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I'm bound to meet Lungu for talks after UPND, says Nevers

By Abraham Kalito

Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) president Nevers Mumba says since disengaging from the UPND, he has not yet met President Edgar Lungu, but

adds that the meeting is bound to happen between the two of them soon.

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Lusaka Province Permanent Secretary Charles Sipanje yesterday, through the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC), apologised to tax payers for the theft and wastage of public funds under his administration.

Sipanje, who appeared before the Committee to re-submit his responses to the audit queries cited in the Auditor General's Report for the financial year ended December 31, 2017, also angered the Committee members after it was discovered that his deputy and four other accounting officers had made several irregular withdrawals in his absence and concealed the information.

Solwezi West UPND member of parliament Teddy Kasonso was the first one to express disappointment, saying Lusaka Province was the worst provincial administration in terms of public finance management.

"Before I even go to specifics, I want to say that this sitting for Lusaka Province, for me, is the worst so far. My question is, is there capacity at Lusaka Province in terms of financial management? Everything here is as if there is no PS, there are no accountants! PS, have you got the capacity? I am being very specific? Things have broken down! This is the worst ever since we started sitting," Kasonso observed.

Milenge constituency PF member of parliament Mwansa Mbulakulima echoed Kasonso's query and equally added his disappointment.

"I want to follow what honourable Kasonso has said, [and] even the people who have accompanied you, controlling officer, who are very highly educated and you don't have to wait for the public accounts to remind you of this or public accounts to get annoyed! In your earlier submission, you had given us that the releases by Ministry of Finance; this is the column and on your own, you have submitted that this is what you had released to various departments giving us the variances. And that is the reason why you are saying this under-funding must be explained," Mbulakulima said.

"Now, on your own, you have brought another schedule, which changes everything. Acting financial director, you know from accounting point of it the importance of materiality. Now with this shift, surely, do you think you can go to any conference or any meeting and then you survive, you expect people to just clap for you? What will stop us thinking that you are now just window dressing? You are just trying to cover-up. I feel very disappointed!"

PAC grills Sipanje, as he apologises for theft in Lusaka Province

Sipanje in his response conceded the irregularities under his administration and detailed them.

"Obviously, I do have the capacity, but as I had indicated earlier on, chair, things at Lusaka Provincial Administration went terribly wrong, why? This is an institution, which if you know the structure of the province, the Permanency Secretary is assisted by senior officers and very key, the deputy Permanent Secretary, who also chairs the finance committee, and also the principal accountant. Now, if you have the same people who are supposed to be assisting the CEO of the institution; officers who are also signatory to all the accounts and they are the ones in the forefront to do wrong things, a lot of information was concealed," narrated.

He said having served as PS for seven years, this provincial report was the worst ever among all his reports.

"When these anomalies were discovered, I was also shocked and if I show you the schedule, with your permission, the way monies had been withdrawn during the period I had taken leave; as you might be aware I am entitled to 42 working days and there is a requirement that we all take leave. There is no commutation of days because of austerity measures. With your permission, I will show you the schedule on how money was withdrawn when I was on leave and how money was signed for by the

deputy Permanent Secretary and the principal accountant. Because these are two officers who had done wrong things, they had to conceal a lot of things. But, yes, I agree [that] wrong things were done and that is why four accounting officers have already been dismissed and one senior DPS (deputy Permanent Secretary) is under suspension pending his further determination of his case," Sipanje explained as he displayed a schedule of withdrawals amounting to over K2.2 million.

"Having been Permanent Secretary for seven years, this has also been one of my

worst reports, I can confirm. Through you, chair, we, as provincial administration, would also like to say: 'sorry' to the tax payers," Sipanje submitted.

But Mbulakulima told the sorrowful PS to stop handing public funds as if it were "his father's petty cash."

"We are not going to gloss over this matter, it is one of those issues that we should stand firm on and ensure that justice prevails. Public funds must be recovered. You cannot be playing with money like it's your father's petty cash! So, we call upon the law enforcement agencies

because sometimes also they relax a lot. Issues of this nature must be taken seriously and at a faster rate, [but] of course, without a miscarriage of justice and that way we are going to restore confidence on the Zambian people," Mbulakulima said.

In sending off the controlling officer, Committee chairperson Howard Kunda asked Sipanje to put in better control measures to avoid facing the same problem.

"And you have conceded here that this has been your worst report on the matters that I have referred to, and that is to talk about poor

record-keeping and you have conceded here that poor record-keeping is the reason why some of the queries have come about because some people have opted not to give the auditors the information that they require when they are there. Of course, you have referred that there were some officers, who were just doing theft, just stealing government resources and, therefore, they were hiding the information because they didn't want to be caught at that time. So, it is very important that systems are put in place to ensure that these records are kept properly. We don't want in fact to see you here, PS, to come and appear before this Committee to be asked about these issues," said Kunda.



Zambia Police choir sings at the first religious leaders indaba hosted by the Ministry of Health under the theme 'Health evangelism towards universal coverage, leaving no one behind' held at Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Marrying off children won't bring you riches, only problems, Sinda DC warns parents

By Zindikilani Banda

Sinda district commissioner Paradios Sakala says marrying off children brings more problems than good and parents must instead focus on educating their offspring. Speaking when he handed over a renovated classroom block worth K70,000 to the community in Sinda constituency, Tuesday, Sakala said education was the only weapon which could be used to eradicate poverty.

"School is the weapon that can redeem us from poverty and other devastating issues that we might face but it's sad that education is not valued by some of you parents because all you see in the beauty of your children is money. We love money so much thinking marrying off our beautiful children especially girls will make us rich yet you attract more problems. Let's not sell our children to marriage because their

beauty is not for money but bright future, Sakala said.

"Look some of you are not educated, you can't read, you can't write and you still want to go somewhere for someone to read a letter for you? Educate your own child so that he or she can write and read for you. We are living in a computer generation such that without education you won't enjoy anything, the messages even in our phones it's mostly in English and you want children to remain uneducated! no we can't go like that. Today we are handing over the block and it needs children to be there but if you marry them off who will utilize the block?"

He challenged teachers to inculcate good morals in pupils seeing that they spent more time with them than with parents.

"Teach children good morals, teach them things that can benefit them now and in future but not songs and

dances at two by two catappillar! That way you are fueling HIV/AIDS in some way but teach them things that will inculcate good discipline in them," said Sakala

And PTA chairperson Innocent Ngoma thanked government for the block saying the school had a lot of pupils but lacked classroom space.

"We would like to thank government for the block. Truly we have a lot of pupils here and the challenge is classes and I am pretty sure this one will take us a step ahead and for that, we say thank you and when resources are available keep assisting us," said Ngoma.

Meanwhile, village headmen Seya Abasi Phiri, who spoke on behalf of all traditional leaders, appealed for help from government saying their subjects survived on mangoes.

"Bwana DC we are dying here with hunger because these people you see survive on mangoes and soon the

fruits will finish how are we going to survive? So we appeal to government to help us with relief maize and we believe you the commissioner will speak for us to the rightful offices," said Phiri.

He also lamented that evoucher had brought so much confusion and asked government to quickly intervene because a lot of names had been removed from the system without any reason, a situation which worried a lot of farmers.

Meanwhile Kasangazi area councillor Jonathan Phiri thanked government, communities and their subjects for the cooperation shown during the renovation of the block and urged them to keep the cooperation intact.

The block was first built in 1963 and in 2012, it became a danger to the teachers and pupils a situation which made government to intervene by funding it in 2017.

Drop contempt charges against Chifire, demands Amnesty International

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Amnesty International's Regional Director for Southern Africa Deprose Muchena says the contempt of court charges against SANAC executive director Gregory Chifire should be dropped immediately because they are a total fabrication and make a mockery of justice.

In a statement issued by Amnesty International – Southern Africa media manager Robert Shivambu, Wednesday, the institution stated that Chifire's contempt case was designed to silence his activism work.

Muchena said Chifire's trial was an affront to the right to freedom of expression, adding that his only crime had been to ask the Zambian judiciary to ensure accountability within its ranks.

"A Zambian human rights activist is facing jail simply for accusing the country's judiciary of corruption. This trial is an affront to the right to freedom of expression. Gregory Chifire's only 'crime' has been to ask the Zambian judiciary to ensure accountability within its ranks. The contempt of court charges against Chifire are a total fabrication. They make a mockery of justice and must be dropped immediately," said Muchena.

"The Zambian authorities should be supporting the free exercise of the right to freedom of expression, not suppressing it. Gregory's case smacks of censorship and victimisation, designed to silence his activism work." Chifire's verdict and sentencing will be delivered on Friday, November 23, following a trial on four contempt of court charges. The four contempt of

court charges against Chifire, emanate from his questioning of a Supreme Court judgement handed down in March 2018 involving two large corporations.

The case involved a local bank, Stanbic, referring a local company, Savenda, to a credit bureau for blacklisting on allegations that it defaulted on a loan repayment.

In a letter to the chief justice, Chifire described the judgment as having "omitted very crucial evidence" that formed the basis for the awarding of damages to Savenda and asked for the judges suspected to be responsible to be investigated.

He was summoned to appear in court on July 17 and later faced trial.

The hearing of his case was concluded on September 19, this year.



Rastafarians attend the workshop organized by the Ministry of Health under the theme 'Health evangelism towards universal coverage, leaving no one behind' held at Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka yesterday

– Picture by Tenson Mkhala

CCZ admonishes Sumaili over 'Jesus is in the boat remarks'

By Mirriam Chabala

Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) General Secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya has admonished Religious Affairs Minister Reverend Godfridah Sumaili for saying Jesus is in the PF boat.

Addressing a rally in Kaoma last Sunday, Rev Sumaili said Jesus Christ is the PF boat and that voting for newly elected Mangango member of parliament Godwin Putu

was like voting for Jesus.

"Jesus ali mu bwato. If Jesus is not there, there is no security, there is no peace. That's why we want a government that honors Jesus. Jesus is in the boat so when we vote for Putu, we are voting for Jesus... Hallelujah, Amen. So on the 20th of November, we are choosing Putu, on the boat and we are selecting for Jesus. God bless you," said Reverend Sumaili before asking the crowd

to flash the PF symbol.

But in an interview, Fr Chikoya cautioned Reverend Sumaili and other leaders to desist from likening Jesus Christ to any human for any purpose, explaining that Jesus could never share his glory with anyone on earth.

Fr Chikoya said the approach taken by the Minister of National Guidance and Religious Affairs was tantamount to

blasphemy.

"I think we need to be careful how we do our campaign as politicians and things of that sort. At no time should we equate Jesus to any individual. When such things happen, it's important for people to correct themselves. And as a Church, we believe that any person who understands Christianity would not subscribe to such kind of an approach.

We would just encourage the politicians to humble themselves, to do their campaigns, do their best, pray just like the others also pray. But let Jesus be Jesus, he shares his glory with nobody," said Fr Chikoya.

"That is actually bordering on blasphemy and my advice to the politicians would be, let us be careful in our utterances, in our political engagements and all these other things, we need to be careful because there are Christians from different political persuasions and there can't be Jesus just for a political party, that is not right. God is omnipotent, his presence is available to everybody and so we can't compartmentalize God by our own fear of operations. God is for all, he doesn't need permission to be anywhere. He will go wherever he wants to go and he will interact with whoever he wants to interact with. So let's keep away from such kind of approaches as politicians, it is not good."

Chuumbwe denies making tribal remarks

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Chongwe District Council Chairperson Geoffrey Chuumbwe says he has got nothing to apologize for because the alleged tribal sentiments charged on him are not true.

On Monday, State House Press Aide Amos Chanda said President Edgar Lungu had directed PF Secretary General Davies Mwila to strongly chastise Max Chongu and Chuumbwe for some tribal remarks they allegedly made during campaigns for the upcoming intra-party polls. But in an interview, Chuumbwe

denied making any tribal remarks.

"First and foremost, I have to be very clear on that. I started politics in 1992 and I come from Lusaka Province. I have been a provincial chairman not once [and] not twice and not even at one time did I use tribalism as a stepping stone for my political career. And if they say apologize, I don't have anything to apologize [for] because I have never used any tribal remarks during my campaigns. I have only campaigned for two weeks and this is the reason why I was

saying 'I will enter the race for provincial chairman late because I knew that the moment I hit the ground, people start shivering and wondering whatever,' Chuumbwe said.

Chuumbwe, however, apologised on behalf of Chongu, if he did make such remarks.

"But what I am trying to say is that if Max said that, I feel so sad if he said it because I've not heard about that comment myself. So if Max made that comment, I want to distance myself from that and I think the right person who should apologize is Max not me.

And I don't know why the attacks should come to me other than the person himself who said that. So all I am saying is that we are not going to entertain any tribalism in our campaigns and if anyone thinks we did that, I want to say sorry on behalf Max and on behalf of everyone in our team but it was not an intention of the team to make such a remark. We are very sorry and we are asking that people should understand that in politics, there are people who use any small things to advance their needs. So I am very sorry if it ever happened," said Chuumbwe.



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By Mirriam Chabala

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) in Zambia says the issuance of a search warrant on Prime Television by Police in Lusaka is unnecessary and aimed at intimidating the broadcasting house.

According to the search warrant served on Prime TV, Tuesday, police want to search the station's 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

MISA questions police's motive in impending Prime TV search

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 a statement, MISA Zambia vice chairperson Hyde Haguta condemned the route taken by police, emphasising that it was unnecessary.

Haguta appealed to authorities to reconsider the search warrant and simply request Prime Television to give the police required evidence.

"MISA Zambia has learnt with disappointment that Police have obtained a search warrant to search

computers and servers of Prime Television limited for footage aired which they alleged boarder on defamation of the President. We are shocked that according to the search warrant, police want to access a story quoting members of parliament for Bweengwa and Choma Central in which they are alleged to have issued remarks at a rally that PF cadres have been given police uniforms to use on the Copperbelt, in apparent reference to UPND President Hakainde

Hichilema's appearance at police in Ndola which took place on Tuesday. While we do respect the due process of the law and the route the police have taken, we however take strong exception to this level of intimidation to a media house doing its work of informing the public on a matter of public interest. There is no need to search servers for a libel matter. At best and as usual, request the Television station for footage required!" Haguta stated.

as a result, it will encourage self-censorship by the media and the consequences of it will work against the interest of the public and democracy. The media should not be gagged, harassed, manipulated and intimidated in such a manner as this is a violation of media rights and freedoms," Haguta stated. Haguta further appealed to Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja to instruct his officers to halt the intended search at Prime Television and simply ask for the information that his office requires.

"We further are disturbed that police did not only block journalists from the private media who turned up to cover the questioning of the UPND leader by police at Ndola Central police over the ZAFFICO issue, but also detained a ZANIS journalist who was filming the blockade police had mounted ahead of Mr Hichilema's arrival. This coincidence is too careless and too much and therefore abuse of power on the part of police. We are suspicious that police have for the first time had to obtain a search warrant to obtain footage which they have in the past easily requested for through written correspondence. What other motive would police have to search the Television Company for footage they can ask for than intimidation? This conduct is smelly of abuse of their powers and process to instill a chilling effect in the knees of journalists in the country and is undemocratic!"

Haguta argued that the media should not be gagged, harassed, manipulated or intimidated in such a manner.

"We know that a search warrant allows police officers to ransack the files of a broadcast house and takes not only hours but disrupts the smooth production process of the news and current affairs department. It also breeds fear and uncertainty among our members. We don't want it! This is unnecessary and aimed at intimidating our members and as MISA Zambia, we strongly condemn the route taken even if it is on firm legal procedure, it is unnecessary! This is surely an intimidation to the operating environment of the television to operate and

"Prime Television is a messenger only conveying information to the public and should therefore not be gagged. Since police have identified the members of parliament who allegedly issued defamatory remarks against the President, why not go after the parliamentarians than resorting to acts of intimidating the media? In any case police should have been more grateful to Prime Television for reporting a crime as good citizens and therefore must be commended and not harassed. We appeal to the Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja to halt the intended search and ask for information his office requires. The matter has not even been submitted for prosecution before the courts of law to warrant such an apparent heavy handed action on a noble institution doing its work," stated Haguta.

Meanwhile, MacDonald Chipenzi through his GEARS Initiative said that police must allow the independent media to operate freely in Zambia.

"The continued suppressing of civic, political and media spaces in Zambia must be of concern to all democracy lovers. The warrants being issued by police against Prime TV is pure act of harassment and intimidation and suppression of independent media in Zambia. The police must allow the media to operate free and use legal channels of complaint against any media house that is perceived to have erred unlike this directionless approaches being used," stated Chipenzi.



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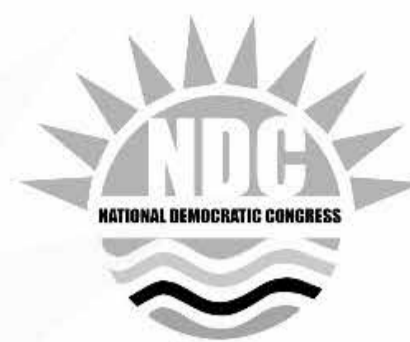


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We remain Strong and Steadfast!

By Mwenya Musenge

The results of the just ended Mangango parliamentary by election and other local government polls held on Tuesday November 20th countrywide are now in the public domain.

The results have opened up a lot of speculation and debate among members of the public.

As NDC, we concede defeat and we shall soon go back to the drawing board and do a thorough introspection on why we lost the polls.

For the NDC, the polls were an eye opener and allowed us to test the waters by gauging our popularity.

In less than one year in existence, the NDC has participated in over twenty by elections.

This is unprecedented. We have political parties that have existed on paper and have never attempted to participate in elections.

Tuesdays polls are an eye opener and clear indicate that the NDC is now visible and present in all the corners of Zambia.

The NDC has managed to market its self well in all the ten regions of Zambia in a short period of time under extremely vexing circumstances.

Firstly, the police service has not been gracious enough to allow us hold public meetings across the country.

This has made it difficult for the party to mobilize and meet electorate's.

The selective application of the Public Order Act POA has disadvantaged us.

For example, the NDC has only held two public meetings on the copper belt since inception. All our attempts to mingle with the electorate's have been turned down by the police command.

The POA is one of the critical issues we want the three church mother bodies look at critically as they spearhead the dialogue process.

Secondly, the lack of resources is hindering most political parties from reaching out to the voters. NDC is still scouting for resources to enable the party procure regalia and start mobilizing the masses.

We made the first attempt in western province and got over a hundred votes in Mangango.

This is a plus for the NDC.

The NDC is now a vanguard party and time will indeed tell. We have our presence in all corners of the country.

The decimal performance in Mangango and lupososhi will not deter us from participating in future by elections that may arise.

We shall endeavour to jostle for all future by elections, with or without resources.

However, the victory by the pf in the Mangango parliamentary elections is cosmetic and does not reflect the aspirations of the people.

Such, is synonymous with African polls and by elections.

The playing field in Mangango and other areas was not even.

NDC is seldom covered by public media and none of our candidates had their profiles promulgated.

A lot of money exchanged hands and the poll was characterized by vote buying and intimidation.

This has now become typical of pf.

However, the scenario in 2021 will be different. The people of Zambia are tired of this regime.

The cost of living is so high and Zambians live like slaves in their own country.

Anger and anxiety is building up among Zambians. Our people are waiting for a General election to have their final say.

It is unimaginable that with all the under development in Mangango, pf still won the seat. What do you expect from a poll riddled by corruption?

The Mangango poll is also an eye opener to the opposition. We need to unite to fight this common enemy the pf.

The opposition have a lot of potential, but, selfishness is killing us.

Its high time we started sharing information and looking at factors that are weakening the opposition and contributing to our weak performance in by elections.

The results in the three seats we participated in as NDC have confirmed one thing.

Our consultant Chishimba Kambwili has a lot of potential.

Come what may, Dr. Kambwili is and remains a big factor in Zambian politics.

As NDC, we are threading cautiously, and we are already a force to reckon with.

To our members across Zambia, remain calm. Continue to mobilize the masses. Do not be discouraged.

These disturbing results should force us to work even harder.

Where ever you go, please, display the NDC symbol and sale the party.

We are picking up the pieces as we continue to fly high. Time will tell.

As NDC, we shall not go to sleep. We are not folding. We shall continue talking about the injustice and oppression that our people are going through.

The struggle continues. Lesa fye Eka.

Mwenya Musenge is NDC Secretary General

By Mirriam Chabala

Police in Chadiza district of Eastern Province have arrested a 28-year-old man for defiling a 13-year-old juvenile.

Lynn Phiri, a teacher at Mwangazi primary school in Chief Mwangala's area in Chadiza district is said to have defiled a younger sister of his fellow teacher on the evening of November 17, 2018.

Eastern Province Police Commissioner Luckson Phiri disclosed this to journalists at his office in Chipata, explaining that the matter was reported to Chadiza police by the victim's elder brother on November 20th, 2018.

"I want to confirm that Chadiza police station is in receipt of a report of defilement which was

Chadiza teacher arrested for defiling a 13-year-old pupil

reported on the 20th of November, 2018 at about 15:00 hours by male Francis Zulu aged 30 years, who is a senior teacher at Mwangazi primary school in Chief Mwangala, Chadiza district. That his younger sister, a female juvenile aged 13 years of the same address and a grade seven pupil at the same mentioned school was defiled by male Lynn Phiri aged 28 years, a teacher at the same school. This occurred on 17th of

November 2018, at about 19:00 hours at the House of the same reporter. The brief facts are that on the material date, the reporter had gone to Vubwi and at about 19:00 hours, the suspect now went to the house of the reporter, knocked on the window and the younger sister to the reporter came out of the house through the window, they went to the toilet where he had canal knowledge with the same victim," Commissioner Sakala

narrated. Commissioner Sakala said the suspect had been arrested and would appear in court soon. "Fortunately, one of the neighbours within the compound saw the victim when she was actually jumping out of the window, going to the toilet together with the suspect and also at the same time after finishing whatever they were doing, when the victim got back into the house through the

window. So having actually seen that, she immediately went and reported to the wife to the owner of the house that this is what she had seen and when the victim was called and questioned, she narrated the whole ordeal about what had actually transpired," said Commissioner Sakala. "When they further questioned her, she even produced a Chitenge material which they had used whilst in the toilet

which actually had some dry semen. That was the time now when the owner of the house came back from Vubwi. After getting all the details of what had transpired, he went to Chadiza police station where he had the matter reported. Acting on the report, police actually visited the scene of defilement and after that, the suspect was picked, he has been arrested and he will appear in court soon."

PAC chases away Health PS over unverified documents

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Tuesday sent back officials from the Ministry of Health for submitting supporting documentation that was not easily verifiable. This was when Health Permanent Secretary Dr Kennedy Malama and his team appeared before the Committee to respond to audit queries cited in the Auditor General's Report for the financial year ended December 31, 2017.

During the deliberations, the Committee, which was chaired by deputy chairperson Brenda Tambatamba, raised the issue of health officers in Mumbwa District who had remained in the service despite having irregularly paid salaries that were not entitled to them.

"Contrary to terms and conditions of service for the public service number 60 (a) and (b), which states that an officer who absents himself or herself from duty for a period of 10 days or more without official leave, must be separated from the service and shall not get a salary for the period he or she is absent from duty, two officers, who were absent from duty for periods ranging from four to six months at Mumbwa DHO had not been separated from service, and were irregularly paid salaries totalling K62,622. As at August 31, 2018, the anomaly had not been corrected," queried the AG Report.

In his response, Dr Malama said the cited officers had been dismissed and that documents to prove that action were attached to the response when in fact not.

"One of the officers in question proceeded on study leave, but failed to return to the station upon completion of studies. The other one deserted from Namgoma Mission Hospital without notifying the district office. The two officers have since been dismissed from the public service and paid salaries recovered from their terminal benefits. The District Health Director for Mumbwa has also been charged for poor supervision and given a recorded warning in line with the disciplinary code for handling offenses in the public service. The Ministry has embarked on an exercise to re-orient management from provincial and district health office on human resource and payroll management to avoid re-

occurrence. Supporting documents including dismissal and charge letters for the district health director Mumbwa and recoveries from the terminal benefits are available for verification in appendix 3," Dr Malama responded. The Committee then noticed the omission of the documents of action taken against the officers and queried again. Dr Malama insisted that the document was there, but maybe in another folder, which he had submitted earlier. Then Tambatamba guided that the Committee would not proceed if the documents in question were not first submitted to the office of the Auditor General for verification before coming to the Committee as

per rule. "It would appear that the document that you are referring to in the big folder, which is there, has not been accepted by the Committee if it's this one you are referring to because this is supposed to go to the Auditor General for verification. So, only then after they have gone through that office will they end up arriving here [and] if they have not gone there, they cannot land here. So, I don't know how many references are pointing to this and if the rest of the references are pointing to this in this meeting, [then] we will not be able to deal with those matters that point to this particular folder," she said. But the controlling officer insisted by saying: "Some of the evidence may be in the bigger folders and some

of it may be in the folders that we've presented to the Committee." On another issue regarding health officials from the Copperbelt and Central provinces, respectively, the same action documents problem arose, and Tambatamba was the first one to notice it. "PS, in your submission here, you are saying that: 'supporting documents, such as charge letters such as...' so the members here are looking for supporting documents, such as recoveries from terminal benefits for those staff. That is what they are looking for; to verify, to understand, even as they provide guidance and oversight to you," Tambatamba said. Dr Malama responded again by saying: "The charge

letters and provincial health staff for all these queries, what we did [was that] provincial health directors were charged for various issues, which arose in the audit report and those letters are there." Another issue that arose was that the stated action taken was done on September 20, 2018, after the Auditor General's Report had been concluded. In resolving the identified lapses, Tambatamba asked the PS and his team to go back and put their house in order and attach the reference documents in their correct order to allow easy flow of the deliberations. The PS was asked to resubmit on Wednesday December 5, 2018, at 11:30 hours.



Clergymen attend the workshop organized by the Ministry of Health under the theme 'Health evangelism towards universal coverage, leaving no one behind' held at Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Minister of Religious Affairs Reverend Godfridah Sumaili says Jesus Christ, the Son of God is in the Patriotic Front boat and not with the opposition parties. This is the most accurate statement we have ever heard from Honourable Rev Sumaili since she was appointed into her position. We cannot agree more; indeed there is no other political party that desperately needs Jesus than the ruling Patriotic Front. So, hallelujah! The Savior is in the right place!

We have seen many Christians react angrily to the minister for making such a statement. But they are wrong and the minister is right. You see fellow Christians, Jesus did not condone sin, but he never condemned sinners neither. In fact, the gospel teaches us that Jesus was a close friend of sinners – tax collectors, liars, thieves and murderers too.

In the gospel of Luke 15, when Jesus was confronted with the question of mixing with sinners, he told the parable of a farmer who went to look for one sheep that went astray. He added saying, and we quote in verse 7: “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance”

This does not mean that the opposition parties in Zambia are without sin, but if Rev Sumaili is seeing Jesus in the PF boat, then we are sure that he is there to persuade thieves to repent. He is there to engage liars and get them to change their ways.

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Ear to the ground

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Yes, Jesus is in the PF boat, persuading thieves to repent...

He wants tax collectors to give back to the people of Zambia what they are stealing from them.

If Rev Sumaili is seeing with her spiritual eyes that Jesus is in the PF boat, then we are sure that He would like to also have a word with bought Christians in that boat like Kings Malembe Malembe. When this heavenly talented singer entered the gospel industry with his music, he said he would never sing for a President, but the Kings of Kings above. He mocked people who went to the airport lining up to sing for the arriving Head of State.

“Bambi bembila, bakateka. Bambi bembila, ishambumu shabo. Nabaya ku airport baleimba. Nomba ukwimba kwesu twimbila umwaume

pabaume Yesu from the government of Heaven where there is no corruption.”

This is what Kings Malembe Malembe was preaching through his music in those YouTube videos where you can hardly recognize him because he used to be thin then.

But today Kings Malembe Malembe is not only going to the Airport, he is travelling VVIP with the President campaigning for the PF government that is full of corruption. He is composing tailor made songs like “aka Donkey” for the listening pleasure of President Edgar Lungu, and earning several times more money than what he used to get from gospel concerts.

If Rev Sumaili tells us

that Jesus is in the boat, we must praise God and pray that He gets back such lost sheep. We must pray that He imparts the spirit of sympathy among those that are governing this country so that they can soon realize that while they are getting fat in that boat, Zambians outside are drowning in hunger.

Once again, we agree with Rev Sumaili that Jesus must be in the PF boat. What we have a problem with is the minister saying a vote for Putu, (the Mangango PF candidate) was a for Jesus. There, we believe the minister felt a lump on her throat as she made that blasphemous declaration. We are sure that she went straight into confession after that rally. If she didn't, we urge her to do so in order to make

peace with her conscience.

And while we are at it, we might as well advise the minister to stay away from campaigns. Her ministerial position is not like any other, at least if it can't be abolished, let it be accorded the sanctity it deserves. There are a lot of awful things that happen during campaigns, and her efforts to mix light with darkness will not go without such embarrassing consequences.

Rev Sumaili must not feel pressured to campaign in order to please President Edgar Lungu. To start with, she is a nominated member of parliament; and our understanding of this provision is that it allows the Head of State to appoint into his Cabinet specific technocrats or experts who may not be

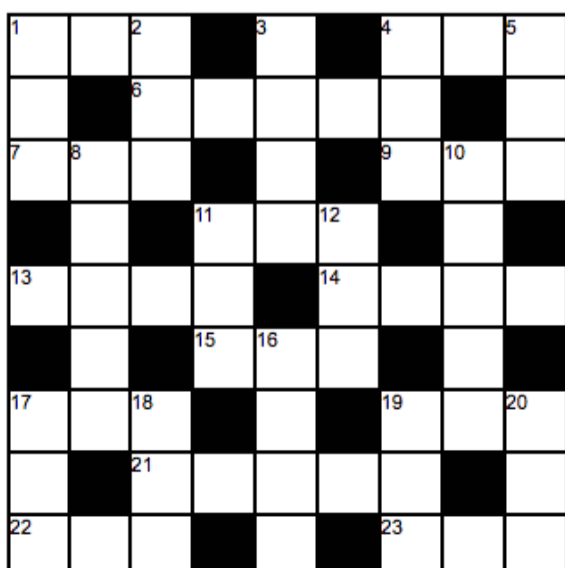
political in nature but have a special skill-set that may be lacking among the elected MPs.

It is very rare that such Cabinet ministers will be expected to be prolific in campaigning for the ruling party. Theirs is administrative governance and making sure that they implement policy and advance the vision of the President who gave them the ministerial mandate. Surely, no one would complain if such a minister doesn't take an active role in party campaigns.

In case Rev Sumaili is doubting our analysis, let her look back at the late minister of health Dr Joseph Kasonde. He never used to campaign, but he was one of the most effective and valued Cabinet ministers. Former justice minister Dr Ngosa Simbyakula did not have his strength in campaigning, but he was a PF think-tank. Even though some of our mothers were probably not yet born when shikulu Alexander Chikwanda joined Dr Kaunda's government, we don't believe that campaigning was his thing. But he served almost every other subsequent regime because he was good with his arithmetic.

So you see Rev Sumaili, don't feel pressured to do what Jean Kapata and Mumbi Phiri can do for the PF. Those are gifted noisemakers, and in many cases, they get motivation to talk from catalyst substances that a reverend shouldn't swallow.

Crossword puzzle 236



“No other continent has endured such an unspeakably bizarre combination of foreign thievery and foreign goodwill.”
- Barbara Kingsolver on Africa

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| <p>Across</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greek letter 4. Deuce 6. Sports team leader 7. Kickoff aid 9. Moray, e.g. 11. Quiet and timid 13. Roll call reply 14. Devours 15. It is 17. Pig pen 19. Sculpture or painting 21. Later on 22. Scottish cap 23. Extra Sensory Perception | <p>Down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Superlative suffix 2. A' on cards 3. Soak in it 4. Twas ___ Night Before Christmas 5. Bird that hoots 8. Throw out forcibly 10. Go in 11. Complete collection 12. "Uh-huh" 16. A fan of 17. Calendar abbr. 18. Potato alternative 19. I am, you ___ 20. Touch on the shoulder |
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Solutions to puzzle 235



Reader's feedback

Police's warn & caution of HH for seditious practices

Dear Editor,
 "Excellent job their through the lawyers! NO COMMENT. Thanks also to the people of Zambia, especially the Copperbelt for turning up in numbers for the noble cause." - Brighton B. Banda

"Brilliant responses! This time around, our country has witnessed high levels of ignorance in the people we have entrusted our lives to lead! The Zambian people are anxiously waiting for 2021..." - Wonder J Kondwani

"Thanks very much for Kopala people for coming up in numbers to offer solidarity to our president. Thanks also, Mr. Kambwili." - Hang'andu Ric

"This guy is clever!" - Ackim Chansa

ConCourt's ruling on Lungu's eligibility case set for Dec. 7

Editor,

"The results are already known; the court can't make a ruling against the great one!" - Mulenga Phiri

"After the Mwanakatwe and Luo judgements, it's a waste of money and time expecting this joke of a court to rule against PF." - Moses Chipepo

"I do not have confidence in this court ever since LAZ declared that none of the judges at ConCourt qualify for the job. I believe LAZ." - Kelvin Mshanga

"We know the outcome: Lungu is eligible. Who would want to lose his job by going against the President?" - Linanga Emmanuel Kabula

"We know Lungu 2021; they have already done their press-ups (Munali and Lusaka Central)." - Mkondo Mkondo

"I personally have no confidence in our courts, especially where political issues are concerned, we need a totally independent Judiciary; appointments of judges should be appointed by the legislators not the Executive for justice to prevail!" - Mweemba Simuliampondo



Lungu on not wanting be the President who destroyed Zambia

Editor,

"Sorry, Mr President, you have already destroyed this country. Just resign and call for early elections. Maybe you can gain some dignity. Failure to do so, forget about it." - Simon Da Kinsman

"The damage has already been done and when history is written about you, it will be all about your dictatorship, how you brought cadreism to politics; the divisions and hate you brought to politics and how you've destroyed our once beloved country!" - Mutinta Mulonda

"He has been the true opposite of his predecessors since he came into the political limelight on that day he bulldozed himself at Mulungushi to be PF presidential candidate. Since then, he has been primitively and cowardly bulldozing himself through all the elections by abusing Essau Chulu and police through the Public Order Act. All these atrocities are meant to make himself somehow relevant." - Martin Nyanjagha

"I'm very disappointed with this man; I was reading thinking it will end with

'Wako Ni Wako.'" - Deep Joe

"You have already achieved it, sir." - Brian Mweene

"Well, it's too late now, sir. The damage has already been done." - Daniel Njolomba

"Then step down and spare us further damage and you should also have pointedly advised the people of Western to not vote for you if, indeed, you are concerned about people voting on merit as you have none." - Munongo Kafuta Shankaya

'A clear explanation on Zesco's reform is still needed'

Editor,

"Yes, Zesco is in financial crisis. Hence we first want the Secretary to the Cabinet to give us figures on how much the industrial consumers owe; followed by domestic consumers and lastly, public institutions. Compare this to how much Zesco owes SINO-HYDRO for work done on nkongole." - Christopher Kalima

"Please stop this mediocrity. It's such statements by the SC, which has no beginning or end that are destroying this country. One can't see any direction in the Zesco statement by Dr. Msiska. Please tell us the type of reforms you are referring to and the real problems at Zesco! Zesco only needs de-politicization so that it's not used as a cash cow!"

"But from 2015, Zesco started firing and retiring employees from directors level to cleaners. According to Zesco, this was in order to improve efficiency and service delivery. Three years down the line, Cabinet has issued this statement. So, Victor Mundende, what have you achieved from those firings? Chitundu was in charge! Not imwe, ba 'yes bwana'." - Justin Sakala

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Patriotic Front Secretary General Davies Mwila has blamed Kaumbwe PF member of Parliament Listed Tembo for their loss of Lusinde Ward in Eastern Province saying it speaks volumes about his ill performance as area MP.

Meanwhile, Mwila says under the stewardship of President Edgar Lungu and his ever-increasing popularity, PF has continued to grow from strength to strength in every Province.

Speaking at a media briefing yesterday, Mwila welcomed the position taken by the Zambia Centre for Inter-party Dialogue and the three Church mother bodies that the Church would chair and lead the processes

Petauke loss hurts PF, as Mwila toasts Mangango victory

while the Secretariat would be provided by both ZCID and the Church.

He added that It was gratifying to hear from the Church that a cordial meeting was held at which President Lungu and UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema had "brotherly" discussions.

And Mwila said they had received with great joy, news of PF election victory in most of the elections across the country.

He further commended members of other political parties for their peaceful conduct.

He however regretted the ruling party's loss of Lusinde Ward in Kaumbwe Constituency of Petauke, saying Eastern Province was PF's stronghold. He said in a by-election, the loss of a ward election spoke to the ill performance of an incumbent member of parliament and local party leadership, adding that their

loss in Lusinde Ward was an indictment on the area MP.

"In a by-election, the loss of a ward election speaks to the ill performance of an incumbent member of parliament and local party leadership. The loss in Lusinde Ward is an indictment on the area Member of Parliament Listed Tembo who was also campaign Manager for the by-election. Let me state that this is happening in a ward where the MP resides," he said. Mwila added that the party

would review Tembo's performance and deal with him accordingly.

He directed the provincial leadership in Eastern Province to get down to the ground and submit a full report to his office in 14 days.

Meanwhile, Mwila said the PF's victory in Mangango constituency showed that the nation's democratic process was substantially maturing. He said under the stewardship of President Lungu and his

ever-increasing popularity, PF had continued to grow from strength to strength in every Province.

"We are particularly humbled not only by the overwhelming embrace of PF by the people of Mangango Constituency, but also by the warm and emphatic nature of the embrace. The statistics and pattern of the vote demonstrates that the good people of Mangango Constituency have voted for enhanced development in their constituency," he said.

Mwila said democracy was more important than that which divided people.

"To our colleagues in the opposition; our democracy is much more important than that which occasionally divides us. We need to continue on the path of issue-based and peaceful co-existence beyond elections - void of regionalism and sensationalism," Mwila said.

He advised the opposition to respect foreign nationals.

"As the country we have been complaining about unemployment and I believe that investment creates jobs for our people. And once we start talking about foreign nationals who are bringing investment in Zambia, we are just killing ourselves. I will advise our colleagues from the opposition that let them respect the foreign nationals. But that does not mean that the investors should do whatever they want to do without being regulated. As government, we have to regulate the foreign investors," said Mwila.

Asked what the PF was doing to protect investors, Mwila said government was dealing with the issue through the ministry of foreign affairs.

Mwila added that PF was too sweet that's why people were fighting for positions.

State has breached court's orders, must be rebuked, says Mutembo

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The State says it will not make any sense to respond to former Director of Public Prosecutions Mutembo Nchito's application to summon witnesses when his petition may be dismissed. But Mutembo says the State has breached the court's orders and deserves rebuke from the court.

However, the ConCourt has opted to hear the state's motion to dismiss the petition before Mutembo's application to summon former chief justices Ngulube and Sakala.

This is the matter in which Mutembo has petitioned the Constitutional Court over his removal from the office of DPP, saying it was unlawful, illegal and should therefore be declared null and void.

Earlier this month, the State filed a notice to raise preliminary issues in court on November 15 on whether the decision by the President to remove Mutembo as DPP can be reviewed and whether he can be reinstated.

However, when the matter came up for hearing before Constitutional Court judges Mungeni Mulenga, Enock Mulembe, Palani Mulonda, Margaret Munalula and Martin Musaluke, Wednesday, Mutembo said he could not respond to the State's notice because he was of the view that his application to summon witnesses should be heard first.

He said he expected a response from the State on October 25 but it never came, instead the state filed another motion on 2nd November and allocated a date to itself. Mutembo complained that the last time he did not file documents, the court rebuked him meanwhile the State had breached the orders.

"I take issue with this conduct because what is good for me as a petitioner, should be good for the State as the respondent. The State complained last time about following court directives and the court rebuked me," Mutembo said.

Mutembo said in his opinion, the matter was coming up for his application which was scheduled for November 15 and the State should not give itself a date to hear it's application. It is the Court that should control the process, he argued.

In response, Solicitor General Abraham Mwansa said they could not file any response to his application because they were of the view that the notice of motion that they filed earlier this month was the appropriate step to take.

He added that it would not make any sense responding to his application because it could be disposed off in its entirety.

"An application pursuant to order 14A of the white book takes precedence over all other applications because it goes to the root of the cause of action. It would therefore not make any sense on our part to respond to the petitioners application because the matter maybe disposed off in its entirety," he said.

"We would however be obliged to file responses if any, in the event that our motion is dismissed. It was for the reason that applications pursuant to order 14A take precedence over other applications that we in fact inscribed November 15, 2018, the date to which the hearing of this matter was adjourned."

In reply, Mutembo said Mwansa's choice of words was unfortunate, reiterating that the State ought to have

responded to his application.

"The choice of words by the Solicitor General is unfortunate. Because if I heard him correct, he said it would not make sense to respond to the petitioners application where they had raised order 14A issue. My point is, the State ought to have responded. They can't decide when to respond when the matter is being heard before court. They are now applying to set aside the originating process when the court has ruled on the same issue," he said.

Mutembo asked the court whether there were any consequences for breaching court's orders.

"For me, the problem I have is what procedure are we following? I would like to be

guided. As far as I know my application is the application of the day. Is there any consequence for breach of directions?" he asked.

However, the court guided that the order in which applications could be heard was at their discretion.

They directed that they would first hear the notice of motion to dismiss, then the application for the subpoenas would be dealt at a later date.

"We have heard the parties and we wish to guide that the issue of the order in which applications will be heard by the court is solely the discretion of the court. It does not always follow that once an application has been made first, that is the first application to be heard. The rules are clear that

where there's an application that goes to the root of an action, then that application takes precedence in terms of the order in which they are heard," the court said.

"Currently before us we have two applications pending. That is the application for the subpoenas and also the other motion to dismiss the action, as well as, the main action itself."

Regarding Mutembo's sentiments that the respondent did not file any response within the dates given by the court, the court said that issue would be appropriately dealt with at the right time in terms of what sanctions to follow.

The matter has been adjourned to Friday, November 23, at 11:00 hours.

Lungu launches \$300m Chinese MFEZ project in Chibombo

By Mirriam Chabala

President Edgar Lungu has launched construction of the first ever Multi Facility Economic Zone (MFEZ) in Central Province with the aim of fostering industrialisation and value addition to locally produced goods.

The US\$300 million project being constructed by China Jiangxi United Industrial Investment is located opposite Farm Store along the Great North Road in Chibombo and it is envisaged to accommodate various industries including Motor Vehicle and Generator Assembling Plants.

The investment park has become the first major investment since the Central Province Investment Forum and Expo which attracted more than 2,000 delegates, was held in Kabwe.

President Lungu noted that the setting up of an industrial park in Chibombo district by the government of China was an indication of the importance that the People's Republic of China attaches to its bilateral cooperation with Zambia.

"Let me take this opportunity to express

my sincere gratitude to the Provincial administration of Guangxi Province for participating in the business forum in Guangxi on the sidelines of FOCAC. I am particularly happy that this investment is coming immediately after the Central Province Investment Forum and Expo, where the province showcased its diverse investment opportunities. In this regard, I want to applaud the Ministry of Commerce and the Central Province Provincial Administration for working tirelessly to ensure that the Expo bears fruit, as we are witnessing today. These developments indeed tell a deep rooted relationship which exists between Zambia and China," President Lungu said.

"Our friendship with China dates back to the pre independence era and Zambia was in fact the first Southern African country to forge diplomatic ties with China. We should therefore endeavour to cherish the bilateral and mutual relationships between the two countries. I wish to reiterate my government's commitment to creating a conducive environment for

business and growth through continuous implementation of business reforms. We shall continue to make efforts aimed at reducing the cost of doing business... our efforts are not mere rhetoric but this is evidenced by our huge investment into the modernisation and upgrading of our infrastructure such as roads, airports, rails and boarder points among others, thereby turning our country into a construction site."

The President pledged government's continued support to those wishing to invest in the Multi Facility Economic Zones.

"The government will continue to encourage the development of Multi Facility Zones, industrial parks and farm blocks to foster industrialisation and value addition. It is for this reason that the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry has developed the national industrial policy, national monitoring strategy and the national investment promotion strategy, all aimed at creating a platform for continued development and growth," said President Lungu.

Reserves drop to \$1.6bn on heightened debt

By Stuart Lisulo

Debt servicing has continued to pose challenges to Zambia's international reserves, which have dipped to less than US \$1.7 billion, says Bank of Zambia (BoZ) Governor Dr Denny Kalyalya.

And Dr Kalyalya has remained optimistic that the country's inflation outlook will be within single digits over the forecast period despite upside risks posed by scarce availability of food and rising commodity prices.

Meanwhile, Dr Kalyalya argued that the kwacha's volatility on the foreign exchange market experienced in September this year was mainly triggered by negative market sentiment.

Addressing questions following the BoZ Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) announcement in Lusaka yesterday, Dr Kalyalya said the country's escalating debt is posing challenges to the international reserves position.

Zambia's gross international reserves have plummeted to a 2018-low of US \$1.63 billion as at end of September, 2018, representing 1.9 months of import cover, from US \$1.82 billion, around 2.2 months of import cover by June 30, 2018, triggered by the need to finance the country's debt servicing payments.

The country's external debt stock as at close of the third quarter climbed to US \$9.51 billion from US \$9.37 billion at end of the second quarter of 2018, while the stock of domestic debt, mainly government securities, as at end of third quarter 2018 amounted to K54.6 billion from K51.9 billion at the end of second quarter 2018.

"...The other use is what we buy for projects and all that, but they don't amount to huge amounts. But the predominant draw comes from the debt service. We

have also had situations where pressures arising from the oil imports," Dr Kalyalya told journalists at the central bank. He, however, added that the BoZ is addressing the dipping reserves by foreign exchange purchases, among other key measures.

"Is that something we are concerned about? Of course, we are. To build international reserves, the BoZ continued to purchase foreign exchange directly from the market and through the Mineral Royalty Tax receipts. Cumulatively, the purchases amounted to US \$345 million in the year to September, 2018," Dr Kalyalya added.

"We are also making efforts to include in our holdings of reserves in gold, the bullion;

we are in discussions with those who produce gold so that we can add it to our menu of reserves. So, there are all these efforts going on, but the challenge is that debt service has been elevated; that's the number one drawdown in the reserves."

And asked whether the central bank foresaw double digit inflation given the commodity price fluctuations and availability in consumer goods, such as maize, BoZ officials remained optimistic it would still be in single digits over the forecast period.

Zambia's annual rate of inflation hit 8.3 per cent last month, the highest on record since November, 2016.

"We expect inflation to still be in single digits in this

remaining part of the year. But the upside risks are quite strong; if they materialize, it could reach close to nine [per cent] or thereabout. But from where we sit, unless something really drastic happens, we don't see it really going into double digits just yet; but shocks can happen," Dr Kalyalya responded.

Meanwhile, he argued that the kwacha's volatility on the foreign exchange market experienced in September this year was mainly triggered by negative market sentiment, among others.

The kwacha lost value by nearly 20 per cent alone on the back low dollar supply and at least two credit rating downgrades.

It traded at K11.81 and K12.04

by the end of September for bid and offer, down from an average of K10.99 and K11.06 per dollar earlier that same month.

"That shift in September was a source of concern. But then, you have to look at the factors. A lot of them had to do with negative sentiments; yes, we did expect the kwacha to come under pressure by the fact that the dollar will be strengthened, but it was magnified by these other factors. So, if we control on those factors, we should see relative stability in the exchange rate," he said.

Earlier, Dr Kalyalya announced that the BoZ's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to maintain the Monetary Policy Rate

(MPR) at 9.75 per cent, while also keeping the Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) at five per cent, in a bid to induce lower interest rates and continue supporting economic growth. According to Dr Kalyalya, commercial banks' nominal average lending rates have only marginally reduced to around 23 per cent in the third quarter from 24.3 per cent in June.

"Lending rates have come down, but the concern we have is that, but at that level, is it not too high to stimulate economic growth? So, these high rates also have implications on those who have borrowed. So, we are happy that it is coming down, but we want it to come down a lot faster," said Dr Kalyalya.

I'm bound to meet Lungu for talks after UPND, says Nevers

By Abraham Kalito

Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) president Nevers Mumba says since disengaging from the UPND, he has not yet met President Edgar Lungu, but adds that the meeting is bound to happen soon.

And Mumba said Zambians have failed themselves and everyone is to blame for the influx of the Chinese people in the county.

Speaking during the 'people debate program' on Pan African Radio in Lusaka, Wednesday, the former vice-president who is a faction leader of the MMD said it he would soon be meeting President Lungu to discuss politics, which is their common interest.

Asked if it was true that he had been snooping around State House trying to get

audience with President Lungu, in the aftermath of the dismissal from Cabinet of another MMD faction leader Felix Mutati, Mumba said there was nothing wrong with meeting the Head of State.

"It will always be the case in Zambian politics. First of all the rumour that go out in politics have never changed from the beginning. You will always hear that this one is snooping here, this one is snooping there. But I think those are very unnecessary things I have not met President Edgar Lungu myself, ever since we disengaged from UPND. But I have also heard those things that have been said. And I also have to be very, very clear that look, meeting President Lungu is not something that someone

should fight against," Mumba said.

"We should be able to meet each other and that is why I hope we are going to come to the issue of dialogue. I mean HH met President Lungu on Monday, what's wrong with that? And I think that we should all be encouraged to meet one another, that's what you should be doing as a media person. You should be happy if you heard that Nevers met with President Lungu. You should be happy if you heard that Nevers met with HH, you should be happy if you heard that Nevers met with Kambwili because these are the players that we are going to shape the country with."

He said he was looking forward to meeting President Lungu just like businessmen meet to discuss deals.

"So, the only thing I can say is yes, I have not yet met the President, but I do know that as we move forward, because we are in the same field we are going to meet and discuss just like businessmen when they meet and talk about their deals and transactions and the market. Because they are in the same industry. I'm in the same industry with President Edgar Lungu, the same industry with HH, so we are going to at some point sit down and say how do we proceed and how do we make the lives of our people better," he said.

And Mumba said the influx of the Chinese people in Zambia and the subsequent ownership of local assets implies that the government together with its citizens have failed to manage country.

"Zambia China relations, there is a lot of talk when you go on the streets. There is a lot of talk internationally, lately off course Zambia is being called a Chinese colony. Zambia is being called every name as having handed over her sovereignty. Zambia is being called that it has borrowed so much from China that it cannot pay the debt to China in this lifetime or in the lifetime to come. You see nation have always traded with each other and they will continue to do so until the end of time. The problem is not necessarily our trading partners, whether US, Europe or China in our case. If there is any failure in equitable trade in Zambia, it will be local failure not investors failure," he said.

"We as Zambians are actually expected to make rules which favour the Zambian person

in every deal that we do that's what leadership is there for. So, to fight the Chinese in the streets is a show of our failure to manage ourselves. We ourselves should make the rules not the Chinese. The foreigners have to abide by the rules that we make," he said.

And Dr Mumba advised President Edgar Lungu and his UPND rival Hakainde Hichilema to humble themselves during the dialogue process to ensure a smooth procedure.

"The main root cause for the suffering of our people is the lack of dialogue amongst us as leaders. Its really the main cause for pain that we are going through as a nation. Once you cannot talk, you cannot make economic progress, your security as a nation is compromised, the foreigner becomes stronger in your nation because the foreigner takes advantage of your division," said Mumba.

"Dialogue demands from us leaders a spirit of humility. Why? Because there are a number of things that have brought us where we are and this issue of dialogue is not a new issue. Some people feel they are so educated that they cannot dialogue with people they consider illiterate, they think that they are better than the others, they think that they are more enlightened than the others, they think that others are just a street people who cannot be a challenge to them intellectually. But dialogue has nothing to do with a University degree. It has nothing to do with intellectual, it has something to do with humility.

PF disagrees with Chibamba on Copper deposits under ZAFFICO land

By Abraham Kalito

PF deputy media director Antonio Mwanza says it is not correct insinuate that people who would buy shares in the ZAFFICO Industries once it is listed on the Lusaka Stock exchange would be eyeing the copper deposits underneath. During the Bloomberg Media Business Innovators conference in Livingstone, Tuesday, economist Chibamba Kanyama said the politics around the ZAFFICO land was because of the value of the copper underground.

But Mwanza disagreed with the Bridges Limited Chief Executive, saying no one would touch the mineral deposits under the ZAFFICO land without a special mining license.

"The government has been very clear

that ZAFFICO has not been sold and that the government will consider floating the shares. And that when they do so, the shares shall go to the Zambian people, to empower the Zambian people one, and to improve capital injection in ZAFFICO and three, to improve management and administration of ZAFFICO to make it viable," Mwanza debated.

"This is the same way that government has floated other companies such as ZANACO, such as Chilanga Cement, such as Zambian Breweries all those were floated out and private hands, investors own shares and those companies are viable, they are sustainable, they are making profits."

He said all minerals underground

belong to the State, and as such, there would be no way that any person who buys shares in ZAFFICO would think they equally own whatever Copper deposits may be underneath.

"And Mr Chibamba Kanyama must know that you cannot buy a bare piece of land and then claim that the minerals under that land are yours. Because the land exploration act and the minerals act is very clear. When you buy a piece of land you have to buy the rights to the minerals under that land. Those minerals belong to the state. You need to apply for a separate license given to you first of all to explore those minerals and secondly to be given a license now to start mining those minerals," said Mwanza.

A group of unidentified gunmen have abducted an Italian woman working for an aid organisation in south-east Kenya, police said on Wednesday.

The men, reportedly armed with rifles, "fired indiscriminately" before taking the 23-year-old volunteer from a trading centre in Kilifi County.

Five people, including three children, were wounded and taken to hospital.

The reason for the attack and the identity of the attackers has not yet been

Gunmen in Kenya abduct 23-yr- old Italian woman

established, police said.

However the police added that they were treating the incident, which occurred at about 20:00 local time (17:00 GMT) on Tuesday, as

a terror attack.

This is the first foreigner to be kidnapped in Kenya since the country had a spate of abductions threaten its tourism resurgence in

2011.

"The European lady got out of her room, instead of lying on the ground, to enquire what was going on," an eye-witness told local media.

"One of the attackers then slapped her."

Police described the five injured as aged between 10 and 23 years of age - the youngest suffering a bullet in the eye.

A witness told news agency Reuters that the attackers spoke in Somali.

Police have not confirmed any links to Islamist militants from al-Shabaab, who are blamed for several deadly attacks on Kenyan soldiers in recent months in Lamu County, north of Kilifi.

Al-Shabaab, who are based in neighbouring Somalia,

attacked a shopping mall in the capital Nairobi in 2013, killing 67 people.

The al Qaeda-linked group are also thought to be responsible for killing a British man and kidnapping his wife from a resort island in 2011.

A few weeks later, a disabled French woman was taken from her home on the Lamu archipelago and reportedly died while in captivity.

Two Spanish aid workers were then also abducted by suspected jihadist gunmen from the Dadaab refugee camp close to the Somali border.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (C) and MPs prepare to vote for the chancellery budget during a debate on the budget at the Bundestag, the lower house of parliament, yesterday in Berlin. AFP

Cameroon army frees kidnapped students

Cameroon's security forces have rescued kidnapped students and one teacher after a raid on a camp of separatist fighters in the South-West region.

The group of nine, not 20 as first reported, was taken

from a school in the city of Kumba, on Tuesday.

Four attackers were shot dead in the operation but one was captured, a senior official told the BBC.

Cameroon's North-West and South-West regions have been hit by a separatist rebellion since last year.

Armed groups in the two English-speaking regions have called on local residents to boycott schools until a referendum on independence is held.

Protests against marginalisation by the country's French-speaking majority have been met with a crackdown.

Gunmen entered the Lords Bilingual School on Tuesday afternoon causing panic. Many of the students jumped over the school fence walls to avoid being taken.

In the confusion, earlier reports had suggested that a higher number of students had been taken, journalist Peter Tah, who has been covering the conflict in the region, says.

Three students were released on Tuesday night after two gunmen were shot dead in a shootout with security forces who raided their camp. In addition, one gunman was captured, Nto'ou Ndong Chamberlin, Senior Divisional Officer for Meme district, in the South-West region, told the BBC. *BBC*

ConCourt judgment a step forward for activists, but Joburg still has 'protest fees'

The debate on whether or not protests fees must be charged is happening in two places in the world: on the steps of the White House and in the City of Johannesburg.

For the last five years, the Right2Know (R2K) campaign has challenged the implementation of a city by-law for special events that has seen organisations being charged a fee to protest.

A Constitutional Court judgment may set a precedent in the fight against so-called protest fees. The judgment ruled that the failure to give notice of a protest should not be made a criminal offence.

The fees, JMPD spokesperson Tessa Adams told News 24, are a compulsory part of the municipality's policies. She explained that they form part of a tariff policy based on the number of police officers needed during a protest.

On Friday, the R2K handed a memorandum of demands at the office of the mayor to address this issue. It addressed the demands to

Mayor Herman Mashaba, speaker of the Johannesburg city council Vasco da Gama and Joburg metro police chief David Tembe.

In the memorandum, R2K requested the city to address the application of the "special event costing" in the Public Open Spaces by-laws to gatherings convened in terms of the Regulation of Gatherings Acts, and address the JMPD's gathering procedures.

The mayor's office has promised to respond within two weeks.

In order to hold Friday's protest, the campaign's spokesperson Murray Hunter said the Joburg metro wanted R2K to pay R446 for "planning costs".

The fact that organisations have to pay to protest in Johannesburg, Hunter says, is a "major violation of free speech."

On the other side of the Atlantic, President Trump's administration drafted a policy in August that would not only close 6m of the more than 7m wide pavements surrounding the White House but charge "event management" costs

for demonstrations, the Guardian reported.

The charges include payment for additional law enforcement, repair and maintenance for the general surroundings and the cost of erecting barriers for the demonstration.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a civil liberties activist group, has said that the proposal could make demonstrations — such as Martin Luther King Jr's 1963 march on Washington where he gave the "I had a dream speech" — costly, preventing demonstrations from happening.

ConCourt ruling precedent on protests

In South Africa, the unanimous ConCourt ruling found section 12(1)(a) of the Regulation of Gatherings Act unconstitutional. The Act regulates protests, stipulating that municipalities must be given a week's notice before the protest.

Section 12(1)(a) of the act had also required that organisers

of gatherings of more than 15 people have to give notice of their protest, without this notice, a peaceful protest could be deemed a criminal offence.

The court has left the decision to amend the Act to Parliament.

In a statement released on Monday, Social Justice Coalition said this section of the Act was a "disproportionate punishment" and in conflict with section 27 of the Constitution, the right to freedom of assembly.

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"Ordinarily, a lack of resources or an increase in costs on its own cannot justify a limitation of a constitutional right. The reason for attaching less weight to a lack of resources as a purpose for limiting rights is beyond question," the ruling read.

"Respecting, promoting, and fulfilling human rights comes at a cost, and that cost is the price the Constitution mandates the State to bear." *mg.co.za*

Nicki Minaj to release 'Good Form' remix next week

Nicki Minaj's Queen standout "Good Form" is getting the remix treatment through a Young Money reunion. On Tuesday (Nov. 20), Minaj announced plans to team up with Lil Wayne for the Mike WiLL Made-It-produced "Good Form" remix, which is set to be released on Nov. 27. Fans got their first taste of "Good Form" when they heard a brief instrumental in a Mercedes-Benz commercial starring Nicki. "I freestyled the entire 'Good Form.' First time, one take. My reference track. Every cadence, every flow, was all my mumbles. But I went back and wrote raps to my mumble flow. My fans heard a little snippet of that in my Benz commercial," the Queens-bred rapper explained to Zane Lowe on Beats 1. Mike WiLL, who co-produced the track alongside Atlanta's Plu\$\$, teased the remix via Instagram on Tuesday, calling the anticipated track a "banger." Weezy also already notched a separate Queen

appearance on the raunchy "Rich Sex," and that dropped as a single back in June. Outside of her upcoming remix, Minaj is slated to appear with Kanye West on 6ix9ine's Dummy Boy for a song titled "Mama." However, following 6ix9ine's arrest on Sunday, there has been no update on the status of the possibly jeopardized project. *billboard.com*



Robert De Niro, wife split after 20-year marriage

Oscar-winning actor Robert De Niro and his wife of more

than 20 years have separated, media reports said on

Tuesday. De Niro, 75, and Grace Hightower,

63, have been living apart for some time, The Hollywood

Reporter, celebrity website TMZ and People magazine said, quoting anonymous sources. De Niro's spokesman did not return a request for comment. The "Raging Bull" actor and Hightower married in 1997 and have two children. It was De Niro's second marriage. "Sometimes things don't work out the way you hope or want them to," a source close to the family told People magazine. De Niro, one of America's most respected actors and winner of two Oscars, has tended to keep his family and his private life out of the spotlight. He made headlines last month when he was among a slew of critics of U.S. President Donald Trump who were sent crude pipe bombs in the mail. None of the devices exploded and a Florida man was arrested and is awaiting trial. *Reuters*



Katy Perry tops Forbes list of highest paid female musicians, beats Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Taylor Swift

Katy Perry has been unveiled as the highest-paid woman in music. Forbes's annual list saw the musician claim the No. 1 spot with an accumulated \$83m between June 2017 and June 2018, with much of the earnings coming from her 80-date Witness tour, which grossed over \$1m per night. She

also served as a judge on ABC's American Idol, reportedly earning over \$20m for the gig. Perry also topped the list in 2015 thanks to her Prismatic tour. Taylor Swift came in second with \$80m, thanks to her album Reputation, which sold two million copies worldwide on its opening week. Beyoncé ranked third, with

\$60m, after her Coachella performance and joint album with Jay-Z. Both Lady Gaga and Rihanna had income from movie roles added to their total, with Gaga taking the lead in the critically acclaimed A Star is Born, and Rihanna featuring in this summer's Ocean's 8. The full list is below:

1. Katy Perry (\$83m)
 2. Taylor Swift (\$80m)
 3. Beyoncé (\$60m)
 4. Pink (\$52m)
 5. Lady Gaga (\$50m)
 6. Jennifer Lopez (\$47m)
 7. Rihanna (\$37.5m)
 8. Helene Fischer (\$32m)
 9. Celine Dion (\$31m)
 10. Britney Spears (\$30m)
- independent.co.uk*

Reports claim no Ronaldo or Messi in Ballon d'Or final three as Cavani backs Varane to win

Edinson Cavani has claimed that a French player must win the Ballon d'Or this season, as reports suggest that Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi will both finish outside of the top three in the voting.

The award will be handed out on December 3, and Tuttosport have claimed that the top three will consist of Real Madrid duo Luka Modric and Raphael Varane, and young Paris Saint-Germain forward Kylian Mbappe.

The Italian publication stopped short of claiming who will win the award, with Modric widely regarded as the favourite, after beating both Ronaldo and Messi to FIFA's 'The Best' title having helped Croatia to the World Cup final.

Cavani, though, insists that there must be a French winner of the prize, following their World Cup success.

There have been a total of four French winners of the award, the most recent of which came in 1998, when Zinedine Zidane was crowned the world's best player.

Jean-Pierre Papin and Michel Platini - twice - have also been victorious, and Cavani thinks it should be Varane, Mbappe or Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann who comes out on top this time around.

"Varane may well be there, Griezmann, Mbappe... I think a Frenchman should win," the PSG striker told RMC.

"There are other players who could win it, but it should be a Frenchman, they have won the World Cup.

"Modric has had a great season, but his teammate Varane won the Champions League and the World Cup. Modric was a finalist and had

a great campaign, but Varane deserves it more."

L'Equipe have, meanwhile, released a teaser video for the ceremony, which has also sent the rumour mill into overdrive.

Mbappe, Varane and Modric are the first three players shown in the video before some of the other candidates feature after a delay.

That has led publications in Italy, including Corriere della Sera and Tuttosport, to claim that both Ronaldo and Messi will not be included in the final three for the first time in over 10 years.

A journalist for French publication RFI had previously claimed on November 9 that, with half the votes having apparently been collated at that point, Modric



was placed at No.1, with Varane second and Mbappe third.

Should one of Modric, Varane or Mbappe claim the title, they would

become the first player since Kaka in 2007 to break the dominance

of the Juventus and Barcelona stars. *Goal.com*

Neymar made a mistake leaving Barca for PSG, insists Edmilson

PSG stunned world football when they made Neymar the most expensive signing of all time in August last year, with Barca left helpless as one of their prized possessions walked away.

However, the Brazil captain

has often been surrounded by transfer speculation and reports of discontent, with the latest rumours suggesting he wants a return to Barca.

Whether that comes to fruition remains to be seen, but Edmilson - who spent

four years at Camp Nou until 2008 - thinks he made a poor choice in leaving in the first place.

Edmilson told *Goal*: "Neymar's career is a very personal theme. He's decided to go to PSG and leave

Barcelona

"In my opinion, that was a mistake, because a World Cup was coming up and, if he wanted to be number one [the best player in the world], being at Barca he could achieve it faster than being at

PSG, with all due respect to them.

"And he's having a hard time because, perhaps in Ligue 1, PSG are two or three steps ahead of the other teams.

"It's not that their opponents are bad, the thing is that PSG have an international squad, and for an international squad to compete with clubs, that's a complicated matter.

"I hope he can keep mentally well, be enthusiastic, because this is important for a player, no matter his talent.

"If he's not happy, if he's not living football as his profession, he can have the most beautiful hair in the world, but he won't deliver what he wants.

"The same applies to [Ousmane] Dembele; if he's not happy, if he's not convinced of what he's doing, he'll arrive late for the training as football won't be his first passion.

"[Cristiano] Ronaldo and [Lionel] Messi are what they are because they have football as their main goal; scoring 40 goals during a season, and that's why they are nowadays the best in the world in my opinion." *Goal.com*



Barca agreed not to sign Liverpool players

Catalan giants will not recruit any Reds stars

Barcelona promised not to sign any more Liverpool players until

2021 as part of Philippe Coutinho's transfer, Cadena Ser claims.

The Premier League side insisted on putting a clause into the deal

that saw Coutinho end a long transfer saga and join the Camp Nou outfit in January.

Barca agreed not to pursue any

more Liverpool players for three years, meaning the likes of Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane are out of reach for the time being. *Goal.com*

Leopards scratch Buffaloes in NAZ league

By Alex Chilumbwe

Prison Leopards yesterday (Tuesday) ended Green Buffaloes unbeaten run in the Netball Association of Zambia (NAZ) regular league after the combatants lost 36-37 in a rescheduled game played at Prisons Squash club in Kabwe.

Buffaloes would have been ultimate champions had they won the game but their loss revived Nkwazi's hopes of winning the league as the two have one loss and one draw.

Match Commissioner, Davies Twininge said that the game was characterised by frequent stoppages because of the umpires' failure to exercise professionalism and accuracy in calling out fouls.

"The umpires were disappointing. They were doubting every call they made and they made all the calls with little

confidence. There was a lot of talking and players did not agree on most of the calls that were called out," said Twininge.

The combatants maintained lead in all the quarters until the last seven minutes of the final one where they argued that two called fouls were false. The two umpires, Felix Mukobeko and Malious Mumba awarded a foul to opposite teams but the decision made by the assistant umpires favoured Prisons.

Buffaloes coach Catherine Chanda argued that there is no way the match commissioner, the two match umpires and the assistant umpires would help them because they were all from Kabwe, the home of Prison Leopards. The wrong fouls called helped Prisons level up scores with Buffaloes and winning the centre pass. As soon as Prisons led by

one point, time ran out and Prisons won by one point.

Buffaloes are now in the pressure of either beating or drawing against Nkwazi in tomorrow's (November 22, Thursday) rescheduled game in order for them to win the league. Nkwazi on the other hand ought to beat both Buffaloes and Prisons to win the league title.

Even though Prisons beat both Buffaloes and Nkwazi, they do not stand a chance of lifting the league trophy as they are fourth on league standing.



FAZ condemns Vandenbroeck's "stupid" remark: Respect soccer fans

By Alex Chilumbwe

FAZ general secretary Adrian Kashala says

he hopes that football national team coach Sven Vandenbroeck regrets

the foul language that he used in a post match interview after Zambia's 1-0 loss to the Black Mambas of Mozambique on Sunday.

In the mentioned interview, Vandenbroeck said it was too early to say all the stupid things about Zambia's failure to qualify for AFCON 2019 because the team begun its campaign poorly.

Kashala however believed Vandenbroeck could have used more friendly language, adding that people had not even recovered yet from the loss and the consequent result of not qualifying to AFCON.

In an interview with Goal Diggers! Kashala expressed disappointment in Vandenbroeck's language and advised the Belgian to be more friendly to the media and soccer fans.

"It is sad that he used words like stupid especially that we all had

not even recovered from the loss and failing to qualify for AFCON. The media and soccer fans should be talked to in a polite manner especially in such instances," he advised.

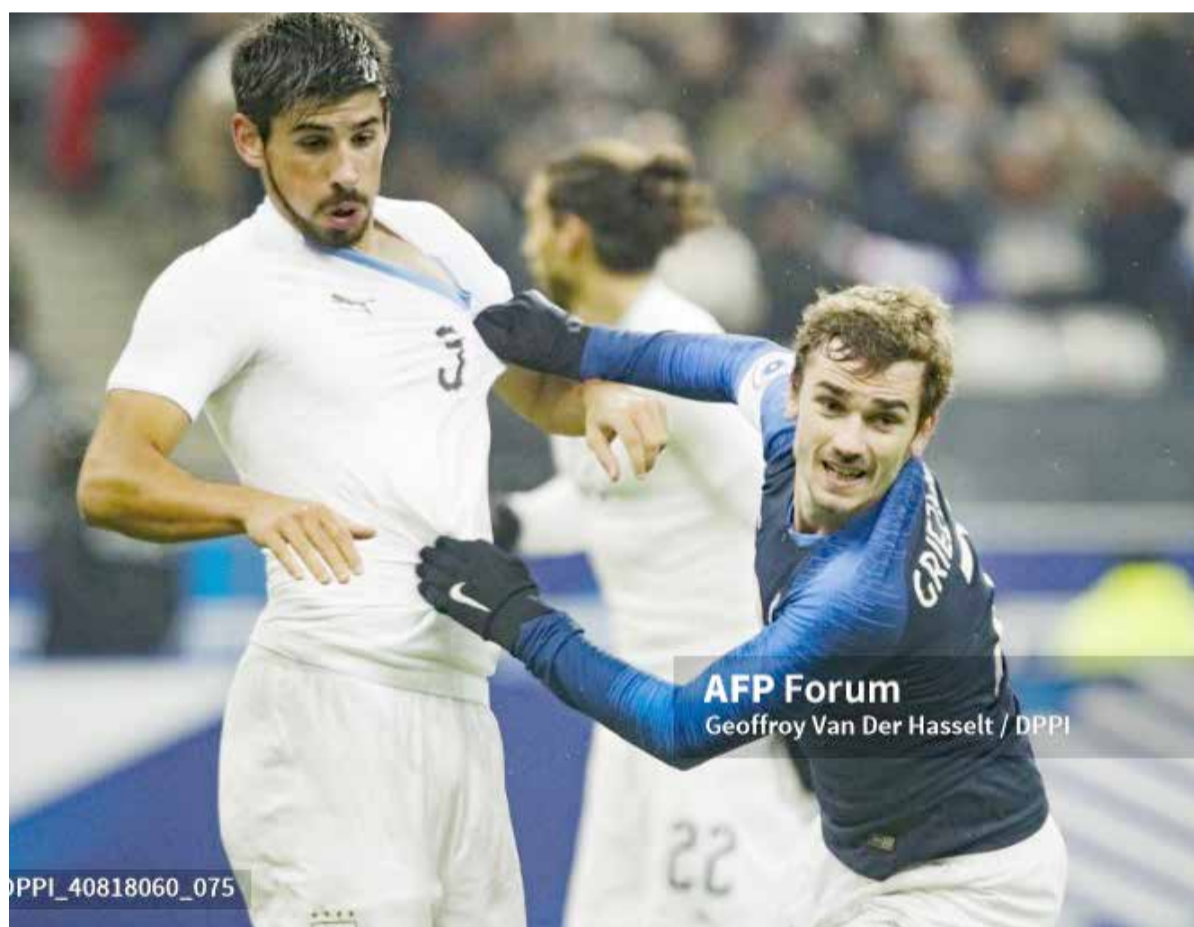
Kashala who is also Zambia police Sports Director further voiced out on Zambia's top FIFA referee's suspension, Janny Sikazwe.

"If CAF finds Sikazwe guilty, it will be such a big shame on the association and the country at large. It is only now that he's escalated to this celebrated peak and his fall would come too soon. We consider him a national treasure so if he is found guilty, the whole country will be affected," noted Kashala.

He further advised upcoming referees and other sportsmen and women to desist from indulging into illegal activities that would dent their names and the name of the country.

Confederation of African Football (CAF) disciplinary board chairperson Raymond Hack suspended Sikazwe over allegations of corruption, violation of CAF statutes, regulations and disciplinary code four days ago.

Sikazwe however said he would prove his innocence according to a story published in Daily Mail yesterday.



France's Antoine Griezmann (R) vies with Uruguay's Bruno Mendez (L) during the 2018 FIFA Friendly Game football match between France and Uruguay on November 20, 2018 at Stade de France in Saint-Denis, France

Mopani tips Nkana to win CAF League

Alex Chilumbwe

Mopani Copper Mines (MCM) has challenged Nkana players to win the CAF Champions League a few days after giving the team K200 000 to share for their outstanding performance last season.

Nkana were the Runners-up of the FAZ/MTN super league despite having started poorly,

and they are also the Barclays Cup champions.

Attacking midfielder Harrison Chisala noted that the team had enough reasons to keep impressing its management at all football levels.

"When one is playing for Nkana, he is blessed. We are motivated in ways we do not even expect as players a d it

gives us more reasons to work harder. For example, we started on a bad note last season but we picked up the pieces from the motivation we kept receiving from management. We need to pay back too," said Chisala.

And club president Everisto Kabila expressed optimism that the team would outdo itself in Champions League. He further

reminded the players that their bonuses were dependent on assignments done brilliantly.

"There is no need for us to push you around. You all know what you are playing for and that all we want are good results. Even the bonuses you receive are also in line with the kind of achievement. The bigger, the better," summed Kabila.



Pascal Siakam #43 of the Toronto Raptors grabs the rebound against the Orlando Magic on November 20, 2018 at Amway Center in Orlando, Florida. AFP

Maybe Dembele has personal problems

Ousmane Dembele needs to start taking advantage of the opportunities he has been given, according to former Barcelona star Edmilson, who feels the club should also offer their support. The Frenchman has struggled recently at Barcelona amid concerns over his attitude and he was dropped by Ernesto Valverde for the recent defeat by Real Betis. He is also being sued for €20,000 by his

former landlord over unpaid rent and the state in which he left his apartment when he moved from Borussia Dortmund to Barca in 2017, while team-mate Luis Suarez has urged Dembele to be 'more serious'. Edmilson sympathises with Dembele, though, recognising that he is only young and his problems may stem from something deeper. *Goal.com*

Samir Nasri training with West Ham amid reports of free transfer



Former Manchester City and Arsenal star Samir Nasri is training with West Ham as he prepares to return from a doping ban. Nasri was originally banned for six months after he received a drip treatment at a Los Angeles clinic in 2016 while on loan at Sevilla, which UEFA said contravened rules laid down by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). An appeal against the initial sanction by UEFA's ethics and disciplinary inspector resulted in an extended suspension in August, which was backdated to July 1 2017, meaning that he was unable to train with a professional club until the start of November. *Goal.com*

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