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HH and his deputy GBM join the bereaved family of the late former vice-president Lupando Mwape. Right, the UPND and ruling PF chior sings at the house of mourning - Pictures by Tenson Mkhala

## UPND has already won 2021 – Itezhi-tezhi MP

**By Thomas Mulenga**  
Itezhi-tezhi UPND member of parliament Herbert Shabula says his party has already won the 2021 general elections as PF has de-campaigned itself with a

bad governance record. And Shabula has refuted claims by a youth activist, Twambo Mutinta, and other Itezhi-tezhi residents that he had abandoned his constituency. In an interview, Shabula predicted that the UPND would form the best government Zambia had ever seen since 1964 when the party wins the upcoming August 11, 2021 polls.

“I must tell you without doubt that UPND will not win in 2021. UPND has already won the 2021 elections! Why am I saying so? The PF government has been given the rope to hang itself! Look at the life of a common citizen in this country, look at the poverty levels in this nation! Which person would want to vote for a party that segregates them?” asked Shabula. *To page 7*

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President Edgar Lungu (r) during the requiem mass of the late former vice-president Lupando Mwape at Cathedral of Child Jesus yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

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# IMF bailout package isn't guaranteed, cautions ZIPAR

By Milimo Namangala

The forthcoming International Monetary Fund (IMF) visit to Zambia does not imply that a Fund-backed programme will be actualized because the Zambian government still has to address pressing economic challenges, says ZIPAR. And the Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR) has commended the Ministry of Finance for executing the 2019 national budget in a transparent manner. Earlier this month, Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe directed officials in the Ministry of Finance to clean up all the required data sets ahead of further IMF consultations this quarter. Mwanakatwe directed Ministry of Finance officials to prepare for the pending Article 4 consultations with the Fund, who are expected to return to Zambia for further talks on the country's much-needed economic bailout package anticipated to be around US \$1.3 billion to help shore-up Zambia's balance of payments support. But in a statement, ZIPAR researcher Caesar Cheelo cautioned the Ministry that the forthcoming IMF consultations in Zambia were merely protocol and

far from an indication that a Fund-backed programme will eventually be actualised. "A few things are worth clarifying regarding engagements with the IMF. For starters, the forthcoming Article IV Consultations are a routine monitoring function of the IMF. They will focus on discussing recent economic developments and prospects for Zambia. This does not imply an actual negotiation towards an IMF-supported programme. The most that the Zambian authorities can do is to propose milestones and a timetable for the negotiations as a way to re-introduce the negotiation motion. This will entail addressing the IMF's concerns, which caused it to walk away from the negotiating table back in August, 2017. Back then, the authorities unveiled ambitious borrowing plans when they should have been planning fiscal policy restraint. The IMF, then, believed that the borrowing plans threatened Zambia's debt sustainability. Now, the authorities have less than three months to clean up their act and get ready to reactivate the negotiations," Cheelo stated. "Once the engagement resumes in earnest, the negotiations are likely

to be quite challenging. The fact that Zambia has delayed its inevitable fiscal adjustment means that the adjustments, once applied, will be that much more painful to sustain. Non-statutory budget items, such as infrastructure projects, which have hereto enjoyed protected public spending, may come to a crashing halt! Staying the course of the negotiations will take stamina." He said while successful negotiations with the IMF would result in an economic breakthrough for Zambia, failed negotiations with the Fund would further weaken Zambia's already battered international credibility. "...Conversely, a failed negotiation will further erode Zambia's already weakened international credibility and economic reputation. This will imply a deterioration of the country's prospects to securing favourable terms and conditions under any debt refinancing negotiations. Securing IMF support in 2019 could be a make or break affair for Zambia," Cheelo added. He explained that Zambia's public debt, which had ballooned relative to GDP in recent years, remained one of the country's most pressing problems. "Firstly, Zambia's public debt



has grown tremendously, increasing from 18.9 per cent of GDP in 2010 to 53.9 per cent in June, 2018, according to the Ministry of Finance. The mounting debt is underpinned by a persistent weakening of the overall fiscal balance, with a deepening deficit from 2.4 per cent of GDP in 2010 to about 7.4 per cent in 2018. The IMF projects that this will deepen further to 10.6 per cent by the time the first Eurobond falls due in 2022," he stated. "The most significant underlying problem of the large debt overhang is that it now imposes a heavy debt service burden. In December, 2018, the Ministry of Finance released a total of K4.3 billion under that year's budget. Of this, a staggering K1.5 billion (or 35 per cent) went to external and domestic debt service, dwarfing the K1.1 billion (26

per cent) released to various government programmes, projects and public service delivery in that month. The debt service amount was even greater than the K1.3 billion (30 per cent) released for the wage bill. With the debt service burden dominating the fiscal profile, the deceleration of public debt accumulation and the dismantling of arrears, which the ministerial statement has emphasized, will be imperative for reducing the stresses from the overhang." And Cheelo commended the Ministry of Finance for executing the 2019 national budget in a transparent manner. "We laud the Minister (Mwanakatwe) for putting her directives to the Ministry on record in the public domain. This gives the general public the opportunity to scrutinize the Ministry's progress in

implementing the (2019) budget, encouraging important transparency and accountability tenets. Inter alia, the statement calls for professionalism, integrity, innovation, and diligence in budget execution. If followed through, these elements will be decisive for restoring fiscal discipline and fostering overall budget credibility," observed Cheelo. "However, Zambia is likely to face strong headwinds and choppy waters in 2019. The fiscal authorities will, therefore, need to up their game in order to navigate the economy through the imminent challenges. Among the many potential threats in 2019, we believe two are particularly crucial in the context of the ministerial statement, namely: the pressures of a mounting debt overhang; and the credibility risk of another failed attempt to woo the IMF."

## Fire Sicalwe, demands NDC

By Daniel Chansa

The National Democratic Congress NDC has asked President Edgar Lungu to fire Chiefs and Traditional Affairs Minister Lawrence Sicalwe for circulating phonographic material. In a statement, NDC national youth chairman Charles Kabwita demanded that the Zambia Police service immediately arrest Sicalwe. "As NDC, we feel Mr Sicalwe should be fired because he has brought shame and embarrassment to the nation. The offence committed by Mr Sicalwe is a serious one and President Lungu should not gloss over the matter. Mr Sicalwe should be brought before the courts of law so that he can exonerate himself. The conduct of circulating absence materials clearly shows how immoral and wicked Mr Sicalwe is," stated Kabwita. "We further urge the church to join calls to have the said Cabinet Minister to be fired. Further, in the interest of morality, we urge Mr Sicalwe to vacate his office on moral grounds."

Last week, Sicalwe accidentally posted a pornographic video in a WhatsApp group called "What Government is doing", and struggled to delete as ruling PF youths who are members of the group, took turns roasting him for circulating the obscene material. The 58-year-old minister, who succeeded President Edgar Lungu as Chawama member of parliament, admitted that technology challenged him, adding that he was trying to delete the said video from a different WhatsApp group, but ended up forwarding it to "What government is doing". The group members, however, did not buy the excuse, arguing that if he was trying to delete it from a different group, it meant that he posted it himself as WhatsApp could not allow anyone to delete what he did not post in a group. And police spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo told journalists that police were investigating the incident. Katongo said it did not matter whether the video was shared accidentally

because being in possession of such material was a crime.

# Men must champion gender equality – Engwase Mwale

By Tenson Mkhala

Non-Governmental Gender Organization Coordinating Council (NGOCC) Executive Director Engwase Mwale says it is critical for women and men to recognize and appreciate their different roles in order to attain gender equality. And Swedish Ambassador to Zambia Henrik Cederin says Zambia has made a lot of progress in improving gender equality. Speaking during the Swedish and Zambian Dads photo exhibition at Lusaka National Museum, Wednesday, Mwale said men needed to become champions of gender equality. "When we talk about marching towards gender equality in this nation, we as NGOCC, has recognized the fact that it is very critical for both women and men to recognize and appreciate their different roles, and that these roles can actually be interchanged by both parties. Who says a father cannot help the wife with house chores? So, this photo exhibition

reminds us [as a] nation [of] the need to realize that men can be brought on board to become champions in ensuring that they bring about gender equality and equity," Mwale said. She observed that women in the country have remained vulnerable and marginalized. "Society thinks NGOCC only talks about women empowerment. Yes, we do talk about women because we feel women have remained vulnerable and marginalized in a lot of areas and platforms, so our role is to build their capacity and empower them so that then, we can go towards gender equality. But I think the role of fathers, or the role of dads, becomes more critical because when they are in the space, then our principal gender equality becomes alive through sharing the different roles with their women. We need to move away from the old society where a man is supposed to sit, while a woman does every work at home," Mwale said. And Swedish Ambassador to Zambia

Henrik Cederin observed that Zambia had made much progress in improving gender equality. "Sweden has one of the world's most generous parental insurance scheme enabling parents to stay home with their children for 480 days, paid for by the state. In Sweden, both parents are encouraged to stay home, shown by the decision in 1974, as the first country in the world to replace providing maternity leave to instead providing the broader parental leave. 90 of these 480 days are reserved for each parent exclusively. Today, fathers take roughly 25 per cent of the total number of days available to the couple. So, I see Zambia is a country that already works hard to improving gender equality and much progress has been made," said Ambassador Cederin. The event, which was organized by the Swedish Embassy, showcased a Swedish and Zambian 'Dad photo' exhibition to highlight the importance of a father in a family in order to achieve gender equality.

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By Geoffrey Zulu

Veteran politician Vernon Johnson Mwaanga says young people aspire to get into politics because they believe its a way to get rich. In a statement, Sunday, Mwaanga stated that young people were setting low standards for themselves by agreeing to be used as tools of political violence. "I interact with many young people who aspire to go into active politics, because they are under the impression that they will get rich. They have seen politicians get rich at the expense of the people they are supposed to serve. It is not unusual to see young people being funded and sent by senior politicians to areas where there are elections or by-elections solely to harass or attack political opponents as we are currently experiencing in Lundazi, Sesheke and other areas, where there are Parliamentary or local government by-elections for political office. Young people of nowadays are setting very low and wrong targets for themselves. Instead of setting high and noble targets for their future, they are agreeing to be used as agents of violence during elections or by-elections, thereby take part in undermining the democracy for which my generation fought so hard and sacrificed so much to achieve," Mwaanga stated. He wondered what future today's leaders were preparing for young people when the only thing they were teaching them was violence. "Political parties must accept blame for this election violence being experienced and that is

## Youths aspire to get into politics to get rich, observes Vernon

why inclusive national political dialogue is so important and desirable today, not tomorrow. Politicians must dialogue and make a commitment to zero tolerance to violence among many other issues and even agree to give a credible Electoral Commission, power to disqualify candidates whose political party cadres are using violence. What kind of future are we preparing for future generations, if the only thing they are being taught is violence, which is an enemy of peace and democracy?" Mwaanga asked. Mwaanga stated that young people were supposed to be trained in leadership skills. "Elections at whatever level, are and should not be tantamount to war or hatred. Elections should be treated as a mere contest of ideas, where voters must freely make their choices and hold politicians accountable for the election promises they make during their campaigns. The young people of the present are supposed to be better educated and need to be trained in leadership skills and qualities which tomorrow's world will require, such as collective intelligence, innovation, skills connectivity, empathy,

transparency, responsibility, team spirit, optimism about the future, learn to respect each other and the ability to recognise good leadership, develop the curiosity to generate enlightened leadership which must understand people's problems and needs and earn their respect," stated Mwaanga.

"Every country goes through generational changes of leadership, be it in politics, business or the professions. The most successful countries prepare young people for tomorrow's leadership roles. Unfortunately, we are not doing enough of this in our country and in many other countries around the world. The

net result is that we end up with the wrong leaders, particularly in politics, who get into politics for the wrong reasons. We must pay more attention to leadership development. The leaders of tomorrow will face many more daunting challenges than the present generation and among them will be the acquiring

and developing of technology friendly skills and abilities. It cannot be denied that we live in a fast changing world where the government, professional and business environment never stop evolving. Leaders of tomorrow will therefore have a much greater task to continually adapt to changes and challenges."

## Kapata explains her community work: giving cash handouts doesn't help

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

I cannot continue giving out handouts in terms of empowerment to women because very few women have plans of what to do with the money, Mandevu PF member of parliament Jean Kapata says. And Kapata says she stocks mealie-meal at her constituency office to help out bereaved families in Mandevu, as buying coffins for every funeral house was too costly. Speaking when she featured on a One Love Radio programme, Friday, Kapata who is Lands Minister also stressed the need

for government to regulate the manufacturing, packaging and consumption of liquor packs locally know as tujiji-jili. "In the past we have given some clubs money and what is disappointing really is that when you go to do a check, we have given cheques in the past and I am sure you are aware that we allowed even from CDF to give a bit of money to people so that they can do business [but] personally I feel that I cannot continue giving out handouts in terms of empowerment to women because very few women understood what they planned to do," Kapata said. "When you ask most of them, [you hear] 'no, this and that happened, no somebody ate the money' and all sorts of excuses. I have not just stopped at that but I personally gave out second

hand clothes to women that I see that are very vulnerable, they come looking for school fees, they are widows, whatever, I do give second hand clothes for them to start a small business for themselves. But even that, when you follow them up, the ones that have collected bells of second hand clothes, you find that once they make money...I think what we need to do is to teach them how to save because others eat even the capital itself." Kapata also said that she keeps mealie-meal at her office in order to help out bereaved families in her constituency. "We keep mealie-meal to give because having a funeral is a very difficult moment. So when somebody dies, people come to the office and collect mealie-meal. We have partners that help us buy that mealie-meal and sometimes

we also buy it. So we stock mealie-meal for funerals only in Mandevu because we can't afford to buy coffins for everybody but at least we can afford to give them food," Kapata said. And Kapata said there was need for government to regulate tujiji-jili because the liquor was making youths unproductive in communities. "I think we need to do a step further as government. Remember there was a ban on the so-called tujiji-jili and I think the volume of those sachets was something like 20 mls or somewhere there. Now the same tujiji-jili have emerged in a bigger bottle and I think that the government can still regulate the volume of Tujiji-jili, maybe we take it up to somewhere around 750ml because you know our children just buy and also you can't allow every small kantemba [to be selling those] tujiji-jili. The reasons why we have those tuntembas is for things like washing powder and the like, but I think we have allowed those tuntembas to also sell alcohol in those junta bottles all over. The markets are no longer places where you just go and buy vegetables, tomatoes and a bit of groceries. [This time] in the market you find people selling alcohol and we need to regulate that," said Kapata.

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# Officers no longer torturing inmates because government has improved their conditions - CG

By Mirriam Chabala

Correctional officers are no longer torturing inmates because government has also stopped torturing them with poor conditions of service, says Zambia Correctional Services Commissioner General Dr Chileshe Chisela. Meanwhile, Dr Chisela says meals currently being offered to inmates do not meet all the necessary dietary requirements due to lack of resources. Speaking when he featured on ZNBC's Sunday Interview, Dr Chisela said torture of inmates was a thing of the past because correctional officers were also relieved of psychological torture when government improved their conditions of service. "There is no torture per se, except the conditions themselves. Before the conditions of the officers themselves were not changed, they were also being tortured. But this is where we can see that there is a listening government by seeing the infrastructure that has improved tremendously. Look at the housing units, look at the uniforms that officers are wearing, look at the health facilities and the transport that is improving... that entails that the pressure that was put on the mind of the officers which resulted in them executing whatever torture, was psychological, physical or social because of the conditions in which they were living or executing their duties will be a thing of the past," Dr Chisela said. And Dr Chisela said inmates were no longer queuing up to use the toilet. "For officers, I have told them that if an Officer-In-Charge does not build a toilet in a cell and I find that a prisoner has no toilet or bathing facility, that officer in charge will not work with me. It was pathetic at



Mukobeko Maximum prison where I found there were only five toilets in one block and another five in the other block and it was catering for 2,000 inmates. It was not acceptable! So I told the Officer-In-Charge and of course my boss was there that time, Mr Percy Chato who did tremendous work and we constructed using our resources 26 toilets. If you go to Maximum today, the inmates can attest that there are no lines. That time, inmates were lining up to go to the toilet, as early as 06:00 AM there is a line of inmates trying to go and empty their bowels and it is unacceptable.

So we are going to go full time to ensure that sanitation is improved. It must be priority that water and sanitation should be provided," he said. Meanwhile, Dr Chisela said the service could not meet the dietary requirements of inmates due to budget constraints. "We are running a budget of about K46 million per year and our population keeps on increasing, then pricing units for various commodities keep on increasing. So we try to work and feed our inmates within that amount. But we are trying to address that, my coming in and with our hard working officers, we

will try to feed our prisoners. The prescribed diet (of Milk, Maize meal, cocoa and fresh vegetables for prisoners) is not attainable at the moment. The inmates [only] ate meat on Christmas, but that is not acceptable. We could be in breach of the act and we are trying to address that breach. If there is one institution which is rich is ourselves, where we have human resource and land. And apparently, in places where we have these correctional facilities, there are water bodies and there is no reason why we cannot have fish ponds. There is no reason why we cannot have

poultry, piggery. So I think the members of command are listening and my Officers in charge," Dr Chisela said. He also highlighted some of the revenue generating ventures the service had embarked on. "We have a milling company that produces 80 metric tonnes per day, but we haven't done so well and there is room to improvement. We are therefore expanding, this year we are going to increase on the hectorage, we will make up a farm that will be called 'a Correctionals farm'. So I have appointed a director in charge of agriculture to ensure that we are going to open 25 hectares of

land in Isoka and Mporokoso where we are going to do raching and we are going to open up Kitumba farm block, 4,000 hectares of land for maize. Additionally, we are having the irrigation programmes that are 1,400, which we are going to be producing cash crops such as wheat, rice, soya beans and other cash crops apart from the maize that is our staple," said Dr Chisela. "Then I have appointed a director in charge of industry. We realised that we could be a super power. I am delighted, I am going to engage with the Minister of Higher Education, Professor Nkandu Luo so that we can be an institution that can produce desks and tables or furniture for our higher schools. The Professor was saying she has money and we can make money. We are going to have industries like block making industries, which will open in this first quarter in Kabwe, which will be producing blocks, pavers and all sorts of building materials. We are going to have a construction unit that will be in charge of infrastructure and you will see that we are going to demonstrate that starting this year by building perhaps our own Headquarters and perhaps the Kabwe Maximum correctional facility using our labour. We have demonstrated that, if you went to Kamfinsa, you will see that we have increased the bed capacity by 600 using our own labour."

By Stuart Lisulo

Ministry of Mines Permanent Secretary Paul Chanda says some mining companies are yet to submit their financial models explaining how the 2019 mining fiscal regime will hurt their profitability. And Chanda disclosed that the mine audit report conducted on First Quantum

## Mines still need to justify job cuts – Chanda

Minerals' (FQM) operations following a decision to lay off its workers was completed and submitted to Cabinet Office. In an interview, Chanda said the Ministry of Mines had written to all of the country's major mining companies requesting

for their financial models to explain and justify the impact the 2019 mining fiscal regime would have on their operations. He, however, explained that some mining houses have still withheld the crucial data in the format government requires.

"As a Ministry of Mines, we have also written to every mine to give us their financial model in the face of the new tax regime to show us how the new taxes could have affected them in terms of profitability and cost. But we are not yet done in the sense that some mines are not giving us the information in the format we needed and the clarity we expect so we have written to them; once they re-submit, we will start the analysis and evaluation," Chanda said. And Chanda disclosed that the mine audit report conducted on First Quantum Minerals' (FQM) operations following a decision to lay off its workers was completed and submitted to Cabinet Office. This followed a multi-ministerial task force that was constituted to investigate FQM's move to lay off 2,500 local and expatriates. FQM had forecast job cuts of up to 2,500 workers following implementation of the 2019 mining fiscal regime that has seen an increase in mineral royalty rates by 1.5 percentage points at all levels of the sliding scale effective January 1. Chanda, however, said the Ministry's recommendations on the way forward regarding the 2019 mining fiscal regime could not be disclosed at this stage. "We had more than four Ministries. So, it was just a multi-sectoral kind of team; we did a report and submitted

to the one who constituted that committee, and that was Secretary to the Cabinet Office. It is difficult to bring out what our recommendations were," Chanda said. Asked what the Ministry's overall impressions of both FQM's Kansanshi and Kalumbila's submissions were in justifying the job cuts, Chanda could, however, not disclose the outcome at this stage, but explained that the audit process only took one week. "For the two mines (Kansanshi Mining Plc and KML), it just took a week and we were done," he said. Meanwhile, Chanda expressed concern at some mining companies' deteriorating safety standards and called for urgent improvement to prevent any further loss of life. "It's very sad. We have tried to institute and enforce safety standards in mining companies. And our officers are always on the ground to ensure that people comply with our safety standards. Secondly, we have also introduced a system whereby miners themselves can call the Ministry, through Mine Safety (Department), if they have been forced to work in an unsafe place or they haven't been given the right equipment to do some tasks, and this is anonymous; they can call without mentioning their names," said Chanda.



President Edgar Lungu (second from left) and Archdiocese of Lusaka Dr Alick Banda share a light moment during the fundraising gala at Pamodzi Hotel for the construction of the Catholic Boarding School for Boys in Lusaka on Friday, January 25, 2019 - Photo by Salim Henry



Members of the public during the OSISA/News Diggers public discussion forum on new mining tax and job losses on Thursday January 24, 2019

By Thomas Mulenga

UPND President Hakainde Hichilema has condemned the harassment of two Prime TV journalists by PF Secretary General Davies Mwila saying media practitioners need support in order for democracy to function. In a video statement, Hichilema said in today's modern world, it was impossible to gag the media. "It's a sad situation, it was sad to watch that news clip. In today's Zambia, in today's World, where basic human rights, liberties and freedoms, and those freedoms include media freedoms, freedom of expression, I do not expect anybody to conduct themselves in that way, honestly speaking. Not just the act of removing journalists, but the manner in which it was done is most unfortunate. And I think we should not encourage or conduct ourselves in that manner going forward. The media should be free to talk to all of us. It's the obligation that the media has to ask us questions but even if they ask us questions that are not comfortable, it is our duty to answer the questions politely, maybe firmly, but politely, because that's what is enshrined in the Universal Human Rights, liberties and freedoms," said Hichilema. "The media is just the carrier of the message, it's a transitory platform for messages and they must not be treated like that, they must be protected if anything, they must be given support if anything and I think that's the only that democracy like ours can function. Otherwise, how do people hear different views without the media? Otherwise people will make decisions based on one sided view, maybe a blurred view. But the media gives you a complete view and we must give the media the respect that they deserve. And I believe that what was done yesterday (Saturday last week), will be rescinded

## You can't gag media in this modern world, HH tells Mwila

very soon and because it cannot continue. And it's not even possible to gag the media in today's electronic age, how can you gag the media? If the PF are not interviewed openly, whoever interviews them, the media will pick them information and make it public. Let's support each other and be humane to each other." And Southern Africa Network Against Corruption (SANAC) executive director Gregory Chifire said Mwila's actions had potential to breed violence against journalists. "The Southern African Network Against Corruption (SANAC) wishes to condemn the harassment of Prime TV journalists by the Patriotic Front (PF) Secretary General Mr. Davies Mwila at a media briefing yesterday, as it is an affront to media freedom and breeds fertile ground for violence against journalists and reporters. Mr. Mwila as Chief Executive of the governing party, owes every citizen a duty of care because his office wields immense influence both in his party and the nation at large, and his utterance at the media briefing amount to an indirect instruction to Members of the PF to mistreat or abuse Prime TV Journalists and Reporters," Chifire said. "At the time that the World is still shocked with the death of Ahmed Hussein-Suale Divala, a Ghanaian Investigative Journalist who was by two gun men in Accra a few days ago, despite Ghana being considered a country with the most press freedom in Africa, Mr. Mwila's utterances have put the lives of Journalists and Reporters from Prime TV and other Private Media institutions in harm's way. We are also anxious to see how

the minister of information, Miss Dora Siliya will come to the support and defense of the harassed journalists because it is her duty to protect the media in entity regardless of whether private or public. It is our wish that the PF will reconciled with Prime TV because the Party in general and Mr. Mwila as a person will never win a war against journalists. Mr. Mwila must trade carefully because in the similar manner that the media promoted him,

## Lsk man gets 6 months for keeping dog meat in his house

By Zondiwe Mbewe

The Lusaka Magistrates' Court has sentenced a 36-year-old man of Barastone Park to six months imprisonment with hard labour for keeping dog meat in his house, thereby polluting the air. The 36 year-old was reported to police by his relatives last year after tenants at their farm complained of the smell and flies which were coming from his room. In this case, Felix Zulu was charged with one count of fouling air contrary to section 189 of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. It was alleged that on December 23 last year, Lusaka, Zulu voluntarily did vitiate the atmosphere thereby making it noxious to health of persons, in general, dwelling namely

Francis Kayula Zulu's farm. He had pleaded guilty before magistrate Nsunge Chanda. Facts in this matter were that; on the material day his brother Brian saw him washing a slaughtered dog and later put it in a bucket and went with it in the house. Upon seen that, Brian decided to inform the elder brother Nelson, who later reported the matter to the police. Felix's relatives decided to report the matter to the police because their tenants at the farm informed them that they were inconvenienced by the smell and flies which were coming from the accused's room. His brother Nelson, in the company of the police, managed to apprehend him and got the dog caucus which was in the bucket.

And when the matter came up, Monday, magistrate Chanda found Felix guilty and convicted him of the charge. This was after he failed to give a clear response as to why he was keeping dog meat in the house. "I did not cut the dog in pieces...I was removing the fur from the dog. It was in a plastic bag then I took it in the house," he said. In mitigation, the accused asked for forgiveness from the court saying he had realised that he was wrong. Magistrate Chanda, however, sentenced him to six months imprisonment with hard labour after noting that the offence he had committed was serious. She said Zulu's behaviour was intolerant and unhealthy because there was no way he could keep something rotten in the house, to pollute the air. "The offence you committed is serious. There's no way you can keep dog meat in the house. The ones who went to complain are your brothers. Why should you keep dog meat in the house? And they were suspecting that you were consuming it, which is very unhealthy. So I have to punish you so that others can know that you are not supposed to do that," said Magistrate Chanda. "You are old enough to know what you are supposed to eat. That behavior is intolerant. You cannot keep something which is rotten in the house, to pollute the air. I'm sentencing you to six months imprisonment with hard labour with effect from today."

## Mwila will meet Prime TV to resolve differences, says Siliya

By Mirriam Chabala

Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya says PF secretary general Davies Mwila will on Tuesday meet Prime Television management to discuss the matter in which the SG chased some journalists from his press briefing. And Siliya has accused some opposition leaders of blowing the "misunderstanding" between Mwila and the journalists out of proportion and using it to gain political mileage. On Saturday afternoon, Mwila attacked Prime TV journalists Njenje Chizu and Toliwe Chanda, who had gone to cover the expulsion of Bahati PF member of parliament Harry Kalaba from the Patriotic Front, and warned them never to show themselves anywhere he was addressing the media, claiming that Prime TV hated the ruling party. This happened in full view of other Patriotic Front party officials and some Cabinet Ministers among them, Labour Minister Joyce Simukoko and Fisheries and Livestock Minister Kampamba Mulenga. In a statement, Monday, Siliya described the action by Mwila as a "simple misunderstanding", which some politicians in the opposition

were blowing out of proportion just to gain political mileage. "Government has observed with great concern that a simple misunderstanding between the Patriotic Front Secretary General and Prime TV journalists is being used for political mileage by some opposition leaders. Let me state that the PF and its government have championed freedom of the press and the right for journalists to practice without fear or favour from its inception. It is for this reason that government has made great progress in consultations with stakeholders over the Access to Information Bill in readiness for presentation to Parliament. The government is also working very closely with media leaders to see the Media Council come into fruition with its greatest role being that of setting standards for journalists and also to protect journalists from those who may hinder their professional practice," Siliya stated. She added that the PF CEO was eager to meet Prime TV management to find an amicable solution to the matter. "The matter at hand, which is an isolated incident, is merely a misunderstanding of which I believe will be resolved amicably. The PF Secretary General Hon. Davies

Mwila is eager to meet with Prime TV to discuss the matter on Tuesday, once again displaying the PF leadership commitment to the media in Zambia. As Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services, we remain charged and committed to the professional welfare of all media practitioners in Zambia in spite of which organisation they work for," stated Siliya. "You all recall that our Republican Constitution in Article 20 states: 'Except with his own consent, a person shall not be hindered in protection of the enjoyment of his freedom of expression, that is to say; freedom to hold opinions without interference; freedom to receive ideas and information without interference; freedom to impart and communicate ideas and information without interference; whether the communication be to the public, generally, or to any person or class of persons, and freedom from interference with his correspondence.' Therefore, I have heard the discourse going on, on different media platforms, concerning alleged harassment of journalists, and I decided to assure you that the Patriotic Front and, indeed, government will not depart from the ideals of freedom of expression."



## THE UPND ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION

UPND is aware that poverty in Zambia remains a profound challenge of our time. In Zambia, poverty is more pronounced in the rural parts of the country. Poverty in Zambia especially in rural areas has the face of women and the youths who are the most afflicted, compared to men despite both living in poverty. Poverty in Zambia is therefore a rural phenomenon.

According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) Zambia in Figures Report published in July, 2018, the incidence of poverty was more pronounced in rural areas where 76.6 percent of the population is classified as poor compared to 23.4 per cent of urban poverty. Of the 10 provinces, Western Province has the highest incidence of poverty rated at 82.2 percent followed by Luapula Province at 81.1 percent. In the third position is Northern Province at 79.7 percent. Lusaka Province has the lowest at 20.2 per cent. The rural areas of Zambia have lagged behind in terms of development mainly due to institutional and structural failures and rigidities in the rural sector coupled with lack of a rural development policy. This situation calls for serious reflection by all concerned stakeholders.

We must all agree that successive governments have lamentably failed to implement meaningful policies, practical programs and strategies in the sectors which are pro-poor and rural based. Any previous interventions in the rural sector have not had a very positive impact in as far as rural poverty reduction is concerned. Rural poverty levels still continue to be stubbornly high. For this reason the UPND will be magnanimous and demonstrate political will towards the formulation and implementation of rural development policies whose objective would be to significantly reduce rural poverty.

The previous and current National Development Plans have largely missed opportunities to significantly reduce poverty in Zambia. Lack of rural development policies and lack of political will to deal with the livelihood challenges of the rural poor could be responsible for this failure.

Given that the majority of the people living in poverty are found in rural districts and provinces respectively, UPND is therefore justified to formulate and implement clear and concise rural development policy.

An UPND alternative policy approach to combating rural poverty needs to be put in place in order to help lift out of poverty the majority of our people in the rural sector.

The objective of the policy will be to positively transform the livelihoods of the rural people and reduce poverty significantly. The UPND in government will therefore turn round things by specifically designing and implementing specific rural development policy.

Zambia in the safe hands of the UPND will bounce back and use implementing tools such the Manifesto, clearly aligned development plans supported by well defined strategies, robust monitoring and evaluation tools underpinned by our party's Mission to 'accelerate national development through prudent use and management of resources for the well being of all citizens,' including those in the rural areas of Zambia. The negative effects of poverty are felt much more in the rural areas.

UPND in government will demonstrate practical will to address the plight of the rural population who still continue to wallow in abject poverty in the midst of plenty livelihood assets and natural resources. Rural poverty reduction will meaningfully take place once the rural development policies are formulated and implemented.

Rural development and poverty reduction policy implementation will be supported by increased budget allocation and timely disbursement of financial resources. Policy implementation will be backed by strengthened institutional and structural capacity at all levels including the wards and districts. This would also need to be backed by the implementation of the national decentralization policy which apparently was adopted in 2002 the late President Mwanawasa's MMD but was never implemented due to lack of political will.

The UPND appreciates that decentralized authority with

adequate resources would strengthen citizen participation in development and that the citizens would develop enhanced capacity to hold the government and other stakeholders accountable in public service delivery. The rural development policy will be backed by annual ward and district development budgets which would be partly formulated with inputs from the concerned stakeholders in rural areas. Different stakeholders including youths, women, persons with disabilities, traditional leaders and others will participate in the formulation and implementation of 'home grown' rural development policies. The rural people will be expected to focus on the implementation of priority programs and activities in key sub sectors such as agriculture, health, infrastructure (rural transport, rural electrification, feeder roads and irrigation) health, social protection, water and sanitation, etc. The rural development approach under the UPND will help identify and create clusters of growth within the rural sector. The objective will be to create pull factors in the rural economy with enormous incentives with a view to attract especially the rural youths to engage in attractive and viable economic activities. This will eventually lead to a viable rural economy whose contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth can be noticed and appreciated.

A UPND clearly defined rural development policy will create conditions and investment necessary for creating alternative livelihood opportunities, for not only the rural people but also other players including the private sector who will wish to invest in the rural areas.

The UPND in government will certainly give defined incentives for those who will wish to invest in the rural areas with a view of enhancing the rural economy. The transfer of terms of trade to the rural sector will eventually uplift the livelihoods of the rural people. This will eventually work towards the promotion of value chains in various sectors and later create shared benefits between the urban and rural economies.

The UPND will ensure that rural poverty reduction funds are ring fenced and only utilized to the intended purpose. The UPND rural development policy will be based on the Rural Livelihoods Framework (RLF) approach. This also means that there will be a clear analysis of livelihood assets access and their required combination. The rural livelihoods of natural, physical, social, financial and physical capital would be analyzed and understood in the manner they should be combined and utilized in order to improve the livelihoods of the people and later on move the majority of way above the poverty line.

The UPND further commits to:

Pay special attention to the poorest of the poor in the rural areas through social protection interventions designed and implemented for the poorest such as the aged, persons with the disabilities and the vulnerable persons in the rural areas.

Attend to cross cutting issues in the implementation of the rural development policy. Good governance; gender; environment and climate change, HIV/AIDS will be mainstreamed during the implementation of the rural development policy and poverty reduction.

Deal with emerging issues which could impact on the livelihood of the rural people.

The UPND approach will help inform the kind of interventions and programs that would be relevant to push the people out of poverty over time in different parts of rural Zambia.

The livelihood framework approach would help bring to the fore specific needs of different rural people across the country and therefore help in the specific interventions to be made by the central government, the local government authorities, the private sector and other stakeholders with interest in rural development.

The UPND rural development policy will be implemented on the basis of the analysis of the livelihood framework approach based on the identification the following key

livelihood assets in the rural sector:

Livelihood asset  
Areas of intervention

Physical assets  
Feeder/intra districts roads;  
Rural electrification;  
Storage facilities.

Natural assets  
Forest resources;  
Land;  
Land tenure systems (access and ownership);  
Water resources;

Social assets  
Farmer groups;  
Co-operatives;  
Women and youth entrepreneurs.

Financial assets  
Access to micro financial services;  
Savings and credit banks;  
Loans.

Human assets  
Health;  
Education.

The rural livelihood framework within the context of rural development policy would certainly require to be mediated by well functioning and responsive institutions such as local authorities whose capacity will be strengthened. This will be further complemented by progressive traditional authorities. The UPND will work towards the strengthening the capacity of government ministries and departments working in rural areas. Transparency and accountability will enhanced among all the institutions charged with the responsibility of delivering rural development.

Rural development will be seen beyond the interventions especially in the agricultural sector especially that rural people also live diversified livelihoods, and thus do not depend on agriculture and its related activities alone. It is acknowledged in the opposition party that the agricultural sector in Zambia still remains a key sector as most of the rural people still depend on the agricultural sector and its related activities for the livelihoods. Different stakeholders will be encouraged and supported to create rural sector programs. Incentives will be given to institutions that would hopefully best respond to the livelihood needs of the rural people with a clear objective of not only improving the rural livelihoods but sustainably lead to poverty reduction overtime.

On the other side of the coin, while UPND is equally concerned with urban poverty, an assault on rural poverty will to a large extent trickle towards urban poverty reduction. This is on the assumption that people in rural areas have migrated to the urban areas due to various push factors in the rural areas while the urban areas have provided pull factors which have created an incentive for people in rural areas to continue trooping to the urban areas. This in return has only helped to exacerbate urban poverty.

A robust rural development policy would not only help reduce rural to urban migration but a help create a sustainable rural economy. This will eventually lead to economic growth with equity among the people of all parts of Zambia. This will lead to the realization of the UPND's vision of 'a united, prosperous and equitable Zambia.'

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**Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama**  
 Chibamba Kanyama is founding partner of Bridges Limited; Corporate Leader; public speaker; communication specialist and strategist

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# Do you believe in your product?

In past ten days, I have been engaged in business mentorship programmes with various organisations and companies and among them the University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers Union (UNZALARU) members who converged in Livingstone and Kansai Plascon management in Chaminuka. Extremely useful engagements with these dynamic and highly focused institutions.

One issue I kept saying during these engagements is that enterprise is anchored on the quality of your product. However, to get it to the market, you should believe in the product. When I served as Corporate Affairs Director at ZSIC, where I oversaw the marketing function, I was in most cases frustrated by the quality of the products we sold.

***"If you seriously want to win in the very competitive Zambia environment, go beyond just offloading a product to the market"***

The most challenging thing for any salesman is selling a poor product or product you do not believe in. I observed most of the salespeople at ZSIC failed to convince customers to buy certain insurance products. The packaging was not convincing.

We also had backroom problems for both general insurance

and life products. We had a lot of policy holders who made claims and remained unpaid for many years. I recall visiting some businesspeople in Chipata in 2003, marketing our various products and I was chased away. One businessman of Asian origin shouted, 'My family bought a life policy in 1971, we paid premiums consistently and now you pay me K10 million (K10,000 rebased). This is after 30 years of saving. What can I do with this money? Get out of my office! I imagined what the ground soldiers selling insurance products were experiencing in the market place. No wonder they looked disillusioned and directionless in the weekly meetings. They had a bad product. You cannot effectively sell a defective product. How do you sell a product you cannot use yourself? I met a man who owns a university in Zambia and I was surprised when he told me his two children are at universities in the UK. He does not believe in his own product but happy to sell it to others.

Entrepreneurship is all about selling a product or service. The first step to effective selling is believing in the product. Customers will see it in your eyes, they should agree with your value proposition before they take it. There are many people who sell what they do not believe in. The other day, I featured on a documentary produced by Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation on network marketing. One or two people expressed concern that I destroyed their business opportunities by discrediting the network marketing business. I did not discredit the product. I merely advised those in the network marketing business to fully understand their product, and for them, it goes beyond the product quality (as most products are of incredible value). They should understand the network formula, from beginning to end. They should not rely on their superiors to unbundle the complicated matrices. Here are the signals for you to know

you believe in your product:

First, there is a sweet connection between you and the customers. I saw two women selling salaula at same venue, same type of dresses and same price. However, even though the two stands were just three meters apart, one saleslady registered an unending queue of visitors and the other one none. It had nothing to do with the attractiveness of the two women. One went beyond selling but provided counsel to clients about what she thought would be the best dress for every visitor, 'Your complexion is charcoal brown, I recommend this dress in this colour,' she would say to one potential customer before she turns to the other one, 'You are from Siavonga where it's very hot, I recommend this silk dress that will help you manage the heat.' This woman connected well with customers because she believed in the product. That is what makes you competitive. You are connecting by providing solutions to your customers. Second, by knowing the impact of the product, you are demonstrating that you believe in your product. I helped change the business focus of a hotel recently by changing their understanding of their own product. I asked them what business they are in and they said, 'We are in the hotel business.' I asked them to change their tagline if they truly believed in their product. It should be, 'We are in the business of offering comfort to families and individuals by providing temporary high value shelter through these hotels.'

Entrepreneurs who believe in their business know what their product does to those who consume it. You can never be convincing if you do not have an idea about the impact of your product to the consumer. If you seriously want to win in the very competitive Zambia environment, go beyond just offloading a product to the market. Believe in what you sell.

By Thomas Mulenga

Itezhi-tezhi UPND member of parliament Herbert Shabula says his party has already won the 2021 general elections as PF has de-campaigned itself with a bad governance record. And Shabula has refuted claims by a youth activist, Twambo Mutinta, and other Itezhi-tezhi residents that he had abandoned his constituency.

In an interview, Shabula predicted that the UPND would form the best government Zambia had ever seen since 1964 when the party wins the upcoming August 11, 2021 polls.

"I must tell you without doubt that UPND will not win in 2021. UPND has already won the 2021 elections! Why am I saying so? The PF government has been given the rope to hang itself! Look at the life of a common citizen in this country, look at the poverty levels in this nation! Which person would want to vote for a party that segregates them? Look at development; the PF has created so many districts in some regions, meaning that they would push more money in those new districts so that they develop even more. Let me give you an example, Itezhi-tezhi begins from near Kalomo there, we share boundaries with Mazabuka, Kafue and yet it is only one district, one constituency and the MP is

## UPND has already won 2021 poll - Itezhi-tezhi MP

expected to run across the constituency. This government is very segregative; some areas are more developed than others and they are also transferring people in government who can't speak their language. A doctor of just few years retired in national interest, what does that mean? You mean that's a party that would win an election in 2021? How?" Shabula asked.

He argued that the UPND would form the best government Zambia ever had. "The environment is not favourable for PF to win the 2021 elections. For us in UPND, you first of all look at the leadership, just look at the team. It's like you are looking at Arsenal or Manchester United, you look at the people, before they even play the match, you see the names of the people that are going to be on the pitch that will tell you whether you are winning or losing. When you look at president HH, look at what he has done

for himself in his private life, what contributions he has made to the nation as a citizen, what he is doing to touch the lives of the people, and look at his level of education, his integrity, it points to say he is a good leader and I am sure he is going to pick a good team. Look at most of the MPs in the UPND, they are fire brands, even when we stand to speak in Parliament, you know that the men and women are speaking sensible things that will build this nation," Shabula said. "Without doubt, UPND will form the best government from 1964, it should be able to be the best government! Of course, we are going to face challenges when we start because there is a lot of money that has been taken because of corruption. It will require people to be patient, but we'll make it. That is why we are here, we are not going to cry that 'those guys who were in government did this and that so we can't perform,' no! We are going to

turn the tables around!" And Shabula said PF was the worst, wasteful government Zambia ever had. "Right now people are a hungry, I am a rural MP, when I get to my constituency everyone would want to get some kind of help and I understand them, they are my people, they are my brothers and sisters and I attend to them when I can. You see the poverty levels, very high! Now look at the (Republican) President, how he is spending money? Recently, the President bought a very expensive jet for himself! I am an aviation man myself, I am an expert in flying. The issue is that you can't buy a jet of that cost when the economy is on its knees and it is not only a matter of buying the jet, it is also a matter of maintaining that jet, training of the crew, the allowances of the crew and the cost of the spare parts of that jet. This is the worst wasteful government!" Shabula said.

"Look at the tours of the President; nearly every month, the President is on the move, even to areas where he has Ambassadors, High Commissioners who can represent him, he will still go. And you know, the presidential trips are very costly because of the huge entourage of different people." Meanwhile, Shabula refuted claims by Mutinta and other Itezhi-tezhi residents that he had abandoned his constituency "I want to say that I have visited Itezhi-tezhi 20 times since I was elected on 11th August up to 2018. If those who are complaining were residents of Itezhi-tezhi, they would have seen me in the area. I have had meetings with people. Some of the things I have done, I pushed for the completion of the works on the D769 Mongu-Itezhi-tezhi road, according to the government position as at now, all the projects that are below 80 per cent, the government

will not work on them, they are working on projects that are 80 per cent and above. The D769 is not even beyond 40 per cent, but I have pushed the government to work on the road. Today, it is one of the roads that is below 80 per cent and government is working on. In Makunku, a secondary school is being worked on. We had to bid as MPs for a few secondary schools, which were given by the World Bank in selected places in Zambia and we were given in Itezhi-tezhi. Who brought it there? It's the MP, Shabula! Itezhi-tezhi-Namwala Road is being graded using money from the World Bank, it is Shabula who sourced for that. With REA (Rural Electrification Authority), I have worked on electrification of the area, they have given us 12 solar panels, which should be given to people in Itezhi-tezhi, right now we are working on lighting Itezhi-tezhi and taring the roads in itezhi. We are right now working on a project with the World Bank for women groups in which Itezhi-tezhi is likely to be given US \$2.1 million to be distributed to three wards. This was done by this MP, Shabula!" Shabula complained that opposition MPs were being frustrated by the PF government to make it difficult for them to perform.

"I run this institution, and when I make a decision, it's final! You are not supposed to be here! When I do a press briefing, they are not supposed to be here. That's a decision I have made because they don't cover us. Chapwa! You can leave. I have made a decision, they can leave. Tamuleumfwa, mulefwaya ndande muchibemba (Are you not hearing what I am saying? Do you want me to speak in Bemba?) Go!" This was PF Secretary General Davies Mwila chasing away Prime TV journalists Njenje Chizu and Toliwe Chanda from the ruling party secretariat where they went to cover a press conference.

The vivid anger and irritation on Mr Mwila's face was not shocking to the journalists alone, his own PF officials, who had welcomed the 'unwanted' journalists could not believe what they were seeing. This was not a typical Davies Mwila move; they were at pains to comprehend where his bitterness was emanating from. In fact, it was not even true that Prime TV has never covered PF press briefings.

But even assuming that Mwila's claim was true, so what if they don't cover you? Do you pay for their news coverage? Do you contribute to paying salaries for the journalists at the private media house? Does the station use any ngwee from taxpayers' money to run its operations? If not, then what makes you think you are entitled to the Prime TV news coverage?

Look, Mr Mwila, Prime TV has no obligation to cover you. They are free to decide what they think constitutes news, and if they don't find most of your press briefings

# Mwila is repeating Kambwili's stupid mistake on media

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newsworthy, they have the right to choose when to cover you, but you don't have the right to chase them away. By way of the fact that you are occupying the chief executive position of the ruling party, you are in 'public office.' That is not a private office for Davies Mwila & Sons. Remember that you told Zambians that after the Republican President and Vice-President, you are third in government seniority; ministers report to you. So, when journalists from private media decide to cover you, you have no right to chase them.

This hurt that Mr Mwila exhibited tells us that the ruling party regards journalists as tools for advancing their agenda, nothing else. They want journalists who will do

the dirty job and protect them in the process. That is wrong; journalists are not condoms whom you can only use and dispose, as and when you want. They have rights and their liberties are enshrined in the national Constitution.

Our worry is that the PF's record of press freedom tolerance is already very bad, and any efforts to push it further will result in 'mysterious' deaths of journalists. A few years ago, we would say this was a little too far-fetched, but in today's Africa where money and power means everything, anything can happen. Less than two weeks ago, a private investigative journalist, Ahmed Hussain, was shot three times by assailants in what used to be known as a media friendly Ghana, after

he exposed corruption. It all starts with such outrage and intolerance for media practitioners, as Mr Mwila has exhibited.

But we need to remind those in power that the positions they hold are not permanent. They will need the same private media houses that they are harassing today. Mr Davies Mwila will look for Nyenje and Toliwe's phone numbers when the bells come tolling on him. When Mr Lungu leaves State House and the new regime turns against him, the Zambia Daily Mail and ZNBC will not be there for Mr Mwila. Mr Amos Chanda will no longer have powers to tell ZNBC what to put on the evening main news. The news editors running public media will only be interested in court

news involving those who will be facing prosecution from this regime, and nothing more. When that time comes, it is Prime TV that will be there to cover Mr Mwila and his party.

We know that to those who are in power today, we look like ants. We are nothing, but stupid little twats who are living at their mercy! They even boast within their circles that: "if we can manage to shut down The Post, what is Prime TV, what is News Diggers?" They think their power to close down Prime TV or News Diggers with just one phone call makes them invincible.

It doesn't make us lose sleep. Even if they kill us, like the criminals in Ghana killed Hussain, their victory won't prevent them from joining us in

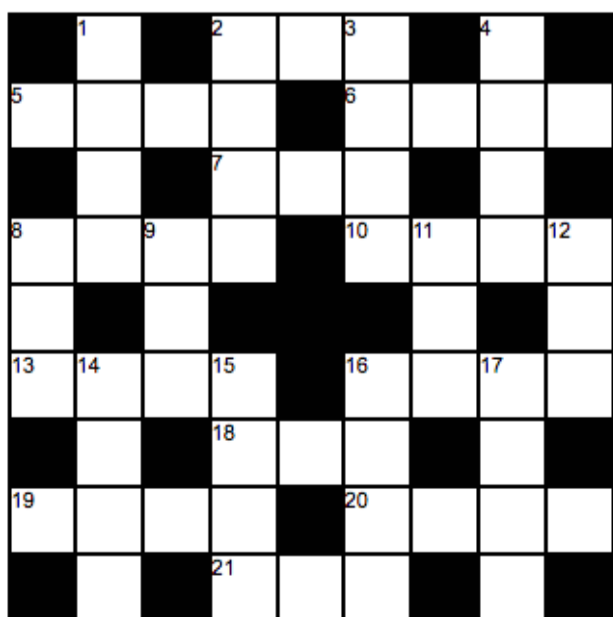
the grave. No matter how much money and power they may have today, their corpses will come and lie next to ours, waiting for judgment day where we will all be expected to exculpate ourselves. A time will come soon when State House and the PF secretariat will be taken over by new bosses. This sounds mythical right now, but it is a reality waiting to happen.

There used to be a man in government called Chishimba Kambwili. He was such a powerful man. As Chief Government Spokesperson at his last posting, his everyday-job was to threaten private media journalists, warning them about how their employers were going to use and dump them. But Karma taught Kambwili that the world is round, the private media journalists he was threatening and feeling sorry for are the ones wiping his tears. Today, he wishes The Post newspaper was still around so that he could ride on its aggression and financial muscle to fight the bad governance in this PF administration.

Today, a person whom Honourable Kambwili vowed never to accept as a member of the ruling party, a woman whom he said he would rather sell his soul to the devil than eat on the same table with, is running his office and he is in court challenging his own expulsion from the party.

There is an old adage that says, 'a wise man learns from the mistakes of others, knowing that he can't live long enough to make them all by himself'. Repeating a mistake that someone else near you already made is nothing less than stupid. And Mr Mwila is doing just that!

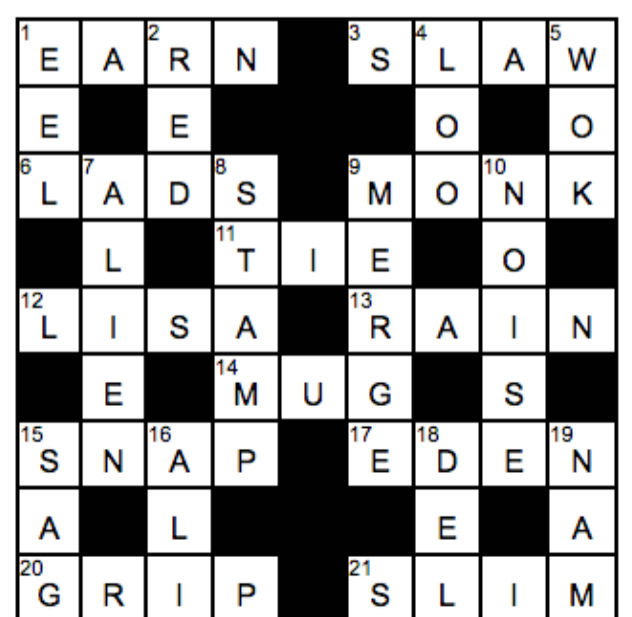
## Crossword puzzle 281



*"Understanding sickness in its whole form, reach and impact, automatically brings along the insight into wellness, just like understanding chaos with all its nuances brings along the true practical perception of harmony and the means to achieve it." - Abhijit Naskar*

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## Solutions to puzzle 280





# Reader's feedback

## Police's probe of Sichalwe for circulating porno

Dear Editor,

"This reminds me of Vespers, the UNZA student who was killed by the same cops. Up to now, they are still investigating. So, this investigation about Sichalwe will eventually die a natural death! But again if it was someone from the opposition, it's arrest first and investigate later!" - Ian Malekani

"It will not go anywhere. Isn't he the same guy who used to keep ECL by the garage?" - Chipasha Lunkoto

"If I was Lawrence Sichalwe, I could have simply moved a motion in Parliament in the next sitting and have this inept obscene materials law repealed or amended. Look, even ministers who are the law-makers are inconvenienced, so at whose pleasure is this

law serving? If police officers can just ransack people at a gathering and grab their phones, 90% of the people can be found guilty, so how feasible and viable is this law, which is silent in the middle of guilty people?" - Ackim Mwanamuzenge Neene



## Mumbi on PF not subscribing to Church-led dialogue resolutions

Editor,

"You are the same guys who crawl back to the Church during campaigns; attending every church service! My friend, you come to my church, I don't

even acknowledge your presence. You come and go home like everybody else. You want the Church to concentrate on 'spiritual healing' now and when it suits you it becomes a spring board for your political ambitions!" - Ba Arthur Ntembula

"We are not surprised with the stance taken by PF, but are surprised by our friend Mumbi, who is even a Christian, to be supporting such an outrageous point of view considering that Zambia is a so-called Christian nation!" - Joseph Chisenga

"How I wish I was one of the Church leaders being ridiculed by PF on dialogue. I would have asked them to also ask ZCID to lead their prayer and fasting on October 18. Because now, it appears PF trusts ZCID more than the Church. It is just right for them to let ZCID lead their prayer and fasting on October 18." - Legion Mwiinga

"Very soon, we will see him patronizing different churches as we approach 2021 as the holiest..." - Freddie Sichone

"Minister of Religious Affairs, I have not heard her comment on this matter or maybe she has food in her mouth so she can't talk." - Andy Hanny

"The best thing these opposition parties should do is to deregister their membership with ZCID." - Joseph S Banda

### DIGGERS OPINION: What does Esther's foundation stand for?

Editor,

"Timely advice." - Dublin Chileyia

"Indeed, there was no need for such a huge number of people to go and receive 5 fire trucks. It pays, most times, to listen to people's opinions on matters they see wrong. The fact that you are walking in corridors of power does not mean you don't make mistakes. This was a mistake justified by lame excuses!" - Mazabuka Mwanakalando

## Moses Mawere's response to Andyford on youth empowerment scheme

Editor,

Musesa

"Ba Minister, give us facts! We all know who benefits from the youth empowerment funds, and yes, president Banda is right; cadres are the ones that benefit! The Minister is barking louder here!" - Limba Mumbi Young

"Moses Mawere is the one who should stop barking. Andyford Banda is 100% on point. The so-called youth empowerment is only benefiting PF thugs/cadres." - Donald Oscar Phiri

"Mawere should be ashamed of himself. In fact, Banda scores a critical point here! PF is the worst govt I have ever seen in the history of Zambia." - Raphael Kandala

"Banda was on point! PF Youth-Cadre Empowerment Fund (PYCEF)!" - Abson

"My pockets certainly don't feel empowered..." - Ryan Siywa

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## Genes linked to antibiotic-resistant superbugs discovered

Genes associated with antibiotic-resistant superbugs have been discovered in the high Arctic, one of the most remote places on earth, showing the rapid spread and global nature of the resistance problem.

The genes were first identified in a hospital patient in India in 2007-8, then in surface waters in Delhi in 2010, probably carried there by sewage, and are now confirmed in soil samples from Svalbard in the Arctic circle, in a paper in the journal *Environment International*. They may have been carried by migrating birds or human visitors, but human impact on the area is minimal.

While the genes, called blaNDM-1, have been identified in Svalbard soil, the presence of superbugs has not. The genes can confer on bacteria resistance to carbapenems, which are antibiotics of last resort for the treatment of human diseases.

Antibiotic resistance threatens a global "apocalypse", England's chief medical officer, Dame Sally Davies,

has warned, and last week the health secretary, Matt Hancock, called it a bigger threat than climate change or warfare. Common operations could become life-threatening and rapidly spreading and evolving diseases could overcome our last medical defences, reversing nearly a century of remarkable progress in human health.

For the study, DNA was extracted from 40 samples of soil at eight locations in Svalbard, and among these a total of 131 antibiotic resistant genes were found. The blaNDM-1 gene was found in more than 60% of the soil cores studied.

This discovery in such a remote region demonstrates the role that poor sanitation can play in generating antibiotic resistance, according to David Graham, a professor of ecosystems engineering at Newcastle University, who led the research team. While efforts to curb the growth of resistance have concentrated on overuse of antibiotics, this research shows there are other pathways by which resistance can be spread, he said.

"What humans have done through excess use of antibiotics is accelerate the rate of evolution, creating resistant strains that never existed before," he said. Crucially, poor sanitation provides a breeding ground for resistant bacteria that can then spread rapidly.

The research showed the need for a worldwide response to the resistance crisis, said Graham, in place of the piecemeal efforts in some regions to curb overuse of the drugs in human health. "Local strategies can only do so much - we must think more globally," he said. "The problem will be political". **THE GUARDIAN**



Vietnamese national Doan Thi Huong is due to begin her defence on March 11, having been charged in Malaysia with murdering the North Korean leader's half-brother AFP

## US warns Venezuela on diplomat threats

The US has warned Venezuela that any threats against American diplomats or opposition leader Juan Guaidó will be met with "a significant response".

National Security Adviser John Bolton said any such "intimidation" would be "a

grave assault on the rule of law".

His warning comes days after the US and more than 20 other countries recognised Mr Guaidó as interim president.

Meanwhile, Mr Guaidó has called for anti-government

protests on Wednesday and Saturday.

Mr Guaidó, the elected leader of the opposition-held National Assembly, declared himself the interim president on 23 January.

The political crisis in Venezuela now appears to

be reaching boiling point amid growing efforts by the opposition to unseat President Nicolás Maduro.

He was sworn in for a second term earlier this month after an election marred by an opposition boycott and allegations of vote-rigging, triggering large protests.

On Sunday, Venezuela's top military representative to the US, Col José Luis Silva, defected from Mr Maduro's government, saying he recognised Mr Guaidó as president instead.

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But Mr Maduro has rejected this, saying the ultimatum must be withdrawn.

"Venezuela is not tied to Europe. This is complete insolence," he told CNN Turk on Sunday. **BBC**

Superhero film *Black Panther* has won the top prize at the Screen Actors Guild awards (SAGs).

The box office hit picked up best ensemble cast award in a motion picture, the SAG ceremony's version of the best film prize.

Asked if *Black Panther* had changed the film industry, lead actor Chadwick Boseman replied: "My answer to that is...to be young, gifted and black."

The only British winner was Emily Blunt for her performance in *A Quiet Place*.

The actress picked up the prize for best supporting actress for the film, which was directed by and co-starred her husband John Krasinski.

She looked shocked as she accepted her gong: "I am going to share this completely with my husband, John Krasinski, because the entire experience of doing this with you has completely pierced my heart directly. You are a stunning filmmaker."

Despite four nominations, Oscars frontrunner *A Star is Born* failed to pick up an award.

Glenn Close beat *The Favourite* star Olivia Colman to take home the best actress prize for her role in *The Wife*, replicating her success at the Golden Globes.

Rami Malek achieved the same repeat success,

## Black Panther wins top prize at SAG awards



Emily Blunt and John Krasinski.

picking up the best actor award for playing Freddie Mercury in *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

Mahershala Ali was honoured with the best supporting actor prize for

his part in *Green Book*, beating British hopeful Richard E Grant (*Can You Ever Forgive Me?*)

The SAGs also honour the stars of television and it was Amazon Prime series

*The Marvelous Mrs Maisel* which swept the comedy prizes, taking the award for best ensemble in a comedy series, as well as

outstanding performance by a female actor in a

comedy series for Rachel Brosnahan and male actor in a comedy series for Tony Shalhoub.

The prize for best ensemble in a TV drama went to *This Is Us*. **BBC**

**By Abraham Kalito**  
MTN-FAZ super division side Maestro United Zambia (MUZA) coach Ignatius Habeene has cited lack of reinforcements as one of the challenges the newly promoted club is currently facing in their quest to challenge for silverware this season. MUZA lost the first match of the campaign to Power Dynamos by two goals unanswered with Habeene

# We need new players - Habeene

admitting that the 2019 calendar is challenging and more so without signing new players to the club. He told Goal Diggers! in an interview, Monday that the team needs reinforcements to properly challenge for silverware during the season.

His observation comes barely two months after the club was promoted to the super-division league. "We are adapting. It is off course a challenge, but we are adapting. At the end of the day there is nothing we can do, we just have to continue

working according to the calendar. Because we the new clubs there is need for reinforcements. The time to reinforce and them join the team and settle, its too risk. But at the end of the day there is nothing we can do. We cannot cry over spilled milk but what is important is to concentrate and do what we have to do. They game Yesterday (Sunday) was ok. We played well knowing that it was our first game

in the premere league (super division), he said. "We played well first half it was nil all, and off course we made mistakes in the first minute of the second half and that was all, and it killed our game and the boys were demoralised after the goals. We lacked especially up-front, there was a bit of lack of maturity. You could see the way they were shooting, we had no patience up-front but we will work on that and

improve for sure. But I was not happy with the analyst, they shouldn't be biased. They should fair when analysing games, you could see from the way they were talking that they were in favour of the other team." MUZA will play Buildcon and Green Eagles at home on 2nd and 9th February respectively before they travel to Edwin Emboela stadium to face the high flying Nkwazi FC on 16 February.

## We do not know Luchanga's whereabouts - Dynamos CEO

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Power Dynamos CEO Happie Munkondya has confirmed with Goal Diggers! the disappearance of striker Conlyde Luchanga from the club. Munkondya said that there has been no communication between Luchanga and his club Power Dynamos after the lad was given two days to sort out personal issues in Lusaka. "We do not know where he is. We gave him permission to have a two day break to sort out his issues in Lusaka and after those two days, we've not heard from him up to now," he said. Meanwhile, Daily Mail yesterday reported that Luchanga was attending trials with an Egyptian side El Gouna,

and he risks a FIFA ban if he signs with a another club while his contract with Power Dynamos was still effective. Asked if Luchanga would be welcome at Power Dynamos should his trials turnout unsuccessful in North Africa, Munkondya had this to say; "If he comes back to the club, the administration will decide whether to take him in or not because that's entirely an administrative issue," said Munkondya. Luchanga, the 2017 Under-20 Africa Cup of Nations winner has joined the likes of Lusaka Dynamo's Fwayo Tembo and Young Green Buffaloes' Emmanuel Mwiinde in recording club absenteeism without official leave.

## New boy Laudit Mavugo impresses NAPSA coach

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
NAPSA Stars may not be the 2019 FAZ/MTN super league week one's biggest winners but they managed to present a goal wizard in newly acquired Burudian striker Laudit Mavugo who scored a winning brace against High Flying Nkwazi

in the two sides' first transitional league game. In an interview with Goal Diggers! NAPSA coach Muhammad Fathi showered Mavugo with praises and hoped the striker either maintained or improved his scoring capabilities throughout the season.

"I am still very impressed with him (Mavugo) because it is not easy for most players to manage a brace in their debut game and in a foreign country. He probably has little knowledge of the Zambian game but there he scored for us. I now have to see if he's going to improve on that or maintain it. We will need his goals through out the season and I would be happier if he either maintains or improved even more," said Fathi. And Mavugo who signed a three year long contract with NAPSA said he would work extra hard to keep impressing the pensioners and heighten his career. "I'm happy I scored but I cannot relax. I still need to adjust to suit the way of play here and hopefully keep scoring. It is my duty to be in my top form so we will see how this works out," said Mavugo. The rest of the 2019 FAZ/MTN week one game results are as follows: Kabwe Warriors 1-1 Lusaka Dynamos (Emmanuel Okutu 90' | Emmanuel Habasimbi 24'), Napsa Stars 2-0 Nkwazi (Mavugo 27',45'), Nakambala Leopards 1-0 Kitwe United (Potipher Zulu 87') Mfulira Wanderers 3-0 Prison Leopards (John Goma, 20' , Mathews Macha 40' , Brian Chewe ) Power Dynamos 2-0 Muza FC (Jimmy Dzingai 47', Martin Kayuwa 74') Buildcon 2-0 Circuit City (Kingsely Kangwa 41', Moses Phiri 70' (p) Zanaco 4-1 Red Arrows (Rusike 29' , 41' (p) | Simwanza 38', Rodger Kola 63', Ernest Mbewe 89') Forest Rangers 1-0 Green Eagles (Austin Muwovo 88')

# The teenager flying the flag for Zambia in Italy

**By Kennedy Gondwe, BBC**  
Carrying a nation's expectations on your shoulders can be a heavy burden but must be even harder if you are 16 and venturing into virgin territory. That is the pressure facing Zambian footballer Abel Kanyamuna after he became the first player from his nation to feature at any level in Italy. The defensive midfielder is on the books of the Serie A side Cagliari's under-17 team and has his sights on climbing the ladder in Italy.

A product of the Chipata Township in the Zambian capital Lusaka, Kanyamuna benefitted from his high school grades that earned him an academic scholarship to Italy. His gateway into Europe was the Ponsacco Football Academy in Italy, where he spent six months learning the language and taking his first steps in Italian football. He then spent six months at Serie C side U.S. Pistoiese 1921 based in Pistoia, about 60km from Ponsacco. "It was not easy coming

straight from Zambia into Europe. I had to adapt very quickly and knew that if I lost focus, I would also lose the opportunity," he says. "The language and the culture are different. I was lucky because the person I was staying with was also an English speaker so that made it easy for me somehow to understand Italian." Kanyamuna eventually caught the eye of Serie A club Empoli's satellite side Santa Maria Empoli which is where Cagliari spotted him.

The 16-year old, who made his Zambia under-17 debut as a 15-year old in June 2017, considered other top Italian sides but found a home at Cagliari. "I got into Cagliari set up in June, about a month before the league started then I got my registration," he explained. "The environment is good because I have found a lot of people who welcomed me warmly. The environment is perfect and I am happy. "The league is very tough but I believe we can do more and

reach a better position." Kanyamuna is hopeful of playing for any of the Zambian junior teams. "If it does not interfere with my school I will definitely be available for Zambia," he insisted. "I really want my school grades to remain good. But outside my school programs I would be hundred percent available." The teenager also pointed out that a lack of structured academies in Zambia hampers the development of many young players. "Many young players do not have the possibility to play at an organized academy," he lamented. "If we could do such things for the whole of Zambia, we could have good future players who can perform in higher clubs. "A lot of young people do not know the use of football until they are older, which is a very difficult thing. People start playing football very late when it is hard to teach them new things." He is encouraged by the number of African players plying their in Italy. "The number of African players playing for top teams in Italy make it easy for me to realize how possible it is for me to realize my dream of playing for the first team of a Serie A side," he says.



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*...as first Zambian to climb Serie A ladder*



## De Gea not satisfied with Man United winning run

David de Gea says Manchester United are not satisfied with their eight-match winning run under interim manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

And the Spain goalkeeper says the rejuvenated Old Trafford side will not be happy until they have secured qualification for next season's Champions League and had a good run at success in this year's competition.

United, who face Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of their last-16 clash on Tuesday, February 12, have undergone a stunning turnaround since Solskjaer replaced the sacked Jose Mourinho in December.

But, with United in sixth place in the Premier League table, three points behind fourth-placed Chelsea, De Gea told Sky Sports: "It's clearly a great run of results, but we are still outside of the Champions League places and we're very far from winning the Premier League."

"We're happy with the wins, but we aren't satisfied with the overall situation."

"This is a club that should be fighting for the title, but we are

gaining in confidence, and we are going to try to achieve as much as possible from the rest of the season; winning games,

hopefully getting into the Champions League places and doing well in the competition. *Goal.com*



Abel Kanyamuna poses for a photo with a teammate in the dressing room

## Mourinho did a lot for Manchester United and deserves respect - Lukaku



Jose Mourinho "has done a lot" for Manchester United, says Romelu Lukaku, with the Portuguese deserving respect for the job he oversaw.

Having been handed the reins at Old Trafford in the summer of 2016, a proven coach delivered three trophies in his debut campaign.

He was left empty-handed in his second, but returned United to the Premier League's top four as they finished as runners-up behind record-breaking champions Manchester City.

Mourinho was expected to build on that platform, but endured a testing start to the 2018-19 campaign

and was relieved of his duties in December.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has impressed as his successor, overseeing eight successive victories, but Lukaku is reluctant to be drawn on the differences between the manager who signed him for £75 million (\$99m) and the one currently at the helm.

The Belgium international striker told Eleven Sports: "I'm not going to compare the two managers."

"I believe that Mourinho has done a lot for this club."

"He won trophies, so I have a lot of respect for him."

"He is the coach who signed me."

Lukaku was almost guaranteed game time when fit with Mourinho at the helm, with the 25-year-old boasting the full support of a boss who had unwavering faith in him.

That is no longer the case under Solskjaer, with Marcus Rashford having starred as a central frontman under a new regime.

Lukaku is yet to start a Premier League game under United's interim manager, but he is enjoying being part of a squad chasing down Champions League qualification once more and potential success in cup competitions.

He added: "Solskjaer has just started his story here. *Goal.com*

