



# KASOLO TELLS OFF US EMBASSY

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Women from various professions take part in the Zambia Shall Be Fit morning aerobics on International Women's Day at Twin Palm Mall in Lusaka - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

### Sichilima's resignation as CCZ president excites Mumbi Phiri

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
Patriotic Front (PF) deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri says Bishop Sydney Sichilima's resignation from his position

as Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) president is an indication that there are still men of integrity in the church. And Phiri says the ruling party is planning to start its own TV station. On Friday, Bishop Sichilima withdrew his participation from the three church mother bodies saying that the move was to preserve the integrity of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) where he belongs to. According to ZNBC, Bishop

Sichilima stated that as UCZ leader, there were certain Biblical ethics that he could not compromise in executing his pastoral duties hence his withdrawal from the church mother bodies and resignation from CCZ. His resignation came after a statement by the three church mother bodies; ZCCB, CCZ, and EFZ against the closure of Prime TV which he said he had no input in. *To page 7*



A proud father carries his baby on the back as he watches proceedings of the International Women's Day celebrations in Lusaka - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

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By Mirriam Chabala

President Edgar Lungu says it is difficult for women to achieve gender equality with a shipikisha (silent endurance to injustice) mentality. And President Lungu says there is need for revolutionary thinking in tackling gender inequalities to ensure increased women's participation in decision-making and economic empowerment programmes. Meanwhile, the Head of State says there are still "old-fashioned men" out there who never appreciate women as their partners in national development. Speaking when he officiated at the 2019 Women's Day Celebrations held under the theme: 'Think Equal, Build Smart and Innovate for Change' in Lusaka, Friday, the President concurred with UN resident coordinator Janet Rogan that shipikisha must end. He also saluted FDD leader Edith Nawakwi, former NGOCC chairperson Sara Longwe and late Lucy Sichone for helping to move the Zambian gender agenda forward. "So to the women, the tone was set by these great women: therefore, always think equal, build smart and innovate for change in fighting gender-based discrimination. Do not suffer in silence, madam [Janet Rogan] you repeatedly said 'shipikisha no more!' Stop ukushipikisha (suffering in silence). That message was very loud and clear: challenge the status quo and enjoy your rights in full as a woman!" And President Lungu regretted that women were still overburdened by poverty and continued to face challenges in accessing justice, social and economic opportunities. The Head of State observed that gender inequalities and discrimination had also worsened by the deep-rooted cultural and traditional practices, which promoted male dominance and the subordination of women and girls. "The objective of celebrating this day is to recollect the political, social and economic achievements of women. In this regard, I would like to pay glowing tribute to the women,

# Women can't achieve gender equality with shipikisha mentality - Lungu

who early in the 19th Century decided to fight gender-based oppression and discrimination and win the right to vote. This year, the International Women's Day is being celebrated under the theme: "Think equal, Build smart, Innovate for change." This theme calls for all countries, including Zambia, to adopt a transformative agenda, integrated approaches and employment of new solutions in tackling gender inequalities in all spheres of development. Though progress has been made at policy and legislative levels, gender inequalities and violation of women's and girls' rights have continued to be pervasive in our communities, and across all sectors. Therefore, there is need for revolutionary thinking. It is time to make extraordinary progress in tackling gender inequalities," President Lungu said. "As a nation, we have made progress in a number of areas. We have achieved parity at primary school level of education. We have

significantly increased women's participation in decision-making at strategic levels, including in politics and there are more women's economic empowerment programmes. However, there is still more to be done. Women are still overburdened by poverty. They continue to face challenges in accessing justice, social and economic opportunities. The gender inequalities and discrimination continue to be worsened by deep-rooted cultural and traditional practices, which promote male dominance and the subordination of women and girls. It is clear that though we are progressing well in the implementation of gender equality and empowerment programmes in our country, we need to enhance these efforts if we are to realise the targets as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals and planet 50:50 by 2030." He pointed to some of the efforts government had made to quicken progress towards

achieving gender equality and women empowerment. "This we are doing through the following: Ratification of the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. This is an instrument put in place by the United Nations to promote women's rights; adopting the Sustainable Development Goals as part of the guiding framework for managing development, as we seek to achieve the Vision 2030, where Zambia seeks to be free from gender inequalities in all spheres of development; adopting equality and non-discrimination among its national principles and values through the Constitution of Zambia amendment Act no. 2 of 2016. It is expected that all citizens shall live by these principles and values; enacting the Gender Equity and Equality Act no.22 of 2015 in order to deal with the root causes of discrimination. This law prohibits all forms of discrimination, especially gender-based discrimination;

enacting the Anti-Gender Based Violence Act number 1 of 2011 to protect the victims of gender-based violence and adopting the National Gender Policy of 2014 and the Seventh National Development Plan, which seeks to reduce developmental inequalities," he explained. And speaking earlier after touring the stands at the Showgrounds, President Lungu realised that there were still "old-fashioned" men who never appreciated women as their partners in national development. "I would be more impressed if men appreciated what women have to offer. There are already a lot of men who are in fact old-fashioned and just difficult to get them to appreciate that a woman is as good or even better than a man. I think we need men with a positive attitude towards women," said President Lungu. Meanwhile, speaking at the same event, UN Resident Coordinator Janet Rogan called on government to expedite the implementation of necessary

Bills that were cardinal to promoting the rights of women. "In 2016, the referendum to amend the Bill of Rights did not pass and without it, there is a deficit rights protection in this country even though the Constitution enshrines non-discrimination of and recognises the equal work of women and men. This needs to be dealt with. Second, the Anti-GBV Act. The fast-track court for GBV cases are showing people that there is a route to justice. Some chiefs are already changing to end child marriage, this needs to happen in every chiefdom across the land, your royal highnesses. Third, the Land Bill needs to be finalised and brought to Parliament. In the meantime, government policy to allocate land should be implemented properly. Finally, there needs to be a strong agenda throughout the public service and the private sector to introduce measures for the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in the work place," advised Rogan.

## Fast Track Court will summon motorists not paying speeding fines, warns RTSA

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) Head of Public Relations Fredrick Mubanga has announced that summons to appear before the fast track court for overdue speed fines will start in the coming days. And Mubanga says the agency has suspended all online platforms for settlement of speed fines, adding that all fines should be paid over the counter at the banks. Meanwhile, Mubanga says the agency has earmarked more sites for speed camera deployment in addition

to the current locations, and will now include highways across the country. In a statement issued, Saturday, Mubanga advised all motorists with unpaid speed fines to pay within the stipulated 14-day period upon receipt of the infringement notice. Mubanga stated that RTSA had already commenced the deployment of Mobile Policing Vehicles, adding that summons to appear before the fast track court for overdue payments would start in the coming days. "All motorists with unpaid

speed fines are hereby advised to pay within the stipulated 14-day period upon receipt of the infringement notice. The Agency has already commenced the deployment of Mobile Policing Vehicles (MPVs) and summons to appear before the fast track court for overdue payments will start in the coming days," he stated. And Mubanga reminded motorists that the agency had suspended all online platforms for settlement of speed fines, adding that all fines should be paid over

the counter at the banks. "Motorists are also hereby reminded that the agency suspended all online platforms for settlement of speed fines under Road Safety Law Enforcement. New online payment options will be advised in the coming days. Therefore, all speed fines should be paid over the counter at any of the listed banks below using the 16-digit offence reference number contained in the fine notification sent via SMS," he stated. "Indo Zambia Bank; First National Bank; Zanaco; Ecobank; United Bank for Africa; Cavmont Bank; Investrust; Citi; First Alliance Bank; Stanbic; First Capital Bank; African Banking Corporation; National Savings and Credit Bank; Barclays Bank; Access Bank; Standard Chartered. The following details should be included on the bank deposit slip: 16-digit Offence Reference Number in the SMS from RTSA Notice; and Vehicle Registration Number." Meanwhile, Mubanga stated that the agency had earmarked more sites for

speed camera deployment and would now include highways across the country. "The agency has earmarked more sites for camera deployment in addition to current locations on the following roads; Addis Ababa Drive, Church Road, Great East Road, Great North Road, Independence Avenue, Kafue Road, Kenneth Kaunda International Airport Road, Leopards Hill Road, Mumbwa Road, Tokyo Way (Ring Road). The next deployment phase will include highways across the country," he stated. Mubanga urged motorists to follow speed regulations and ensure that their vehicles were roadworthy. "We urge all motorists to follow speed regulations, ensure vehicles are roadworthy and observe all traffic rules. The agency has observed that a large portion of injuries and deaths on the road occur among vulnerable road users like pedestrians and passengers. Let us all be vigilant and think about road safety each time we are on the road-because every single life matters," stated Mubanga.

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By Mirriam Chabala

Rainbow Party leader Wynter Kabimba says stakeholders should demand government's clear explanation on its capacity to securely print ballot papers locally.

Recently, Works and Supply Minister Mutotwe Kafwaya said he would have to do all he could to ensure that ballot papers are printed locally in 2021 because failing to do so would anger the President. But in an interview, Kabimba wondered if government had all the machinery, manpower and security features required for the job. "The government over the last few years has been making pronouncements about the desire to print ballot papers locally in order to save the cost of printing ballot papers outside the country. But what the government has not done is to explain the capacity of government printers to undertake that

# Wynter questions govt's ability to securely print ballots locally

job. What stakeholders have demanded is an explanation from government from A, the type of equipment that they have purchased for government printing department. B, the security measures that are going to be put in place to make sure that the government printing department premises is secure from any outside interference that may risk the ballot paper printing programme. C, the security features of the ballot papers to ensure that the ballot papers are not printed elsewhere simultaneously as government printing department is printing the ballot papers," Kabimba

said. Kabimba expressed concern that most stakeholders had paid a blind eye to the seriousness of printing of ballot papers locally "What has surprised us as Rainbow Party the majority of stakeholders do not think that this issue is a priority issue. We are fighting over other issues. We are fighting to see the amendment to the Public Order Act but nobody seems to be interested in national dialogue where an important issue like this can be resolved. The other thing which is related to the printing of ballot papers is the role of opposition political parties, the role

of stakeholders, what will be the role of stakeholders during the printing of these ballot papers? Who is going to be in charge? Who is going to secure these ballot papers? In whose custody are they going to be and what measures are in place that where they shall be secured, the security of that place can win the confidence of all the stakeholders? So this is an issue that we must start discussing now before we get to elections in 2021 because if we reach 2021 and this issue is not resolved, then it may compromise the election results of the 2021 Presidential and general election," he said.

"The view we have taken as Rainbow party is that the national dialogue should take place as a matter of priority and all the stakeholders must take interest in this national dialogue so that issues such as the Public Order Act, the constitution, the electoral Act can be discussed including this important issue of printing ballot papers locally because all these issues are related because of the kind of disputes that we have seen after each election for a long time now. So it's important that stakeholders pay attention to this matter and start demanding

from government a clear explanation and road map towards the printing of ballot papers locally. All that we have heard in the past are isolated statements from the President, the former Minister of Works and Supply Felix Mutati and now the current minister of Works and Supply Mutotwe Kafwaya. But we want a road map not statements. We want a road map that can answer to these matters of concern that we as Rainbow party are raising." Asked if he had confidence that the government printing department was well equipped to print ballot papers at such a large scale, Kabimba said that would be a question for government to answer.

"No, you can't even ask that question on whether or not the government printing department has capacity to print the ballot paper, unless and until government gives us that road map, that's when we can answer that question. So the government must tell us that one, they have got the budget; two, they have got the necessary equipment for the printing of the ballot papers. They should also tell us that they've got possession of manpower, that's when we can answer those questions. All those are issues, capacity, equipment, budget...that's what we are supposed to be discussing with government," said Kabimba.

## Women must demand to know their husbands' source of money - Kanyama

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Economist Chibamba Kanyama says women have power to request for the source of money and properties from their husbands, adding that when corruption eats up a society, it means their calling has been abandoned.

In a Facebook posting to commemorate International Women's Day, Friday, Kanyama reflected on the role his wife had played in keeping him out of trouble, especially where corruption was concerned.

"This morning, even as women celebrate their day, I reflect on the role my wife has played in keeping me out of trouble, especially in the area of corruption. She has been the conscience of my life; like any other woman, I believe she has more power than I ever ever imagined in keeping me on right track. When God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Gen.2:18), He was not referring to the kitchen and other home chores. My

wife is the guiding light for me, the number one trusted advisor, so that the family is brought up under guardrails of ethics," Kanyama stated. Chibamba observed that women had power to request for the source of money and properties from their husbands, adding that when corruption eats up a society, it meant that women had abandoned their calling. "When corruption eats up a society, it means women have abandoned their

calling; they are partakers of corruption, failing to ask their husbands, 'Where did this money come from?'. My wife once told me, 'you are exposed to opportunities to make money illegally but I will not be a conduit to an evil that will eat up our own family, giving false hope of eternal security and prosperity'. A smart woman has power to tell the husband, 'unless you show me the source of this money; of this property; of this

vehicle, I remain aggrieved because our children should grow up in an environment of sustainable prosperity," stated Kanyama. "I celebrate with my wife and all women of Zambia on this special day but remember that your theme, "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change" starts with understanding who you really are: 'Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.' Prov. 31:10."

## Bishops reserve comment after CCZ president's resignation

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) secretary general Fr Emmanuel Chikoya says he cannot comment on Bishop Sydney Sichilima's resignation because the bishop only communicated his decision to ZNBC.

Last week, Bishop Sichilima informed ZNBC of his decision to resign from his position as CCZ president as well as from being a member of the three church mother bodies saying he wanted to protect his integrity.

But in an interview, Fr Chikoya said the church would only comment on Bishop Sichilima's resignation after receiving the purported resignation letter.

"I have no comment. I cannot comment on a letter that I have not received and since it was a letter that was directed to ZNBC so I am restrained and we will only issue a comment after due consultations and when we are in actual possession of the purported letter. I hope you understand because How can I comment on something that I don't know?" asked Fr Chikoya.

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# Kasolo tells off US Embassy; talk to Trump about media freedom

By Thomas Mulenga

Information and Broadcasting Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo is breathing fire on foreign diplomats calling for the lifting of the 30-day suspension slapped on Prime TV. And Kasolo says ZNBC journalists fear ruling party official, hence they cannot feature opposition political party leaders in the national broadcaster. Speaking when he featured on Radio Phoenix 'Let the People Talk' program, Kasolo said some diplomats were busy interfering in Zambia's internal affairs when they had failed to talk about issues of media violations in their countries, citing U.S President Donald Trump's fight with private media in that country. "People must realise, when people are condemning us with what we are doing, you know even condemning PF for banning (Prime TV). Fox News has been banned from going to Democratic [Party] events in America, they have been banned. There is also a BBC Journalist that President Trump has banned from attending his briefs, now that's ok ah? But here PF says they don't want one news outlet, it heavily blows big and you even find foreign dignitaries talking about, 'oh no, you can't ban this, you can't do that' how about their own countries? What happens there? Why can't they talk about what happens in their own countries? We don't even talk about what happens in their countries, it annoys me because we are a sovereign, independent state. We should do things the way we want," Kasolo said. "There is freedom of expression of the media here, you know, Zambia is the freest in Africa. I can assure you, you can't write and do things we do here in Zambia and get away with it in other African countries, I can assure you. Just go next door, any of the neighbouring states, go and write anything against the head of state, see what will happen to you within minutes. But you know, let's also not mix up bad journalism with freedom of the press, freedom of expression. How do you go out in the public and start

insulting people? How do you go out in the public and start alleging things against people who don't even know you? And you say that's freedom of expression? No, it's not." And Kasolo said it's a fact that if ZNBC journalists features opposition leaders, ruling party politicians would jump on them with victimisation. "ZNBC needs to improve, needs to up its game. When I visited there, if you saw and heard what I was saying, I was saying ZNBC needs to climb back to the pedicle where it was before. ZNBC must be believed, when they say something, people must say this is fact. At the moment, ZNBC seems to be chasing news, so something happens and then they chase and report it. I don't report the journalists at ZNBC, you know what it is, they fear bringing on opposition leaders to interview and so on, because they fear that if they do, the politicians in the ruling party will jump on them, that's a fact, they fear for their jobs," Kasolo said. He expressed concern that ZNBC news is no longer trusted as a result of bias. "I was there two days ago, I was speaking to the director of programs and also my good friend who runs the Sunday Interview, Mr. Zulu (Grevazio) and I said to them 'look, it's about time we started, improving on the outlook and image of ZNBC. We must allow the opposition to come on certain programs and also air out their views,

we must allow debate between opposition and ruling party MPs and ministers. And I know that my Honourable Minister (Dora) Siliya is very keen that we do that, we have discussed that at length. We need to bring ZNBC to where it is a trusted news source, at the moment everyone is suspicious of them, they are looking at them and say no they are biased. His Excellency the President has stated

himself and he is on record that why should I be Edgar, Edgar, Edgar, in the news, why can't they bring other people on, including the opposition. You know that president doesn't fear competition, it makes him better, it makes his party better," he said. Kasolo also said IBA had offered to train Prime TV journalists for free in a bid to make them professional. We will freely train their

journalists, we will freely look at how they cast their news and the like. We'll freely train them in understanding the IBA Act. By the way, they have never come back to tell us when we can go in and do that (train their journalists) but as IBA we are ready to do that. And you know all this shouting about 'no re-instate us' let us not waste time, you know this time came be better utilised by doing what the IBA has suggested. Prime

TV would come out of this, a better station if they do what we suggested, they will become a lot more professional. And you know I am not saying they be supporting the PF or the ruling government, all I am saying is that they should be fair in their reporting, they should be factual, they should not be peddling lies and also insinuation, news is news, it is what it is, don't give your opinions!" said Kasolo.



Women keeping fit during Women's World Zambia Shall Be Fit aerobics mania held at Twin Palm Mall in Lusaka on March 8, 2019 - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## NAREP, ZIIMA seek police permit to protest Prime TV 'closure'

By Zondiwe Mbeve

The Zambia Institute of Independent Media Alliance (ZIIMA) and NAREP have written to Lusaka Police Commissioner Nelson Phiri informing him about their intention to carry out a peaceful

protest against the suspension of Prime TV this Friday. According to separate letters written by ZIIMA president Jajah Coulibaly and NAREP secretary general Ezra Ngulube, Thursday, the protest will be attended by the opposition

alliance members, journalists, the Civil Society, Church mother bodies, student unions and the general public who will all carry placards. The Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) recently suspended Prime TV

from broadcasting for one month, citing unprofessional elements in its broadcasting. Coulibaly stated that their proposed peaceful protest would take about three hours and would start from the Freedom Statue at government complex to IBA offices at Mass Media complex. He stated that about 50 journalists and 20 stakeholders might join the protest, adding that the peaceful protest was open to other institutions that shared the same cause. "We write to your good office to notify you of our intention to hold a peaceful protest against the closure of Prime television on March 15 from the Freedom Statue at government complex to IBA offices at Mass Media complex. Our proposed peaceful protest is an activity that will take three hours starting from 09 hours and we expect about 50 journalists and have an alliance of about 20 stakeholders that might be willing to join us," Coulibaly stated. He stated that ZIIMA would provide its own marshals so that law and order was maintained. "We shall provide our own marshals so that law and order is maintained and avoid unnecessary security concerns. Being good citizens of this

country, we thought to put it in writing so that we fulfill the requirements of the Public Order Act," Coulibaly stated. And in another letter, NAREP secretary general Ezra Ngulube stated that the party would also be undertaking a protest against the closure of Prime TV on the same day, March 15. He added that the protesters would march from Prime TV offices in Kabangwe area using Great North Road, into Cairo Road and then to the office of the Ministry of Information at Government Complex. Ngulube stated that the protest would be attended by NAREP members, the opposition alliance members, journalists, the Civil Society, Church mother bodies, student unions and the general public. "The protest will start about 10:00 hours. It will be attended by NAREP members, the opposition alliance members, journalists from various media houses, the Civil Society, Church mother bodies, student unions and the general public. The protesters will carry placards. This notice is given in compliance with section 5 sub section 4 of the public order act chapter 113 of the Laws of Zambia," stated Ngulube.

## Zanaco's profit soars to K184m

By Stuart Lisulo

Zanaco Plc has posted increased profits of nearly K184 million in its 2018 financial year, mainly driven by higher income from net loans and advances, the bank's results show. According to its audited financial year results for the period ending December 31, 2018, Zanaco's profits soared to K183.7 million after tax, up from K114.1 million recorded during the corresponding period in 2017, mainly driven by increased earnings from net loans and advances to customers last year, which helped contribute nearly K1 billion to the bank's balance sheet. The increased profits represent a 61 per cent improvement from the prior corresponding period.

"The Bank recorded a 61 per cent increase in the profit for the year from K114 million in 2017 to K184 million in 2018. The strong performance of the Bank is on the backdrop of a strong balance sheet. Net loans and advances increased from K3,223.1 million to K4,207 million representing a 30.5 per cent increase," Zanaco stated in its results released, Thursday. "The associated credit impairments significantly improved from a charge to profit and loss in the prior year of K248 million to a relief of K17 million in 2018. This is attributable to the Bank's focus on enhanced recoveries, but also ensuring that quality assets are booked." Other assets that helped strengthen Zanaco's balance sheet

were investment securities, which climbed to K3.2 billion last year compared to K3.1 billion in 2017, while property and equipment jumped to hit nearly K400 million in 2018 from K269.4 million during the prior corresponding period under review. Zanaco's total assets increased to K10.6 billion last year from K9.5 billion in 2017. However, the bank's total income remained broadly unchanged from K1.438 billion in 2017 to K1.436 billion in 2018. Meanwhile, Zanaco stated that it lost an estimated K60 million brought about by the Bank of Zambia's (BoZ) fees on commercial banks' unwarranted charges that were introduced last September.

By Stuart Lisulo

Zambian Breweries Plc has earned increased profits of K1.45 billion after tax during its 2018 financial year from just K220 million in 2017, driven by record-breaking beer volumes, according to the company's results. But the brewer says it is braced for a demanding 2019, amid economic uncertainty, increased regulation and a continued threat from smuggling and illicit alcohol. In a statement announcing its audited financial results for the year ended December 31, 2018, Zambian Breweries posted huge profits of K1.45 billion after tax last year from only K220 million in 2017,

## Zambian Breweries' profits jump to K1.45 billion

mainly driven by record-breaking beer volumes, which grew by 23 per cent over the two corresponding periods under review. "Results for the year 2018 were remarkable, especially on the clear beer side, with volumes growing at a record of 23 per cent. Our total volumes grew by 13 per cent, partially eroded by a decline of 8 per cent in the soft drinks category, leading to a total growth of 11 per cent," Zambian Breweries stated. "The increase resulted from the successful execution of our growth strategy, driven

by expanding distribution through a 'go deep and go rural' plan linked to affordability, coupled with targeting the growing middle-class segment with our locally produced and imported premium beer brands. Locally-manufactured beer sales volumes were up 29 per cent above prior year, driven by strong growth of the 750ml mainstream and affordable packs. The mainstream 750ml pack recorded impressive 166 per cent growth, while the affordable 750ml pack recorded 77 per cent growth."

It stated that the launch of popular brands, such as the globally-renowned Budweiser, had also gained traction. "The launch of Budweiser and Stella Artois continued to gain traction, having been well received in the market. The premium segment is back to growth with an 8 per cent improvement against prior year, thanks to the recovery of Castle Lite and the introduction of Stella Artois and Budweiser. Strong gains were recorded by Stella Artois in the high-end segment, and there were encouraging results

from Budweiser," it stated. But the company added that it was braced for a demanding 2019, amid economic uncertainty, increased regulation and a continued threat from smuggling and illicit alcohol. "We are braced for a demanding year in 2019, amid economic uncertainty, increased regulation and a continued threat from smuggling and illicit alcohol," stated Zambian Breweries. In October, 2016, AB InBev, the Belgium-based brewer, took over ownership of SABMiller in a US \$100 million deal, which assumed

new ownership of Zambian and National Breweries. Ab InBev, which manufactures the globally-renowned Stella Artois and Budweiser beer brands, among others, closed a more than US \$100 million acquisition of its fiercest rival and world's second brewer, SABMiller. This meant AB InBev has since 2016 been in the process of drastically increasing its market share in regions around the world, particularly Africa, where SABMiller had a visible presence through its country-level subsidiaries.

## Violence against women must be condemned irrespective of political affiliation - Habasonda

By Thomas Mulenga

University of Zambia political science lecturer Lee Habasonda says women need solidarity beyond partisan politics, if political violence against them is to come to an end. And UPND national chairperson Mutale Nalumango says violence negatively affects women's participation in politics. Speaking at an NGOCC-organised discussion forum on the political violence against women, Thursday, said considering a woman's political affiliation before condemning violence against them was wrong. "Women need collective solidarity against political violence. This means they have to condemn violence across party lines, what we see

in our political space is that if a woman belongs to a party different from another woman, there is no condemnation, when it happens to them, they condemn. Unless you build collective solidarity to fight political violence, we will not make progress at all!" said Habasonda. "We have seen in a number of incidences where women have been stripped but the other people on the other side of the divide will keep quiet until the issue happens in their own space. I also propose that there be institutional reforms to include special prosecutors to receive and address complaints regarding physical assault, psychological and sexual harassment against women in political activities.

You know some matters such as sexual harassment against women in politics are difficult to talk about but these special prosecutors would be the channel through which these matters would be addressed and dealt with." And Nalumango said violence negatively affects women's participation in politics. "Women are affected by political violence and fail to participate. Because for us as women, even when you find two men fighting, the way men fight with blood all over, a woman doesn't like it and so when women see the violence that goes on in our politics, they decide to stay away because they don't want to be a part to this kind of practicing politics,"

Nalumango said. "We can only speak as women now, when I say now it is before elections. We'll speak as women before elections because there are different levels. If we speak today, we come together and get rid of this political affiliation, we'll speak one language." She charged that PF was a violent party. "UPND is not equally violent as PF, the PF is a violent party alone. You will never find where the PF is having a rally and the UPND go there to cause violence, it is always when the UPND actings that you will hear that PF and UPND supporters were fighting, because the PF always follow the UPND to provoke them. And until Zambians start calling a spade a spade,

until they start naming the violent party and stop this generalization, violence will not end in this country. People must tell the PF that they are violent so that they can start looking at themselves and start making amends, unlike this generalization which provides hiding space for the violent side," Nalumango said. "How can we even sit as women in political parties and allow violence? How can we talk about it? How can we sit there and my SG can command youths to beat other people, and I sit there? You are the one. We feel the pain, mothers still feel the pain of all those years ago, of the nine months plus. Why are our youths being used? Which security? I refuse

that kind of security, I am here. From the political situation today, even me coming here is a danger because I don't know. Like what he (Lee Habasonda) said, you go to the radio, you don't know what is waiting for you outside. But I will tell you, I choose to move alone because it's my country. We have to defy this violence, we have to stand against this violence." Nalumango said the Electoral Commission of Zambia was embroiled in fear hence failing to discipline the ruling party whenever its supporters perpetuated violence. "There are already regulations that have been put in place. For example, the Electoral Commission can stop a violent party from participating in an election, but there is so much fear from the same institutions like the ECZ especially if the ruling party is involved. And you know when you give in to one, it will be difficult to make the decision," said Nalumango.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Defence lawyer Keith Mweemba has warned that he will humiliate a cocaine-trafficking accused court interpreter who has been turned into a State witness. This is a case where some court officials and businessmen are facing charges of trafficking in 24 kilogrammes of cocaine. Mweemba told the Lusaka Magistrates' Court that it would have made sense if that decision was made at the beginning of the case, before the accused shared so much information with him as his defence lawyer. Last Wednesday, the State discontinued the case against

## Mweemba warns cocaine accused State witness of humiliating cross-examination

one of the seven court officials, who were jointly-charged with two businessmen, for allegedly trafficking in 24 kilogrammes of cocaine that went missing under the custody of the Lusaka Magistrates' Court. The State, however, entering a nolle prosequi in the case of Florence Mshoka, a court interpreter, and immediately turned her

into its witness. And when the matter came up for continued trial before Magistrate Victoria Chitulungoma, Thursday, State advocate Sipholiano Phiri called Mshoka to the stand so that she could testify. However, Mweemba informed the Court that the defence wished to raise an issue before Mshoka could give her testimony.

Mweemba said the decision by the State to turn Mshoka into their witness was putting the Court and the witnesses in an awkward position. "I do appreciate that the State is entitled to call witnesses of their own choice and we cannot tell them how to prosecute their case. (However) the Supreme Court did give an indication

that this practice should not be encouraged as it has the tendency to defeat the course of justice. The reason why I have risen is that, is there going to be justice in this matter? And is the conduct of the State not putting this court in an awkward position when it comes to decision-making?" Mweemba asked. He added that equally, the State was not being fair on Mshoka by subjecting her to cross-examination by lawyers who were representing her and already knew so much about her. "In the record, our cross-examination will show that we (defence lawyers) are covering for everyone in defending this matter, including this witness. Now, will it be justice for us to start disclosing certain things about this witness? I feel very bad that I will start asking aggressive questions to a witness, who until yesterday (Wednesday), was somebody we were sharing information? I feel bad because on the other hand, I may not want to disclose certain things about the witness, but on the other hand, I have the duty also to protect the other accused persons. This practice must not be encouraged, this not justice," he argued. Mweemba asked the State to reconsider its decision, saying he did not want to humiliate Mshoka in cross-examination.

"Can't the State reconsider their decision? They have entered a nolle, we respect that. She can be allowed to go home and stay. Is it that the State can't do without her? Is it really a necessity that she must testify at all costs. Because they are now trying to blackmail her that: 'you have to testify at all costs because we have done you a favour by releasing you from the case.' These people cannot be allowed to call this witness who has come all the way from September last year, if probably this decision was made before evidence was heard, it would have made sense. I submit, this is not right," said Mweemba. At this point, Magistrate Chitulungoma asked the State to call other witnesses to testify so that there was progress in the case as she ruled on the defence's application. However, the State said they had only prepared one witness for that day. At this point, the defence wondered why the State could only prepare one witness when the matter was scheduled for the whole day. But after some discussions between the defence and the State, the State asked for an adjournment, saying the discussions between the two parties had not concluded, hence not resulted in anything meaningful. The matter comes up on March 14.



PF party women dance during this year's International Women's Day celebrations held at Lusaka Showgrounds on March 8, 2019 - Picture by Tenson Mkhala



# PATRIOTIC FRONT



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## THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT GOVERNMENT IN SEVEN YEARS (2011 – 2018): A 7NDP AND VISION 2030 PERSPECTIVE PART 15

**PATRIOTIC FRONT GOVERNMENT'S UNPARALLELED RECORD FOR OPENING UP THE AIRWAVES AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR A PLURALISTIC AND DIVERSIFIED MEDIA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF**

*By Hon Davies Mwila*

### INTRODUCTION

As Zambia continues to move closer to attaining the Vision 2030 objective of becoming a “prosperous middle-income country by 2030” through the implementation of the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP) inspired by the Patriotic Front Manifesto, a diverse media industry has become increasingly crucial to disseminating information as well as providing checks and balances.

And as far as fostering an enabling environment for a vibrant media is concerned, neutral media commentators have observed that since the Patriotic Front formed government in 2011, PF performance in this regard has been nothing short of stellar.

Speaking of stars, 18th Century American Philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson asserted that people's attitude toward the stars would change if the heavenly bodies appeared only once every thousand years. He observed that because humankind sees the heavenly bodies so often, people have grown accustomed to their splendour thereby taking them for granted.

Emerson's observation is just as pertinent today as it was more than two centuries ago. For instance there are a number of key developments the country is presently enjoying under the Patriotic Front Government, that seemed farfetched under the previous regime seven years ago that are today such an everyday reality that some have become so familiar with these achievements and have taken them for granted.

For instance when the Patriotic Front formed government, in 2011, there were only forty (40) Radio Stations; and a modest number of less than five (5) Television stations operating in our nation.

However, within the seven years the Patriotic Front has been in office, the media industry and broadcasting subsector has grown exponentially. The government has opened up and expanded the airwaves to hitherto unimaginable levels; there are currently 111 radio and 42 television stations currently licensed in Zambia.

### EXCERPTS FROM THE PF MANIFESTO: A CLEAR BLUE PRINT FOR MEDIA DEVELOPMENT

The unprecedented growth of the media industry and the hitherto unparalleled development of a pluralistic and diversified media in Zambia is a direct result of the implementation of the Patriotic Front Manifesto.

The PF Manifesto is among other things ardently committed to:

- I. Implementing the provisions of the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Act of 2002 so as to allow ZNBC operate as a public service broadcaster;
- II. Reviewing and implementing the provisions of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act of 2002;
- III. Promoting the autonomy of the government print media so as to enable them to compete with the private media;
- IV. Reviewing and reconciling the provisions of the Official Secrets Act and the Freedom of Information Bill of 2002 in order to

enact the Freedom of Information Bill of 2002 into law;

V. Supporting self-regulation of the media in Zambia; and

VI. Reviewing operations of the public media

### PF UNPARALLELED RECORD FOR OPENING UP THE AIRWAVES AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR A PLURALISTIC AND DIVERSIFIED MEDIA

As earlier alluded to, when the Patriotic Front formed government, in 2011; there were only forty (40) Radio Stations; and less than five (5) Television stations operating in our nation.

Within the seven years the Patriotic Front has been in office, the media industry and broadcasting subsector have enjoyed exceptional growth and the airwaves have been expanded to levels that seven years ago were only dreamed of; there are currently one hundred and eleven (111) radio and forty two (42) television stations; whose existence point to the value Patriotic Front places on the media as development partners in our democracy.

Upon assuming office in 2011, the Patriotic Front Government went in to full gear and operationalised the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) in 2013, which hitherto had remained inoperable since 2002 when it was established under the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act of 2002.

This was an emphatic statement of intent by the PF Government to enhance accountability and level the playing field in the media sector.

Since then, there has been a prolific scaling up of broadcasting licenses to establish radio and television station across Zambia on an unprecedented scale.

This has resulted in a significant increase in the dissemination of diverse information among the citizenry, a development which has in turn galvanised an informed citizenry and improved decision-making among our populace.

The proliferation of commercial, educational, religious and community radio stations has been a major boon to our country as the media have added value to national development as they have gone about their endeavours in effectively playing their role of informing, educating and entertaining. In recognition of this Government has facilitated the various media houses to operate without interference and undue influence, within the terms and regulations of the IBA Act.

This is what has stimulated the rapid progression of commercial, educational, religious and community radio and Television stations from 40 and less than 5 respectively in 2011, to 111 radio and 42 Television stations to date.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN RURAL AREAS OF ZAMBIA

However, the PF Government is aware that most of them- especially Television Stations have mostly been concentrated in urban areas. This has denied the rural populace access to information which is critical in enhancing their participation in the affairs of the country.

To redress this state of affairs, the Patriotic Front decided to establish Radio and Television Stations in all the 10 provincial centres in the country.

### THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE BROADCASTING

### INDUSTRY IN ZAMBIA

Every licence has its limits; whether it is a driver's licence, motor vehicle licence, pilots licence or even professional licences for doctors, lawyers, chartered accountant and the like; they all have conditions under which they are given their respective licences. Whilst we are avid believers in various freedoms including freedom of the press, we believe as all right thinking believe, that every freedom has its responsibilities.

The broadcasting industry in Zambia is governed by The Independent Broadcasting Authority Act. Any breach is against the laws of the Republic of Zambia.

Media freedom comes with responsibility. As Oscar Kimanuka – a Rwandan Journalist is quoted to have said:

**“Freedom does not walk alone, it walks with responsibility. It can be compared to a child and its mother; separating them is an attempt to deny the child a motherly love and the mother, the exercising of a natural duty to show love, care and concern”.**

Perhaps we could build upon the Rwandan scribe's analogy and similarly say:

**“The freedom that comes with a Broadcasting Licence does not walk alone; separating a broadcast licence from the responsibilities and obligations that go with it as promulgated in the IBA Act would be as irresponsible as removing a suckling child from its mother's breast and placing it in the bosom of a wild animal.”**

Sadly, some media houses have taken this route and they have become political scavengers; abandoning their role of informing, educating and entertaining; they have instead resorted to breaching the terms of their licences; feasting on twisted political agendas and foraging opinionated news - thereby misinforming, mis-educating and mis-entertaining the nation with their inflammatory and irresponsible over-hyped reporting designed to arouse violent sentiments amongst citizens.

According to Kimanuka:

**“During the horrific genocide in Rwanda in 1994, Irresponsible journalism in the then Rwandan hate media played a major part in supporting, or creating an atmosphere to sanction the terrible human suffering that ensued.”**

Through applicable laws we will nip anarchy in the bud as we will not allow in Zambia what our brothers and sisters experienced in Rwanda. We have an industry and a nation to protect.

### CONCLUSION

The Patriotic Front Government under the leadership of His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu is committed to sustaining the gains made in the media industry during the last seven years under our watch; we are resolved to continue fostering an environment for a diverse and pluralistic media fraternity to thrive in.

Like a starry night sky, the splendour of our achievements outshines the darkness of the maize, envy, fake news and yellow journalism of our detractors. No one can dare take away from our track record in opening up the airwaves...

Ends...//...

*The Author is Patriotic Front Secretary General*

By Geoffrey Zulu

The Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity (ZAAB) has maintained that Zambia's non-GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) position has not changed and no legislative changes have taken place, contrary to Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya's pronouncement in Parliament. In a statement issued, ZAAB chairperson Emmanuel Mutamba explained that there had been a public outcry over the news that the ban on GMO food in Zambia had been lifted when in fact not. Dr Chilufya's told the National Assembly last week that government had lifted the ban on the importation of GMO food stuffs, and that supermarkets were already stocking them on their shelves, adding "its consumption is safe". But Mutamba has explained that according to the National Biosafety Authority (NBA), by presence of the Biosafety

## ZAAB disagrees with Chitalu over GMO imports

Act 2010, imported food containing processed products of GM crops, were allowed into Zambia as long as they go through a strict application and safety testing process by the NBA, among other measures. "There is public outcry over news that the ban on GMO food in Zambia has been lifted. Questions were raised as to 'whether the ban on the importation of GMOs is still in effect' in the National Assembly on February 27, 2019," Mutamba stated. "The Minister of Health responded to questions with some open-ended comments related to the safety of consuming food products containing GMOs. These statements have now been picked up by the international pro-GMO Public Relations (PR) groups that are publishing with triumph, that Zambia

has changed its position on GMOs. This is false, fake news, generated and pushed by the biotech industry!" He insisted that Zambia's non-GMO position had not changed as no legislative changes had taken place. "An initial pro-GMO PR article was published internationally by the Genetic Literacy Project with fake news on Zambia, 4 March, 2019. Those who look a little below the surface see that this 'project' is funded by 'a front group that works with Monsanto on PR projects without disclosing those ties' (The United States Right to Know has very detailed records of these dealings). It is the same family of biotech promoters as those funding the African Biodiversity Network of Experts (ABNE), who are supporting the Zambia Ministry of Higher Education and NBA to draft the new

guidelines for live release of GMOs," he argued. Mutamba recalled that 31 CSOs, farmer and consumer groups wrote to the Ministry of Higher Education and copied all other relevant Ministries in December 2018, raising serious objection to the bias interference in Zambia's legislative drafting processes, and resultant undermining of human rights. "Many Zambians are horrified by the NBA announcements that even some licenced GMO containing food products are sold in Zambia. Many of these are unlabelled and the Authority lacks necessary capacity to control this. The country certainly does not have the capacity to regulate the release of live GMOs, nor cover the opportunity costs of lost export agriculture markets, long-term public health bills and destruction

of the farming sector to the power of corporate control," stated Mutamba, who also

called on government to protect citizens' interests and the wider national economy.



# Kambwili clinging on to Roan to claim gratuities - Sunday Chanda

By Mirriam Chabala

Patriotic Front (PF) media director Sunday Chanda says NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili has continued fighting for the Roan parliamentary seat so that he can keep drawing his gratuity from Parliament and not to work for the people. And Chanda says should the Roan by-election be suspended owing to the court action taken by Kambwili, the ruling party will maintain its adopted "caretaker" member of parliament for the constituency, Joe Chibuye. On Thursday, March 7, Kambwili petitioned the Constitutional Court for a declaration that the Roan parliamentary seat did not

fall vacant as ruled by Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini, charging that Dr Matibini had violated various provisions of the Constitution in his decision. But commenting on the development in an interview with News Diggers! Chanda said it was not surprising because Kambwili had always been an inconsistent person with no integrity and always stands for what is convenient for him. "We know very well that Honourable Kambwili would want to push this matter to the end of time so that he can get his gratuity. Now, the ruminants in the NDC, who would still be holding faith in Mr Kambwili, must be reminded that this

man is Zambia's number one flip-flopper! He says one thing to mean another. When Mr Kambwili says: 'the colour is white', just know that he means that it's black, and later, he will come saying that it was grey. Mr Kambwili is inconsistent with everything. As a matter of fact, if there is one thing consistent about Chishimba Kambwili is that he's very inconsistent! He doesn't mean what he says and he doesn't say what he means. He has no integrity, he doesn't respect his words. But sadly, this is a man who is aspiring for the highest office of the land," Chanda observed. "Now, if people are going to be led by a man as inconsistent as Mr Kambwili, then whoever is following

him can be guaranteed that sooner than later, they will find themselves in a ditch because Mr Kambwili has no direction, he does not stand for one thing! Mr Kambwili stands for convenience, he stands for what is convenient for him at a particular time. How many times has Mr Kambwili U-turned? What type of a leader exhibits such inconsistencies and yet he wants the public to take him seriously? Sometimes we wonder why a man with such inconsistencies would even get headlines from the media." Chanda wondered how Kambwili had been accusing everyone else of lacking integrity when he himself had no integrity.

"What is integrity? It is to mean what you say and say what you mean. Mr Kambwili said he was not going to challenge the decision of the Speaker in Court and he has U-turned 360 degrees and he's now going to challenge the decision of the Speaker! There are so many things Mr Kambwili said he would not do that he ended up doing. There are things he said he would do that he didn't do. For us, a man like Mr Kambwili, who demonstrates such frightening levels of inconsistency must never, as a matter of fact, come near the corridors of power! And we wonder just how he found himself very close to the corridors of power...but if this is the Kambwili that we've

always known, maybe that is why president Michael Sata never allowed him to even act as President for a single day and maybe that's the reason why he was the most moved around minister under President Sata," Chanda argued. And Chanda disclosed that the ruling party had resolved that the adopted PF candidate Joe Chibuye would be the "caretaker" member of parliament as the party awaits for official notice from the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) on whether or not the Roan by-elections will be suspended. "Mr Kambwili is scared to lose Roan and he knows that he is going to lose! So, the only thing he can do is to go to court and delay that particular process. But from our side as PF, we are not going to let Roan constituency continue as an abandoned or orphaned constituency. We are going to move in and our candidate will be the caretaker MP for Roan constituency. We will ensure that he begins to work immediately after his adoption. Whenever the by-election comes, we are not concerned; we want to take service to the people of Roan. Delivery to the people of Roan will not wait for Mr Kambwili to cease his battles at court! So, Mr Chibuye will be our shadow MP for Roan. We know that whenever elections will be called, if at all they will be deferred, it will just be a question of formality because we know that that person would have been serving the people of Roan," said Chanda. The ECZ had announced April 11, 2019, as the date for by-elections in Bahati and Roan parliamentary constituencies and other local government by-elections before Kambwili took his court action.

## Mumbi hails Sichilima for resigning from CCZ

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Patriotic Front (PF) deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri says Bishop Sydney Sichilima's resignation from his position as Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) president is an indication that there are still men of integrity in the church. And Phiri says the ruling party is planning to start its own TV station. On Friday, Bishop Sichilima withdrew his participation from the three church mother bodies saying that the move was to preserve the integrity of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) where he belongs to. According to ZNBC, Bishop Sichilima stated that as UCZ leader, there were certain Biblical ethics that he could not compromise in executing his pastoral duties hence his withdrawal from the church mother bodies and resignation from CCZ. His resignation came after a statement by the three church mother bodies; ZCCB, CCZ, and EFZ against the closure of Prime TV which he said he had no input in. And in an interview, Phiri said

Sichilima's resignation proved there was confusion in the three church mother bodies. "It is truly showing the confusion and we need more people in the church with integrity like that and even on our political scene. If you feel that you are being misrepresented, it is better you resign. There is more to integrity and we know at whatever positions we are at, we should be individuals at the same time. A group shouldn't destroy my name for the sake of a group. If I don't agree, I leave, otherwise hands up to Bishop Sichilima," Phiri said. "I am on record of saying because I am PF [and] when I joined PF, I followed the ideologies of PF and even when I disagree...right now I agree with whatever PF is doing, when I decide to leave or when I retire, because I don't believe in any other policy of any political party, I have made it public that I will go back to what I promised God before the people, it is only marriage where I promised that till death do us part, nothing else. So when I retire, I will go back and start cooking for my husband because that

is what I was doing before." She said there was a lot of propaganda and malice going on in the political cycles. "Right now I am a politician because I agree with what is happening. Propaganda or malice will never make me move from the ideologies of PF. There are a lot of lies and malice which are going on [and] I am a victim. You heard that somebody claimed when Hakainde was going to be arrested [that] I was part of that group and I pray for that particular person [who] is an MP in UPND who started that story and I hope that before he dies, he should repent ask for forgiveness. If he doesn't do that [and] thinks it is business as usual, when he dies, he will stand before God and he will not prove his allegations," she said. Meanwhile, Phiri said there was nothing wrong with Prime TV operating as a UPND media but argued that there was everything wrong in doing it under a "camouflage". "You are very much aware that even as I am talking to you, you publish my stories, whether its negative, I don't

agree with you or I agree with you, you publish. Whether I am saying rubbish or sense, you publish that. Why we are questioning Prime TV, you are all aware. Let me give an example of Mark Simuwe who is my own son who is the editor of Prime TV, the guy [whom] I have known for a long time, from university actually, he is also on the UPND media team. How do you expect anybody to put up balanced news? Can you point out anybody who is in the media team who is with any of these media houses? So when people are condemning to say Prime TV has been closed on what and what basis, let them give examples the way I have given you an example. Let anybody dispute that Mark Simuwe is not on the UPND media team," Phiri said. And Phiri said the ruling party was planning to open its own TV station. "In fact even us as PF, we are thinking of starting our own media television, radio station and newspaper. There is nothing wrong but it's wrong to camouflage under somebody's name, that is very unethical," said Phiri.

What the Ministry of Information and its attack dog, the Independent Broadcasting Authority is doing to the media in Zambia is horribly wrong. It is wrong, not because News Diggers! says so, or because the American Embassy and the European Union think so, but because the Patriotic Front itself says so.

What Minister Dora Siliya, her Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo and the IBA are doing is contrary to what the PF proclaims in its manifesto on media reforms in Zambia. It is so contrary that when you read the manifesto, you would wonder which template these guys are governing from. We are not referring to the old manifesto, but the one that the PF promised to implement if elected in August 2016.

We will explore in detail the senseless rantings which are coming from the ministry regarding media regulation and press freedom in our next edition, but today, we thought of bringing out some provisions of the Michael Sata PF manifesto and the Edgar Lungu PF manifesto on media reforms, so that our readers can appreciate what we will be talking about in our opinion tomorrow.

We would like our readers to read, compare and contrast what the PF promised to do before forming government and how it is failing to implement its own media policies despite being in power. We say this because from our analysis, the PF manifesto of 2011 and the PF manifesto of 2016 are totally consistent on self-regulation of the media and the need to transform the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation into a real public broadcaster.

Below is what Sata's PF promised:

**MEDIA REFORMS PF MANIFESTO 2011-2016 (chapter 27; page 49)**

# PF is contradicting its own manifesto on media reforms



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Zambia operates a three-tier system of broadcasting namely public service broadcasting, commercial broadcasting and community radio broadcasting. The print media is characterized by government controlled media and the private media. The coverage of news and current affairs by the government owned and controlled media houses is biased towards government and the MMD as the ruling party.

In spite of the enactment of the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Act of 2002, which established the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) as a public service broadcaster, ZNBC has continued to operate as a government and MMD mouth-piece.

Further despite the enactment of the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA)

Act of 2002, which provides for the establishment of an Independent Broadcasting Authority, the issuing of broadcasting licences to applicants and appointment of the ZNBC board of directors, the MMD government has refused to implement the law.

The MMD government has further refused to pass into law the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill since 2002, to allow journalists and the public access to information of public interest.

**To address the above issues the (Sata) PF government shall:**

1. Implement the provisions of the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Act of 2002 so as to allow ZNBC operate as a public service broadcaster.

2. Review and implement the provisions of the Independent Broadcasting

Authority Act of 2002.

3. Promote the autonomy of the government print media so as to enable them to compete with the private media.

4. Review and reconcile the provisions of the Official Secrets Act and the Freedom of Information Bill of 2002 in order to enact the Freedom of Information Bill of 2002 into law.

5. Support self-regulation of the media in Zambia.

6. Review operations of the public media.

**MEDIA REFORMS PF MANIFESTO 2016-2021 (Chapter 27; page 75)**

Upon assuming office in 2011, the Patriotic Front Government operationalised the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) in 2013 which had remained inoperable since 2002 when it was established under the Independent Broadcasting

Authority Act of 2002 to enhance accountability and a level playing field in the media sector. The IBA has accelerated the issuance of broadcasting licenses to establish radio and television station across Zambia. So far a total of 20 television licences and 36 radio licences have been issued since the IBA was set up in 2013. In 2015, Zambia successfully migrated from analogue to digital television.

**In order to enhance the role of the media in its critical role of informing, educating and entertaining, the (Lungu) PF government shall:**

1. Implement the provisions of the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Act of 2002 so as to allow ZNBC operate as a public service broadcaster.

2. Review and implement

the provisions of the Independence Broadcasting Authority Act of 2002.

3. Promote the autonomy of the government print media so as to enable them to compete with the private media.

4. Review and reconcile the provisions of the Official Secrets Act and the Freedom of Information Bill of 2002 in order to enact the Freedom of Information Bill of 2002 into law.

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As can be seen above, the Michael Sata PF manifesto clearly identified the ills and wrongs in the way the MMD was abusing public media institutions, but the Edgar Lungu PF is shamelessly admitting its own failure to stop the abuse of public media. The Sata manifesto says 'let journalists regulate themselves, but the Lungu PF is doing contrary to what it's promising.

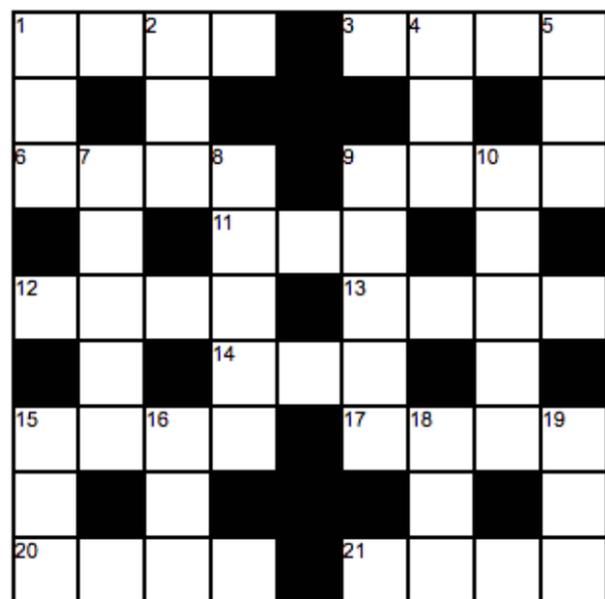
The wrongs which PF complained about under the MMD government, this PF of President Edgar Lungu seems to have embraced. When people say the PF of Michael Sata is gone, that is exactly what they mean. This new PF promises one thing but delivers the opposite.

When we listen to Mr Chanda Kasolo and Honourable Dora Siliya, we wonder whether this government is deliberately going against its own manifesto or perhaps the PS and his Minister do not know what is in the PF manifesto of 2011 and 2016.

It is on this score that we can confidently tell our leaders at the Ministry of Information that they are trying to fool people who forget easily or don't read. Fortunately, we still have some fresh blood and we will not hold back from speaking our mind to a lying leadership.

To be continued...

## Crossword puzzle 310



*"You must give everything to make your life as beautiful as the dreams that dance in your imagination."*

- Roman Payne

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Across</b>              | <b>Down</b>         |
| 1. Region                  | 1. Zig's partner    |
| 3. Bovine                  | 2. Pierre, e.g.     |
| 6. Othello or Clue         | 4. Baseball stat.   |
| 9. Hourglass filler        | 5. Nourished        |
| 11. Biblical vessel        | 7. 4th month        |
| 12. Sing one's own praises | 8. Kind of scout    |
| 13. Gung-ho                | 9. Glide on ice     |
| 14. Illuminated            | 10. Innocent        |
| 15. Jeans color            | 15. Carry-on item   |
| 17. 2, 4, 6, 8, ...        | 16. Website address |
| 20. Olympic medal          | 18. Moving vehicle  |
| 21. Small cut              | 19. Short sleep     |

## Solutions to puzzle 309



# Reader's feedback

## Govt's failure to pay civil servants on time

Editor,

Kamona

"The effects of debt servicing. This is coming against a backdrop of cancellation of students' meal allowances in universities. Very soon, all service delivery will be affected. This should not be blamed on the bad publicity of Prime TV." - Ben Kauzeni

"This is what Kambwili was talking about; no salaries for civil servants! Indeed, Zambia is in the wrong hands!" - Astute Jacob W Nkhata

"It's an embarrassment to fail to fulfil your obligations on account of lack of monies due to over-borrowing despite being advised not to!" - Owen Mbuyanda

"That can't be true when you have serving ministers with a trunk-full of money for it shows that is a very rich govt! So, I don't see it as failing to pay workers." - Callaghan Mwamba

"What about the money we pay in taxes?" - Joshua Lumuna

"Someone rush ECL to the airport so that he can issue a statement!" - Mwimanenwa

"Vote wisely in 2021." - Jack Solozzo

"Vote nicely next time!" - Noah Chizinga  
Organizers' decision not to remove govt officials from Vespers' Remembrance Vigil

## Organizers' decision not to remove govt officials from Vespers' Remembrance Vigil

Editor,

"Rising against an entity that has become hostile to your very existence is very healthy. The

damned organisers are so naïve! How do you invite agents of the murderers to the memorial of the deceased? Anyway, ba Luo won't come. She hates educated people, especially those pursuing higher learning." - Victor Chansa

"Any moral person would not be supporting govt people on this. It's not about rising against govt; it is about the lack of any meaningful remorse or swift action by govt over this case, and as such, how do you mourn with people who are implicated either directly or indirectly?? Can't happen." - Wuselewa See



**Prime TV should just sue govt!**

Editor,  
"The closure was as a result of PF directives and the Minister of Information is a PF cadre, too! The best would have been going to court and set aside the suspension, pending ruling. The Judiciary can grant an injunction in just a minute and the station will resume its operations. Though they take long to dispose the case, but the station would be operational. That way, you would avoid business losses." - Hon Malama CM  
"Just sue them! You never know, you might be compensated." - Chipwakala Kasunka  
"PF, kanshi it pains to lose an election. If PF won Sesheke by-elections, all this drama would not have been there. PF, accept defeat and move on!" - Mpundu Mulenga

"Luo, stay away from the ceremony for the sake Vespers' peaceful rest. I don't think she would allow your presence if she was able to choose. RIP Vespers." - Sarah Musongole

"Bring those behind her death to face the law & then organize the vigil. A vigil without taking action against those who caused her death is tantamount to shedding crocodile tears! I salute those artists who turned down the invitation to perform at the so-called vigil. There's no politics here because punishing the perpetrators of these inhuman acts is more important than this hypothetical vigil!" - Sikota Mungili

## Kambwili's move to now drag Matibini to court over Roan welcome

Editor,

"Welcome move. Speaker is not the Judiciary; let the ConCourt decide and not the Speaker!" - Micheal Gabriel

"Excellent work! This would have set a very bad precedent." - Dundu Luse Mwelanyika

"Hope he wins! Otherwise, everybody knows the outcome; he's wasting his resources and time." - Nazar N Masau

"He has the valid point! The Speaker purely became the Judge! How does he start interpreting the law instead of legislating? This reminded me of the GBM case of Kasama constituency. The Speaker lost in that case. He has no authority to declare a seat vacant! The power sits with the High or Constitutional Court." - Kebby Salisimu

"Kambwili isn't stable. Just a few days ago, he stated

that he won't challenge the decision by the Speaker. Reality has now caught up with him regarding the situation on the ground in Roan constituency. The mentality in the Copperbelt is still very much PF!! It's difficult to challenge them there as at now." - Kenny Nyirenda

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

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"These money-hungry folks are mocking the dead. Allow our sister to rest in peace. How do you allow those that are among the killers of Vespers to be at this event?" - Phillip Mwanza

# Security holes found in big brand car alarms

Security flaws in three specialist car alarms have left vehicles vulnerable to being stolen or hijacked, say researchers.

The bugs were found in alarm apps by Clifford, Viper, and Pandora. The alarms are on three million vehicles.

The security researchers exploited the bugs to activate car alarms, unlock a vehicle's doors and start the engine via an insecure app.

The expose has prompted the firms to upgrade security to remove the flaws.

Alarms 'unhackable'

The research was carried out for the BBC's Click technology programme by security consultants Pen Test Partners, which has a long track record of uncovering software flaws.

The firm focussed on two well-known firms that produce alarms that can be accessed and



controlled via smartphone apps - Pandora and Clifford (known in the US as Viper).

The research found that Pandora, which had advertised its system as "unhackable", allowed a user to reset account passwords for any account.

Pandora now no longer makes the claim that its system is unhackable.

The password flaw allowed researchers significant access to the app. They could:

to take control of the smart alarm remote access app

track any vehicle in real time remotely activate the alarm open the door locks

start a vehicle's engine

The ethical hackers also looked at smart alarms produced by Clifford, which is the market leader in third-party alarms in the UK.

The team found that it was possible to use a legitimate account to access other users' profiles and to then change the passwords for those accounts and take control.

"I could look on the system and

look for a nice Lamborghini or a Porsche, locate one close to where I am, go and start that car if no one's around, open the doors and drive away" said Chris Pritchard, a security consultant at Pen Test Partners.

Account compromised

Directed, the parent company for the Viper and Clifford brands, admitted that "customers' accounts could have been accessed without authorisation... as a result of a recent update".

It added that the company did not believe any data had been accessed without authorisation.

The security flaw has now been fixed.

"Directed is committed to providing safe and secure products but no system can be 100% safe," it told Click.

In a statement, Russia-based Pandora Alarms, which also sells products in the UK, said: "We have made changes to the code and upgraded security. The pain point has been removed."

It advised that the key fob provided to owners with the alarms "would override any remote access through the app".

Tech mistakes

Security expert Professor Alan Woodward from the University of Surrey's Centre for Cyber-Security said it was "disappointing" to see relatively simple flaws introduced by companies in the business of security.

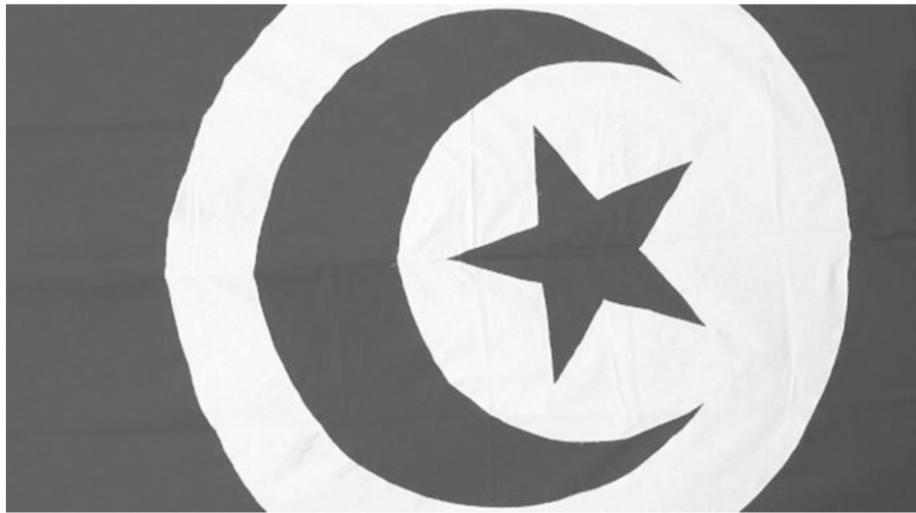
"You would have thought any company claiming security as their core business would have done a thorough penetration test on the system as a whole," he said. "It's hard not to conclude that it was not done here."

He added: "The problems were within the direct control of the company. I fear that security researchers are yet again the only ones holding these manufacturers to account."

Prof Woodward said it had become a trend for companies to spend a great deal of time on the "front end" of the apps that users see, but pay less attention to the "back end" which leaves the programmes open to security flaws.

"It should be the companies paying for this, not researchers doing it as a sideline," he said. **BBC**

## Tunisian Health minister resigns over 11 baby deaths



The Tunisian Health Minister Abderraouf Cherif has resigned following the deaths of 11 newborn babies at a hospital in the capital, Tunis.

Tunisia's health ministry said evidence suggested they had all died from septic shock between 7-8 March.

Prime Minister Youssef Chahed said investigations have been launched into the state-run facility's medical, pharmaceutical and hygiene practices.

Mr Cherif's resignation comes just four months after his appointment.

In a Facebook post, Tunisia's paediatrics

society said the infection may have been caused by an intravenous product.

The group also criticised "precarious conditions in which health professionals work".

Tunisia's public healthcare had a reputation as one of the best in North Africa, and medical tourism is a source of considerable revenue for the country.

But since the overthrow of President Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali in 2011, the system has been hampered by management and financial problems, along with recurrent drug shortages. **BBC**

## High blood pressure drugs to be offered to thousands more

High blood pressure affects more than one in four adults in England and contributes to 75,000 deaths every year

New guidelines on diagnosing high blood pressure could mean thousands more people benefiting from treatment in England and Wales.

Health bosses say offering blood-pressure-lowering drugs to more people with stage-1 hypertension would help to cut heart attacks and strokes.

In total, about 450,000 men and 270,000 women could now qualify for the drugs.

But some GPs expressed concerns about over-diagnosis, saying the benefits could be limited.

And they said lifestyle factors, such as weight control, diet and exercise, all had an important role to play in bringing down

blood pressure.

At present, people with high blood pressure - a reading of 140/90mmHg or higher in clinic - are offered treatment if they have a 20% risk of cardiovascular disease over 10 years and are aged under 80.

The draft guidelines, announced by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), recommend that people with a 10% risk should now qualify.

This assessment score is based on a blood test several risk factors, including: smoking, obesity, alcohol, age, sex family history NICE said it was difficult to predict the impact of lowering the threshold because some people in this group may already be taking blood-pressure-lowering drugs.

The long-term plan for the NHS in England contains a commitment to diagnosing high blood pressure earlier and saving lives from heart attacks and strokes.

High blood pressure affects more than one in four adults in England, accounts for more than one in 10 visits to GPs and contributes to 75,000 deaths every year - but millions of people are thought to go undiagnosed.

Need for multiple drugs

Metabolic medicine consultant Anthony Wierzbicki, who chairs the NICE guideline committee, said high blood pressure was "by

far the biggest preventable cause of death and disability in the UK through strokes, heart attacks and heart failure".

"A rigorous evaluation of new evidence has resulted in updated recommendations around when to treat raised blood pressure that have the potential to make a real difference to the lives of many thousands of people with the condition," he added.

Prof Helen Stokes-Lampard, who chairs the Royal College of GPs, said the decision to lower the threshold for a diagnosis of hypertension, or high blood pressure, "must not be taken lightly and must be evidence-based".

She added: "GPs are highly trained to prescribe taking into account the guidelines but also the circumstances of the individual patient sitting in front of them, including physical, physiological and social factors that might be affecting their health."

But other experts said the guidelines did not go far enough. "Much lower blood pressure targets are required and multiple drugs need to be used right from the start, if patients are to achieve the largest reduction in the risks of stroke and heart attack," said Prof Stephen MacMahon, from the University of Oxford.

The draft guidelines are open for public consultation until 23 April and final guidance is expected to be published in August. **BBC**

## Couple arrested over public proposal

An Iranian couple have been arrested after they got engaged in front of a cheering crowd at a shopping centre. Video of the public proposal in the northern city of Arak was shared on social media and shows the pair standing in a ring of rose petals.

After the woman says yes, she can be seen hugging her partner as the crowd celebrates.

But they were soon arrested after police said they had contravened Islamic principles.

Mixing between the genders and displays of public affection are severely

restricted under Iran's Islamic laws.

Mahmoud Khalaji, the deputy police commander of Markazi province, told Iran's Fars news agency that the couple had been taken into custody due to the "public's demand".

He said they were detained for "outraging public decency, which is an influence of the degenerate Western culture".

Mr Khalaji added that they had been released on bail.

The incident has sparked a debate on social media about the public proposal and Iran's wider social

restrictions.

"Poor guys, instead of celebrating they have to bail themselves out while crying!", one Twitter user wrote.

"It's ridiculous and meant for the cameras," another said. "Why make a spectacle of a very personal thing such as marriage?"

It is not the first time Iran's laws on public decency have received international attention.

Last year, an official was arrested after people were filmed dancing at an event in a shopping centre in the city of Mashhad. **BBC**



# Cup Winners' Cup: Winners, history & why European tournament ended

European football governing body UEFA is set to introduce a new third continental competition to complement the Champions League and the Europa League.

The idea behind what is being called 'UEL2', according to the UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin, is to increase participation for clubs that would find it difficult to qualify for the premier and second-tier tournaments.

While the concept of a new third tournament may seem novel and fresh to some football fans, it is not the first time we've seen three UEFA tournaments.

As well as the European Cup (Champions League) and UEFA Cup (Europa League), the Cup Winners' Cup ran for nearly 40 years during the 20th century.

Goal takes a look at the competition, past winners and why it came to an end.

## What was the Cup Winners' Cup?

The Cup Winners' Cup was launched during the 1960-61 season as a pan-European tournament for

as the name suggests - the winners of domestic cups across the continent.

It was a companion competition to the European Cup and the winners of the two competitions later faced off in the final of the UEFA Super Cup.

Initially it was not recognised by UEFA but the governing body took over the administration of it in the second season and it soon became a key competition in the club football calendar.

Thirty-two teams competed and unlike the Champions League and Europa League formats that we are familiar with today, the Cup Winners' Cup was a straight knockout tournament, with home and away legs.

Interestingly, it was the platform where the away goals rule was first introduced, with the 1965-66 tournament serving as a test space.

## Cup Winners' Cup champions

Barcelona are the most successful club in the history of the Cup Winners'



Cup, lifting the trophy on four occasions having reached six finals in total.

AC Milan, Chelsea, Anderlecht and Dynamo Kiev follow on two trophies each. After that there are 27 different champions, including the likes of Manchester United, Juventus, Bayern Munich, Ajax and Arsenal.

Italian side Fiorentina won the first ever tournament beating Rangers 4-1 on

aggregate. It was the only final in the competition's history to feature home and away legs, with the rest being single deciders on neutral territory.

## When did the Cup Winners' Cup end & why?

The last Cup Winners' Cup tournament took place in the 1998-99 season with UEFA's executive committee deciding to abolish it thereafter,

bringing an end to four decades of history.

Serie A side Lazio won the final tournament - it was their first time lifting the trophy - by beating Spanish outfit Mallorca in the decider at Villa Park.

The decline of the tournament coincided with sweeping changes to the European Cup, which had been remodelled in 1992 as the Champions League.

With a greater number of

elite clubs qualifying for the Champions League through their league positions thanks to UEFA's overhaul, the Cup Winners' Cup gradually suffered from a perceived lack of quality.

It was merged with the UEFA Cup (which later became the Europa League) and the winner of that competition subsequently earned the right to play in the UEFA Super Cup.



Mexico's Joey Meneses hits a double in the fourth inning of the Samurai Japan series 2019 against Japan at Kyosera Dome Osaka in Osaka yesterday

## Osaka turns tables on Mladenovic, Venus rallies at Indian Wells

World number one Naomi Osaka launched her Indian Wells WTA title defense with a 6-3, 6-4 victory in a grudge match against Kristina Mladenovic on Saturday.

Osaka, whose second straight Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January propelled her to the top of the rankings, was beaten by 65th-ranked

Mladenovic in Dubai last month in her first match since she lifted the trophy in Melbourne.

Keen to avoid a repeat, Osaka marched through the opening set in 38 minutes, but she hit a speed bump as she was broken when serving for the match at 5-2 in the second.

After Mladenovic held serve to narrow the deficit to 5-4, the Japanese player faced another break point before wrapping up the match after one hour and 21 minutes.

"The last time I played her I lost, so anything's a bonus," Osaka said, adding that she felt a few butterflies before opening the first title defense of her career.

Her surprise triumph at Indian Wells last year launched a 2018 campaign that would eventually include her first Grand Slam crown at the US Open. "I've never been a defending

champion before, that's new and I was really nervous," said Osaka, who booked a third-round meeting with American Danielle Collins, a 6-4, 6-1 winner over Kirsten Flipkens.

Seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams pulled off the upset of the day, rallying from a set and two breaks down to topple third-seeded Petra Kvitova 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

"I just fought and tried my hardest," said Williams, currently ranked 36th in the world.

"A double break is not ideal against a great server, especially a left-handed server," Williams said, adding that the secret to coming back was "just being in the moment".

"I think I created some opportunities. I had some good points. I think she had a few tight points, and here we are." **AFP**

## Michel Platini slams VAR as 'against spirit of football'

Former UEFA chief Michel Platini has slammed VAR as "against the spirit of football" in reaction to Paris Saint-Germain's contentious Champions League last-16 exit to Manchester United. The Red Devils remarkably triumphed

3-1 at Parc des Princes on Wednesday, becoming the first team to progress in a Champions League knockout-round match having lost a home first leg by two or more goals.

But the result was not without

controversy as referee Damir Skomina opted to award a penalty for handball against Presnel Kimpembe following a consultation with VAR and Marcus Rashford lashed in the last-gasp spot-kick. **Goal.com**



## Firmino, Mane keep Liverpool in touch with Manchester City

Roberto Firmino returned to goalscoring form at the perfect moment for Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool, hitting the net twice in a 4-2 victory over Burnley that hauled them back to within a point of Premier League leaders Manchester City.

Sadio Mane was also on the scoresheet twice in a game in which Liverpool were required to respond

to falling a goal behind against Sean Dyche's struggling side.

And with City having opened a four-point gap over Liverpool, with a victory over Watford on Saturday, the pressure was clearly on Klopp and his players to respond, which they did impressively despite the controversial manner of Burnley's opening goal.

Firmino had a large role to play in steadying Liverpool nerves, taking his league tally for the season to 11 and ending a six-game goal drought as his side reacted impressively to going a goal down in the sixth minute.

Defender Joel Matip needlessly conceded a corner which Ashley Westwood took from the left wing and curled directly into the Liverpool goal, with home goalkeeper Alisson protesting furiously that he had been impeded in his attempts to deal with it.

Replays suggested Alisson had a strong point, with defender James Tarkowski leaning on the Brazilian from behind and Jack Cork making contact in front of him. The goalkeeper's furious reaction, sprinting 40 yards to remonstrate with referee Andre Marriner, earned him a booking.

This was a real test of Liverpool's mental fortitude after a run that has seen them draw five of their previous seven games in the league and Champions League. **AFP**

# FAZ, KAUNDA REACHE TRUCE

By Abraham Kalito

Afrisport FC proprietor Gabriel Kaunda says he has resolved the misunderstanding created between him and Football Association of Zambia (FAZ).

Kaunda wrote FAZ last week expressing his displeasure over the association's hesitance to deal with issues affecting division two and three clubs on the Copperbelt and lamented the compressed game fixture which he described as abnormal.

In the letter, Kaunda gave the association a one-week ultimatum to address the issue raised by holding a meeting with the clubs on the Copperbelt.

"In consultation with Copperbelt Division Two and Three clubs, serious concerns have been raised which would like your good office to consider in

consultation: There has not been any consultation or communication in regard to the 2019 Compressed fixture which shall run from 3rd February to 23rd June 2019. Most clubs are sponsored by individuals who struggle to manage the teams. Football is about fair play and all 30 games must be played on the pitch and all teams should have 2019 cards to avoid player transfer confusions. It has been suggested that if the teams are divided in groups of 8 teams per fixture then this compressed fixture may be flexible and manageable and can be played in the period in question with ease. In conclusion Copperbelt Division Two and Three would appreciate if a consultative meeting regarding the above three (3) points is held within Seven (7) days from today," read the letter.

But FAZ instead, instituted investigation against him for alleged undisciplined behaviour.

"We write to notify you that you are being investigated for unethical conduct for illegally calling a meeting in accordance with the FIFA Code of Ethics Article 63. (2). You will then be notified of the outcome of the investigation in due course and the subsequent date of your hearing," a FAZ statement read.

However FAZ recently quoted Kaunda as having said that he had resolved the issue with the association after a meeting with General Secretary Adrian Kashala on the Copperbelt. The association said Kaunda had drawn the wrath of FAZ for convening a meeting with the other clubs.

"There is no issue, we have had a fruitful meeting

here. I have spoken to the GS (Adrian Kashala) and the vice president (Rix Mweemba) and everything is okay," he said.

"There is no conflict, the meeting has addressed all the matters I raised and we are all happy," read a statement.

## Nkana knocks Zesco out of Confed cup

By Abraham Kalito

The CAF confederations cup has reached its climax and officially taken shape after Nkana FC knocked out local opponents Zesco United.

Zesco FC were beaten three goals to nil in a match where the Ndola based side should have thrived.

Nkana were presented with a chance 20 seconds into the match but the Kitwe based side could not utilize their chance to lead.

The match was still nil-nil at the interval but Zesco could not hold Nkana in the

second half.

Nkana coach Beston Chambeshi made a tactical change and introduced Chisamba Lungu in the second half, but the latter lasted less than a minute before he picked up an injury.

Second half goals from Kelvin Mubanga, Ronald Kampamba and Shadreck Musonda knocked out Zesco to put Nkana on the verge of qualification for the quarter final stage.

Nkana now has 9 points and stand a better chance of advancing to the next stage with a game in hand.

