanga. "Violence is unproductive and primitive. I have seen truckloads of these young people being transported to areas where there are elections or by elections proudly displaying their pangas, machetes and other weapons of violence. Violence in whatever form is an enemy of our hard-won democracy and should not under any circumstances be glorified. The older generation has a duty to preach love and against violence in all its manifestations twenty-four hours a day. It leads to injuries and even deaths and should not have any space in the political fabric of our country. Many of our youth are also frustrated by statements being made with sickening monotony by political leaders telling them "you are the leaders of tomorrow", without giving them any leadership roles at all. If anything, many of them show no signs of relinquishing leadership. They instead amend constitutions to prolong their stay in leadership. The older generation has got a sacred duty not to overstay in power, so that leadership goes through a necessary process of renewal."

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Key challenges

With a population of nearly 16 million people occupying a land area in excess of 752,000 square kilometres, Zambia is a vast and thinly populated country that lacks infrastructure to connect small population centres. This has generally made the efficient delivery of quality health services extremely difficult. Unplanned urban and peri-urban development and poor or non-existent water and sanitation infrastructure has added to the overall difficulties of efficient delivery of quality healthcare.

Severely constrained access coupled with the lack of affordability of services and medicines have contributed to ensuring that poor healthcare remains one of the most compelling features of Zambia's status as an underdeveloped nation. Although improvements have been recorded in reproductive health, maternal mortality rates remain unacceptably high. Preventable diseases affecting children under the age of 5 years remains a leading cause of death in this age bracket. Although current health statistics reflect long-standing infrastructural challenges, the lack of prioritisation and investment in this critical pillar of human development has made an already difficult problem even worse.

Interventions in the health sector will require improvements not only in infrastructure but also in health services (i.e. diagnosis and availability of medicines and equipment to treat patients) and in human resources. The output of graduating students in the field of medicine (doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, clinical assistants) remains low.

The problem is compounded by the attrition rate, particularly of doctors and nurses. With many health workers seeking to advance their careers abroad or within urban centres, it is clear that the disparities between urban and rural communities will grow ever wider.

Current approach

Recognising the limitations in infrastructure, government has taken two broad approaches to addressing the obstacles to quality health service delivery. First, there has been a rapid construction of hospitals and clinical facilities in both peri-urban and rural areas. Secondly, government has imported mobile hospitals at great cost to the treasury. No major initiatives on preventative approaches have been adopted and training, recruitment and placement of doctors, nurses

and health workers remain a major problem. The existing policy framework reads well but lacks thinking beyond conventional approaches towards ensuring effective health delivery. It does not, for example, embrace the significant benefits that come with the use of technology for monitoring and distribution of medication and in carrying out remote diagnosis. Further, while there has been some coordination with important stakeholders in the health services delivery system (such as Churches running mission hospitals), interactions with NGOs, traditional authorities and locally-based communities are not well coordinated. Some assistance has, however, been rendered by government through payroll support arrangements for staff working in mission hospitals.

Mental health is an area that the government has also largely neglected. There has been a failure to provide specialist care or offer any solutions towards reducing the stigma, discrimination and limited understanding associated with mental health issues in our society.

NAREP's plans

NAREP recognises that a big limitation in health service delivery is poor infrastructure. NAREP has a long-term plan to develop infrastructure that will more efficiently link provinces to each other. Over time, this will enable other interventions to be more effective. Prior to that time, however, radical interventions are vital if lives are to be saved. In recognition of this, NAREP will develop its healthcare policy in a carefully structured manner that addresses the realities and needs of each community. Health service delivery across the nation will therefore adopt the some key principles.

Greater focus on preventive approaches to attaining and sustaining good health (focus will be on promoting good nutrition and environmental health and improved water and sanitation services) health services will be tailored to specifically address the needs and circumstances of the different types of communities in Zambia.

Technology will play a vital role in improving the quality of health service delivery in all areas strategic engagements to build a coalition of stakeholders in the health sector will be embarked upon (including engagement with churches working in local communities, traditional authorities, NGOs and existing grassroots structures) NAREP intends to build on the existing health

policy but to take a much more holistic approach in addressing the health challenges facing the nation.

One of the leading causes of death and illness is the poor quality of water available to local communities in peri-urban and rural communities. Addressing this will require taking steps to improve local government infrastructure. NAREP's modernisation plans will facilitate major improvements in the infrastructure required to be developed by local government.

NAREP will establish and raise the capacity of hospitals at the provincial and district levels so that each will be able to cater to the 4 main areas of medicine:

- Paediatrics
- General surgery
- Internal medicine
- Obstetrics and gynaecology

In addition to this, clinics at constituency and ward level will be built (where none already exist), and supported or upgraded (where they do already exist) to meet the minimum standards of service delivery that will comply with performance and delivery standards set by the Ministry of Health. These standards will be in accordance with universal guidelines on health service delivery.

Due to the urgent nature of the maternal mortality rate (which although it has come down still remains significantly higher than the target set by the Millennium Development Goals), NAREP will work with NGOs, churches and local communities to establish a plan for constructing maternal shelters with basic pre-natal and post-natal facilities at every polling district in rural areas. Construction of shelters across the country will be carried out with community involvement, consultation and support.

Funding

NAREP will prioritise expenditure in the health sector. To demonstrate NAREP's commitment to improving health for all, with immediate effect upon assuming office, non-emergency treatment abroad at government expense for all classes of personnel currently entitled to this benefit will cease. The funds saved will be invested in health service through the establishment of collaborative links with foreign medical institutions and Zambian as well as non-Zambian doctors and medical practitioners based abroad.

New UNESCO Report reveals the strain of refugees on education systems in sub-Saharan Africa

The 2019 Global Education Monitoring Report highlights numerous pioneering initiatives being taken by Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda for the education of refugees.

The new 2019 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report by UNESCO on migration and displacement documents the progress and challenges in educating refugees around the world. Sub-Saharan Africa houses almost a third of all refugees in the world, along with millions of internally displaced people, both of which the Report shows are putting huge strains on already struggling education systems.

Entitled Building bridges, not walls, the GEM Report celebrates the political will for change as outlined in the Horn of Africa's Djibouti Declaration and highlights numerous pioneering initiatives in some countries. Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, together housing over half of the region's refugees and 12% of the world's refugees, are championed in particular for their positive approach to support the education of forcibly displaced children and youth. They join countries like Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan in their ambitions to sit refugees side-by-side by nationals in school.

The Report also points at countries where a greater effort is required to integrate refugee children into national systems of education, as in the U.R of Tanzania. There is a need for lessons to be shared by the EAC (East African Community) countries to ensure refugees are not denied their right to an education.

Refugees often arrive with low education levels stretching host countries' already limited resources. In Chad, among 6-14 year old refugees from the Central African Republic, Nigeria and Sudan, 30% were illiterate. Refugees from South Sudan in Uganda settle in the poor West Nile sub region, where the secondary net attendance rate was 9% in 2016 – less than half the national rate.

Displacement impacts heavily on the quality of education. In Kenyan refugee camps, schools must comply with Ministry of Education minimum standards and guidelines yet average pupil/teacher ratios in Dadaab reached 120:1 in pre-primary and 56:1 in primary. On average, six students shared a desk and four shared a textbook in English, mathematics, science and social studies.

Many teachers in displacement settings lack formal training. In Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, only 8% of primary teachers were certified national teachers, and 6 out of 10 refugee teachers were untrained. While Chad offers professional pathways for refugee teachers in its public schools, refugee teachers' qualifications often remain unrecognized, as among the South Sudanese in Uganda. Training is also crucial for helping teachers manage multilingual classrooms. In Uganda, instructional content is translated within the classroom, slowing the teaching process.

Countries need to improve training for refugees on the language of instruction, without which students can end up placed in lower grades, putting pressure on teachers and overcrowding classrooms as seen among Burundian refugees in Rwanda. Linguistic differences also make friendships more difficult and can lead to discrimination, resulting in school-drop out and children joining gangs, as found among adolescent Congolese and Somali refugees in Uganda.

Refugee influxes require additional teachers. In Uganda, an extra 7,000 primary school teachers are needed to educate refugees, with the cost of primary teacher salaries in refugee settlements estimated to be US\$15 million over the next three years.

"Large movements of people have huge implications for education systems" said Manos Antoninis, Director of the GEM Report. "Many

sub-Saharan African countries are leading the way globally for managing this challenge. Yet others are struggling and require international support to cope with the strain. Regional efforts to share positive examples are also needed to help those falling behind to catch up".

Globally, only a third of the funding gap for refugee education has been filled. In the region, only 4% of the education humanitarian appeal is currently funded in Burundi, 3% in Chad, 6% in Cameroon, and 10% in both the Central African Republic and Ethiopia. The Report emphasizes that humanitarian aid alone will never fill the gap and points to Uganda as a blueprint for best practice by bringing humanitarian and development partners together to fund its education plan, including refugees.

Humanitarian and refugee response plans are not accurately reflecting some core education priorities. Although one in six displaced people are under the age of five, plans in Burkina Faso, Senegal, Somalia and Ethiopia had no mention of early childhood education.

Recommendations:

- Protect the right to education of migrants and displaced people
- Include migrants and displaced people in the national education system
- Understand and plan for the education needs of migrants and displaced people
- Represent migration and displacement histories in education accurately to challenge prejudices
- Prepare teachers of migrants and refugees to address diversity and hardship
- Harness the potential of migrants and displaced people through skills and qualifications recognition
- Support education needs of migrants and displaced people in humanitarian and development aid.

Farmers still don't understand e-voucher system - Chieftainess Nyanje

By Richard Luo in Sinda

Chieftainess Nyanje of Sinda District says farmers in the area still do not understand the electronic voucher system that was established last year without sensitisation.

In interview at her palace, the traditional leader said government rushed into implementing the system before people understood it and some farmers ended up depositing funds into wrong accounts.

"This e-voucher issue has not helped farmers well because it has robbed farmers in some way. I say this because last year, farmers [who were] in a rush not knowing what was happening, ended up depositing

monies in wrong hands and they lost! This can be a good programme, which government has introduced, but the problem is that they rushed into implementing it. They were supposed to educate, sensitise farmers to the fullest until they have understood the concept before implementing it, but now it's not good as farmers can't even explain what it is," Chieftainess Nyanje said. She reminded government that policies can be effective, but only if citizens understand them well. "Government is not there to

destroy, but to build, and I believe the intention of the e-voucher is to promote good agriculture system among farmers and once it's done in a transparent manner, truly, the positive results could be visibly seen. But last year, others have not received fertilizer and seed despite paying up to now," Chieftainess Nyanje said. She lamented that the electronic system had also disappointed farmers because most of them could not find their registered names in the system, a situation which had

demoralized them.

When asked how farmers were swindled of their monies, Chieftainess Nyanje suggested that the mobile money platforms on cell phone networks were problematic as most farmers lacked the devices to access the services.

"What use to happen last year is that, farmers were told to pay the monies for their packs using these mobile agents to which some paid to right agents and they received the fertilizer and seed, but others paid to thieves, who

just created booths taking advantage of the desperate farmers and because they don't know what happens once they pay they were told they will receive a pin code later and that was the end. So, for this year, I appeal to government to closely monitor the exercise so that farmers don't lose monies by theft again," she replied. The traditional leader further appealed to her subjects to pave way for people conducting indoor spraying activities, and that whoever will be reported denying them entry in their

homes would be dealt with. "The other thing is that there are young men and women who have been tasked by the Health Department to spray our houses to ensure we don't get certain diseases so everyone should welcome them, and anyone who will be reported refusing them entry in their houses will be dealt with. They are not thieves they are there to protect us from future illnesses; and two, let each one dig a toilet soon; we will start a check and if found with no toilet, surely, it's another issue because open defecation is bad as it attracts outbreaks of disease, especially during rainy season," appealed Chieftainess Nyanje.

The Chief Government Spokesperson and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services Dora Siliya has pledged that, under her reign, and as long as she remains in that office, she will ensure that the long-forgotten Access to Information Bill is passed through Parliament and enacted. Her point is that if government has to defuse fake news, it must pass this law that will allow citizens to legally access factual data from State institutions.

In return, Honourable Siliya also wants journalists in Zambia to commit to establishing a self-regulatory body of affiliation that would enforce professional standards among media practitioners.

Her observation is that there is too much confusion in the media fraternity to an extent that citizens can't distinguish between professional news reporters and citizen journalists. Under such disorganization, the minister says, it would be hard for government to protect and support media houses because they don't have a united voice.

We hope this opinion will help the Minister understand the journalists' arguments on both her objectives so that she can readjust her approach to make sure that what she intends to achieve becomes of real value to the Zambian media in a practical sense.

Journalists in Zambia fear belonging to a regulatory body because they don't believe that such an institution, especially if it is established as an Act of Parliament, would have any autonomy from the State. Unlike lawyers and doctors and other professions, journalists are usually financially vulnerable. What drives effective journalism is not exactly the money, but rather the passion. However, this is a career that has been high-jacked by money spinners who can do anything for three pieces

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Our fear is that the leadership of such a body can easily be infiltrated and manipulated. And using that compromised leadership, hardworking investigative journalists who prove to be hard-hitting; exposing corruption among government officials, would be targeted. What guarantee is there that this self-regulatory body will stand its ground to protect individual hard-working professional journalists who will expose the corruption of a Minister of Information and Broadcasting or a State House Press Aide, for example?

These are very powerful individuals in government who can order not only the withdrawal of a journalist's practicing licence, but also command an arrest of a reporter at the snap of a finger. We should not fool ourselves here into lying to each other that only those journalists who publish fake, scandalous social media news or those that misquote sources would be regulated and punished. The truth is that every hard-hitting journalist will survive at

the mercy of the ministers and those in government authority who shall wield influence over the so-called media regulatory body.

This is a country where the State can use anything to silence aggressive media. We are not talking about hostile media, but brave and aggressive media that leaves no stone unturned. If they don't use the tax compliance excuse for shutting down a media house, they will strangle it financially until it gets on its begging knees. They will warn corporate institutions against placing adverts in such media houses. If that doesn't work, they will resort to threats and arrests to kill the spirit of a journalist. Once they have paralyzed the media house and pushed it out of business, they will remain celebrating as they continue to oppress citizens and plunder public resources – without anyone questioning.

As a media house, we have understood what Honourable Siliya is trying to achieve. She feels that in the absence of this body, journalism will remain without protection from the State as they risk being punished along with those who

abuse the little remaining free media space. We are willing, as a media organization, to support the establishment of such a regulatory body, BUT OUR MEMBERSHIP TO IT MUST NOT BE DICTATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Journalists must be free to choose to belong to that institution and get whatever benefits that will come with it; if it is designed in such an attractive manner, we are sure everyone will want to be a part of it. But those who wish to practice journalism independently without being part of this body must be allowed to operate and face whatever consequences that might be implied under the established media laws. It must not be that a journalist who will not have a membership card from this institution should be prevented from reporting news. No! Some of the best news writers in Zambia are not even trained journalists at all; they were born writers and got lost in other careers. We don't want to block such citizens from being part of the mass media industry.

News consumers will have

to make a choice, which news they want to read, after all, there is no guarantee that those accredited to this body will not publish false news. Just two days ago, the Zambia Police refuted a Times of Zambia story as fake news! This is Zambia's oldest newspaper owned by the State, but they got their facts wrong! It happens in every profession, what is important is for media practitioners to own up when they make a mistake and apologise. That is the responsibility that the Minister must be talking about, and that virtue cannot be replaced by a self-regulatory media body.

We understand that Honourable Siliya is desperate to leave an impact in that Ministry, and we have a lot of confidence in her because she is a doer. But the consequences of establishing this body will do exactly the opposite of what she is trying to do. The horrific scenes that will ensue from this establishment will haunt her wherever she will go; and we believe that she will not be happy to have created a monster against journalists and handed it over to even worse, oppressive regimes that will

come after her PF gets out of office.

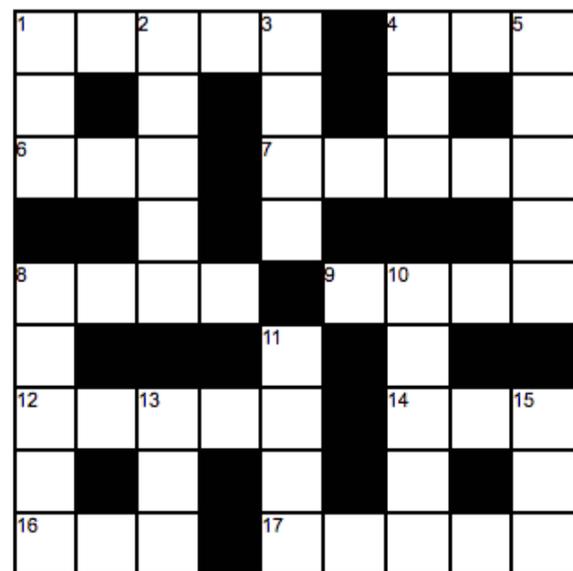
Our advice to Honourable Siliya is that she must invest her energies in delivering on her ATI Bill, which she has promised. That alone will be such a great achievement above over 10 ministers who have been in that office since this Bill was called for.

That is the legacy we want to remember Siliya for. We will stick pictures of her face in our newsroom to remind younger, future journalists about the Minister who made it possible for them to visit any Ministry or government institution and legally demand records, which they need for their investigations. A Minister who made it possible for journalists to break barriers in their investigation without the threat and fear of publishing "classified information".

Like President Lungu did to give people the Constitution they wanted, let Siliya also deliver the ATI Bill for us. To do this, she will need all the support from other Cabinet Ministers and government stakeholders. If there are any ministers who don't understand what the ATI Bill entails, we would like to encourage them to solicit an explanation from Honourable Siliya; and if she defines it the way she did at the Bloomberg Africa Business Media Innovators Conference in Livingstone last Sunday, we are sure everyone will help her achieve this legacy.

Please, give us the Access to Information Bill. We need it like yesterday! If it will bring more problems for us like the hurriedly-delivered Constitution, we will take the blame for pushing for this particular law, and we will make necessary amendments to perfect it. Like the Minister told Bloomberg delegates, the ATI Bill is not for the benefit of journalists only, it's for the government as well, and the citizens it governs. ATI will suppress fake news.

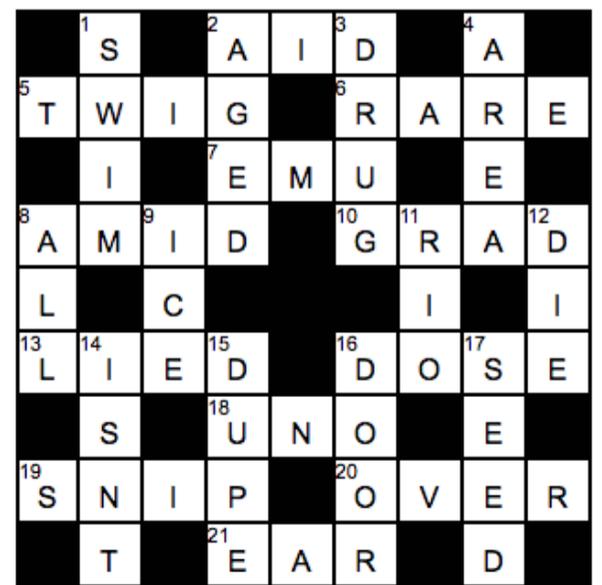
Crossword puzzle 235



*"The greatest crimes in the world are not committed by people breaking the rules but by people following the rules. It's people who follow orders that drop bombs and massacre villages."
- Banksy, Wall and Piece*

- | Across | Down |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mixer function | 1. Hanks movie |
| 4. Traffic problem | 2. Old-timer |
| 6. Zeus or Apollo | 3. Slightly wet |
| 7. Get hitched | 4. Shake |
| 8. Anger | 5. City official |
| 9. Mark from healed cut | 8. Hard to please |
| 12. One of 4 suits | 10. Wooden container |
| 14. Had a bite | 11. Pigsty |
| 16. Root vegetable | 13. Fingers to shoulder |
| 17. Bookcase part | 15. North pole helper |

Solutions to puzzle 234



Reader's feedback

Mushimba's 'crack squad' to stamp out cyber space abuse

Editor,

"Honourable Minister, what happens now to the freedom of expression in the Constitution? Please take your energies and resources to what will improve people's livelihoods." - Steven Kasafwa Nsan'ganyi

"Instead of a crack squad on corruption!" - Sika Musonda

"What about that abuse we suffer when you build an overpriced white elephant of an Airport in Ndola? We need a crack squad for such! Make another crack squad to deal with all those excited about listing our national assets and restructuring others, while not giving us good reasons for that." - Choolwe Mulenga

Lungu: it's 'hard' to develop opposition strongholds

Dear Editor,

"Very incompetent President and that has been his weakness. The zeal you traverse the countryside to canvass for the vote is the same vehicle you can use to deliver national development, without political colour or ethnicity, backed by the Constitution. Mr President, what you lack is your ability to manage divergent and critical views. The United States of America always has opposition, either Republican or Democrat, yet every part of America is developed." - Emmanuel Mwaba

"Our President is being very limited in his way of thinking; MPs are just a part of the development vehicle, but the major players are the PSSs, mayors and other government administrators. Can he please widen his scope." - Kelvin Machiko

"Chadiza is in Eastern Province where over 90% of the constituencies are PF. What development has Mr Lungu taken there?" - Alfred Herrera Maluba

"As if he is using personal resources and yet we all pay tax!" - Mambo Twambo

"Hard to take development to opposition strongholds; easy to take police and cadres to the same. Food for thought." - Roger Ziba

"But it's easy to collect taxes from the opposition's stronghold. What a shame!" - Collins Namatama

"The biggest mistake that we made was to allow this man become the President. I hope we've learnt our lesson not to make such mistakes in future." - Norah Mumpampa



Kalaba's pledge not to allow other people's wives to be dancing for him

Editor,

"Remember your second coming to Mansa? People's wives danced!" - Lubasi Lubasi

"After you resigned from your Ministerial position, you were seen lifted up by other people's children who were offering solidarity. People like to say what others would like hear even they don't mean it." - Piram Banda

"Hypocrisy at its best; other people's women and children welcomed you with dances in Luapula." - Bob Jacob Mwale

"HK is very far from ever being President to be preoccupied with who dances for him or not at the airport. At least not in 2021 nor in 2026. Let him instead focus on building his party structures, especially at grassroots level. His wild presidential ambitions are far-fetched & just unattainable...at least for now." - Andrew Siwabamundi

"It is tradition here in Africa to have troops of men and women perform for the President in order for him to achieve the incredible act of getting onto or getting off a plane. Do you now want to break that tradition, sir?" - Munongo Kafuta Shankaya

"That should be the least of your concerns or priorities as President. You are not their husband. So, if their husbands allow them to dance as a means of paving the way to their livelihoods, who are you to say no? After all, you politicians are the same; you become kings after assuming the Presidency. You conveniently forget

who you really are!" - Kanyata Mubita

"It's part of African politics. You can't run away from it. Stop them, and your party is doomed to fail." - Robert Mwanza

"They are paid as they dance to feed their families." - Martin Chomba

Princess Kasune, opposition MPs' critique of Rev. Sumaili in Parley

Editor,

"This will be the first Ministry to be dissolved, disbanded, discarded, disposed, dismissed, and dumped once UPND forms government!" - Charles Michelo Halwiindi

"Use sulphuric acid to dissolve this Ministry!" - Stan Li

"The only thing this Ministry has done is not let Zodwa to come and perform." - Manda Mands

"Ministry of Guidance and Religious Affairs. The primary function is not to provide pro-active guidance, but to voice out when a perceived transgression has been committed. For intents and purposes, the Ministry should have been the first to speak out against misappropriation of Social Cash Transfer funds, the immorality of examination leakages. We can't have a country of morally bankrupt citizens." - Ben Kauzeni

By Abraham Kalito

The three church mother bodies have revealed that President Edgar Lungu last week met his rival, UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema, to confer on the long overdue political dialogue and reconciliation process.

According to a communique signed by the Council of Churches in Zambia, Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia and the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops, Tuesday, President Lungu met Hichilema on November 12 and the two addressed each other as brothers.

“We the leaders of the three Church mother bodies namely; The Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ), the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia

Lungu, HH met reveal church mother bodies

(EFZ), and the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops (ZCCB) would like to inform the nation that: In our continued efforts to build consensus on the processes and issues that need to be taken into account in the national dialogue and reconciliation process we facilitated a meeting between H.E Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu and Mr Hakainde Hichilema on Monday 12th November

2018. We expressed our profound appreciation and gratitude that the two leaders were able to have this meeting facilitated by the Church without any pre-conditions. The landmark meeting was held at a cordial and friendly atmosphere. The church is also delighted to note that they addressed each other as brothers and great respect for each other,” read the statement. “The two leaders expressed

unconditional support to an inclusive and church led national dialogue and reconciliation process. They assured the Church of their availability and commitment to future direct engagements. In

conclusion we the three church mother bodies would like to assure the nation that we are full of hope for a quicker and successful national dialogue process. We remain committed to

carry out the mandate entrusted to us by the Zambian people and with the help of all well meaning Zambians and the mighty hand of God we will work towards realising the vision of the national dialogue namely the ‘desire for a conventions of hearts and minds, leading to a united reconciled and peaceful Zambia where all citizens freely participate in governance within a thriving social and economic environment.”

Debt repayment gobbles K1.5 billion in October

By Stuart Lisulo

Debt servicing payments gobbled K1.5 billion in October, 2018, representing around 25 per cent of government’s total expenditure during that month from the 2018 national budget.

In a 2018 budget brief issued from the Ministry of Finance, government paid K1.5 billion last month in debt servicing commitments out of a total of K6.1 billion that was released by the Ministry of Finance to fund various government operations.

Government’s debt servicing commitments ranked second in terms of the total amount spent, behind personal emoluments that swallowed K2.4 billion or nearly 40 per cent of total amount dispensed.

“During the month of October, 2018, the government released a total of K6.1 billion to finance various operations of the government. Out of the amount released, a total of K2.4 billion was released on personal emoluments; K1.5 billion on debt service; and K1.1 billion on grants and other payments, while the remainder of K1.1 billion was spent on other key programmes,” read the statement.

“Personal emoluments at K2.4 billion went towards timely payment of salaries to various civil servants including teachers, medical personnel and police officers. Grants to universities amounted to K80.1 million; student loans and scholarships amounted to K99.9 million; grants to schools amounted to K60.8 million; and, to enable implementation of planned activities, the Skills Development Fund was funded K20 million. K344.9 million was released to grant aided institutions for their operations, while various Ministries received K92 million. And to restock drugs and medical supplies in hospitals, the Treasury released K150 million to the Ministry of Health.”

In the agricultural sector, over K170 million was released last month to finance the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP), while the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) received K23 million.

“K170.3 million (summing to K1.142 billion in 2018) was released towards the FISP to cater for liquidation of outstanding arrears and implementation of the e-voucher programme for the forthcoming 2018/2019 farming season. The Food Security Pack, which also complements the FISP, has received a total of K50 million so far and the Food Reserve Agency got K23 million (totalling to K211.6 million released in 2018) for procurement of maize and other grains to meet the strategic reserve requirements,” it stated.

And the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) also received a grant amounting K61.7 million to enable the Authority implement planned activities aimed at enhancing tax collection.



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By Joseph Mwenda in Livingstone

Economist Chibamba Kanyama says all companies listed on the Lusaka Stock Exchange (LuSE) want to leave because they feel there is little or no money on the market.

And Kanyama says ZAFFICO's imminent listing and the politics around it is because of the copper deposits under the forestry company land, not only for the prized-Mukula Tree, which is on high demand in China. Speaking during a panel discussion at the Bloomberg Africa Business Media Innovators Conference in Livingstone, Tuesday, Kanyama argued that all

The Chinese are eyeing underground copper on ZAFFICO land - Chibamba

companies on the local bourse, except for a few newcomers, want to leave because they feel there is little or no money available in the Zambian economy.

The Bridges Limited founder was responding to question from a moderator who asked what more the

government can do to help create the environment needed for entrepreneurs to flourish in the country.

"Two things come to mind. The first thing we discovered is that, there is not a single company, apart from the newest babies on the stock market; these are

locally-owned companies raising money for micro-financing. All the others that came through the privatisation programme; these are the Zambia Sugar, SAB Miller, Lafarge...none of these want to remain on the stock market. In fact, they will tell you that; 'your market is not deep

enough, we don't need your money'" Kanyama disclosed.

"The copper mining companies would not want to list on the stock market here because they will tell you; 'you are not deep enough; you are too small.' So, there is not a single company out of the 22 [on the LuSE], which

wants to remain on the stock market. And for us, that is an elephant in the room; nobody wants to talk about it, but it is real." And when asked about government's move to list ZAFFICO on such a shallow stock market, Kabamba could not categorically state whether he supports the move, but went on to explain that ZAFFICO's listing and the politics around it is because of the copper deposits under the land it sits on.

He observed that the Chinese would be the most likely prospective buyers of shares in ZAFFICO, because of its copper deposits.

"On the ZAFFICO, which is a political issue now in Zambia, and because of the undertones of Chinese involvement, it sits on huge land and this is where copper deposits are. So, ZAFFICO politics is about the increasing value of this land; in other words, Zambians are not really getting the message of listing. What they think is happening is that, somebody knows what is underground and their interest is not disclosed," Kanyama, a former ZNBC Director-General, said.

"The interest is the future value of that land; not necessarily about the forest, but the underground copper. So, the suspicions around there is about disclosure; government has not communicated sufficiently to the people. Will there be an attraction of other investors apart from the Chinese if it (ZAFFICO) is listed? No! The Chinese know more than we do, and that is what the politics is about." Meanwhile, Kanyama advised media practitioners in the country to look to external markets to attract additional investors in the industry.

"As long as those higher returns we are talking about in emerging markets do not register in higher per Capita Incomes, I do not see anyone investing in a media company whose market is within the domestic market, unless media companies look for markets outside there where those higher returns are registered," said Kanyama.

Mutembo exposes Chanoda

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Former Director of Public Prosecutions Muntembo Nchinto has charged that PF sympathiser Chanoda Ngwira is being used by some people with legal minds to interfere with proceedings in a matter in which he is challenging his removal as DPP.

This was after Chanoda failed to explain what he meant by "character evidence" in his letters to Supreme Court Judges Mumba Malila and Albert Woods, where he threatened to commence private criminal proceedings against the judges if they proceeded to give witness statements against the State.

Meanwhile, Chanoda says he has reported justices Malila and Woods to Woodlands Police Station so that they can be investigated for accepting to be witnesses without prior clearance from the court.

In this matter, Mutembo had applied for leave in the Constitutional Court to commence contempt proceedings against Chanoda for threatening justices with criminal action if they did not step down.

When the matter came up for hearing, Tuesday, before a full bench of five Constitutional Court judges; Mungeni Mulenga, Enock Mulembe, Palan Mulonda, Prof Margaret Munalula and Martin Musaluke, Mutembo said witnesses should be free to testify without any intimidation or threats adding that it was difficult for him to get those two witnesses.

He submitted that Chanoda's

conduct undermined the due administration of justice and was therefore contemptuous.

"The conduct of the alleged contemnor was an attempt to pervert the course of justice. It is clear that his goal is to prevent the witnesses from giving evidence. The sole purpose of proceeding with contempt is to give the court the power to ensure that it's able to protect its function by ensuring that the administration of justice is not obstructed," he said.

Mutembo prayed that Chanoda be committed for contempt.

However, before Mutembo, who is the only witness in this matter, could be cross examined, Chanoda's lawyer Kennedy Mambwe asked for guidance from the court saying the petitioner should show from the evidence whether Chanoda had a case to answer. Justice Mulenga however told Mambwe to state his position on whether there was any dispute on the facts in terms of the two letters.

In response, Mambwe said the burden of proving that those letters addressed to the two judges were written by Chanoda, lay in the petitioner. He said Chanoda did not dispute writing the said letters, but how they were published on social media, he was not admitting.

At this point, justice Mulenga asked Chanoda to take the stand and state his facts so that it could be determined whether it was contempt.

In his examination in chief, Chanoda admitted writing the

said letters.

And in cross examination, Chanoda explained that the purpose of writing the said letters and publishing them on his Facebook page was to inform the public that the said justices committed an offence by accepting to be witnesses against the State when they were officers of the Judiciary. He added that it was also to inform the public of his intended action if the two justices did not do as per his demands.

Asked how he was going to stop "a commission of an offence" as he stated in his affidavit in opposition, Chanoda said he intended to stop a crime by going for private prosecution against the two judges.

Asked when he became a lawyer or crimes investigator, Chanoda said he was not one, that's why he had asked the justices to step down to allow investigations.

Further asked if he knew what character evidence was as he stated in his letters, Chanoda failed to define the concept.

Chanoda, however, said what he had stated in his letters was that, "I notice that section 5,4 of the judicial code of conduct act prohibits you as judicial officers from acting as witness to the character of Mr Mutembo Nchito."

Asked what the judges said about his (Mutembo's) character in their witness statements which caused him to give them a five day ultimatum, Chanoda admitted that, that was not in the letters.

At this point, Mutembo put it to him that he did not write

the said letters but was being used by someone with a legal mind to interfere with the proceedings.

"I put it you that you did not write this letter, you were being used to interfere with the proceedings before this court by some people who know the law better than you," Mutembo said.

But Chanoda insisted that he was the one who wrote the letters.

Mutembo, however, told him that it was better to say sorry when his accusations couldn't be backed up but Chanoda insisted that he was able to produce backup evidence.

"You admit that you don't know what character evidence is. You are accusing judges of the Supreme Court, lawyers about things you know nothing about. You don't know. It's better when you have made a mistake to say 'sorry I was talking about things that I don't know'. You don't know the law yourself do you," said Mutembo.

Asked when he was commencing the private prosecution after giving the judges a five-day ultimatum, Chanoda said he had already started.

"I have actually reported the matter to the police, Woodlands Police Station. I wrote to the two justices so that they can know that they committed an offence by accepting to be witnesses without prior clearance from the court," Chanoda said.

The matter comes up on December 10, 2018 for final hearing.

PNG police, soldiers storm parliament over unpaid bonuses

Papua New Guinea police and soldiers stormed the country's parliament Tuesday, assaulting staff, smashing windows and demanding unpaid APEC bonuses just days after the international summit wrapped up, police and witnesses said.

The impoverished Pacific nation had rolled out the red carpet for visiting world leaders during the two-day conference and bought 40 Maseratis to ferry the dignitaries around.

The officers headed to parliament in the capital Port Moresby to express their dissatisfaction following a meeting with the police commissioner and the police minister over the allowances, PNG MP Bryan Kramer said in a video posted on Facebook. Kramer said "numerous staff of parliament were

assaulted during this confrontation" before the group left the building and gathered outside demanding an answer from the government.

A Facebook video he posted of the scene showed smashed pot plants, photo frames knocked to the floor and broken glass and furniture.

PNG police spokesman Dominic Kakas confirmed the incident and told AFP they were "dealing with it". He did not yet know how many police and soldiers were involved.

A witness outside parliament told AFP "hundreds of police and troops" had been standing on the building's front steps complaining that they had not been paid the special APEC duty allowance of 350 kina (US\$104).

"The scene outside parliament is very tense.

There are dozens of police cars and army vehicles," the witness said, adding that a nearby hotel was in lockdown and the protesters were blocking traffic. The group later marched down the street towards a nearby stadium. The chief executive of

PNG's APEC Secretariat Chris Hawkins said the payment would "normally take a week to process at the end of a major event". "The meeting ended two days ago and the security operation is now winding down," he added in a statement to Australian

national broadcaster ABC. "The payment of individual allowances has already commenced and individual security force members should check with their banks as payments are made." Some locals in PNG, the poorest member of APEC,

had expressed anger with the government's lavish expense for the summit, which came at a time when the developing nation of eight million people is battling a polio outbreak and the resurgence of malaria, while struggling to pay its teachers. **AFP**

Kenya targets 'fish thieves' with new coastguard patrol

Kenya's president has launched the country's first coastguard to protect and monitor its territorial waters.

It will guard against illegal fishing, which President Uhuru Kenyatta says costs Kenya about \$100m (£78m) a year.

It is also intended to secure territorial waters against smuggling and drug trafficking.

Until now, Kenya's maritime security depended solely on the Navy. Authorities say it will now be free to focus on security and military

affairs.

But Kenya's coastguard currently only has one boat, which means the new force will still rely heavily on the Navy until it finds its footing, says the BBC's Ferdinand Omondi in the capital, Nairobi.

The Navy has often undertaken joint anti-drugs operations with other security forces in the coastal city of Mombasa. In 2014 on President Kenyatta's orders, it destroyed a ship alleged to have been carrying illegal drugs worth \$12.6m (£9.8m).

Launching the coastguard unit near the shore of Mombasa, President Kenyatta unveiled the vessel - called the MV Doria - that has been commissioned for surveillance purposes.

At the event, Mr Kenyatta said foreign vessels trawling Kenyan waters was a major concern. He later tweeted about the need to guard against foreign vessels who "steal our fish".

Many African countries complain that foreign

trawlers come into their waters and steal their fish. Fishermen in the West African nations of Senegal and Mauritania say the mass production of fishmeal by foreigners is depleting fish stocks.

Piracy off the coast of Somalia, usually for ransom, reached its peak in 2011 but has reduced significantly in recent years, in part because of extensive international military patrols as well as support for local fishing communities.

Some Somali fishermen turned to piracy after their livelihoods were destroyed by illegal fishing from foreign trawlers, who benefited from the lack of a functioning coastguard in the country following years of conflict.

'Overwhelmed and under-resourced'

In the vast Kenyan waters, the underfunded maritime police have been overwhelmed.

The International Organisation for Migration has named Kenya as a major transit point for human trafficking and the sex trade.

This new force launches with plenty of optimism, but just one boat. That's hardly enough to patrol Kenya's coastline which stretches over 621 miles (1,000km).

And there's Lake Victoria, where Kenyan fishermen have long complained of harassment from Ugandan forces on contested waters.

To succeed where the maritime police failed, the Kenya Coast Guard will need political backing and resources. Lots of it. **BBC**



French President Emmanuel Macron (R) toasts to Belgium's Queen Mathilde during a state dinner at the Royal Palace in Laeken, Belgium on Monday, during a two-day state visit of the French President. **AFP**

Federal Judge halts Trump's asylum ban

A US federal judge has blocked an order issued by President Trump to deny asylum to migrants crossing the southern US border illegally.

US District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco issued the temporary restraining order after

hearing arguments by civil rights groups.

Mr Trump signed the order earlier this month in response to the migrant caravan moving towards the border.

He cited national interest concerns but was opposed by

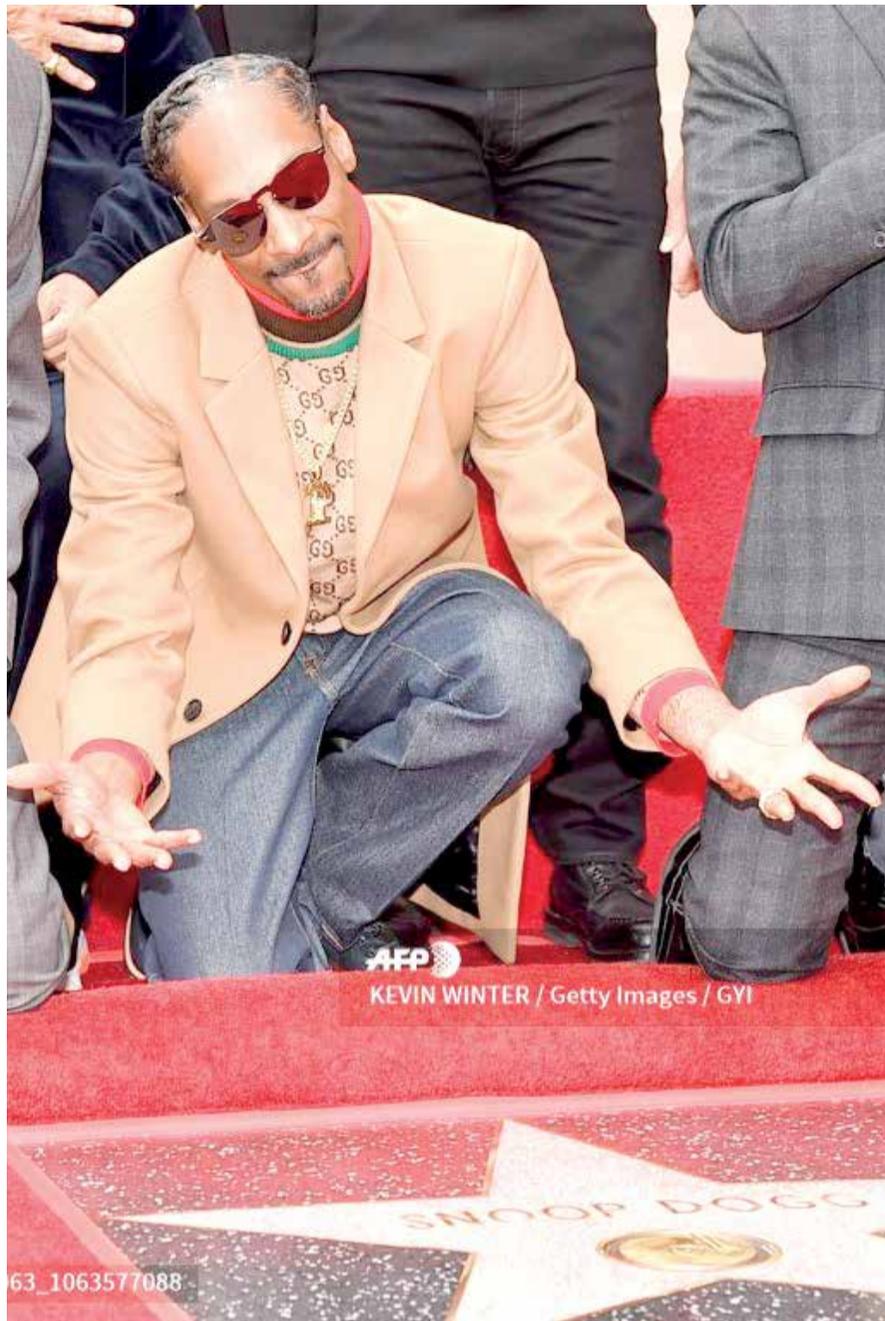
civil rights groups.

They brought the San Francisco case saying his decision was illegal.

Judge Tigar, in his ruling, said current legislation makes it clear that any foreigner arriving in the US "whether or not at a

designated port of arrival" can apply for asylum.

"Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," he added. **BBC**



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Snoop Dogg is honored with a star on The Hollywood Walk Of Fame on Hollywood Boulevard on Monday in Los Angeles, California. AFP

Snoop Dogg Receives Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

Rapper Snoop Dogg, a 16-time Grammy nominee, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Monday, four days before the 25th anniversary of the release of his debut album "Doggystyle." Talk show host Jimmy Kimmel, record producer Quincy Jones and the rapper Dr. Dre were among those attending the ceremony in front of the El Capitan Entertainment Center on Hollywood Boulevard where Kimmel's show is taped. After thanking friends and family, Snoop Dogg ended his acceptance speech by quipping, "I want to thank me." "I want to thank me for believing in me," he said. "I want to thank me for doing all this hard work. I want to thank me for having no days off. I want to thank me for never quitting. I want to thank me for always being a giver, and trying to give more than I receive. I want to thank me for trying to do more right than wrong. I want to thank me for just being me at all times." **NBC**

Chinese erotic novelist jailed for 10 yrs for gay sex scenes

A Chinese writer has been given a 10 year sentence for writing and selling a novel which featured gay sex scenes. The writer, identified as Liu, was jailed by a court in Anhui province last month

for producing and selling "obscene material". Her novel, titled "Occupation", featured "male homosexual behaviour... including perverted sexual acts like violation and abuse."

But her lengthy jail term has sparked protest across Chinese social media. According to the Beijing News, Liu - better known by her online alias Tian Yi - has now filed an appeal to the court. Pornography is illegal in China.

'Too much' On 31 October, Liu was sentenced to jail by the People's Court of Wuhu for making and selling "obscene material" for profit, according to local news site Wuhu news. However, details of the hearing only emerged on Chinese media outlets this week. Police officials were first alerted to her novel after it started to gain popularity online. Liu is said to have sold over 7,000 copies of Occupation and other erotic novels and made 150,000 yuan (\$21,604, £16,782) in profit, reported state news outlet the Global Times. But many social media users argued that the sentence she received was excessive. "10 years for a novel? That's too much," said one social media user on Weibo. Another referenced an incident in 2013, where a former official was sentenced to eight years in prison for raping a four year old girl. "Those found guilty of rape get less than 10 years in jail. This writer gets 10 years," another Weibo user added. **BBC**

Indian man in prison for cracking 'offensive' jokes

For nearly a month, a 41-year-old Indian man has been in prison for posting five satirical tweets. In September, Abhijit Iyer-Mitra, a Delhi-based defence specialist with some 20,000 Twitter followers posted what he himself described as a "disparaging" video from a visit to the 13th Century Konark temple in the eastern state of Orissa. Following outrage against his "vulgar" comments about the temple, which features erotic sculptures, he quickly clarified that the tweet was a joke, and the sculptures were "exquisite". The other tweets appear to be making fun of the people of the state and another of its famous temples. Two locals filed police complaints saying the tweets had hurt the sentiments of the 40 million people who live in Orissa, which is known for its historic temples, sun-washed beaches and delicious cuisine. It's another matter that there has been no public agitation against Mr Iyer-Mitra for his comments and that one of his offending tweets got just seven likes and one retweet. Multiple charges But Mr Iyer-Mitra has been slapped with a bewildering array of charges for his "crimes". He's been accused of promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and race in a place of worship, insulting religious feelings and creating "public nuisance". He has been charged with an "obscene act in a public place". A protection of ancient monument law has been invoked to charge him with misuse of the Konark temple where he recorded his video. And the information and technology law has been dredged up to charge him with sending offensive messages. As if all this was not enough, Mr Iyer-Mitra has also been accused of defamation under a controversial colonial-era law. At least two of the charges are non-bailable and, if found guilty, he could spend five years in prison.

Mr Iyer-Mitra has apologised unreservedly "I beg apology because of my stupidity," he said - to Orissa's lawmakers. Despite that, police have pressed on with the charges and a lower court has refused to grant him bail, saying he could intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence. (Such apprehensions have been rubbished by a former Supreme Court judge.) Twice, Mr Iyer-Mitra's bail pleas in the lower court have been rejected. Even the Supreme Court has refused to grant him bail saying he was "inciting religious faith". The top court judge said jail was the safest place for him if he feared for his life, a remark which rights group Amnesty International found "deeply worrying". To make matters worse, a 78-day-old strike by lawyers in Orissa protesting against the alleged assault of a colleague has meant that Mr Iyer-Mitra has had to personally plead for bail in makeshift courts set up in the prison where he's being held. **BBC**



Neymar's decision to leave Barcelona was "a terrible sin on his behalf", says Clarence Seedorf, with it suggested that the Brazilian needs a return to Camp Nou or a switch to Real Madrid.

The man widely considered to be one of the finest players on the planet opted to walk out on La Liga heavyweights in Catalunya back in the summer of 2017, as a €222 million (£198m/\$254m) deal took him to Paris Saint-Germain.

It was suggested that Neymar needed to free himself from Lionel Messi's shadow in order to become a superstar in his own right, but Seedorf believes the 26-year-old needs world-class talent alongside him.

He does boast a number of talented team-mates at PSG, such as World

Neymar leaving Barcelona was a terrible sin - Seedorf

Cup winner Kylian Mbappe, but he is the undisputed talisman of the team and virtually untouchable in all that he does.

Former Madrid star Seedorf feels those surroundings are not ideal for Neymar, stating in Sport amid reports of a possible move back to Spain: "Neymar's talent is undisputed, but he needs a squad that can help him grow in order to give the best of himself because he won't achieve that on his own.

"I honestly believe that leaving Barcelona so quickly was a terrible sin

on his behalf.

"If he had stayed in the club for two more seasons, things could've worked out differently for him. But now he is at PSG and that's the path he needs to follow.

"Neymar also needs a manager who can give

him what he needs, because he is still very young and he hasn't been in Europe for too long.

"He also needs to play alongside other footballers who are better than he is, I'm not talking about players

who rival his quality as a footballer but people who have won bigger titles than he has.

"These players can teach him about different experiences and they can also teach him more respect."

Barcelona have not

closed the door on a second spell at Camp Nou for Neymar, while Real Madrid have never made any secret of their interest in a man who fits the 'Galactico' recruitment mould at the Santiago Bernabeu. **Goal.com**

UFC to open 'world's largest MMA centre' in Shanghai

UFC made a major play for the potentially

huge Chinese market on Tuesday, saying it

will invest \$13 million to open the world's largest MMA training and development base in Shanghai.

Performance Institute Shanghai will open in mid-2019 and help nurture the next generation of Chinese mixed martial arts fighters, the United States-based UFC said. The announcement was made four days ahead of UFC's first event in Beijing -- last year Shanghai hosted UFC's maiden fight card in mainland China.

The new centre will be three times the size of UFC's original performance institute in Las Vegas and boast facilities for fighters and fans over two floors.

It will include two

Octagons, a boxing ring and equipment such as underwater treadmills, together with a team of full-time experts.

Top promotions are setting their sights on China, where MMA's rapid growth and the country's ancient martial arts traditions are fuelling predictions that it could become the sport's next frontier. UFC chief operating officer Lawrence Epstein said that there are 10 Chinese fighters on the UFC roster but he hopes there will be 10 times more in future.

"We wanted to come to China and make an investment in this market," said Epstein.

"Half of our business is outside the US so international growth is incredibly important to us.

"China has become a top-five market for us in any metric that we look at and has the potential to be larger than the leader right now, which is the United States."

Kevin Chang, vice-president of UFC in Asia-Pacific, called the Shanghai centre "a defining moment for UFC in Asia" and said it will also serve as the organisation's headquarters in the region. **AFP**



Kenya centre Collins Injera is tackled during the defeat to Canada in the World Cup qualifying tournament. **AFP**

Dembele should be more responsible - Suarez

Luis Suarez, a three-time biter of opposition players, said Monday that Barcelona teammate Ousmane Dembele should be "more responsible" after he reportedly missed training following a marathon nocturnal video gaming session.

Dembele was dropped by the Spanish champions for last week's shock 4-3 home defeat to Real Betis following what coach Ernesto Valverde called a "sporting assessment".

But sports daily As reports that the Catalans are worried not only that he might be addicted to gaming, but also that it might

ruin his career at the club.

And Suarez, no stranger to disciplinary issues himself, says that the 21-year-old France international, signed for an initial fee of 105 million euros, needs to follow the more virtuous example set by some of his Barca colleagues.

"Ousmane knows that football is a privilege for every player, maybe he should concentrate more and be more responsible regarding certain things," the Uruguay striker told reporters ahead of his country's clash with France at the Stade de France on Tuesday.

"There are examples of

professionalism at Barca that he can draw inspiration from. He'll continue to learn, with that self-confidence that will enable him to succeed at Barcelona."

Suarez has attracted controversy throughout his career. He was banned for biting players during his time at Ajax -- where he was nicknamed "Cannibal" by the Dutch press -- and Liverpool.

But he most famously took a chunk out of Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini during Uruguay's final group game in the 2014 World Cup, throwing himself to the ground as Chiellini showed bite marks and Italy's

players protested to the referee.

Amid the chaos Uruguay won a corner and scored the winning goal that took them through and knocked 10-man Italy out.

Suarez was handed a record nine-game World Cup ban and barred from any football-related activity for four months by FIFA, meaning that he was unable to make his debut for Barca until late October that year.

In 2011 he was banned for eight matches by the Football Association for racially abusing Patrice Evra during a clash between Liverpool and Manchester United. **AFP**



Green Buffaloes's long distance athletes after winning big on Saturday in Ndola.

Mwiinga to quit 800m races

By Alex Chilumbwe
 800 metres national record holder Brenani Mwiinga says he wants to quit the race because he believes that he will never break his own record owing to new races he is competing in. Mwiinga who has personal best time of 1 minute, 50 seconds and 13 milliseconds in 800m, noted that it will not be possible for him to break his own record because his speed had been affected by long distance races. Mwiinga told Goal Diggers! that he cannot manage to maintain both long and mid race endurance simultaneously. "The time I have in 800m is just too good to be broken again. My coach is using me in long races that I have actually won but that has left me with more endurance and less speed. Even though I still win 800m race, my time is not improving," Mwiinga said. The Green Buffaloes double-

edged athlete has been in five long race competitions and has scooped Gold in four, with the latest being the intercompany competition held in Ndola on November 17. He participated in the 12.5 kilometre race and won gold with a time record of 34 minutes. The Silver and Bronze medals were scooped by his club mates Boniface Himwaaba and Ogen Chitambo in that order. In the 21 kilometre race, Buffaloes maintained dominance as Andrew Mwanza recorded a personal best time of 1 hundred and 6 seconds while Zambia National Service got Silver. The combatants however bounced back by scooping Bronze and the fourth position. Zambia Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) Copperbelt Regional Office Head Samuel Matete, heralded Buffaloes for staying on top of their game in all competitions. "They are an exceptional club that always outdoes itself in every competition. Keep in mind that most of these athletes are not even employed but they work extra hard for their club. Other clubs should take a leaf from Buffaloes and make competitions more competitive," said Matete.

KundanANJI turns focus on Nigeria

By Alex Chilumbwe
 Shepolopolo's rising star Racheal KundanANJI says the team will not get carried away by the 5-0 win over Equatorial Guinea but exude more energy and hard work in the next game. KundanANJI who was voted Player of the Match after Equatorial Guinea bashing told FAZ.football.com that the team would continue working hard in order for them to achieve the World Cup goal. "Our next game against Nigeria will be tough but we shall go into that

game with full force. We know why we are here and enough is enough. We have lost enough," KundanANJI said. KundanANJI started playing football last year and made her first appearance on the international scene at the 2018 South Africa Cosafa tournament. The Striker said she did not expect to be voted Player of the Match considering she was new in the team. "As an individual I am proud of myself. I had never expected that

my coming to Ghana something like this could happen," added KundanANJI. Zambia soared to the top of Group B after thumping Equatorial Guinea 5-0 and will face Nigeria today in the team's second match. Nigeria suffered a 1-0 opening day loss to South Africa.

Zebra of Botswana as part of preparations for the COSAFA Championship. Zambia will play Botswana on Sunday with the venue tentatively set for Edwin Imboela Stadium. Coach Charles Bwale is currently drilling his

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U-20 to play Botswana in friendly on Sunday

By Alex Chilumbwe
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Mwape to unleash Barbara as he airs wingback concerns

By Alex Chilumbwe
 While Shepolopolo coach Bruce Mwape has put confidence in the return of Spain-based Barbara Banda on the pitch at the on-going African Women Football tournament, he has expressed little confidence in his fullbacks saying they struggle to win balls on one-on-one situations. Mwape said that Banda who missed the opening match against Equatorial Guinea because of the two yellow cards she accumulated

during qualifiers, would be paired with scoring genius Racheal KundanANJI to give the Nigerian defence double trouble. Speaking to the press in Cape Coast, Ghana, Mwape bemoaned the skills and level of competency exhibited by his two defence wingers. "As much as I'm excited that Banda will play when we face Nigeria tomorrow, I have little confidence in my wing fullbacks. They are not exactly tough in one

on one situations, they usually fail to win balls. But if Nigeria will play an open game, we will know what to do because we watched their match against South Africa," he said. Mwape further said that Banda and KundanANJI's speed would be one of the reasons the Copper Queens will qualify for the semifinals. He added that the ladies were always reminded of how imperative it is for them to

achieve a top three finish and consequently qualify for 2019 World Cup. "The strikers and the midfielders are brilliant. They all have speed especially Banda and KundanANJI. We are always reminding them that they need to qualify for World Cup if they fail to win the tournament. Although Nigeria is going to come wounded following their loss to South Africa, we will level the playing ground and win," said Mwape.

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...as Shepolopolo seeks to extend fortunes



Netherlands' captain Virgil van Dijk (L) equalised in the 91st minute to grab a point in Monday's 2-2 draw against Germany, which was enough to put the Dutch into the Nations League semi-finals at the expense of world champions France. AFP

Ronaldinho will always be the best, says Deco

Ex-Barcelona and Chelsea midfielder Deco fondly recalls his time alongside Ronaldinho at Camp Nou, insisting that the 2002 World Cup winner will always be the best in his eyes.

The two men played together in Catalunya between 2004 and 2008, winning two La Liga titles and the Champions League under the tutelage of Frank Rijkaard.

The Brazil international was widely regarded as the world's best player during that time, but over the last decade, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo have set new standards in terms of goalscoring, team success and individual accolades.

The Juventus striker and Argentine talisman have each won five of the last ten Ballon d'Or awards and remain the top two footballers in Europe, but Deco still believes that Ronaldinho was in a class of his own.

"From the outset, it is clear that Leo and Cristiano are the greatest," the Portuguese star told AS. Goal.com

