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**There is a silver lining to the effects of COVID - HIVOS**

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COVID-19 has brought about unexpected positive outcomes despite having affected many lives across the world negatively, says HIVOS Regional Advocacy Manager for sustainable food in Southern Africa William Chilufya.

Analysing Zambia's food and nutrition security situation amid COVID-19 and the extent to which the pandemic had affected people's lives in the country, Chilufya said the outbreak had taught citizens how to rely on themselves.

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**Police behavior a danger to national security - CCZ**



Chanda Kambwili mobbed by relatives and NDC supporters after her release from Kabwata Police Station yesterday - Picture by Salim Dawood, Kalemba

*By Julia Malunga*  
THE Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) says the unprofessional conduct of police officers against suspects perceived to be aligned to the opposition is a danger to national peace and security.

And CCZ has condemned police's inhumane treatment on incarcerated NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili's wife, Carol, and daughter, Chanda.

In a statement, Thursday, CCZ general secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya said failure by the police to run the service professionally was a danger to national peace and security.

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ALLIANCE for Democracy and Development (ADD) president Charles Milupi says Zambia's economic recovery will only be realised when a new government is voted into power.

In an interview, Milupi said the PF government was simply unwilling to create a realistic recovery path, adding that Cabinet lacked the ability to get the country out of the economic crisis.

"They cannot put in place a plan for the economy to recover for two reasons. One, they don't have the ability to do that. Look at the Cabinet. Who is in that Cabinet that can spearhead an economic recovery plan? Who? The Ministers, who are there, were picked for other reasons other than running and growing the economy. There is no minister there whom I can point at and say, 'this one has the ability to lead the country into an economic recovery plan.' Number two, they are not willing to do that. That's not what they are in government for; they are not willing at all," Milupi said.

He said from the onset, PF had only been interested in politicking rather than addressing Zambia's economic challenges.

He cited government's move to arrest political rivals at a time when the country needed an economic recovery plan as testament to the regime's inability to urgently address national issues.

"And when I say this,

# Zambia's economic recovery only possible with new govt – Milupi

I mean, look at their action right from their beginning. Look at their actions. Their actions have never been that of a government that wants to put the economy on a recovery path. They are interested in playing what they call politics. That is why they would rather arrest a political rival when they should be thinking about ways of creating an economic recovery plan. We told them when they knock out three zeroes from the currency that those numbers will come back as long as the fundamentals of the economy are not right. You get the growth that you want to achieve, then you get stability in the money markets," Milupi said.

"You get stability in the fiscal arena. They have never really done that since they came to power. We are currently heading towards the Zimbabwe way. The inflation that this country is experiencing is not only worrying, it's a danger now to the economy. Just look at the budget. The Minister (of Finance) announced a budget of K119 billion. But when you look at the revenue side, only K66 billion arises from within ourselves. The rest of the money will come from borrowing. How do you sustain an economy via continuous borrowing? They have never learnt a lesson that

borrowing is not good."

And Milupi said Zambia

would only fully recover when a new government is

voted into office next year.

"I will tell you something,



Cancer Health Hospital senior medical superintendent Dr Lewis Banda receives donations from MTN Zambia chief executive officer Bart Hofker (l) in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

the only reasonable solution to putting our economy on a recovery plan is to bring a new government. The PF cannot do anything that will help Zambia's economy. In the budget, two items alone, just to pay the interest and public workers just those two require K74 billion. And yet on the revenue side, we can only realise K66 billion. You can see how messed up we are as a country. You cannot put the country in recovery mode when you continue this load shedding nonsense! Where is the electricity going? What is Zesco doing with the power? So, we are wasting our time to talk about what they can do. I would have said they are reluctant and worsening the economy, the economy will only become worse as long as the PF are in charge. They simply cannot do the right thing, it's impossible," said Milupi.

## Lsk police nab, transport Kang'ombe to Mpika

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POLICE in Lusaka have apprehended Sesheke UPND member of parliament Romeo Kang'ombe and transported him to Mpika where he is to appear for questioning.

Kang'ombe is a suspect in a case where some UPND officials allegedly abducted two police officers and five civil servants when their party leader, Hakainde Hichilema, visited the area a week ago.

Zambia Police spokesperson Esther Katongo said the force had factored in

safety concerns and decided to take up the responsibility of transporting the Sesheke lawmaker "for his own safety".

"He came to headquarters for him to be accompanied by police officers for reasons of his safety," said Katongo.

At a media briefing last week, Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampanyongo said Kang'ombe was in the vehicle where two police officers and five civil servants were bundled after being abducted.

"The occupants of the vehicle on which the two officers were bundled included the member of parliament for Sesheke constituency, honourable Romeo Kang'ombe. So dear colleagues, besides the two officers, five other people including two

civil servants, an agricultural extension officer, a veterinary officer and three community members who stood by the road side were also attacked by this militia group and they sustained serious injuries and multiple deep cuts. In addition, the seven casualties recorded, the UPND militia group also stole properties which included a Lenovo laptop, a wallet, a shaving machine, cell phones and cash money amounting to K2,400. All the stolen items were valued at approximately K10,000. Furthermore, one residential house had the spare bedroom and kitchen window glass panes deliberately damaged. This damage of the residential house is yet to be ascertained," said Kampanyongo.

"Government shall not entertain any form of violence any longer and whoever shall be found perpetrating political violence shall be dealt with in accordance with the law and regardless of political affiliation. Any form of violence is a criminal act that all political should condemn at all costs. Let me also take this opportunity to also warn political party leaders who are professing bloodshed during the 2021 general elections, government shall not take kindly such leaders who are bent on inculcating fear and alarm in the general citizenry. General elections are not a new phenomenon to Zambians who have always endeavored to remain peaceful after every election."

## PF has nothing to do with Kambwili's conviction – Kamba

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

LUSAKA Province PF executive secretary Kennedy Kamba says it is saddening to hear people calling the police with all sorts of names for manhandling Chishimba Kambwili's wife, Carol, when she was on the wrong side of the law.

And Kamba says political commentators should not link President Edgar Lungu or the PF to Kambwili's conviction because they have nothing to do with it.

In a voice note sent to News Diggers, Kamba argued that police should not be blamed for arresting Carol Kambwili because they were mandated to maintain law and order.

"Police officers by law are mandated to maintain law and order. It is, therefore, very imperative for every citizen to respect officers of the law. Zambia, being a democrat and a country of laws, has well laid-down procedures of handling matters, including a police officer if he/she misconducts himself. No one is above the law and no one can take the law into his own hands. We are saddened, today, that police are being called all sorts of names for arresting Mrs Carol Kambwili and her daughter, Chanda, at the Magistrates' Court. We never wish misfortunes to befall anyone and what happened at court yesterday (Tuesday) was very unfortunate," Kamba stated.

"We must, therefore, before we condemn the police, let us look at the issues objectively. We know very well that emotions were very high. The Kambwili family is going through hard times following the conviction of Mr Kambwili by the courts of law. But slapping a police officer at the Magistrates' Court was way beyond the limit. In our culture, we respect women and the dignity of Mrs

Kambwili and her daughter must be respected at all cost."

And Kamba appealed to the opposition to be fair to the police in Carol's case because the same had happened with his party cadres before.

"We further want to appeal to the opposition to be fair to the police and look at this matter objectively. Sometime back, PF cadres were beaten up and manhandled by the police officers, to be specific, our cadre, Mwelwa Chama, was beaten by police officers at the Magistrates' Court when they went to offer solidarity to Dr Chitalu Chilufya (Health Minister) and everyone was saying, 'well done' to the police! Now that it suits them, they want to make the police service look like it is the biggest monster? This is unfair to the police service," Kamba argued.

Meanwhile, Kamba stressed that it would be unfair for citizens to link President Lungu to Kambwili's conviction because the opposition leader was in conflict with the law and not with the ruling party.

"We had a meeting with the police and the opposition UPND at a similar privilege where many issues to do with respecting the officers of the law were discussed. The police and the law must be respected regardless of the perpetrator of lawlessness. The police have the mandate to prosecute and implement the dictates of the law. We must respect their duties at all costs. And we appeal to the political commentators not to drag President Lungu or the PF in the court cases, which the NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili is facing. Dr Kambwili is in conflict with the law and not the PF or President Lungu. His case should not be politicised, and President Lungu or the PF have nothing to do with this case. We wish Kambwili and his family well," stated Kamba.

## There's theft of construction material at Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe International Airport, laments AVIC

By Daniel Chansa

AVIC International Zambia says there is serious theft of construction material at Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe International Airport in Ndola.

AVIC Senior Consultant Lei Yingqi was speaking when the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) board toured the airport yesterday.

In June this year, Lei reported theft of some cables on the site to Deputy Secretary to Cabinet Patrick Kangwa, who toured works on the project then.

Lei said he was worried that theft of materials had continued because it was detrimental to progression of the works at the US \$397 million project.

He said despite engaging surrounding communities, employees and police on the matter, the "unpatriotic people" had continued breaking the wire fence to haul a number of building materials including power generators.

"Some kind of stealing is happening here. I have tried working with the police and surrounding communities

but the matter has persisted unfortunately. Unfortunately, most of the materials being stolen are imported ones," lamented Lei.

But Copperbelt Police Commissioner Charity Katanga, who was part of the tour, said there was need to enhance internal security before talking about the police.

She, however, assured that police would be ready to arrest such people provided they were furnished with adequate information.

Katanga urged management at the new airport to properly furnish her office with all employees' details so that her officers could easily follow up matters of such nature in case they recur.

"These people are supposed to be searched as they enter and exit the premises. I urge Mr Lie and his group to ensure that employees here are properly vetted by our office. Sometimes when they are sacked for one reason or the other, they come to steal," said Katanga.

And speaking earlier, CAA Acting Board Chairperson,

Patrick Nswana expressed satisfaction with the quality of works exhibited by the contractor.

Nswana said the authority had confidence in the contractor and consultants who are attached to undertake the works.

"We are very pleased with what we have seen here. We only hope the contractor won't do bad works when winding up, they should continue doing good works like this," Nswana said.

Nswana bemoaned the increased levels of encroachment on pieces of land near airports.

He said encroachment on Aviation facilities was a threat to security.

Nswana said if left unchecked, the authority would have no room to expand aviation facilities and to do other vital installations because all the pieces of land would be taken.

"We are here to look at our infrastructure and equipment which were not being used due to lock downs, but we are worried levels of encroachment on our pieces of land," said Nswana.



By Natasha Sakala

MMD president Nervers Mumba has rubbished claims that he stole US \$360,000 from the Opposition Alliance and that he is involved in activities meant to cause havoc in the country.

And Mumba has reported an online publication, Batoka Times, to ZICTA so that they can trace the proprietors who've been spreading fake news.

Meanwhile, Mumba says the National Day of Prayer will turn into a curse for the nation if church leaders begin to put politicians before God.

Last week, Batoka Times published an article where it was alleged that Mumba duped his fellow Opposition Alliance partners by declaring US\$40,000 out of the US\$400,000 said to be given to him by Kenyan-based law professor Patrick Lumumba whom the publication said is linked to Uganda's Lords Resistance Army rebel group.

But in an interview, Mumba said the theft allegations levelled against him were mere hallucinations, adding that Prof Lumumba had no connection to the terrorist groups as alleged.

"First of all, if you are referring to the stories by Batoka Bulls, first of all we need to find out who the Batoka Bulls are, and we have found out that they are a PF platform and we have written today to ZICTA to dig them out until we get to the person or persons behind it and then we have informed our lawyers to immediately litigate and take them to court to prove their claim. So, and this whole thing of the opposition, I can only speak for the MMD, that those are hallucinations. Mr Lumumba, in my view, has no connection to any one of the groups they are talking about. So, we are going to take them to court and we will get to the bottom of this because this type of politics is outdated. This thing of trying to defend the names of your opponents as we go towards the elections, we will make sure that we go and have it explained at court. I cannot comment on what Mr Kampyongo said because I didn't hear what he said, but for the MMD, they know that we are not involved in anything like that," Mumba said.

Meanwhile, Mumba urged church leaders to be careful not to put men before God, in reference to the National Day of Prayer where some clergymen showered praises on politicians.

"So, the responsibility of the priests, who are the pastors, bishops of our day, is to be very careful that they separate this day from the day of praising political leaders to a day of repenting of national sins and if we don't do this, this day will become a curse to us. It's about repentance of our sins, as a nation, not to praise political leadership. We can set up another day, which can be dedicated to praising the works of the President, of the government in place praising the leaders for the job they have done, but not the Day of Prayer, Fasting and Repentance," he said.

"I was at that event myself and I want to just advise the

Church, as a whole, especially bishops, leaders of the Church, to be extremely careful that we place God before man. The Day of Prayer and Repentance on behalf of the country is exactly that, it's not about an individual, it's not about the President, it's about us leaders in the Church taking the country to God and asking for God's forgiveness for all the injustices, for all the violence,

By Ulande Nkomesha

VETERAN politician Vernon Mwaanga says despite the country attaining 56 years of independence, Zambia's political and governance system has worsened and deteriorated.

In an interview, Mwaanga lamented that Zambia's political landscape was now characterised by greed and lust for personal wealth rather than public service.

"We are just about to mark 56 years since Zambia attained independence from Britain on 24th October, 1964. Independence came at a high price. The brave men, women and youth, sacrificed their lives, their blood, toil and sweat, to achieve independence. This would not have been possible without the support of ordinary people, who gave freedom fighters, the encouragement to

# Nevers trashes \$360,000 theft allegation

for all the treachery, for all the bitterness we have exchanged with each other and for being brutal against each other and ask God to forgive us, as a nation, that's the job of the priest."

He said that just like in the Bible, the Day of Atonement

observed by the Israelites was meant for prayer and had nothing to do with the King.

"In the Old Testament, there was a similar day for Israel called the Day of Atonement. The Day of Atonement came once per year just like the Day of Prayer and

Fasting comes once per year in Zambia. The high priest of Israel took all the sins for the past one year and asked God to forgive the nation, it had nothing to do with the king of Israel. The king of Israel didn't even go into the holy of holies and when they went into the

holy of holies as priests, they didn't mention the king, it was the sins of Israel that they brought before God and if God rejected the prayers of the priest, the price was that the priest would be killed in the holy of holies, he would die," said Mumba.

# I shed tears when I look at Zambia's current political climate - VJ

continue fighting under very oppressive conditions. The struggle knew no tribe and we all fought together and committed ourselves to uplift the living standards of our people, and I mean all the people, not just a few," Mwaanga said.

"We came up with the national motto of 'one Zambia, one Nation,' because it was a unifying theme. This was put in practice in terms of cabinet appointments, civil service, diplomatic and parastatal appointments. The freedom struggle was about service to

the country and our people as a whole. It was not about self-enrichment. When I look at what is happening at the political level today, I shed one or two tears because of the excessive greed and lust for personal wealth, which is nearly always extended to other family members and friends."

He complained that endless insults, threats and political intimidation had become a norm on the current political landscape.

"The absence of any meaningful dialogue between

our political leaders has introduced tension, hostility and even enmity, which is undesirable in what is supposed to be a democratic State. Insults, threats, intimidation, violence etc, have become the norm. There is an erosion of democracy, freedom of assembly, speech, freedom of press and human rights as we know them. This is an abomination! This is not who we are as Zambia. We represent something more noble and far better than this," Mwaanga said.

"There is something seriously wrong with this

current crop of political leaders, who are blind to the benefits of genuine political dialogue, which guaranteed us relative peace in the last 56 years. They should look at what Kenya has achieved as a result of dialogue and mutual respect among political leaders. Our recent history of national elections has been embarrassing in that we have had to deal with disputed elections and aggrieved parties are not being heard in courts of law, as the Constitution of Zambia demands. The Public Order Act, as amended, is not being applied fairly to all the parties and is being subjected to very pedestrian interpretations. This has created a very uneven and unfair playing field."

Mwaanga lamented that there was nothing to celebrate about independence as high levels of poverty, unemployment and debt had become unsustainable.

"We should mark 24th October as an important day. We have achieved a lot as a country in the past. There is very little for us to celebrate today, not only because of the Coronavirus pandemic, which has ravaged our country and the world, because many of our people are struggling to put food on their tables. Unemployment is high, our medical facilities are failing to give our people the healthcare they deserve," said Mwaanga.

"The high level of national debt has become unsustainable and future generations have been condemned to a debt trap, which has the potential to compromise the sovereignty of our country. Let us during the beginning of the 57th year of our independence manage our public affairs differently and better. Let us develop a spirit of love and togetherness for the sake of our country and people. Not to do so will be a dis-service and betrayal to our country, but to all those who sacrificed so much for our country to be free."

# We'll observe independence amid extreme levels of police brutality, laments COF

By Ulande Nkomesha

CHAPTER One Foundation (COF) says Zambia has experienced a rapid weakening of the democratic system, which includes increased limitations of freedoms of expression and assembly in the past 10 years.

In a statement, Thursday, Chapter One Foundation executive director Linda Kasonde observed that this year's Independence Day celebration came at a time when most citizens were losing hope in the State's ability to protect Zambians.

"For most of our independence, Zambia has been a beacon of peace and democracy. We have exemplified peaceful transitions of power on the African continent, whilst setting a strong foundation to build accountable and responsive systems of governance. Over the last 10 years, Zambia has experienced a rapid weakening of its democratic system. This includes increased limitations on freedoms of expression, assembly, and association. We have also seen increases in the weaponisation of the law against individuals and groups dissenting against State actions and systems," Kasonde stated.

"This year's Independence celebration comes at a time where Zambians are losing hope in the State's ability to protect the Zambian people, physically, economically and socially. We, as a nation, are experiencing heightened corruption, lawfare and extreme levels of police brutality against civilians, which continue to go unsanctioned by the State. The nationally-witnessed inhumane arrest of National

Democratic Congress leader Chishimba Kambwili's wife and daughter, Carol and Chanda Kambwili, by members of the Zambian Police Service; the cancellation of Prime TV's broadcasting license 'in the interest of public safety, security, peace, welfare or good order'; and the continued extortion and intimidation of private civilians by ruling party cadres are recent examples."

Kasonde added that the selective application of the law and rampant corruption was plaguing Zambia.

"The selective application of the law and rampant corruption is plaguing the nation. Similarly, the COVID pandemic has exposed the fragility of our social systems and healthcare institutions, which threaten the social development of the Zambian people, a majority of whom live below the poverty line and are in desperate need of State support. Additionally, the economic contraction observed by the rapid depreciation of the kwacha, rising inflation, the worsening public debt and increasing prices of essential goods, have greatly impacted the purchasing power of all Zambians. This has further impacted the unemployment rates, particularly among the youth, who are emerging as the most distressed group of Zambian citizens," Kasonde observed.

"As we celebrate our 56th year of Independence, it is imperative that the Zambian people and the Zambian government promote and protect progressive, democratic, civil, political, social, economic and human rights to improve the

country's ailing economy and democracy. Chapter One Foundation urges the Zambian government to reflect on the last 10 years of Zambia's decline in democratic values and good governance. The State must review their injurious policies and systems that have allowed for the country's social and economic failures, and additionally, condemn actions by State machinery that directly and indirectly affect the human rights and freedoms of the Zambian people."

Kasonde stated that the integrity of the country rested on the ability of the State to accept their role in the ongoing decline of the country's governance system.

"After 56 years of Independence, our forebearers would be disappointed by the condition of the Republic of Zambia for which they fought so hard to create. Police brutality, corruption, political insecurity, the deteriorating civic space and anarchy run rampant in the country with few ramifications. We urge the

Zambian government, political parties and private Zambian citizens to loudly promote the directives in the preamble of our Constitution, which include: 'UPHOLD[ing] the human rights and fundamental freedoms of every person; COMMIT[ing] ourselves to upholding the principles of democracy and good governance; RESOLVE[ing] to ensure that our values relating to family, morality, patriotism and justice are maintained and all functions of the State are performed in our common interest; and DIRECT[ing] that all State organs and State institutions abide by and respect our sovereign will,"' stated Kasonde.

"The integrity of the Republic of Zambia rests on the ability of the State to accept their role in the ongoing decline of the country's social, economic and democratic systems. The State should provide effective solutions that will prioritise the wishes of the Zambian people, who are in search of hope for a better and stronger Zambia."

# Police finally free Chanda Kambwili

By Julia Malunga

INCARCERATED NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili's daughter, Chanda, has finally been released after spending two nights in police custody.

Confirming this in an interview, Thursday, police spokesperson Esther Katongo said the charge had been reduced from assault to conduct likely to cause breach of peace.

"She has been released. The charge was reduced from assault to conduct likely to cause a breach of peace. Officers just decided to charge her for conduct likely to cause a breach of peace. She has paid the admission of guilt fine and the matter has closed," said Katongo.

On Tuesday, police in Lusaka picked Kambwili's wife Carol and Chanda at the Lusaka Magistrates' Court on allegations that the two misconducted themselves as officers were performing their duties.

The two women were manhandled before being bundled into a police vehicle and taken to Kabwata Police Station where they were detained.

Carol was charged with conduct likely to cause a breach of peace and released a day later after paying a fine but Chanda was slapped with a more serious offence of assault and police had said they would take her to court on Thursday.





By Zondiwe Mbewe and  
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LUSAKA Principal Resident Magistrate David Simusamba has set Monday, October 26, for hearing of an application for bail pending appeal by incarcerated NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili, after the latter successfully filed in the documents.

Kambwili has also filed in a notice of appeal against his conviction and sentence, with 11 grounds of appeal, among them that magistrate Simusamba erred in law and fact when he convicted him and imposed what he termed as a punitive sentence, basing his conviction and sentence mainly on his erroneous finding that he (Kambwili) had shown no respect for the honourable court, an issue that was not subject of trial before court.

Earlier, Magistrate Simusamba ruled that he would not entertain Kambwili's application for bail pending appeal, until such a time that the NDC leader complied with the appeal procedure enshrined in the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC).

He said Kambwili's notice of appeal which was filed on October 14 was irregular as it was filed into court way before he could finish pronouncing both his judgement and sentence in the matter, contrary to the demands of sections 321 and 323 of the CPC.

He added that Kambwili would continue serving his sentence until further order of the court or completion of the sentence.

On October 14, this year, magistrate Simusamba convicted and sentenced Kambwili to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour on charges of forgery and uttering a false document.

He however, acquitted him on the other charge of giving false information to a public officer.

But on the same October

## Kambwili files fresh motion of appeal after Simusamba rejects his bail application

14, Kambwili filed a notice of appeal against his conviction.

When the matter came up for a ruling yesterday, magistrate Simusamba said Kambwili's notice of appeal was irregular.

He said the procedure to follow in simple language was that after the court had delivered its last order in the case and adjourned the matter, either party to the case (the convict or the DPP), could file a notice of appeal on any lawful grounds stated under section 321.

Magistrate Simusamba said it was only after a notice of appeal had been successfully filed that section 332 of the penal code (bail pending appeal) could be invoked.

He noted that in Kambwili's case, the notice of Appeal was clearly filed before he could conclude the delivery of judgement and sentence, a position which was contrary to the demands of section 321 of the CPC.

"Evidence of this fact can be seen in both the grounds of appeal in the notice of appeal and the affidavit in support of summons for admission to bail pending appeal both filed on October 14, 2020. Thus in the grounds of appeal, the convict states at ground six that "more grounds to follow upon perusal of judgement". Meaning that at the time he was making the grounds of appeal, he had not perused the judgement or he was simply not paying attention when it was being read out to him," magistrate Simusamba said.

"In addition to that, it is a requirement that the appellant signs the notice of appeal. One wonders at what point he (Kambwili) signed the appeal,

for it purports to have been signed by him, when he clearly had no such opportunity as he was listening to his judgement from the dock."

Magistrate Simusamba said it was more shocking that Kambwili had claimed in his affidavit in support of summons for bail pending appeal that he was convicted on October 12, 2020, when judgement was delivered on October 14.

He added that it was also shocking that Kambwili appealed against his acquittal on the charge of giving false information to a public officer.

"What is even more shocking is the evidence in the affidavit in support of summons for bail pending appeal. In that affidavit at paragraph three, the convict (Kambwili) states "that on October 12, 2020, I was convicted by this honourable court of the offences of forgery; uttering false documents; and giving false information to a public officer. And I'm currently in detention at Lusaka Central correctional facility". Any person who has been following these proceedings and reading the foregoing would most definitely be gripped with shock," magistrate Simusamba said.

"Firstly, the date cited in that affidavit is October 12, 2020 which is the date that was initially set for judgement and later postponed to October 14. Secondly and perhaps most shocking is that the convict has appealed against his acquittal on the charge of giving false information to a public officer. Despite having denied the charge at the time he took plea and through out his trial. This is quite unprecedented in my 13 years of experience on the bench and I have equally never

come across literature to that effect."

Magistrate Simusamba added that Kambwili in his affidavit also purported to have been detained at Lusaka Central facility when he was in fact in court on that day and not yet been committed to the said facility.

He said his interpretation of these unusual facts was that the notice of appeal was filed into court way before he could finish pronouncing both his judgement and sentence in the case contrary to the demands of sections 321 and 323 of the CPC and therefore irregular.

"The notice of appeal being irregular I therefore hold here that there was no notice of appeal at all. Consequently, the convict cannot invoke section 332 of the CPC by applying for bail pending appeal without complying with sections 321 and 323 of the CPC. I shall therefore not entertain any application for bail pending appeal until such a time as the appeal procedure enshrined in the said CPC is fully complied with. The convict will continue serving his sentence until further order of court or completion of the sentence," magistrate Simusamba ruled as he adjourned the matter.

But Kambwili, through his lawyers, has now successfully filed in his summons for admission to bail pending appeal as well as a notice of appeal against his conviction and sentence.

Magistrate Simusamba has since set Monday, October 26, for hearing of Kambwili's application for bail pending hearing of his appeal to the High Court.

Kambwili's 11 grounds of appeal are that in view of

Article 18 of the Constitution of Zambia; Section 39 of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012; and Sections 3 and 6 of the Judicial (Code of Conduct) Act No. 13 of 1999, magistrate Simusamba erred in law and fact when he declined to recuse himself and proceeded to hear the matter and convict him, notwithstanding the fact that he had accused him (Kambwili) of trying to bribe him and that he (Kambwili) had as a result of the accusation sued him for defamation of character.

That magistrate Simusamba erred in both law and fact when he prematurely curtailed Kambwili's continued defence of his case and ordered immediate closure of defence notwithstanding that he (Kambwili) had applied to adjourn the matter on the ground that his Counsel was appearing before the Court of Appeal on the same date and at the same time.

That magistrate Simusamba erred in law and fact when he held that Mwamba Chishimba was a fictitious person, notwithstanding the evidence that was placed before court regarding the existence and true identity of the said Mwamba Chishimba.

Kambwili has also argued that magistrate Simusamba erred in both law and fact when he held that by signing Companies Form 71 on behalf of Mwamba Chishimba, he (Kambwili) forged the document.

Other grounds are among others, that magistrate Simusamba gravely misdirected himself both in law and fact when he convicted Kambwili against the weight of the evidence on record, and when he held that Kambwili and some

of his lawyers had no respect for the trial court and that he (Kambwili) lied to the court that he had tested positive to COVID-19.

In his affidavit in support of summons for admission to bail pending appeal, Kambwili stated that the offence he was charged with was bailable and hence his application to this court of competent jurisdiction to admit him to bail pending the determination of his appeal.

"That if bail is not granted, I am going to suffer prejudice and injustice as there is a possibility of serving the substantial part of the sentence aforesaid before the appeal is heard thereby rendering my appeal an academic exercise and of no purpose," he stated.

"I hereby make an undertaking that if bail is granted, I shall abide by and comply with all reasonable bail terms and conditions that this Honourable Court of competent jurisdiction may impose."

Meanwhile, Police officers who were manning the entrance to the Lusaka Magistrates' Court complex yesterday apprehended UPND Chikobo ward councillor Regan Mubatsa after he attempted to enter the court premises without clearance.

The armed police officers stopped Mubatsa as he attempted to enter the premises and asked him to show them the court documents which allowed him to be at court.

But Mubatsa failed to produce the documentation, a situation that forced the angry officers to bundle him in a police vehicle and whisked him away to Kabwata Police Station.

ZNBC journalist Katwishi Bwalya, who was live streaming on Facebook, was also queried as some officers grabbed his phone after he was seen capturing events using his phone.

Bwalya was only let go after the officers saw his identification card and after he told them that they were live on Facebook.



By Tenson Mkhala

OVER 12,000 cases of cancer are recorded every year in Zambia, says Cancer Disease Hospital senior medical superintendent Dr Lewis Banda.

And MTN Zambia chief executive officer Bart Hofker says the company is committed to look beyond its main operations and reach out to communities to help improve Zambians' lives through its corporate social investment.

Speaking when he received some detergents and food supplements donated by MTN Zambia at the Cancer Disease Hospital in Lusaka, Thursday, Dr Banda said the number of cancer cases in the country had now escalated to over 12,000 per annum.

"The Cancer Disease Hospital is the only cancer hospital that we have in Zambia, and as you may know, the numbers of cases of cancer that you are seeing in this country are ever-increasing. We are seeing at a national level, over 12,000 cases of cancer every year and the bulk of the cancer apparently affects women," Dr Banda said.

"The number one cancer that we see is cervical cancer and then followed by prostate cancer. So, from the statistics, we see that it is affecting mostly women."

He added that the number of cancer cases in children were also going up.

"We still see cancer in children. We see that the numbers are going up again among children. Mostly, cancer that is common in children is cancer of the eye. This has become common as lots of children are brought a bit late and they start treatment late also," he said.

And Dr Banda lamented that government resources were insufficient to effectively fight the soaring numbers of cancer cases.

"Government resources are not enough in the same cases and we need to be helped so that we help these patients. We also have challenges with our machines, which are

# Zambia records 12,000 new cancer cases annually – Banda

getting old and they need to be repaired because most of the time, they are down. We have challenges in the logistics, mostly drugs, and it is becoming very difficult to source drugs, locally, because of the COVID pandemic," said Dr Banda.

And Hofker said MTN Zambia remained

committed to help improve Zambians' lives in communities through its corporate social investment.

"As MTN Zambia, through our corporate

social investment, we are committed to look beyond our main operation by reaching out to the communities and generally helping to improve the lives

of Zambians. We believe the nation can only flourish if its citizens are in good health and if good health services are provided to citizens. We strive to help the

needy and reach the most vulnerable and marginalised communities and members of our society without leaving anyone behind," said Hofker.

## Withdraw, subject NGO amendment bill to consultations, demands ActionAid

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

ACTIONAID country director Nalucha Ziba says the Non-Governmental Organization amendment Bill which is currently before the National Assembly does not have the blessing of NGOs because stakeholders were not consulted.

In a statement, Thursday, Ziba said the government had used the back door to try to strengthen a section on money laundering and terrorism financing which the NGOs had rejected.

"The Non-Governmental Organization Amendment Bill (2020) currently before the National Assembly does not have a blessing from the NGOs as it lacks consultations from the sector. As the NGO sector, we were taken back to read and hear that the government is sponsoring an amendment to incorporate a section on money laundering and terrorism financing under the NGO Act No. 16 of 2009, which is currently under the process of repeal and replacement. This process of repeal and replacement of the same Act has reached a completion stage and was spearheaded by the Technical Working Group (TWG) constituted by the Government itself

through the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services. The fact that the government has used a back door to undermine this process and try to strengthen the rejected Act by the NGOs, is a sign of desperation and lack of respect for stakeholders' consultations and input in legislative process," Ziba stated.

And Ziba has demanded that the bill be withdrawn

from parliament and be subjected to a consultative process.

"It is on this premise that we demand for the withdrawal of the Bill from the National Assembly and be replaced by the actual comprehensive NGO Bill currently with the Zambia Law Development Commission (ZLDC). We shall not accept piece meal amendments of the Act regardless of the pressure the

government is under to fulfill the international dictates. We urge all NGOs interested in seeing a legal framework that respond positively to the growth of the sector to reject this piece-meal amendment and press for the tabling of the Bill developed by the Technical Working Group under the supervision of ZLDC and the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services respectively," stated Ziba.

On Tuesday, Community

Development and Social Services Minister Kampamba Chewe presented the Non-Governmental organization amendment Bill 13 of 2020 for first reading in parliament.

And Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini referred the bill to the parliamentary committee on Health, Community Development and Social Services for scrutiny.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

UPND national chairperson Mutale Nalumango says there is no need for the ruling PF to be scared of what her party will do when it forms government because the opposition party's goal is not to settle scores.

Reacting to Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya's remarks that it was scary to imagine what the UPND would do to the opposition when it formed government in an interview, Nalumango said there was no need for the PF to be scared because her party would not be vindictive.

"And when they are doing such things of theft and corruption, it will not be us because as we have been saying up to now that there are laws and institutions.

## PF shouldn't worry, we're not vindictive – UPND

And if they were operating correctly, people should be paying for their evil now, and not tomorrow. For us we are not coming in to be vindictive. Our issue is to look after the people. Those that have committed crimes, the law that is in place which they have breached is what we will follow. So, don't go and start scaring innocent people and say 'when these people come in, they will do this.' What is that? There is no way. They say ingulube bakonka ilile

umumbu (you only chase after a pig which has eaten maize). You don't start witch hunting like they are trying to find crimes that they imagine in their heads of years ago. No, no innocent person will be incarcerated. So, let them not scare innocent members of the PF who are suffering like everybody else," Nalumango said.

She said people should not fear because her party leader Hakainde Hichilema would be a president for all.

"Why is she thinking of the opposition? Is she thinking of the atrocities they have committed in government? PF should not fear and I am talking to the general PF membership. If you have not committed any crime, why should you live in fear? UPND will be there to look after everybody. We know when we win, the president Hakainde Hichilema will be president for everyone. The danger that they may be thinking about is for those who have committed atrocities. And that will be a different matter. It will not be UPND as a party like they have been doing where a PF cadre can stand up and threaten people. We shouldn't allow that," Nalumango said.

"Nothing will happen to them. The opposition will have their own space when we come in next year. So, let her not use it as a way of scaring people. Hakainde and UPND are not coming to start hunting for innocent people. They will be safe as long as they sit on the right side of the

law. Nobody will be victimized under UPND. That will not happen. UPND will be run by government and not by cadres like they have been doing. Everybody will have their space. Those in government will have their own space, and the opposition will have their own space."

Nalumango asked Siliya to put her imaginations aside.

"I think she should be scared of what they are doing themselves to the people of Zambia other than worry outside her imagination. Why should she think we would do anything to the opposition? We do understand the role of the opposition and what we have been crying for is what will happen. Gary talked about people who praised government for nothing. So, how does the opposition come in? If we will have the opposition that will praise government for real, I think that's okay. But to have an opposition that is just waiting to eat from the ruling party, that is not genuine democracy. For us, we respect our Royal Highnesses all over. We are part of the traditions of our land. And they will be respected. And the respect you show to the chiefs is not to make the chiefs start clapping for you. The chief is the custodian of the people that they rule over. And we expect that our Royal Highnesses should look at the plight of the people that they look after rather than their individual capacities. I think that is what Gary was trying to say," said Nalumango.

## TIZ hopes FIC Amendment Bill isn't aimed at clipping centre's powers

By Ulande Nkomesha

TRANSPARENCY International Zambia (TI-Z) has wondered whether the Financial Intelligence Center amendment bill isn't targeting to clip the powers of the centre.

In an interview, TI-Z executive director Maurice Nyambe hoped that the amendment bill was not a smokescreen for weakening the functions of the FIC.

The Financial Intelligence Center amendment bill passed the first reading stage in Parliament on Tuesday.

"We have noted that the Financial Intelligence Centre (Amendment) Bill 2020 went through First Reading in Parliament on Tuesday and has now been referred to the parliamentary committee on National Security and Foreign Affairs. Our hope as TI-Z is that the proposed amendment is not a smokescreen for clipping the wings of the FIC. We have observed with amusement that the PF

government has not been happy with what the FIC has revealed through their Trends Analysis reports, particularly the 2018 one and there were incessant attacks made on the FIC and its leadership by senior government and PF officials in the wake of the release of the 2018 report," Nyambe said.

"Our hope is that the proposed amendment, whose first objective is 'to redefine the functions of the Centre', will not make it more difficult for the FIC to bring into the public domain incidences of financial misconduct particularly by Politically Exposed Persons. We also wish to emphasize that the significance of the FIC in dealing with money laundering and countering terrorism financing should not be diluted through this amendment. These two crimes are getting sophisticated by the day and the FIC should be empowered to meet all the international standards as outlined by the Financial Action Task

Force (FATF)."

Nyambe said TI-Z would not support any attempts that would turn FIC into a moribund institution.

"Further, the FIC has in the recent past touched on Environmental crimes as a means of money laundering and we are alive to the fact that the allegations of impropriety in the export of the Mukula tree continue to be made. Our hope is that this amendment is not one of the many reasons to try and cripple the FIC. The FIC has already seemingly been politicized by the PF government and it is our hope that these amendments are not intended to further weaken the institution. We will as TI-Z not support any attempts to turn this important institution into a moribund one simply because Political Exposed Persons are uncomfortable with the revelations of possible wrong doings involving them. We will be watching this space very closely in that regard," said Nyambe.



# PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE (PAC) Viva New Zambia!!!

*Why we deserve your vote*



## 56 Years and the struggle continues

*By Andyford Mayele Banda*

**H**APPY 56 years of "Colonial Independence" mother Zambia! Yes, for as long as we will not fix things in this country then its right that we stopped calling it Independence Day, but we call it what it is "Colonial Independence" because 56 years after the so-called independence the struggle is still on. All the bad things that the freedom fighters fought against for us to be independent are still happening in today's independent Zambia. The only difference between pre independence and after independence is just the nationality and the color of people running things.

Anyway, we are still grateful to the freedom fighters and we should definitely never take their sacrifices for granted and as the new generation leaders we have a lot to learn from their sacrifices. They knew what they wanted, they had a purpose and they achieved a part of the purpose on 24th October 1964. From colonial rule, our people took over and were in charge of government and the country's treasury. Zambia became a sovereign state.

Unlike today's politics where most people especially some youths are expected to benefit something for giving service to the country, the freedom fighters sacrificed personal resources and time to achieve independence for Zambia. If the freedom fighters were behaving a lot like some of the youths who expect to get something to be part of a political movement, the colonial rulers could have corrupted them and even today, we would still be under colonial rule or they would have completely exploited our resources and we would have taken over a finished country.

The freedom fighters fought for independence so that the resources that were held by a few white minority colonial rulers could be equally be shared among everyone in this country. Yes, 56 years after independence and the struggle continues. The resources of this country are with a few people just like in colonial rule only difference is that this time with our fellow countrymen. 56 years after independence our freedoms are being

curtailed just like what the white rulers did to our forefathers. 56 years and the struggle continues.

In today's Zambia political parties and political party leaders are either in jail under the threat of being taken to jail just like pre independence. The use of the public order act to stop political parties from gathering has been enhanced just like colonial times. The freedom of the media has been curtailed and the state newspapers, radios and TVs only cover those that are part of the ruling elite just like in colonial times. Constitutions are now being tempered with to suit the needs of a few, just like in colonial times. Indeed, we live in times which we can correctly call 'black colonialism' and this independence thing is just a fallacy, it's not real. The objectives of the independence struggle have not been met until we change the leadership of this country and come up with leaders that are willing to work for the people not themselves.

We can call for unity and sugar coat independence celebrations, but as long as the wealth of this country is kept within a few individuals, the dreams of our forefathers won't be realized. As long as the leaders of today and the future don't work for the interest of the majority, we risk everything that the forefathers fought for including the so-called unity. In fact, the country is deeply divided and so tensed right now that those that are in power are blinded and can't see what's happening.

The country needs a shift in its direction. The country needs hope for the future. But the youths need to wake up with purpose just like the freedom fighters. Let's not leave this country to the madalas, this is our time and moment. In emulating the freedom fighters, at 34 together with a group of other young people, called ourselves the new generation leaders, stood up formed a political party and named it the People's Alliance for Change (PAC). None of us had any political experience, nor come from political connected families neither were our names known in the media circles but we just had the conviction that this is what we should do now. At 35 I stood for President. I was the youngest Presidential candidate in the history of Zambia.

We have continued on this path up today.

We are not trying to blow our own trumpet but the truth is that this history is not special, but important. We are not the only youths to have taken it upon themselves to change the course of history. Kenneth Kaunda and team started the struggle while they were very young. Hence KK became President at about 40 but he had been in the struggle for so long. Nelson Mandela was arrested for his infamous 27 years in jail when he was around 36 years. He had already become influential. Martin Luther King Jnr died at the age of 38 years and yet his name is in the history not only of the United States but of the world had already been guaranteed. Thomas Sankara became President at 33 years and revolutionized everything in Burkina Faso. And these are not the only ones. We have business leaders that have done so much in their youthful years around the world.

In order to get real independence now more than ever, we need a new leadership that has a profound belief in the potential of this country. We must break a system that supports a few individuals and create a system that supports everyone. The big-contract syndrome will be done away with under a PAC government. All jobs that do not require special skills must be shared and done by Zambians. We must understand that for our economy to get back on track, our people must have disposable income to spend within the economy so that businesses can thrive.

The PAC leadership did not have any political background. Zero name recognition. People's Alliance for Change (PAC) was born out of a firm belief that the country was in desperate need of a total overhaul in its political leadership. The crisis of then, which is still a crisis of today is lack of a selfless and determined leadership that would bring a new vision to stir our country Zambia to greater heights. Just like our forefathers, we are the one who will win the real independence for this country. Yes, PAC is the future.

**Andyford Mayele Banda**  
**President**  
**People's Alliance for Change (PAC)**



**By Julia Malunga**  
THE Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) says the unprofessional conduct of police officers against suspects perceived to be aligned to the opposition is a danger to national peace and security.

And CCZ has condemned police's inhumane treatment on incarcerated NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili's wife, Carol, and daughter, Chanda.

In a statement, Thursday, CCZ general secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya said failure by the police to run the service professionally was a danger to national peace and security.

"As observed by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and the Non-Governmental Gender Coordinating Committee (NGOCC), the treatment that was given to Mrs Kambwili and her daughter was cruel, inhuman and degrading. Acts of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of suspects are categorically forbidden under Article 15 of the Constitution of Zambia, Chapter 1 of the laws of Zambia and under international human rights law. Zambia is a democracy where citizens are guaranteed human rights, which must be recognised and respected by law enforcement agencies. Failure to respect the rights of suspects regardless of their

# Police's failure to act professionally a danger to peace - CCZ



offence is a violation of the law," Fr Chikoya stated.

"After having studied this matter concerning Mrs Kambwili and her daughter, our understanding is that the unfortunate happenings that led to the duo's arrest arose from the fact that they were denied access to see their loved one, against their constitutional right. We, therefore, remind the police that it is both humane and constitutional for them to allow family members, relatives and friends to have access to their incarcerated loved ones. Denying them access to their incarcerated loved ones is a violation of

the law. We would further like to remind the police command that failure on their part to run the police service professionally is a danger to national peace and security."

He also condemned the unprofessional, heavy-handedness and brutality by police on defenceless and unarmed citizens.

"We have noticed how the Zambia Police has been quick to arrest suspects, who are considered to be aligned to the opposition political parties, while tolerating those considered to be aligned to the ruling party, regardless of the crimes committed. This behaviour

by the Zambia Police has become a danger to national unity and peace that we have been continuously praying and fasting for. Zambia has been known for peace in a long time, but with the manner the police have been treating citizens under the current government, we are getting very concerned about the sustainability of our much-cherished peace," read the statement.

We, therefore, condemn the unprofessional, heavy-handedness and brutality by the Zambia Police on defenceless and unarmed citizens. The manner in which the police handled Mrs Kambwili and her

against citizens.

"We, therefore, urge government and the Zambia Police to be professional where the application of law and order are concerned, regardless of who is involved in the offence/crime. When this is done, our prayers will be accepted by God. Failure to do our responsibility, God cannot answer our prayers for sustained national unity and peace. Isaiah 58:1-14 guides us on how we ought to live our lives if we want God in Heaven to answer our prayers. There is a responsibility we need to do for God to do His part. The Zambia Police should stop brutality against citizens, who are created in God's image. Respecting human dignity is respecting God's creation," stated Fr Chikoya.

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In a week's time, the Electoral Commission of Zambia will be flagging off the physical or rather mobile voter registration exercise. This exercise will take place between October 28 and November 30, 2020. According to the Commission, there will be no extension of days allocated to this activity. This will be an opportunity for many of our eligible voters who did not find time or the knowhow to register online, to do so. We are also told by ECZ that even those who have already registered will be required to go and do a physical verification to make sure that everything is in place.

Some of our people are wondering why we are making so much noise about the need to register to vote. We want to dedicate this space today to share reasons that may encourage our fellow citizens to take part in this civic duty. We have gathered a variety of thoughts and opinions that we hope will make our readers understand what a vote matters so much.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "No man is good enough to govern another man without that other man's consent" This further explains that in a truly democratic society, governments are instituted among qualified and responsible men who derive

# Your vote is your voice, if you don't vote, you vote otherwise

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leaders. By not voting, you give away your right to influence the government. Your vote alone can make a difference because an election can be decided by just a single, solitary vote or handful of votes. This is especially true under a 50 per cent plus one voting threshold that we have in Zambia.

their just powers from the consent of the governed. Voting is the first duty of democracy. Government is based on citizens' votes for representation. In a democracy, your vote is your voice and the act of standing up for what you believe. Voting helps to preserve our way of life.

Voting must not be taken casually. It is a right that, throughout history, our founding fathers have fought for and sacrificed everything to achieve. Voting is the most important exercise a citizen will do as a responsible resident of a democratic nation. In a functioning democracy, being able to vote allows citizens to express their political opinions by voting a particular policy or candidate that has their best interest in mind.

Voting in an

election shows your commitment and care about your community. Voting is the best way to influence the nation in which we live. Your vote holds your state and national leaders, responsible for the decisions they make. Eligible and responsible voters always take their time, to read the parties manifestos and agendas, to study the candidates ideas, integrity, capabilities, personal records, their future plans and how they stand on public issues.

Don't listen to what President Lungu says where he suggests that in 2021, people must vote for all candidates from the same political party. That is wrong. It is always advisable to vote for credible people or candidates and not political parties as this determines the faith of the nation. It is also

a law of nature that those who vote for a candidate for money, out of anger, ignorance, race or sex will surely get what they voted for. The result is inept and corrupt leaders and politicians.

A country's democracy and people's choice depends on voting. So we should take the initiative to vote for someone that reflects our overall views. Your vote affirms your rights as a free citizen to elect your representative and take part in a democracy. The truth is that your vote counts and it can make a difference every time you cast your vote. Without voting, definitely, there will be no democracy to talk about. Voting helps us to have a new set of people representing us with fresh and new ideas to help heal the damage that their

predecessors did.

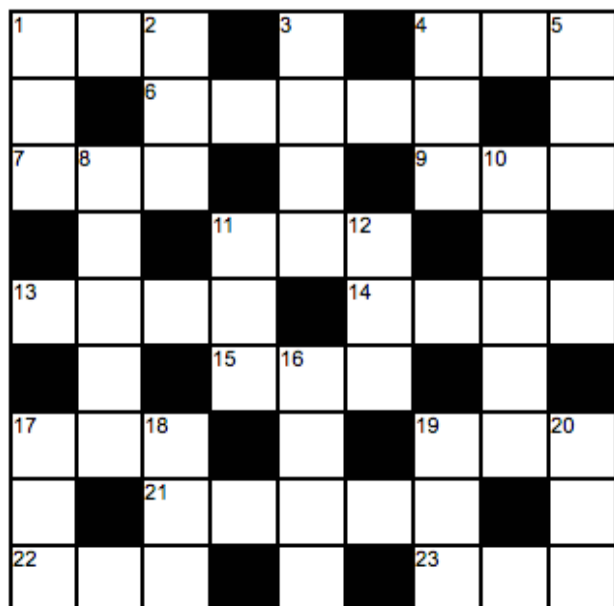
Meanwhile, on the other hand a citizen that just decides not to vote without reasonable reason is a plain ignorant. If you do not take part in elections, it is either due to lack of willingness or a manifestation of illiteracy. Whatever the case, always remember that inaction does not breed change, but only worsen the situation. If you do not vote, you have voted otherwise. Citizens' apathy or laziness to show up and make their votes count leave the country in a very vulnerable and perilous position due to incompetent and irresponsible leaders.

If you don't vote during an election, you are surely voting indirectly against democracy and making way for irresponsible

Voting is the foremost way to exhibit good citizenship and civil responsibility. We should always remember that some people sacrifice their lives to preserve our freedom and to let us have this voting opportunity as our sacred right. True democracy demands the involvement of the people, otherwise, in the absence of that there is no democracy.

Voting gives true meaning to the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln that "You can fool some of the people sometimes, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time". Register to vote so that you don't remain a citizen who is fooled all the time.

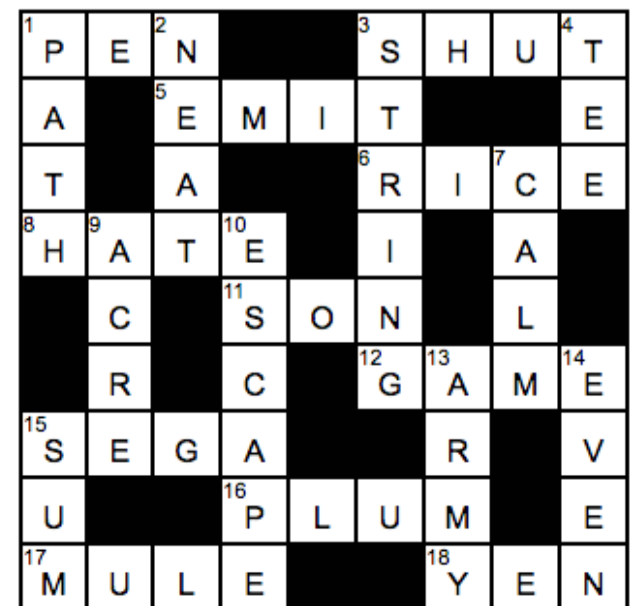
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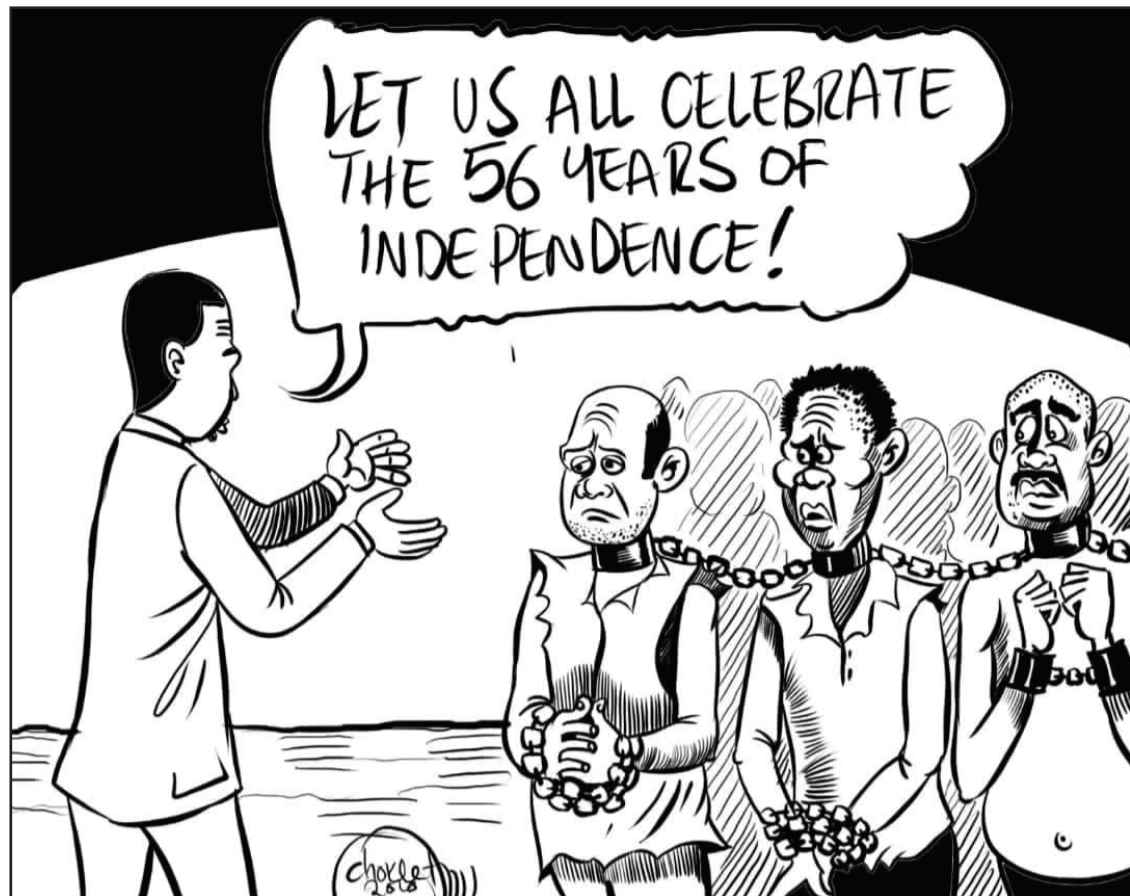
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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take to court</li> <li>4. Small round veggie</li> <li>6. Metric measure</li> <li>7. " __ go, girl!"</li> <li>9. Small bill</li> <li>11. Mischievous one</li> <li>13. Left after cut heals</li> <li>14. Vicinity</li> <li>15. Not just some</li> <li>17. Be nosy</li> <li>19. Seeing organ</li> <li>21. Have same opinion</li> <li>22. River barrier</li> <li>23. Meadow</li> </ul> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To speak</li> <li>2. Ostrich cousin</li> <li>3. Ckecklist unit</li> <li>4. Professional</li> <li>5. Mimic</li> <li>8. ___ the Grouch, from Sesame Street</li> <li>10. Deprived</li> <li>11. Lyricist Gershwin</li> <li>12. Buddy</li> <li>16. Lie in wait</li> <li>17. Group of seals</li> <li>18. Potato substitute</li> <li>19. Slippery fish</li> <li>20. Baseball stat.</li> </ul> |
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## Crossword puzzle No 716





# Readers' Feedback



## Police's nabbing of Kang'ombe for 'questioning' in Mpika

Editor,

"After the so called National day of prayers and reconciliation these guys have become so evil... In fact ever since this day was declared there has been more evil in the country than ever before I only hope the next government will do away with this day!" - Ian Malekhanie

"Zimbabwe has come to Zambia. The brutes' wheels are in motion. The sooner the people stand up to stop this trajectory, the better for the future. Giving this regime any further inch, they will take a mile. By the time we realize, we will be in chains". - Kwa Mwamba

"God is watching and he never slumber on his children, thugs are roaming around streets and have even the power to throw stones on opposition vehicles in view of the police. Our ancestors where are you please?!" - R Ocker Kapula

"Apprehending someone for questioning is as good as abduction". - Ikechukwu Iduma

## 'Lumumba right, PF a weak, paranoid govt'

Editor,

"Ba guy acts tough at platforms but he is quite a weak man who cant face his opponents on a free and fair ground. If you are that popular why are you afraid of allowing your opponents to have the same freedom you have and campaign freely? Thats a weakness and being paranoid!" - Josh Godwin Musuku

"Proverbs 28:1 - 'The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.'" - Mze Aniesto

"That's the problem of cheating. Even your own shadow becomes an enemy!" - Lydia Ndandalika

"Let's save Zambia by voting out the visionless PF!" - Kelvin Bowa

"Yes even when someone wants to go hear an open court case, they see them as enemies. Even when the drivers have not been paid and they ask for their money, they are called enemies". - George Malupande

"Of course PF government and ECL are weak and paranoid cos they know that they can't win a fair straightforward election thats why they are using state machinery and the police on opposition, they know they have committed various crimes while serving and know that most of them will be in jail if they lost an election. They're evil and I don't know how their wives and children cope with seeing their parents unleash all mothers of hell on their fellow countrymen/women. Very sad indeed nobody saw this coming when they voted for Sata". - Mutinta Mulonda

## ZP's insistence on picking HH, if needed

Editor,

"Zambia police why have you allowed yourselves to be used to either settle or fix political opponents, Plz don't fight political battles rather exercise professionalism and fairness... Zambia is not a police state to fix opponents!" - Kenny Sefuka

"This police woman by the name of Mwata Katongo is ignorant with the laws of the world, i.e. Human Rights! Ask her if HH is a criminal and which offence has he committed in Penal Code CAP. 87 for the Police to pick him by force! This time we shall not allow our leader HH to be harassed and intimidated in his own

country!" - Honourable Simunji Simunji

"We are seeing what's unfolding and yet someone somewhere went for national prayers, if I was madam Sumaili I would have resigned a long time ago". - O'Brien Mpundu

"She should be reminded of what is happening in Nigeria. One day it will be people power. People will rise and the police will not resist it". - Peter Silwimba

"If he wins elections, alot of people will just quit on their own". - Bruce Moyon Njovu

"I quote '...not yet been summoned...'. So they are planning to? You see that they just create these arrests? They first plan to arrest him then find what to arrest him for. ... Bottom line to them, he needs to be arrested!" - Josh Godwin Musuku

"Fed up of all the intimidation going on in Zambia stop flexing your muscles on citizens using state machinery!" - Mutinta Mulonda

"Just wait for 2021, he will be the one giving you call outs. In developed countries, presidential contenders are given respect and protection by the security wing. Leadership change". - Moses Mumba

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

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## 'Carol, don't worry, one day, tables will turn...'

Editor,

"One day things will change dear Mrs Kambwili you are just passing through it and you pull through what you going through is traumatic but be of good courage because this is not permanent". - Elliot Mwansa

"Police brutality against

defenceless citizens is a sign of weakness on the part of the police". - Chanda Ch

"Need for change we have a brutal government". - Belinda Kamuwanga

"Mama Kambwili take heart as should your husband. You have had

the misfortune (yet heroic) of being the symbolic crucifixion of every ordinary Zambian's rights by a cunning regime whose thirst for power has intoxicated their consciousness of right versus wrong. The basis for waging/ unleashing this cruelty is on flimsy ground...it will not stand". - Kwa Mwamba



## Rare green puppy 'Pistachio' born in Italy



THIS year has been an unpredictable one, to say the least.

But things got even stranger for Italian farmer Cristian Mallocci when his dog, Spelacchia, gave birth to a puppy with green fur.

The tiny pooch was immediately named Pistachio.

The puppy was part of a five-dog litter born at the farm on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia. Pistachio's brothers and sisters all had white fur, the same colour as their mother.

A dog born with green fur is very rare. It is believed to be a result of the puppy making contact with a green pigment called biliverdin while in the womb.

But - in what will come as sad news to many - Pistachio's colour has already started to fade, and will continue to do so.

Mr Mallocci has decided to give away all the puppies, apart from Pistachio, who will help him herd sheep on the farm.

Green is a colour of hope and luck, he added - something many of us could do with a little bit more of in 2020. *BBC*

By Zondiwe Mbewe

KASAMA PF member of parliament Kelvin Sampa has asked the Lusaka High Court to stay proceedings in a case in which RL Extrem Investment Limited has sued him for allegedly failing to pay over K2 million after supplying him with more than 4,000 security boots.

Sampa wants the Court to stay proceedings and to refer the matter to arbitration.

He has stated that the claims brought before court by RL Extrem Investment Limited arise out of the sale of goods agreement which was signed between himself and the said company in

## Kasama MP asks court to halt proceedings in K2m shoe bill case

his capacity as the national chairman of the Patriotic Front party.

Sampa further stated that the said sale of goods agreement in clause 10 has an agreed dispute resolution mechanism, which is arbitration, adding that on account of the agreed dispute resolution, this is a fit and proper case for the Court to stay proceedings and refer the matter to arbitration.

This is according to an affidavit in support of summons for stay of



proceedings, pending arbitration and to refer matter to arbitration, filed in the Lusaka High Court recently.

Sampa argued that the grant of such application will not prejudice RL Extrem Investment Limited in any way, but conversely the interest of justice will best be served.

And according to skeleton arguments in support of summons for stay of proceedings, pending arbitration and to refer matter to arbitration, Sampa stated that the Court had the requisite jurisdiction to stay proceedings in this matter and refer the case to arbitration.

He added that it would, therefore, be in the interest of justice for the Court to grant his application as both parties intended to have their disputes resolved through arbitration and not through the courts.

In its statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court on September 21, RL Extrem Investment Limited had stated that it was involved in general supply of goods in Lusaka and elsewhere in Zambia.

It stated that by contracts in writing dated November, 2019, it supplied Sampa 226 security boots at K550 per pair totaling K124,300 on one hand and 4,200 security and safety boots at K430 per pair totaling K1,890,000 altogether coming to K2,014,300.

RL Extrem Investment stated that it was a term of the contract that upon delivery of the goods, Sampa would pay 50 per cent of the total amount.

It added that it delivered the goods during the course of November, 2019, which were duly received and acknowledged by Sampa.

The company, however, stated that Sampa failed to pay the 50 per cent or any other sum, as agreed.

"By a demand letter dated June 23, 2020, addressed to Sampa's advocates, the company through its advocates made its first demand in writing for the payment of K2,014,300. The defendant has either failed, refused or otherwise neglected to settle the claimed amounts," read the claim.

The company stated that it was entitled to claim the said sum of K2,014,300, together with interest and costs.



Protests over a now-disbanded police unit, the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (Sars), have been taking place in Nigeria for two weeks.

## There's a silver lining to the effects of COVID-19 – HIVOS

By Mirriam Chabala

COVID-19 has brought about unexpected positive outcomes despite having affected many lives across the world negatively, says HIVOS Regional Advocacy Manager for sustainable food in Southern Africa William Chilufya.

Analysing Zambia's food and nutrition security situation amid COVID-19 and the extent to which the pandemic had affected people's lives in the country, Chilufya said the outbreak had taught citizens how to rely on themselves.

Chilufya said disruptions to global foods systems brought about by lockdowns and closures of international borders had also provided an opportunity for farmers to supply locally produced goods on a larger scale.

"For me I think there is a silver lining to this whole situation; what COVID-19 has done is it has created an opportunity for us to begin realizing the value of our local food, why? Because the influx of food from out of the country has now reduced because of restrictions regarding exports and imports. So this has created an opportunity for us to benefit from what we have in our country. Therefore, for farmers, it might be an advantage in the sense that there will be available market ready for them. But then this can only happen when farmers decide to work together in form of cooperatives. But what we see here as HIVOS is an opportunity for our local farmers to supply locally produced goods at a larger scale," Chilufya said.

"COVID-19 has actually taught us to say, you and I [this reporter] should begin having a small garden at our house where we can get our vegetables from. Producing our own food is really important in the sense that these foods

that you find everywhere, you don't know what chemicals they have. So it's important that we begin growing our food even if it's in a small backyard. If it's in a sack, grow something in a sack at home."

Chilufya said promoting the consumption of locally produced goods would contribute to people's easier access to healthy and sustainable diets.

"At household level, the issue has been about dietary diversification. The Ministry of Health has been talking about eating diversified foods at household level so that we can build resilience towards this coronavirus. If you have noticed, most of the people that are dying due to coronavirus these days also have something to do with nutrition and the type of food they eat. So what the government needs to do is to ensure that farmers and the consumers are actually involved and continue getting involved and they continue producing these local foods," Chilufya said.

Meanwhile, Chilufya insisted that it would be better to focus on the opportunities that had been created by COVID-19 as he assessed the extent to which the pandemic had negatively affected live

"It's really difficult to tell if food is in short supply because of COVID-19 or not. It's just the issue of movement, but Zambia hasn't had a closed market. We haven't had a lockdown, so food has been circulating in a normal way. But what we see is just an advantage that has been brought about because farmers now have an opportunity to supply. We are not competing so much now. Have you seen how local products like lemons and oranges have gotten expensive? It's because they are not coming in the country from outside. So if you are a farmer in Chipangali

(district of Eastern Province) and you are growing lemons, you have this opportunity. So for me I think we should look at this [COVID-19] in terms of what opportunities are coming up for Zambian farmers in terms and not focus on the negative side of things," said Chilufya.

And United Party for National Development (UPND) member of parliament in the Gwembe valley of Southern Province Attractor Chisangano suggested that government needed to consider introducing a mixture of food for distribution as relief to households that were struggling due to the effects of COVID-19.

"Food security has really been very poor, starting from last year till now. And now with the outbreak of coronavirus, some of the people who are into trading where they go and sale merchandise in town so that they can be able to buy food, it is becoming a problem. The restriction on movement of animals especially from Gwembe has also worsened the issue of food security in the area. Then the drought which we experienced last year, where most of the farmers and households had to sell off their animals so that they could be able to buy a bag of mealie meal has made things very difficult for many households. Now this time they are struggling whether to spend their money on food or save it to pay for school fees for their children. So it's like a mountain of problems affecting food security in the area," said Chisangano.

"So due to all these problems that people are currently facing, access to sustainable diets has also affected because there isn't enough locally available food. So families are unable to utilize the food that is locally available. And for us in a place like Gwembe where people didn't do much farming

due to the drought experienced last year, there isn't adequate food and therefore, people are not able to have diets which are sustainable, they are just eating what comes along. So really, when you are talking about sustainable diets in an area like Gwembe, it's very difficult. Then also when government is giving relief food, when you look at the quality of relief food, it's just mealie meal or maize. But we forget the other part, how do they eat the mealie meal or the Nsima? So if there was also a consideration from DMMU, they should start giving a mixture of food as relief food; for example they would give mealie meal, beans, groundnuts... just a mixture of food so that people can have healthy diets, not the way it is now where relief food is just mealie meal or maize."

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Micheal Katambo insisted that Zambia was still food secure despite the effects of COVID-19 and that there was variety of food for people to choose from in order to stay healthy.

"Have you heard anything like Zambia is asking for food supplies from other countries? No! We are secure, the country is food secure and even where there are emergencies or calamities, the Vice-President is taking care of that. We have a variety of food that people can choose from to remain healthy. The only other thing I must emphasise is the fact that it's very important that farmers begin to plan against eventualities because we don't know what tomorrow brings. Who knew that we would ever be hit by the coronavirus? Who knew that farmers would find it a problem to sell their produce due to restrictions on movement? So farmers need to be planning against such eventualities in the coming years," said Katambo in an interview.



# FIFA president Infantino 'not interested' by European Premier League talk



FIFA president Gianni Infantino says he isn't interested in the prospect of a potential European Premier League.

A Sky News report revealed a £4.6 billion (\$6bn) package being put together to potentially replace the Champions League with a new league tournament for Europe's biggest clubs.

While UEFA is firmly against the reported proposal, FIFA is said to be supportive of the idea – but president Infantino refused to confirm either his support or opposition.

"As FIFA president, I'm interested in the Club World Cup, not the Super League," Infantino told reporters in Switzerland.

"For me, it's not about Bayern Munich against Liverpool, but Bayern against

Boca Juniors.

"Liverpool have 180 million fans worldwide. Flamengo have 40 million fans and 39 million of them are in Brazil. Liverpool have maybe five million fans in England and 175 million fans around the world.

"I want clubs from outside Europe to have global appeal in the future. That's my vision: to have 50 clubs and 50 national teams who can become world champions."

The emergence of reports, which came after the collapse of the proposed 'Project Big Picture' revamp of English football, has prompted widespread debate and plenty of opposition among fans and pundits alike.

Javier Tebas, the president of La Liga, slammed the idea and seemingly challenged

those behind it to take public ownership of the plans.

"The authors of this idea, if they really exist because there is nobody actually defending it, not only show total ignorance of the organisation..." **GOAL**

## Nkana's transfer dealings awe fans

By Ngosa Chalwe

SUPER Division side Nkana supporters are pleased with the club's transfers so far following the acquisition of Zimbabwean international Jimmy Dzingai.

After their transfer ban was lifted, the league champions have been busy in the transfer market making a number of interesting signings ahead of the new campaign.

Earlier this week, Nkana announced that they had completed the signing of Ghanaian striker Isaac Amoah and Tanzanian winger Ramadan Singano who join the club on loan from Congolese giants TP Mazembe.

The club also signed Dzingai on a free transfer after he was released from rival club Power Dynamos.

Tomorrow, Nkana will have a chance to field some of their new men as they take on Ndola side Ideni during the Samuel 'Zoom' Ndhlovu Charity Shield final at Arthur Davies Stadium in Kitwe.

Nkana Football Supporters Club Fans (NFSCF) national chairman Emmanuel Zulu said in an interview yesterday that the fans are impressed with the new additions as they will add value to the team.

"The players acquired are a good addition to the team especially that we are playing Continental. We have some players leave and those that have come have been assessed by the technical team and they feel they are equal to the task.

"The Fans have confidence in the team and we urge them to show intent and fire warning shots to show that Nkana is ready for the 14th Title," Zulu said.

## Pirates, Muza left to carry Southern hopes as Nakambala withdraw from Eden League

By Tim Zulu

"We write to inform you that your club has been offered an opening in the Eden University National Division One League for the 2020/21 soccer season. Now note, to fill the gap left by Nakambala Football Club", opens the cited FAZ letter dated 14th October 2020 to Trident F.C of North Western Province.

The pulling out of Nakambala Leopards from the Eden National league

by their sponsor, Zambia Sugar citing financial constraints among other things leaves the more than 1.9 million people of Southern Province sticking their expectations of a telling Eden run on Muza F.C of Mazabuka who are likely going to move the home ground to Choma and Livingstone Pirates from the tourist capital.

The question is, are the two messengers sufficient enough to run the foreseen

hot Eden league?

Muza F.C have been there previously, they have seen everything, traversed the breath of the nation and in their tour of duty managed to win only 7 of the 27 games and closed their campaign on position 10 with 33 points. For a team that even tested super league football are they in right outlook to convey the Southern banner with all their strength?

Coach Charles Daka

protects the past grim displays, stating that, "it is true we failed to live to our goals largely because we were a team in the structure cycle having been demoted and in the process we lost almost 5 key players among them Baba Basile to super league teams."

"However, going forward we have retained the majority of our best players and added a few so I can essentially say this time around we are focusing on the title and promotion nothing less."

"The only sad part is the pulling out of Nakambala and that will accompany a ton of tension on us and Pirates since will both have the burden of carrying and securing the football in our province, yet again that is the manner by which it is and the only way is to ensure we take the title at all expense," said Daka.

Livingstone Pirates who waited 52 years to get into the national spotlight and are one inch closer to the dream elite league are a lot mindful of what lies in front of them.

Their coach Bupe Chewe says all 18 teams in the Eden League want to compete for honors whether they are strong or weak and for him the soil is ripe to produce the necessary fruits.

"We have stepped in

## Shepolopolo paired with Malawi, Lesotho in COSAFA

By Ngosa Chalwe

ZAMBIA have been handed a seemingly easy draw in the Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Women's Championship after being pitted against Malawi, and Lesotho in Group B.

After missing on the title following a 1 - 0 loss to South Africa in the final last year, Bruce Mwape's charges will try their luck again this year but will first have to negotiate past their group opponents.

The team goes into the tournament which is slated for South Africa next month as the most highly rated side having made it to the 2020 Olympics.

The event will take place between November 3 and 14 at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium.

According to COSAFA media, Hosts and defending champions South Africa are the top seeds in Group A and have been drawn alongside Eswatini, Comoros and

Angola in what will be a tough pool that will provide fierce clashes.

It is a difficult pool to call, with Eswatini and Angola likely to provide stern tests for the home nation, and Comoros likely to be stronger than when South Africa defeated them 17-0 last year.

Zambia head Group B and will come up against old foes Malawi and Lesotho, while Group C contains 2011 champions Zimbabwe, Botswana and Tanzania.

Only the top team in each pool and the best runner-up will advance to the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, the COSAFA Women's Under-17 Championship will also be played concurrently from November 5-13, and features five sides in a single pool which will be played on a round-robin basis.

The five teams are hosts South Africa, Comoros, Tanzania, defending champions Zambia and Zimbabwe.





# ZAMBIA EDGE ETHIOPIA IN 5 GOAL THRILLER

By Ngosa Chalwe

TWO goals in a space of five minutes earned Zambia a 3 - 2 win over Ethiopia as Chipolopolo coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic recorded his fourth win in charge of Zambia in an international friendly at the Addis Ababa Stadium.

Micho took charge of his fifth game in charge of Zambia and enjoyed a victory after coming from behind to beat the hosts.

Micho gave Kabwe Warriors keeper Lameck Siame his debut while, Kondwani Chiboni Zacharia Chilongoshi, Benson Sakala and Luka Banda completed the backline

Zanaco's Kelvin Kapumbu played in the defensive midfield role while Collins Sikombe Kelvin Mubanga Kampamba, Chaniza Zulu and Bruce Musakanya supported lone striker Emmanuel Chabula.

The hosts took the lead on the 13th minute through Getaneh Kebede despite Zambia starting stronger of the two.

In the eight minute, Zambia had a chance to go ahead when Kelvin Kapamba's effort hit the crossbar before zooming out for a goal kick.

Five minutes later, the visitors were punished when Ethiopia found the back of the net.

Zambia continued to look for a leveller and their efforts paid when Kampamba scored five minutes from the break.

However, the host restored their lead when they scored a penalty on the 43rd minute after Aschalew Tamene to go into the break with the lead.

In the second half, Micho made some changes, resting Zacharia Chilongoshi for Paul Katema on the 73rd minute.

Still searching for an equalizer, he introduced thomas Zulu comes for Collins Sikombe and Benedict Chepeshi for Kampamba on the 80th minute.

His plans worked as a Zambia found the back of the net through Albert Kangwanda on the 86th minute to make it 2-2.

Kangwanda completed his brace on 90th minute to give Zambia the win.

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