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Last week, Patriotic Front Eastern Province Youth chairperson Emmanuel J Banda, commonly known as Jay Jay, said people were trying to tarnish his image because he was President Lungu's defender.

But, in an interview, Miti said

# Jay Jay feels untouchable because of Lungu – Laura

it was disturbing that Jay Jay was granted bond after being arrested for raiding Lusaka Central Police station and beating a police

officer. "PF cadre Emmanuel Banda, otherwise known as Jay Jay, is accused of having attacked and

robbed police officers at the Lusaka Central Police Station. That under Zambian law is the very serious offence of aggravated

robbery that does not attract bond or bail. It is therefore disturbingly unlawful that Jay Jay was granted bond. Out on bond, he went on to

suggest to the public why he was treated unlawfully favorably. He stated that he is President Lungu's friend. While it cannot be proved that President Lungu had any involvement in police failing to charge Jay with the appropriate charge, what is clear is that Jay Jay himself feels untouchable. His parade in Chipata, after his release, was an affront to the law, to law enforcement officers and to citizens. The lesson from this is that President Lungu, by repeatedly standing on the side of those accused of crime, has taught his 'friends' a very unfortunate lesson of impunity," said Miti.

Jay Jay has said some people were fighting him because he was President Lungu's defender.

"These issues...it is just people who can't understand to say now we are fatigued. Let other people also play a certain number. They don't want to understand. Politics is like football; when you are at peak, you play well and if there is someone who is at peak, it is better you are on the bench but on the same team. Let that boy who is doing fine, let him be on that number so that when you score, you celebrate together. But I can tell that there are some people who [don't] understand that. And I am sure they have seen that I am the number five if we come into politics. I am the number five defender for our President Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu. And I can assure you that kwasu tikuti uka shanga bwino mbeu chaka cho kolola ukolola bwino. So a Edgar Chagwa Lungu, a president achipani cha Patriotic Front ashanga bwino and chaka cha mawa tifunika ku kolola. Koma chili kuli seo ma defender tifunika kubalabilila kuti a president wasu ashanga mbeu mwakuti na mwakuti zizi na izi ni mbeu zabwino. (Where I come from, we say when you sow a good seed, you will harvest good crops. So President Lung has sowed good works; the coming year, it will show, so it is up to us the defenders to speak on his behalf the works he has done)," said Banda.

## Nevers blames govt for rising COVID-19 deaths

By Natasha Sakala

MOVEMENT for Multi-party Democracy (MMD) president Nevers Mumba says the government is responsible for the current COVID-19 deaths because they refused to lock down the country despite being aware that the pandemic will reach its peak in August.

And Mumba says the continued stay of the health minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya in office will affect the amount of support the country will get towards the fight against COVID-19.

In an interview, Mumba accused the government of being reckless in the manner they had handled the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's not like government was not aware that in August, we are going to face the peak of this pandemic. I announced it in March in my national address and asked government not to open up anything until the peak period has passed. Unfortunately, this government, for some reason, decided to take half measures and those half measures have cost lives of people and that's exactly what we said, that this government is going to be responsible for the deaths of many Zambians because of lack of leadership in the management of COVID-19. And a lot of presidents and governments are going to fall in the next 12 to 18 months around the world based on how they have handled or failed to handle COVID-19 and unfortunately, we think that PF has recklessly handled this pandemic and now we are losing lives every day in numbers that are totally unacceptable. So we think that government has missed an opportunity to protect the Zambian people," Mumba said.

"Whatever reason they have used, we don't know, but all we can see now are repercussions of a poor decision to allow life to continue when we know that our health facilities may not even handle the size of the pandemic. So we take great exception in the manner that they have handled this pandemic. MMD in government would handle this matter differently by locking down the country, all those areas which are seen as epicentres until the situation is clear as to how the virus is spreading but unfortunately, our colleagues decided to just let it go. Government has failed the people of Zambia on the management of COVID-19 and they have been reckless in managing this process and now the result is what we have, deaths that are unnecessary because we did not protect the Zambian people from the beginning."

He further said the country

was constantly injuring itself with bad decisions that were derailing the fight against COVID-19.

"Our position really has been that, if you look at surrounding countries, whenever a minister has been accused of corruption matters, their president puts them on suspension to create an opportunity for investigations to go unaffected. Unfortunately, the policy of this government... corruption does not demand that somebody gets suspended on allegations of corruption. But I think that this at some point will affect us as a country in the way that we are perceived by the international community, even the support that is coming to Zambia to help us in the fight against COVID-19 will start to dwindle out because supporters are going to be very uncomfortable sending money to a ministry with big question marks. So we are just constantly injuring ourselves, injuring our chances to deal with this pandemic by very bad decisions," Mumba added.

He further appealed to Dr Chilufya to step down on moral grounds.

"I think that Dr Chitalu, who is a colleague of mine and a recent member of the Movement for Multiparty Democracy with all the affiliation and heartfelt connection to him, I think it's in the interest of the nation that he should not wait for the president

to ask him to step aside for a while but he can ask the president to give him leave, himself using his moral compass and concentrate on getting himself free from these allegations. And this is our demand in this government and in minister Chilufya that he should not wait for the president to tell him what to do, he is mature enough, he is a leader and he knows what's at stake," Mumba said.

Meanwhile, Mumba noted that the MMD must rise to the occasion and fill the gap created by the PF and UPND who were constantly in a power struggle.

"I think what needs to happen is that opposition political parties, especially the new hope Movement for Multiparty Democracy, which has a history of running a successful economy, a history of uniting the country under democratic tenets...must rise to the occasion and get into the gap that has been created by the two political parties in parliament, that's UPND and PF who are spending more of their time in violence, more of their time trying to outsmart each other, not for the purpose of improving the quality of life of Zambians but just a power struggle. I think Zambians are able to reflect and see what the MMD did for them and MMD has a new leader and we will stand on the tenets of democracy and yet



to stand on the tenets of ensuring that the economy is liberalised, is running and helping the private sector to drive the economy as we did when we were in government," said Mumba.

"Every Zambian can attempt to do anything, to run for an election according to our Constitution and that includes the PF. They have every right to aspire to contest and win the election next year. However, from the moral point of view, I think it will be in the interest of the nation if the Patriotic Front recognises the injury that they have caused to the economy of this country, to the social well-being of the Zambian people and also just to the unity of the country. The country,

since MMD left government, has not gone forward on any front especially on the economy and the question Zambians are asking is that why does the Patriotic Front want to win the next election? From a moral point of view, is it to continue subjecting the Zambian people to status quo of a weakened economy, a split nation or is it just their interest to have access the benefits of power? So from a moral point of view, the Patriotic Front should say, 'fellow Zambians, we are sorry about what we did, we did not really roll out a program that has worked in the interest of Zambians as a result of this, we are going to do ABCD.' But I don't think that's going to happen."

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CHIEF Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya says comments made by South Africa's Finance Minister Tito Mboweni towards President Edgar Lungu's decision to fire Bank of Zambia Governor Dr Danny Kalyalya are immature and improper.

But Transparency International Zambia Chapter president Rueben Lifuka says instead of chasing the wind, the Zambian government would do better to address the catastrophic consequences of its decision on the country's economic challenges.

Immediately after President Lungu fired Dr Kalyalya, Minister Mboweni took to Twitter to condemn the decision, calling it nonsensical and warning that he would mobilise against the Zambian Head of State.

In one of his tweets Mboweni challenged President Lungu to provide reasons why he fired Dr Kalyalya as BoZ Governor, adding that it was wrong for African presidents to simply wake up and make such

decision.

"Presidents of Africa must stop this nonsense of waking up in the morning and fire a Central Bank Governor. You cannot do that. This is not some fieldoms of yours or your personal property, no. That Governor was a good fella. Why do we do these things as Africans? The President of Zambia must give us the reasons why he dismissed the Governor or else hell is on his way. I will mobilise," Mboweni's tweet read.

In reaction to Mboweni, Siliya also tweeted saying the minister should concentrate on attending to COVID-19 problems facing the South African people, stressing that the Central Bank issue was a sovereign matter for Zambia.

"We are very surprised with Tito Mboweni's immature and improper criticism of a sovereign decision by Zambia. The Minister should be attending to COVID problems facing the South Africans, our focus here. We will pursue matter diplomatically," Siliya tweeted.

And reacting to Siliya's tweet, Lifuka said instead of attacking the foreign minister over his comment, government should begin to think about how to address the consequences that will be brought about the changes made at BoZ.

"This is simply deflecting from the real issue that the sovereign decision made will have catastrophic consequences for this country. Why don't you address that first instead of chasing the wind? The economy is in trouble and that should be priority for you and your colleagues," Lifuka stated.

Minister Mboweni noted that his statement had caused a diplomatic tiff, but he insisted that he stood by his message.

"Looks like I am in trouble about my statement on the dismissal of the Bank of Zambia Governor! I stand by my statement. Central Bank independence is key. Not negotiable. Let all central bankers speak out!" he tweeted.

Meanwhile, Alliance for

Community Action (ACA) executive director Laura Miti said the Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) Government was better as it respected the institutional pillars of the economy.

"There is one thing MMD presidents were good at – respect for pillar offices for the economy. They would always appoint the best BOZ Governor & Finance Minister possible. Izi ziliko manje, ungaseke. Kupeza muntu azivinila pa dance floor (These that are there now, you can laugh. Just to find someone dancing on the dance floor and they say) ati hey, would you like to be BOZ Governor?" Miti stated in her tweet.

International Trade Police Consultant Trevor Simumba also tweeted saying: "My argument is very simple and straightforward. HE ECL has every right to want to work with a Central Bank Governor of his choice but replacing Dr. Kalyalya with a totally inept and ill qualified person does more damage to

Zambia's fragile economy."

Simumba also stated that the timing of Dr Kalyalya's dismissal without any reason sent a negative signal to the markets and that it would cause real damage to the economy.

"We have enough competent people within BOZ like Dr. Chipimo or even Dr. Pamu Mulenga who can do this job. More importantly the timing of this dismissal of a credible well regarded Governor without any reason sends a negative signal to the markets, we will see real damage," tweeted Simumba.

BLOOMBERG: The president on Saturday appointed Christopher Mvunga, who was a deputy secretary to the cabinet and previously served Lungu as deputy finance minister. He takes over as inflation lingers near 16% and the economy is set to contract 4.2% this year. He'll also have to contend with a currency that's the world's second-worst performer this year, having depreciated by nearly 26% against the dollar.

# THE REASON WHY ZAMBIANS WILL VOTE FOR THE PF IN 2021

**Z**AMBIA goes to the polls in about 11 months and some days.

In the context of being a democratic dispensation, the country has witnessed an aggressive campaign propaganda from the opposition, especially the opposition United Party for National Development (UPND) which is desperate to take over government power, calling for the change of government and involving themselves in political machinations aimed at whatever cost.

We understand desperation and frustration of the UPND because they have been trying to persuade Zambians to vote for Hakainde Hichilema, their leader who has been rejected five times concurrently because he lacks the leadership needed to take care of the country and promote the much needed good governance.

Many Zambians will agree with me that because of being rejected over and over, the UPND and their leader Hakainde Hichilema and visibly bitter and frustrated. According to them, they can't see any tangible development or any positive changes that have been brought about by the PF government.

It is for this reason that I will endeavour to highlight fundamental achievements of the PF in line with the party manifesto and as reflected in the 7th National Development Plan and the Vision 2030 so that many Zambians may understand where we are coming from and why the PF under the trusted leadership of President Edgar Lungu will bounce back to power in 2021.

I will start by giving a brief background and the firm ideological foundation that was established by our hero and founding father of the Patriotic Front Late President Michael Chilufya Sata (MHSRIP) way back in 2001 and who later formed Government in 2011 after defeating the MMD after the general elections.

The PF was formed on the basis of a pro-poor party that became a voice of the voiceless in the country. The late President Sata was loved by the majority poor Zambians because he was one of them. He knew what it meant to be poor and to be born and raised in the village.

He was a peoples person and that is the more reason why when he finally formed government in 2011, he paid particular attention to rural development by building schools, clinics, hospitals and roads.

Late President Michael Sata always used to say We are nothing without the people. I expect everyone in my government and the party to put the interests of the poor people first. It is this ideological perspective of doing things that has seen us through as a ruling party and delivering the much needed development to the people.

In the aftermath of the unfortunate and untimely demise of President Sata, the baton was passed to President Edgar Chagwa Lungu to carry on with the national development agenda as prescribed by the PF manifesto, the National Development Plan and the Vision 2030. These are the strategic documents put in place to steadily propel the country's development agenda.

When we talk about the PF manifesto, it is about the people. It is a key plan deliberately put up to improve the lives of Zambians. People must be free from hunger, poverty, suppressed disease burden and low mortality rate. The 7th National Development Plan like other development plans that

preceded, builds on the achievements learnt during the implementation of the previous NDPs. The unique feature of the 7th National Development Plan is that it departs slightly from other NDPs from sectoral planning to an integrated, multi-sectoral development approach under the theme accelerating development efforts towards the vision 2030 without leaving anyone behind. The 7NDP is, therefore, a building block formulated to meet the goals contained in the visions 2030.

When late President Sata took over government power in 2011 from the MMD, he embarked on the transformation agenda that that stirred massive investment and development across the country. Zambia became a huge construction site with infrastructure development taking place from across and in all corners of the country.

After President Sata's demise, President Edgar Lungu was handed over the baton to fulfil late President Sata's legacy by ensuring that over 650 clinics and over 30 district health hospitals were built. In terms of attending the needs of young people, the PF government, in line with the 7NDP is implementing various strategies aimed at enhancing skills training and human capital development among young people.

In this regard, President Lungu has guided that technical and vocational training will continue receiving adequate funding to promote self-employment, particularly among the youth. This has enabled young people to fully and effectively participate in the economy. When it comes to accessing quality, equitable and inclusive education, the PF government has made significant progress in infrastructure development, teacher training, recruitment and deployment improvement; equity and inclusive education enhancement; youth and adult literacy expansion and improvement, and policy coordination, planning and information management improvement.

Through the education and women's empowerment, the PF Government is currently supporting vulnerable women and girls. Over 15,082 girls aged between 14 and 18 to be retained in school. Women groups of over 12, 445 are being empowered with about K2,000 each and an additional 21,000 women in 31 districts are being supported.

When you talk about road sector and the PF Government's desire to improve the road network across the country, late President Michael Sata initiated a robust programme dubbed Link Zambia 8,000 and the L400 projects. After his demise, President Lungu demonstrated undoubted commitment to the fulfilment of this dream. Today, the country can boast of a better road network than ever before.

The Link Zambia 8,000 project is an accelerated road construction programme aimed at transforming Zambia into a truly land-linked country in Southern Africa. The benefits accrued so far from this programme include job creation, reduction of road user costs on transit times and creation of economic growth poles and wealth in outlying areas of Zambia.

Since inception in 2012, the Link Zambia project together with the L400 has created 18,000 jobs in the road construction sector. Talking about the L 400 project, over 400 kilometres of road have been done in Lusaka, under the rehabilitation and upgrading



programme. About US \$348 million was allocated to deal with the challenges faced in Lusaka such as congestion of vehicles and motorised and non-motorised traffic conflicts.

Alongside these robust programmes, there is another initiative called the Pave Zambia 2000 aimed at providing improved access to various social amenities in urban areas using the interlocking paving bricks and cobblestone technology. More jobs have been created in this regard.

I can go on and on highlighting immense successes recorded by the PF government sector by sector but one with for sure is that these successes are visible in the eyes of majority Zambians and are treasures of the hearts of the very citizenry. Do you then wonder why the PF has continued to enjoy massive support at grassroots level? Do you then wonder why the PF is winning by-elections even in places well-known as opposition dominated such as Western, Southern and North-western provinces? The answer is very simple; we have a Republican President in Edgar Chagwa Lungu who is very selfless and is for all Zambians regardless of political, cultural or tribal affiliation.

President Lungu through his works has won the hearts of many. He has where to point when it comes to delivering development to the people. The opposition or indeed those that claim to be the largest opposition in the UPND and their leader Hakainde Hichilema have nothing to their name apart from political rhetoric.

The above tabulated successes in terms of delivering the promised development to Zambians is the major reason why Zambians will vote for President Edgar Chagwa Lungu and the PF come 2021.

**By Kennedy Kamba**  
**Patriotic Front Lusaka Province Secretary**



By Sipilisiwe Ncube

RAINBOW party general secretary Wynter Kabimba says people should stop giving Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo a status which he does not deserve because he will soon return to "being nothing".

And Kabimba Deputy Inspector General of Police Bonny Kapeso acted arbitrarily when he transferred a Lusaka traffic officer who was involved in an altercation with a Patriotic Front (PF) cadre to Western province.

Reacting to Lusambo's statement that people should stop questioning his source of wealth, Kabimba said ill-acquired riches would always find their way back to their true owners.

"Why are you worried about Bowman? Bowman will go back to where he came from. It doesn't matter how

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long it takes. You are just promoting people that we are not supposed to be promoting. Who was Bowman Lusambo just a few years ago? He is Bowman Lusambo today? Just because of the office that he holds? After that office, he will be nothing again. So, let us not spend energy on him. Even on what he has become, people are just grandstanding it. The more attention you give him, the more you give him the status which he doesn't even deserve. There were people who were bigger than Bowman Lusambo in UNIP. There is a

Nigerian saying to the effect that 'wealth will find its way back to its true owners.' So, if you [fraudulently] acquired wealth, it doesn't matter how much you boast about it, it will leave you and it will go back to its true owners who are the people of that country or society," Kabimba said.

"So, I want to take a different view myself. Commenting about Bowman Lusambo is actually lowering each other. You remember what they used to call him in MMD? He was called a 'die hard.' Did he even become district chairman? No. Did he even become provincial chairman? No. Was he even appointed just as district commissioner? No. So, don't

worry about his excitement. Time is the best teacher to all of us. There was a post which had gone viral about the former advisor to Congo DRC's ex-president Mobutu Sese Seko who was begging on the streets. He doesn't even have a pair of shoes on. That is what happens when you get excited with ill-gotten wealth in public office. So please, the more Bowman sees a statement from me, the more he looks important than what he is."

And Kabimba said Kapeso acted arbitrary when he demoted a Lusaka Traffic Police officer who was involved in an altercation with a PF cadre.

"The action by the deputy

IG was definitely arbitrary because a police officer is governed by conditions of service and those conditions of service also include the disciplinary code under which action can be taken against him. And according to the Public Service guidelines, if one has committed an offence, they must be communicated to in writing and they must be given time within which they can respond to those charges. And then if there are any further investigations to be done, that is when you can investigate the matter. But to respond to an altercation and listen to one side and take action is arbitrary and it is totally against the laid down procedure or disciplinary framework," Kabimba said.

Kabimba encouraged the affected officer to seek legal redress.

"I think we need to encourage that officer to seek redress in a court of law so that justice can prevail. If we continue with this pride on social media happenings, arbitrariness in government offices will continue and people will take it as a culture to say 'they will talk and the matter will end in a few days.' If we were serious about

these things, people should be saying 'go and see a lawyer and if you need money, we shall contribute money so that justice can prevail. Issues like that should be challenged so that Kapeso realizes that that's not how he should please his boss. That is why even the murder suspects go to court. They go to court for the court as an independent tribunal to establish whether or not this person clearly or intentionally killed somebody," Kabimba said.

Kabimba wondered how transferring an officer to Western Province would change his behavior, adding that Kapeso's decision was based on his feelings and not the law.

"Now, if someone can use arbitrariness to one officer, how many more officers have suffered in his hands? I think that man should have been given an opportunity especially when the complainant is an active member of the PF or an active member of a political party. If it comes from a PF member against a member of the public, it should come to you that there is likelihood that it is a concocted story or it is a twisted story. But at the end of the day, we all need justice, and we all need to be treated with fairness. And if you are bad in Lusaka anyway, what is going to change if you are sent to Mongu? What is the difference? That decision is according to Mr Kapeso's feeling and it is not intended to correct a wrong but it is intended to please his masters," said Kabimba.

## BAZ urges speedy disbursement of Bank of Zambia relief funds

By Natasha Sakala

THE Bankers Association of Zambia (BAZ) says verification delays by the Central Bank for clients seeking to access the K10 billion facility is a recipe for mistrust and discontent about the intention of the fund.

In an interview, BAZ chief executive officer Leonard Mwanza said the Central Bank should also consider informing financial institutions of any bottlenecks so that the verification on the part of the Bank of Zambia was expedited.

"What is coming out is that the verification and disbursement process is what is slow. Remember previously, what was slow was the number of applications going to the Central Bank from commercial banks and financial service providers as we speak, the number of applications have outstripped what is available on the table and even the number of approvals are over 50 percent but when you look at the disbursements, they are just well above K1.1 billion. So whatever they are doing in terms of ensuring they verify and ensure that funds go to the intended recipients or they go to the intended beneficiaries, that's the process that we need to see expedited so that we are also advised if there are any bottlenecks, things that financial providers need to do better, at least they do them better..." Mwanza said.

"However, I think the issue is when it comes to disbursements and this is where the central Bank comes in because they have only released K1.1 billion out of the expected K5.3 billion. So reason given is that the Central Bank would like to ensure that money goes to the intended beneficiaries. Now, these are the beneficiaries the financial service providers have advised the Central Bank and they are within the values already approved, for instance, the K5.3 billion approved reflects the pipeline of application from financial service providers which are deemed to be in good standing with the Central Bank, there are no challenges, so we are thinking it's just that re-verification process to make sure that this money disbursed will go towards supporting the respective institutions, it won't be money that will be used for other unintended purposes, I think that's the process that is taking a little bit long and that's the reason why disbursement have been slow."

He added that the fact that the funds had all been applied for meant the need for liquidity among citizens was much bigger than was being seen.

"The public are in need of funds, they are actually busy requesting their financial service providers to give them some support and it reflects from the improved uptake in terms of applications. Right now, let's assume whatever has been applied and approved, we could as well just say that financial service providers are ready to take the entire amount on the table because applications have reached the Central Bank for the full value of the amount of money that is available under this facility and if all that is approved, and disbursed, we would be saying whatever the Bank of Zambia put on the table has been taken...The fact that we have had applications from financial service providers, it shows that banks and other lenders have created long pipelines, it means people are applying and as they are applying and assessing, those that are deemed to be worthy to be supported are the ones they take to the Central Bank for liquidity solutions," said Mwanza.

"So it just shows you that banks and other lenders are busy creating pipelines of applications. As we have always said, speaking from the commercial bank side, there are two options, there are those commercial banks with enough liquidity, they are already providing solutions to their customers and you will not see them on this pipeline, they've already been given solutions from their internal resources..."



By Natasha Sakala

TANZANIA Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) regional general manager Kambani Ndhlovu says the company will soon be producing its own spares for wagons and locomotives in Mpika.

And Transport and Communications Minister Mutotwe Kafwaya says TAZARA should take advantage of available opportunities as government looks at ways of revitalising the company.

Speaking when Kafwaya toured the Kasama train station, Saturday, Ndhlovu said the Mpika workshop would also be producing mill balls.

"We have got three workshops in TAZARA and one of the workshops is in Mpika, it's actually one of the biggest in the region because

## TAZARA to start producing own spare parts

it's got many workshops within one workshop. It is a facility that in the very near future we will be making spares for our wagons and locomotives because we are going to be building a furnace and in that furnace, the spare capacity will be used for mill balls which are utilised within the facility and I think it's a big project and I hope you find time to visit these places. We also have a training centre in Mpika where we are collaborating with CBU and it's working very well. The graduates, rail engineers, are coming to use the workshop for their lab as it were, they use our facility then it's like hands on so that by time they are graduating, they are used to the rural environment in Mpika so that when they join TAZARA, they don't run away because of the shock, coming from Lusaka

or the Copperbelt, they would have gotten used completely to the environment and also to the equipment. So it's working and I am hoping that it will continue," said Ndhlovu.

And Kafwaya said despite the company having challenges, there were opportunities which could be exploited to improve its efficiency.

"I think for me, it was important to visit one of your facilities to try and marry the issues that are raised in our meetings with the situation on the ground. And as you say, it would be appropriate for me to consider visiting the regional headquarters which is in Mpika but starting with Kasama obviously gives me some idea of what may be prevailing elsewhere and I am delighted by the support you

have tendered during this process. What I do see is that we have opportunities but also we have challenges. My thinking is that these challenges you have to do with quality of service to our customers, to do with capacity in general, human resource capacity, equipment should be addressed by the solution that we have already started working on, in the long term we should be able to address that. We have all established where we are in terms of that revitalisation process. I hope that it does complete quickly so that we begin to inject capital into critical attention just about now. I also think that all these opportunities that we see should be seized," said Kafwaya.

"I am already happy that you are working with some of the mines, emerging mines in Luapula Province, example is this manganese we see. You are already taking advantage of this region being a food basket by facilitating the transportation of maize for FRA from this part of the country to where FRA is storing the maize in Central Province. So these opportunities must be seized but also opportunities to improve our ability to deliver these services. So clearly, it's an eye opener for me and a facilitator in terms of linking document information to actually what is on the ground."

## Jay Jay spends weekend in custody

By Julia Malunga

POLICE in Eastern Province say Patriotic Front Eastern Province Youth Chairperson Emmanuel J Banda, commonly known as Jay Jay, is still in custody and will appear before the courts of law this week.

In an interview, police commissioner Luckson Sakala said Jay Jay was charged with unlawful procession and unlawful assembly.

"Jay Jay is still in custody. This is a weekend so we are going to continue with this issue on Monday. He will appear before court on Monday or Tuesday. We have arrested him and he is in our custody at Chipata Central police Station. He has been charged with unlawful procession and unlawful assembly," said Sakala.

On Thursday evening, Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja ordered the Eastern Province command to arrest Jay Jay for leading an illegal procession.

"It was, however, observed that after Banda was released on Police Bond, he proceeded to Eastern Province where he staged an unlawful procession which is against provisions of the Public Order Act. I have therefore directed the Eastern Province Police Commissioner to arrest the said Banda as he did not notify the police. I wish to reassure members of the public that the Zambia Police shall not favour any individual based on political affiliation, race or status in society in execution of duty as our mandate demands that we enforce the law fairly," stated Kanganja.



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The role of Non State Actors in the SADC Regional Intergration Agenda with Dr. Gabriel Pollen



# The role of Non Actors in the SADC Regional Intergration Agenda

## INTRODUCTION

IN MAY 2020, the Southern Africa Trust (SAT) with support from Germany Development Agency (GIZ in partnership with the European Union published the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Regional Integration Toolkit for Non-State Actors, detailing the actual and potential opportunities and roles available to SADC citizens in engaging the SADC secretariat within the context of regional integration.

This opinion piece serves a twin purpose: firstly, to present concisely the SADC context as captured by the toolkit, to bring readers up to speed with SADC regional integration context and institutional arrangements. Secondly, to highlight the recommendations indicated within the toolkit pertaining to entry opportunities for non-state actors in SADC's development agenda.

### SADC Economic Context

With a population of around 345 million people as of 2018, constituted of sixteen countries – Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe – SADC boasts of a total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) close to three-quarters of a trillion dollars. In addition, with exports of US\$191,575 million and imports of US\$185,243 million, substantial trade takes place within SADC yet manufacturing sector performance as a share of GDP has reduced from 13.1% 2009 to 11.9% 2018. What this demonstrates is that low value unprocessed goods, largely from the agriculture and minerals sector, constitute the bulk of exports, which has also impacted upon the nature and quantum of trade within SADC. Viewed from this vantage point, opportunities exist for product upgrading and value addition, activities which would strengthen and deepen intra-regional trade while also making the region competitive beyond its borders.

Since close to 60% of the SADC population finds residence in rural dwellings, the main form of economic activity is agriculture yet with the disturbingly high levels of poverty as almost half of the SADC population lived below national poverty lines, with extreme poverty standing at 60% in rural areas. Agriculture returns are low partly due to low productivity and absence of

linkages with industry.

In recognition of these deeply troubling socioeconomic statistics, SADC has put in place a number policy and institutional arrangements aimed at reducing poverty, raising industrial activity via manufacturing sector strengthening while enhancing trade within and outside the region. Before delving into the institutional arrangements within SADC which design, formulate and implement SADC policies, I shall discuss the main economic focus areas that have been set aside as priority sectors.

### Major SADC Focus Areas

The SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap (2015-2063) (hereafter, Industrialisation Strategy) was adopted in 2015 as the reference policy document, cataloguing the key priority economic areas, but also serving as a collective effort by the SADC leadership to mount effective strategies essential for bolstering industrial productive capacity. Indeed, the toolkit does well in pointing out agriculture, industrial development, value addition and trade as having been given prominence in SADC's industrialisation strategy.

Without understanding the dominant hurdles framing the existing context, it would be a tall order to draw up an effective strategy. The Industrialisation Strategy notes that inadequate and poor-quality infrastructure, acute dearth of skills needed for industrial development and insufficient finance are the main impediments to accelerated industrialisation in the region.

Collective efforts to address these obstacles transcend strengthening of only intergovernmental relations; they also bring on the discussion table a number of other key stakeholders, which include the private sector, civil society and development partners as crucial agents in the industrialisation processes, with critical roles to play in influencing the direction, depth and breadth of capital accumulation and socioeconomic development in the selected priority sectors.

Firstly, the Industrialisation Strategy must be commended for recognising the roles of non-state actors. Secondly, non-state actors need to understand that they have a role to play in the process and platforms within SADC's institutional arrangements to do exist to receive and process their submissions.

### SADC Institutional Context

As a regional body or organisation, SADC

is constituted of its institutions. From the SADC Summit, SADC Organ Summit, to the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) which advises the SADC Organ Summit. Then also, the SADC Council of Ministers, the SADC Integrated Committees of Ministers, now the Sectoral Cluster of Ministerial Committees, SADC Standing Committee of Officials serves as the technical advisory committee and 'clearing house' to the SADC Council of Ministers. We also have the SADC Secretariat, SADC Tribunal and SADC National Committees (SNCs).

### Entry Opportunities for Non-State Actors in SADC Processes

The SAT toolkit sees the SADC decision making process, from concept to implementation, as a window through which to view opportunities for participation of nonstate actors. To understand this, consider the process from concept to implementation. The SADC Secretariat, the executive arm of SADC, sits at the centre of the SADC's decision-making processes at both national and regional levels. A concept kickstarts the SADC decisions. The concept is funnelled through SADC Secretariat Directorates or Units before it emerges as an implementable programme or project.

Further, the composition of the SADC National Committees outlines the main key stakeholders; these include: Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Non-governmental organisations and workers and employers' organisations. At this level, it is clear to see that non-state actors are given a platform to shape the design and implementation of policies.

### Concluding Remarks

SADC has in place strategic instruments and institutions within a structured framework of interaction and engagement which non-state actors should appreciate and use to make known their submissions. In the next opinion piece, I will focus on what roles NSAs can play in the key priority sectors based upon the toolkit, and I will amplify the specific activities of these agents in shaping the design and implementation of policy within the region.

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

By Hon Davies Mwila

### INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The PF Manifesto is among other things ardently committed to:

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

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

VI. Reviewing operations of the public media

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE

### BROADCASTING INDUSTRY IN ZAMBIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to Kimanuka:

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

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

### CONCLUSION

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

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

*The Author is Patriotic Front Secretary General*

# COVID-19 cases rise to 11,082

**By Natasha Sakala**  
MINISTER of Health Dr Chitalu Chilufya has announced that the country has recorded 251 new cases of COVID-19, with one facility death in Mbala in the last 24 hours.

And Dr Chilufya says so far, 76 per cent of deaths recorded in the country are Brought-In-Dead.

Speaking during the daily briefing, Sunday, Dr Chilufya said the country also recorded 120 recoveries, bringing the cumulative total to 10,062.

"In the last 24 hours, Zambia has recorded 251 new cases of COVID-19 from 1,515 tests done bringing the total number of cases to 11,082 cases. The 251 cases that we picked out included 153 cases identified through routine screening, in Lusaka there were 67, Ndola 37, Livingstone 16, Kalulushi 14, Kabwe six, Monze five, Chikankata two, Kalomo two, Kazungula two, Mazabuka one and Solwezi one. 54 cases were known contacts in Lusaka 19, Choma 10, Ndola seven, Mazabuka six, Livingstone five, Kitwe three, Monze three and Kazungula one. 30 were picked through hospital screening, in Lusaka 21, Kitwe eight and Livingstone one. 16 truck drivers, in Livingstone eight and Kazungula eight. Currently, we have 58 patients admitted to Levy Mwanawasa covid facility and 35 of these are on oxygen therapy, two are in critical condition in ICU. Outside Lusaka in the various covid facilities, we have a total of 36 patients who are admitted to these facilities and seven of these are on oxygen. The cumulative number of deaths after we lost one patient in Mbala has now risen to 280. 120 patients have been discharged from our facilities with those

discharged, we have crossed the 10,000 mark of those that we have discharged bringing the total number of discharges to 10,062," he said.

And Dr Chilufya said majority of BIDs were from Lusaka's Chawama, Kanyama, Matero and Chipata compounds.

"Our latest statistics show that we have 280 deaths from the time that COVID-19 started in Zambia which translates to a case fatality of 2.5 percent. Of the 280 deaths, 87 have been classified as COVID-19 deaths while 193 are classified as covid related deaths. We have also noted that amongst the 280 deaths, 212 have been brought in dead indicating that 76 percent of the deaths that we have recorded are occurring in the community. Previous analysis showed that there is a high concentration of BIDs in the high density areas of Lusaka, particularly in Chawama, Kanyama, Matero and Chipata compound. Now, further analysis at the University Teaching Hospital showed that from January to July 2020, we recorded a total of 4,339 BIDs compared to 3,711 BIDs reported over the same period in 2019," said Dr Chilufya.

"1,563 BIDs were tested for SARS-COV-2 from April to August 2020 and 212 of these BIDs were positive for SARS-COV-2 representing a positivity rate of 13.6 percent at the University teaching Hospital. Country men and women, community deaths are of great concern, these are individuals who have tested positive regardless of the immediate cause of death, therefore these deaths reflect not only significant community transmission that we now have but also poor and delayed access to our health facilities. Furthermore, these BIDs have contacts themselves who remain at risk of both acquiring COVID-19 and spreading COVID-19."

Meanwhile, director infectious diseases Professor Lloyd Mulenga said blood groups were not a factor in determining the extent of sickness when one contracts

COVID-19.

"What we know so far about the blood groups is that the blood group A in one study in China has been associated with lower risk of getting positive if someone is blood group A, they have a lower risk of getting infected with COVID-19 and also blood group B and AB have been found to have lower risk, but this is of getting the infection and blood group O was found also to have a lower risk. However, another study showed that a large one of close to more than 1,300 individuals in the US across four different hospitals found that Blood group O may have a lower risk of getting the infection, blood group A, no association then blood group AB associated also with a higher risk. However, even those patients who have the COVID-19, those who were blood group, the blood group had no role in determining if someone is going to have severe disease and also if someone is going to have increased risk of death. So the point is that even as the different blood groups may have an effect on acquisition, no blood group is protective of getting COVID-19," said Prof Mulenga.

"Then also those living with blood group O, if they get the infection, there is no protection for them to have severe disease and also to be intubated and for them to die. So what we need to emphasise here is whichever blood group someone may have, they can get COVID-19 and once they get covid, there is no way of determining if they are going to have severe disease or just mild disease or if they are going to die."



## Kitwe bus, taxi drivers petition council to remove cadres from stations

**By Daniel Chansa**  
TAXI and bus drivers in Kitwe have petitioned the Kitwe City Council to remove PF cadres in stations or they will halt operations should their demands not be met by Monday, August 24, 2020.

In a petition letter to the Town Clerk, the bus and taxi drivers cited the continuous intimidation, harassment and overcharging of drivers for loading in public stations.

The drivers lamented that the PF cadres were making their lives as public transport providers very difficult.

"Our call to remove ruling PF cadres from bus stations and taxi ranks comes after noticing with deep concern the unprecedented levels of intimidations, harassments and overcharging fees drivers for loading in public stations. Also the continued prosecution of bus and taxi drivers perceived to be enjoying their democratic right of belonging to political parties of their choice," stated the petition dated August 21, 2020.

"We feel this unacceptable and uncalled for conduct by PF cadres is not only badly affecting us as drivers, but it's also profoundly affecting Government through city council in terms of revenue collections."

They stated that public stations do not belong to PF cadres.

"...remove ruling PF cadres from stations because public stations do not belong to the ruling PF, instead they are properties of the councils. We are giving your office to respond to this call with effect from today (Monday). This is uncalled for," read the petition.

Last week, Transport and Communications Minister Mutotwe Kafwaya said bus stations did not belong to the ruling Patriotic Front because they were properties of the councils.

"The President doesn't want this. He's very clear, he doesn't want interference. Stations are not for cadres, even you the bus owners and the drivers, those are not your stations. Those stations are for the councils, so if they are for the council, they cannot be for PF because the council is not PF. So councils must find their spot in the bus stops because they are the owners of those places. Our sector only goes there to work. Otherwise, sanitation and all those things is not our business. But since we are one government, I will tell the story to Dr Charles Banda that I have received information that cadres are still interfering with the running of bus stops," said Kafwaya.

## HH guaranteed another loss in 2021 – Chama

**By Julia Malunga**  
DEFENCE Minister Davies Chama says even if the opposition UPND and NDC fielded UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema in the forthcoming Mwanasombwe and Lukashya by-elections, they would still be defeated by the ruling party.

And Chama says Hichilema should start keeping track of his losses because he

is guaranteed another one in next year's general elections.

In an interview, Chama said it did not matter whether the opposition had one candidate in the forthcoming by-elections because they would still be defeated.

"Whether they field one candidate or not, they will be defeated. They can even field their president, we will still defeat them. It doesn't

matter whether they field one or half of the party their candidate will still be defeated so it doesn't threaten us at all," Chama said.

And Chama said Hichilema's loss was guaranteed in 2021.

"He is losing again so he will just be counting because he is a life president for that party, I don't even want to mention it. He will be losing up to 20 times. Whether he stands in 2021, he is going to lose. He will count the 7th time. Again, in 2026 he will lose again the 8th time. He is a calculator man, he likes counting. He will continue to count. So for us, since he [says it] doesn't matter how many times he loses, he will count again, the loss is coming that is guaranteed," said Chama.

Recently, Hichilema said he did waste counting his losses because fighting for freedom did not come easy.

Responding to a QFM Breakfast Show listener, Wednesday, Hichilema said he did not count the number of times he had lost elections because the goal was to seek a better living for the Zambian people.

The listener, who only

identified himself as Brother Chisha from Lusaka, asked what strategy Hichilema would use going into the 2021 general elections as he had already lost five previous elections.

Chisha also questioned why Hichilema had continued to use social media to campaign rather than engaging people on the ground.

"Hey, it is citizens adept in losing. Citizens are hurting, that is why the economy has collapsed, that is why there are no jobs, citizens are hurting everywhere. What HH is doing is caring for 17 million children. So when you count those numbers, I don't count those numbers myself. What we are seeking is to better the lives of the people. It doesn't matter how many much long it takes, it doesn't matter. How long did it take to fight for independence? How long was Kaunda arrested? How many times was Kapwepwe arrested? Did they stop fighting for independence? No! Because they knew that independence had to come. As we know that PF has to go because we need to bring a decent leadership, it doesn't matter, keep counting Chisha you will be tired of counting," said Hichilema.

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**WE SHALL** wait to hear what scandal the Bank of Zambia governor was involved in, which necessitated his shocking dismissal. Surely, he must have done something totally unforgivable for the President to fire him on a Saturday evening. If it's just a matter of exercising executive authority, then it would appear to us that someone must have been completely out of his mind to make such a decision when the country is just announcing a recession.

What exactly did Dr Denny Kalyalya do that angered the President so much that he couldn't wait for Monday? We are waiting for that scandal to unfold before we can tell Mr Lungu the depth of the grave that he is digging for himself, his party and all of us as a country.

Dr Kalyalya made a lot of statements, explaining government's position on fiscal policy, but we will remember his contribution to public service as a brave Central Bank Governor who said things as they are. Today, we wish to appreciate Dr Kalyalya by reproducing some of his strong but honest quotes while at the helm of the Bank of Zambia (from the past three years):

November 22, 2017 – Economic growth: "The current relatively high fiscal deficit and debt levels continue to pose risks to macroeconomic stability... We noted that there is little economic growth to the private sector, particularly the productive sectors of the economy. We see that growth is happening but not as strong as we would like it to be. There are also still some risks in the financial stability to the economy in the non-performing loans as we have been indicating still remains high although there has been in recent time some change in direction."

November 21, 2018

# Kalyalya was a brave governor who said it as it is

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May 19, 2020 – Recession: "The early estimates are that we expect a recession this year, which is the first in almost 20 years. I think the last time we had this was in 1999. So that already speaks to the challenge that this Pandemic is having on our economy. But I think it's also fair to take this into context that our economy even before Covid-19 struck was having challenges. Last year we had growth of 1.9 per cent, that's quite low, which is also historically low. So when you add Covid-19, that's why you go to minus rather than the plus and that's the recession. When you have recession and for us here we also have inflation, it's a bad mix. The economy is under serious stress and if we don't do anything about it as a country, it's threatening our very existence."

May 19, 2020 – Frustrations on the job: "Do I get frustrated? I am human, everybody gets frustrated sometimes but you have to work through your frustrations, you can't let your frustrations get in the way of doing what you need to do. I think all of us, we have to learn to handle our frustrations; if you're frustrated, some will go and start binge drinking or do something, you are just wasting yourself away! So, actually sometimes these frustrations are good, they push you to do perhaps more than what you did earlier. In fact, you need to get frustrated enough so that you act, you get angry from frustration and then you act, you know. There are days when you feel: 'what is going on?' But that's life."

– Foreign exchange: "That foreign exchange shift in September was a source of concern. But then, you have to look at the factors. A lot of them had to do with negative sentiments; yes, we did expect the Kwacha to come under pressure by the fact that the dollar will be strengthened, but it was magnified by these other factors. So, if we control those factors, we should see relative stability in the exchange rate."

May 26, 2019 – Money supply: "We see that under the quarter under review, money supply contracted. But this, to some extent, is consistent with the low growth that we had in the economy. So, we need money supply to grow so that growth can be supported. As things stand, we see that it contracted after growing by 0.9 per cent in the previous quarter. The contraction in money supply growth is indicative of continuing challenges in sustaining strong economic activity. We need to have a healthy growth in money supply to support economic growth. But as it is now, it's quite constrained; that's one of the issues that we need to address. This decline was

driven largely by the decline in net foreign assets and a draw-down in commercial banks' offshore deposits"

August 21, 2019 – Austerity measures: "I think the verdict [on whether the austerity measures are working] is still out there, isn't it? If they were working well, we wouldn't have the kind of challenges we are having. So, there is an issue of effective implementation, which has to be done. That's why we keep coming back to this. So, effective implementation still remains an issue. So, the short answer to your question is that they haven't, that's why we want them (austerity measures) to be fully implemented."

August 21, 2019 – Inflation: "Factors that are keeping inflation above the upper bound of the target range in the earlier part of our forecast horizon include higher fiscal deficits and the weakening of the global economy. There are indeed some still risks to this inflation outlook that we are projecting; one is that there could be further deterioration in the fiscal deficit, there could be some adverse impact coming out

the monetary expansion arising from the reduction in the policy rate that we are announcing today

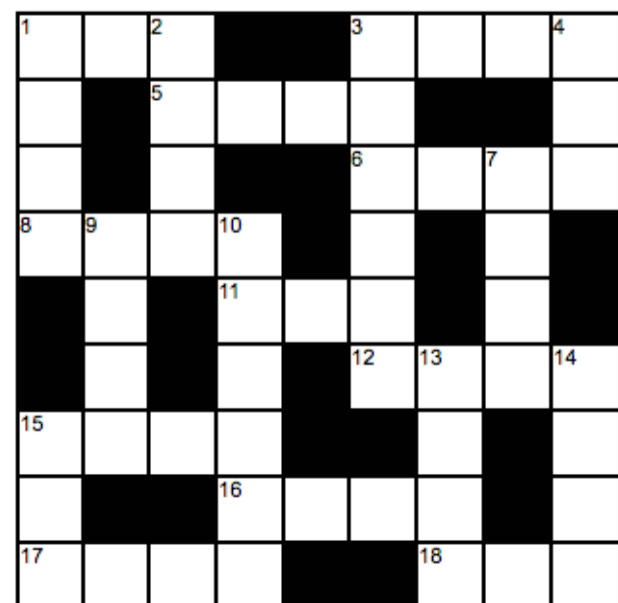
August 21, 2019 – Electricity tariffs: "Then, we also noticed that growth in the near-term has also weakened considerably. Part of the factors are with the production of electricity, as you know, there is quite some load-shedding going on; that is having an impact on productive units. We also noted in the (second) quarter that we are reviewing, liquidity has been quite tight; we see that these put together are causing a threat to the financial stability in the market."

February 19, 2020 – IMF Programme: Debt sustainability is one of the criteria for the IMF lending us support. Now, what has to be clear is that, it's not the expectation that, tomorrow, or this year, or next year, you can get debt sustainability; I think we will be kidding ourselves, let's be very clear on that... The [Finance] Minister is on record, we have all said it, and I think if you look at the last Article IV of the last IMF Mission, at the current levels, debt is

unsustainable. That's why we are constantly saying we need to do something. Definitely, we can't sustain this; we have to do something about it. The expectation that, 'tomorrow the [Finance] Minister or the government will get the debt to sustainable [level];' that's not realistic! It can't happen because the amount of adjustment that you have to do will wipe out everything! You will have no economy, nothing."

August 19, 2020 – Covid-19 stimulus fund: "We have approved close to about K5 billion in terms of applications but disbursements haven't matched that approval rate. We have disbursed over K1 billion. Now, the others have suggested, 'why don't you give the money and then monitor afterwards'? But our experience has been that if you do that, by the time you come to take account, the money would have been used in a different way... The K10 billion is just but one of the tools that we have so we can't overload it with all the demands that we need to make, so we'll sensitively and prudently look at how this can be rolled out."

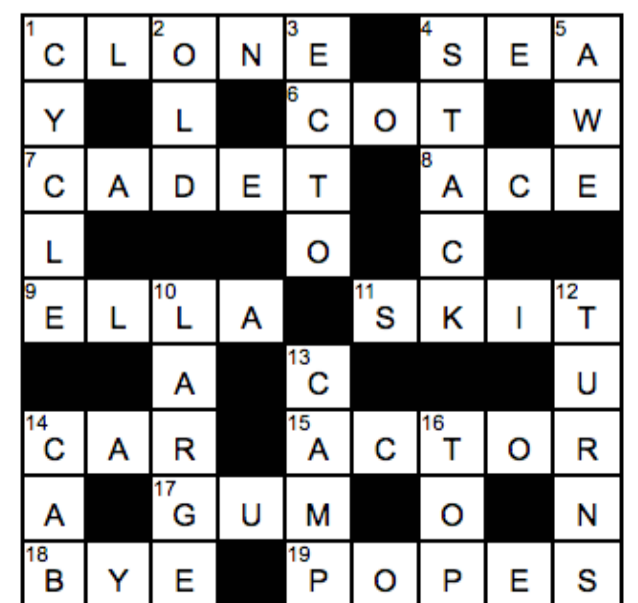
## Crossword puzzle No 674



*"Good leaders train and invest in other people to become leaders. Bad leaders hold on to power until they die. They want to die in the positions they are having."*  
- De philosopher DJ Kyos

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## Crossword puzzle No 673





# Readers' Feedback



## ND! OPINION: RB wasn't persecuted, he shouldn't mislead people

Dear editor,

"The late President Sata had Parliament strip RB of his immunity from prosecution for a reason. RB was no saint as described from his interview. Still had a better Government than the Current". - Lameck Nyirenda

"RB overreacted towards the Barotse activists. While I don't support those lozi fellows, the Armed hand of RB was too hard . I hope his conscious is at peace". - Michelo Miyoba

"I remember his speech when Lameck chibomba Milimo and Sylvia Masebo were linked to PF. They got fired and he promised to follow them. Chibomba Milimo died eventually. Then Rajar Mathani and his bank sank. Sale of Zamtel and the list goes on.

Kenneth konga squeezed over Nigeria oil deal then konga turned state witness after suffering partial stroke. The beat goes on. Beze Bantu aba.....

I read and saw videos for the above. Whether it's true or not, is a different issue. Lest we forget". - Justin Sakala

"He was heart broken but never persecuted". - Lweendo Muzambalika

## 'NPA is protecting PF thugs'

Editor,

"Clearly NPA is protecting PF thugs. How can anyone who raided the biggest Police Station in Zambia and then was on the run for over a month be treated like a King? NPA are criminals feasting on Tax payers' money but serving the interests of the PF in concert with the Police!" - Mike Phiri

"Just as Chitotela and Chilufya are innocent... Let's move on comrades". - Dennis Wei Mulenga

"But the police officers who were on duty on that material day and unfortunately got clobbered and robbed off them some monies are living evidence. What more evidence do you want over that aggravated robbery? Police officers risk being maimed by cadres because of such carelessness!" - Jerrod Banda

"Jay Jay's docket or the file went to NPA before the suspect was arrested and charged. A new normal?!" - Roderick Mwansa

Hmm, Jay Jay hands himself to the police & gets arrested. The NPA receives his file & sends back the file on the same day to the police with a note 'not enough evidence to charge suspect with aggravated robbery'. He gets charged with a lesser charger & travels to Chipata the following day to a PF thounderous no-seven-day police notice welcome. How interesting!!" - Peter Mmembe

"To be a PF cadre is to be a first class citizen, the rest of us are just grass to be mowed". - Dalitso Daniel Ngoma

"All systems broken! The Police cannot function. The Inspector General a PF puppet. The judiciary highly compromised. Anti-Corruption Commission hands tied. Blind PF cadres running the country The kwacha on its knees. Elections Commission running like a branch of PF. The president is a spectator - does not seem to know what to do. Zambia, Zambia, where are you headed

to??? The Ditch???" - Charles C Mwale

"How I wish the NPA was consulted even when dealing with us "zambians" I can assure you that the holding cells and our remand facilities wouldn't be full of innocent people but unfortunately the law is only followed when dealing with "other Zambians". - Che Guavara

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## Jay Jay on people trying to tarnish his image because he defends Lungu

Editor,

"Have you noticed that the people who always on the wrong side of the law claim to support mr Lungu?.....eh". - Mistar Bulambo

"Until we realize that the right place for such thugs is prison,we will never progress". - Kashweka Kash Kashweka

"In Zambia ,it is funny indeed ! the chap says he defends the President Lungu,on what grounds??? the President has security that we all know and not cadrelism as exhibited by majority pf surrogates!! Young Banda, how is he linked to the President? that simply shows a great weakness to the States man!!! because not every nonsensical should be associated to the highest office just to intimidate

other bodies to execute their mandatory duties!!!. It is shameful and beyond imagination what a so called Christian nation mother Zambia is passing through.A chapter that has mushroomed ever in the history of Zambian politics.D. chandiwila McPherson". - Duncan Nguni

## Lungu's anger at ACC's investigations

Editor,

"If we as a Country continue with this lawlessness, we will end up like some of these failed states. Let's instill culture of discipline and lets not have scared cows in our midst. I mean even in homes, if there is no adherence to set norms and maintenance of discipline, nothing materialises". - Nick

Ndawa

Next year am seeing entire families being locked up coz it seems stealing is running in PF families and not only individuals! Addada and the daughter "we are finished", moonga and the son, Chama and the children including the wife abusing the procurement processes

at Ministry of defense. 12/08/21 fikapwa". - Che Guavara

"Wasn't he the one accusing ACC for undermining his presidency by not carrying out investigations on corruption allegations". - Dalitso Daniel Ngoma

"Why would the president

be comfortable surrounded by corrupt individuals. He's part of the problem!" - Fadhi Kumwenda Augustines

"If I remember well the president himself confessed that there's too much corruption in his administration and further said it's even stinking!!!but

today He has changed the post why Ba presida". - Felix Stanley

"When I hear such despicable acts, only one question rings in my mind.. out of so many capable and distinguished Zambians, how did we let this man ascend to the top??? Just how?????" - Mwape Chileshe

# State House shielded Jay Jay from aggravated robbery charge – Kambwili

**By Julia Malunga**  
NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili has charged that State House directed the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) Lillian Siyunyi to reduce the charge against Eastern Province PF youth chairperson Emmanuel J Banda from aggravated robbery to aggravated assault. And Kambwili says Archbishop of Lusaka Alick Banda should resign because he has destroyed the Catholic

Church.

Meanwhile, Kambwili says money being channelled to the Presidential Empowerment Fund is from a suspicious source.

In an interview, Kambwili said President Edgar Lungu, Siyunyi and the Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja must resign on moral grounds.

“President Edgar Lungu must resign on moral grounds, Director of Public Prosecution must resign on

moral grounds. Kanganja must resign on moral grounds. Why do I say so? This country has become a Banana Republic. How can the police arrest somebody who was being wanted for aggravated robbery for over a month. Some body who was in hiding for over a month on the charge of aggravated robbery, Jay Jay Banda, they arrest him, within 10 minutes...first they reduce the charge to aggravated assault. It is the police who told us that this man went with a gun and some people with weapons, beat up a police man and got away with some money and goods from the police station. And the law is very clear that anybody who gets away with somebody's property with a weapon like a gun is aggravated robbery. When you steal something, it is aggravated robbery it cannot be aggravated assault,” Kambwili said.

“Even when you assault a police officer I have seen a lot of people are never given police bonds. What is so special about Jay Jay? State House is involved. State House directed the DPP to reduce the charge and directed the police to give him a police bond and asked him to go and do an illegal procession. This



is why I am saying I think this country has gone to the dogs or maybe the dogs have come to the country. This is what they charged (Obvious) Mwaliteta for and he spent one year in jail. What we are seeing now is when ministers are arrested, or PF cadres, they are immediately given police bonds. I have suffered at the hands of Kanganja and the PF government when I have been arrested nine times in the last four years and none of them have ever been given police bonds.”

Kambwili said it was clear the case wasn't going anywhere.

“Automatically, we have seen that this case is not going anywhere by the virtue of the fact that it has been reduced to just assault. Secondly, the man who was running away from the police...it was only three weeks ago they arrested (James) Lukuku on the misdemeanor case of the

defamation of the president. The man was arrested on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday that is when he was released. But here is a man an aggravated criminal...no no can we do the right thing,” Kambwili said.

“We have stooped so low as a country. I have never seen such a president in the history of this country. If President Lungu is really a president worth his salt, this is where he should show his leadership by telling the police to charge that man with an appropriate charge.”

And Kambwili said Archbishop Banda must not reduce the Catholic Church to beggars.

“The other day, I was watching the installation of the Catholic Bishop in Ndola, and one Catholic Priest stands up to say ‘well done Mr President you have given us a lot of money for project’

do you ask where that money comes from? God does not get happy for money donated which has suspicious origins. Now if a bishop of Catholic church can be happy to receive money without finding out where the money is coming from, where are we going as a country? Let me say this I am very disappointed with the Archbishop of Lusaka because the catholic bishops we knew...The Catholic church has its own members who give money for projects and we want the Catholic church to remain like that. Those Bishops who want Lungu to be helping them, let them go and form their own church and leave the Catholic church. We all know that there is corruption in this country and we are not just going to be receiving money anyhow without even knowing the source. It is very disheartening as a catholic I almost melted,” said Kambwili.

“That is why they can't talk about these issues of corruption, some of the Catholic Bishops like Alick Banda, I have never heard him condemn, we have a lot of catholic Bishops that are upright like Bishop George Lungu and other bishops, Telesphore Mpundu and you heard the new Bishop even said ‘if you make mistakes, we are going to criticize you’. But in particular, Archbishop Banda does not criticize the government, now we have known it's because he has been given so much money to do projects by President Lungu. What a shame of a catholic church!”

Meanwhile, Kambwili said there was money laundering involved in the Presidential Empowerment Fund.

“This boy, Presidential Empowerment coordinator (Clement Tembo) he moved with a ZAF plane and ZAF officers were saluting for him. This Presidential empowerment has nothing to do with government, the money is not from the budget, this money is not even explained where it's coming from. As far as I am concerned, there is a lot of money laundering involved in that empowerment fund. Because the amount of money that is put in there without explaining where it's coming from and who is funding it leaves room for everybody to say that this fund is all about money laundering. But all the people are quiet,” said Kambwili.

## Lsk police nab 10 youths for fighting over illegal control of Mtendere bus station

**By Julia Malunga**

POLICE in Lusaka have arrested 10 youths of Mtendere Compound who were fighting over the illegal control of a bus station.

In a statement, Sunday, police assistant public relations officer Godfrey Chilabi said the youths had been charged with conduct likely to cause a breach of peace.

“Police in Lusaka, this morning dispersed and arrested some youths in Mtendere Compound who were fighting over the illegal control of Mtendere bus station. In the process of fighting, eight of them have been injured and were rushed to Mtendere Clinic for medical attention while police apprehended ten who are detained in custody. They have been charged with conduct likely to cause breach of peace. The situation at the bus station is back to normal. Police are still on the ground monitoring the situation,” stated Chilabi.

# IMF will stop engaging Zambia due to poor fiscal policy, warns HH

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**

UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema says the changes which President Edgar Lungu has made at Bank of Zambia are like replacing an experienced heart surgeon with a mechanic in the middle of a surgery.

But PF media director Sunday Chanda says Hichilema's criticism lacks logic because according to the law, new Bank of Zambia Governor Christopher Mvunga is fully qualified for the position.

In a Facebook post, Sunday, Hichilema said; “What has happened at BOZ is like replacing an experienced heart surgeon with a mechanic, in the middle of heart surgery.”

And in a detailed press statement on President Lungu's decision to fire Dr Denny Kalyalya, Hichilema warned that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would stop engaging with Zambia because of poor fiscal policies and Mvunga's credibility.

“The PF is at it again with its typical hallmark of failure in upholding the tenets of sound economic management and good governance. The dismissal of the Governor of the Bank of Zambia, Dr. Denny Kalyalya is another sad development in our country's history, and it couldn't have come at such a critical time, when the nation is facing enormous economic challenges, and uncertainties. We can tell you without doubt, that the IMF will stop engaging with Zambia, not only because of poor fiscal policies but also because of the credibility of the new Bank of Zambia Governor. BOZ under

Dr. Kalyalya has behaved professionally and has been managed with a firm and transparent standpoint. With the IMF leaving us to sort out our own mess, the next likely group will be our creditors who will start demanding their pound of flesh. Then the kwacha will follow, in free fall,” Hichilema stated.

“There are no prizes for guessing why Kalyalya was fired. Put simply, the man was professional, ethical and above board. Various public statements he made on the condition of the economy, underscores the fact that he was forthright, prudent and foresighted. In now what has become the PF's modus operandus, anyone who behaves ethically and professionally is kicked out.”

Hichilema stated that government had demonstrated that it was bent on undermining the central bank.

“Government has just shown that it is hell bent on undermining the BOZ, which has remained steadfast in ensuring the economy continues to function within acceptable benchmarks. The efforts made by Bank of Zambia on monetary policy adjustments is well documented. While Kalyalya was busy forestalling a free fall of the Kwacha against major currencies, Bwalya Ng'andu, on the fiscal side, was busy fighting him by introducing strange measures and contracting new debt. A Central Bank, in any country, is a very important institution that requires professionalism and competence to reign. It is also important that the CEO of the Central Bank is protected by the law from

political interference, like this one action that has just been executed by Mr Edgar Lungu,” he stated.

He also warned Zambians to brace themselves for hard economic times.

“At this point, one can only warn the Zambian public to brace for hard times ahead. The kwacha will devalue further, subsequently sending prices skyrocketing due to the rising cost of doing business. Further, jobs will be lost because the economy will further contract, probably end at a worse position than the projected minus 5.5% growth. However with all this gloom in our midst, we would like to assure Zambians that come 2021, the economy will be firmly back on track. Do your bit, we shall do ours,” stated Hichilema.

But in a separate statement, Chanda said that instead of getting excited about the changes made at BoZ, Hichilema should have been worried about why Dr Kalyalya was slow at disbursing the K10 billion stimulus package.

“We wish to draw Mr. Hichilema's attention to Article 214 of The Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act No 2 of 2016 provides that; ‘214. (1) There shall be a Governor of the Bank of Zambia who shall be appointed by the President, subject to ratification by the National Assembly, and who shall be— (a) a citizen; (b) a person who has specialised training and experience in economics, finance, accounting, banking, LAW or other field relevant to banking, as prescribed;... ‘While subject to ratification

by Parliament, the newly appointed BOZ Governor Mr. Chris Mvunga is an accomplished Professional Accountant with extensive business knowledge gained across industries, ranging from local to Multi-national companies,” Chanda stated.

“We have also observed that its been very easy for UPND leader to attack Minister of Finance Dr. Bwalya Ng'andu, a man who has taken very aggressive fiscal measures while paying a blind eye to his cousin the former Bank of Zambia Governor over the K10 billion stimulus fund which had remained undebatable until now. Only K1 billion of the stimulus package was disbursed in the midst of negative economic growth. How can the economy be rescued when there is no liquidity in the economy? Which country can allow that? But alas Mr. Hichilema found it convenient to remain quiet possibly because the person involved was his relative. We expect that anyone who is serious about Zambia like His Excellency President Edgar Lungu is must raise concerns about the slow disbursement of the stimulus package and the over stringent measures put up which are defeating the very reason why the Stimulus package was put up in the first place.”

Chanda charged that there was sabotage by the opposition UPND to knock down the country's economy.

“There was clearly suspected sabotage to knock out the economy completely and this is what the UPND was banking on,” stated Chanda.

# De Bruyne would be the perfect fit for Liverpool - Collymore

STAN Collymore says that Kevin De Bruyne “would be the perfect fit for Liverpool”, with it his belief that the Manchester City star could turn the Reds into a “truly great side”.

De Bruyne was the standout player for City throughout their 2019-20 campaign, as he hit 13

goals while also recording a staggering 20 assists in 35 top-flight outings.

The 29-year-old picked up the Premier League Player of the Season award for his efforts, and also added a fourth League Cup winners’ medal to his collection of domestic honours.

He was, however, unable to inspire City towards a third successive title or Champions League glory, with Liverpool emerging as the new dominant force in England and Lyon humbling Pep Guardiola’s men in Europe.

Collymore thinks it is about time that De Bruyne moved onto a new challenge, and that Anfield could be the ideal next destination for a player “at the height of his powers”.

The former Liverpool striker says the Belgium international is capable of elevating Jurgen Klopp’s side

to an even higher level, and he wants to see his old club test City’s resolve with an audacious approach.

“Kevin De Bruyne fully deserves to have been named PFA Player of the Year – he has been Mr Consistency at such a high level,” Collymore wrote in his latest column for The Mirror.

“But that makes me wonder: Isn’t it time he tested himself at Real Madrid, a rejuvenated Barcelona or – here’s one to put the cat among the pigeons – Liverpool?”

“De Bruyne hasn’t yet played for a massive

club because Chelsea and Manchester City come with B-grade expectations. At Wolfsburg, it’s a C and Belgium are more of a dark horse than front-runner.

“The only way he can really stamp his greatness on the game is by joining a club at which he’d have A\* expectations and, at the height of his powers, there isn’t a better time for him to do that. De Bruyne would be the perfect fit for Liverpool.

“He could go in and run a midfield which already has all the attributes to get the best out of him. He could make them a truly

great side, one which wins multiple Premier League and Champions League titles.

“I can hear City fans screaming: ‘Nonsense, Stan’. But it’s only nonsense if Liverpool don’t have the brass neck or finances to go for it.”

Collymore added on the extra dimension De Bruyne could bring to the current Liverpool squad: “Having a nibble at De Bruyne ought to be a no-brainer for Liverpool because he would make a midfield that was excellent last season even better. **GOAL**



## UEFA chief backs continuation of one-legged Champions League knock-out rounds

UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin has stated his belief that the current one-legged knock-out format of the Champions League’s quarterfinals and semi-finals should be considered as a full-time fixture in the competition as it is, in his opinion, “more interesting”.

The one-off format, put together in order to finish up the season in a

timely manner following the coronavirus-enforced suspension of sport around the world, has produced several upsets already, most notably Manchester City and Atletico Madrid being dumped out by Lyon and RB Leipzig respectively.

Eight teams headed for Lisbon in August to play out the remaining fixtures on neutral ground in order to avoid squabbles over home and away advantages, and Ceferin believes having only one game to make it through makes for more exciting matches.

“We were forced to do it but in the end we see that we found out something new. So we will think about it in the future for sure,” Ceferin told Reuters in an interview. “[There has been] not so much tactics. If it is one match, if one team scores then the other has to score as soon as possible. If it is two-legged system then there is still time to win the next match.

“I have to say that this system of one match seems more interesting to me than the other system with



two-legged matches, but again it’s much too early to say anything about it, let’s see.

“Because the Champions League was interesting before – it’s interesting now [too], it’s quite a nice experience if you have to think about changing something that works well anyway. So, it’s not the pressure that something doesn’t work and we have to change it, we don’t have to change anything, but we’ve got

some new ideas now.”

Ceferin did, however, warn that teams could lose out of broadcast revenue if there would be fewer games to televise.

“More exciting matches for sure but of course we also have to think about the fact that we have less matches and broadcasters (can) say ‘you don’t have as many matches as before, this is different’ so we will have to discuss when this crazy situation ends,” he added. **GOAL**

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## Wanderers stick to Tenant

**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
RELEGATED Super Division side Mufulira Wanderers have revealed that they will stick to coach Tenant Chembo despite the club failing to achieve survival in the just-ended season.

In January, Wanderers appointed Chembo to take charge of the team after parting ways with relegation survival specialist Elijah Chikwanda in a bid to revive the team’s fortunes.

Chembo appeared to change the team but

Wanderers were relegated earlier this month when it was announced that the Super Division will be cut at Week 27.


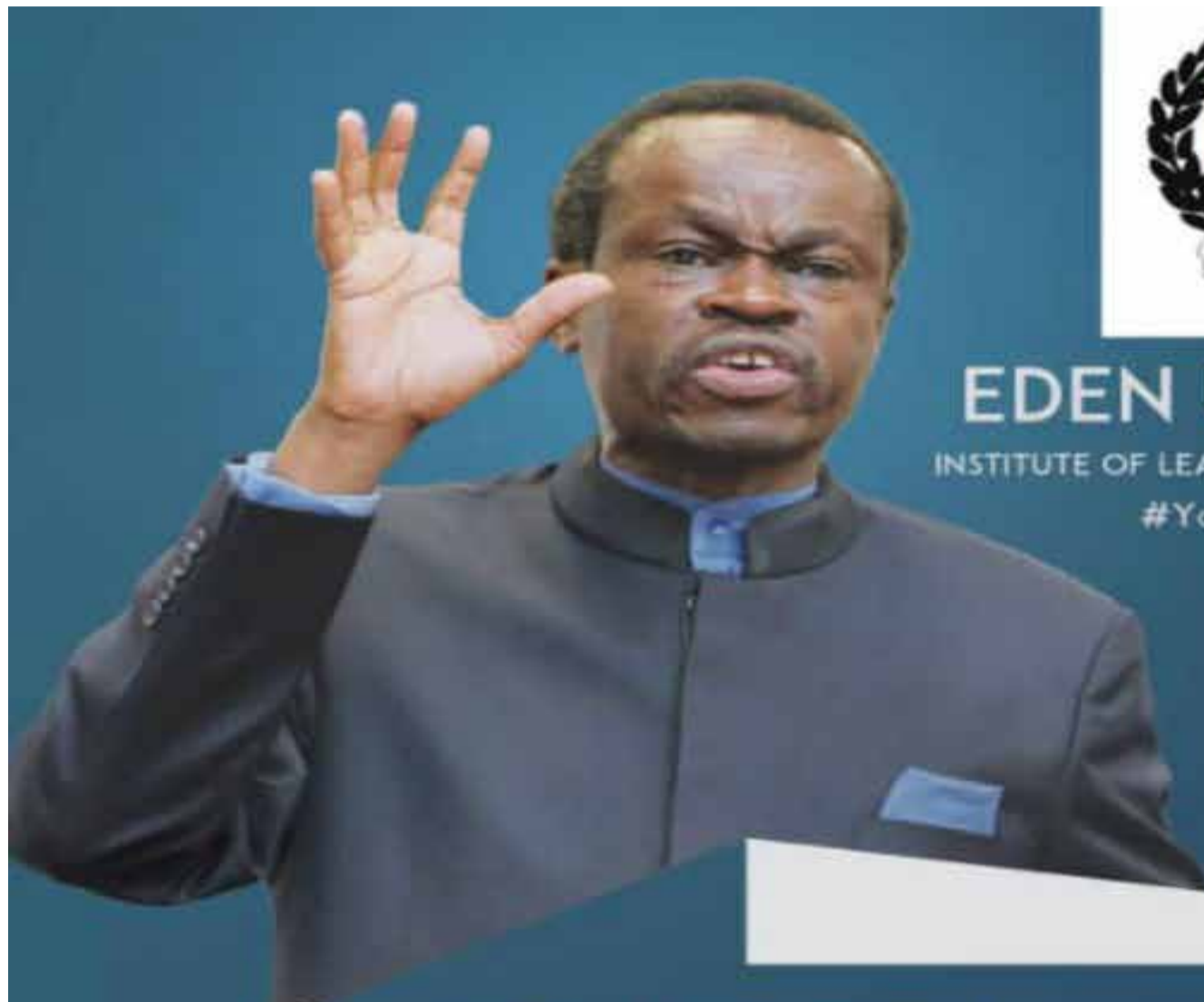
Wanderers chief executive officer Chimwemwe Manda said in an interview recently that the club will not part ways with the former Zesco United trainer just because they had been relegated.

“Regarding the coach, we are on the same page, it is not like we got him just to clinch survival. Even the players, we told them that the plans we have for the

club are long term plans. We are looking at the end of two or three years so the journey won’t be straight forward, we will have good and happy moments. As far as we are concerned, we are not parting with him,” Manda said.

Chembo’s record of three draws, two wins and four losses was not enough to save the nine time league champions from being relegated.

Wanderers finished the league 16th with 17 points, 33 behind champions and rivals Nkana.



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