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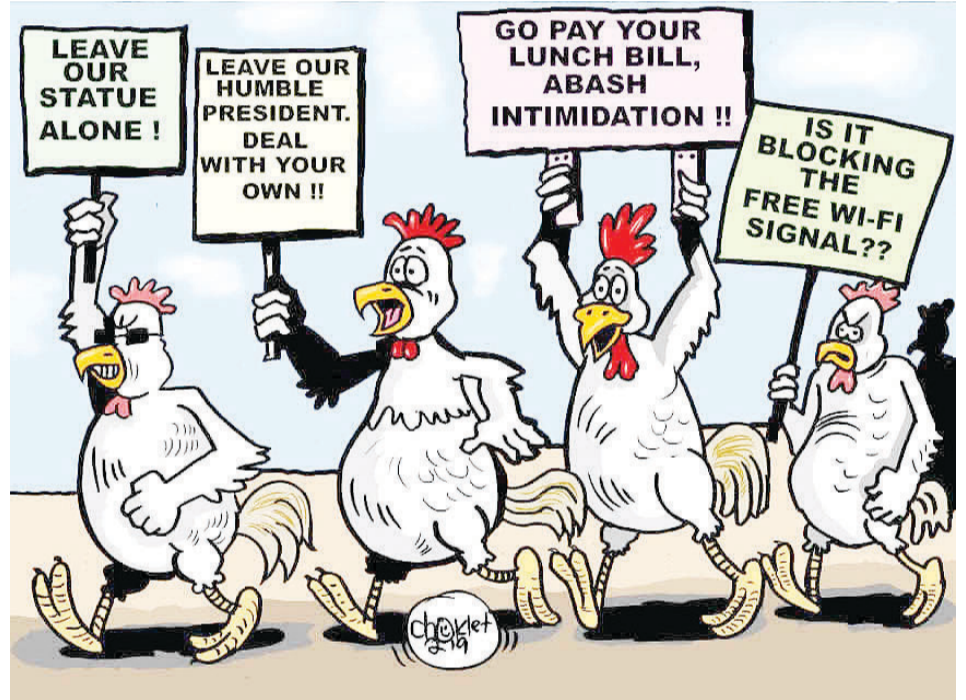
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Justice Minister Given Lubinda says the Constitution amendment process will finally allow politicians to dialogue because the ZCID route has proven difficult. Meanwhile, Lubinda says electing a council chairperson is currently more expensive than electing a member of parliament, something which could be rectified through the refinement process. Speaking when he featured on Hot FM's Hot Seat programme, Thursday, Lubinda said he would present a Bill to Parliament on Tuesday that would clothe the constitution amendment process with legality. Lubinda said in order to attract the participation of all key stakeholders, ZCID would be kept far away from the constitution amendment process. "We are determined to finish the constitution refinement process by July 2019. Let me just let out the cat from the bag, yesterday (Wednesday), Cabinet approved a bill that I will be presenting in Parliament on Tuesday, this is a bill that is going to clothe the whole road map that I presented with legality. The road map I presented was an administrative road map. Now we have decided 'let's go to Parliament, let's legislate' so that this road map is now a legally binding process... when I presented the road map, the only complaint I heard [from the opposition] is that 'we will not make submissions because we haven't been allowed to dialogue'. But the position I take is that the road map itself is that

Cabinet has approved Bill to legalize Constitution refinement process - Lubinda

the process to allow people to dialogue on specific issues. So we are going to build on that and bring the political parties together to discuss, together with all those that made submissions," Lubinda said. "We will not bring them under ZCID because the ZCID route has proved difficult. Now we will bring them as individual political parties. Nashala neka (one man) parties are welcome, Chishimba Kambwili's NDC is welcome, Mwenya Musenge's NDC party is welcome, UPND is welcome, FDD... all political parties, whether they have presence in Parliament or not they are all to come to this meeting. On top of that, the Churches that did not make submissions for whatever reason, they should also come and make fresh submissions... Don't get bogged down by this ZCID dialogue process, bring your views straight and we shall sit together. The issue of who is going to chair that centre is a matter that is going to be agreed upon by all the people who are going to come to that meeting. And because it will be based on consensus, our belief is that Chairperson shall receive the support of the majority of the people attending. We are hoping that this way, we can attract the participation of all those that are genuinely interested."

And Lubinda said he was confident UPND would participate in the constitution refinement process. "Even now when I hear [the media] quoting Mr Hakainde Hichilema saying he's not going to take part in the refinement process, I think that for now all I can say is that I am sure they are going to take part. I am dead sure they are going to take part. They may have made those statements purely from a point of not having sufficient information. But now that they have all the information, I am sure that they are going to participate because it is in their interest, as much as it is in every citizen's interest to ensure that we clean up the Constitution and to ensure that the Public Order Act is amended to suit

everybody. The Public Order Act particularly is one piece of legislation that has been criticized left, right and centre by politicians. So now we are saying, please politicians here is the law, come and dissect it, rebuild it to suit everybody. Surely for a person to say 'no I don't want to take part in that process' and yet that law is affecting me, for me it's not believable and I don't think anyone would do that. I think that all political parties will come on board," Lubinda said. "So I don't think there would be any politician worth being called a leader who would refuse to participate in a process that makes it easy for them to engage in their political activities that makes it easy for Zambians to engage in national affairs. One

such person who does that in my eyes does not qualify at all to be referred to as a leader of any kind, not a political leader, not an economic leader, not a business leader... such a person is a person that you want to put in a corner and leave them there to rot because they don't add value to the nation." Meanwhile, Lubinda said electing a council chairperson was currently more expensive than electing a member of parliament, something which could be rectified through the refinement process. "Issues like by-elections are issues that must be looked upon. At the risk of preempting what submissions we received, I just want to reflect on the issue of council by-elections. The people who drafted our

constitution locked in the Presidency with regard to elections in the event that there is a vacancy at Presidency. But while doing that for one office, they forgot the many Council Chairperson offices. When we had a by-election in Lusaka, that was a mini national election. The cost is colossal and then we went into Chilanga and now we are going into Kafue for Council Chairpersons. In many places, electing a council Chairperson is even more costly than electing a member of parliament. These are things that we have an opportunity now to reflect upon and ask if can refine this constitution so that it is responsive to the day and be the one that meets the wishes and desires of people," said Lubinda.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Chalimbana River Headwaters Conservation Trust and nine traditional leaders of the Soli people have sued Zambia Airforce Projects, Kingsland City Investment and three other construction companies in the Lusaka High Court, for carrying out construction works on Forest Reserve No.27 along Twinpalm Road. The plaintiffs are seeking an injunction restraining the defendants from continuing with the construction of the Kingsland City Project in the area, and an order declaring that the developments are a threat not only to the Chalimbana River Catchment but the greater Lusaka Aquifer system. Senior Chieftainess Nkomeshya Mukamambo and headmen Maoma, Mwampenkanya, Kapamangoma, Mukankaulwa, Kayombo, Kapuka, headwoman Kabeleka, princess Cholwe

Nkomeshya sues ZAF, Kingsland City for destroying forest reserve

Nkomeshya of the Soli people and Chalimbana River Headwaters Conservation Trust have sued Zambia Airforce Projects, Kingsland City Investment, Drimtown Investments Limited, Shangrila Investments Limited and Datong Construction Limited. In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Wednesday, the plaintiffs stated that they were at all material times, members of the Busoli Royal Establishment Chiefdom Lands Committee, as well as, headmen and headwomen in various villages of Soli people under the Busoli Royal Establishment in Lusaka, and relied on the Chalimbana river. The plaintiffs explained that Lusaka City's public and private water was predominately sourced from its underground aquifer system unlike other areas in Zambia that relied on free flowing surface water. They stated that without the protection and preservation of water recharge areas, the aquifer faces the risk of depletion and that Lusaka City, with its growing population would face a major water shortage. The plaintiffs stated that their suit concerned an area known as 'Forest Reserve No.27', where a critical underground-water recharge area known as the Chalimbana River Catchment was located. They explained that due to the importance of this water resource, a system of Forest

Reserves were created and gazetted as protected Forest Reserves which included Forest Reserve No. 27 through various Statutory Instruments. The plaintiffs stated that despite the fact that only a portion of 'Forest Reserve No.27' was demarcated for the Zambia Air Force, the entire 'Forest Reserve No.27' was de-gazetted and this led to unwarranted land grabbing and allocation of plots on the de-gazetted Forest Reserve. They further stated that the uncontrolled activities in the area caused environmental destruction and the Chalimbana River slowly began drying up and the water table drastically lowered, adding that the President at the time, President Chiluba, ordered that 'Forest Reserve No.27' be re-gazetted as a local Forest Reserve. They stated that despite this background and the environmental sensitivity of 'Forest Reserve No.27', a number of construction projects had recently been commissioned in the area and the main one was known as 'the Kingsland City Project'. "The first and second defendants (Zambia Airforce Projects and Kingsland City Investment) are the instigators of the Kingsland City Project with the third, fourth and fifth defendants (Drimtown Investments Limited, Shangrila Investments Limited and Datong Construction



Limited) carrying out construction works in the area through an agreement with the Zambia Air Force Projects Limited," read the statement of claim. The plaintiffs stated that the defendants did not comply with the law regarding Environmental Impact Assessments prior to the commencement of the developments as no public hearings were held as required by the law. They stated that as a result of this, the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) issued a Protection Order, ordering Drimtown Investments Limited, Shangrila Investments Limited and Datong Construction Limited to stop construction works and restore the area to its previous state. The plaintiffs stated that despite the issuance of the Protection Order, the defendants had never complied and continued to carry out construction works on the environmentally sensitive area. They now claim for an injunction restraining the defendants from continuing with construction works in the area, an order that the defendants should obey the Protection Order, an order declaring that the developments are a threat not only to the Chalimbana River Catchment but the greater Lusaka Aquifer system, costs and any other reliefs.

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1,750 000 Zambians have benefitted from social protection programme - Lizzy

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Gender Minister Elizabeth Phiri says government has put up significant interventions to eliminate all forms of gender imbalances in the country. Speaking when she delivered her speech during the launch of the 63rd United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, Phiri said 1,750 000 Zambians had so far benefitted from the social protection programmes. She stressed the need for governments to break the gender stereotypes and exclusions in global economic and social progression programmes. This is according to a statement issued by First Secretary for Press at the Zambian Permanent Mission at the United Nations Wallen Simwaka.

Phiri told the UN that government, in its desire to create equal social and economic opportunities among its women citizens, had been implementing social protection systems targeted at improving the livelihood and social status of the poor and vulnerable households in rural and remote communities. "In the recent past, Zambia has focused on improving access to critical social services and infrastructure such as housing, roads, water and sanitation both in urban and rural communities. This Government believes will help facilitate the desired levels of economic transformation and leverage private investment. It is anticipated that economic infrastructure will open up opportunities for women living in rural areas to

venture in economic activities," Phiri said. She told Member States that Zambia was promoting and facilitating the establishment of multi-facility economic zones and industrial clusters

across different sectors in an effort to bridge the infrastructure gap. And United Nations (UN) Secretary General António Guterres said gender equality was a fundamental question of power in a

male-dominated world. Guterres said the world needed to attain gender parity in order to change power relations in societies if gender equality has to become a global reality. He noted that the world

was still witnessing a pushback on women's rights something which contributed to increase in violence against women especially human rights defenders and women running for political office.

Kambwili's blood is PF, we can't wait to have him back - Musukwa

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

If you cut Chishimba Kambwili's hand, the blood that comes out of him is PF, he is a brother who just failed to managed his ambitions, says Roan PF campaign manager Richard Musukwa. And Musukwa says NDC is crying of being blocked from

nominating their candidate in Roan because it has no identity of its own but is rather established and composed of undisciplined PF members. Meanwhile, Musukwa says UPND will be ruined if it goes into a by-election partnership to support the NDC candidate in Roan. On Wednesday, the UPND and NDC charged that they were aware that PF was making efforts to disqualify the alliance members from the Roan parliamentary race, so that the ruling party can go through unopposed. But in an interview with News Diggers! Musukwa who is also Mines Minister said PF had no other intentions apart from teaching its prodigal sons in NDC a lesson. Asked if it was true that PF was trying to block NDC and other political parties from contesting the Roan seat, Musukwa said his party only wanted to teach NDC a lesson. "No we are not blocking anyone. How can we block them? We just want to teach them a lesson that as an undisciplined son with his followers that we will defeat them and they should come

back to PF because that is their party. We will defeat them as individuals [and] we will also defeat them as an alliance. And we have told you that if you open in the hearts of NDC, they are PF members. So I want to advise our colleagues in the UPND to be careful with NDC because those are our members. If you cut the hand for Chishimba Kambwili, the blood that comes out of him is PF. He is our brother, he is a founding member, he just can't manage his ambition," Musukwa said. Kambwili is our prodigal son and we are waiting for him to finish everything, we know he is coming back. Those members who are following him will be shocked. I am surprised at the politics of the UPND [and I think] that is why the UPND is going nowhere. How can they go in an alliance with our children? So the UPND does not know how to do politics. So we will defeat them as individuals and we will defeat them as a consortium," Musukwa said. He charged that NDC was a group of undisciplined PF members. "Zambia is a democratic dispensation and in that democratic dispensation, we expect competitors, whether they are weak or strong [but] we expect competitors. PF is not in any way having any manoeuvres to ensure that no one competes. They are all welcome [and] we will defeat them at their hands. Those complaints are as a result of conceding defeat already. Instead of crying out loud, they should just come in the open and compete. And they should know that NDC is a product of undisciplined PF members. They are our prodigal children [and] we have been waiting for them to come back to our party because that is where they belong. That is why you are hearing them crying because they have no identity of their own, their identity is PF, that is where they belong," Musukwa said. "So ba NDC are our prodigal

children and PF has always been waiting for them and even today we are still waiting for them. In fact we have been waiting for them to disband their party and come back to PF because that is where they belong. It is laughable that UPND and NDC [with] our own founding members can go and postulate that they are working with UPND. Those who work with UPND are just dramatising. And I want to warn UPND that those (NDC) are our children who are just dramatising. In fact they are aspersing UPND. Those are our founding members and we are waiting for them to disband their party and come back to where they belong." He added that PF and NDC squabbles were a family issue which needed no intruder. "Our focus in Roan is development in terms of job creation on the mine platform, development in terms of road infrastructure, water and also empowerment of our youths and our women. We don't want politics of appeasement. We want politics that is going to sustain the lives of our people of Roan. As you know for a long time, their MP has been on the run in terms of pursuing [his] presidential ambitions. So they need a member that will be doing local politics and locally based, that one graduated to presidential. So this fight we have is a family fight," said Musukwa. "For us we would like to ensure that any formation from the opposition will be defeated because we are conducting issue based campaign based on development, and that is our message. And I want to assure the people of Roan and Luanshya and Zambia at large that PF will conduct issue based campaigns in Roan and anchored on the none violence principle because we believe in talking to our people who vested their interest in the PF and His Excellency the President Edgar Chagwa Lungu.



Children selling fritters at Freedom Statue during the commemoration of this Year's Youth Day - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Prime TV closure an act of abuse of office by Kasolo - Sacika

By Mirriam Chabala

Former Secretary to the Cabinet Dr Sketchely Sacika says he is shocked that a person like Ministry of Information Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo could oversee a process of clumping down on private media in Zambia. In an interview, Thursday, Sacika said the closure of Prime TV was an act of abuse of office by Chanda, warning that he should prepare to face prosecution after he leaves office. "Listening to Chanda Kasolo and how he wants to control the news media, I was surprised that a man in his position could think that way. Zambia is a constitutional democracy, our Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of conscious and expression. It is Kasolo's responsibility as a government official to see to it that the objectives of our Constitution are fully realised, not to use

his position to pursue his personal interests. Kasolo's decision to close Prime TV was abuse of authority of office for which he must prepare to face criminal prosecution when there is change of government. If Kasolo wants journalists to improve their skills, he must give them more freedom to operate. Let our journalists make mistakes, after all making mistakes is an essential part of the process of learning. You cannot force people to be responsible. People have to learn to be responsible on their own through the awakening of their consciousness," Dr Sacika said. "If Kasolo wants our country to develop into a viable democracy, he must give our people more democratic freedoms. Only in this way will our people learn the true value of democracy and protect it. The government is not a private enterprise the public space

and time has come for our politicians to depersonalise the government and be faithful to the objectives of our Constitution. It is a betrayal of the people for politicians to hijack the country's political system and use it to achieve their personal gains." Dr Sacika begged the government to give the governance of the country back to the people. "Too much government is not good for the people. Our rulers and our politicians must learn from the experiences of others. Our people need to be freed from too much governance. The country needs to be handed back to the people. Zambians should not be asking what the country will do for them but they should be asking what they can do for their country. Everywhere you go in Zambia today, people are saying 'boma iyanganepo', but that is not healthy for our country," said Dr Sacika.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

President Edgar Lungu has dissolved the Bishop Joshua Banda-led National House of Prayer board following misunderstandings. When contacted for a comment, Thursday, Religious Affairs Minister Rev Godfridah Sumaili confirmed to News Diggers! that the advisory board which was charged with the responsibility of mobilising funds for the 'synagogue' construction was no more. She said a 'task force' had instead been appointed to take charge, but refused to name the team members. "Just wait a little bit because we had put together a task force. So it is better we give you full information. Just wait. I think within a week we should be done. [That task force] is there

Lungu quietly dissolves House of Prayer board

to manage the construction of the National House of Prayer. The work which the Board was doing, now it's the task force. We are not calling it a board. So just do me a favour and wait a little bit," Rev Sumaili told this reporter. In December 2015, President Lungu appointed Northmead Assemblies of God overseer Bishop, Joshua Banda to lead a team of clergy on the House of Prayer Board. Others who were appointed alongside Bishop Banda were Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia Executive Director Reverend Pukuta Mwanza, Fr Charles Chilinda from the Zambia Episcopal Conference, Father Robert

Sihubwa of the Council of Churches in Zambia and BIGOCA Overseer Apostle Peter Ndhlovu. Others on the board were Reverend Akushanga Muyenge from Praise Christian Centre, Rev Mpundu Mutala and Apostle Elizabeth Chishimba from God of All Dominions, Brigadier General Vincent Mwenya, Chaplain General of the Defence Forces, Naiboth Church Overseer Apostle Bishop Dr Timothy Kazembe, Dr Edwin Zulu from Reformed Church in Zambia and Lubinda Mukelebai of the United Church of Zambia. Government sources tipped News Diggers that

there were some financial misunderstandings that led to the dissolution of the board, though government hopped to keep the issue out of public discourse. "Yes it's true the board was dissolved sometime last year I think, so there is a new team from government that is running around for that now. The last activities for the advisory board must have been that fundraising auction. If you remember, the board had come up with a budget involving about K4 million for fundraising soccer games and similar activities, but along the way, some financial misunderstandings came up and the President,

indeed directed that the board be dissolved, so those guys are out, there is a new team of technocrats that is there now," said the source. Commenting on the development, Bishop John Mambo said politicians were in the habit of taking advantage of unsuspecting members of the clergy, using their names and then kicking them out later after they achieve what they want. "We did say that this National House of Prayer Board was a non starter. As a man of God, whenever you ride on government, there are 100 per cent chances that you will be abused, and in the end who gets painted? It's the entire

Body of Christ because the government machinery try to cover its tracks and blame you that you had a long hand and you were taking money. We knew this was going to happen to our friends. Normally when you want to do things in a democracy or in a Christian nation, you should be above board, but this doesn't happen in Zambia. Instead the politicians are messing up the Body of Christ, they are denting the image of the Church," Bishop Mambo said. "As you can see, that board was announced in broad daylight by the Secretary to the Cabinet. He called a meeting and named the people who were going to run the affairs of the House of Prayer. But look at what has happened now, whatever has transpired between them, they are not declaring their disputes publicly. They have silently kicked them out. We are only hearing through third parties that it has been dissolved, meaning that the whole project had no sanity in it from the beginning." He said the clergy in the country had been blindfolded by power and positions. "The problem is we never learn as a country. We have been blindfolded by power and positions. We never humble ourselves before God. But foolishly we have decided not to take the position to be the servants of Jesus Christ and because of that, politicians are taking advantage of us, they are kicking us like a soccer ball and it shouldn't be the case. If at all we were people who are accountable and above board on corruption matters, we would have that body for the House of Prayer without position... I am worried about where we are heading. These are the same people who will come back to the clergy before 2021, they will start kneeling for support and endorsement, and since we don't learn, they will fool us again.

By Thomas Mulenga

Four candidates have successfully filed in their nominations for the Roan Parliamentary by-elections slated for April 11, 2019. NDC candidate Joseph Chishala was the first to file in his nomination. Chishala arrived at the nomination centre at Roan Antelope Secondary School at 10:05 hours and filed in his nomination at 10:14 hours. Chishala was accompanied by former Roan MP Chishimba Kambwili, UPND Deputy Secretary General Patrick Mucheleka and UPND Copperbelt Chairman Elisha Matambo. In an interview, Mucheleka

4 candidates vie for Roan as PF, UPND go 'head to head' in Bahati

said it was time to stop the PF from taking advantage of the Zambian people. "We have decided to be a united front and we have an alliance of the top class. To begin with we have decided that NDC has a candidate in Roan and UPND in Bahati. So we will support the NDC, but that does not mean we are not ready. We have seen what the PF has done to block the NDC candidates. Even if they

play tricks, it will not work for PF. This seat will go to the opposition. We know the pf wants numbers in parliament so that they can manipulate the constitution. This is the beginning and you will see more of this," said Mucheleka. And speaking later, Kambwili said criminals should be more worried with every by-election because their time was running out. Kambwili says the

revolution had started and warned President Edgar Lungu to be prepared. "There is no one under this world who can be clever than the people. This is the beginning of the revolution. Look at the way we have united with the opposition UPND. In Bahati its UPND and in Roan its NDC. When the criminal, ba pompwe come with money, get and remember what you are going through. Remember what we did to Mulubwa, he gave money but you rejected him. Have you ever seen a candidate a criminal. He is busy stending young boys to steal as DC and you vote for him as candidate?" wondered Kambwili. People's Alliance for Change candidate Mwansa Chama arrived at 11:30 hours to file in his nomination. United Party for Prosperous and Peaceful Zambia (UPPZ) candidate Morgan Banda.

Banda had however, faced challenges to meet the needed 15 supporters to accompany him. After filing in his nomination, Banda said he had already won the election because people in Roan needed sound leadership. "This election, we have won. No need to waste time, the people of Roan need a sound leadership. And PF candidate Joel Chibuye filed his nomination at 15:20 hours. Chibuye was accompanied by Richard Musukwa, Bowman Lusambo and Kampamba Mulenga Chewe. In Bahati, Mansa based businessman, Jerry Justine, successfully filed in the UPND ticket while PF has unleashed Charles Chalwe into the race. People's Alliance for Change president Andyford Banda named his Bahati candidate as Isaac Lukwesa.

CORRECTION:

In our yesterday's edition number 391, we reported that KCM human resource manager had written to company employees, notifying them of the decision to suspend the labour force following the shut down of operations at shaft number 1. The correct position is that the memo was signed by human resource manager of the KCM contractors Master Mine Services, and not the KCM itself. We regret the inconvenience that this mixup may have caused to both Master Mines and KCM.

ATI Bill will be enacted by end of 2019 - Kasolo

By Thomas Mulenga

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo says free media is a prerequisite for democracy and in order to promote media freedom, government is going to enact the Access to Information Bill before the end of 2019. And Free Press Initiative founder Joan Chirwa says FPI will champion freedom of the press and professionalism through dialogue and the organisation will also offer refresher courses to serving journalists in order to remind them of professional ethics. Speaking when he officiated at the launch of Free Press Initiative, an organisation aimed at championing media freedom, Kasolo promised to enact the ATI Bill before the end of 2019. "Government remains committed to the enactment of the Access to Information Bill but the introduction of Digital Media which saw us

migrate from analogue to digital, we realised that enacting the bill into law in the old form in which it was written would make it archaic as it does not cover the electronic media. There are must be other pieces of legislation that must be put in place before the Access to Information Bill. And we are working very hard to ensure that before the end of the year, all the relevant legislations including the Access to Information Bill are passed. My minister is very committed and she will push for all these legislations," Kasolo said. Kasolo welcomed the formation of FPI. "In the days when we have been having Radio stations being suspended or licenses being withdrawn and even one TV station was suspended for 30 days, it is important for us to realise that we at the ministry including our sister organisation where madam Josephine Mapoma is a very able leader, we just do the job and the job has to be done correctly. And to that instance what we have decided

is that we are going to publish the entire history of that TV station that was closed. I think it's only fair that we are judged fairly by people going through exactly what we have done with that TV station, from over a year ago, and then people can make informed judgment. I can assure you, we did everything to the book. To founders of this (FPI), I can assure you that the free press is a prerequisite to functioning democracy because of the role that the media plays in society. We will consult with you very closely whilst we are trying to put regulations for media and journalists into place. We have only started writing this, but we need as many professional journalists as possible to put input into this because this is your legislation," said Kasolo. "The IBA is there to help you stay within the law. I know one TV station such as Diamond TV, they continuously consult IBA and therefore it is very unlikely to get on the wrong side of the law. But the vast

majority of TV stations and Radio stations, they don't even consult, they just go ahead and broadcast, they even forget what they signed up for when applying for their licenses. So with your coming FPI, you are going to add value to what you are doing, so I really welcome your coming." And Chirwa said her organisation would champion freedom of the press and professionalism through dialogue, adding that FPI would also be offering refresher courses to serving journalists in order to remind them of professional ethics. "The FPI is committed to finding new means of engaging government whenever concerns are raised affecting journalists. Both Journalists and government must allow dialogue to prevail whenever differences arise. In the next few months, the FPI will not only work on mentoring young people in higher learning institutions on best practices and survival skills, but also mobilise resources to help train vulnerable persons who have a

calling to this noble profession. We will also provide bridging courses to graduate students, gradual journalists, while those practicing will be targeted for retraining in line with our goal of getting to the basics. As we head towards the 2021 elections, the FPI will intensify training and discussions among media personnel on how to offer a balanced and fair coverage of all parties involved in our democratic process," said Chirwa. "It is also a known fact that the harassment of journalists continue to be on the rise, not only in Zambia but in many other countries. This has contributed to making the work of the media difficult. Our country does not only need the unity of the media practitioners to fight these injustices journalists have been subjected to, but they also need the assurance of their government that it is ready to stand with the media by providing necessary protection upon which a free and professional media can thrive."

By Mirriam Chabala

University of Zambia Political Science lecturer Lee Habasonda says Zambia needs to invest in a new political culture which respects and tolerates divergent views and the right to associate freely without fear.

In a statement, Thursday, Habasonda stated that it was saddening that violence had become a tool for political participation and recognition, adding that the youth had become sacrificial lambs for the sustenance of the interests of the country's political demagogues under the umbrella of democracy.

"Clearly the country needs to reshape the socialisation of young people particularly in politics so that the country can hold on to the political moral campus of non-violence that was held by the founding heroes of this country. It is saddening that violence has

Zambia needs new, tolerant political culture - Habasonda

become a tool for political participation and recognition. Indeed, it is difficult to fathom how youth empowerment and democracy will survive in the present situation where, youth are given the position of thugs and yet they are celebrated and admired in the political sphere. This attitude sustains political violence in our country and unless drastic steps are taken to stop it we risk entrenching both the militarization and criminalization of Zambian politics. This will in turn undermine Zambia both as

a tourist and an investment destination. Youth have a duty and responsibility to ensure that this does not happen to our country. They must denounce political sponsors who abuse them," Habasonda stated. "Zambia needs to invest in a new political culture which respects and tolerates divergent views and the right to associate freely without fear. In Zambia today young people in politics have become so base that they determine the rights which citizens must enjoy particularly in markets and bus stations. This

is not an encouraging trend and it is imperative that responsible authorities engage the youth and create more order to allow for sanity. Regular orientation and enlightenment of the youth is more critical now than ever before. The youth day is also important to reflect upon because the adults too have a role in their conduct. It is not far from the truth to suggest that the youth have become sacrificial lambs for the sustenance of the interests of the country's political demagogues under the umbrella of democracy in which in most

cases, youth are given the impression that they are fighting for their rights and yet they are being used to promote individual interests inimical to public good and a peaceful society."

Meanwhile, Habasonda warned that whilst choosing to be seeds of violence today, youths should understand that they were laying a dangerous foundation for their children.

"Hence the message to the young people is that they must be on alert and aware of their actions because they are targeted as the instruments of perpetuating

violence due to their vulnerability to money and other gifts. I urge them to say 'no' to causing harm on another person. Politics is a service for humanity. It is important to ensure that any move to champion for the solidification and sustenance of youth empowerment and democracy in Zambia must first consider the unhooking of youth from every mechanism of political violence, to focus them towards appreciating political diplomacy and meaningful dialogue in resolving political problems," stated Habasonda.

Uncontrolled appetite for road construction has contributed to debt distress - Saasa

By Thomas Mulenga

Economist Professor Oliver Saasa says there is nothing that government is doing to address the swelling external debt that now stands at US\$10.05 billion.

And Professor Saasa says government's failure to get the IMF bailout deal has contributed to the country's current debt distress.

In an interview, Wednesday, Professor Saasa said money meant for social sectors such as Education and Health was being used to service the debt, hence the delay in the payment of salaries for civil servants.

"If there is a recognition that there is a problem, we need to do something about it. I don't believe we are doing something about it and that's

really explaining where we are now and unless we reduce our appetite for construction of roads we are going to have a big problem. What we are seeing now is that we haven't defaulted on debt payment but what's happening now is that we are using social sector spending. You recall the minister came midyear last year, re-arranging and picking

from the Social sector, Health, Education and the like, to put into debt servicing. So you may not have defaulted at external debt obligation but you have defaulted on paying social service delivery. You can't be surprised now when you see government unable to pay salaries, especially in the social sector of education, paying for drugs when you go to hospital. That's what we have been advising government that it will translate into social welfare provision which will be affected and that's where we are," Professor Saasa said.

"I think at the end of the day one has to accept that the level of debt presently is a product of policy lapses at the level of not only the current minister but over a period of time. One would also accept that Honourable Mutati (Felix) tried to make his mark on addressing these challenges but he didn't get significant support from his colleagues in cabinet, so it would appear. So Honourable Mwanakatwe come in and finds a problem that initially if you recall she was in a state of denial, was not very open about the existence of the problem. When she was advised about it, she sort of like she would rather look warm in addressing what everybody outside government, those who have professional training to understand what's

happening, was worried about the fact that we were heading towards the debt distress."

Professor Saasa said government was hiding its Debt Sustainability Analysis from members of the public to avoid embarrassment.

"For the first time they come out and acknowledged that there is a stress and we have to address it. But you realise that that was after the Debt Sustainability Analysis was released and then they decided to hide it. Which might suggest to many and including myself that perhaps the results of DSA were severely shocking and revealed very serious issues that everybody was concerned about. But having been denying for a long time, they thought it was going to be embarrassing to openly admit that the opposition and professional bodies were actually correct," he said. He said the debt stress was mainly caused due to the accumulation of foreign debt for road construction.

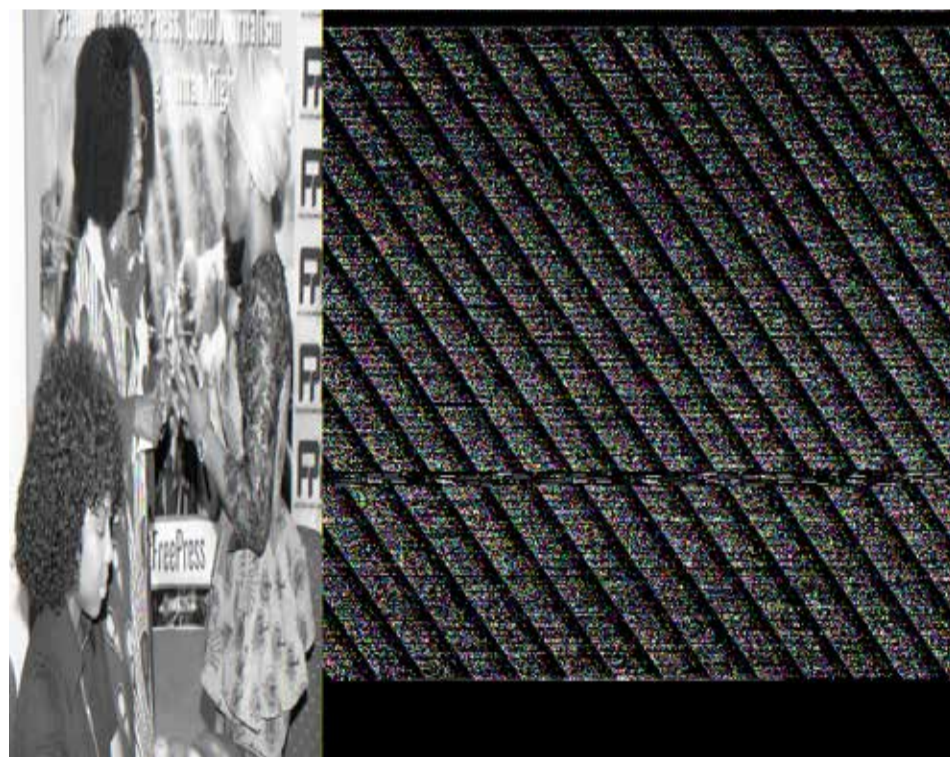
"I think now we have reached a stage where there is acceptance, which is good because if you want to cure a disease you must first diagnose it correctly. So the minister accepted that there was a challenge and that's how she came up with the blueprint where they talked about suspending of some projects

mainly in the Road sector that were less than 80% completed, and other things including restructuring of the debt and the like. We are still waiting for figures but up to now I haven't seen figures that translate that policy into action," Professor Saasa said.

"Now government has recognised that there is a problem, they must also recognise that much of the accumulation can be associated with the appetite for contracting debt through construction, mainly the road infrastructure. And much of this debt in the last three years has been mainly sourced from China but again it was the Chinese that the President was addressing within a week that the minister released the statement that don't worry you are not going to be affected by this, and yet for the last three years it has mainly been the Chinese debt. So there was some element of contradiction in that."

Meanwhile, Professor Saasa said the failed IMF deal had contributed to the debt stress.

"And for me, that's how we got where we are. Had the government listened to professional advice and their own Debt Sustainability Analysis, probably things could not have been the same. But most importantly because we don't have a program with the IMF. One of their concerns is whether we have any Debt Sustainability Program that would show that we are serious about it. And we are not yet ready to have the IMF come in because they are reluctant. When you have a program with the IMF it's not just about the money, you can get that \$1.3 billion even from the Chinese, but the IMF program is more than just money. It looks at structural reforms, the expenditure pattern and the programs you have to reduce poverty, that's when they can commit to a deal with you," Professor Saasa said.



Free Press Initiative founder (FPI) Joan Chirwa talks to Independent Broadcasting Authority Director General Josephine Mapoma during the launch of FPI in Lusaka on March 13, 2019

Kabwe council in 3 months salary arrears - TC

By Joseph Mwenya in Kabwe

Kabwe Town Clerk Ronald Daka has disclosed that the municipality is in three months' salary arrears while those in top management have not been paid for five months.

Speaking, Wednesday, when senior citizens of Natuseko Small Holding in Kaputula ward, Kabwe Central constituency engaged the Central Province Permanent Secretary to intervene in the problem of lack of access roads in the farming bloc, Daka lamented that the Local Authority had no money to come up with access roads in the area.

"We would like to provide access roads except that we don't have the money to do so right now. We even have salary arrears now. For the majority of workers its three months while for the top management its 6 months," Daka said.

The Town Clerk described the past two years as torrid because of mostly the court cases that the municipality had been battling with.

He said the challenges that the Local Authority went through had taken a toll on the municipality making it difficult to provide services effectively.

"I will be very honest PS, the past few

year have just been horrible because we were doing nothing other than appearing in court. So how do you raise revenue like that? And in June 2017, our land agency was suspended. I will of course, check from my predecessors records to see what sort of development charges were paid because that's the money that should be used to attend to such issues," said Daka.

Central Province Permanent Secretary Bernard Chomba, however, assured the farmers in Natuseko Small Holding that their concerns would be addressed. Chomba said he would engage Kabwe Central Constituency Member of

Parliament, Tutwa Ngulube to find a lasting solution to the problem.

He directed the Local Authority to get to the site to ascertain what would be required to come up with access roads. "Government values the contribution of small scale farmers to the economy and remains committed to addressing any challenges that you may be facing. I shall engage the area MP to see how best this matter can be resolved," said Chomba.

Natuseko Small Holding has about 53 farmers who are crying for access roads to be constructed for easy access to markets.



ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE – PART 1

The PAC government will be lean, green and productive. Being a party driven by a new generation of leaders, the PAC are consumed with the passion to ensure that the environment is sustained and not degraded in the present to the detriment of future generations. The sustainable use of the environment is an integral part of our environmental outlook.

The over-arching purpose of the PAC's environmental policy is to promote sustainable natural resource management and to target appropriate development interventions whilst simultaneously addressing the causes of and mitigating the effects of climate change.

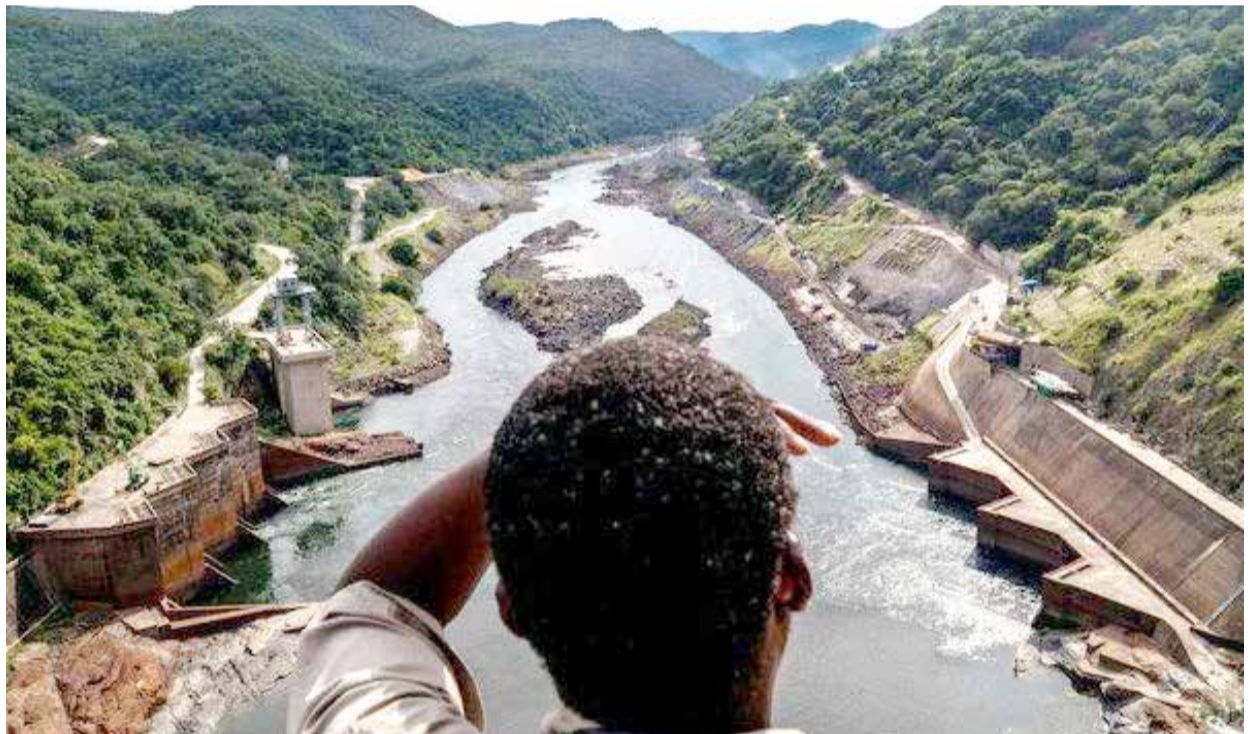
As PAC we are aware that our nation is blessed with a rich variety of ecosystems. However, there are multiple and considerable natural and manmade threats to their sustenance. Zambia's ecosystems are home to an extensive variety of fauna and flora species - a significant number of which are unique to Zambia. For instance, Black Lechwes are only found in Zambia.

Added to these endowments are the diverse physical features in the form of different landscape formations ranging from mountains escarpments and plateaus to, rivers, lakes, swamps, valleys. Their scenic value also presents enhanced eco-tourism opportunities.

Top on the PAC's agenda is the protection of Zambia's biodiversity which as alluded to earlier faces a number of challenges and threats. Our Wildlife faces the very real threat of extinction and depletion through poaching and illegal wildlife trade. On the other hand, our forests face the challenge of deforestation as a result of land use such as agriculture and human settlements. With increased power rationing by ZESCO, charcoal burning has increasingly become a source of energy for both the rural and urban population. This has exacerbated demand for charcoal which has in turn aggravated deforestation to alarming levels.

The PAC is cognisant of the numerous environmental policies, laws, management plans, guidelines, and planning documents Zambia has formulated. We are also aware that Zambia is a party to many conventions of international importance. This includes the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) the Ramsar Convention, the African Convention, and the Convention on Biological Diversity. However in spite of the foregoing, successive and current government's commitment to environmental policies has remained abstract, academic and disjointed. This is compounded by the fact that most policies and laws are sector-based and therefore somewhat fragmented. There is need for political will and implementation of a more all-encompassing legal and policy framework so that integrated management frameworks are fully realized. This will be a key priority for the PAC government; to harmonise the policy and legal framework that will ease implementation.

The PAC has also observed that lot of tax payers' money and donor funds have been misused by successive government on elaborate environmental workshops and seminars at plush lodges and hotels. These events have become mere talk shows with little to show for. Many of these workshops and seminars are for the most part abstract and academic and are not taken seriously. It has been frequently observed that there is more attention paid to the pomp and splendour of these seminars and workshops than there is to the cause of the environment. Zambia needs a complete overhaul in the way we deal with matters of environmental sustainability. It should begin with mind-set change and a conscientious work ethic. The PAC will provide that Change.



The sustainable use of arable land is an integral part of environmental sustainability. The PAC are consumed with the passion to ensure that the environment is not degraded in the present to the detriment of future generations. Successive and current government policies have also contributed to environmental degradation by not discouraging cultivation of marginal lands or providing subsidies for heavy maintenance crops such as maize.

For long term sustainability and for the sake of posterity, Zambia led by a PAC government will revisit, reconcile and harmonise the heavily subsidized fertilizer support programmes with the need to sustain the long term arability and integrity of our soils in the long run. Small-scale farmers have continued to focus their attention on maize production and have in effect become dependent on a mono-crop system. Maize in particular tends to rapidly mine out select nutrients in the soil. This is because the continuous use of synthetic fertilizers eventually leads to lower soil fertility and high pH levels.

The PAC government will thus ensure that future development strategies are realistic, and closely related to the availability and use of natural resources. Toward that end, the following have been identified by the PAC as key issues for Zambia's environment:

- (i) Unsustainable Agricultural Practices
- (ii) Climate Change adaptation and mitigation
- (iii) Charcoal Production
- (iv) Mining Operations and Expansion
- (v) Plastic pollution
- (vi) Poor Governance

(i) Unsustainable Agricultural Practices
About 80% of the rural population make a living through subsistence farming on customary land (USAID 2008). Agriculture contributes to around almost a quarter of Zambia's GDP with 34% of Zambia's total land dedicated to large and small-scale agriculture (WB 2010, FAO 2009). Small-scale agriculture is by far the most common source of livelihoods and income options for rural dwellers in Zambia and as such, agriculture has been cited in past assessments (USAID 2007) and continues to have a significant impact on the environment.

Throughout Zambia, small-scale agriculture is characterized by low or stagnant productivity and extractive farming systems that depend to a large extent on mining the natural resource base upon which farmers depend upon for their livelihoods (due to traditional cropping practices). One of the main factors to be considered in relation to agro-ecological sustainability is the soil, as it is the basis for food production in Zambia

Therefore, an effort has to be made to minimize soil erosion so that soil is not transported by runoff to rivers, lakes or ponds, and to ensure sustainability of food production (Hailu and Runge-Metzger 1993). Such examples can be found not only in Zambia but worldwide. Rapid depletion of soil fertility and non-sustainable land use—particularly in developing countries—is both the cause and the consequence of widespread poverty. It is therefore necessary to change actual soil-degrading agricultural systems based on intensive soil preparation (which leave the soil bare and unprotected), to sustainable production systems based on permanent soil cover with plant residues and mulch. Soil is a non-renewable resource and it is available only in limited quantities. Conventional soil tillage as it is practiced leaves the surface of the soil bare, and is one of the major causes of the occurrence of erosion on agricultural land.

The PAC will encourage the adoption of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) tried and tested concept of Conservation farming as a resource saving agricultural crop production to strive and to achieve acceptable profits together with high and sustained production levels while concurrently conserving the environment (FAO 2007). Conservation farming employs minimal tillage. Unlike traditional methods of burning plant residues, in conservation farming residue from crops are left on the land to minimize erosion and provide organic material. This reduces the need for expensive chemical fertilizers and furrows are created just deep enough to avoid turning up the earth in turn keeping nutrients in the soil and retaining moisture.

In the next article we shall discuss more on climate change and its impact on the environment and humans.

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Does Zambia need nuclear power?

By Ompie Nkumbula Liebenthal

The Secretary General of the PF Davies Mwila recently asked the media to “help to demystify nuclear science because “there is a wrong, yet deeply entrenched perception, that all things nuclear are bad and dangerous.” This is a challenge to all of us Zambians to get informed about nuclear energy.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) - an organisation that promotes the peaceful use of nuclear technology - in a publication “Is Africa Ready for Nuclear Energy?” notes a third of almost 30 countries currently considering nuclear power are in Africa. Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria and Sudan have engaged with IAEA to assess their readiness to embark on a nuclear programme. South Africa is currently the only country in Africa with an operational nuclear power plant.

According to the Zambia Development Agency Energy profile (2013), Zambia has about 6000 MW unutilised hydropower potential. While gas and renewable energy is getting cheaper, the price of nuclear power only rises. The decision to move to nuclear power at a time when most nations are moving away from it needs to be seriously questioned.

Zambia last year signed a memorandum of understanding with Russia's nuclear agency ROSATOM that includes building a nuclear plant. At what cost?

University of Johannesburg Professor of Chemist Hartmut Winkler in an article ‘Why nuclear power for African countries does not make sense’ warned the country receiving the nuclear plant “initially pays very little”, but when the repayments kick in “consumers are suddenly faced with a massive burden that most African economies will never be able to meet.” Figures on cost are not readily available, but he points out that “Zambia is eyeing a nuclear plant on the scale of Bangladesh's Rooppur 2.4GW. The plant is expected to cost US\$ 30 billion. Given Zambia's total annual budget is US\$ 7.2 billion this is clearly unaffordable.”

Furthermore, nuclear energy creates radioactive waste which can remain radioactive and a danger to human health and the environment for many years.

Look at what is happening in South Africa where proposals to boost supply from nuclear plants have been dropped. According to a Business Tech article, Energy Minister Jeff Radebe last year announced there would be a study to determine if more nuclear is needed after 2030. “But until then, there is no increase in nuclear generation envisaged.” The plant produces 1,860MW of power - 4 % of South Africa's power capacity - but is being challenged on its implications for national debt.

According to the head of the IAEA Nuclear Infrastructure Development Section, Miko Kovachev, a successful nuclear power programme requires political and popular support

and national commitment of at least 100 years. This includes committing to the entire life cycle of a power plant, from construction through electricity generation and finally decommissioning. On financing nuclear energy Kovachev noted few countries in Africa have sufficient installed grid capacity to accommodate the recommended capacity for planned conventional, large nuclear power plant.

“For example, a country should have a capacity of 10,000 megawatts already in place to generate 1,000 megawatts from nuclear power.” The Energy Regulation Board Energy Sector Report 2017 puts Zambia's installed electricity generation at 2897 MW showing that Zambia's power capacity falls short of the recommended level.

Three companies which account for more than half of all nuclear power generation worldwide are facing financial challenges. In 2017 Pittsburgh based Westinghouse - for many decades the world's largest provider of nuclear technology - filed for bankruptcy. The Japanese nuclear engineering giant, Toshiba, is also in financial problems and there are doubts about it continuing as a going concern. Europe's biggest builder and operator of nuclear power plants, France's state-owned Electricité de France (EDF) is deep in debt.

The increasing costs in part are due to addressing safety concerns linked to past reactor disasters like Chernobyl in Ukraine and Fukushima in Japan; and to companies factoring in the costs of decommissioning their aging reactors. Here are some examples of nuclear power plant accidents and their impact.

1. In the 1979 Three Mile Island accident, in Pennsylvania U.S.A., there was a partial meltdown of the nuclear reactor due to a series of mechanical and human errors at the site of the nuclear power plant causing the worst commercial nuclear accident in US history. Nobody died or was injured in the initial incident, but the meltdown released dangerous gases into the atmosphere which scientific studies have linked to an increase in cancer cases.

2. The 1986 Chernobyl disaster in Ukraine happened after an experiment was being conducted causing one of four reactors to explode and catch fire. Approximately 116,000 people had to be evacuated, and a large area surrounding the plant received fallout so great that it could not be farmed or pastured as a result of this accident. Significant levels of radiation were detected as far north as Scandinavia and as far west as Switzerland. In September 2005 the Chernobyl Forum, comprising seven United Nations organizations and programs, the World Bank, and the governments of Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine, published a three-volume, 600-page report assessing the impact of the accident on public health. Approximately 50 emergency workers had died of acute radiation sickness shortly after the accident, and 9 children

had died from thyroid cancer because of radiation exposure. From among the 200,000 emergency workers who were present at the site in the first year following the accident, the people who were evacuated, and the 270,000 residents of the most heavily contaminated areas, an additional 3,940 people were likely to die from cancer during a prolonged period after the accident.

3. In the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi accident in Japan the plant was not designed to handle the tsunami that struck the area after an earthquake. The large-scale release of radioactivity resulted in people being evacuated from a 20 km exclusion zone set up around the power plant, similar to the 30 km radius Chernobyl Exclusion Zone which is still in effect more than 30 years after the accident. The plant's operator had no way of paying the cleanup bill, estimated at \$180 million and is being propped up by the Japanese government. After the accident, Japan, which relied on nuclear power for 30% of its electricity, shut all its 48 operational reactors for safety checks and seven years later only five are back online. After Fukushima, the previously pro-nuclear Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany set a deadline of 2022 for shutting down the country's reactors which at the time generated 22% of German electricity. The French president committed to cutting nuclear's share of energy generation from 75% to 50% by 2025 with the gap to be filled by renewables.

In conclusion, we should not rush into nuclear power without a full public discussion. Developed countries are getting out of it or scaling down. Decommissioning a nuclear plant is very expensive, and how to dispose of radioactive material is a nightmare. This will leave a huge debt for future generations. Some say radioactive waste will be a problem for 30 years, others say a hundred, but the point is you have to factor this in before you do anything. Zambia should be looking at selling uranium and using the proceeds to invest in more environment friendly power plants like hydro, solar, wind technology. Listen to Louis Armstrong's song about the “wonderful world” which we must not destroy, let alone Zambia!

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

Over 90 subjects of Senior Chieftainess Nkomeshya Mukamambo II have dragged her royal highness to court for allegedly claiming ownership of their land so that some international investors could build a shopping mall there. The subjects claim that Chieftainess Nkomeshya, acting through her agents, has continued to harass and intimidate them, including

Over 90 subjects sue Nkomeshya over land

threatening to destroy the crops that they planted in the 2018/2019

farming season.

Mandalena Mungalaba has sued Chieftainess Nkomeshya (Elizabeth Molenje) on behalf of 94 others, seeking an order of interim injunction restraining her royal highness from interfering with their rights and possession of their respective pieces of land.

In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Wednesday, the plaintiffs stated that they were subjects of Chieftainess Nkomeshya's chiefdom in Chongwe district.

They added that they were legal owners of pieces of land in the chiefdom and had been in possession of the land for periods exceeding 20 years.

“The plaintiffs have collectively used the land for subsistence agricultural activities to sustain their livelihood,” read the statement of claim.

The plaintiffs stated that in or about 2003, government wished to construct a state of the art sports

stadium in Chongwe district and their land was identified for that purpose.

They stated that when they objected to the proposal to construct a sports stadium on their farmland which catered for more than three thousand villagers, government rescinded its decision.

“The plaintiffs will aver that as a result of their objection, government rescinded its decision and since then, the plaintiffs have enjoyed quiet possession of their respective parcels of land,” read the statement of claim.

The plaintiffs stated that in 2018, the Chongwe District Council ordered those who were trading along Great East Road next to their respective fields to be removed due to the cholera outbreak.

They stated that as the result of their removal, the first plaintiff, Mungalaba, offered part of her field as alternative trading space to those who were displaced.

The plaintiffs claimed that no sooner had the alternative trading space been cleared, Chieftainess Nkomeshya's agents or servants, visited them and claimed ownership of the said land, stating that her royal highness intended to bring investors to develop the land.

They further claimed that since then, Chieftainess Nkomeshya acting through her agents or employees, had on various occasions harassed and intimidated them with eviction and demolition of the structures which they had erected on the alternative trading place given by the Mungalaba and other areas.

The plaintiffs stated that they were reliably informed that Chieftainess Nkomeshya wished to displace them in preference to prospective international investors who were interested in building a shopping mall for her sole benefit.

“The plaintiffs will aver at trial that the defendant (Chieftainess

Nkomeshya), acting through her agents, employees or servants has continued to harass and intimidate them, including threatening to destroy the crops that the plaintiffs did plant in the 2018/2019 farming. As a result, the plaintiffs have been gripped with fear of having their crops destroyed and their market stalls demolished,” read the statement of claim.

They stated that in October last year, they attempted to hold a meeting with Chieftainess Nkomeshya to resolve the matter amicably but she failed or neglected to respond to their overtures to meet with them.

The plaintiffs lamented that they had suffered embarrassment, mental anguish, distress, torture, inconvenience, loss and damage.

They now seek an order of interim injunction, restraining Chieftainess Nkomeshya by herself, her agents, employees or servants from interfering with their rights and possession of their respective pieces of land.

The plaintiffs are further seeking for a declaration that they are legally entitled to occupy the land which they are in possession of, an order for the return of all illegally confiscated building materials and equipments, damages for inconvenience, costs and any other relief.

LEGAL NOTICE



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Elias Muleya of plot No 2644/610 Elaine Britell Livingstone intends to apply for a certified true copy of the document described in the Schedule hereto.

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- 2.0 All persons having any objections to the said document are required to lodge the same in writing with the Registry of Deeds Livingstone City Council within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Dated at Livingstone this 16th January, 2019

Patricia Pule Kaungu
COUNCIL REGISTRAR
LIVINGSTONE CITY COUNCIL

On January 29, 2019, Konkola Copper Mines, through its Corporate Affairs General Manager Eugene Chungu, released a very suspicious statement which puzzled us. It puzzled us because it was on government headed paper with a superimposed KCM logo. It contained an assuring message to government and citizens at large that the mining giant was not going to lay off any single employee as a result of the new mining tax policy.

Below is what we were told, that the KCM acting Chief Executive Officer Venkatesan Giridhar promised miners who work for Konkola Copper Mines and its contractors in Chingola, Chililabombwe, Kitwe and Nampundwe:

KCM Boss: *"I wish to confirm, therefore, that THERE WILL BE NO LOSS OF JOBS AT OUR SITES as a result of the new tax regime. As KCM, we undertake to constructively engage key stakeholders such as the Government, trade unions, the media, local communities, and our shareholders, in a respectful manner to ensure that we contribute to the growth of the economy on a sustained basis."*

What was mind-boggling about this statement was that it was coming from the Ministry of Finance and not the mining company. It was not Mr Chungu from KCM who issued the statement, but the Ministry spokesperson Mr Chileshe Kandeta. There was no audio supporting the words spoken by Mr Venkatesan Giridhar.

We wondered why the words "THERE WILL BE NO LOSS OF JOBS AT OUR SITES" were

Job loses have begun on the mines, despite Mwanakatwe's promise

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in capital letters on the statement; did the KCM boss shout out these words louder than everything else he said for the ministry to cap them? Or was the ministry trying to emphasise the impossibility of KCM and its contractors laying off workers? We had serious suspicions.

But of course, we had no reason to doubt the authenticity of a press statement that comes through the official communication channels of the most sensitive government ministry. So we published the story quoting the assurances from the mine and government officials. But at the back of our minds, we suspected that there must have been some arm-twisting involved. We felt that the statement was attuned to give an impression that KCM was very supporting of the new mining tax regime, and it

was capable of keeping its mining operations in full swing without any need to scale back production and workforce.

Today, our suspicions have been proved right. Barely two months later, KCM contractors have released their own sincere statement, giving a real picture of the situation on the Copperbelt.

"We wish to inform all our employees that in the last few months, KCM has not been able to pay Master Mine Services according to the conditions of the contract. As a result, KCM is owing the company huge amounts of money. Thus, it has become difficult for the company to continue running the project. The company is not able to source any more funds to sustain the project. Therefore, operations at Master Mine Service-KCM project have been suspended

until further notice. Only selected employees for care and maintenance will continue reporting for work. During this period, employees will proceed on leave according to the accrued leave days. Upon exhausting the accrued leave days, an employee will automatically be placed on forced leave (unpaid leave) in the event that operations do not resume," read the statement signed by Master Mine Service project manager Ma Yun Liang dated March 11, 2019.

For those who have difficulties understanding the link between KCM and this company called Master Mine Services; this is a Chinese run mining contractor that is contracted to mine KCM's No.1 Shaft also called No.4 Shaft Complex. These companies mine copper on behalf of KCM, and KCM pays them to pay the miners. These

are the workers who have been declared redundant in essence, because KCM has been unable to pay its contractor.

In simpler English, the KCM contractor is announcing a lay off process to these miners who were assured by the Ministry of Finance that there would be nothing of that sort under the new mining tax regime. Government and KCM can come up with various complicated explanations to distance themselves from this development, but the simple truth is that jobs have been lost at KCM in Chililabombwe, one of the sites that were declared job secure.

We feel, for every job that is lost on the mines under such circumstances, government must take responsibility. If mining stakeholders agreed that they would not lay off any employee, then the Ministry

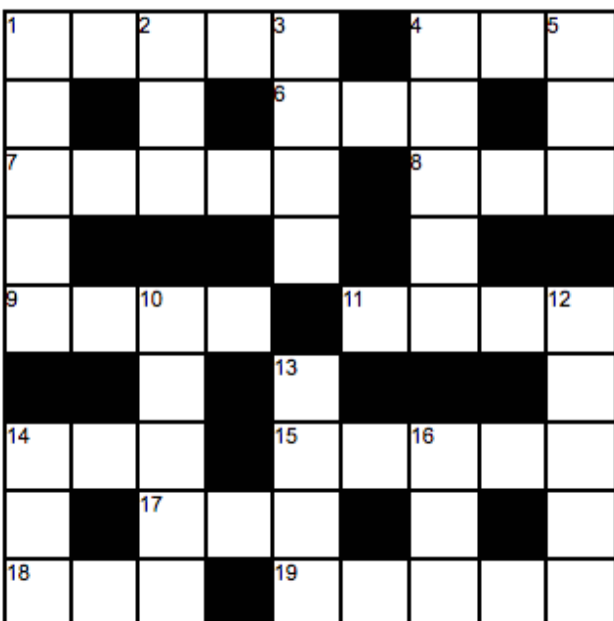
of Finance must issue an explanation why this is happening. They must face the laid off workers and give them reasons why they should have confidence in this government.

We are not writing this to eulogize KCM or to portray them as victims. We know that the mining company is also a master at manipulating workers, and arm-twisting government. We know, for example that KCM has been importing unprecedented quantities of ore from DRC to process in its smelter. They have increased this cheap import and stopped investing in mine capital development. Thus, they are focusing more on being a processing company instead of being a mining company as per its primary license.

So, there is no doubt that KCM problems go beyond the new mining tax regime. But our concern is that government is failing to secure mining jobs, beyond just issuing statements. They want people to believe that government will be there to provide job security, when in fact they don't have ground presence to monitor accountability.

One thing the PF must know is that for every job that is lost, there are hundreds of extended family beneficiaries who get affected. Today its just one mining shaft at KCM that has been shut down, tomorrow it will be two and three. Before we know it, other mining companies will follow suit and start kicking out workers. In the end, it's the poor struggling families that suffer while those who were issuing meaningless statements continue to drink mineral water in air-conditioned offices. What a shame!

Crossword puzzle 314



"What can be asserted without evidence can also be dismissed without evidence."
- Christopher Hitchens

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| <p>Across</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NBA's LeBron 4. What you do in a chair 6. Direct a weapon 7. "Pretty ___", Julia Roberts film 8. Playing card above King 9. Cherish 11. Our sun is one 14. Near bottom of pants or skirt 15. Nag persistently 17. Drink cooler 18. Decay 19. Track events | <p>Down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gem 2. May honoree 3. Rational 4. Bright 5. Casual top 10. Upchuck 12. Gets a lift 13. The others 14. That lady 16. Luau instrument, for short |
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Solutions to puzzle 313



Reader's feedback

Mwakalombe's claim that Copperbelt Expo will create 200, 000 jobs for youths

Editor,

"This type of dreaming is dangerous," - Maswabi Wainyae

"An expo creating jobs? What type of political leaders do we have in this country I truly worry for my kids," - Maimbolwa Kamanga

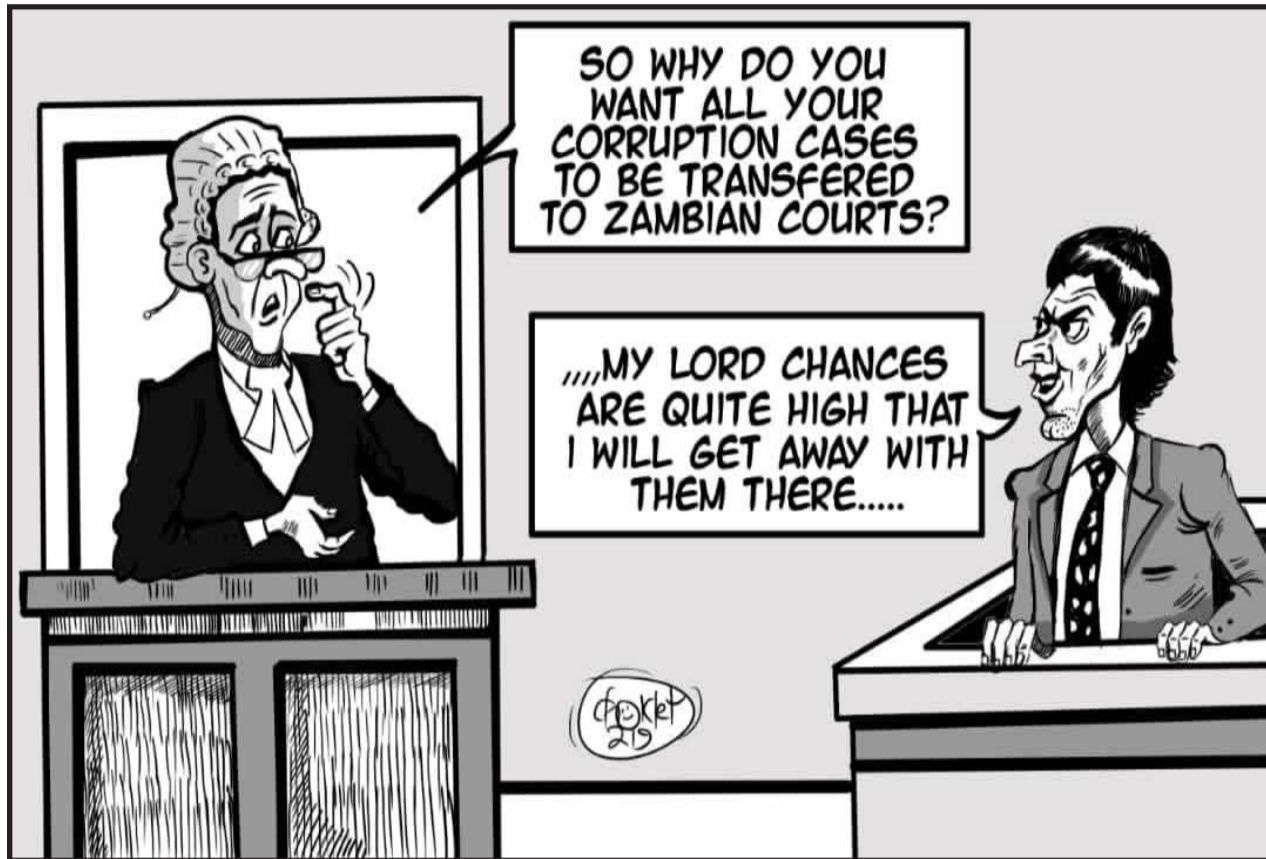
"Yaba. Can the minister shade more light on this unrealistic data? 99.99% of our ministers never make sense with their pronouncements," - Khumbo Daniel Chikungu

"These guys were good in opposition because they are still promising not knowing that they are ruling. 200,000 jobs? Under Edgar Lungu who promised 1 million jobs?" - Mofi Kaseketi

"There is a difference between dreaming and hallucinating! Expo is an event for Exhibition. Ndola district has about

560,000 people. According to the minister (who understands nothing), that Event will create 200,000 (about half of Ndola population will have jobs)," - Chola Mwale

"Stop alarming youths, how can we punish such leaders whose promises don't fruition? I am always disappointed there must be a way since African leaders don't resign when they fail," - George Mwale



Amos' warning that Kampyongo won't negotiate with trouble makers

Editor,

"If you never fired those cops from Sesheke, we would have believed you with a pinch of salt, but its the same mouth that says

this and does that , we have known and they know who are the trouble makers, why pretend, Kampyongo is in charge of all the trouble makers in the youths, and besides in charge of Home Affairs Ministry, he even provides the rogue policemen uniforms, like they did at the Mulungushi Conference in Kabwe, gentleman just sort yourselves out, the PF cadres were caught with Machetes at their Lodge, but it was the arresting officers who were fired, What kind of law is that? So we really appreciate your effortless in trying to preach lawlessness," - David Mandona

"PF Youths are peaceful and exemplary??? The entire him doesn't know the meaning of "peaceful and exemplary"?" - Chola Mwale

"Somebody is playing an underground Political game with the youth. Hope special advisers to the president can be honest on one. For starters Hon Kampyongo should be given a different ministerial portofolio. His position as the PF Chair for the Youth and Minister of Home Affairs has created a nonexistent boundary between the PF youth and the police," - Kangumu Lifalalo

UPND's promise to reintroduce full bursaries for needy students

Editor,

"Cheap politics is bad for our country. As a nation we have a lot of problems. So for now we don't need cheap politics that may affect the thinking of some of our leaders who fear to lose jobs by being voted out. This issue is one of those that u should never go back to. Just work on extending the sponsorship to more colleges and open more skills institutions," - Dickson Mwewa

"Give us your full manifesto please. For Mining, Agric, Fisheries, Youth, Transport, Women, Foreign policy, Sport, Justice etc...not this piece meal kind of popular picking of items kwati nimuShoprite," - Henry Bwalya

Mwila's remarks that some media houses have become political scavengers

Editor,

"For the first time this great SG of a great party led by a great leader said the truth. I have fallen in love with the honest by Mwila, the man is right 110% right, ZNBC and Radio 1-4 are political scavengers," - Mweene M Siampeze

"Did he mean that literary because there's no money in the economy or as sarcasm which PF officials are accustomed to instead of building the economy," - Midibo Dibo

"Leave private media alone, you cannot even appreciate for the hard work which they are doing," - Philip Mfune

"In its quest to be the only voice heard, the PF will label media with an alternative voice as political scavengers. No surprise there. The lack of respect for alternative opinions and divergent views is inherent in the PF," - Felix Nkonge

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Go to our News Diggers! Facebook page, select a story you like and jot down your comment. We will pick that as your feedback and get you published on this page. The shorter the comment the higher the chance of getting published.

Note that we block Facebook users who use abusive language.

Facebook appears to be recovering from a more than 14-hour disruption to all of its products that left them mostly inaccessible across the world.

The company's main social network, its two messaging apps and image-sharing site Instagram were all affected.

Facebook has yet to offer an explanation for the outage.

The last time Facebook had a disruption of this magnitude was in 2008, when the site had 150m users - compared with around 2.3bn monthly users today.

The problems began yesterday afternoon, and only showed real signs of recovery this morning. They meant core platforms many people rely on every day to communicate were rendered mostly useless.

"We're aware that some people are currently having trouble accessing the Facebook family of apps," Facebook said in a statement, posted on Twitter.

"We're working to resolve the issue as soon as possible."

Facebook's apps seemed to be recovering on Thursday morning, with Instagram announcing it was back.

Facebook and Instagram suffer most severe outage ever

In response to rumours posted on other social networks, the company said the outages were not a result of a Distributed Denial of Service attack, known as DDoS - a type of cyber-attack that involves flooding a target service with extremely high volumes of traffic.

An NBC News broadcaster reported the cause was related to "overloaded" databases.

How widespread was the problem? Estimates suggest the issue began around 16:00 GMT on Wednesday.

While Facebook's main service appeared to load, users reported not being able to post.

Those on Instagram were not able to refresh feeds or post new material. Facebook Messenger's desktop version did not load - but the mobile app appeared to allow the sending of some messages; however, users reported glitches with other kinds of content, such as images. WhatsApp, Facebook's other messaging app, had similar problems.

A third-party outage map suggested the problem was global - DownDetector monitors posts on other social networks for users mentioning a loss of service elsewhere. According to the site, areas of Europe and Asia are still reporting problems as of Thursday

morning.

Ongoing issues are likely to hit Facebook hard in the wallet. The company, which funds the majority of its business through advertising revenue, told Bloomberg that it was investigating "the possibility of refunds for advertisers".

The issue also affected Facebook Workplace, the service used by businesses to communicate internally.

Buenos Aires-based designer

Rebecca Brooker told the BBC the interruption was having a significant impact on her firm's work.

"Facebook for personal use is fine - but what happens when we rely on large companies such as this to provide business services?" she said.

"I'm trying to communicate with my team in New York. Facebook Workplace is our only channel for [communication] with the

exception of email."

In the UK, an NHS paediatric consultant told the BBC how staff were upset not to be kept updated on a party being held for a beloved nurse who was retiring after 20 years.

"Being a working day most consultants could not make it," said Dr Nikhil Ganjoo. "So I represented them - but was unable to share the retirement party pics with them as it happened." **BBC**



Meghan Markle to give birth in few short weeks

Meghan Markle is due to give birth in just a few short weeks, although the exact date her baby is expected

hasn't been announced. Despite being around eight months' pregnant, the Duchess of Sussex has

maintained an impressively packed schedule, showing up at back-to-back charity functions - usually in towering stilettos and cradling her ever-expanding baby bump.

But after a very busy pregnancy, Meghan is reportedly now officially on maternity leave.

In fact, according to reports, the next time we see her will probably be alongside her husband, Prince Harry, with their newborn baby in her arms.

According to Vanity Fair, Meghan's appearance alongside Harry, Prince William and Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey on Commonwealth Day was her last official engagement.

While she won't be stepping out in public until after the baby is born, it's understood she will continue to conduct private meetings over the next couple of weeks.

The timing of her leave could firm up predictions for her due date. Meghan's sister-in-law, Kate Middleton, carried out her final engagement on March 22 last year when she was pregnant with Prince Louis, and gave birth one month later, on April 23.

So if that's the general royal protocol, Meghan may be due in mid-April. **News.com.au**



Eating healthily and exercising can avoid diabetes and erectile dysfunction, say experts

Adopting a healthier lifestyle to avoid becoming diabetic may help men beat erectile dysfunction, a new study suggests.

Being predisposed to type 2 diabetes - linked to unhealthy diets and a lack of exercise - could be behind the condition, research has found.

Scientists looked at data on more than 220,000 men, 6,000 of whom experienced erectile dysfunction.

Using cutting-edge genetic analysis, the team found that having a genetic predisposition to type 2 diabetes was linked with erectile dysfunction, which they said provided evidence that the two are linked.

Co-lead author Dr Anna Murray, of the University of Exeter Medical School, said:

"Erectile dysfunction affects at least one in five men over 60, yet up until now little has been known about its cause.

"Our paper echoes recent findings that the cause can be genetic, and it goes further. We found that a genetic predisposition to type 2 diabetes is linked to erectile dysfunction.

"That may mean that if people can reduce their risk of diabetes through healthier lifestyles, they may also avoid developing erectile dysfunction."

Co-lead author Professor Michael Holmes, of the University of Oxford, said: "Our finding is important as diabetes is preventable and indeed one can now achieve 'remission' from diabetes with weight loss, as illustrated in recent clinical

trials.

"This goes beyond finding a genetic link to erectile dysfunction to a message that is of widespread relevance to the general public, especially considering the burgeoning prevalence of diabetes."

Diabetes UK recommends eating lots of fruit and veg and taking exercise to stave off diabetes. Co-first author Dr Jonas Bovijn, also from the University of Oxford, said: "We know that there is observational evidence linking erectile dysfunction and type 2 diabetes, but until now there has not been definitive evidence to show that predisposition to type 2 diabetes causes erectile dysfunction." **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Black actors call on Hollywood to hire stylists who understand natural hair

When actors arrive on a movie or television set, there's almost always a beauty team ready to do their makeup and style their hair before filming begins.

But for many black actors, the hairstyling process can often be more complicated. The stylists on set aren't trained to work with natural hair textures, which can mean that actors of color end up styling their own hair. Actors have been sharing these frustrating experiences on Twitter under the trending hashtag #ActingWhileBlack, and many of them have similar stories.

Yvette Nicole Brown, who starred in NBC's "Community," shared on Twitter that many black actresses, including herself, come to set with their hair already done so they can ensure it's styled properly.

She added that many black actresses also bring their own makeup to set because there aren't always foundations available that match their skin tone.

"Aquaman" star Yahya Abdul-Mateen II also weighed in, saying this has long been an issue for black actors in film and TV.

"Empire" star Gabby Sidibe also echoed these messages.

She revealed her strategy for dealing with her hair when there's no trained stylist on set.

"Being Mary Jane" star Gabrielle Union also weighed in. She opened up about what it can be like for a black actress to be styled by someone who doesn't understand her hair texture.

"Timeless" actor Malcolm Barrett chimed in, too,

saying that in his experience, "most Black actors get their hair cut or styled outside of set, often at their own expense."

"Hollywood hairstylists are one size fit all and that 'all' does not include Black hair," he wrote on Twitter. "This has been my experience for the last 20 years in the business and it hasn't changed at all."

This issue extends to the fashion industry as well. Model Olivia Anakwe, who has walked the runway for labels including Oscar de la Renta, Miu Miu and Marc Jacobs, recently wrote a viral Instagram post describing the discrimination she has faced on set because of her hair texture.

She described one incident during Paris Fashion Week when nobody on set knew how to work with her natural hair.

"I arrived backstage where they planned to do cornrows, but not one person on the team knew how to do them without admitting so," she wrote on Instagram. "After one lady attempted and pulled my edges relentlessly, I stood up to find a model who could possibly do it. After asking two models and then the lead/only nail stylist, she was then taken away from her job to do my hair."

Even Tyra Banks dealt with this issue when she was an up-and-coming model. While she hasn't weighed in on the recent discussion on Twitter, the supermodel previously shared that she almost lost her career-defining Victoria's Secret gig because the stylist on set didn't know how to do her hair. **euronews**



Organic chocolate made with a bicycle

Dana Mroueh's chocolate factory is a rarity for Ivory Coast and not only because the world's top cocoa

grower produces precious little finished chocolate.

In the middle of the floor of her company Mon Choco's factory sits a grinding bike, surrounded by trays of carefully sorted cocoa beans. Poured in a funnel, beans are transformed into a paste by a grinder activated through pedaling.

Mroueh, a 40-year-old Ivorian of French-Lebanese descent, oversees the process from the time the beans are selected to when they are transformed into candies, producing organic and environmentally friendly chocolate bars.

"We really want to have a minimal impact on the environment by using as little electricity as possible," Mroueh said as she supervised a small team of employees in white coats sorting the beans.

"My chocolate is made up of 70 percent cocoa and 30 percent brown sugar. We don't add cocoa

butter or plant oil. It's only raw cocoa and sugar," Mroueh said.

The cocoa industry is threatening to the environment, including by contributing to deforestation. Environmental campaign groups say that Ivory Coast is at risk of losing all its forest cover by 2034.

But organic cocoa beans are difficult to find in Ivory Coast, where the overwhelming majority of farmers use chemicals and insecticides.

As a result, organic chocolate is expensive to produce and caters primarily to the European market. Mon Choco chocolate bars sell for around 1,500 CFA francs (\$2.60), a price that is out of reach for most local consumers.

Mon Choco and other initiatives of the kind are developing in Ivory Coast but represent a niche market of only 5,000 tonnes of beans per year, in a country that produces more than 2 million tonnes every year. **Reuters**

Federer, Nadal, steam into Indian Wells quarter-finals

Former champions Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal edged closer to a blockbuster semi-final showdown at the ATP Indian Wells Masters on Wednesday with brisk fourth-round wins.

World number two Nadal overpowered Serbian qualifier Filip Krajinovic 6-3, 6-4 to book his quarter-final berth in one hour and 26 minutes.

Federer, seeking a record sixth title in the California desert, needed just 64 minutes to get past Britain's Kyle Edmund 6-1, 6-4.

Nadal said his performance on a windy stadium court wasn't as good as his 6-3, 6-1 third-round win over Argentine Diego Schwartzman.

But he was more than a match for 113th-ranked Krajinovic, breaking him early in each set and saving the only break point he faced.

Nadal, who lifted the Indian Wells trophy in 2007, 2008 and 2013, is in the last eight for the first time in three years after missing last year's edition, skipping both Indian Wells and the Miami Masters with a



hip injury.

He next will take on 13th-ranked Russian Karen Khachanov, who beat world number nine John Isner 6-4, 7-6 (7/1).

Khachanov produced just one ace to the big-serving American's 12 but stretched

his record over Isner to 4-0.

Fourth-seeded Federer, fresh off his 100th career title, looked poised to finish off Edmund in less than an hour. But the Swiss great had to fight off three break points as he served for the match, just a small speed bump in a match

that he took charge of early.

"He didn't have the best start, so that cost him the first set," Federer said. "Second set, it was definitely better. I think he probably struggled throughout a little bit. He never really got going.

"Conditions are tough with the

glare, and the jump of the ball it's sometimes hard to find the rhythm and timing."

Federer will fight for a semi-final berth against 22-year-old Pole Hubert Hurkacz.

Hurkacz, ranked 67th in the world, sent 25th-ranked Canadian Denis Shapovalov

packing 7-6 (7/3), 2-6, 6-3.

Although he'll be an overwhelming favorite against Hurkacz, Federer said he wouldn't take a semi-final meeting with Nadal for granted.

"I hope I can get there," Federer said, "but I'm not going to underestimate Hubert."

- Kecmanovic capitalizes -

A day after world number one Novak Djokovic tumbled out of the third round, 19-year-old Miomir Kecmanovic kept the Serbian flag flying.

Kecmanovic became the first lucky loser to reach the last eight at Indian Wells since the ATP's Masters 1000 series launched in 1990.

Kecmanovic, ranked 130th in the world, had taken the first set against Yoshihito Nishioka 6-4 when the 74th-ranked Japanese retired because of injury.

Kecmanovic, who gained entry to the second round when fifth-seeded Kevin Anderson withdrew with an elbow injury, is in his first ATP quarter-final. Kecmanovic is the last teen left in the men's draw, after the departure of 19-year-old Shapovalov.

At the other end of the age spectrum, 40-year-old Croatian Ivo Karlovic's run came to an end with a 6-4, 6-3 loss to 25-year-old seventh seed Dominic Thiem.

Thiem needed less than an hour to subdue the 89th-ranked Karlovic, surrendering just seven points on his own serve and punishing Karlovic's second serve.

Thiem said putting 87 percent of his first serves in play was key in his first meeting with Karlovic. **AFP**

Ronaldo was magical against Atletico, I was surprised! - Messi

Lionel Messi had another night to remember for Barcelona and adding two assists as Barcelona rolled past Lyon

showdown quarter-The

win saw Barcelona make it 30 Champions League games at Camp Nou unbeaten, the best home run of any team, but it was Tuesday's results that proved shocking the Spanish side's star man, Lionel Messi.

Barcelona will be joined in the last eight by Premier League sides Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham, along with Dutch outfit Ajax and Portuguese club Porto.

But it was the inclusion of Serie A side Juventus that saw the Argentina captain shocked. Juve slipped past Atletico Madrid in Tuesday's second leg, with Cristiano Ronaldo scoring two headers and a penalty to see the Italian club overturn a 2-0 first-leg loss and leaving the Barca star to marvel at the exploits of his former Real Madrid rival.

"Cristiano and Juventus were awesome," he told Movistar + following Wednesday's win over Lyon. "It was a big surprise because I thought Atletico would be stronger.

"But Juventus overcame them and Cristiano had a magical night with three goals." Messi and Barcelona must now wait until Friday's draw to see who they will face in the quarter-finals, but the 31-year-old doesn't see a preferred opponent in the last eight.

"All rivals are difficult, we can't choose," he said. "We have to wait for the draw and see who will be our rival.

"City, Juventus, Ajax, all are really good. Liverpool have offensive success and they showed at Munich. All of them will be complicated." Messi's star showing saw his club through against Lyon, but the

forward remained somewhat unhappy to have seen the Spanish giants lapse in the match after seemingly taking control.

A penalty from the Argentine coupled with Philippe Coutinho's first goal for the club since January had the Spanish outfit in control of Wednesday's contest. But a 58th minute strike from Lucas Tousart left Barcelona with a few moments of concern before Messi struck again 20 minutes later to put the tie to bed.

"We suffered during a little time, it was unnecessary, because we

complicated ourselves the match in a set play game when they haven't done nothing until this moment," he said. "Then we scored 3-1 and we were calm again and we found more space to counter attack.

"We look for a victory since the beginning of the match and after the first goal we were more relaxed with the ball and we showed our best version."

Late goals from Gerard Pique and Ousmane Dembele added some gloss to the scoreline for Barcelona, who will return to the pitch on Sunday with a Liga match against Real Betis.

Goal.com



Sane's new City contract held up by his mother

Leroy Sane's proposed Manchester City contract extension has been held up by his mother, Goal understands. City have been trying to sign Sane to a new deal since last summer but have so far been frustrated in their attempts to close negotiations.

The Premier League champions still believe the Germany winger will eventually commit his future to the club beyond 2021, when his current deal expires.

But as it stands they have been unable to make serious headway because the 23-year-old's mother, Regina Weber, has proven to be 'difficult' during the course of recent talks, sources close to the situation have told Goal.

Weber won a bronze medal for Germany at the 1984 Olympics for individual rhythmic gymnastics and has been involved in negotiations alongside Sane's father, Souleyman Sane, a former footballer who represented Senegal at international level.

Sane found himself out of the City team at the start of the season, with coach Pep Guardiola concerned about his frame of mind after being caught in the middle of a row between his parents and his then-pregnant girlfriend.

The reigning PFA Young Player of the Year recovered from that situation and has played an important role in City's push for four trophies.

And while he has spent some more time

on the bench in the past few weeks, he returned to the starting line-up and scored one goal and set up three more against his former club Schalke in the Champions League on Tuesday night.

Guardiola pointed out, however, that Sane started slowly in the last-16 clash, and suggested it might be down to a loss of confidence due to a lack of regular playing time of late.

"They are young guys," Guardiola said of Sane and his team-mate Raheem Sterling. "These ups and downs happen. I know it's not easy for Leroy, the last games he didn't play too much and the confidence always drops a little bit, I understand, but after 20 minutes he was outstanding for the goal, the assists. **Goal.com**



Left: Liverpool's Sadio Mane celebrates one of his goals against Bayern Munich as Liverpool ran over the Bavarians in a 3-1 win at the Allianz Arena. Right: Messi chips the ball over Lyon goalkeeper during Barcelona's 5-1 win the last 16 of the Champions League at Camp Nou. The quarter final draws will take place later today

By Abraham Kalito

Former FIFA development manager for Southern Africa Ashford Mamelodi says African football has failed to develop because of lack of inventive methods of administration to deal with issues affecting the fraternity. Mamelodi was quoted as stressing the need for Africans to improve the administration of especially at club level because clubs are the foundation of national teams and that they contribute to the standing of the country in international football. A FAZ statement stated that Mamelodi said this when he opened the two-day governance workshop for

Former FIFA manager bemoans Africa's poor football administrative skills

Super Division, Division One and Women clubs in Lusaka, Thursday. Mamelodi who is also former Cosafa General Secretary said African football has not developed in the last 50 years. "Governance is a major problem in African football. We are still running football in the same way for the past 50 years. We need to aspire to reach the level of the English Premier League," he said. Mamelodi said administration had hardly

received any attention as global trainers traversed the African continent. "We have strengthened the capacity of coaches and referees over the years, with FIFA trainers travelling across the continent but rarely did you see up-skilling of administrative

staff," Mamelodi said. "How many contributions have we made to leadership of the clubs? I would like us to leave here with the understanding that the challenge belongs to us." He is training administrators from Lusaka, Central,

Southern, Western and Eastern provinces over two days with the training shifting to Kitwe on Saturday and Sunday where the attendees from Copperbelt, North Western, Luapula, Muchinga and Northern provinces will also be enlightened.

The training covers fields such as general football structure, member association, leadership, good governance and clubs. FAZ has been holding regular trainings for administrators and affiliates across the country.



Luis Suarez wins a penalty which Lionel Messi converted for Barcelona's first goal against Lyon during the last 16 of the Champions League knockouts

CHIYANGI EYES 7 FOREIGN BASED STARS

By Abraham Kalito

National Soccer team interim coach Aggrey Chiyangi says he will consider summoning Black Leopards striker Mwape Musonda who is currently top scorer in the ABSA premiership with 12 goals. Meanwhile Chiyangi says he will summon seven foreign based players for the March 23 Afcon qualifier against Namibia scheduled to be played at the national

heroes stadium. Speaking to FAZ, Chiyangi said U23 players summoned for the U23 qualifying match against Malawi will not be considered for national team duty. "When we sit down, we are going to discuss and see if we can invite him and then come and have a look at him. It is important if somebody is doing well, you bring them and see

what they can offer," he said. "We will call some foreign based players apart from those that are playing for the Under-23. We will call

about six or seven," he said. Zambia hosts Namibia on March 23 at National Heroes Stadium in a Group K encounter with Chiyangi currently drilling the team.

