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Budget deficit swells to K17.2bn

By Natasha Sakala

MINISTER of Finance Dr Bwalya Ng'andu has announced an increase in the country's budget deficit to K17.2 billion from K14.8 billion announced in April.

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Opposition using ACC to weaken the Presidency - Kamba

By Julia Malunga

LUSAKA Province PF secretary Kennedy Kamba says he is one of the people that organized cadres to offer solidarity to Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya because it is an insult to accuse him of corruption for owning a speed boat.

Last week, corruption-charged Dr Chilufya failed to take plea in a case where he is alleged to be in possession of properties suspected to be proceeds of crime due to confusion caused by a horde of PF cadres.

In an interview, Kamba charged that the Anti-Corruption Commission

(ACC) of working with the opposition to weaken the presidency.

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Tutwa refutes public apology: "LAZ wrote it"

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

LUSAKA lawyer Tutwa Ngulube has distanced himself from a public apology attributed to him about his regret for accusing the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) for illegally staying in office early this year, claiming the legal body itself wrote it.

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE Lusaka High Court has dismissed an application by Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa's ex-wife Mwika Mwenechanya where she wanted an order for leave to issue committal proceedings against Sampa for failing to comply with a court order on child maintenance.

In her ruling, Lusaka High Court Judge Nicole Sharpe-Phiri found that the said application is academic in nature and had been overtaken by events in view of the attachment of earnings order issued by the deputy registrar against Sampa on July 19, 2019, where the Lusaka City Council (LCC) was ordered to make monthly payments.

In this matter, Mwika wanted the Court to cite Sampa for contempt of court for allegedly failing to comply with the Court's order dated, April 2019, which ordered him to be paying maintenance for the child of the family.

Mwika had asked the Lusaka High Court to order the LCC to be paying K7,000 every month out of Sampa's earnings for child maintenance.

She had disclosed that since the presentation of the petition for dissolution of marriage, Sampa had declined to make any financial contribution towards the child's monthly needs and also declined to pay her current school fees.

The High Court granted Mwika an order for the LCC, who are Sampa's employers, to make payment of K7,000 from the Mayor's earnings in accordance with the Affiliation and Maintenance of Children Act.

The Court also ordered the LCC to pay the

Court dismisses Miles' ex-wife petition to have him cited for contempt over child maintenance

outstanding school fees for the child.

But according to Mwika in an alleged contempt of court, Sampa had neglected to comply with the Court's order.

She, therefore, applied that Sampa be cited for contempt of court.

But Judge Phiri in her ruling, said leave for an order for committal against Sampa should not be readily granted particularly in aid of a civil remedy where there were other available avenues.

She said it was clear that at the time of filing the application for an order for committal against Sampa on June 25, 2019, Mwika's counsel had filed an earlier application for attachment of earnings, which was granted on July 19, 2019, several weeks before this application was heard before her.

Judge Phiri said it was also clear that Sampa had also filed an application for variation of the said maintenance order, which was the subject of this application.

"For the foregoing reason, I do find that this application is academic in nature and has been overtaken by events in view of the attachment of earnings order issued by the deputy registrar against him (Sampa) on the 19th July, 2019. Applications of this nature should not be taken lightly and brought in aid of a civil debt where there are other remedies for enforcing the debt," Judge

Phiri ruled.

"The applicant should have obtained satisfaction from the said order rendering these proceedings herein academic. In view of the above, the application is dismissed accordingly."

The history of this matter is that Sampa and Mwika were a married couple, but subsequently divorced by the Lusaka High Court through a judgement delivered on June 14, 2018.

Following the judgement for the dissolution of marriage, Mwika applied for an order for maintenance of the child of the family against Sampa before the deputy registrar of the High Court, who

rendered a ruling in the said matter on April 23, 2019.

Sampa was ordered to pay the outstanding balance of US \$13,000 school fees at

the American International School in Lusaka and pay a monthly sum of K7,000 towards the expenses of the said child of the family on



My Bill 10 petition not constitutional in nature, Mwiimbu tells court

By Zondiwe Mbewe

LEADER of the Opposition in Parliament Jack Mwiimbu has argued that the case where he is challenging Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini's decision to allow continued consideration of Bill 10 despite it lapsing does not raise any Constitutional issues.

Mwiimbu has submitted that the case is not in any way constitutional in nature as it is anchored on the established practice and procedure of the National Assembly, adding that therefore, the Constitutional Court does not have any jurisdiction to hear and determine the matters in contention.

Mwiimbu, who is also Monze Central UPND

member of parliament, adds that the Speaker in making his decision to allow continued Bill 10 proceedings, was discharging a public function which is amenable to review by the Lusaka High Court.

In this matter, Mwiimbu has applied for leave in the Lusaka High Court to commence judicial review proceedings against Dr Matibini's decision to allow the restoration to the order paper for consideration of Constitutional (Amendment) Bill No.10 of 2019, consequently to allow its continued debate and allow

the deferment of proceedings relating to the Bill to a yet to be advised date.

Mwiimbu who is represented by Lusaka lawyer Mulambo Haimbe of Malambo & Company has cited Attorney General Likando Kalaluka as a respondent, arguing that since the lapse of time, the Bill ceased to exist.

The State had, however, asked the court to dismiss the matter for want of jurisdiction.

Cecilia Sikatele, a deputy clerk of the National Assembly argued that the issues raised by Mwiimbu and the subsequent reliefs sought were wrongly

or before the 6th of every day of the month.

It was Mwika's deposition that despite having served the said ruling, Sampa had failed to pay maintenance of the child of the family for the months of May and June, 2019, as directed by the deputy registrar.

before the Lusaka High Court because they raised matters of a Constitutional nature, which the High Court was incompetent to hear and determine.

She added that "I verily believe that the Constitutional Court is the proper court to be seized with this matter."

But according to an Affidavit in reply filed in the Lusaka High Court recently, Mwiimbu submitted that the State's argument that after deliberations, the standing orders' committee resolved to extend the life of the Bill to a date not later than the last day of the current meeting, exposed the illegality of the Speaker's decision to allow the continued consideration, debate or other proceedings relating to Bill 10 in so far as the State confirms that the standing orders committee purported to extend the life of the Bill on March 24, 2020.

Mwiimbu further argued that the standing orders do not give the standing orders' committee any power to act in the manner that it purported to do contrary to what was deposed by the State.

"Contrary to what is stated by the State, this matter does not raise any Constitutional issues and therefore the Constitutional Court does not have any jurisdiction to hear and determine the matters in contention herein. Rather, it is the decision of the Speaker of the National Assembly to allow continued proceedings relating to the Bill despite it having lapsed that is in contention," he submitted.

"The National Assembly is a public institution and that the Speaker in making his decision was discharging a public function which is amenable to review by this court."

Meanwhile, High Court Judge Sharon Newa has reserved ruling after hearing arguments on both sides when the case came up in chambers yesterday.

Debt relief schemes could lead to credit rating downgrades, warns Absa CEO

By Natasha Sakala

ABSA Group Limited chief executive officer Daniel Mminele has warned African countries to be wary of participation in debt relief schemes as this could lead to them being downgraded and restrict their participation in the financial markets post-COVID-19.

And Mminele says the financial market position will continue to tighten sharply and affect liquidity conditions across some key markets in Africa following the negative economic outlook amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking during an online discussion moderated by Boston Consulting Group managing director and senior partner Adam Ikdal, last week, under the theme: "Africa's economist headwinds: How are the continents business leaders responding", Mminele cautioned that African countries needed to be careful by ensuring that their decisions did not affect their ability to participate in the financial markets in the long-term.

"I think it also worth noting that while private sector appetite may have softened on the back of a worsening macroeconomic backdrop, and many emerging market countries, of course, have received emergency funding for the likes of the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and the World Bank to ramp up the humanitarian response and stand the economic fall-out. But apart from creating this

fiscal space to allow countries to respond to these challenges, we have seen some multilateral and bilateral agreements in the sovereign space for the lower income countries resulting in some payment holidays and even debt relief in some. I know that there have been calls made for the private sector creditors to join in and, of course, in that vein, we have noted some comments from major rating agencies that imply that participation in various debt relief schemes could lead to adverse action i.e. some rating downgrades could ensue and that could end up restricting market access for some countries and constrain the much-needed post-COVID finance. And I guess why some of the proposals may, indeed, create this fiscal space temporarily to fight the pandemic, they just need to be considered very carefully so as not to inadvertently lead to challenges down the line," Mminele said.

He added that the current negative economic outlook had also seen sub-Saharan African economies face a Balance of Payments (BoP) risk as the deteriorating global sentiment contributed to falling commodity prices.

"As a result of this negative economic outlook, we are seeing financial market conditions tighten quite sharply and affecting liquidity conditions across some of our key markets. And, of course, as has been said before, many African countries

entered this crisis with already significantly weakened balance sheets limiting some of the effects that we've seen in terms of monetary policy wasting or financial sector policies that were meant to offset part of this tightening and financial conditions. We have around 20 African countries that are either at just close to debt distress levels and in the medium-term fiscal consolidation in some of the traditional donor countries. What that (means), for instance, eight budgets in which some of our African countries rely on quite heavily will also be affected. And sub-Saharan Africa also faces a Balance of Payments risk as the deteriorating global sentiment overall would have contributed to falling commodity prices," said Mminele.

"With the (Coronavirus) virus not having been brought under control across, certainly all the markets that we operate in, the outlook remains uncertain and down-side risks still quite considerable. With that said, we are expecting to see growth hold up reasonably well in countries, such as Ghana, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with expectations for more pronounced slowdowns when it comes to Botswana, Mauritius, Zambia and the Seychelles and, of course, with markets that rely heavily on sectors, such as tourism and leisure and commodity exports bearing the most of the brunt. In our largest market in South Africa, our most recent forecast, for instance, is for a contraction of 9.7 per cent in GDP.

And as most of you will be well aware, the unique challenges that we face as a continent, which complicate our responses when compared to advanced countries include obviously health system capacity, the strong density and strong organization, less efficient Internet connectivity and, of course, constrained fiscal resources."

Speaking during the same discussion, Ecobank group chief executive officer Ade Adeyemi reiterated the need for countries to be wary of their debt restructuring options as this would have a long-term negative effect on their access to finance.

"Every debt that is lent in the private sector is the savings of somebody else, and every time there is a default in terms of debt, it means that for the long-term you can no longer approach that market to be able to get money. It is difficult to scale-up donations to begin to create wealth to our continent. So, we need to be careful that we do not solve short-term problems with long-term absence from the market," advised Adeyemi.

Meanwhile, Afreximbank president and chairman of the board Professor Benedict Oramah observed that progress had been made in the creation of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA) and expressed optimism that the task to increase intra-Africa trade to 30 per cent from the current 17 per cent will be done before the targeted time.



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INFECTIOUS BURSAL DISEASE “GUMBORO” IN CHICKENS

By Dr Chikumbi Muonga, BVM

THE poultry industry in Zambia has been one of the fastest-growing subsectors of the livestock sector that produces a variety of protein-containing foods like chicken, eggs and many others. This subsector is said to contribute around 5% to agricultural gross domestic product and that 50% of consumed meat in Zambia is of chicken origin.

The current poultry production system allows farmers to rear large numbers of chickens in a relatively small space and thus be able to control certain environmental conditions within the chicken houses. With this production system, however, allows for the rapid spread of infectious diseases within a flock and to other flocks leading to significant economic losses.

Viral diseases are the most challenging to manage once broilers or layers are infected as there are usually no effective antiviral treatments available.

What Is Gumboro?

Gumboro is an acute, highly contagious (spreads easily) viral infection affecting young chickens, causing the suppression of the immune system. The name “Gumboro” comes from the area it was first recognized, Gumboro district, Delaware, USA. Chickens are the only hosts to develop clinical disease following exposure to the virus but other poultry like; turkeys, ducks, guinea fowl etc. can serve as a source of the virus if kept with chickens.

How does it develop?

The oral ingestion of contaminated organic material or faeces is the most likely route of infection. Once the virus is ingested, it travels, through the bloodstream, to the Bursa of Fabricius (immune system organ) and starts multiplying within the immature immune cells (B-lymphocytes). Once the immature immune cells are destroyed, the Bursa of Fabricius will not be capable of programming sufficient numbers of lymphocytes, and the chickens will become immunosuppressed.

What are the predisposing factors?

Poor to no vaccination program: Unvaccinated or poorly vaccinated flocks are highly susceptible to contracting gumboro with severe clinical manifestation as compared to vaccinated flocks.

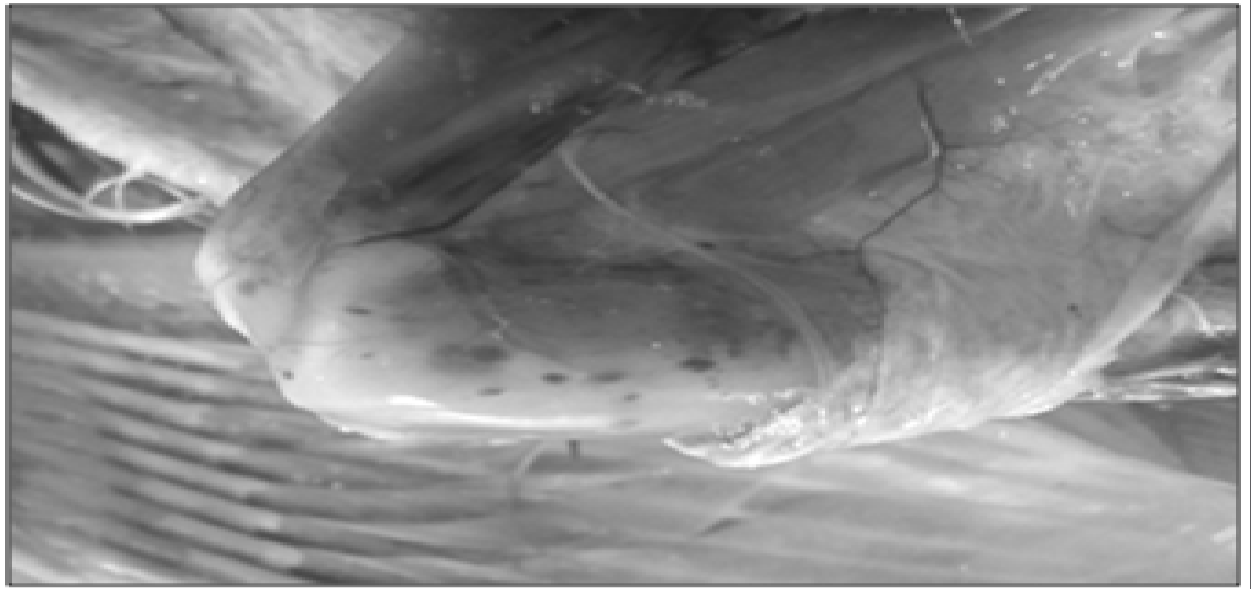
Multispecies farm: Other poultry like ducks, quails, turkeys etc. are hosts for the virus and if rear alongside broilers or layers will serve as a source of gumboro disease into the flock.

Absence of poultry biosecurity: lack of any form or level of biosecurity possess a major risk to the production as the flocks will be greatly exposed to all kinds of disease-causing organisms, including gumboro. Biosecurity is defined as all measures put in place to prevent the introduction of disease-causing organisms into your flock as well as controlling the spread, to other flocks, once the infection occurs. These measures include; isolation, traffic control and proper sanitation.

Age (Between 3 – 6 weeks old): During this period (3-6weeks) the Bursa of Fabricius is at its maximum rate of development and filled with immature immune cells (immature B-lymphocytes) in which the gumboro virus rapidly multiplies.

How can you identify the disease?

- Birds have ruffled feathers, reluctant to move (looking as though “wearing a jacket”) with a tendency to



sit.

- Whitish watery or mucoid diarrhoea with a spike in mortality
- Mortality pattern may range from 5% - 25% in broilers and 35% - 80% in layers
- On postmortem:
 - Petechial haemorrhages on skeletal muscles (breast and thigh muscles)
 - Bursa of Fabricius is enlarged, filled with a mucoid substance or small and hemorrhagic.
 - Increase in kidney urates and mucous in the intestines
 - Swollen necrotic spleen

How can one manage an infected flock?

There is no effective treatment for gumboro once it enters a flock. However, the following measures may lessen the overall severity of the disease.

- Isolate chickens showing clinical signs.
- Spray a poultry disinfectant on the litter at least once a day for 5-7 days, disinfect bell drinkers, feeders and any other equipment to reduce the viral load within the poultry house.
 - Assign individuals specifically to manage the affected flock only. They need not come into contact with un-affected flock.
 - Administer multivitamins to boost the immune system of the chickens
 - Administer antibiotics if a secondary bacterial infection is suspected.

How can you prevent the disease?

1. Vaccination: This is the most effective preventive method, and therefore, it is of great importance that it is done correctly. The following are recommendations for Gumboro vaccine handling, storage and administration.

- a. Vaccine Handling and Storage: Always transport the gumboro vaccine in insulated cooler container (away from direct sunlight) with ice packs. It must be stored at temperatures of between 2-8°C (store in a refrigerator but NEVER in the deep freezer compartment).

- b. Vaccine Administration

- Step 1: Remove/withdraw all medication, disinfectants and chlorine from the drinking water 48 hours before vaccination. Water tanks must be clean and

free of biofilm.

Restrict drinking water for 1hr – 1hr 30min, depending on weather conditions, to ensure all birds are thirsty and ready to drink once the vaccine is administered.

- Step 2: Calculate the volume of water to be used for vaccination. Add a vaccine stabilizer (blue dye) or skimmed milk into the calculated volume of water, wait for 20 – 30min.

Open vaccine vials into the water containing the blue dye. Use a graduated plastic bucket or prepare the vaccine directly in the water tank.

- Step 4: Dim lights to minimize stress on birds and then pour the reconstituted vaccine into the drinkers, or open the valve of the water tank.

Ensures sufficient drinker space to allow free access to the vaccine solution.

- Step 6: Walk through the house after one hour to encourage more bird activity at the drinkers.

Always administer drinking water vaccine during the coldest periods of the day (early in the morning or evening) and keep records of vaccine information.

2. Sanitation:

- Wheel dips, sprayers, foot dips, hand sanitizers/soaps and clean on-farm working clothes.
- Thorough disinfection of farm between flock cycles and allow adequate downtime between cycles.
- All Equipment be thoroughly washed and disinfected before being used.

3. Isolation

- Ensure no contact between broilers or layers with other poultry species, wild animals or rodents.
- Maintain “all-in all-out” system per production site

4. Traffic Control

- Restrict access into your flocks to only individuals managing the chickens
- Feed delivery vehicles are thoroughly disinfected before entry into your farms

Contact your veterinarian for more details.

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Maj Nsabimana Sankara Callixte, Monday, told the court that his group National Liberation Force (FLN) received money from the Zambian President Edgar Lungu to launch

attacks in Rwanda.

Maj Sankara who faces 17 charges including Terrorism and murder was appearing before court for hearing a case in which some of the victims of the rebel groups attack were seeking compensation for the suffering inflicted on them by the attacks.

Before the case commenced, Maj Sakara reportedly requested to be allowed to tell court about a funding his group got from one of the Presidents of country he didn't want to mention.

Chimpreport.com reports that the presiding judge granted him the opportunity and asked him to name the country and the president so that those seeking compensation also get to know.

He said towards the end of 2017, Zambian President

treated with the contempt they deserved.

“State House has noted with great dismay reports in the local and international media of the alleged submission made to Rwanda's High Court for International and Cross-border Crimes that His Excellency Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu President of the Republic of Zambia allegedly provided financial resources to a named Rwandan Organization to launch attacks in Rwanda,” stated Chipampe.

“State House would like to categorically refute these claims and wishes to state unequivocally that these allegations are false and must be treated with the contempt they deserve. The Governments and people of Zambia and Rwanda continue to enjoy strong and fraternal relations on mutual respect and a common purpose based on shared value and principles.”



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“It happened on a Saturday

Some PF cadres have been arrested for robbery at Lsk Central Police – Katongo

two weeks ago. I don't know if they beat up the police because I don't have that information I was getting everything from the police commissioner. So that is why I said it in general that they went and caused confusion at Lusaka Division. Lusaka Division and Lusaka Central Police are at the same place.”

On Saturday last week, Banda who remains on the run, mobilised armed PF cadres and stormed Lusaka Central Police where they beat up some unsuspecting officers on duty and got away with an undisclosed amount of money, belonging to one of the officers.

Sources say the incident happened after the C5 anti-robbery squad shot and killed a suspect earlier, who happens to be a relative to Banda. The suspected robber died after sustaining four bullet wounds.

This infuriated the PF official who demanded to meet the officers involved in the shooting incident. However, the officers did not comply, prompting Banda to mobilise cadres and besiege the provincial police headquarters, with at least one visible firearm.

Noting the arrival of Banda, armed with a gun, some officers scammed into hiding while one of the officers, Ian Mbewe who is charge of anti-

motor vehicle theft unit, fell victim to a thorough beating.

Banda and his gang then left the police station and went on the run, before officers could mobilise to take him on.

Speaking earlier when she appeared on Diamond TV's Diamond Live program, Monday, Katongo refuted allegations that the service sided with the ruling party.

“Those that attacked a radio station in Mpika, those that attacked a journalist in Southern Province, are they from the opposition? Where are they? They were arrested. That is where the problem

is because if it is something to do with the ruling party, people will not pay much attention no matter what you do as action from the police. Even you the media you want to turn a blind eye to show that nothing happened. So we shouldn't rush to say you are favouring the PF. We are not favouring anyone, that is why it is said that police officers are not supposed to be part of the active politics because we serve everyone in this country. The problem is that there are these strategies that political parties are using and the other strategies to smear mud on the

police institution,” Katongo said.

“You heard the statement from the Inspector General of Police on the people who were protesting in Mufulira, he was referring to those incidents. The one which happened at Lusaka Division which is still under investigation and there are people who have been picked up. We don't want to give that information yet because we are netting people, we want to arrest more people. But were those from the UPND? So why should people say police always side with the ruling party? Did we arrest

anyone in Southern Province when there was that conduct likely to cause a breach of peace? Inciting of violence when people were doing all sorts of things when the Head of State was passing? No one is talking or complaining. No one is saying ‘police why haven't you arrested those people?’”

Katongo wondered why people were always mute when the service took action against PF but cried foul whenever they applied the law on opposition parties.

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By Natasha Sakala

CITIZENS Economic Empowerment Commission (CEEC) Director General Likando Mukumbuta says the institution has moved its loan recovery rate to 65 per cent from 21 percent in 2013, signifying improved and timely repayment among entrepreneurs.

And Mukumbuta says the Commission is expecting to create 125,000 jobs by next year following the operationalization of industrial yards using the K1 billion COVID-19 Fund from the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Speaking when he featured on ZNBC's Sunday

We'll create 125,000 jobs between 2020-2021 – CEEC

Interview, Mukumbuta said that the Commission had been restructured and reorganized and was expecting to reach 80 per cent of loan recovery rate by 2022.

“You know that we've been reforming as an institution. We've been making a lot of headway. In the first three or four years of the institution, there were one or two challenges, which government set a task to fix. Government changed the board, changed the management and then we came up with a new strategic report. At that time, we had issues, such as we were appearing at PAC (Parliamentary Accounts Committee) for not producing financial statements and so on and so forth, but I will be glad to say that starting from 2013, all that has been cleared up. You will find that all our financial statements have been in order; all our audit statements have been clean; it's a very strong institution now. All our provincial offices are very operational; we've become a strong partner of the AfDB, of various other Ministries and other agencies and so on. Our loan recovery rate is very strong in the developing world: we started off at 21 per cent in 2013, we are now running at 65 per cent. We are on target to hit 80 per cent by 2022,” Mukumbuta said.

“As a matter of fact, we are doing quite well; out of the K350 million we've disbursed so far, K110 million is from the revolving fund so that is not money that has come from Treasury, but that has come from the Fund and that's a very good track record that we have.”

He, however, said government would soon be announcing new reserved sectors under the reservation schemes being implemented by the CEEC.

And Mukumbuta disclosed that the Commission would leverage

the COVID-19 Fund to operationalize the industrial yards, projected to create 125,000 jobs by next year.

“The money for the infrastructure was from the AfDB and now that that's done, the Ministry of Finance will come in. So, we are looking to leverage the COVID-19 funding to operationalize the industrial yards and to expand them...what backs that is the development of industrial yards so far in seven provinces. We've finished five already, Mongu is complete; Solwezi is complete; Kasama is complete; Ndola is complete; Chipata is complete. What that means is that we've now created the infrastructure where we are going to promote light manufacturing among citizens. The lines are going to be metal fabrication where we will be working with steel, we'll be processing our timber, some of these products we've been importing from China made out of timber will be made by our own young people. We are investing in automotive and mechanics; there is no reason why we should be importing air filters, oil filters, fuel filters. Those things we can manufacture in Zambia and then, of course, there is agro-processing, which is very huge,” Mukumbuta said.

“When you look at industrial yards that we are promoting that are under skills development projects for supporting women and youth, more than 50 per cent of those workshops are actually going to go to young people. In the cassava commercialization, we are creating 17,000 jobs, more than 50 per cent of those jobs are going to young people under the COVID-19 initiative that we've laid out. We are going to be creating 125,000 jobs between this year and next year, 50 per cent of those jobs are going to young people. Now, that is what counts, if you look at our portfolio, currently, we've

disbursed to 3,588 businesses in Zambia out of those, more than 1,100 have gone to young people, more than 1,000 have gone to women.”

He said of the five industrial yards that were complete, Mongu, Kasama and Chipata are fully subscribed awaiting operationalization.

“Fortunately, you know that we advertised, we informed Zambians that we've finished construction, can you apply. So, Mongu is fully subscribed now; Kasama is fully subscribed; Chipata is fully subscribed. We are still looking for more applications in Solwezi; we are still looking for more applications in Ndola in the sense that after receiving all the applications, evaluating them and so on, there are still some industrial workshops that are still don't have tenants so we are looking for that. So, the kind of people that are going to occupy them are going to be mostly women and youth because the project itself that has sponsored the yards is supported by the AfDB for supporting women and youth,” said Mukumbuta.

“So, looking forward, we are very confident that we've embraced the right strategies. Zambia is next month going to open the largest starch manufacturing plant in southern Africa owned by a Zambian from cassava. The import substitution for the mines in terms of the starch that they use for their copper refining is actually going to start being achieved through that operation. Through that operation, in Kalumbila alone, we are going to create about 30,000 jobs in the cassava value chain. Now, those are the kinds of strategies that speak to the change that we are looking for, that embraces the women, the youth backed by a strategy for transforming our economy from being a primary sector economy where we are now into an industrial base.”

Japan grants Zambia \$24m for upgrading of health centres

By Natasha Sakala

JAPAN has signed a grant of US\$24 million to Zambia for the upgrading of health centers in Mushili in Ndola and Chamboli in Kitwe to district hospital level.

This is the third phase of the project which commenced in 2015. Under phase one and phase two of this project, Japan supported the upgrading of some of Lusaka's health centres to district hospitals, at a total cost of approximately K980 million or US\$53 million which saw health centres in Matero, Chilenje, Kanyama, Chawama and Chipata townships of Lusaka upgraded and modernised to district hospital level.

During the signing ceremony, Finance Minister Dr Bwalya Ngandu said apart from what has been donated, government still needs support to undertake programs such as infrastructure, equipment and transport improvement among others.

“Through the signing of these notes and agreement, japan will provide a grant of approximately US\$24 million or K436 million for upgrading the two health centres, in Mushili (Ndola) and Chamboli (Kitwe) on the Copperbelt province. This project will also enhance health care provision and human development performance in the targeted locations and their surroundings. Your Excellency, this is a commendable step as it will complement the government's efforts in reducing the infrastructure gap in the health sector. This commitment is evident in Zambia's 7th national development plan goal that aims to facilitate the building of a countrywide health system that provides equitable access to essential medical products, vaccines, and technologies of assured quality, safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness. To attain this goal, we

still need support from development partners such as yourselves to undertake programmes including: Infrastructure, equipment and transport improvement; Medical commodities supply improvement; Health care financing improvement; and Health service delivery enhancement,” said Dr Ngandu.

And Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Mizuuchi Ryuta expressed hope that Dr Ngandu's efforts towards achieving debt sustainability for the country would bear fruit.

“It is our sincere hope that Finance Minister Ngandu's effort towards achieving debt sustainability will bear fruit. I am totally behind him, as he pursues his goal. At a time, H.E. President Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu in his statement of June 25 characterised the COVID-19 as “real”, we are still at half-way in our joint endeavour. Let us hope, however, that both of us will prevail in the end,” said Ambassador Ryuta.

The project will provide facilities and equipment to the existing two health centres such as; outpatient wards, emergency wards, examination rooms, x-ray rooms, laboratory rooms, pharmacies, admission wards, delivery rooms, and operation and surgical rooms, will all be upgraded, modernised, and some of them constructed, at the two health centres.

Further, the project will facilitate the provision and supply of medical equipment to the two health facilities which include: general x-ray imaging devices, operation tables, ceiling shadowless lamps, ultrasonic diagnostic devices, ECG machines, defibrillators, anaesthesia apparatus, electrosurgical units, patient monitoring equipment, auto biochemistry analysers, auto blood cell counters, autoclaves, dental units, and laundry machines.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A POLICE officer has testified before the Lusaka Magistrates' Court how an 11-year-old girl narrated to him that her aunt, a Zambia Air Force (ZAF) soldier, allegedly used to inflict pain on her using hot spoons and knives.

This is in a matter where Mildred Luwaile, a 33-year-old Zambia Air Force lieutenant, is charged with assault on a child.

It is alleged that on March 25, last year, Luwaile of ZAF Twin Palm, assaulted a child under the age of 16, who was under her care, thereby

ZAF officer used hot knives to inflict pain on niece, witness tells court

occasioning her Actual Bodily Harm (ABH).

When the matter came up for continued trial before Lusaka Magistrate Nthandose Chabala, Tuesday, Constable Frank Wakumelo testified that on April 12, last year, he was given a docket of assault on a child.

He said acting on the

docket, he followed the victim to ZAF Hospital in Twin Palm where she was admitted and nursing multiple injuries all over her body.

"The victim narrated to me that the accused used to inflict pain on her on several occasions. The medical report also showed that the actions leading to the wounds were

not natural or accidental," Wakumelo said.

He said the victim further told him that Luwaile also used to boil water in a kettle and pour it on her in the bath tub and further ordered her not to inform anyone about her injuries.

Wakumelo said the school only knew about the incident

when the victim's friend alerted them after spotting the multiple wounds on the child's body.

He said he later arrested Luwaile in connection with the offence and charged her since he had gathered overwhelming evidence against her.

Last year, the 11-year-old

girl narrated to the court that her auntie tortured her by heating spoons and knives and pressed them on her skin after accusing her of having stolen a slice of bread.

The juvenile told the Court that she tried to explain to Luwaile that she did consume the bread as it was eaten by her cousin who was left under her care.

She said Luwaile perpetually abused and inflicted pain on her body by heating a knife on the stove and when it got hot she would tie her hands behind and burn her with the hot object.

The victim said Luwaile once poured hot water on her as revenge for burning her child accidentally.

She further said the accused forced her to be spending nights in the garage, claiming that she used to bed-wet.

In cross-examination, the 11-year-old denied being taken to a pastor by her auntie for counselling on assertions that her behaviour was strange.

She said she was sent to the pastor for other errands and not counselling.

Meanwhile, the Court set August 25, this year, for a ruling on case or no case to answer in the matter after the State closed its case.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

LUSAKA lawyer Tutwa Ngulube has distanced himself from a public apology attributed to him about his regret for accusing the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) for illegally staying in office early this year, claiming the legal body itself wrote it.

Meanwhile, the Legal Disciplinary Committee has found Ngulube guilty and ordered him to issue a public apology, failure to which, his practicing license will be suspended.

According to the apology, which was published in some daily newspapers, Ngulube admitted to misleading the public and apologized for his actions.

"On 12th April, 2020, I issued a statement where I accused the executive of the Law Association of Zambia of occupying their office illegally. I made that statement without properly looking at the provision of the law and ended up misleading the public. I would, therefore, like to apologize to the president of the Law Association of Zambia Mr Eddie Mwitwa and his executive for that statement and to the entire legal profession for bringing it into disrepute. I would also like to apologize to the members of the public for misleading them with my statement," the apology read.

But in an interview, Ngulube claimed he had nothing to say because he did not draft the apology as it was the work of the LAZ Council.

"That matter was with the Legal Practitioners Committee, who drafted that apology. I have nothing to say about it because I may be accused of insulting them again. I do not want to comment on that matter. The best people to respond are LAZ themselves and not me. I did not draft the apology so I can't say much on it," said Ngulube.

According to the ruling of the LAZ Disciplinary Committee dated June 22, however, Ngulube was found guilty and ordered him to make a public apology as failure to do so would lead to his practicing license being suspended.

"It is certain to the Committee that the Respondent decided to use the media to turn a legal issue into a political fight... As penalty, the Respondent is ordered to issue a written

Tutwa refutes public apology: "LAZ wrote it"

public statement of apology to the president of the Law Association of Zambia and the entire membership within six days of this decision to be published in the daily newspapers at the Respondent's cost, failing which his practicing certificate will be suspended, which statement should be approved before publication. The matter is in the meantime referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further action," read the ruling.



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"In police we have our own regulations, and for us an arrest is not always necessary, the problem is that when we apply the same phrase when it is on the opposition, people will be okay with it. When we apply it to the ruling party, people will cry foul. Why should it be like that? The law has to be applied fairly and we have been fair when applying this law. When we arrest somebody from PF, people will be quiet. When we arrest someone from the opposition,

people talk. It should not be like that," she said.

Katongo said the cadres who were given a permit to protest against those opposing Bill 10 at parliament grounds last month were given guidelines to follow.

"We still have people coming to the police to say

'thank you for what you have done'. The issue is the nature of our work. We can't be overpowered by cadres that is why there is peace in this country. People will not appreciate the police. What transpired was that before that protest the protestors had already written to the police

commissioner in Lusaka and they were not allowed, there were given an alternative date. They were given conditions also that is why you saw they were in pockets, there were not a lot of them because of the COVID-19 regulations and they were told if they were going to Parliament, they were

going to go in buses and make sure there were social distance, and there was social distance," Katongo said.

Asked if the youths who protested in the bush were given an alternative date, Katongo said they did not follow the law to the latter from the onset.

"The Public Order Act demands that when we say 'no, you appeal to the Minister of Home Affairs', how many have appealed? If you are not happy with the outcome from his ministry, you can go to the High Court? It is because you don't want to follow the law to the latter? You want to do what you want. We will not allow that as Zambia Police Service so don't compare instances you don't understand well. Had we told the youths that we just want a few of you, would they have accepted? So that is how it is," she responded.

Meanwhile, when asked if there was enough manpower to handle next year's general election, Katongo said manpower would not be enough but that the service would still manage.

"Manpower will never be enough. We have handled elections even before with the manpower we have and we thank the government because they are intending to have some officers recruited in the policing. But even then, we will not say that those numbers will be enough to police elections but with the same human resources that we have we are going to manage the elections the same way we have been managing in the past," said Katongo.

Some PF cadres have been arrested for robbery at Lsk Central Police – Katongo

Opposition using ACC to weaken the Presidency – Kamba

By Julia Malunga

LUSAKA Province PF secretary Kennedy Kamba says he is one of the people that organized cadres to offer solidarity to Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya because it is an insult to accuse him of corruption for owning a speed boat.

Last week, corruption-charged Dr Chilufya failed to take plea in a case where he is alleged to be in possession of properties suspected to be proceeds of crime due to confusion caused by a horde of PF cadres.

In an interview, Kamba charged that the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) of working with the opposition to weaken

the presidency.

"Yes, I was one of the people that organized cadres at court. And what we are saying that we wanted to offer solidarity to the President and the Health Minister because all in all, these opposition parties are labelling our leaders with cases which cannot be proved. We are going to support Chilufya because we feel that those charges against him they are being fabricated. The Anti-Corruption Commission is being used by the opposition to weaken the presidency so this is why we strongly feel that we need to give support to the ministers and the President. Up to now, Chishimba

Kambwili has not been convicted by the same courts of law, they haven't proved that he is corrupt. It is the same ACC who made the President fire him on the same allegations," Kamba said.

"How many ministers are we going to remain with in Cabinet? And if you have taken note, the only ministers that they are pointing of being corrupt are ministers who hail from Northern Province and Muchinga why? Because they strongly feel that those are the strongholds of the PF. It is not only people who were at the court that belonged to the PF, no. Some of them came for other court cases. There were also cadres from the National Democratic Congress because Kambwili was appearing in court. The Chiefs also came to offer solidarity to their son. Chilufya started business way back. Today somebody should be sent to court over a speed boat? What kind of an insult is that?"

Kamba, however, said he would instruct party structures to let the court do their work when Dr Chilufya appears again on July 16.

"When he appears on 16th July, we are going to issue instructions to party leaders that we should not disturb the court proceeding at court. We are going to allow the court to do their job and to make sure that the case is disposed off quickly," said Kamba.



Disruption of court cases by cadres signifies total anarchy in Zambia – Kalaba

By Julia Malunga

DEMOCRATIC Party leader Harry Kalaba says there is anarchy in Zambia as evidenced by the multitude of cadres that caused confusion when Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya appeared in court last week.

Last week, corruption-charged Dr Chilufya failed to take plea in a case where he is alleged to be in possession of properties suspected to be proceeds of crime due to confusion caused by a horde of PF cadres, who besieged the Magistrates' Court premises.

In an interview, Kalaba wondered how cadres could overpower the Judiciary, lamenting that there was complete anarchy in the country.

"There is total anarchy in the country! How can court cases fail to take place because of cadres? We are not going anywhere with this, we are wasting our time. If the Court can be intimidated, what about the rest of the people? If the Judiciary can experience such things, then you know we are in trouble. We are playing to the gallery; it is all politics," said Kalaba.

Dr Chilufya has been charged with four charges of possession of property suspected to be proceeds of crime to section 71 (1) of the Forfeiture of Proceeds of Crime Act No. 19 of the 2010 of the laws of Zambia.

In the first count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on a date unknown, but between December 1, 2016, and December 31, 2017, in Lusaka possessed US \$200,000, which was used to purchase 6,000 shares in Samfya Marines and Tourism Services Limited, property suspected to be proceeds of crime.

In the second count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on a date unknown, but between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017, in Lusaka possessed K270,000 cash, which was used to purchase 2,000 shares in Samfya Marines and Tourism Services Limited from Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited, property suspected of being proceeds of crime.

In the third count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on an unknown date, but between January 1, 2018, and December 30, 2019, possessed K3,000,000, which was used to purchase Plot No. 365/366 also known as Spark Guest House situated in Mansa District of Luapula Property, property reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime.

In the last count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on a date unknown, but between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017, in Lusaka possessed US \$52,000, which was used to purchase a passenger boat also known as Transport 32 from Smart Own FZE of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, property reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime.

By Natasha Sakala
MINISTER of Finance Dr Bwalya Ng'andu has announced an increase in the country's budget deficit to K17.2 billion from K14.8 billion announced in April.

And Dr Ng'andu says K6.8 billion has so far been raised from the K8 billion Covid bond that was recently issued by the Bank of Zambia.

Meanwhile, Dr Ng'andu says 23 percent of the approved K3,875.6 from the K10 billion medium term refinancing facility has so far been disbursed.

Speaking when he rendered a ministerial statement in Parliament, Tuesday, the Dr Ng'andu attributed the widening budget deficit to a reduction in economic activity.

"Mr Speaker, it is estimated that the budgeted 2020 resource envelope will fall short of target by approximately K17.2 billion of the approved 2020 budget. The budgetary shortfall will be on account of the following: a revenue reduction of K12.8 billion arising mainly from the loss of exceptional revenue which was anticipated, Covid related tax relief measures and the general reduction in economic activity; and External Financing of K4.35 billion no longer expected to materialize. In this regard Mr. Speaker, domestic revenues in 2020 are projected to be 17.8 percent below the budget target. Tax revenues are now projected at K47.0 billion against a budget target of 53.9 billion representing a decline of 12.7 percent. The Non-Tax Revenue category is now projected to outperform the budget target of K11.3 billion by 7.3 percent at K12.1 billion. This performance is largely attributed to receipts from dividends and on-lending activities," he said.

He said that external debt service was expected to increase by K2.2 billion this year due to the depreciation of the kwacha.

"Mr Speaker, Government spending in 2020 is expected to increase by an estimated K9.7 billion. This is due to increased Government spending on Covid-19 related interventions and increased external debt payments and other foreign currency

Budget deficit grows to K17.2bn



denominated expenditures affected by the depreciation of the kwacha. External debt service is expected to increase by K2.2 billion. Mr. Speaker, the decline in revenues and the increase in expenditures is expected to create a financing gap of K26.9 billion, due to: A loss of resources amounting to K17.2 billion; and An increase in expenditures amounting to K9.7 billion. To close the financing gap, expenditure cuts will have to be introduced because raising financing from the domestic securities market will be constrained by the economic environment and borrowing from external sources is not sustainable as it poses further foreign exchange risks on our future earnings," he said.

"Mr. Speaker, the prudent management of our financing has even become more important in view of the resource requirements to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. We need to give priority to the effective management of our resources to meet our urgent health risks. To this end, Government has engaged the services of an internationally renowned financial institution to provide financial advisory services to the Government in relation to the liability management of its debt portfolio. This exercise, once completed should result in an amicable agreement with creditors and bond holders on the level of debt service payments in the medium term and provide Government the necessary relief to address the immediate risk and challenges. In view of the fact that revenues have declined while expenditures have increased, we are in the process of revising the 2020 Budget, for which I will be seeking approval from this House within this current sitting."

And Dr Ng'andu said no

foreign expenditures would be made using the Covid bond as it was issued to finance domestic expenditures.

"Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that the Ministry has progressed with the modalities of setting up of an SME Fund that was directed by his Excellency the President. The funds to be used will be allocated from the Covid-19 Mitigation Bond. The Bond is targeting to raise up to K8 billion in tranches from the Banking sector and Pension Funds. Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that so far, Government has managed to raise K6.8 billion. The bond proceeds will solely target to finance domestic expenditures as it is supposed to be applied to boost the economy. No foreign related expenditures will be covered as this will defeat the objective of improving liquidity in the market and negatively impacting the exchange rate of the Kwacha against major tradable currencies," he said.

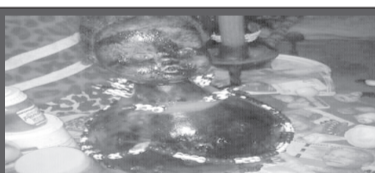
Meanwhile, Dr Ng'andu announced that 9,762 beneficiaries had so far received their funds from the K10 billion facility.

"Mr. Speaker, the financial sector's liquidity challenges have further been eased

through the Bank of Zambia's K10 Billion Medium-Term Refinancing Facility. This Facility is available eligible commercial banks and non-bank financial institutions to access in order to restructure, refinance or extend credit to businesses and households impacted by Covid-19 on more favourable terms. I wish to report that the uptake of the facility commenced with applications from the Banking Sector and Non-Bank Financial Sector being processed and approved by the Bank of Zambia. As at 13th July 2020, we have had eleven (11) banks and twelve (12) non-bank financial institutions submitting applications for financing worth a total of K4,821.2 million, out of which K3,875.6 million has been approved. This represents 80 percent approval of total financing requested and of which twenty three percent (23%) has already been disbursed to 9,762 beneficiaries. Sir, I should emphasize that these funds are meant for relief on the part of business and are offered at relatively lower interest rates. It is expected that financial service providers will pass this benefit to their customers," said Dr Ng'andu.

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THE news that a PF official mobilised cadres, armed with guns and went to attack Lusaka Central Police where they beat up officers and got away with money makes very sad reading. We have never seen this level of lawlessness. This is a story we wish could have been fake news. What is even more heartbreaking is that the party in power has remained unmoved over the development, and sees no need to condemn or announce measures that will be taken to deal with the culprit. This attack happened last Saturday, but to this day, the PF has said nothing about the police raid which was orchestrated by the party's Provincial Youth Chairman.

We will talk about President Lungu a little later, but why is the PF silent? Is it because they find nothing wrong with this behaviour? In previous governments, cadres used to have fear. Even under Michael Sata's PF, there was an extent to which cadres and party officials could go with their mischief. It would never get as far as raiding a police station to beat up officers. This is anarchy of the highest order. Surely, Zambia is in a state of unimaginable lawlessness.

Who would dare attack the police at their station, in their offices? How can a civilian gather the courage to stage an armed ambush on the provincial headquarters of the police force? The biggest police station in the country. In a normal country, only a person who is tired of life and is exploring adventurous ways of dying would dare the police in that manner. In fact, in other jurisdictions, if you assault a police officer, the entire police force

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We're on our way to becoming a failed state

will be after you until you are severely dealt with. Even hard core criminals, murderers, know never to touch a police officer. They don't kill cops because they know the consequences are unbearable. Now here in Zambia, if cadres and ruling party officials don't fear the police who are they going to fear? If they don't respect the law enforcement officer, how will they respect the law?

Even assuming that this PF official had a legitimate complaint against the police, he has no right to ambush their station with guns and beat up officers. We have laws in the country. Police officers who do something wrong are not available for physical discipline from members of the public, they have their own internal disciplinary procedures. They can be suspended, indicted and prosecuted where need be, before they are discharged from the service. If that procedure does not mete out justice to the satisfaction of the public, there is a Police Public Complaints Commission. No

citizen has the right to attack the police.

What we are seeing under this government is very scary. The level to which the police have been reduced is dangerous for the country. Police scampering to safety upon seeing an armed PF official with cadres storm their station is something that is incomprehensible? How can a government allow its law enforcers to be subjected to such impotency? If the police cannot protect themselves, who can they protect?

Now, we must say that this ordeal reflects very badly on the Republican President who is running this country. If ruling party officials can have the courage to raid the provincial police headquarters with guns and beat up officers, what stops them from coming to beat you up in State House when you do something they don't like? We ask because State House is manned by police, and if cadres have such superior power over police officers, how safe are you?

When this attack was happening at Lusaka Central Police, President Lungu was out there condemning violence from the opposition. His own party official was staging what we would call a terrorist attack in Lusaka, and to this day, he has not said anything about it. Why? Our readers may be interested to know that this fugitive called Emmanuel Jay Banda is not a first time offender. Banda is the same PF official who urinated in the mouth of then Post Newspaper reporter Peter Sukwa in December 2015 during the presidential by-election campaigns in Vubwi. He was fined K14,000 for assault after being found guilty by the Vubwi Magistrates' Court, and he has not reformed.

In February last year, Banda was expelled from the party by Provincial Chairman Andrew Lubusha, on grounds that he had breached the PF constitution, but President Edgar Lungu expressly nullified the expulsion, saying Banda, who was

a Petauke District official then, had not been granted an opportunity to be heard. A few months later, Banda was elevated to the rank of Provincial Youth Chairman, a post he currently occupies. And he has continued to cause havoc in the country.

Banda is the PF official who, in February this year, led a group of cadres to go and disrupt a Law Association of Zambia-organised public discussion on Bill 10 held at Intercontinental Hotel. Nobody condemned him from the party, and he has since continued to cause havoc. Why is President Lungu doing this to a country which he claims to love?

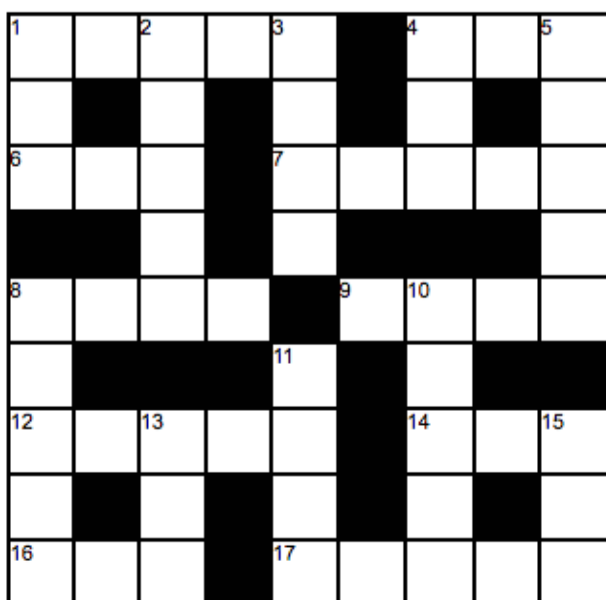
Emmanuel Jay Banda is not a person who is not known to the Head of State. This is a personal friend of President Lungu, and we know this for a fact. Banda, who is famously known as Jay Jay is the gentlemen President Lungu used when he was trying to re-establish his links with his relatives in Mkwama Village of Petauke District in 2015.

The President assigned this gentleman to deliver material support to his Petauke relatives, and the two are very close. If this information is inaccurate, we challenge State House to refute it so that we show proof.

Our point is that this fugitive called Jay Jay is more than just a PF official, he is a personal friend of the President who should lead in the observance of rule of law. If the President's family and friends are permitted to do this without any consequences, this country will become ungovernable because no one will have respect for the law or the law enforcement wings. It is a shame that State House is silent on such a terrorist conduct from a person who walks the corridors of power. How can the President claim that he detests violence when his own people, his own family is involved in such acts of anarchy? Zambia is on its way to becoming a failed state.

Mr President Sir, you should be ashamed that you have undressed the Police. You have reduced our men and women in uniform to powerless victims of your violent clique in the ruling party. Even security guards can claim to be feared and dignified than our police. Look at the fear you have bestowed on police officers. Does this make you proud as a Head of State? The police have no union that speaks for them, it is your duty to protect their rights and dignity. How can a cadre have power to walk into a police station and beat up a police officer? Bwana Lungu! And you still want to continue ruling this country? Kwena, even the police must be looking forward to 2021 so that they can reclaim their authority.

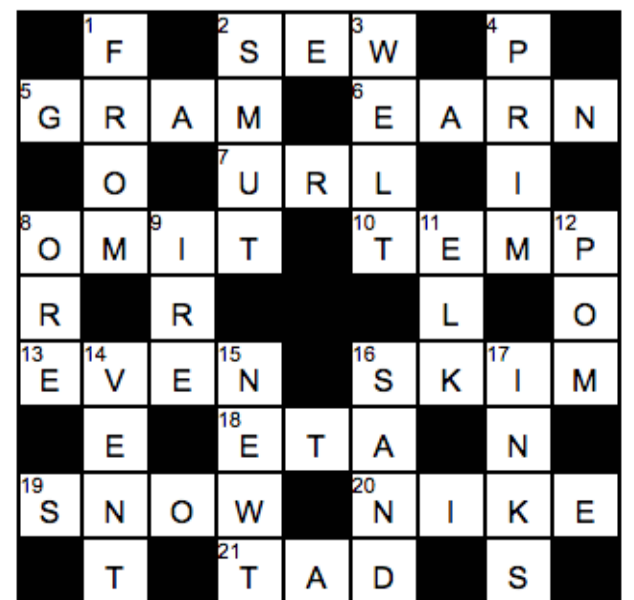
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| 4. Rum __ Tugger ("Cat's" character) | 2. Computer giant |
| 6. Small taste | 3. Hatchling's home |
| 7. Alley cat | 4. Black sticky substance |
| 8. More than want | 5. City Hall bigwig |
| 9. Aroma | 8. Virtuous |
| 12. Insignia | 10. Water outlet |
| 14. Hi-fi component | 11. Level of hotness |
| 16. Bigg__ Loser | 13. Small round mark |
| 17. On edge | 15. Baked fruity dessert |

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PF MP's claim that only ruling party has mandate to speak on radio in Mufulira

Editor,
 "Industrial lawlessness as Laura puts it. Which law gives him such a mandate? Why do people claim powers they do not possess?" - George Kanyama
 "The kind of politics being practiced in Zambia today are hopeless, to say the least. This kind of reasoning in a democratic country is just taking us right back to the days of Kaunda's one party participatory democracy". -

Evans Mwamba
 "What can we attribute these hallucinations and panic to? Is it the realisation of the strong possibility of loss of power or what? What is being done and said by those in power has suddenly and completely become mind boggling. One can't simply explain what is going on in this camp of the ruling Party!" - Kanyata Mubita
 "Unless the PF had the monopoly of wisdom then they only can speak. They are busy campaigning


by always talking ill about their opponents including accusing them of gassings, then u want them to be quiet. They have to give their side of stories for people to make decisions. Zambia is a democracy and belongs to all of us!" - Preston Kasempa
 "Even if you talk on radio, we don't want PF, this time it's a time of change!" - Yshmael Nyiros Chulu
 "This kind of thinking is dangerous. A radio station or any media house is mandated to disseminate, educate and inform the public on any piece of information!" - Victor Chongo
 "Which law is he quoting?!" - John Mumbo

UNZA VC's ban on staff from airing grievances in public media

Editor,
 "A hub of intellectuals like a university should be the last place for such stupidity!" - Richard Waga
 "The situation in the country is getting serious, now if the highest institution of learning can equally be not spared of this intimidation! Anyway they deserve it, after all they are the ones that rushed in giving the doctorate in good governance!" - Lydia Ndandalika
 "This is so primitive. UNZA should be the bastion of freedom

and hope". - Bright Sindano
 "Even very educated people have become rubbish.... coming from an institution that even offers human rights courses? It's really real beans!" - Joseph Kashiwa
 "A university championing such stupidity... What more a cadre?!" - Winford Mupaka
 "Mmmmh... stupidity has grown MWEBANTU, naku UNZA konse, did the vice Chancellor say where? If not public Media". - Rich MK

"A whole MP talking like this... Bane vote wisely next year!" - Wagner Chisala Chipulu
 "We really have illiterates in government. One philosopher once said, never underestimate the power of stupid people in large numbers". - Richard Waga



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Telesphore's 100% right on Lungu's time being up'

Dear editor,
 "You are 100% correct Bishop. Thieves must go! Enough is enough! Twanaka!" - Fidelis Kalenga Mwilwa
 "PF has brought evil on us, they indeed must go!" - Collins Mushokabanji
 "Volume! More and more volume bishop! Church is listening and Zambia as a nation". - Bwalya Boniface Mubanga
 "True they are day dreaming if they think they still have grip on the ground".

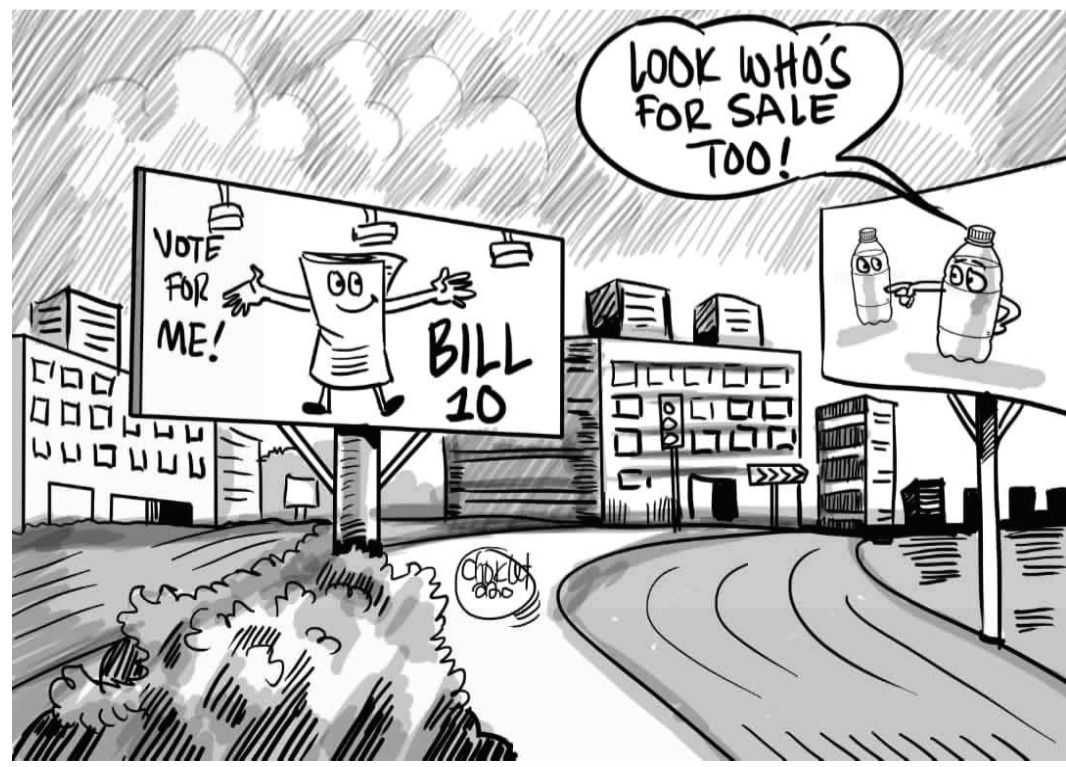
- Jonathan Siachobe
 "I expect the church to be guiding us properly and in a good manner, those who are praising this government are not worthy to be called churches. Bishop I stand with you because that's the truth". - Felix Andrew Bwalya
 "Very true Archbishop, we need a breath of fresh air". -

Kasongo Lundu
 "Not just Lungu but the entire PF should go...!" - Ian Malekhanie
 "He is even late to start packing his suitcases". - Crispin Simwinga
 "Yebo yes That's it". - Marlon Wilkinson

'Attacking radio stations by PF cadres should come to an end'

Dear editor,
 "Say attacking radio stations by PF cadres should come to an end, and until the talk is walked that's when we will see that you are serious." - Bruce Hakayobe
 "Just say PF.. They're the ones intruding court premises, they're the ones demonstrating without your permit and they're the ones attacking radio stations whenever a named opposition leader features... So bwana IG deeds not words!" - Ian Malekhanie
 "Which thugs? let's be specific. I think police can know which ones they are..." - Victor Hanzooma
 "Cadres having walkie talkies, ranking themselves @commander, having handcuffs, having tassers, having police waist coats etc!" - Joe Mwale
 "Can we speak by showing actions bwana IG". - Banda Sostain

"Arrest those that have already committed these crimes, I am sure the radio owners can identify the culprits and then the vice will end". - Chishimba Shipanuka
 "As if he means what he is saying, he is even scared to say attacking radio stations by PF thugs must stop". - Noritah Mwanza
 "Its only PF thugs that go to the radio stations ba Kanganja, why mulepita mumbali? Just tell their leaders straight!" - Temfuma Sam
 "This is when the news about attacks have gotten to his ears? What a shame!" - Lydia Ndandalika
 "Yama you have failed to be an effective IG. You are a compromised cadre finito!" - Phield Ngwewa
 "Resignation could be the only best thing you can do sir... So that you could save your INTEGRITY that if there is something left in you..." - Belington Mulenga Chisenga



THE UK's mobile providers are being banned from buying new Huawei 5G equipment after 31 December, and they must also remove all the Chinese firm's 5G kit from their networks by 2027.

Digital Secretary Oliver Dowden told the House of Commons of the decision.

It follows sanctions imposed by Washington, which claims the firm poses a national security threat - something Huawei denies.

Mr Dowden said the move would delay the country's 5G rollout by a year.

He added that the cumulative cost of this, and earlier restrictions announced against Huawei earlier in the year, would be up to £2bn.

"This has not been an easy decision, but it is the right one for the UK telecoms networks, for our national security and our economy, both now and indeed in the long run," he said.

Because the US sanctions only affect future equipment, the government has been advised there is no security justification for removing 2G, 3G and 4G equipment supplied by Huawei.

However, when swapping out the company's masts, networks are likely to switch to a different vendor to

UK bans China's Huawei from 5G networks

provide the earlier-generation services.

Huawei said the move was: "Bad news for anyone in the UK with a mobile phone" and threatened to "move Britain into the digital slow lane, push up bills and deepen the digital divide."

New restrictions are also being applied to use of the company's broadband kit.

The government has also been advised operators should "transition away" from purchasing new Huawei equipment for use in the full-fibre network, ideally within the next two years.

Mr Dowden said the government would "embark on a short technical consultation" with operators about this.

He explained that the UK needed to avoid becoming dependent on Nokia as the single supplier of some equipment, and he wanted to avoid "unnecessary delays" to the government's gigabit-for-all by 2025 pledge.

The action, however, does not affect Huawei's ability to sell its smartphones to consumers or how they will run.

Chip concerns
The UK last reviewed Huawei's role in its telecoms infrastructure in January, when it was decided to let the firm remain a supplier but introduced a cap on its market share.

But in May the US introduced new sanctions designed to disrupt Huawei's ability to get its own chips manufactured.

This led security officials to conclude they could no longer assure the security of its products if the company had to start sourcing chips from third-parties for use in its equipment.

The minister cited a review carried out by GCHQ's National Cyber Security Centre as being the motivation for the changes.

"Huawei claims to have

stockpiles of parts that they can use, but this obviously affects what the NCSC can say about their products going forward," blogged Dr Ian Levy, the agency's technical director.

"We think that Huawei products that are adapted to cope with the [sanctions] are likely to suffer more security and reliability problems because of the massive engineering challenge ahead of them, and it will be harder for us to be confident in their use within our mitigation strategy."

But other political considerations are also likely to have also come into play including the UK's desire to strike a trade deal with the US, and growing tensions with China over its handling of the coronavirus outbreak and its treatment of Hong Kong.

Some backbench Tory MPs had pressed for a shorter time-span for its removal, in particular there had been calls for the 5G ban to come into effect before the next election in May 2024.

However, Mr Dowden said that "the shorter we make the timetable for removal,

the greater the risk of actual disruption to mobile phone networks".

BT and Vodafone had warned that customers could face mobile blackouts if they were forced to remove all of Huawei's 5G kit in less time.

Hopes on the part of government that this decision may put the Huawei issue to bed may be optimistic.

The reason that we are here again despite a decision in January is because one of the key players - the US - played a new card in the form of sanctions.

And there is still time between now and legislation coming to parliament in Autumn for others to do the same - whether Conservative backbenchers or Beijing.

In the long run, many countries will be watching carefully how China reacts.

Will it feel it needs to punish the UK in order to discourage others from following its lead on 5G? Or will it want to avoid being seen as a bully and prefer to try and influence the decision more subtly? Whatever the case, the Huawei story in the UK is not over yet.

Chairman resigns

Huawei says it employs about 1,600 people in the UK and claims to be one of Britain's largest sources of investment from China.

The firm - whose shares are not publicly traded - does not

provide a regional breakdown of its earnings. But on Monday, it announced a 13% rise in sales for the first half of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, totalling 454bn yuan (\$64.8bn; £51.3bn).

The UK will have accounted for a fraction of that. The firm's UK chief recently noted that Huawei had only deployed a total of 20,000 base stations in the UK so far, but by contrast expects to deliver a total of 500,000 globally this year.

Even so, what the firm fears and Washington hopes is that other countries will now follow Westminster's lead with bans of their own.

Despite there seeming little chance of a U-turn, Huawei said it was still urging UK ministers to reconsider.

"We will conduct a detailed review of what today's announcement means for our business here and will work with the UK government to explain how we can continue to contribute to a better connected Britain," spokesman Ed Brewster said.

Shortly before the announcement Sky News revealed that Lord Browne, Huawei's UK chairman and the ex-chief executive of BP, would be leaving the Chinese company before his term had expired. It said he had given his notice a few days ago and would formally step down in September. BBC



The shock death of Ivory Coast's prime minister and front-runner for forthcoming presidential elections, Amadou Gon Coulibaly, dominates the newspaper front pages

THE United Arab Emirates will despatch a satellite to Mars to study its weather and climate this week.

Hope, as the 1.3-tonne probe is called, is launching on an H-2A rocket from Japan's remote Tanegashima spaceport.

The 500-million-km journey should see the robotic craft arrive in February 2021 -

'Hope' and ambition drive UAE's Mars mission

in time for the 50th anniversary of the UAE's formation.

Lift-off is scheduled for 05:43 local time on Friday (20:43 GMT; 21:43 BST on Thursday).

An earlier attempt on Wednesday was called off ahead

of time because of expected poor weather conditions over Tanegashima.

Hope is one of three missions launching to Mars this month. The US and China both have surface rovers in the late stages of preparation.

Why is the UAE going to Mars?

The UAE has limited experience of designing and manufacturing spacecraft - and yet here it is attempting something only the US, Russia, Europe and India have succeeded in doing. But it speaks to the Emiratis' ambition that they should dare to take on this challenge.

Their engineers, mentored by American experts, have produced a sophisticated probe in just six years - and when this satellite gets to Mars, it's expected to deliver novel science, revealing fresh insights on the workings of the planet's atmosphere.

In particular, scientists think it can add to our understanding of how Mars lost much of its air and with it a great deal of its water.

The Hope probe is regarded very much as a vehicle for inspiration - something that will attract more young people in the Emirates and across the

Arab region to take up the sciences in school and in higher education.

The satellite is one of a number of projects the UAE government says signals its intention to move the country away from a dependence on oil and gas and towards a future based on a knowledge economy.

But as ever when it comes to Mars, the risks are high. A half of all missions sent to the Red Planet have ended in failure. Hope project director, Omran Sharif, recognises the dangers but insists his country is right to try.

"This is a research and development mission and, yes, failure is an option," he told BBC News.

"However, failure to progress as a nation is not an option. And what matters the most here is the capacity and the capability that the UAE gained out of this mission, and the knowledge it brought into the country." BBC

July 13, which she shared on Twitter on Tuesday.

Mining companies must provide healthcare for workers and their families, as well as decent housing and a healthy diet for confined workers, Nkula said.

Companies mining in Congo's southern copper belt include Glencore subsidiary Katanga Mining, China Molybdenum's Tenke Fungurume, MMG, and Chemaf, while Ivanhoe is developing two copper mines there.

Six workers at Glencore's Kamoto Copper Company (KCC) mine in Lualaba province tested positive for the coronavirus, KCC said a week ago.

Companies in Lualaba have a month from July 2 to prepare sanitation measures and release all workers confined for more than a month. In Haut-Katanga the period runs from July 6, the letter said.

Congo is Africa's top producer of copper and the world's main source of cobalt, accounting for two-thirds of global supplies of the metal used in smartphones and electric car batteries.

Mines minister Willy Kitobo Samsoni has warned that full mine shutdowns would trigger a "catastrophic" economic and social crisis in the country, with the industry contributing 32% of its GDP and 95% of export revenue in 2018. Reuters



Robotic probe: Hope has taken six years to develop

By Abraham Kalito

THE Zambia Mixed Martial Arts Association (ZMMAA) has revealed plans to launch an amateur national league.

In a statement, the association revealed that the move was aimed at expanding their opportunities to create world champions.

“The Zambia Mixed Martial Arts Association (ZMMAA) makes a new addition to the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF) family from Africa. The organisation represents the majority of practitioners in Zambia’s Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) community and aims to expand their opportunities through the establishment of a national amateur league and coaches’ certification. ZMMAA President Benjamin Bush brings significant experience in sport development through his extended work in sport management,

Martial Arts Association to launch amateur league

athlete development and social projects which use martial arts to help the underprivileged,” a statement read.

“This includes an ongoing programme in Zambia’s capital city, Lusaka, using MMA as a vehicle for engaging youth in self-development to engender social change. Despite being a young federation, ZMMAA has set exceptional standards for the development of MMA and has achieved approval for the sport under the Zambia Martial Art Federation (ZAMAF) which sits under the National Sports Council of Zambia.”

The planned

establishment of the league is further aimed at enhancing the performance of martial artists.

“Membership to the ZMMAA provides a wide range of benefits, including access to seminars and clinics for technical training, refereeing and judging, cornering, event management, strength and conditioning, sports rehabilitation and sports psychology. The governing body provides judges, referees and sanctioning officials for competitions,” the statement read.

Meanwhile, IMMAF President Kerrith Brown has stated that he is proud of the intentions by the

Zambian association to introduce an amateur national league.

“I am proud that despite the challenges to sport posed by the (Coronavirus) epidemic in 2020, IMMAF

continues to grow and to increase its global diversity. I have great confidence in President Bush as leader of the Zambia Mixed Martial Arts Federation, particularly in light of

his social work through MMA, which expresses the core values of our sport and is a testimony to its capacity to engender peace and positive change,” said Brown.

Man City FFP ruling not a good day for football - Klopp

JURGEN Klopp is pleased to see that Manchester City will be in Europe next season, as that stands to aid the cause of his Liverpool side, but the German admits that the lifting of UEFA-imposed sanctions was not “a good day for football”.

European football’s governing body had stung City with a two-year ban from continental competition for alleged breaches of Financial Fair Play regulations.

The Blues contested that ruling and took their case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Their definitive ruling has come down in City’s

favour, with all suspensions lifted and only a relatively minor fine left in place.

Questions have been asked in the wake of that decision as to what purpose FFP rules now serve, with big-spending clubs seemingly free to navigate their way around any misdemeanours.

Klopp hopes clarity can be found on that front, with the Liverpool boss admitting that while it’s a good thing that City will be adding fixtures to their calendar for next season, it wasn’t a positive for football.

Quizzed on the decision at a press conference to preview his side’s trip

to Arsenal, Klopp told reporters: “I don’t know if I can answer it. It’s a serious subject.

“From a personal point of view I’m happy City can play Champions League next year, they don’t have 10-12 games less now in Premier League - no other team would have had a chance in the league.

“I don’t think it was a good day for football yesterday, to be honest.

“FFP is a good idea. It is there for protecting teams and the competition, so that nobody overspends and they have to make sure the money they want to spend is based on the right sources. **GOAL**

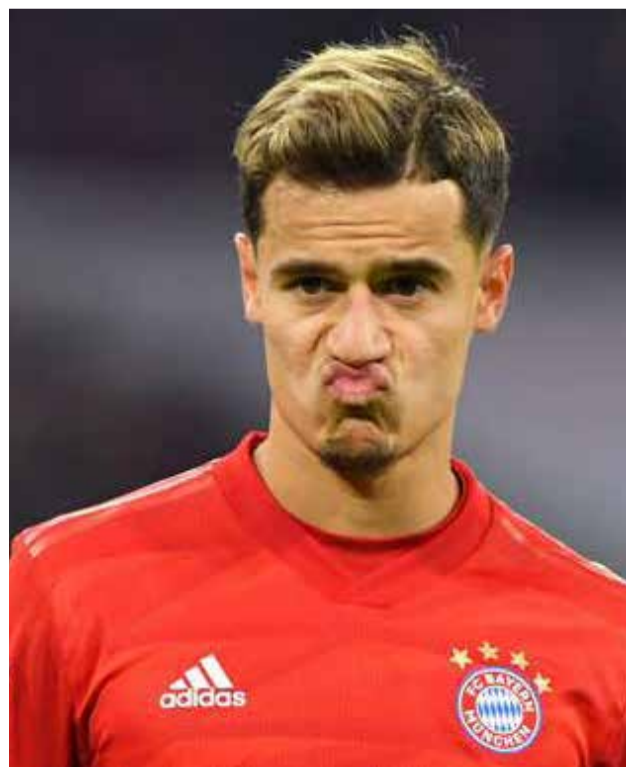
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Barcelona offer Coutinho to Arsenal, Newcastle



BARCELONA have offered Philippe Coutinho to Arsenal and Newcastle in an ongoing bid to free up squad space and funds that will allow them to launch a raid on Inter for Lautaro Martinez. Goal has learned

It has been clear for some time that Brazil international playmaker Coutinho does not figure in the long-term thinking at Camp Nou.

Barca snapped Coutinho up from Liverpool in the winter window of 2018, but have seen little return on their investment.

With the South American having struggled to find a spark in

Catalunya, he was allowed to head out on loan in the summer of 2019.

A season-long stint at Bayern Munich has only served to raise further questions of the 28-year-old’s form and fitness.

Barcelona are now looking to put another deal in place, with the Liga giants aware that they cannot incorporate another sizeable salary into their plans for 2020-21.

There is acceptance on the part of the Blaugrana that they are going to struggle to find a European suitor willing to take on both Coutinho’s wage and a sizeable transfer fee.

Bayern passed up on

their purchase option some time ago, leaving the door open for others to make a move, and Barca believe that a return to the Premier League for Coutinho would now be the best option for all concerned.

With that in mind, they have started to seek out potential landing spots, and Arsenal and Newcastle have been sounded out, with both clubs having been heavily linked with the midfielder in the past.

No answer has been received from either club as yet, with the Gunners and Magpies continuing to mull over the terms of a deal and their respective standings for next season

– on both sporting and financial fronts.

It could be that they explore the option of putting another loan agreement in place with Barca, who are not ruling out such an arrangement, with all offers set to be considered.

The Blaugrana concede that they are going to lose money on Coutinho in the long run, having acquired him for a base fee of €120 million (£109m/\$136m), but they need to get him off their books.

Efforts to bring in alternative options, such as Argentina international Lautaro, can only be made if money is saved and raised elsewhere. **GOAL**

WADA IS DYNAMOS COACH



By Abraham Kalito
LUSAKA Dynamos FC has acted swiftly and appointed former Zambia national team gaffer Wedson Nyirenda as head coach on a contract that will run until the end of 2019/2020 season.

among soccer fanatics since he left the Premier Soccer League side Baroka FC, will be assisted by Ian Bakala, Josphat Nkhoma and Steven Mwansa. He has taken over from former Chipolopolo star Ian Bakala who was surprisingly appointed head coach in 2019.

A statement from the club's technical director Oliver Shalala indicated that Nyirenda had since expressed delight to join the Super league side on a short term basis, adding that his contract could be extended to the next season. "Lusaka Dynamos is

pleased to announce that Wedson Nyirenda has been appointed head coach of Lusaka Dynamos while Ian Bakala, Josphat Nkhoma and Stephen Mwansa will be his assistants. Stephen Mwansa will also double as goalkeeping coach while Manchi Janza is the physical trainer. Nyirenda, who

has signed a short-term contract for the remainder of the 2019/2020, says that he is happy to be associated with "The Elite," Shalala stated. And Nyirenda said he would work tirelessly for the next three months to see Dynamos in a better position as the league

concludes. "It is great to be associated with Lusaka Dynamos FC. For the next 3 months, we shall work tirelessly to see that we end this current season in the best position. If everyone works accordingly, and pull in the same direction, we can achieve the unthinkable. God will guide us through," Nyirenda said, according to the statement.

Mourinho slams 'disgraceful decision' to lift Man City ban

TOTTENHAM manager Jose Mourinho has hit out at the "disgraceful

decision" to lift a two-year European ban imposed on Manchester City for

alleged Financial Fair Play breaches.

The Portuguese has pointed out that if City were guilty of enough to merit a fine, then the original sanctions should have stood.

Mourinho added on the approach Tottenham will now take: "Spurs is Spurs and I don't think Spurs change this mentality and in this aspect it's more than correct. I'm happy with the way we act here."

Whilst at Baroka FC, Nyirenda won the prestigious the Telkom Knockout Championship of 2018.



The Blues were barred from competing in Champions League or Europa League competition by UEFA in February. Those at the Etihad Stadium were, however, quick to plead their innocence and lodge an appeal. Their case was heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), with the decision taken at the end of that investigation to lift a continental ban. City have still been stung with a €10 million (£9m/\$11m) fine, but that is a drop in the ocean for a club bankrolled by Sheikh Mansour's billions. Mourinho is among those to have been left stunned by the ruling from CAS, with confusion continuing to reign as mixed messages are fed out.

The former Chelsea and Manchester United boss fears that FFP is no longer fit for purpose, with it difficult to see how regulations can be pushed out when there are obvious loopholes to exploit. Mourinho told reporters of the City ruling: "In the case it's a disgraceful decision because if City are not guilty of it then you are not punished with 10m. "If you're not guilty you shouldn't have a fine. If they are guilty the decision is also a disgrace and you should be banned from the competition. "I don't know if Manchester City are guilty or not but either way it's a disgraceful decision."

"I think it's the end of Financial Fair Play." Jurgen Klopp is another to have questioned the future of FFP after seeing UEFA's authority undermined, with the Liverpool boss admitting that the events of Monday were not "a good day for football". Those at Anfield can at least console themselves with the fact that they have beaten City to the Premier League title this season, but Mourinho and Spurs now need to force their way into the top six in order to guarantee a place in the Europa League for 2019-20. **GOAL**

He coached the Chipolopolo boys between January 2017 and May 2018 and came close to qualifying Zambia to the 2018 World Cup. Whilst managing Zambia as Head Coach, the national team managed to beat Algeria home and away and almost triumphed over Nigeria but a referee blunder saw Chipolopolo finish second in a group containing traditional heavyweights Nigeria, Algeria, and Cameroon. Nyirenda has also drilled the Zambia Under-20 team that won both the Cosafa Under-20 Championship in South Africa and the African Youth Championship in Lusaka. Nyirenda is also a former Chipolopolo boy.