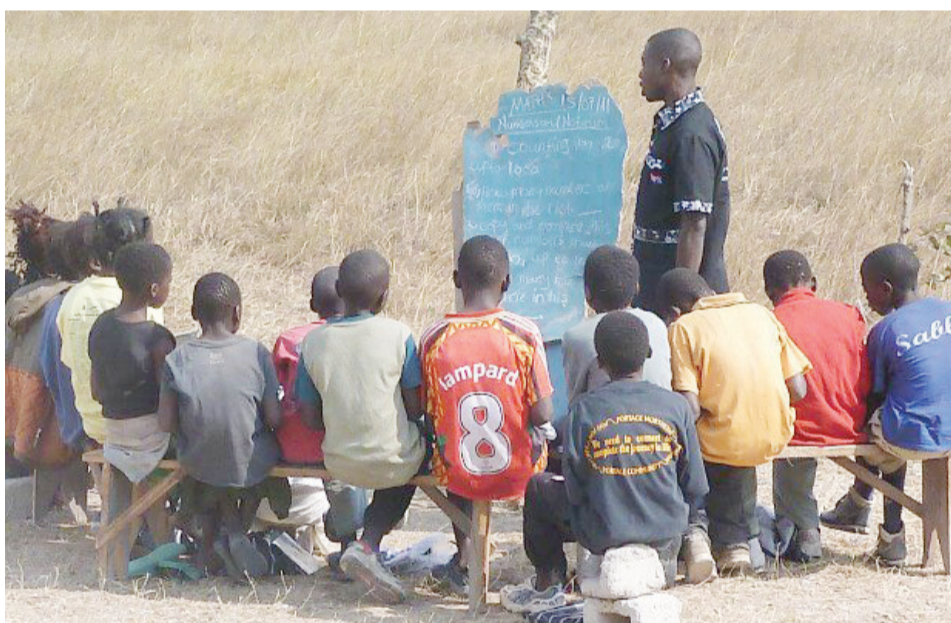




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Top: A Community school in Mwalubemba village in rural Zambia. Left: A national heritage tree rehabilitated at a cost of K370, 000 by government. The Central Bank yesterday took journalists on a tour of the Kabwe tree to appreciate the expenditure

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Govt terminated RDA-IMS concession negotiation for tollgates, claims Chitotela

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Infrastructure Development Minister Ronald Chitotela yesterday told Parliament

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Zambian Universities have not been downgraded, argues Luo

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By Stuart Lisulo

The Zambia Chamber of Mines has appointed Goodwell Mateyo as its new president at a council meeting held earlier this month.

In a statement availed by Chamber public relations manager Talent Ng'andwe, Mateyo, a legal practitioner, has taken over from outgoing president Nathan Chishimba, who has retired as the Chamber policy head after two consecutive terms.

"The incoming Chamber president is a highly experienced executive, who has demonstrated ability in regulatory engagements in the mining and financial sectors. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Mateyo has worked as a legal advisor to the mining industry for years. Mr Mateyo will be deputised by Mr Nicolas Bowen, a seasoned industry veteran who will serve as vice-president," Ng'andwe stated in a media release issued, Tuesday.

"Mr Mateyo takes over the policy lobby group at a time when the mining industry is facing an imminent change in its fiscal regime as outlined in the 2019 national budget announced by the Minister of Finance. Mr Mateyo took this opportunity to disclose that members of the Chamber are thus reviewing their operations and having to consider scaling back substantially while reducing capital expenditure by over a half a billion (US) dollars over the next three years. Consequently, reductions of over seven thousand direct jobs and more than double this number of indirect jobs would result."

And Mateyo, a senior legal officer at Mopani Copper Mines, welcomed the new challenge, and stated that mining companies are hopeful of favourable feedback from

Goodwell Mateyo appointed Chamber of Mines president

the Ministry of Finance on the proposed mining fiscal policy changes, which are meant to take effect from next month. "While feedback on our representations to the Ministry

of Finance is awaited, the membership remains hopeful of averting such an outcome and are strongly committed to robust engagement above and beyond the process outlined

by the (Finance) Minister [Margaret Mwanakatwe] in which the reconstitution of the Tax Policy Review Committee was announced," stated Mateyo.

Chishimba provided oversight on the policy and lobbying activities of the mining sector during the period of energy deficit and Value Added Tax (VAT) refund crises and

several changes to the fiscal regime in the sector.

He was involved in cementing relations with government and signed up to the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI), an initiative which encourages government, mining companies and civil society organisations (CSOs) to show transparency and accountability in the extraction of Zambia's natural resources.

Respect patients' confidentiality, GNCZ tells health practitioners

By Zondiwe Mbewe

General Nursing Council of Zambia (GNCZ) Spokesperson Thom Yang'ana has urged health practitioners to always respect the dignity of their clients, saying abusing their privileged positions can scare away patients from seeking further health services.

And Swedish Ambassador to Zambia Henrik Cederin says the embassy is supporting government in strengthening different building blocks that make up an effective health system.

The duo was speaking at a seminar organized by the Swedish Embassy and UNZA School of Public Health, Wednesday, under the topic; "The right to health and universal Health Coverage in Zambia- is everyone included?"

The seminar was moderated by Panos Institute for Southern Africa executive director Lilian Saka Kiefer, with different individuals making presentations, among them,



World Health Organization National Professional Officer Solomon Kagulula who gave his presentation on the 'right to health and universal health coverage'.

Thom Yang'ana, who is also GNCZ Manager Regulation

and Compliance, said health practitioners should always respect the uniqueness and dignity of their clients in order to motivate them to access more health services.

"As professionals and those who are graduating to be

practitioners, we must always respect the uniqueness and the dignity of the people we attend to. That way we shall motivate them to even come again for post services. Also we must not abuse privileged professional relationships with clients, for this has the potential to scare clients from seeking further health services," he said.

"We are very powerful in our own right as health practitioners and patients look at us as the messiah or Saviour. There is a temptation of abusing our privileged positions and that can deny a number of our people having access to health services. As health professionals, we should always not abuse our privileged position. After all without patients who is a nurse, who is a doctor, we are there because they are there. Without them we can't be there, that we must know that," Yang'ana further urged health practitioners to protect confidential information concerning their clients.

"This motivates clients to reveal more about their health condition and consequently seek a full package of health services. When the public know that this practitioners do not keep confidential information, they will never tell you everything about their condition," said Yang'ana. Meanwhile, Ambassador Cederin said the embassy was supporting government in strengthening different building blocks that made up an effective health system. "Sweden is ready to support Zambia to challenge barriers to everyone's right to access equal health, of good quality.

To reach that end, we need to work more to address stigma and discrimination, on challenging and confronting stereotypical norms, attitudes, harmful practices and behaviours that prevent good health for every individual," he said.

"Equal access to health is not only a health issue but also a rights issue. Every person should be able to access quality health services no matter their age, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or any other status. We believe health practitioners have a crucial role to ensure that the right to health is respected."

He encouraged the steps Zambia had taken towards the Universal Health Coverage, giving an example of the National Health Insurance Act.

"Universal Health Coverage is grounded in equity and the human right to health and, for that reason, aims to ensure that no one is left behind. We therefore, encourage the steps Zambia has taken towards UHC, including most recently through its National Health Insurance Act," Ambassador Cederin.

Cederin, however, observed that despite significant investments in more and better trained health workers, Zambia was still struggling with maternal and newborn deaths, as well as, high numbers of stunted children. He further said challenges in providing sexual and reproductive health services had resulted in Zambia having a comparably high number of teenage pregnancies and low use of contraceptives.

There's precedence on appointment of acting mayor - Miles

By Abraham Kalito

Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa has explained that he decided to appoint Ngerwere ward 19 councillor Adrian Banda to act in his capacity because he was under the the impression that Deputy Mayor, Chilando Chitangala, would be away attending classes.

On Tuesday Sampa instructed Banda to act in his capacity, a move which Local Government Permanent Secretary Amos Malupenga said was illegal, ordering that Chitangala should act in his capacity instead during the duration of his stay in the United States. But in a letter addressed to Malupenga, Thursday, Sampa said there was precedence on appointing an acting mayor.

He explained that his intention was not aimed at questioning the capability or competency of the Deputy Mayor, but

to ensure that other councillors gained experience and understanding of the Mayoral role.

"Please note that despite the precedent set by act by previous Mayors at Lusaka City Council like the late Wilson Kalumba (MHSRIP) and those before him, It has been brought to my attention that I cannot delegate roles in my office to a councillor be it for administrative purposes only. I was under the impression that the Deputy Mayor would not be at work because she had school class to attend but the substantive person to act when am not available at the office is Councillor Chilando Chitangala whom by copy I am advising; and instructing to act as Mayor until my return accordingly. I have always formally written to the Deputy Mayor to act in my previous absence from omce. My intention was

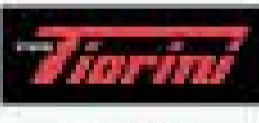
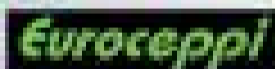
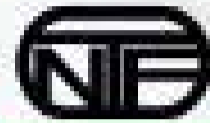
not to slight or question the capability of our competent and able Deputy Mayor, but to ensure that other councillors gain experience and understanding of the Mayoral role," wrote Sampa.

"This will ensure that in future there are more candidates with real experience which can only be a good thing for the people of Lusaka. I shall continue to endeavor to ensure that processes are followed and that in future, conscious of the heightened attention of my actions. that I communicate the reasoning behind these these where ever possible. As for you councillor Adrian Banda, my traditional cousin please continue doing what you do best and that is keeping Garden Township clean. To the permanent Secretary, I take note of your guidance and be assured of total compliance on the subject accordingly."



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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister Ronald Chitotela yesterday told Parliament that government through the Road Development Agency terminated the negotiations with Intelligent Mobility Solutions (IMS) for an integrated road tolling concession agreement because the proposal was not in the best interest of the public.

And Chitotela says the cost of the Michael Chilufya Sata toll plaza on the Copperbelt was exorbitant because the exchange rate at the time was high.

Speaking in parliament, Thursday, when he delivered a ministerial statement, Chitotela also alleged that there could be some elements within the government system who could be feeding classified information to the opposition.

"The status of the concession agreement between Intelligent Mobility Solutions on the integrated tolling system in Zambia, Mr Speaker, in order for me to sufficiently answer the question of whether government allegedly single sourced the management of toll gates in the country, allow me to provide details of the background to the issues as follows; (i) On January 30, 2017, the Road Transport and Safety Agency received unsolicited proposal for the Public Private Partnership from Lamise Trading Limited in association with Kapsch International for the purpose of developing an integrated road traffic management and tolling system, (ii) after the determination, the proposal met the requirement of the Public Private Partnership Act number 14 of 2009, RTSA proceeded to issue an advert in the public media to request for the competing proposals, (iii) four competing proposals

Government terminated concession agreement with IMS, claims Chitotela

were received from MTM, KZM traffic of South Africa, Grandview International Zambia/Romania, Fisha consulting of South Africa and the Rashimita Information System of India," Chitotela revealed.

"Out of the four proposals, only the proposal from Fisha consulting of South Africa was considered comparable in nature and scope to the original unsolicited proposal. The two proposals were then evaluated after which it was determined that proposal from Lamise Trading Limited in association with Kapsch International was the best. This led to the subsequent conditional approval of the Lamise Trading by the PPP council and the approval by the council was conditional upon Lamise Trading Limited and Kapsch International providing a legally binding joint venture agreement incorporated under the laws of Zambia for them to execute the project."

Chitotela said giving the mandate of the road tolling was not approved by the Public Private Partnership because that was the mandate of the RDA.

"Mr Speaker it must be noted that the inclusion of the tolling and the construction of 36 new toll plazas was part of the initial submission to RTSA. However the tolling component was not approved by the Public

Private Partnership Councils and therefore was not part of the concession agreement at that stage [and] this was because road tolling is the mandate of the Road Development Agency and not RTSA. Consequently on the 21st of August 2017, Lamise Trading in association with Kapsch at that time incorporated in Zambia as Intelligent Mobility Solutions submitted unsolicited proposals to the Road Development Agency for a separate tolling solution which was to be integrated with the RTSA system. The unsolicited proposal submitted by the Lamise and Capt involved he construction, enhancement, the expansion and maintenance of toll infrastructure at 25 tolling stations under the proposed concession [and] Intelligent Mobility Solution was to invest a total of US \$38.3 million towards supplying, installation and maintenance of advanced integrated tolling systems at the 25 toll plazas for a period of 17 years," he explained.

He said a decision was then made to terminate the negotiations because the proposal was not in the best interest of the public.

"Mr Speaker, the PPP council then invoked Section 35 (d) of the PPP Act which I quote as follows 'a contracting authority may negotiate an agreement subject to the approval of the

PPP council without using the competitive in selection process in cases where there is only one source, the capable of providing the required service such as when the provision of the service requires the use of intellectual property, the trade secrecy or other exclusive rights possessed by a certain person or persons.' In this regard, Intelligent Mobility Solutions was the only entity capable of providing the integrated tolling solution because to implement the tolling component, the use of intellectual property and other exclusive rights possessed through the RTSA concession agreement was required. And following the review, the consultation and negotiations on the proposed tolling solutions, a decision was made to terminate the negotiations with Intelligent mobility Solutions as provided for in the law. The negotiations were terminated because government was not of the view that the proposed concession was going to deliver value for money and therefore was not in the best interest of the Zambian people," Chitotela further explained.

He said assertions that RDA had signed the said concession with IMS were incorrect.

"Mr Speaker, given the decision made by government, the wrong

impression and deliberate miss information to the effect that the Road Development Agency has already signed the concession agreement with the Intelligent Mobility Solutions are totally incorrect, dishonest and unfounded. Mr Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to reiterate that the government of His Excellency Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia is committed to work with the private sector, in developing quality infrastructure across the country. Government has also got interest to work with the private sector to improve revenue streams for reinvesting in infrastructure assets in our desire to work with the private sector. Our only condition is that the partnership created by government and the private sector should result in a win-win situation. This is because we have a mandate to deliver and we shall continue to undertake the projects that provide maximum benefits to the economy and the people of this country," Chitotela said.

The minister then said there were bad elements within the government system who could be feeding wrong information to the opposition.

"My strongest suspicion Mr Speaker is that there could be bad elements within the government system who are misinforming our colleagues (opposition) and because they don't want to verify, they are running with that information as the truth. And that is unfortunate, it is making them very unpopular. It is just a deliberate ploy to cause paralysis in government operations and we are determined. We will not succumb to deliberate moves to cause paralysis in government operations," he said.

Asked by Monze Central UPND member of parliament Jack Mwiimbu why the minister's position was contradicting the statement from IMS chairman Walid El Nahas as quoted by News Diggers, Thursday, saying negotiations were still ongoing and not terminated as claimed by Chitotela, the minister said the RDA had written to IMS informing it of the revocation of the negotiations.

"There are two proposals and

there are two applications for concession. The other one is to do with the road safety enhancement where we have seen the cameras on the road. Therefore because of that, the same concessionaire proposed to now integrate the tolling programme in motion where RDA was engaged. The one that was approved [with] the condition approval given was on the road enhance security system which is in operation, but because they wanted to integrate the tolling and weigh in motion, they brought another proposal," Chitotela responded.

"A conditional approval was given to allow Road Development Agency [which is] a contracting authority to look at the proposal of them expressing intention to do business with government. After that, Road Development Agency who are the negotiating authority engaged the IMS and if my memory serves me well, I think it must have been between 1st and month-end of October where they could not agree to the conditions and terms, and RDA wrote to the concessionaire advising them that we have now revoked the conditions in the Act, we are terminating the negotiations. That is the official position [of government and] I will not delve into hearsay."

And asked by Mwembeshi constituency Independent MP Machila Jamba to provide proof of the letter that the negotiations were indeed terminated, Chitotela said the letter was available but the problem was that it was "confidential" hence could not be shared.

Meanwhile Chitotela said the cost of the Michael Chilufya Sata toll gate was high because of the exchange rate at the time.

"Mr Speaker, the Michael Chilufya Sata Toll Plaza has been constructed at a total cost of US\$4.3 million inclusive of 16 percent value addition which is VAT and 5% contingency. The contract for the project was signed in July 2017 at which point the exchange rate between the United States Dollar and Kwacha was about US\$1 to K8.9 contrary to assertions that the toll plaza cost K52 million. The true cost of the toll plaza in local currency is K38.27 million," said Chitotela.

"The cost breakdown is as follows; civil works US\$1.8 million, building US\$707 thousand, tolling systems, booths and equipment US\$161,700, power supply and related installations US\$270,573, signal lights systems and traffic control US\$58,000, surveillance systems US\$143 000, designs fees US\$95,739, preliminaries and generals US\$319, 130, VAT US\$602,517, contingency US\$159,659, bringing the total cost to US \$4.3 million."



Finnish Embassy representative Lidah Kalmanlehto (back to camera) with Kalumbila Council Secretary Olix Kakwata (partially obscured) cut the ribbon to commission a water kiosk in Manyama
- Picture by Claver Mutinta/SUMA SYSTEMS

Zambian universities haven't been downgraded, claims Luo

By Abraham Kalito

Higher Education Minister Nkandu Luo claims reports that Zambian Universities have been downgraded to college status by UK's Oxford University are false, adding that such claims have the potential to negatively impact the education system in the country.

In October, National Secretary of the Rhodes Trust in Zambia Professor Oliver Saasa disclosed that University of Oxford had downgraded all universities in five African countries, including those in Zambia to college status in its admission process to the Rhodes Scholarships.

Prof Saasa had explained that, following the downgrading, Zambian graduates wishing to study at Oxford University should further study for another year at universities in neighbouring countries or elsewhere outside the country for them to qualify for the Rhodes Scholarships.

"This happened about two years ago, although the story is just coming out now. What is happening now is that because of falling standards in some of the Universities in the world and particularly in Africa, Oxford University usually re-ranks universities for the purposes of admission. It doesn't mean that they don't recognise that you are a university, no! But when they are matching you against other applicants, for you they consider your institution almost equivalent to a college because they believe the standards have come down. They have a criteria of checking the quality of education that

is provided," Prof Saasa had explained.

"For Africa, five countries unfortunately that includes Zambia, have been classified... So in other words, the universities are downgraded for the purpose of admission into Oxford. What this means is that you can still be admitted into Oxford if you are a graduate of the University of Zambia or any other university in Zambia. But the prospects of you being admitted are slimmer because your qualifications is not to the Grade that is befitting Oxford University."

But in a ministerial statement to Parliament, Thursday, Prof Luo claimed Oxford University had only pointed out the difference in the grading of

qualifications between Zambia and the UK with regards to honours degrees.

"Mr Speaker, through this ministerial statement, I wish to clarify the statement which has been circulating on various media, that universities in Zambia have been downgraded to college status by Oxford University. These publications have not only attracted comments from the public but have contributed to the formulation and propagation of opinions that are likely to have a negative impact on our education system in Zambia," Prof Luo said.

"The assertions are not only incorrect, but need all of us to all ask a very pertinent question; and the question

is as follows; how can a single university in the UK downgrade all universities in Zambia? Is that possible and the answer is No. Mr Speaker, let me inform the nation through this August House that there is no single university in Zambia that has been downgraded to a view status by the Oxford university."

She said the Rhodes Trust only required applicants to do further studies in neighboring countries so that they could have the necessary grades needed.

"Mr Speaker, the requirements for a candidate to acquire a Rhodes university scholarship did not refer to the downgrading of any Zambian universities to college status

by Oxford university. Let me hasten to say, Mr Speaker, that advertisement of scholarship all over the world are announced based on basic requirements or consideration. The requirements by Rhodes for a Zambian scholar to get additional qualification in a neighbouring country was necessitated by the difference in the grading of qualifications between Zambia and the UK with regards to honours degrees. Mr Speaker, it's therefore important for this August House to note that additional requirements for an additional year to obtain honours degrees outside Zambia does not mean downgrading of Zambian universities to college status but is necessitated by the

structure of our education system," she said.

And Luo said Zambia should consider introducing honours degrees in Universities to align the education system to international standards.

"Mr Speaker, as a country the lessons that I draw from such an advertisement as minister of Higher Education is that we should ensure that we introduce honours degrees in our education. Two, we should change our marking and grading system in order to align ourselves to other practices with a view to standardise internationally and thus be able to meet the different demand and requirements of the various scholarships being offered," said Prof Luo.

Chinese are like cockroaches, they survive everywhere - Lungu

By Mukosha Funga

Someone told me Chinese are like cockroaches because they survive everywhere, says President Edgar Lungu.

And President Lungu says out of 10 thieves, six are Bemba. Meanwhile, President Lungu says all Zambians are to blame for the country's failure to prosper over the years due to lethargy.

Speaking during an Economics Association of Zambia organized gala dinner, President Lungu said the Chinese were too many

and getting rid of them was impractical.

"I wish to note that development also calls for the support of non Zambians residing and conducting business in the country...this cry about Chinese Chinese won't help us. Chinese population is about 1.3 billion. The other day I was doing statistics and I came across one damning fact that out of 10 thieves, six will be Bemba. And I said "why" but they said you have forgotten? There are so many Bembas so invariably, you'll find that

when you collect 10, six will be wrong ones. So if the Chinese population is 1.8 billion, and then the world population is only, so invariably, you will find Chinese all over and when you say "eliminate Chinese from Zambia", you are wasting your time. Similarly when you say "eliminate Bemba from Zambia", you're wasting your time. So if you say "they are thieves", yes you are bound to find a thief because they are many," President Lungu said.

"So you say let's chase Chinese from Zambia, how? Because

in Europe they are there, in America they are there, in Australia they are there. Someone told me they are like cockroaches...so let's take a realistic approach to this and defend non Zambians who are residing with us. Allow them to conduct business so that we work together and prosper our country. Let's not be xenophobic, it will not help us."

He said the Chinese, like cockroaches, were resilient and able to survive in extreme temperatures.

"I must have offended when I said somebody referred to them as cockroaches. You know what this person told me about cockroaches? They are resilient, they survive in fridges, they survive in stoves, they survive extreme temperatures, very cold rooms, you'll find a cockroach, very hot temperatures, you'll find a cockroach. So this man was saying the Chinese are like cockroaches, they survive everywhere. We can't eliminate them, let's just work with them," he said.

President Lungu said all Zambians were to blame for the country's failure to prosper over the years due to lethargy. "I will chat with the President of EAZ, I am targeting the Engineering Institution of Zambia for being aloof to government projects...they are not interested in providing professional advice.

A case in point is the construction of the new Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. Right now, it does not have refrigeration equipment and it is expected that we will be exporting goats and fast wasting food stuff to the rest of the world, how do we

keep those things there? As a government we said we will refurbish Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, it is up to economists, engineers to tell us "as you go ahead with this, have you provided for this? Not the politician. Even when building roads, you'll tell us that this area, requires a drainage. The Kalabo-Mongu Road was a challenge, it took three governments to take it to where it is all because of the lethargy of The professionals. Because if you tell the government that "this area washes away quickly and if you do this road it'll wash away, we wouldn't have lost money in the MMD government, the UNIP government. I am saying that successive failure of prosperity in this country is not the cause of politicians alone, it is the cause of lethargy on the part of all of us, particularly professionals," President Lungu said.

"I am therefore upon all stakeholders to partner with government in working towards the realisation of our vision 2030, it is not too late." He commended EAZ for its ability to give advise to government, devoid of malice. "I wish to commend the Economic Association of Zambia to provide government with forward looking advice. And when we say forward looking advice, we don't mean you don't criticize us, you criticize us but you do it in such a manner that we appreciate that we are wrong. And therefore, we look forward to keep chatting with you so that you continue guiding us. But if you come with a know it all attitude like some people, we close up," said President Lungu.

HIV a driver of cervical cancer - CDH

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Cancer Diseases Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Biemba Maliti says most women who are HIV positive tend develop cervical cancer faster than those that are non-reactive.

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The duo were speaking at a seminar organized by the Swedish Embassy and the University of Zambia School of Public Health, Wednesday, under the topic; "The right to health and universal Health Coverage in Zambia- is everyone included?"

"HIV is the driver of cervical cancer. You will find that most women that are HIV positive will develop cervical cancer faster and sooner than somebody who is non reactive. So apart from cervical cancer which is about 33 percent of our cancer patients, breast cancer comes to the close second, meaning almost half of the cancer patients are females. With cervical cancer, screening has been rolled out to almost every district in this country, so that's a start. We are also now trying to roll out breast cancer screening

and every provincial hospital does have a mammogram, which sadly are not yet being utilized," Maliti said.

She noted that cancer treatment was free in Zambia.

"Our government is doing well because by the way, if you are a Zambian, cancer treatment is free. And most of you know its not cheap. You are talking about minimum of K15,000 to treat one person and some as much as K50,000. At least we are trying to ensure that Zambians are not paying for cancer treatment. Our colleagues [from other countries] find it very weird because we are considered a poor country so the question is 'how do you afford not to charge people for this service, are you not supposed to make money?' But the question is 'if you charge money, who would afford to pay for it,'" said Maliti.

Meanwhile, Mwape said people with disabilities experienced discrimination in health care delivery which made them shun hospitals.

She cited sexual reproductive health care as one of the areas where they were discriminated against.

"Persons with disabilities experience a certain form of discrimination in health care delivery. Some of the areas are when it comes to sexual reproductive health care.

When a person with a disability goes to a hospital or clinic, there is this perception that they are asexual, naturally, they shouldn't be looking for contraceptives. We also have a challenge in terms of HIV. When a person with disability goes for HIV testing for instance, what they are faced with in terms of attitude make them not want to go back again because the first question would be 'what are you doing having sex, don't you feel sorry for yourself?' It makes persons with disabilities shun from coming to the hospitals and what results is people dying in silence," Mwape lamented.

She further noted that human rights of people with mental disabilities were being abrogated through forced sterilization.

"People with mental disabilities, their legal capacity by the law is that they are not capable of making decisions for themselves, including health decisions. So we have situations where they are facing forced sterilization. A decision is made for them by a clinical care giver to stop them from having children out of sympathy or just a general care. But what this is, its an abrogation of the human rights of that person. There has to be a relative, a personal assistance or some close who is able to make that decision alongside the health care professional," said Mwape.



Let's pause! Let's talk coalitions and 2021!

By Andyford Mayele Banda

As promised in our earlier article that we shall time and again pause policy issues to discuss pressing national issues, this week we shall dedicate time to discuss coalitions without jeopardising the unity being exhibited by opposition political parties. After the constitution court ruling on the eligibility of President Lungu for 2021 elections, there is some level of anxiety on how best to bring about change by any legal means. Some are suggesting that only a coalition of political parties would be able to triumph in 2021.

It is encouraging though that under the current circumstances, opposition parties are beginning to discuss matters of common interest. These issues include electoral reforms through the dialogue process, restoration of the rule of law, media and judicial reforms, public order act and corruption, among other things. These discussions have also created anxieties of what the actual plan is; is it 2021 or it's really just discussing matters of common interest? Some paid propagandists of course are twisting the whole narrative and painting the opposition's intentions black with the hope of achieving their grotesque agenda of manipulating the minds of the Zambian people. On the other hand, our members are also anxious about what we are actually planning. Will my leader be the Presidential candidate or has our party been swallowed?

All these anxieties indicate that there is need to be patient and manage the process. The process has to be managed to ensure that all political parties continue to be relevant- a key aspect in our democracy. Hence, the emphasis of the coalition is to ensure that we focus on all matters of common interest and in so doing providing a service to our country in unity without due pressure of who has been chosen to be the opposition Presidential candidate for 2021. That a sole candidate will be chosen or not, I can assure you is far from where we are.

For instance, nothing has been agreed on fielding sole candidates in the by-elections. It's important that all political parties who participate in elections continue to do so to remain relevant. Truth be told, an opposition alliance is not a guarantee for change in any election but it is something that should be considered depending on the demands of the political climate prevailing at the time of elections. Because we must be alive to the fact that political climates change with time, the man or woman who is famous today is not guaranteed of being famous tomorrow. It's not a given. Thus, it will be suicidal for us to start marketing one brand as we go towards 2021, we must be smart, patient and tactical.

Being marketed under one brand today, will give the ruling party ammunition to make sure we are finished before we start. Therefore, as we discuss these issues, we need to focus on the core issues of our coming together in the interim. Opposition political parties in this coalition must also work hard for their credibility. This will be key in order for each party to bring something to the table when the time is right. Each political party has influence over a certain demography. It is this influence that will create a certain flare and flavour to the political scene and upset the current establishment. Thus, there is urgent need for all of us to go flat out and mobilise. What is important for now is that we have met and have agreed on what to focus on. We are all clear that we must all go back to the field and yield tangible outcomes so that at the right time, we can bring results to the table. Our individual party efforts have the potential to bring forth a harvest that can surpass that of the ruling party.

So what do we do? The people must be excited but patient and support this process step by step. Your leaders are wise; they have realised the need for unity and they understand that the country comes first before any ambition.

For now, the key issues that your leaders are pursuing such as electoral reforms, restoration of the rule of law, media reforms, judicial reforms and many others are things that will affect many generations to come. As a result of this, we must all appreciate that once these reforms are passed, it is not the leaders who will benefit but the whole nation at large.

By law, the elections will be held on 12th August 2021. We still have over two and half years to go. The time to strategise is now. We have to start with small wins now so that the big victory is assured then. So this process of focusing on issues of common interest will also give an opportunity to the leadership to learn each other and understand each other's strengths and leverage on them.

The people must support it. It must have a general buy-in from members of the public. The opposition political parties must work to upgrade their credibility and magnanimity. This can only be done by issue-based politics. It will not be called an Alliance of Opposition Political Parties if only one or two political parties synergise. There is strength in unity and even more in numbers.

The People's Alliance for Change (PAC) is a political party that was formed to merge an alliance with the people. A true alliance with the people is one that puts the interest of the citizens ahead of itself. This is the only way the opposition's alliance - whether on issues of common interest or in an election - will be seen to be relevant. We also need to be alive to the fact that the country is in dire need of a shift in its political leadership. We cannot compromise the fact that a new generation of leaders must be entrusted with the running of this country if we have to achieve meaningful development and create jobs for the people and give a support base to small businesses.

Andyford Mayele Banda
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By Zondiwe Mbewe in
Kabwe

Bank of Zambia assistant director communications Kanguya Mayondi has insisted that the rehabilitation works done at the Mukuyu Tree National Heritage site amount to K370,000, explaining that the facelift involved; repairing the fence, installing solar flood light lamps, paving walk ways, constructing benches, among other things. And Mayondi says the only reason why there's a public outcry on the amount involved is that people haven't been to the site to appreciate the works. And BoZ assistant director

BoZ explains K370,000 for Mukuyu Tree 'facelift'

for maintenance Raphael Phiri has disclosed Lusaka based company, SIKA contractors, was contracted to conduct the works.

However, some Kabwe residents spoken to protested, saying the K370,000 spent on the site was not reflected by the works done.

The Mukuyu Tree, also known as The Big Tree, is an usually large fig tree with

a 50 metre wide canopy situated in the center of Kabwe, and it is also one of the main features on the K50 banknote since 2002.

Speaking during a media tour of the site in Kabwe, Thursday, Mayondi noted that the place looked clean. He hoped that the place would be a tourist attraction and that children would be able to learn more about the place. Mayondi highlighted some

of the works done at the site.

"When you look at the fencing that was done, it actually had to be redone. Because it was badly vandalised. So what you are seeing now is what was redone. All the paving, right through, were redone. From the cement paving, to the blocked paving. What was here then, were electrical lampposts, but then we have changed

all that and placed solar lampposts so that at night there's light," he said.

Asked who the contractor was and the criteria they used to pick that contractor, Mayondi said a Lusaka-based contractor was selected to carry out the works at K370,000.

He said the tendering process was transparent and competitive as Kabwe contractors were also given an opportunity to bid.

"In terms of contractual basis and how it was done, all that is done in accordance with the requirements of ZPPA. Nothing that the Bank of Zambia procures is ever done without it having to go through ZPPA for permission and authority. We asked to try and see if there was anybody from here in Kabwe who was able to do the works, it was very open and equally competitive. There was a contractor that came from Lusaka and he's the one that did this at that price," he said.

Asked whether Bank of Zambia was happy with the works done, Mayondi said "the amount of money is really not a point of discussion and yes, we are [happy]. If we are going to sit here and start concentrating on amounts, we won't get anywhere. And we would like to get somewhere. We have brought you here so that you can have a look at it (the site) and take your images. The reason why there's a public outcry is because you guys and as well as the people or public, haven't been here to actually appreciate what was done. That's why we brought you here."

And Phiri disclosed that SIKA contractor did the works.

"Wholly Zambian owned. It was tendered," said Phiri. Meanwhile, National Heritage Conservation Commission director Northern Region Kagosi Mwamulowe said putting pavements the best option because it would have been difficult to maintain the place if they had planted vegetation.

Mwamulowe, who is also immediate past Regional Director for East Central Region, added that the issue of the root system was not a problem.

"For us to come up with this, this was about the best. I'm saying so because we have had challenges at some heritage sites in terms of maintenance. If we were to plant vegetation here, the maintenance aspect was going to be a problem. This was amongst the best options that we came up with," said Mwamulowe.

However, some Kabwe residents said the amount of money did not reflect the works done.

"Munshi ya Chi muti mulemoneka fye ifiko. K370,000, yabufi. Shilya shamutumba. Impiya na shifulya, nesho babonfeshe nashi chepa. (There's even dirt under the tree. The K370,000, is not correct. They've pocketed it. They have only used a little money," said some of the Kabwe residents spoken to.



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Malanji's remarks that international community is happy with ConCourt ruling

Editor,

"Mseveni and Kabila are not international community," - Derricks

K Kalasa

"Anyone in this world with access to Social Media is aware of the Judiciary Circus that poses as our courts. The President and his Cabinet Ministers IGNORED the Constitutional Court ruling to PAYBACK the money they illegally paid themselves. The same ConCourt even went ahead to entertain Davis Mwila's Appeal against the same ruling. To date, the Ministers have REFUSED to payback this money. Instead the President and his Cabinet Ministers are busy praising the ConCourt for ruling in Mr Lungu's favour. Not even Robert G Mugabe in his senile state can praise Zambia for the ConCourt ruling. He is too smart for that Ba Malanji," - Christopher Kalima

"Which international community????ubufi batata.. ikaleni fye," - Brendan Brown

"The international community maybe its the owners of AVIC kaili they know that their stay in Zambia has been extended gracefully," - Nkausu Lumzy

"The Zambian people are not happy that the court has overlooked a plain and clear clause in the Constitution that says "A person who has held office twice is not eligible to stand for presidency again"! Obviously, this clause was deliberately overlooked in the judgement to favour Lungu and his bid for a third run at the presidency. Remember that this judgement could be used to favour another person in future who might even be worse than Lungu. The future of this country has not been taken into consideration and has been neglected for the sake of one man." - Chishima Muhango



K370,000 for Big Tree 'rehabilitation' shocks Brebnar

Editor,

"I think the tree had 370 leaves. So K1, 000 for each leaf," - Mercy Mwanza

"I have been hoping the people of Kabwe can shed more light on the rehabilitation of this tree. What is it that can be done to a tree that has already sunk its roots deep down to obtain the water underground no matter how the dry spell we can get for it to gobble that amount Kabwe citizens? Please countercheck for invincible automated irrigation around it as you shed

light," - Solomon H Phiri

"The work which is done at Mukuyu at Kabwe don't cost that much, the cost can be less than k20 000. I usually pass by everyday when going to work," Progress Kandela

"Even if it's BoZ, that amount does not make sense," - Derricks K Kalasa

"For a poor nation with the majority of the population living on under a dollar a day we are fond of spending on nonsense. That's someone's pension there" - Mike Tembo

Linda's tale on Zambia's poor maternity health care

Editor,

"Lack of access to quality healthy care, that's the fact. Doctors are overwhelmed with work in these Govt hospitals. I just wish it was more hospitals and schools than shopping malls being opened every week, it's quite saddening mweh!" - Bridget Sichula

"Good read ... also may I just add how it is that as black women we are expected to downplay pain ... my experience at the labor ward was nasty as the midwife had an attitude and kept shouting at me literally each time I try to reach out. Are we not allowed to express the pain? Or air out concerns that ought to be heard? Cry my beloved country," - Bupe Kapya

"Touching indeed. It is purely by God's grace that women in remote parts of our country manage to walk home with their babies. The powers that be need to set priorities right," - Mateyo F Muloongo

"So this is what our mother's go through. Near death experiences, this can be traumatizing mwandi. Our Mother's need everyone's support," - Teza Simusokwe

Theresa May is heading to Brussels for an EU summit, the morning after surviving a vote of confidence.

The prime minister is seeking legally binding pledges from EU leaders on the Irish backstop - a key obstacle for MPs who oppose her Brexit deal.

The EU will not renegotiate the deal but may be willing to give greater assurances on the temporary nature of the backstop, the BBC understands.

The PM won the ballot on her leadership by 200 votes to 117 on Wednesday night. The secret ballot was triggered by 48 of her MPs angry at her Brexit policy, which they say betrays the 2016 referendum result.

Speaking in Downing Street after the vote, Mrs May vowed to deliver the Brexit "people voted for" but said she had heard the concerns of MPs who voted against her.

But Liberal Democrat leader Sir Vince Cable said, despite the "high drama" of Wednesday, "nothing has really changed".

Former Tory leader Iain Duncan Smith said it was now up to Mrs May to listen to her party and "push the EU... to resolve the backstop".

What will happen at the EU summit?

Earlier this week, the prime

Theresa May to join EU summit after surviving vote

minister travelled to meet EU leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, to raise the issues surrounding the withdrawal agreement at Westminster one-on-one.

But a trip to meet the Irish Taoiseach Leo Varadkar had to be cancelled because of the leadership vote.

At Thursday's summit, Mrs May will have an opportunity to spell out face-to-face the problems to leaders of all the other 27 member states.

The EU leaders will then consider what could be done - without Mrs May in the room.

'Brutal reality of no workable Brexit'

Theresa May will front up in Brussels later - still the prime minister, still officially in charge.

One cabinet minister last night told me the whole challenge to her had been "futile", suggesting it hadn't really changed much.

But it really has. Theresa May has a temporary shield



from another direct call for her departure from her own MPs. Angry Brexiters can't try to move her out for another year in the same way.

That on its own is a sigh of relief certainly for her supporters, claiming a "good

result" last night.

But that does not remotely protect her from the brutal reality that she, right now, has no workable Brexit policy that can make it through the Commons.

The BBC understands that any reassurances offered

to Mrs May could centre on an attempt to "detoxify" the idea of the backstop for Westminster, says the BBC's Europe correspondent Kevin Connolly.

He said its temporary nature could be emphasised, along with the EU's readiness to

keep searching for a better alternative even if the backstop were ever to be triggered - both stronger reassurances to the policy's critics than offered in the past.

For example, a draft of the European Council conclusions on Brexit says the EU would use its "best endeavours to negotiate and conclude expeditiously a subsequent agreement that would replace the backstop so that it would only be in place for a short period and only as long as strictly necessary".

In other words, the EU would continue trying to negotiate a trade deal with the UK even if the Irish backstop had been triggered at the end of the transition period. The Brexit withdrawal agreement only talks about "best endeavours" being used to reach an agreement during the transition period. But the BBC's Brussels reporter Adam Fleming says the draft put forward by the European Council could be subject to change. *BBC*

Pope demotes 2 cardinals over sexual abuse scandals



Cardinal Pell faces trial in Australia on sex abuse charges

Two cardinals facing allegations linked to sexual abuse have been removed from Pope Francis's inner circle, the Vatican said. Australia's George Pell and Chile's Francisco Javier Errazuriz will no longer sit on the Council of Cardinals, set up by the pope as an international advice body.

The pair were absent from the last meeting of the group in September.

A spokesperson said the Pope wrote to them both in October to thank them.

Cardinal Pell, who remains the Vatican treasurer, faces trial on sexual abuse charges in Australia - accusations the cardinal strenuously denies.

His Chilean colleague, Francisco Javier Errazuriz, faces accusations that he covered up alleged child abuse while serving as Archbishop of Santiago, claims he also denies.

Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya has also left the group, spokesman Greg Burke said. The 79-year-old recently retired from his role as archbishop of Kinshasa, and has not been implicated in any scandals.

The group, known as C9, has no plan to immediately fill its three empty seats, Mr Burke reportedly said. *BBC*

Second Canadian missing in China

Canada says it is trying to make contact with a second Canadian being investigated by China on suspicion of harming its national security.

News that businessman Michael Spavor was missing emerged soon after the arrest of ex-diplomat Michael Kovrig.

Tension between China and Canada has grown since it arrested a Chinese businesswoman at the request of the US.

Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer at telecoms giant Huawei, could face extradition as a consequence.

She is suspected of violating US sanctions on Iran through Huawei's

business dealings.

China has threatened unspecified consequences if she is not released.

Who are the two Canadians?

Michael Spavor is a businessman based in Dandong, near the Chinese border with North Korea. He has deep ties to the North Korean government. Ex-diplomat Michael Kovrig currently works for a think tank, the International Crisis Group (ICG), which has said it is concerned for his health and safety.

Timeline of events

1 December: Meng Wanzhou arrested in Canadian city of Vancouver at the request of the US as part of an inquiry

into alleged sanctions-busting by her company Huawei

10 December: Canadian former diplomat Michael Kovrig arrested in Beijing "on suspicion of engaging in activities that harm China's state security"

11 December: Meng Wanzhou released on bail but still faces the prospect of extradition to the US

12 December: Canada announces that a second Canadian, later named as businessman Michael Spavor, is missing in China; China confirms he is being likewise investigated over "activities that endanger China's national security" *BBC*

'Not worthy of the first team' - Carvajal hits out at Madrid's homegrown players

Dani Carvajal has suggested Real Madrid's young players are not good enough for the first team following the Blancos' 3-0 defeat to CSKA Moscow on Wednesday evening.

The reigning European champions named a much-changed side for the final match of their Champions League Group G campaign, having already secured top spot, and went 2-0 down before half-time.

Youngsters Vinicius Junior, Marcos Llorente, Federico Valverde and Javier Sanchez de Felipe were all given starts by

former Castilla boss Santiago Solari at Santiago Bernabeu, but Carvajal was unimpressed by their performances.

Speaking to Movistar+, the 74th-minute substitute said:

"Three weeks ago there was talk that the homegrown players could play.

"But it turns out that they might not be worthy of the first team."

Midfielder Isco was jeered by home supporters after he missed a clear shot at goal, leading the 26-year-old to turn to the crowd and reportedly say, "What do you want me to

do?"

Speaking about the incident, Carvajal added: "I have not seen if he was whistled by the fans or not, but the only thing I can say about Isco is that he has

been here for many years and he is a brave player.

"When things are not going well, he asks for the ball and tries to change the game rather than disappear." *Goal.com*

Kundanani makes track record outside football

By Alex Chilumbwe

Perhaps Zambia has just found itself a replacement of Kabange Mupopo in Racheal Kundanani who is a talented soccer star and has just minted Gold in 1,500 metres women final race with a time

of 4 minutes, 25 seconds and 11 milliseconds at the on-going Region 5 Youth Games 2018 in Botswana's capital Gaborone.

South Africa's Carmie Prinsloo got Bronze with a time of 4 minutes, 26

seconds and 46 milliseconds respectively.

Like most female football national team players in the country, Kundanani juggles both football and athletics and based on the results recorded, the

Green Buffaloes golden lady is doing just fine. Her record ranges from hat tricks in football to national records in athletics and has conquered the entire Southern region.

While Mupopo picked up athletics in the spring of 2014, running 55.44 for 400 metres in her first official meeting, Kundanani opted for a different race admitting that she does not want people to think that she is trying to fill Mupopo's shoes which she described as too big.

She said this in an interview with Goal Diggers! facilitated by Zambia Association of Amateur Athletics (ZAAA) officials in Gaborone.

"I chose a different race because I do not want people to think that I'm trying to fill Kabange's shoes and even if I did, I wouldn't be able to. And I also weighed myself

and discovered that I was more comfortable in 1500m than any other race. There is a bit of breathing in 1500m unlike 800m where people just take off with high speed," she said.

The young lad also expressed her happiness in having minted gold and did not fall short of mentioning her first love – football.

"I was so happy when I finished first and looked at my time. It was a dream come true and I will live to remember this day. This does not mean that I have done away with football. Football is my first love and just like Kabange, my passion lies in it. If I am able to do both with excellence, well and good," said Kundanani.

Kundanani has joined a number of Zambian sportsmen and women that have minted medals in the youth games.

I'm not a failure, says U20 coach Bwale

By Alex Chilumbwe

Zambia Under-20 coach Charles Bwale says he cannot be called a failure based on his team's failure to reach the Mopani Copper Mines Under-20 COSAFA final after suffering a 2-1 loss to Zimbabwe in the semifinal played on Tuesday at Nkana stadium.

Bwale urged soccer fans to instead look at the progress and improvement made by a totally new team that had little to no experience going in the tournament.

Speaking during the post match press conference, Bwale noted that his squad had done a recommendable job in the tournament adding that his target was not set on the trophy but on building a team that would be strong enough to win future competitions.

"I cannot be called a failure because we failed to reach the final and I do not think that comparing my squad with the previous one that won AfCON is logical. We cannot replicate what the

previous team achieved. This is totally a new team with inexperienced players. They have done a great despite having failed to reach the final," he said.

Bwale was also queried on why he had no players from junior teams of super league giants in Nkana, Power Dynamos and Zesco United. He responded that there was evident age cheating that left him with no choice but to scout from Division one and the Amateur division.

"I visited all the mentioned teams and they submitted

names of their Under-20 players. In the system it was a different story because all of them were either 22 years old or above. You know I am not here to support age cheating so we left them out," Bwale explained.

And coach Bwale also admitted that there were instances when the technical bench would be handcuffed to make replacements of key players when they were tired. He noted that decisive substitutions were ruined by lack of experience by possible replacements.

"Replacements for key players like Lameck Banda in the front line and Christopher Katongo in the leftback could leave us handcuffed because you look at the bench players and see no one who can fill those shoes especially in the case of Lameck Banda. Katongo is also the best left fullback that we had so the choices were little," said Bwale.

He added that he would try new players in the third and fourth playoff game against Angola.

I've played with Zidane and Henry, but Messi is something else - Pires

Robert Pires says not even his former France teammates Zinedine Zidane and Thierry Henry played at the same level as Lionel Messi, who "has something

no one else has". Pires enjoyed a distinguished career and won many major titles at both club and international level with France, Arsenal

and Marseille, playing alongside some of the world's biggest stars.

Arguably chief among them were fellow countryman Zidane and

Henry, with whom he won the 1998 World Cup under Aime Jacquet.

Pires joined Villarreal in 2006 and his four-year stay saw him feature against a number of other modern greats, including Ronaldinho and Cristiano Ronaldo.

But, for Pires, none of them – not even Zidane and Henry – hold a candle to Messi.

The ex-Arsenal winger referenced the Barca talisman's match-winning display against Espanyol last weekend, during which he dispatched two exquisite free-kicks to set up a 4-0 victory.

"If he plays like he did against Espanyol, it is impossible to stop him," Pires told Mundo Deportivo. "It was incredible.

"I have played with Zidane, Henry and [Juan Roman] Riquelme, and against Ronaldinho and Cristiano, but Messi has something that nobody

else has.

"I don't know if he is the best in history, but there are few where he is."

Messi could have been playing in a front three with Antoine Griezmann, a compatriot of Pires', had things turned out differently before the World Cup.

Griezmann was strongly linked with a move to Barca, but in the end, he opted to remain with Atletico, a decision Pires thinks was probably wise.

"It was his decision and you have to respect it," Pires said. "He thought that it was the best place for him to play because my question is: where would he have played if he had gone to Barca?"

"You do not take away Messi from [Luis] Suarez, or vice versa. They are superior to Griezmann, who could play some matches, but not all of them, as is the case at Atletico. That is the difference." *Goal.com*



Toronto Raptors Kyle Lowry splits the Golden State defence on a drive to the basket - AFP



Dario Saric #36 of the Minnesota Timberwolves shoots the ball against the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday - AFP



Kevon Looney #5 of the Golden State Warriors and Danny Green #14 of the Toronto Raptors go for a loose ball at ORACLE Arena on Wednesday - AFP

By Alex Chilumbwe

As Green Buffaloes football team prepare to face a Tunisian side, CS Sfaxien this evening (18hrs Zambian time, Thursday) Tanzanian side Simba Sports club has jetted in the country to face Kitwe giants Nkana in the CAF Champions league tomorrow.

The statistics on the number of times that the two sides, Nkana and Simba have clashed indicate that odds are favouring the Kitwe giants although Simba cannot be ruled out on winning the tier as they have been doing great in the Tanzanian league with the input of Zambia's Cletus Chama Chota.

When the two sides clashed in 2002 at Nkana stadium, the encounter ended in a

BESTON PLOTS SIMBA DEFEAT

4-0 humiliation of Simba SC and current Nkana Coach Bestone Chambeshi said he had no intentions

of upsetting the statistics adding that he will ensure that they remain in favour of his side.

"I have seen their games that they have played in their country and I will tell you that they are a very good team.

It would be carelessness on our behalf if we underrated them. We need to play for everything and not relax

for a second. The earlier we score, the better because trying to equalize sometimes results into panicking," said Chambeshi in an interview with Goal Diggers!.

Simba SC may take comfort in Cletus Chama's in-form and his nose for netting goals at almost any give chance but he will have to break through the Nkana defense that has the likes of Musa Muhammed, Richard Ocran, Gift Zulu and Moses Nyondo.

Meanwhile, Simba defenders will also have to tighten their boots for the sensational dribbling of Harrison Chisala, Ronald 'Sate Sate' Kampamba, lead assist Kelvin Kampamba and the energetic Walter Bwalya in this mouth-watering clash.

The highest Simba SC has gone in the competition is the group stage in 2003 while Nkana has a record of five semifinals and one final in the continent's biggest cup league.



Thomas Muller (L) fouls Ajax player Nicolas Tagliafico during the UEFA Champions League, Group E match between Ajax and Bayern Munich on Wednesday - AFP

