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## PF's loss in Lusinde a tip of an iceberg – Ngoma

By Abraham Kalito

Former Sinda member of parliament Levy Ngoma has warned that the Patriotic Front's loss of the Lusinde Ward by-election is a tip of the iceberg because residents are angry with the regime's poor service delivery. And Ngoma says President Edgar Lungu is promoting tribalism by expecting Easterners to vote for him on a 'wako ni wako' basis simply because he comes from that part of the country.

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## Don't be used in economic conflict against Chinese, Lubinda tells Zambians

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Justice Minister Given Lubinda says Zambia should resist the temptation of being used in an economic conflict against the Chinese.

And Lubinda has revealed that Zambia has voted in the affirmative at the United Nations –UN- on maintenance of a suspension of the death penalty.

According to a statement issued by Zambia's First Secretary for Press and Tourism in Ethiopia

Inutu Mupango Mwanza, Tuesday, Lubinda was speaking in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Monday when he transited to Rome to attend a conference on the 10th Anniversary

of the campaign against the death penalty by an organisation called St Egidio.

"It is unfortunate that some Zambians were taking the law in their own hands by attacking foreigners who had come in the country to invest," Lubinda said. To page 11

## Tame your hotheads, VJ urges Lungu, HH

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SIMPLICITY: Prince Harry bids farewell to British High Commissioner to Zambia Fergus Cochrane-Dyett at BongoHive's Lusaka offices yesterday - Picture Stuart Lisulo

## Let's all agree, PF must go in 2021 – Andyford

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By Mukosha Funga

The Patriotic Front does not deserve another term in office and it must go in 2021, says People's Alliance for Change leader Andyford Banda.

And Banda says it is unsustainable to keep preventing opposition leaders from engaging the electorate using the police. Speaking when he featured on UNZA Radio's Lusaka Star, Monday, Banda said it was time for citizens to agree that PF should go in 2021.

"We agree that probably, the

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best thing for this country is to change government and try a new leadership and I think as PAC, that's what we are poised to do...if the PF are not changing their course of doing things, the best way is to call for them to be booted out in 2021 and

I think for now, that is our conviction. I don't think the PF deserves another term, I think we have to agree as a country that come 2021, the PF must go," Banda said. And Banda said it was unsustainable to keep preventing opposition

leaders from engaging the electorate using the police.

"It is not going to work, it is unsustainable. The PF needs to focus more on working for the people. These schemes to frustrate the opposition won't work. The biggest threat the PF has is unemployed youths, falling businesses, marketeers who are struggling, people who are losing jobs because of hard economic times and a whole lot of other people, these are the threats. And if the PF wants to stay in power, they are not going to stay in power by frustrating the opposition. They must create jobs and those people they will create jobs for will vote for them but the idea of frustrating the opposition

to stay in power is not sustainable," he said.

Meanwhile, Banda said politicians must learn to put their egos aside and confer on national issues for the sake of the country. "There is no harm in coming together on things of national importance. If the country demands that we need to join hands on certain issues, I think we shall not hesitate to do that. At the end of the day, we are not there for ourselves and our egos, we are there for the country and so if we can say 'can we come up with a joint statement or joint resolution on the dialogue', I think we can agree. But in terms of 2021 elections, it is too early to call, I think

all of us, as PAC, we are aiming for the top spot, PF is aiming for the top spot, UPND is aiming for the top spot, so those things can only be considered in 2021. But for now, PAC is busy working on the ground," said Banda.

"And this issue is not just about opposition political party leaders, if President Lungu wants me to help him with something, as long as it is for the good of the people and I agree with what he wants me to help with, I would agree and say 'Mr President, for this issue alone, I am going to assist you. So we shouldn't look at our solidarity with Mr Hichilema as a hatred for the President or the PF, we shouldn't look at me being found, once in a while, with President Lungu as a hate for the opposition. Anything that is in the best interest of the country, we need to get to a point where we agree. It is impossible to live in this atmosphere and think that we cannot agree at any point."



Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director sub Sahara Africa Ambassador Joseph Smets (l) talks to Henry Ngilazi, the Charge d'Affaires at Zambia's Embassy in Brussels Belgium during the presentation of the business delegation to visit Zambia in January 2019.

By Abraham Kalito

Veteran politician Vernon Johnson Mwaanga says President Edgar Lungu and his rival Hakainde Hichilema should tame irresponsible elements and hotheads in their parties because they have the potential to derail or undermine the dialogue process.

In an interview, Tuesday, Mwaanga noted that the two parties had persons and elements who should be disciplined in order to successfully conduct the national dialogue process.

"I have had an opportunity to welcome the meeting which took place on 12th November 2018, between President Edgar Lungu and Mr Hakainde Hichilema, the President of the United Party for National Development (UPND). I also paid tribute to the three church mother bodies for arranging and husbanding the meeting. Our two leaders who met and addressed each other as brothers, agreed among others, that there should be an inclusive

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national political dialogue, without any pre-conditions, to address many troubling issues facing our country and work towards achieving national reconciliation, which is so vital to our country and its people. There are bound to be doubting Thomases both from PF, UPND, other opposition parties, some civil society organisations and some of our citizens. This should be expected, because of where we have come from as country. Confidence building will be required in this process of inclusive national dialogue. For starters, our two leaders should not deviate from what they agreed and must continuously reaffirm what they agreed to take our

country forward in peace and harmony," Mwaanga said.

"Secondly, they should ensure that irresponsible elements and hotheads in their political parties do not derail or undermine the dialogue process. Thirdly, the media must also play its part by supporting the dialogue process wholeheartedly and desist from demeaning and undermining the dialogue process through irresponsible reporting and unconstructive reporting, which we see and hear from time to time. All of us have an important duty to discipline our tongues and pens, so that we can all contribute to the success of the inclusive national dialogue. Dialogue should be

an inclusive process which should entail not just talking, but also learning from each other. Unlike other types of communication, people involved must be willing to address the root causes of the problems before them and not just the symptoms."

He stressed the importance of dialogue.

"Dialogue must bring together a diverse set of voices which with a view to creating a microcosm for the larger society. My hope is that at the end of this dialogue, the participants will develop a sense of joint owners of the agreed decisions and become joint stakeholders in addressing whatever common challenges may

arise in future. Dialogue is not and should not be a one size fits all process. The participants must recognise each others humanity, show empathy towards one another, recognise that there are bound to be differences, as well as areas of commonalities and agreement. All those involved must have excess luggage of patience. I am convinced with seriousness, commitment and goodwill by all those directly and indirectly involved, progress is possible. The benefits of dialogue do not need a thesis in order to be articulated. As Martin Luther King so aptly stated: 'We either live together as brothers and sisters, or perish together as fools,' said Mwaanga.

## Two Kafue Sugar general workers in court for theft

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Two general workers at Kafue Sugar have been dragged to court for stealing over 100Kgs of sugar valued at K1,416, property of their employer.

In this matter, Innocent Namushi, 35, and Wamunyima Namasiku, 26, general workers of

Nampundwe area in Shibuyunji District are charged with one count of theft by servant.

Particulars of the offence are that the two, on November 17, 2018, in Shibuyunji District, being persons employed by Kafue Sugar, jointly and whilst acting together, stole 108.96Kgs of

sugar valued at K1,416.48, property of Kafue Sugar, which came into their possession by virtue of their employment.

The accused, who are on police bond, could, however, not take plea yesterday when the matter was allocated to Magistrate Miti's court as they were absent.

And a 56-year-old farmer of Lusaka West identified as Shadreck Kapalu was also dragged to court for defiling a juvenile.

Particulars of the offence are that on October 22, 2018, in Lusaka, Kapalu had unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 16 years.

The matter has been allocated to Magistrate Alice Walusiku.

Meanwhile, a caretaker and a driver have appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court for stealing 34 boxes of tiles and one wheelbarrow, valued at K6,962.

Kennedy Simbeye, a caretaker and Dilon Ngwira, a driver, are charged with theft.

Particulars of the offence are that the accused persons on November 27, 2018, in Lusaka jointly and whilst acting together, did steal 34 boxes of tiles and one wheelbarrow all valued at K6,962, property of Chileshe Chilupe.

# Prince Harry extols Zambia-UK ties

By Stuart Lisulo

England's Prince Harry says the private sector remains a catalyst towards ending poverty in Zambia. Speaking during his first official visit to Zambia at the British High Commission's Residence in Lusaka, Monday evening, the Duke of Sussex emphasized that Zambia's private sector remained an effective means towards reducing poverty in the country. Prince Harry, who is sixth in line to the British throne, also extolled Zambia's historic ties with Britain, hailing the evolving relationship, which stems from the colonial era to the present day.

"My grandmother, Her Majesty the Queen (Elizabeth II), visited this country in 1979 at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and since then, the friendship between Britain and Zambia has remained strong. Britain is Zambia's oldest relationship; it is one that has thrived over the past 54 years, and it continues to evolve; from the UK's development assistance to growing mutually-beneficial trade and investments," Prince Harry said.

"The British Chamber of Commerce is an exemplary of that; the Chamber, working together with the British High Commission, has launched an effort to contribute to Zambia's economic development making it easier to do

business in Zambia and encouraging more British companies to trade and invest here. There are many well-established British companies here already, and more are arriving. By creating jobs and wealth, the private sector is a catalyst to ending poverty." He noted that Zambia's natural assets could bring about prosperity if harnessed properly.

"Zambia also boasts an impressive portfolio of natural assets, from extraordinary precious ecosystems to natural

resources; both of which harnessed responsibly and sustainably, will bring prosperity to the entire country," he said.

He reiterated his commitment towards helping young people across the Commonwealth fulfil their potential.

"Over the past year, I have had the honour of taking on two new roles that are dear to my heart. As president of the Queen's Commonwealth Trust and as Her Majesty's Commonwealth Youth

Ambassador, I am committed to celebrating young people across the Commonwealth who are making a difference in their communities. The goal is to create a platform, not only where young people's voices are heard, but where they are supported in achieving their goals, and I am excited to see some of that action tomorrow (Tuesday) at Circus Zambia," he said.

Meanwhile, Prince Harry is expected to travel to Kafue National Park after

completing his scheduled engagements in Lusaka.

"Following on from my visit in Lusaka, I will travel to Kafue National Park to attend a board meeting of African Parks of which I am very privileged to be president; it is cause-driven work that is very close to my heart and having a truly remarkable impact. African Parks has been working together with the Zambian Department of National Parks and Wildlife and other partners for more than a decade in the

Bangweulu Wetlands and Liuwa Plains. These parks have become exceptional examples of how people and wildlife can co-exist and benefit in a shared landscape," said Prince Harry.

On Monday, the Duke of Sussex paid a courtesy visit to President Lungu at State House where he pledged to help Zambia acquire hundreds of elephants from Botswana for the Kafue National Park in a quest to double the number of tourists to Zambia by 2030.

## I don't agree with Court's decision on Chifire, but I accept it – Ntewewe

By Mirriam Chabala

In the wake of the unfortunate decision by the Supreme Court of Zambia to jail Gregory Chifire for six years, the Young African Leaders Initiative calls on fellow activists and politicians to reflect on our common duty to protect the Judiciary, says Andrew Ntewewe.

Ntewewe, who is YALI president, said in a statement yesterday that citizens and the media alike had a duty of encouraging judges to deliver their rulings, boldly and without fear.

He said whilst he strongly disagreed with the court's

ruling, he accepted it.

"In the wake of the unfortunate decision by the Supreme Court of Zambia to jail Mr Chifire for six years, the Young African Leaders Initiative, call on fellow activists, politicians and the media to reflect on our common duty in the protection of the independence of the judiciary. We at YALI have a long held belief to uphold and defend the integrity and sanctity of the judiciary, inspired by the immortal words of Vice-President Al Gore of the USA. In his concession speech, after one of the most brutally

contested elections in the USA, which was even subjected to an electoral petition in the Supreme Court, Vice-President Al Gore stated and we quote 'over the library of one of our great law schools is inscribed the motto: Not under man, but under God and law. That's the ruling principle of American freedom, the source of our democratic liberties. I've tried to make it my guide throughout this contest, as it has guided America's deliberations of all the complex issues of the past five weeks. Now the U.S. Supreme Court has spoken. Let

there be no doubt, while I strongly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it. I accept the finality of this outcome," Ntewewe stated.

"While it is human nature to always want court judgments come out in support of opinions we hold, which are mostly tainted with political preferences, the growing tendency among media houses, politicians and activists to disrespect our courts and judges is a recipe for anarchy and has a potential to affect the administration of justice. YALI reminds members of the public that in our adversarial system of justice, the courts have a very unpopular but extremely noble task of delivering judgments which can only favour one party to the disputed question and everybody who appears before the court ought to be prepared to accept such judgments especially when delivered by the highest courts of the land, that is, the Supreme Court and Constitutional Court."

Ntewewe emphasised that all citizens had a duty to protect the integrity of the judiciary. "It is no wonder we get inspiration from Vice-President Al Gore, who was clear and candid that he strongly disagreed the decision of the Supreme Court but he accepted it. He did not insult the Supreme

Court judges, neither did he use derogatory language against the SCOTUS, but with civility and decorum, he respectfully disagreed with the Supreme Court but accepted its decision. Judges, including the Chief Justice, are accountable to the people of Zambia and Zambia's legal system provides a mechanism for the Judicial Complaints Commission as the only forum for citizens to utilise in holding judges who may be engaged in wrongdoing accountable. Inspired by Vice President Al Gore, we strongly oppose the growing attitude and tendency where politicians and activists resort to using the media to taint the image of the courts or even intimidate the courts before they deliver judgments," stated Ntewewe.

"Our citizens and the media alike have a duty to encourage the judges to deliver their rulings, boldly and without fear. All of us have a duty to protect the integrity of the judiciary and the media should must play a pivotal role. We therefore call on citizens to support our judiciary in its noble tasks of delivering justice instead of always expecting our courts to write judgments that favour our opinion, an opinion of a media house or political opinions."



Prince Harry flanked by British High Commissioner to Zambia Fergus Cochrane-Dyett speaks at State House during a meeting with President Edgar Lungu on Monday

By Mirriam Chabala

Police in Luanshya have summoned NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili to appear for interviews on Thursday.

According to a notice signed by a J Phiri, Tuesday, Kambwili is expected to appear at Luanshya Central Police for investigations at 10:00 hours.

Meanwhile, NDC youths have vowed to stand by their leader Chishimba Kambwili in whatever life-threatening situation he finds himself in under the Patriotic Front's rule.

On Monday, Kambwili confronted Home Affairs Minister in a telephone call, telling him that he was aware of a scheme to charge him with treason.

In response, Kampyongo warned that he would teach Kambwili a lesson for messing with his AVIC projects.

Kambwili had told News Diggers! in an interview that President Edgar Lungu was upset that he met AVIC employees at his house on Sunday.

"Yes, I got an intelligence report that President Lungu had directed Kampyongo to get the IG and the deputy IG in charge of operations and CID to meet in his office, and they are meeting right now as I am talking to you, framing a charge of treason against me. For addressing those AVIC employees

# Luanshya police summon Kambwili



who were complaining about the conditions of service they are going through when building those police houses in my constituency and the mere fact that I said that if the President does not speak for the people, and only cares about investors, it simply means that we have no president in State House, we only have a figure head, because the president is supposed to speak for the people and if he is failing to do his job, then it is as good as we don't have a president, we only have a figurehead. Now President Lungu and Kampyongo are very upset that I spoke on behalf of

those poor employees of AVIC in Luanshya...they have instructed police to frame a charge of treason and unlawful assembly," said Kambwili.

"But look, I am a member of parliament. If my constituents have a problem, they have the right to come to my home to complain like they came. And obviously, as a leader, I had to answer and tell them that I would take it up with government. Today what they have done is that they have arrested 10 of those boys in Luanshya and now they are having a meeting to have me charged with treason.

This country has gone to the dogs, I am sorry to say that this country has gone to the dogs. And to make matters worse, I called Kampyongo and he answered in the affirmative that I will teach you a lesson for playing with my projects." Efforts to get a comment from Kampyongo failed as his phone went unanswered.

Meanwhile, NDC youths have vowed to stand by their leader Chishimba Kambwili in whatever life-threatening situation he finds himself in under the Patriotic Front's rule.

In a statement, NDC national youth

chairperson Charles Kabwita regretted the threats of arrest against Kambwili.

Kabwita, however, warned Kampyongo to stop threatening innocent citizens who were only exercising their human rights.

"We, the youths of the National Democratic Congress, want to assure Zambians that they should be encouraged to speak for their well-being. The Minister of Home Affairs should not be in a habit of threatening citizens who speak for themselves and against the Chinese. The recent threats by the Home Affairs Minister to

deal with Hon. Kambwili should be treated with the contempt it deserves! We want to warn Kampyongo that arresting Hon. Kambwili will irk the youths to defend their strongman with all their being. My youth leadership countrywide is studying and analysing the intention of Kampyongo and his government," Kabwita warned.

He also asked officers of the Zambia Police Command not to allow politicians to use them for their personal benefits, but instead uphold professional ethics at all times.

"What Hon. Dr Kambwili is doing is giving checks and balances on the PF manifesto of more money and more jobs. If jobs are created, let them give more money and job security. In a normal country, the Minister would have been appreciating Hon. Kambwili for doing necessary checks. Kampyongo should stop personalizing public projects to be his unless he justifies how personal these projects are to him. The Minister should tell the nation what he is getting from AVIC by saying, 'don't play with my projects.' This time, NDC youths will face the bullet from the PF police. I want to caution the police not to be used by politicians who have a five-year lifespan of influence. Our police should never accept to be robots. They should always uphold their etiquette, ethics and professionalism," stated Kabwita.

## Chinese man assaults fellow national in quarrel over business

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 37-year-old Chinese national on Saturday assaulted his fellow national using a machete for allegedly interfering with his business.

And police in Kanyama have received a report of a 25-year-old woman, who allegedly cut her eight year-old daughter's palms using a razor blade, after she caught her stealing sausages from the shop.

In a statement, Tuesday, police deputy police spokesperson Rae Hamoonga stated that they received a report of assault and malicious damage to property involving two Chinese nationals, which occurred on Saturday, at North Gate Gardens.

He explained that 26-year-old Wang Bian, an employee of Chenshi Company was assaulted

by his fellow national, Chen Yon Shen, 37, using a machete for allegedly interfering with his business.

Hamoonga added that the victim sustained a reddish tenderness on the neck and complained of headache.

"Police received a report of assault and malicious damage to property involving two Chinese nationals. This occurred on November 24, 2018, between 15:00 hours and 16:00 hours at North Gate Gardens. Brief facts of the case are that Wang Bian, aged 26 years, an employee of Chenshi Company, was assaulted by his fellow national, Chen Yon Shen, aged 37 years, who is a Director for Cino Gaming. The victim sustained a reddish tenderness on the neck and complained of headache,"

Hamoonga stated.

"The complainant was driving within North Gate Gardens when his car, a Toyota Harrier, green in colour, was blocked by the assailant. The assailant whilst armed with a machete went to the rear passenger seat where the complainant was seated and struck the window screen of the motor vehicle, damaging it completely. The victim came out and was hit with the machete using the flat side of it on the head. The assailant was apprehended and detained in custody. When both were interviewed, the assailant said the reasons he assaulted the victim was that he was interfering with his business. The victim also confirmed the allegation, but said that they are competitors in business."

And police in Kanyama received a report of a 25-year-old woman, who allegedly cut her eight year-old daughter's palms using a razor blade, after she caught her stealing sausages from the shop. He stated that the accused was currently in police custody.

"In a related development, police in Kanyama received a report of unlawful wounding from a concerned citizen, Mary Mbewe, aged 28 years, which occurred on November 26, 2018, around 07:00hours. She had brought Memory Zulu, aged 25 years, for cutting her eight year-old daughter on her palms with a razor blade. This was after she had caught her stealing sausages from the shop. A medical report form was issued and Memory Zulu is detained in police custody," stated Hamoonga.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was disgusted, Monday, after learning that the value of 15 audit queries under the Ministry of Transport and Communications which was allegedly plundered stood at about K1.2 billion. This came to light after ministry Permanent Secretary Eng Misheck Lungu and his team appeared before the committee to respond to audit queries which were cited in the Auditor General's Report for the financial year ended 31st December 2017. Addressing the controlling officer after his submission, committee chairperson Howard Kunda said it was shocking that 15 queries could amount to K1.2 billion, a sign that there

# K1.2bn plundered at Ministry of Transport shocks PAC

was a big problem in the ministry. "I have a schedule of how you have performed PS from 2015 to 2017 and looking at the figures, it is shocking that you could allow these figures to escalate. In the Auditor General's report for 2015 there were nine queries and it was K277,731, 2016 there were 19 queries worth K554 million plus, and you have been moving [up], in 2017 you had K1,262,000 plus with 15 queries.

On 19 queries it is K554 million. So that gives you an indication that there is a very big problem with issues to do with finances. And that problem we would like you to deal with it and this is arising from this analysis of 2015, 2016, and 2017. I am sure you should have that information that in the current Auditor General's report, that is the figure as compared to the queries," Kunda said. Eng Lungu who was over-consulted his

supporting staff during the deliberations to the extent that he was asked to leave the room and go outside for two minutes to conclude the consultations blubbered when he was asked to justify the figures. "The issues of finances are that K1. 080 721, 926 plus, I am giving you an issue of what is obtaining there, so get it. Then procurement and supplies unit, there is K181, 540, 499. So you can see that there are issues. With engineering

technicals, 2015 [and] 2016 there was nothing with that department, there was no query [but] coming to this year [which] is the year we are dealing with (2017), there is K160 000 also showing that there are a lot of lapses. Then when you look at your office as controlling officer, in 2015 there was K40 million plus, in 2016 it went up to K358 million plus and [in] 2017 there is nothing. So it looks like you have listened but you have not put emphasis on how those systems that you have put in place around you are not working in other departments," Kunda said.

"So we want you to address these issues PS. And also we have observed that you are not being proactive in some areas [and so] we would want you to be proactive before even the auditors come to audit. And also PS we have seen that we have been dealing with the same queries. We would like you to deal with these matters and make sure you make use of your internal auditors."

Eng Lungu also incensed the committee when he said it was okay for RTSA to work on a five-year unsigned agreement with Zampost when collecting monies on behalf of the agency because Zampost was a government entity which needed support.

"I want to appreciate Honorable [Victor] Lumayi's concern on having operated without any legal mandate. It was a lapse on the part of our management from Road Transport and Safety Agency and Zampost itself, which lapse cannot be condoned and the assumption was that since the party (Zampost) was allowed to collect [on behalf of the agency] the assumption was that the contract that brought the parties to be on an agreement was going to prevail. But it's a situation that is unacceptable and it has now been corrected and we've moved on the right path. But in terms of how are we going to collect the resources now that Zampost doesn't have enough liquidity, I think the understanding is that Zampost will provide the services in view that part of its entitled commission

will be deducted to ensure that we offset liability," Eng Lungu said.

He said the partnership between RTSA and Zampost was basically to give Zampost work to do so that it did not get free money from the Treasury.

"I want to put on record chair that Zampost is a national asset and it is only prudent that we provide Zampost with work to do than give it money from the treasury without doing work because all of us need it to exist. It forms that part of a district, a part of a town that we are creating. Zampost has a wider footprint to make the services of RTSA accessible to the people. Yes Zampost as an institution is not bad but maybe we had a wrong management that was running with the institution that didn't realise the importance of agreements that were made between Zampost and people that give it contracts," said Eng Lungu.


"That is why I have mentioned that with the new management that we have at Zampost, they have seen the need that we need to respect the customer who gives us business which one of them is RTSA. Si I think it's basically that Zampost does not get free money from the treasury. And that is why we have said let's not throw away Zampost but let's maybe change the management thinking at the helm of Zampost so that there is that commitment that Zampost should perform for its income."


His response annoyed Mwanza Mbulakulima who said there was no sense in continuing to give business to Zampost just because it was a government entity even when the institution was performing badly.


Mbulakulima said Zampost was not created for the sake of creating it but that it was created for the purpose of declaring dividends and provide services for the people.

On a different query, Eng Lungu also told the committee that ZNBC was owing amounts totalling to K1,205,740 cited as uncollected revenue to ZICTA.

Eng Lungu said debt swap talks were underway.








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## What is the NAREP Vision? Part 1

NAREP aims to move the nation from poverty and scarcity to prosperity and shared opportunity. The NAREP Vision is therefore necessarily bold and ambitious:

- It foresees an era of sustained local wealth creation and national prosperity that will benefit every Zambian
- It sets out a radical plan to attain food security and energy independence
- It promises cost-conscious, efficient governance through value-based leadership
- It envisages major rural advancement as well as radical urban modernisation.

We see a prosperous country living at peace with itself and with its neighbours, that is able to project itself confidently in the world as a leader in its areas of strength. Under a NAREP administration, Zambia will be a country in which every citizen will have access to quality healthcare and education; and whose freely elected government is committed to selflessly serving all of the people in order to facilitate the attainment of their full potential.

NAREP recognizes the fact that the answers to the current economic difficulties lie largely in the vast untapped human and natural resources that Zambia is endowed with. Foreign assistance in this regard should only be viewed as a technological boost to attaining Home Grown Sustainable Development Plans. With respect to the development of the nation's human resource, it is expected that tourism and agriculture are the most likely mass employers and mass providers of the basics for survival. NAREP has also identified a major opportunity in 'mass recycling' and 'green energy' industries. This will be spearheaded through a Zambia Sustainability Plan to be implemented over the next 20 years (attached hereto).

To create the qualified workforce to meet the demands of the new economy, NAREP will establish mass recruitment centres through public/private partnerships operating under the infrastructure owned by the Zambia National Service (ZNS) and through underutilised technical colleges around the country. These institutions will be substantially revamped with major re-investment to cater to this new drive to recruit the nation's otherwise idle youth. Recruits will be paid a monthly allowance in addition to the being sponsored for training they will be offered.

Beneficiaries of this major training drive will be selected to ensure that they will constructively contribute to the economy by undergoing broad-based "On the Job 2 Year Skills Training" as they maintain or construct tourism infrastructure or produce critical items such as mosquito combating gadgets, appropriate copper and steel based irrigation systems, paving bricks, fertilizer production, cement production, housing bricks, grain, cotton lint, basic cotton materials, essential oils, bio-fuels etc that will be essential in the short run for economic re-ignition and temporary employment of millions of unemployed people whose labour is currently going to waste. The private sector will be encouraged to support this initiative through voluntary finance and job training opportunities. This initiative should go a long way towards addressing the classic employee dilemma of being qualified but not having experience.

The On the Job 2 Year Skills Training programmes will initially require a capital injection but will in the long run be cost effective because the training programs will be designed to complement each other. This means, for example, that the group of youth that will be producing foodstuffs during that phase of training will ensure that

they feed themselves and others in other programs whilst the ones that will be producing cotton will ensure that they clothe themselves and other youth who are in other training programs. Upon completion, such skilled individuals will be available as part of the local skilled labour force, creating a wealth of productive skills that will be used to turn Zambia into a competitive and cheap production zone with all residents having the basics of life such as clothing, decent shelter, brick paved roads, adequate food etc. Zambian citizens will – in time – be able to compete on the global labour marketplace with youth being assisted to relocate and work in other countries developing a basis for repatriation of an agreed proportion of earnings to a National Fund that will run the On the Job 2 Year Skills Training program.

In order to promote home-based self sustenance as opposed to over reliance on export earnings and imported goods, NAREP will seek to:

- Ensure that Zambia adopts the Zambia Sustainability Plan for a green economy
- Ensure that Zambia becomes self sufficient in iron beneficiation and recycling technology
- Attain household and national food security using local technology
- Ensure that imported technology is used as much as possible to assist in appropriate local technology development
- Revitalize the formal education sector so as to meet the nation's skills requirements
- Set targets for the formal education sector to churn out and export surplus skills
- Encourage the Zambian Diaspora to market Zambia as a prime tourism destination
- Ensure that common tropical diseases such as malaria are controlled
- Propel the "Energy Independence Initiative" via adopted solar and bio-fuel technology
- Peg targets for export of surplus bio-fuels only for purposes of balancing trade
- Introduce targets for production of cotton under irrigation so as to clothe the nation
- Implement cost-conscious, efficient governance through value-based leadership
- Use local resources to improve housing and roads in rural and urban areas

NAREP believes that building such a country will require a transformation of our national mindset. This will happen when everyone is encouraged to play their role in a society that is responsibly led by competent, service-oriented, honest leadership that places emphasis on values. NAREP believes that an adherence to value-based leadership is the key to the transformational change of our national mindset and has established eight core values against which performance within and outside government will be continuously assessed: excellence, integrity, responsibility, service, equity, humility, commitment, and a sense of community.

NAREP's vision foresees three outcomes which are built on three pillars that draw their strength from eight core values. Hence "Vision 3:3:8" as depicted graphically below:

Vision 3:3:8

Under NAREP's guidance, Zambia will be a country that will play its role as:

### • An energy superpower

This goal will create a commercial basis for infrastructure development and produce a more sustainable model for significantly reducing poverty in rural and urban areas. There will be extensive use of solar technology to power villages and towns, reducing dependence on costly fixed line infrastructure. We will harness the nation's great potential to be a world player in the grand scale production of bio-fuels (including ethanol and palm oil) thereby reducing our dependence on imported petroleum and related products. This will create abundant employment opportunities in both rural and urban Zambia and will open up land and industrial development well beyond the major cities and settlements along the line of rail. Zambia will also continue to develop itself as a major hydro-power generator through public/private partnerships and independent power producers

### • The continental breadbasket

The natural and intended consequence of opening up the rural areas to new investments in clean energy production will be the development of the vast agricultural potential of the country. Zambia has not been able to claim its position as a major global agricultural centre due to the very limited or no access to vast areas of arable land. The development of plans to create a clean energy economy will hasten infrastructure development (particularly dams, grain storage facilities and interconnecting roads within and between the provinces) in vast arable areas that have hitherto lacked access. Policies to promote community farming on a commercial scale as well as to enhance ongoing commercial farming will also be introduced as part of the initiatives to develop Zambia's status as a major developer of bio-fuels

### • A regional inland infrastructure and logistics hub

Zambia's unique geographical location has been preached about for many years. We are surrounded by 8 countries (9 including Burundi at the end of Lake Tanganyika). With the correct political will and careful use of resources, Zambia can, within 10 years, claim its place as the continent's foremost inland regional infrastructure and logistics hub. One example of how this would work is in the downstream processing of mineral concentrates out of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Zambia can lead the way as a centre for mining excellence in promoting innovative technologies for improved efficiency in the mining and mineral processing sectors. Zambia can also serve as a major centre for packaging, containerisation and distribution, with industrial dry ports and loading facilities being a key part of our geographically strategic location. Technological solutions to Zambia's development challenges are necessary. The technology need not be complicated or sophisticated but relevant and affordable. Available, applicable and affordable technological solutions exist that can be deployed to greatly improve the delivery of health, education and social services throughout urban centres and to the remotest rural communities. Working hand in hand with the private sector through public/private partnerships, it is possible to create a complete, user-friendly model for electronic interaction within the public and private sectors. This will help to significantly reduce the cost of running government and doing business. This will ultimately improve our competitiveness.



*Bahati MP Harry Kalaba speaks to congregants at Chimpinga New Apostolic Church in Luangeni Constituency where he attended a Church service on November, 25, 2018 – Picture by Tenson Mkhala*

# PF has amplified women's voices – Mumbi

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

PF Deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri says the Patriotic Front government has amplified women's voices to levels they have never reached before. And Phiri has argued that although there are a few administrative hiccups, the Social Cash Transfer has been a huge success in alleviating poverty among women. Meanwhile, Phiri says Zambia is blessed to have a gender-sensitive Head of State because his commitment in matters of

national development and gender equality has attracted due recognition from other quarters, such as the African Union (AU). In the PF's weekly newsletter to News Diggers! Phiri stated that GBV was a human rights issue because it was rooted in traditional and cultural unequal power relations between the genders, adding that it could only be effectively dealt with from its roots. She stated that under their leadership, the Ministry of Gender and Child Development had continued

with its commitment to protecting and promoting women's rights, curbing GBV and reducing gender inequality. "As a brain child and product of PF, the Ministry of Gender has made tremendous strides in prioritising the advancement of women and strengthening their capacity to influence decision-making at all levels. The portfolio functions of the Ministry include coordinating and monitoring the implementation of: the National Gender policy; the Matrimonial Causes

Act; and the Anti-Gender Based Violence Act No. 1 of 2011. Key to all of this is the Economic Empowerment of Women as well as the prevention of GBV and the multidisciplinary management of survivors," Phiri stated. She observed that under the PF administration, women had progressed exponentially in their participation of national affairs and decision-making positions. "Besides the standout appointment of Her Honour, Mrs Inonge Mutukwa Wina,

as the first female Vice President of Zambia, there are other women's voices in the nation today that reverberate individually and jointly. They have hit high notes and pitches through positions of leadership and decision-making across different sectors. The Patriotic Front has amplified women's voices to levels they have never reached before," she narrated. And Phiri argued that although there had been a few administrative hiccups, the Social Cash Transfer had been a huge success in alleviating poverty among women.

Lungu because of his strong commitment in matters of national development and gender equality, which had attracted recognition from stakeholders like the AU. "The Patriotic Front and the nation at large is blessed to have a gender-sensitive Head of State in President Edgar Chagwa Lungu. As our leader, his determination and steadfastness in matters of national development, including issues of gender equality and the fight against GBV, has attracted due recognition not only within our nation, but from many other quarters such as the African Union, who have recognized his valiant efforts in empowering women in various spheres. The United Nations women not long ago appointed him as the promoter for the He-for-She campaign, which advocates gender equality," stated Phiri.

# Purchase of new Presidential jet a mockery to suffering Zambians - Msoni

*By Kanchele Kanche*

APC leader Nason Msoni says the purchase of an executive private jet by government when people can not access quality medical care speaks to the moral bankruptcy of the leaders running government. Msoni told News Diggers that it was not surprising to see the leadership in government spend colossal sums of money on an executive private jet because they were motivated by grand corruption and misuse of public resources. He added that it was extremely criminal and injurious to the citizens for leaders to use such huge sums of money on things that don't uplift their livelihoods. "The reckless purchase of executive

private Jets speaks to the moral bankruptcy and redundancy of thought of leadership eclipsed with a self-serving political ambition. But this is what is to be expected of any rogue morally redundant leadership of any nation motivated by grand corruption and misuse of public resources," he said. "It is absolutely criminal and injurious to the poorest citizens of our country who can't reasonably even access quality medical care because hospitals don't have the vital life serving equipment and medicines to treat their medical conditions." He called on citizens to denounce what he termed as unbecoming behaviour of the people in charge of the country's resources.

"No one believes that ZAF acted at their own volition without the express permission of the authority and went on a jet buying spree abroad for the President. We are fully aware that more planes are to be delivered to Zambia. Surely, it is our collective duty as citizens to denounce this appalling and disgusting unbecoming behaviour of extravagance and abuse of public resources by PF leaders," said Msoni. The government had earlier denied purchasing the super luxurious presidential jet at a cost of approximately US\$140 million, but new video have emerged on YouTube of the brand new Gulfstream G650 headed to Zambia, fitted with anti-missile MUSIC system.

"The PF government through a number of government agencies, such as the Ministry of Community Development has implemented various economic empowerment programmes, such as the Social Cash Transfer, to enable women to have a respectable measure of control over their own finances. Although there have been a few administrative hiccups, the Social Cash Transfer has been a huge success in alleviating poverty among women, particularly in the rural areas of our nation," Phiri argued. She stated that Zambia was also blessed to have a gender-sensitive in President Edgar

"As we commemorate 16 Days of Activism against GBV as well as World Aids Day and the International Day of Human Rights, I call upon all men to emulate the example of our Head of State in promoting gender equality. As a woman and a mother, I call upon all women to take advantage of the goodwill of the Patriotic Front government to advance the cause of the woman and the girl child."

Welcome to Zambia, the real Zimbabwe. We are sure that you have found the people here friendlier than the citizens of any other country you have visited in the world. But don't be fooled by the smiles you see around you. Apart from those who are in the government welcoming party, the rest of the Zambians are devastated by a stubborn epidemic that has ravaged their homes. Yes, it is the 'Zika' virus.

But unlike the Zika that causes abnormally small heads among infected babies born in South America, our Zika virus makes people grow very big headed. It is not mosquito-borne and neither is it sexually transmitted. Our Zika virus is cash-borne. It is wallet-borne in the early stages and but becomes trunk-borne when it is being transmitted to the most powerful, like those who work in State House.

Like you have assisted many impoverished people around the world, we also need your help in stopping this fast-spreading cash-borne Zika virus in our country. If it is not stopped, it will swallow all the 1,000 elephants you have bought for us. All it will take is one Reed Dance invitation to eSwatini and the elephants will be gone, just like the buffaloes went.

This cash-borne Zika virus first corrupts the moral fibre of fully-

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# Dear Prince Harry, watch out for our cash-borne Zika virus



grown humans, targeting those in positions of influence, and then paralyses the principle of gratitude and obligation. At this stage, it is almost incurable because people's heads grow so big, thereby affecting the sense of hearing and sight. This epidemic has

brought far-reaching devastation to the people of Zambia, especially now with the influx of our Chinese brothers and sisters who seem to know ingenious ways of spreading it for a profit.

Out there, you call this disease "corruption", but here is Zambia we can't

use that word anyhow because the bigheaded cash-borne virus-carriers take offence. They say those who talk about it in public are denting the image of the country, but the carriers and their victims exchange huge chunks of virus 'notes' openly without

any consequences. This is why the citizens have come up with so many ways of referring to this epidemic. Thanks to the Duchess of Sussex and her fears, we now have a new name for it; "Zika virus".

Allow us to reach out and assure Ms Meghan

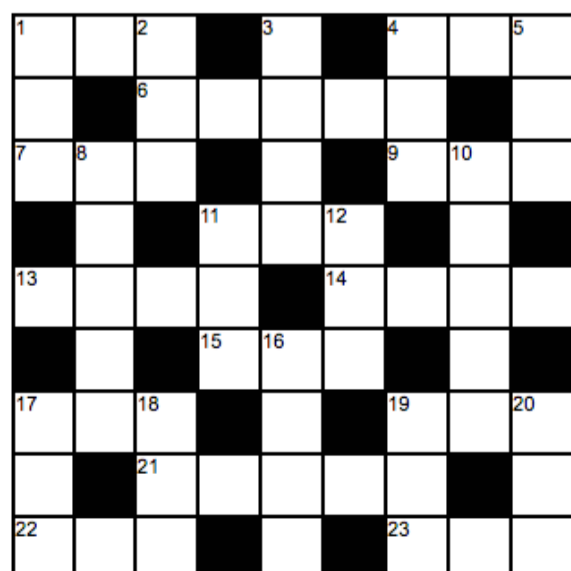
that her travelling fears were not too far fetched. You see, Mrs Prince, you got everything right apart from you forget to specify which Zika virus you were afraid of catching in our country. Your husband had first hand experience. As soon as he arrived at State House in Zambia, he had no idea that the cash-borne Zika virus was lurking behind him on the red carpet, photo-bombing the royal pictures. What happened thereafter? Well, we are not permitted to talk about it publicly.

Anyway, Mr Prince, we hope that you survived our Zika virus. And this adventure must help you better when picking a gift for an African country next time. Our problems are not lack of abundant wildlife. In fact, we have so much variety that the government has decided to kill 2,000 hippos to curb overpopulation, by infecting them with Zika.

So, thank you for the 1,000 elephants, but the real elephant in the room is the cash-borne Zika virus. You bring us an antidote for this, you will have liberated us from our new colonisers, and we shall sing God Save the Queen forever!

And talking about the Queen, we can see the royal wisdom you are trying to apply here. In a Country where the government is too corrupt donors donate elephants instead of money. Very clever, Mr Prince. Very clever!

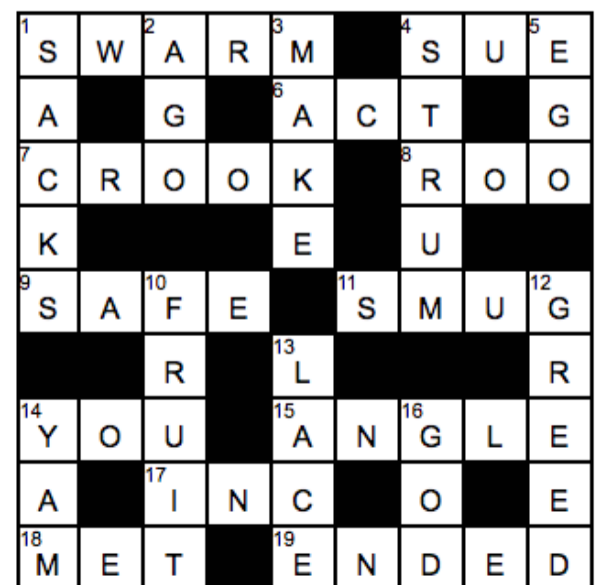
## Crossword puzzle 240



*"Only the very weak-minded refuse to be influenced by literature and poetry." - Cassandra Clare*

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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small green veggie</li> <li>4. Fingers to shoulder</li> <li>6. Abandon</li> <li>7. Style of music</li> <li>9. Have a go at</li> <li>11. Stare at</li> <li>13. Skewer</li> <li>14. Snatch</li> <li>15. Scare word</li> <li>17. Summer cooler</li> <li>19. Feminine pronoun</li> <li>21. Salad dressing choice</li> <li>22. Coupe or sedan</li> <li>23. Wild ox</li> </ul> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better than a bogey</li> <li>2. Egypt cobra</li> <li>3. Cafeteria carrier</li> <li>4. Suitable</li> <li>5. Possibly will</li> <li>8. Top floor of a house</li> <li>10. Get through to</li> <li>11. Diminish</li> <li>12. Persona</li> <li>16. Farm sound</li> <li>17. Business name abbr.</li> <li>18. Mess up</li> <li>19. Bashful</li> <li>20. Lodge member</li> </ul> |
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## Solutions to puzzle 239





# Reader's feedback

## Bogus Zika virus story in Britain's Sun Newspaper

Dear Editor,  
 "The British media is one of the most cynical and white-centred in the world! Let them be with their ignorance! These are facts that are so basic and don't require so much research to establish them! What they do or say will have no bearing on us!" - Amos Chilufya

"Thanks to the Zambian Embassy UK for quick intervention. Fake news can spread like bush fire!" - Muraad Mulenga

"Reporters must be so careful not to write false articles that have the capacity to deter progress in our already struggling economies because that would be so unfair on the general citizenry here in Zambia." - Eddie Mushabati

## PS Mushota's revelation over RB's mansion costing US \$2.5m



Editor,  
 "This makes no sense at all! Someone please help me understand this. If RB was given the money that is K5 million to build his house, and the President only went there to handover, how come, now, the government is coming up with this ridiculous figure? Please help me understand before I get angry!" - Emely Kajokoto

"Was the house built in heaven for it to cost that much? Since when did RB become a celebrity? Your time is up ba PFI!" - David Rowlands

"The house seated on 28 hectares of land in a wall fence and a gate, with houses for worker plus other amenities, still does cost less than the toll gate." - Nathan Mubanga

"That still doesn't make things better. How can a shelter with some elementary technology cost US \$4.3 million, while a luxury house costs US \$2.5 million? Are we supposed to clap for this extravagant government?" - Given Hamoonga

"I don't know if this makes it any better though." - Seya Fundafunda

"This is a calculated lie. RB himself at the handover encouraged other former Heads of State to simulate his plan of getting money and build it yourself. The money he got was in public domain and confirmed by the Treasury. Does it mean again we were duped on RB's payment? If so, it's then unfortunate that govt perpetually never tell us the truth on even the simplest of issues. Mr. PS, remember, there is tomorrow; you may be requested to prove your statement." - Maningi Dibili

## ND's OPINION: Wynter Kabimba's convenient dislike for print media

Editor,  
 "News Diggers! is a piece of heaven! Your writing and reporting is above the rest! Keep up the good work; hats off to your team..." - Paul Mwanza

"Well said, Diggers! Politicians can so ungrateful at times and they easily forget like flies! They will only appreciate something when it suits them; once they are not in favour with the story, then the media is biased. Carry on with your work even though it's tough. And keep those recordings so that someday he can be reminded again for the second time to make it twice..." - Andy Hanny

"Great piece of writing, ND! Keep informing the masses!" - Chanda Shadreck Nkonde

"Respect the media, ba WK. Ati: 'they have nothing to offer'." - Robert Khunga

"Wynter Kabimba should also apologize for being a useless opposition leader." - Chrissy Chuma

"I wish to disagree with News Diggers! on one or two issues, but agree with Hon. Kabimba on the fact that most media houses have become vuvuzelas of the opposition or the ruling party. There is no ethical journalism in this

country anymore. As much as people are condemning the Judiciary of being biased, the media, in whatever form has become worse! And this is the reason why Hon. Kabimba may dislike the present news media." - Mazabuka Mwanakalando

### Police's ejection of Kalaba from Mambwe District

Editor,  
 "The Police have lagged behind. With the air of reconciliation obtaining in the nation, they are still ejecting our potential leaders from freely interacting with us, their constituents? At this juncture I am watching Chilufya Tayali apologising to all those people he has wronged. Perhaps IG Kanganja should get wind of this 'wind of change' sweeping the nation and advise the officers under his charge to be more accommodating." - Grace Shankaya

"Sadly, this is what PF will be remembered for when they leave office; failing to let opposition to campaign free on the same level as them." - Mutinta Mulonda

"Awe!! This man is mobilising his party. Did PF grow up without mobilisation??" - Ganizani Tembo ThePrince

"Stone age politics! This Public Order Act needs to be revised without further delay!" - Christopher Shanda

By Abraham Kalito

Former Sinda member of parliament Levy Ngoma has warned that the Patriotic Front's loss of the Lusinde Ward by-election is a tip of the iceberg because residents are angry with the regime's poor service delivery.

And Ngoma says President Edgar Lungu is promoting tribalism by expecting Easterners to vote for him on a 'wako ni wako' basis simply because he comes from that part of the country. Over the weekend, when he was in Kasama for the launch of the Northern Province Investment expo, President Lungu said he felt more at home in that province unlike in Eastern Province where people were voting against him.

"It is always heartwarming to be here in Northern Province, especially that this is the stronghold for PF. PF is a political party I belong to, and that's where I am President, so when I am here I feel very much at home, unlike Petauke District.

# PF's Lusinde loss a tip of an iceberg - Ngoma

Of course Petauke, that's where my mother and father come from, but they don't seem to agree with us, they are voting against us," President Lungu said, much to the laughter of the Investment Expo delegates.

But in an interview, Monday, Ngoma argued that the PF had lost favour with Easterners because of their failure to fulfill the campaign promises.

He noted that the challenges associated with the e-voucher system where farmers are unable to redeem farming inputs had upset local residents in the area.

"In the first place, we want to congratulate the people of Petauke, Lusinde Ward in particular, for the decisive election victory

that they have given the United Party for National Development (UPND). To us, in the UPND, it has not come as a surprise in any way. It just underscores the fact that the PF, under Edgar Chagwa Lungu, have failed the Zambian people! And we are also not surprised by the overreaction of the Patriotic Front to dissolve the ward in Lusinde, the constituency and the district executive in Petauke. If anything, this over-reaction to us only goes to confirm that they have really been injured and that they are bad losers because as things stand now, there is no part of the country that the PF can say is their stronghold or 'bedroom.' People in Eastern Province are

predominantly farmers. The message from Lusinde is a clear indication that farmers are upset as a result of them not being paid after they supplied maize to the Food Reserve Agency (FRA). As we speak right, now farmers have not yet been paid! So, how do they expect people who depend on farming to go and give them a vote when they have failed to deliver promises on their side? People are angry, and this is a tip on the iceberg," Ngoma argued.

"People understand that the PF is a corrupt regime, and that they can only survive through corruption, and they decided to do the right thing. Easterners are wise. Across the breadth of the Eastern Province,

I can confirm without sugar-coating that the PF in most districts in Eastern Province are not commanding or holding the majority. People are angry in Petauke, in Katete, in Sinda, in Chipata, and even in Malambo itself! Everywhere, the message is the same; they don't want the PF! For the PF to start winning elections in Eastern Province, they need to deliver on their promises by addressing the main challenges that people are facing. What is paramount is the issue of farming, they don't have to pay a lip service to the issues of farming because currently, they are only paying a lip service and Easterners are noticing what they are doing. Right

now, a number of farmers are unable to access their inputs through the e-voucher system. Those who should have been given haven't been given yet, and the rains have kicked in big time here is the province."

And Ngoma observed that President Lungu was promoting tribalism by expecting Easterners to vote for him on the 'wako ni wako' tribal basis.

"A lot of communities in the province do not have safe, drinking water. The boreholes that the Patriotic Front has been promising the people of the Eastern Province merely exist on paper! So, this is a message from the people that they want water; it is a message that they need to see to it that farming has been promoted progressively. It is a message that the road network in rural Eastern Province is nothing to talk about. The feeder roads are in a deplorable state right now! It is a message that the people are saying; 'enough is enough' they are not going to eat 'wako ni wako,' 'wakwathu ni wakwathu,'" explained Ngoma.

"President Lungu and his team want to push the people of Eastern Province to be voting on tribal line of 'wako ni wako' but people are saying; 'no!' We are peace-makers; we love this country and we believe in the motto of 'One Zambia One Nation' so we will vote reasonably. And even for them, like I said, that they over-reacted by dissolving the executive only goes to confirm that they want those in Eastern Province to be voting on tribal lines. Today, I read where President Lungu was saying that; he 'feels more home in Northern Province than in Petauke' where he said they have denied him. He is trying to say people in that region should vote for him simply because he comes from there, but what has he done there for people to vote for him? It's wrong for a leader to speak like that; that is a promotion of tribalism! People need to vote for him based on performance, you should not expect a vote if you have failed. And the performance of the PF in Eastern Province is terrible and so, they should not be surprised."

## Social media shouldn't erode ethics, Mujajati tells health practitioners

By Mirriam Chabala

Health Professionals Council of Zambia (HPCZ) registrar Dr Aaron Mujajati has appealed to health practitioners across the country to always remember that they are still bound by the professional code of conduct.

Dr Mujajati said the coming of the Internet must not affect medical ethics in any way, and that the Council would not accept the type of behaviour that exposed the vulnerability of patients in health facilities.

Commenting of the rampant distribution of pictures of patients on social media by health workers, Dr Mujajati said, when he featured on Hot FM's Frank on Hot show, Tuesday, that it was unfair to circulate pictures of a patient who had not given consent to the distribution.

He lamented that people were usually vulnerable when they visited the hospital, and that they need to always be assured of professionalism by practitioners.

"I was born at the border of the advent of the Internet. The advent of social media, I have lived both sides of life. Where

there no was Internet, now there is Internet. And because now, we are in this information age and information moves very fast, some practitioners forget that these are just tools. Facebook is a tool for communication; it does not influence or change the practice of medicine. That's why we constantly remind our practitioners that medical ethics have not changed because of social media; medical ethics have not changed because we live in the information age, no! You are still required to uphold those standards. It's unfortunate, particularly with social media that people find it [okay] taking pictures of patients and put them on social media indiscriminately. That's unacceptable and I would like to appeal to and remind practitioners out there that you are still bound by the professional code of conduct, you are still bound by those medical ethics, and as a Council, we will not accept that type of behaviour," Dr Mujajati cautioned.

"People come to the hospital and they are very vulnerable. You know, when you go to the

hospital, you are extremely vulnerable and you are at the mercy of this practitioner and you need to be assured that this practitioner will be very professional with you. You don't want a woman go to the hospital and then you find they are sexually molested, that's unacceptable! We want to make sure that when people go to these facilities, they are confident, they feel safe. Of course, human error happens, but people should have that confidence that when we go into these facilities, we will feel safe. And the Health Professionals Council in terms of its professional code of conduct, it's very clear. For those who are in doubt, it's even on our website and it's easily accessible."

Dr Mujajati, however, said health practitioners were allowed to take pictures of patients where consent was given.

But he insisted that health facilities must always employ licenced health professionals.

"A practitioner is allowed to take a picture of a patient's medical condition, provided that

practitioner can demonstrate or prove that they got a written consent from the patient. Even where written consent is given, the rules require that you hide all the identifiers of the patient. So, if it's the face, you blur it; if it's the names, you remove them. But the patient must also be made aware of what you are going to do with that material. Now, where there is no consent, it's a problem and consent, it's not just someone signing a piece of paper, it requires that the practitioner has fully explained to the patient and the patient fully understands and has made an informed decision. So, the issue of taking pictures is not new, practitioners have always taken pictures. They are important for training, consultation. But sometimes that privilege can be abused and that's why management in these facilities need to keep a keen eye and continue constantly reminding the practitioners. That's why we insist that institutions must employ practitioners who are licensed because their behaviour is regulated," said Dr Mujajati.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Justice Minister Given Lubinda says Zambia should resist the temptation of being used in an economic conflict against the Chinese.

And Lubinda has revealed that Zambia has voted in the affirmative at the United Nations –UN- on maintenance of a suspension of the death penalty.

According to a statement issued by Zambia’s First Secretary for Press and Tourism in Ethiopia

Inutu Mupango Mwanza, Tuesday, Lubinda was speaking in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Monday when he transited to Rome to attend a conference on the 10th Anniversary of the

# Do not be used in economic conflict against Chinese, Lubinda tells Zambians

campaign against the death penalty by an organisation called St Egidio.

“And the Minister said Zambia has adequate laws to guarantee the safety of investors in the country. He said it was unfortunate that some Zambians were taking the law in their own hands by attacking foreigners who had come in the country to invest. Mr. Lubinda said the recent xenophobic attacks on the Chinese were unfortunate and urged Zambia to use better channels in channelling

their grievances. The Minister further said Zambia should resist the temptation of being used in what he termed an economic conflict against the Chinese,” Mwanza stated.

“He said it was unfortunate that some political leaders including parliamentarians where inciting Zambians to rise against government’s decision to engage the Chinese in some developmental projects. The Minister was received at Bole International

Airport by Ministry of Justice Permanent Secretary, Andrew Nkunika and Zambia’s Ambassador to Ethiopia, Ms. Susan Sikaneta.”

And Lubinda has revealed that Zambia has voted in the affirmative at the United Nations –UN- on maintenance of a suspension of the death penalty.

“President Edgar Lungu has commuted more death penalties to life imprisonment than any other serving Zambian

President. Justice Minister Given Lubinda said this decision not to sign death penalties has earned Zambia’s reputation internationally as an abolitionist country with regards to implementing the death penalty. He said Zambia had gone further to vote in the affirmative at the United Nations –UN- on maintenance of a moratorium of the death penalty. Mr. Lubinda said President Lungu made the bold decision in 2016 to allow the Embassy of the

Republic of the Republic of Zambia in New York to start voting in the affirmative after having abstained from voting on the moratorium for years,” stated Mwanza.

“He said despite the death Penalty still being upheld in the Constitution, no President has signed the death penalty since 1998. Mr. Lubinda clarified that unlike other laws that can easily be amended; the death penalty was part of the bill of rights that could only be amended through a referendum.”

# Some courts still hear cases under trees, PAC hears

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Judiciary on Tuesday failed to justify before the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on why it had delayed banking for a period ranging between four days to 314 days involving over K1 million.

When asked to justify those delays, Judiciary Chief Administrator Nalishebo Imataa said it was difficult for her to justify a wrong of delayed banking at Kitwe, Lusaka, and Kasama courts, but hastened to say that the responsible officers had already been dismissed.

But Imataa said starting December, 2018, court clerks would be curtailed from handling cash.

This was when Imataa and her judicial staff appeared before PAC to respond to audit queries cited in the Auditor General’s Report for the financial year ended December 31, 2017.

“The only way to remedy this situation is to stop officers from handling cash, which we already started and for Atlas Mara, actually, they have already provided deposit slips at the point of sale machines and we are still working hand-in-hand with Zanaco. So, we are hoping that by December, we should have curtailed the handling of cash by our clerks. Chair, indeed there is no excuse on delayed banking, there is no justification whatsoever and in my submission I did indicate that this trend was before the clerks [who] were trained. But to

completely eliminate this also, chair, we are going by way of just having the litigants just deposit money at the bank as well as the point of sale machine. But chair, that is why I indicated that there is no justification as to that, and that is why the responsible officers were charged and dismissed because there is really no justification. Even me, here, coming to defend such a thing, I can’t defend because it’s totally wrong,” Imataa responded before the Committee.

And Committee Chairperson Howard Kunda summoned the Sheriff to take a front seat and respond to issues surrounding the poor maintenance of seized goods and poor management of the warehouses.

In his response to his specific query, Sheriffs of Zambia Lameck Ngambi told the Committee that lack of space to store seized items, as well as high rentals fees was the biggest challenge to his department.

“Our problem has been mostly lack of facilities, where to store the goods. We might want to take proactive measures, but we still don’t have places where to take the goods. If we had alternative places where we can take the goods that we seize, I think that would really help us because even if we take proactive measures, we don’t know where to take those goods to. We tried to engage people that could rent us properties, but the

rentals were too high,” Ngambi explained.

And in supplementing the Sheriffs’ response, Imataa further told the Committee that there was a shortage of court rooms from the Constitutional Court all the way down to the local courts.

She added that some local courts were even sitting under trees due to the same problem and appealed to the Treasury to look into their plight.

“It’s actually good that the members of parliament are raising this issue because I don’t think it’s only the Sheriffs of Zambia, which is faced with the issue of inadequate space. Chair, we have even the superior courts starting from the Constitutional Court, [which is] still sitting at Lusaka with only two court rooms and then housed in the Supreme Court where there are 13 judges [and] no chambers. Some of the judges actually sit in the conference room. The local courts, some of them chair sit under a tree, there are no court houses! The subordinate courts actually are crammed up,” Imataa bemoaned.

“At the provincial High Courts, we don’t even have High Court structures. When the High Court goes to circuit there, they have to displace the subordinate courts, meaning that the subordinate court will not be able to sit for that period, the 21 days [when] the High Court is there. So, chair, these are matters that we’ve written to the Secretary to Treasury

(Fredson Yamba), even when we are given the budget sealing to budget, we do appeal to say; ‘we need court structures.’ And we can only say and appeal to the Treasury to give us money to build the facilities that are required.” In conclusion, Kunda said despite the slight improvement in the report under review, it was still important for the Judiciary

to address all the challenges and issues raised.

“In 2015, you had five queries and the amount that was relating to those five queries was K1.062, 261; 2016, it shot to 14 queries involving K2.601,781, [and] the current year that we are dealing with, 2017, you went down to seven queries. There has been an improvement of the queries, but their

amount still surpasses the amount of 2015, and that is K1.469,322. So, to us, this indicates that there is a lot of work that has to be done. Of course, you have improved from 2016 analysis. These issues are involving finances. So, it is very important, controlling officer, that these issues are addressed,” advised Kunda.



Prince Harry speaks to BongoHive co-founder at the organization's offices in Lusaka during his official visit to Zambia yesterday - Picture by Stuart Lisulo

# Putin warns against 'reckless' moves after Ukraine declares martial law

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Ukraine against any "reckless acts" on Tuesday after Kiev declared martial law in response to Moscow's seizure of three of its navy vessels.

The Ukrainian parliament late on Monday voted in favour of President Petro Poroshenko's request for the introduction of martial law in parts of the country for 30 days.

The decision came as Ukraine and Russia face their most dangerous crisis in years after Russian forces fired on, boarded and captured Kiev's ships on Sunday off the coast of Crimea.

The incident was the first major confrontation at sea in the long-running conflict pitting Ukraine against Moscow and Russian-backed separatists in the country's east.

It has raised fears of a wider escalation -- in a conflict that has killed more than 10,000 people since 2014 -- and prompted international calls for restraint and offers of mediation.

Martial law gives Ukrainian authorities the power to mobilise citizens with military experience, regulate the media and restrict public rallies in affected areas.

Moscow has accused Kiev of planning Sunday's confrontation as a provocation aimed at drumming up support for Poroshenko ahead

of elections next year and convincing Western governments to impose further sanctions on Russia.

In a phone conversation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Putin expressed "serious concern" over the introduction of martial law, the Kremlin said in a statement.

Putin said Kiev's actions were "clearly taken in view of the election campaign in Ukraine".

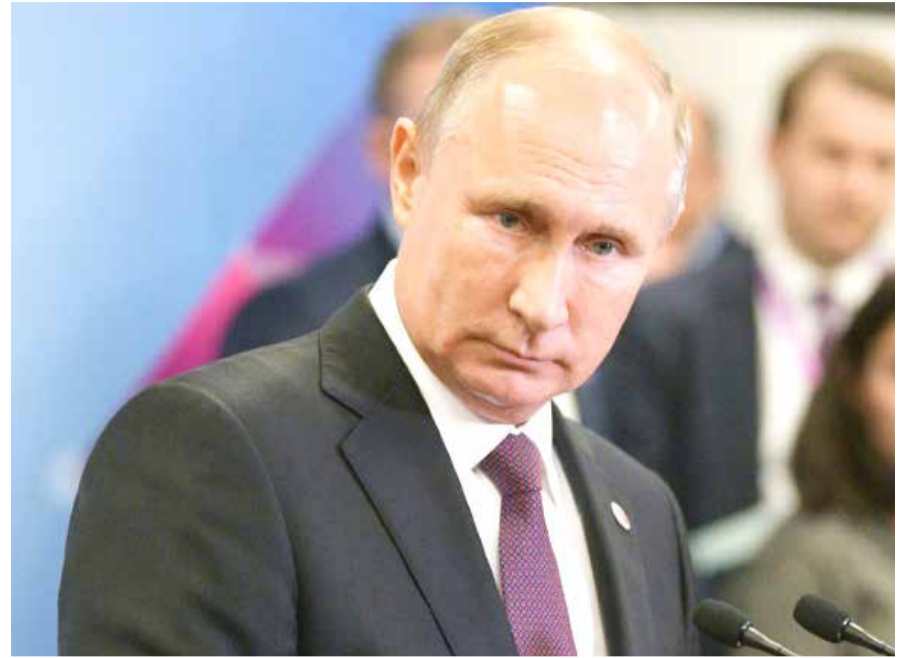
He said he hoped Berlin could intervene with Ukrainian authorities "to dissuade them from further

reckless acts".

- Dramatic television footage -

Sunday's incident has been playing out on Russian and Ukrainian television screens, with dramatic footage of Russian ships chasing down a Ukrainian tugboat that was trying to pass through the Kerch Strait from the Black Sea into the Sea of Azov.

Ukraine has accused Russian border patrol vessels of ramming the tugboat, which was accompanied by two small warships, and of firing on the Ukrainian vessels. *AFP*



# Chinese charged over Kenya 'railway scam'

Three Chinese nationals have been charged with attempting to bribe investigators working on an alleged ticketing scam in a massive Kenyan railway project.

Some \$10,000 (£8,000) a day was being stolen in the scheme, local media say.

Officers were allegedly offered a \$5,000 bribe, the prosecutor says.

The \$3bn Chinese-funded and operated railway

line is Kenya's biggest infrastructure project since independence in 1963.

It has, however, been hit by scandals since it launched in May 2017.

The three Chinese nationals: Li Gen, head of transport, Li Xiaowu, security manager, and Sun Xin, staff member, work for China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC).

They were arrested on Friday as they attempted

to bribe investigators, but it is unclear how long the alleged fraud had been going on. They deny the allegations.

The prosecutor's office shared their pictures on Twitter:

They appeared before a judge in the port city of Mombasa who ruled that they remain in custody until their bail hearing is heard on 30 November.

The alleged ticket fraud involved triggering

refunds and diverting the money elsewhere, according to a report in the Daily Nation newspaper.

The loss of an estimated \$10,000 a day is almost a third of daily earnings from last year's passenger service.

Despite the fanfare during the launch of the railway, the project has been hit by several scandals.

In August, government officials were accused

of paying more than \$2m in compensation to private firms which falsely claimed to own land through which the line ran.

There have also been allegations of racism and discrimination against Kenyan staff by Chinese managers.

The project's viability has been repeatedly questioned, with critics pointing to the loss of about \$100m in its first year of operation.

It was also condemned by wildlife groups as the line runs through the Nairobi National Park and Tsavo National Park in south-eastern Kenya.

At its launch, President Uhuru Kenyatta hailed the new railway line as a new chapter in the East African state's history.

The line runs between the port city of Mombasa and the capital, Nairobi, and construction was completed 18 months early.

It is supposed to eventually connect landlocked South Sudan, eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia to the Indian Ocean. *BBC*

# One million bees poisoned in SA

At least one million bees are suspected to have died of poisoning in a wine-producing area of South Africa.

Brendan Ashley-Cooper told the BBC that an insecticide used by wine farmers, Fipronil, was thought to have killed the insects on his farm.

Other honey bee farmers in the area around Cape Town have also been affected, but it is still unclear how many of the insects have died, he said.

Fipronil has been blamed for the deaths of millions of honey bees in Europe.

Campaigners say Fipronil is highly toxic to insects, and its use was restricted in Europe in 2013.

About 100 of his bee hives, or 35% to 40% of those he owned in the affected areas, had been hit by the disaster, said Mr Ashley-Cooper, the vice-chairman of the Western Cape Bee Industry Association. He estimated this meant between 1-1.5 million bees had been killed.

It is unclear how many bees there are in South Africa, but the deaths would not make much difference to their overall population, he said.

'Less honey for Christmas' Fipronil was also at the centre of an egg scandal in Europe this year.

Millions of eggs were pulled from supermarket shelves in

more than a dozen European countries, including the UK, after it was discovered that some had been contaminated with the insecticide.

Fipronil is commonly used to get rid of fleas, lice and ticks but is banned by the European Union for use on animals destined for human consumption, such as chickens.

Fipronil had been used by wine farmers in the Cape Town area for a long time to control the ant population, but this was the first time the insecticide was suspected to have caused the deaths of bees, Mr Ashley-Cooper said.

Further tests were being done to confirm whether it was to blame,

and both wine farmers and the government were working with bee farmers to tackle the problem, he added.

Both managed and wild bee hives in Cape Town's southern areas had been affected, Mr Ashley-Cooper said.

"A week ago we started getting calls that beekeepers were finding dead bees in front of their hives," he added.

"A large majority of hives have been affected," Mr Ashley-Cooper said.

There would be a small impact on honey production, and "some uncles and aunties will have to go without honey this Christmas", he said. *BBC*

# Wife trolls John Legend on Tweeter

With all due respect to John Legend, there's nothing quite so satisfying on Twitter than when his wife Chrissy Teigen trolls him (or compares him to his aardvark look-alike, Arthur). On Sunday night, Teigen took aim at Legend and his very hectic upcoming holiday work schedule after the "All of Me" singer kicked off a cross-country tour to promote his new Christmas album. Fans are very excited for this tour — and so is Legend! Teigen, on the other hand, isn't as enthusiastic. Oww, epic parenthood burn. Jokes aside, it sounds like the couple — parents to toddler Luna and 6-month-old Miles — have the tag-team parenting thing down just fine. "I'll go out and play with Luna while Chrissy breastfeeds Miles — there is just a little more juggling that goes on," the singer told Parents magazine recently of their home life. And there are no

big complaints from Teigen, either. "He's insanely patient," Teigen said of her husband of five years during a BUILD interview in September. "He's amazing at diaper changing still." "He gives them so

much attention no matter what's going on in his life or my life or work-wise," the Cravings author added. "They never feel like they're second to work, and I think he's really great with that." [huffpost.com](http://huffpost.com)



# Shawn Mendes feels need to 'prove' that he's not gay

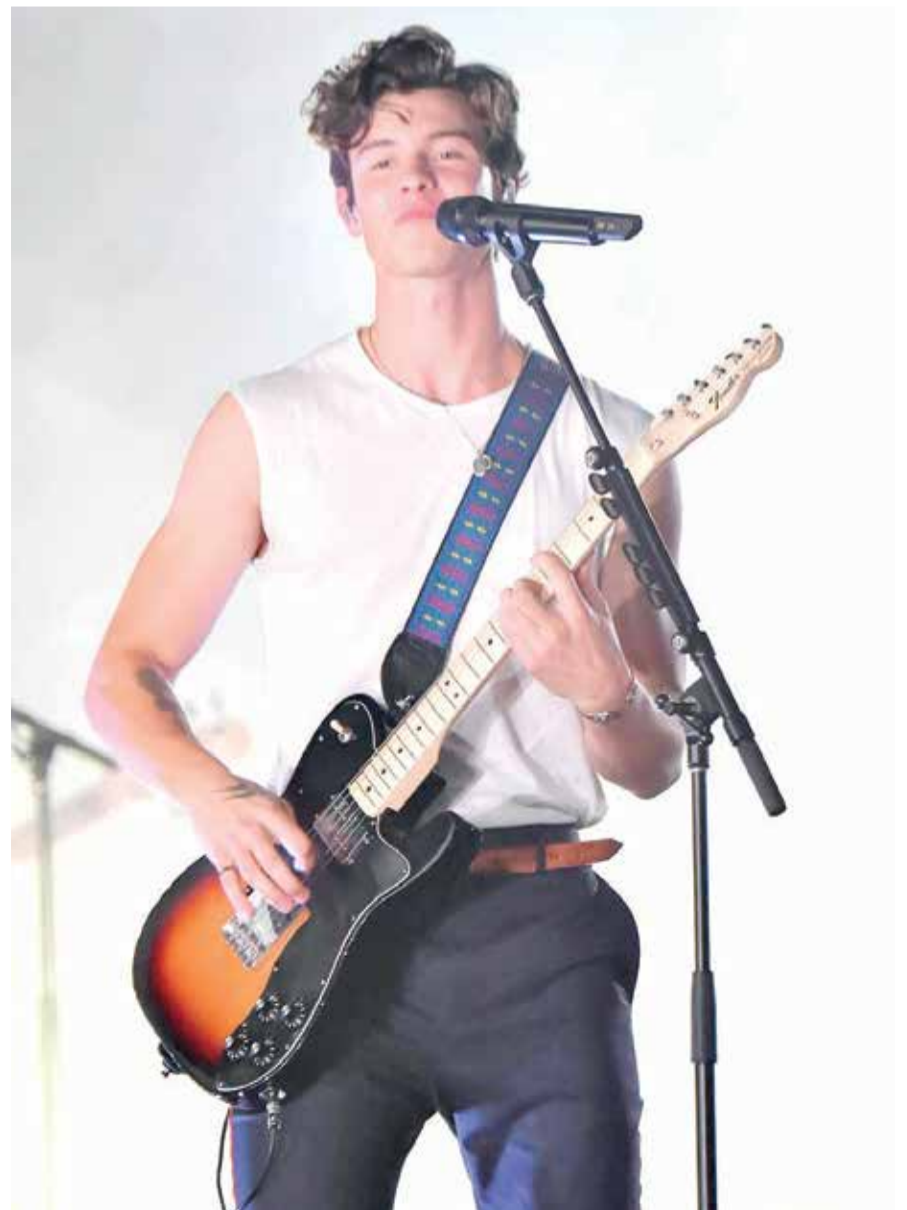
Singer Shawn Mendes has said ongoing rumours about his sexuality make him feel the need to prove he's not gay. In a candid interview with Rolling Stone, he admits considering setting up photos of himself with women to make a point to the media and his fans. "In the back of my heart, I feel like I need to go be seen with someone - like a girl - in public, to prove to people that I'm not gay," he explained. He also admitted the scrutiny made him constantly analyse his gestures. "Even though in my heart I know that

it's not a bad thing. There's still a piece of me that thinks that. And I hate that side of me." The Canadian told the magazine he often watches his own interviews back, analysing his voice and body language, to identify traits which make people think he is gay. "I'd like to say I don't care about it, but that's not true," the 20-year-old admitted. He added that although the speculation had caused him a lot of stress and anxiety, it would bother him more if he actually were gay - as it

would make him more reluctant to come out. Mendes explained he had a moment of frustration last year, while reading YouTube comments about his sexuality. "I thought, 'You guys are so lucky I'm not actually gay and terrified of coming out,' "That's something that kills people. That's how sensitive it is. Do you like the songs? Do you like

me? Who cares if I'm gay?" This isn't the first time Mendes has addressed rumours about his sexuality. In a Snapchat story posted last year, he was seen saying: "I noticed a lot of people were saying I gave them a 'gay vibe'." "First of all, I'm not gay. Second of all, it shouldn't make a difference if I was or wasn't."

Mendes also recalled to the magazine a video posted by Taylor Swift when the pair were touring together. After she uploaded a video - with his permission - showing Mendes with glitter on his face, he quickly regretted it being made public. "I felt sick," he said. "I was like, 'Why did I let her post that?' I just fed the fire that I'm terrified of." **BBC**



# Oprah Winfrey pays tribute to late mother Vernita Lee

US star Oprah Winfrey has paid tribute to her mother, Vernita Lee, who died on Thanksgiving. "Thank you all for your kind words and condolences," she wrote on Instagram. "It gives our family great comfort knowing she lived a good life and is now at peace." Vernita Lee, who was 83, died at her home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, according to a family statement. She has already been laid to rest at a private funeral, reports say. Lee, who worked as a housekeeper throughout her life, was born in

Mississippi in 1935 and gave birth to Winfrey when she was 18 years old. She and Winfrey's father, Vernon Winfrey, never married. Winfrey was initially raised by her grandmother, before joining her mother and half-siblings, Jeffrey and Patricia (both since deceased), in Milwaukee. She later moved to live with her father in Tennessee as a teenager. In 2011, Winfrey revealed on her show that her mother had given up a daughter, also named Patricia, for adoption at birth. **BBC**

# Big 3 of Djokovic, Nadal, Federer closes 2018 ranked 1-2-3

The Big Three is the year-end top three, something that last happened in 2014.

With Novak Djokovic at No. 1, Rafael Nadal at No. 2 and Roger Federer at No. 3 on Monday, that trio of tennis greats leads the season's final ATP rankings for the seventh time.

This is the first time, though, that each of those three men spent some time at No. 1 during the same year. The seven changes there were the most since 1999, when there were eight.

Djokovic won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2018, while Federer took the Australian Open, and Nadal earned the title at the French Open.

They accounted for Nos. 1-3 in the final rankings in 2007-11 and 2014, too. For Djokovic, it marks the fifth time he has closed a year in the top spot, following 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015. Only Pete Sampras, with six year-end No. 1 finishes, did it more often.

The 31-year-old from Serbia is also the oldest man to be No. 1 at season's end and the first to finish atop the rankings after being outside the top 20 during the year — or outside the top 10 at the end of the previous year (he was No. 12 in 2017). Simona Halep ended the season at No. 1 in the WTA rankings for the

second consecutive year; she clinched that spot more than a month ago. Angelique Kerber was No. 2 among women, followed by Caroline Wozniacki, Elina Svitolina and Naomi Osaka.

Djokovic overtook Nadal three weeks ago; the Spaniard did not compete anywhere after stopping because of a painful

right knee during his U.S. Open semifinal in September against Juan Martin del Potro. Nadal had arthroscopic surgery on his right ankle this month.

Nadal concludes a season at No. 1 or No. 2 for the 10th time, trailing only Federer's 11.

Federer, meanwhile, is in the year-end top three for a record 14th time.

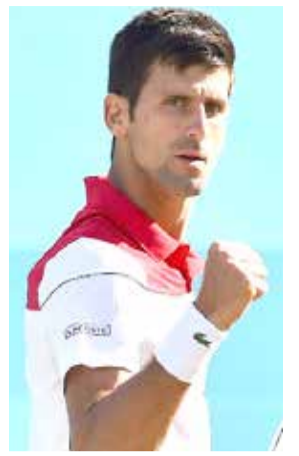
The 37-year-old from Switzerland has won 20 Grand Slam singles championships, the most by a man, followed by Nadal with 17, then Djokovic and the retired Sampras with 14 apiece.

The rest of the ATP top 10 for 2018: No. 4 Alexander Zverev, No. 5 del Potro, No. 6 Kevin Anderson, No. 7 Marin Cilic, No. 8 Dominic Thiem, No. 9

Kei Nishikori and No. 10 John Isner.

Del Potro was the runner-up at the U.S. Open, Anderson at Wimbledon, Cilic at the Australian Open, and Thiem at the French Open.

Neither Anderson nor Isner ever had finished a year in the top 10, while del Potro is back in that group for the first time since 2013. **Yahoo**



# Pacquiao says trainer Roach 'never left' his team



Manny Pacquiao said Tuesday that veteran trainer Freddie Roach never left his orbit, despite a public split, and was helping the Filipino boxing legend get ready for his upcoming bout in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao was training in Manila ahead of the January 19 showdown against Adrien Broner, a fight that may be a prelude to a long-sSpeculated on rematch with Floyd Mayweather.

The Roach-Pacquiao reunion comes after the men abruptly parted ways, breaking up one of boxing's most famous double-acts, following the Filipino's defeat to Jeff Horn in 2017. Roach was reported to have been upset by his dismissal, but agreed to return after late-night talks with the fighter last week.

"I tell people even in America that Freddie never left Team Pacquiao," Pacquiao, 39, told reporters after hitting the mitts. "He is still involved in the training."

Pacquiao, the only fighter to win world titles in eight different weight divisions, got a boost to his storied, but slowing boxing career, after stopping Argentina's Lucas Matthisse in July in Kuala Lumpur.

Just over six months later he will be back in the ring, this time against Broner, a 29-year-old American, for his first US fight since 2016. "I am already excited. (After) more than two years I am coming back to Vegas to fight," said Pacquiao. **Yahoo**

# Suarez ruled out for two weeks as Barca injury crisis deepens

Barcelona striker Luis Suarez has been ruled out for two weeks with a knee injury as Ernesto Valverde's squad continues to be pushed to its limits.

Suarez will require stem cell treatment, meaning he will miss Wednesday's clash with PSV in the Champions League as well as Liga matches against Villarreal and local rivals Espanyol.

He could be fit to face Tottenham on December 11, but his absence is just the latest blow for Valverde amid a run of disappointing results.

The news of Suarez's injury comes just 24 hours it was revealed that both Rafinha and Sergi Roberto

are set for spells on the sidelines. Rafinha is unlikely to play again this season after it was revealed he requires surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament while Sergi Roberto is set for a month out of action with a hamstring problem.

The Blaugrana have also revealed that reserve goalkeeper Jesper Cillessen is set to be out for up to three weeks with a muscle tear in his right leg while midfielder Arthur will miss the trip to Eindhoven with an adductor strain.

Thomas Vermaelen, meanwhile, is a long-term absentee, though Samuel Umtiti returned to

action against Atletico Madrid on Saturday to ease Barca's defensive concerns.

There was some encouraging news for Valverde on Monday, though, after Philippe Coutinho and Ivan Rakitic were both named in the squad to face PSV. Brazil international Coutinho sustained a hamstring injury during Barca's last European outing on November 6 while Rakitic picked up a hamstring injury while playing for Croatia against Spain earlier this month. But it is Suarez's injury which is set to keep Valverde up at night, with Munir El Haddadi the only recognised senior striker

available to the former Athletic Club boss.

Lionel Messi could, of course, be deployed as a central forward in Suarez's absence, but having picked up just one point from their last two Liga matches - a run which has seen them replaced by Sevilla at the top of the table - Valverde could be reluctant to move his star player away from his preferred role behind the striker.

Barca head to Eindhoven knowing that a win will secure them top spot in Group B having already claimed their spot in the knockout stages after just four matches. **Yahoo**

# Lameck Banda joins U20 squad

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
FAZfootball.com has confirmed that Lameck Banda has joined the Zambia Under-20 National Team ahead of this year's Mopani Copper Mines COSAFA tournament after attending trials in Turkey. The 17-year-old talented right winger expressed confidence in his teammates and pledged to win the tournament. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Banda highlighted some of the player attributes that he believes would help the squad excel in the tournament. "I know most of the guys in the squad and they are all excellent players. They are given game-time in their respectful clubs and are very tough. What is more encouraging is that they are disciplined players with so much love for the game. That is what will help us win it," said Banda.

And under-20 coach Charles Bwale assured soccer fans that they will be graced with something different in the squad at this year's tournament. "At this upcoming tournament, you will see something different, unlike the way we did last year. Most of the boys have grown mentally and in stature. They are more composed and more confident this time

around," said Bwale. Meanwhile, midfielder Albert Kangwanda expressed optimism in the team's chances at the tournament. "We are fully prepared and ready to take on whoever comes our way. We have prepared very well, there is unity, and we will bring a smile to the Zambian people. We just want to fight and make our fans proud," said Kangwanda. The championship that kicks off on Sunday has attracted two foreign-based players in Edward Chilufya (Djurgardens IF-Sweden) and Mwiya Malumo (Vulcan FC-England). Zambia is in group A alongside Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi and Mozambique.



# Issac Chansa tips U-20 to respect senior team

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Former Chipolopolo player Isaac Chansa says it is important for young players to put more effort in the game other than promising glory to the soccer fans even before a

tournament kicks off. The Under-20 national team squad is bubbling with confidence that it will carry the Mopani Copper Mines COSAFA trophy. But Chansa who is a 2012

AfCON winner said it was more important to set eyes on the ball than to promise fans. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Chansa noted that there was nothing wrong with the young

bullets being ambitious but cautioned them to make appropriate and well-placed comparisons against the senior national team. "I do not think the under-20 squad is in any

place to make a slight comparison with the senior national team. Being ambitious is okay but making misplaced comparisons is not," he said.

Chansa who is a former Orlando Pirates player further noted the need for the under-20 lads to stay focused and work hard as they awaited a transition to the senior national team.

He cited Enock Mwepu and Patson Daka's discipline, hard work and determination before ascending to the senior Copper Bullets squad.

"I urge them to be working hard in silence and not talk anyhow. They have Mwepu and Daka that they can learn from. The two worked their way up and talked less even after winning the under-20 Africa Cup. They were never ahead and are still never ahead of themselves. The senior national team still deserves respect from them [Under20]," said Chansa.

# Green Buffaloes coach applauds Shepolopolo

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Green Buffaloes Women Football Team coach Charles Haalubono has applauded the Zambia National Women Football Team for making the Women AfCON in Ghana more than a learning phase and proving to the continent that they deserved to be in the tournament. Haalubono said that the squad achieved results that few people believed would be achieved amid football

disappointments in the country. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Haalubono who sent six of his club players to the national team squad noted that the Copper Queens will be a football fortress to reckon with in years to come in Africa. "They were the most inexperienced side in the tournament but did very well. They should be proud of themselves. It was more than a learning phase as they

managed to battle it out with bigger and more experienced teams," said Haalubono. And Copper Queens midfielder Mary Mwakapila said she was not disappointed in how the team performed at the AWCON despite being booted out. "For me, we might have been booted out but I am not disappointed we are developing and improving," she said. Mwakapila also recalled the

team's performance in the former edition where its best result of the tournament was a draw. "Our team has new players that are only starting their football careers now. For me we have improved from not recording a win in the last tournament to managing a win and a draw. We tried our best and in the game against Nigeria we gave them so much respect. Some of my friends were scared of the names," Mwakapila said.



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*Samu Chukwueze of Villarreal CF during the Spanish championship La Liga football match between Villarreal CF and Real Betis on November 25, 2018 at La Ceramica Stadium in Vila-real, Spain - AFP*

## Henry was my hero - Martial reveals affection for Arsenal

Manchester United forward Anthony Martial has revealed he had a soft spot for Arsenal as a youngster, with Thierry Henry and Nicolas Anelka among the stars he admired growing up.

"I always followed English football. Manchester United because Patrice Evra was there and he comes from the same town as me. I followed Arsenal as Thierry Henry was there, also from Les Ulis," he told Manchester United's official website. "For my French heroes, I had Thierry Henry, of course, and then Zinedine Zidane, Zizou. They were the best. I admired strikers, number 10s.

"Another player who I really liked was Nicolas Anelka. He was a really great player, quick with loads of skill."

Martial also mentioned two Brazilian icons who had a great influence on him due to their natural flair and admitted that he would often watch video clips of his various idols before games in the hope of recreating their skills himself.

"My two big heroes were both Brazilian: Ronaldinho and Ronaldo because they had magic in their feet! Just about every player from my age group back then would probably tell you the same thing.

"I used to watch videos of everyone! Henry, Ronaldo - I would watch every striker on the internet, and sometimes, right before a game, I'd be by myself watching action clips, so I'd be able to reproduce what they were doing in those videos." *Goal.com*

# LAMECK BEEFS

# UP U-20 SQUAD

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