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# Govt transparent on COVID-19 donations – Kabwe

By Ulande Nkomesha

DISASTER Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) national coordinator Chanda Kabwe says government is not hesitant in providing information on COVID-19 donations.

Last week Transparency International Zambia observed that there was no coordination in the handling of COVID-19 donations and that government was hesitant in providing information on the same.

But in an interview, Kabwe said all donations

were in public domain and information relating to the same was always published.

“There is no hesitations from government to provide information on COVID-19 donations. We put in the print media, for consecutive days, it was running in the print media. If they want, we can also repeat, even next week I can get quotations from both private and public media to print the donations name by name, amount. We can do that even next week after the consultative forum for people to read and understand and

then they can raise questions. I think there is a way they need to engage. If they want information, they need to engage,” Kabwe said.

“All donations are in public domain, government published all the donations value, name, whoever donated, two days running in the national newspaper. I am sure that shows that transparency is there. The culture of just speaking without engaging and getting clarifications from relevant government wings is a problem. If they want to get more details, they know that

institutions like DMMU are coordinating in terms of this COVID and they can put in a request. We can always speak to them but if they want to address through the media, it is difficult for us to know what kind of explanation they are looking for.”

Kabwe said government only had one account at the Ministry of Finance where all donations were being deposited.

“Government has institutions that verify what is happening and all donations in terms of money, government

has only one account at the Ministry of Finance where all donations go. In terms of items each donating unit or organisation, they choose where to donate; for example others go and donate at the prisons as we only get to know how much has been donated, the quantities and items that have been donated at the prisons. So all that information is available if they want they should engage and when they engage the information is there. But most of the information is in public domain,” Kabwe said.

“They can go to Times of Zambia and Daily Mail look at when we published all the donations, the names, the value and the items that were received from all institutions. I am sure that is more information. We have nothing to hide and most of these donations, 80 per cent are covered by both public and private media houses. They do cover donations, so I don’t know where they say there is no transparency in the donations.”

He said the donor community was happy with how government was managing COVID-19 donations.

“When you are working, you have auditors, external

auditors are monitoring every single donation, every ngwee for COVID. If there is no transparency in the donations why are the donor community continuing to give us support for COVID and the relief programs? It’s because we are above board and because they are very happy with the systems that government has put in place. I can invite Transparency Zambia International to attend our meeting on Tuesday a consultative forum which is co chaired by the UN. I invite them officially and I am going to write to them to attend the meeting where the report on the COVID will be given. The report on African Locust will be given, the report on relief distribution will be given in detail and they can raise questions if they are not happy with our report that we are going to give. Then they can provide checks and balances,” he said.

“All those issues they are going to be raised in that meeting, we are going to answer them, if we have no answer, they are going to take us to task. Our cooperating partners, this is the platform we use to give them reports so that they commit their funds. If they are happy with how the...” *Continues on page 3*

## Mine suppliers expect improved performance at Mopani after takeover

By Stuart Lisulo

MOPANI Copper Mine Plc should be expected to run more efficiently once new investors, in partnership with ZCCM-IH, take over, says Mine Suppliers and Contractors Association president Augustine Mubanga.

And Mubanga says Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) (in provisional liquidation) has made good progress in paying off debt owed to contractors and suppliers.

In an interview, Mubanga expressed optimism that ZCCM-IH’s prospective investors, scheduled to take over Mopani’s operations, would boost the company’s commercial viability, even amid Zambia’s challenging economic climate.

According to Mines Minister Richard Musukwa, ZCCM-IH is currently searching for a business partner to operate Mopani as a business following Glencore Plc’s decision to exit the Zambian market.

“I think so far, so good. We’re confident with the process, especially that the process is open; you can get information from both government and Mopani. The issue of ZCCM-IH running the mine should not bring some grey areas in terms of their capacity. Even Glencore, it’s not themselves that run the mine, they simply outsource labour, the skills that they require. So, the first thing we need to understand is that we, the people of Zambia, have been crying that, ‘we have not

benefited from our mineral resources... Benefiting is not simply about having a contract; it should go beyond just getting business from these investors,” Mubanga said.

“Our understanding is that once we begin to have shares in these mines, even the benefit that you’re talking about will also change. We are looking at the aspect of decisions on where you spend the money in terms of your development or capital procurement...These investors spend millions of dollars outside (of the country), and at the end of the day, what do we receive? Simply equipment, and sometimes, some of the equipment that we receive doesn’t even get to be used for them to be productive. So, when we have ZCCM-IH in charge of operations, they may not be the ones directly running, but they will be able to engage skills. When ZCCM-IH takes over, we expect the mine must stabilise even more and increase its production.”

He cited various mining jurisdictions where mining operations were running efficiently with indigenous management.

“Look at Chile, they have substantial control in their minerals; DRC has its own substantial control; Australia, they are the ones that are running the mine. So, Zambia should also take this up as an opportunity. Mopani has a lot of reserves, over 30 years of reserves, so we have an opportunity and should not

even doubt ZCCM-IH running the mine. Right now, the mine is being run by Zambians, there is little capital injection coming from Glencore, but the mine is operating, which we can do. So, it’s about understanding the business model that we want to employ and what we want to get from the mine,” he observed.

“A lot of people have cast doubts on ZCCM-IH running the mine; that is misplaced. This whole business is entirely about the people of Zambia.”

He added that Glencore’s eventual departure will not necessarily translate into instant mass redundancies.

“...By the way, when Glencore goes, it doesn’t mean that all the employees at Mopani will go with Glencore, they’ll still remain. So, ZCCM-IH will simply take-over the workforce, re-arrange, capacitate where there is no capacity and ensure that the mine begins to run efficiently. So, we need to applaud this move,” Mubanga added.

And Mubanga announced that KCM’s management were making good progress on liquidating its total indebtedness owed to local mine contractors and suppliers.

“KCM has done very well in terms of liquidating the debt, especially looking at the fact that it’s under (provisional) liquidation. They have taken the liberty to even clear what should’ve not been cleared by the liquidator (Milingo Lungu). So, there could be

one or two (suppliers), who have not yet been cleared, but I think the new dimension we discussed with the liquidator is that, anything that he procures from the time that he was appointed (May, 2019), he was to honour and pay. As a going concern, they dismantle and accrue, so, the figures change every month,” said Mubanga, who, however, did not avail the latest reconciled data.

## Zambia’s economy can’t improve with *kaponyas* as ministers – KBF

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Speaking on QTV, Saturday, Fube said PF only had a few top-notch ministers while the rest, “ni ba kaponya”.

“Half of the politicians we have today don’t even understand the value of money. Why? Because it comes too easy. It’s corrupt money. So, you ask me, what about markets? What do they understand about the international markets? How do they expect to emancipate the general populace of Zambia without that knowledge, thinking? It’s impossible to be economically independent with some of the ministers we have today. Ni ba kaponya (they are call boys!) with the greatest respect, ni ba kaponya. There are very few that I can say yes, that’s quality. Banono sana (very few of them). We need to change some players and change the game. I keep saying that and I mean it. Nagufye ni bola, kwaliba substitute not ukushanfye, mwakwatafye ukushana. Te ma politics ayo no! (even in soccer, there are substitutes. Dancing during rallies cannot be politics),” Fube said.

And Bwalya said PF’s rallies are a sheer waste of time because the only take-aways were dance moves which the leaders and musicians performed.

“Elyo twalekonka ba Chiluba (when we went to listen to President Frederick Chiluba at rallies) for example, when MMD was coming up, we wanted to get the message. What’s the message, what’s the promise? What am I going to this rally for? Not to watch people dance. There is a place for everything, you and I are Christians. There is a place and time for everything. Each time has a season. There is a place for dancing. A political rally means let’s share ideas. There are some ministers who think the only time they are going to call a rally is for musicians to dance,” he said.

“When you ask, eko mwaciya, finshi balandileko ba minister? Ati twacilashana (what did the minister say where you had gone? They say we were dancing). Shat’s that? You let the older women and the young fellers leave their daily chores to come and listen to a minister, they come there and there is nothing. All you have is empty promises, no you will have empowerment, what empowerment? We have had the Presidential initiative schemes with FTJ, we have had Presidential

initiatives with Rupiah Banda, with Mwanawasa, we are having current with ECL, the presidential empowerment scheme. What is this doing? K1,600? You cannot develop without improving the mindset of an individual.”

He stressed the need to impact the lives of the citizens through a paradigm shift.

“That is why for me in my book Zambia Must Prosper, I have attached the mind. I have said the triple ‘M’ philosophy. One, mentorship, mentor the person’s mind, change his thinking. Two, money. But before you introduce him to money, he must understand the value of information and education. Then he must understand the value of money that you are introducing him to,” said Fube.

“Then introduce him to the markets. You can never do business if you don’t understand. I can give you a million dollars today but if your mind is damaged, the first thing you are going to buy is a motor vehicle. Next thing, you are going to get the most beautiful girl on the streets. You will be spoiling that money. What kind of investment is that? The youths cannot develop without proper mindset. We need to damage the ignorance of the youths. Mentorship, then we teach them about money.”



Mine Suppliers and Contractors Association president Augustine Mubanga

# It's a total fabrication to say govt closed Prime TV, *The Post* – Dora

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INFORMATION and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya says it is a total fabrication to argue that government closed Prime TV and The Post Newspaper.

And Home Affairs minister Stephen Kampyongo says unruly citizens that disrupt radio programmes will not be allowed to go scot-free.

Meanwhile, Ikelengi UPND member of parliament Elijah Muchima says the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services, through ZNBC, only covers PF activities, which is why the corporation remains a loss-making venture.

Debating the estimates of expenditure for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting budget that stood at K46 million, Siliya refuted any assertions that government had been intolerant to the independent media.

"Media houses are managed by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) and the IBA, in section 23 of the amended 2010 Act, they are the ones who are responsible for licensing. So,

the Minister in person and, indeed, government is not responsible for licensing. The people who provided the law for licensing of Prime TV or any media house in this country is this House. And it is this House that demanded that laws must be observed. And when a media house is non-compliant, the IBA can only do what they were asked to by the members of parliament. So, for somebody to accuse, whether it is the Minister in person or government that we closed an institution is total fabrication because those laws are made by members of parliament. I hope that we can put this matter to rest. This goes to The Post as well that it is an issue of compliance to tax issues," argued Siliya.

"The Ministry is not about ZNBC, it is not about us politicians, it is about the 17 million Zambians. This government has committed itself to media pluralism ensuring that over 120 radio stations are licensed, over 40 television are licensed in this country. Over 10 newspapers, you can take your pick... whether it is the Diggers!

the Mast, Times of Zambia, Daily Nation and online. This government has been extremely tolerant unlike in other jurisdictions that Zambians should express themselves. So, I don't know who is not being heard. I don't know how you can accuse the government of being heavy-handed?"

And contributing to the debate, Kampyongo said his Ministry was working to ensure that it created an enabling environment for media practitioners.

"It is evident that the Ministry has broadened itself in terms of the institution that has been established to entertain our citizens. And you can tell by looking at the number of radio and television stations that are dotted across the country. I just want to say that our people have got their rights to express themselves, but also to understand that there is no such thing as absolute freedom. Every freedom must be expressed within the confines of the

law. Those that have got the responsibility to allow people to express themselves must make sure that those they allow to voice out are voicing within the confines of the law. You can't just wake up to go on a platform and start demeaning, insulting the Office of the Republican President. I also want to assure the Honorable Minister that my Ministry is making sure that we provide an environment for our media practitioners, who have been under threat by some of our unruly citizens. To those who have been attacking radio stations, and attacking those people on those radio stations, no one will be allowed to go scot-free," said Kampyongo.

Meanwhile, Muchima complained that the national broadcaster served only as a conduit for the PF, which explained why it remained a loss-making venture.

"This is a Ministry that is supposed to be informative. However, I am very disappointed when we came from the colonial era

to the independence time, the citizenry was informed of whatever was happening in the country. They used to go, even to the rural places with vehicles. Any programme, the government was very objective. But see how ZNBC is operating? It is purely for the PF! It does not cover anything that is negative. But you see, you cannot build if you don't hear opposing views. What we want to see is to balance up the equation. There is a lot of misinformation going on. A lot of people are relying on social media, the reason is simple, because of the way ZNBC is biased, people tend to listen to wrong information passing by. Today, the government is broke! This is the time for the Ministry of Information to go down, even in villages, to explain to the people you can do that in many ways," said Muchima.

"Today, cadres of PF are everywhere misleading people that, 'government has a lot of money...' 'If people went to PF and supported it, there would

be massive development.' And even sub-chiefs will recognise this information is contrary to what is pertaining here. But here is a Ministry...very idle! The Ministry doesn't even know what is happening in villages. Why do we give them money? To talk about Lusaka? Saying things that are appealing the PF only? No, let's be objective. The Ministry of Information is supposed to be objective and cover the entire country without bias. But what we have seen the Ministry covers only the PF's activities and forget about other activities of the nation, this is totally wrong! It is not a Ministry for the (ruling) party. That is why we have a party spokesperson and the Ministry is supposed to be in between, but what is happening now, I don't even know. That is why ZNBC is a loss-making venture because of the way they are carrying themselves. The private media you are closing is the one, which is informative."



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"...funds have worked for intended purposes or the funds have been misused, this is the platform where the international Community, High Commissioners and Ambassadors will be able to speak. So there is no better platform."

When asked to comment on the opposition's remarks that DMMU had turned into a campaign tool for the PF government, Kabwe said opposition leaders were like cry babies who did not understand the role of the unit.

"Those are crying babies and they will cry. I will tell you, where I come from, they say someone who doesn't like you, they will even accuse you to raise dust when you are standing in a pool of water. All those allegations are not true, it is not understanding the role of DMMU, where it draws its mandate and its powers. When they speak they even ignore the role of DMMU because they want to get political mileage, they want to bring DMMU in those areas. We know where we draw our authorities as a unit and we all know the works of DMMU. We are not the only unit of government that receives donations," said Kabwe.

"The people making noise are the same people, every day the same people, they are paid to talk and me I am paid to work. I go to get a salary not to talk, but to work and that is my business. So I won't respond to crying babies, people who just talk about things they don't even know."

## Zambians won't allow Lungu's 3rd term bid – Syakalima

By Julia Malunga  
CHIRUNDU UPND member of parliament Douglas Syakalima says Zambians will not allow President Edgar Lungu to run for a third term.

Last Tuesday, President Lungu said he knew he would be re-elected in next year's general election because of the many works his government had done.

But in an interview, Syakalima said President Lungu had totally failed.

"He should not think that Zambians are stupid or foolish. Zambian currency is the worst performing in the world. Zambia is the third hungriest country in the whole world, the man has totally failed. He has taken us into debt. He wants to force himself on our throats. He is not eligible to stand, that is the language he must understand. We should not be arguing whether he will win or not. There will be no third term for anybody in this country! And you can see the behavior of PF, at least president (Fredrick) Chiluba was decent enough that he wanted a third term but these ones are not talking about it, they just want to force a third term on our throats, it will not work. Lungu was sworn in twice, Lungu has held office twice!" exclaimed Syakalima.

"So for him to start campaigning that he has done a lot of things which are not even there, he wants people to forget that he is looking for a third term. It must be in his head that

Zambians will not allow him. With all this that is happening, police are harassing women, you saw what happened to Mrs Kambwili and the daughter. A day after they were cheating themselves that they were

praying, the following day they started harassing people. God can never be mocked. Time catches up with everybody who mocks God. Who will allow him to continue to be a President? He has brought

lawlessness in this country and no one wants a president who is lawless. Lungu will not have a third term! Let him not push his luck too far. I think he has fooled the Zambian people for a long time."

## Kampyongo a disgrace to Zambians, police - Kabwita

By Zondiwe Mbewe  
NDC national youth chairman Charles Kabwita says Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo is a disgrace to the police service and Zambians.

In a statement, Sunday, Kabwita said it was disheartening to hear Kampyongo claim that the police acted professionally in the manner they treated incarcerated NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili's wife Carol and daughter Chanda at the Lusaka Magistrates' Court recently.

"As National Democratic Congress, NDC, we are appalled by the Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo's lack of professionalism in handling the ministry and police service in particular. He is a disgrace to the police service and people of Zambia in general. It is disheartening to hear a Home Affairs minister say that the police acted professionally in the way they treated the wife and daughter to the NDC president, Mrs Carol Kambwili and Chanda Kambwili, respectively," Kabwita stated.

"This shows that he is directly involved with the police brutality that Zambia has been experiencing under the PF regime. Police are known to operate under orders and if the person giving the orders is a brutal one, then the result will be the police brutality that we

see today. Our late Lusaka youth provincial chairman Obed Kasongo was hacked by Bowman Lusambo and his cadres and the docket is still open in Luanshya but the police are failing to work because professionalism is no longer respected by the PF ministers in charge of these institutions."

And Kabwita stated that it was high time President Edgar Lungu considered hiring someone who knew the law or police duties.

"It is high time President Lungu considered hiring someone who knows law or police duties because all Kampyongo knows is to change money on the streets. No set of laws is known or respected by this violent minister. That is why wherever he goes to work as minister, the ministry is embroiled with suspicious transactions. The infamous fire trucks are still fresh on our minds and now he has also bought another suspicious fleet of police vehicles that are second hand," stated Kabwita.

"It is, however, very sad that we no longer have the rule of law under the PF and all we keep hoping for is to sort out these things next year when we form government. Ordinarily, our laws should be sufficient to deal with such suspicious transactions that are happening at these ministries. Sadly, our laws have been gravely undermined and Zambia has been fast slipping into a police state."



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# Politicians are our subjects, we can't be their vuvuzelas – House of Chiefs

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

HOUSE of chiefs spokesperson Senior Chief Kaputa says traditional leaders cannot be politicians' vuvuzelas.

And Senior Chief Kaputa says the House of Chiefs will soon issue some guidelines which will prevent traditional leaders from being pressured into making political statements.

In Parliament while debating on the 2021 budget allocation for the Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs last Tuesday, Mazabuka Central UPND member of parliament Gary Nkombo said

the Patriotic Front (PF) had reduced chiefs to vuvuzelas because the party was good at patronizing citizens of which traditional leaders had not been spared.

"We have seen a continuous degeneration of the dignity of the institution of traditional leadership under Patriotic Front because of their tendency of patronage and transactional leadership. Under PF, transactional leadership means that the leader promotes somebody based on a transaction of submission on one hand and punishment on another.

This government of PF has denigrated the institution of chiefs. They began with civil servants because it's in their constitution that only PF members are going to get employment in key positions. And now they have cascaded it to the Royal Highnesses. Your government needs to stand up and leave leverage for the chiefs to govern us in a manner that they were meant to even in the era of colonialism. The colonialists never influenced the chiefs to take sides on a person based on their political affiliation. Under PF Mr Chairman, we have seen the

proliferation of society. The differing of people based on patronage. PF is very good at patronizing citizens. And they have not spared the chiefs. They have reduced the chiefs to vuvuzelas. I have a chief in Southern Province who has been seen on social media. A young chief, probably the age of my son," said Nkombo.

But in an interview, Chief Kaputa said traditional leaders could not be vuvuzelas for politicians because politicians were their subjects.

"I may not want to agree with that position [that most of the chiefs have been turned

into PF vuvuzelas]. We have a House of Chiefs here and what we have been trying to do is to come up with a circular to guide chiefs on the maintenance of public peace in chiefdoms and in the nation and also containing the issues of the honor and dignity of the institution of chieftaincy. I know that there are chiefs that make some comments here and there but I think the statement coming from the opposition party is not fair, to say that chiefs have been bought and turned into PF vuvuzelas," Chief Kaputa said.

He said chiefs should not join the political arena because they did not belong there.

"And the argument would also be that there are those chiefs who speak for the opposition. So, you may also not say yes, the chiefs have been turned into vuvuzelas for political parties. Of course we would not want our chiefs to cross over into the political arena because we don't belong there. Our position is different from the position of politicians because we superintend over people of different professions. We don't want to be fighting with our own subjects. If we have for example 10 political parties in Zambia, we may have so many of those in our chiefdoms. And it will just be right for the chief not to openly support one party because it may influence those other subjects who belong to other political parties. Like I said, there are certain chiefs who make innocent comments not knowing that they have crossed

the line into the political field," Chief Kaputa said.

"That is why as a House and Ministry, we want to issue this circular or maybe we call it a guideline to alert our chiefs on how to be conducting themselves. This time where everyone wants to gain political mileage, they may even be putting certain chiefs under pressure to just say something. And this is not the way to go. We want to be cautious. We want to tell our Royal Highnesses to be cautious and not to play in the hands of politicians because politicians are our subjects [and] we cannot fall to their realms."

Meanwhile, Chief Kaputa said the House of Chiefs was almost reaching at an agreement with the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources in terms of developing a land policy.

"We are almost agreeing with the Ministry of Lands. We are almost on the same page in terms of the content of the national land policy. In our last meeting in January this year, we came up with the final version of the document [that] we want validated, and that's the only process which is remaining. I think when the ministry has got enough resources, they will call for its validation, meaning a number of chiefs and other stakeholders will be invited to come and review that document which is almost done. So, the only process remaining now is to validate or to invalidate the content," said Chief Kaputa.

## Zambia's GDP contracted by 2.1% in Q2 – Zanaco

By Stuart Lisulo

ZAMBIA'S economy severely contracted by an unprecedented 2.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2020, triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, which slashed productivity across various sectors, market data shows.

But the mining and ICT sectors remained resilient and registered positive growth amid the Coronavirus onslaught, raising hopes of economic recovery.

According to a Zanaco Economic Review and Outlook monthly report, released this month, Zambia's GDP severely contracted by an unprecedented 2.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2020, triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, which slashed productivity across various sectors.

"Housing three of the worst months on record as regards the pulse of economic activity among private sector firms, Zambia's GDP contracted 2.1 per cent in Q2, 2020, seven times deeper than the mild contraction of 0.3 per cent recorded in almost COVID-free Q1," the report, compiled by the bank's economic research team, read.

Data showed that wholesale and retail trading and construction, among others, felt the heaviest impact of the COVID-19 pandemic once the virus outbreak emerged in Zambia in March, this year.

"Prior to the outbreak of the pandemic in Zambia, the largest contributor to the economy's GDP had contracted by 9.6 per cent in both Q4, 2019, and Q1, 2020, at the time when talks of job losses and

diminishing customer numbers in trading corridors were already commonplace. With COVID-19 in the picture, the foregoing challenges deepened and access to supplier markets abroad nearly diminished and delivery times lengthened by multiples of usual waiting times. Local measures that restricted unnecessary movements met with people's anxiety and fears in sinking consumer demand for a highly income-sensitive sector. As a result, trading output in the economy plunged 18.3 per cent, thereby, contributing -3.7 per cent in shrinking the economy in Q2. The most heat was felt by those trading in non-essential items because consumers redefined their shopping basket to a necessity-dominant one," Zanaco explained. *Continues on page 11*

By Ulande Nkomesha

POLICE in Chingola on Sunday arrested 27 UPND cadres of unlawful assembly during Independence Day celebrations.

In an interview, Copperbelt police commissioner Charity Katanga said the 27 were arrested around 12:30 because they were marching with some placards written "vote for UPND and NDC for change", "COVID-19 only applies to the opposition" and "stop police brutality", among other things.

"We had a case of unlawful assembly yesterday, this happened in town around 12:30 hours where 27 UPND cadres unlawfully assembled. This happened at Chingola Town Centre and others were along the freedom statue in Chingola and were found marching with placards written 'vote for UPND and NDC for change', 'COVID-19 only applies to the opposition', 'stop police brutality', 'release CK'. Those arrested are 27 and they are detained for unlawful assembly, 11 women and 15 men," Katanga said.

"It is unfortunate that such a day like this one, they had a different agenda. Whilst the participants were welcome, we are not going to allow people to flout laws whether it is Independence Day or not. They are expected to abide by the Public Order Act. If they had wanted to march, they would have notified the police. So it is clear, it was not about participating in the independence celebrations but they just decided to flout the laws and they met justice. So we are going to ensure that they all appear in court and face the wrath of the law. We are not going to tolerate lawlessness in Chingola and other parts of the Copperbelt."

Katanga said it was disappointing that Ndola

# Chingola police nab 27 UPND cadres for unlawful assembly on Independence Day

and Luanshya UPND cadres also tried to flout laws during Independence Day celebrations.

"It is strange and probably I think this was well coordinated because in Ndola they indicated that they will participate in the independence celebrations, then alas they went late. After they went late and joined, others had similar placards written in the same words. So police in Ndola confiscated placards written 'abash police brutality', 'end police brutality', 'work on the economy', 'stop dictatorial tendencies'. In Luanshya they went to participate, the NDC and the UPND, they wanted to march as well because there was marching that was taking place, they wanted to march but now they were late and others had some placards. So that prevented them from doing that," Katanga said.

"In Chililabombwe, they were warned that if you wanted to participate, they should ensure that law and order prevailed. So they participated in Chililabombwe in compliance with the law just like the Patriotic Front and the NDC. So in Chililabombwe, it was incident free and no one was arrested."

Katanga said it was unlawful for UPND not to notify the police of their assembly.

"A person has a right to belong to any political party of his choice but we are not going to allow them to break the law at will. We are going to ensure that the law visits

them whenever they invite it. So like in Chingola, I am warning Chingola UPND cadres there that they follow the law or else all of them will find themselves behind bars, simple! You notify the police, you have met the conditions, then you hold your meeting. I don't know why they should go to greater length and you can see now the number of people that are apprehended and others are appearing in court," Katanga said.

"So we don't want anyone to cry foul, when they don't want to follow the law. So we are warning them even in other parts of the Copperbelt, I will not tolerate people who just want to...if the ruling party is notifying the police that they intend to hold meetings what more members of the opposition? I advised all the political parties that to avoid confusion and issues of saying 'no the ruling party

are doing what they want', we called all the parties and advised them to notify the police when they want to hold these meetings. I think that we have petitioned and we have been doing that, but these ones want to break the law they will face my wrath."

Katanga said she had noted with concern that members of the opposition had continued to hold meetings without notifying police.

"So, I strongly warn all those that want to do assemblies to follow the law. We have noted with concern that members of the opposition parties sometimes just want to hold meetings, when they are apprehended they say the police are not good. I don't know what is difficult about them notifying the police, so that they have a record to point to that on such a day they notified the police

and this is what happened but they don't even have a record to show. But each time they are apprehended, they run to the media," Katanga said.

Meanwhile, Katanga said 28 boys and girls were arrested in Chililabombwe for unruly behavior and alcohol abuse.

"And in Chililabombwe, 28 boys and girls were apprehended for unruly behavior. These did not belong to any political party. They are charged for conduct likely to cause breach of the peace 15 boys and 13 girls. They are detained in custody, they were found abusing alcohol at Kabuswe Park in Chililabombwe. People are expected to act responsible at all times," said Katanga.

But Copperbelt Province UPND chairperson Elisha Matambo said it was unfortunate his party members were arrested when police was notified about the

UPND's intention to open an office in Chingola.

"We were supposed to open a new office yesterday (Saturday) in Chingola Central Constituency and my officials had even notified the police, they were even given a go ahead to open that new office. It is an office for the constituency of Chingola. When you are opening an office, you don't just open, it is like a ceremony which the police were aware about. They were putting on regalia of course because they were also geared for the independence celebrations, because we communicated to the officials very late that the marching was cancelled," Matambo said.

"So they were on the way going to the official ceremony of the opening of the office. What I have heard is that the police worked under the influence of somebody, because I understand that Davies Mwila was in Chingola. They were just ordered to arrest our people. My appeal to the police is that when there are issues, better they engage us, we are not chickens where the owner of chickens can just go and arrest any how."

Matambo said it was disheartening that the police arrested UPND officials whenever they held meetings while PF officials are left to hold meetings freely.

"We have never witnessed any arrest of PF, they have meetings at their will, they have processions at their will, they protest at their will without even notifying the police. What type of professionalism is this? We are appealing to the police command to be professional. My appeal to the police is to release my officials because there is nothing wrong they committed. They did not commit any offence, we were in the process of opening an office. They arrested anyone they found putting on a UPND regalia," said Matambo.

"In the past, they have been accusing us of not participating in the independence celebrations, last time we wanted to participate, it was our women who were battered and some of them undressed. This time around, we wanted to show that we are on the ground and we are in good numbers, again they arrested our people. This is the only country we have and we should not have two sets of laws. When PF wants to celebrate, they are free. When they want to have a rally, they don't even apply. How many rallies have they had on the Copperbelt? They have been having rallies all over. We have been applying for rallies but look at PF, they would have rallies at their will, they will have meetings at their will without any harassment. So the arrest of yesterday wasn't fair especially the police knew that we were in the process of opening an office."

## ZRA to move S/P regional office to Kazungula

By Abraham Kalito

THE Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) will shift its regional office from Livingstone to Kazungula District, Southern Province, as cross-border trade in the area is expected to boom following the completion of the construction of the Kazungula Bridge, says

corporate communications manager Topsy Sikalinda.

The state-of-the-art Kazungula Bridge was completed last month, but is scheduled to soon be officially opened.

Sikalinda announced that the Authority could not help, but shift their regional offices to Kazungula as economic

activity was expected to intensify, with huge revenue collections recorded, compared to the Livingstone office.

"The projections there in terms of money, I might not know, but what's happening, for example, for us, our regional base is in Livingstone for that area. So, the regional base is shifting to Kazungula. For now, the main office is based in Livingstone, but we have a few officers in Kazungula and Katima Mulilo (border), who are under Livingstone. But because almost everything will be done from Kazungula, the main office will now shift," Sikalinda told News Diggers! in an interview.

"We will just leave a skeleton in Livingstone because the activities will not be there. And it's a short route from South Africa, from Namibia and from Botswana. So, we expect these other routes to divert their traffic. The time taken to trade will also be shortened because we will have a one-stop border post. And traffic will be passing through Botswana this time around and when you look at Botswana, the roads are very good, there will be no slowing down for Zambians when they are on the move. Have you ever heard drivers complain about roads in Botswana? No. So, there are many advantages."

The Kazungula Bridge, constructed at a cost of over US \$70 million, is expected to enhance transport operations along the regional north-south corridor, which links mineral-rich Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to Botswana and South Africa.

## UNZALARU will be subjected to strict proof on what is owed to them, UNZA Council tells court

By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE University of Zambia (UNZA) Council has admitted that it had been deducting money from its employees' monthly union contributions.

It has, however, submitted that it will subject the University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers Union (UNZALARU) to strict proof as regards what is owed to them.

This is a matter in which UNZALARU has sued the University of Zambia Council in the Lusaka High Court, claiming payment of K4.5 million arising from arrears of unremitted union contributions.

UNZALARU also wants interests, costs and any relief that the court may deem fit.

But in its defence filed in the Lusaka High Court recently, the University of Zambia Council submitted that it would subject UNZALARU to strict proof as regards what was owed to them.

It however, agreed that it entered into a recognition agreement with the union on March 23, 1993.

The UNZA Council also admitted that it had been deducting from its employees' monthly union contributions but added that it would subject UNZALARU to strict proof as regards what was owed to them.

"Save in so far as the same consists of admissions, the defendant denies each and every allegation contained in the statement of claim as if the same were

set out herein and traversed seriatim," it stated.

In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Kelvin Mambwe suing in his capacity as UNZALARU general secretary stated that UNZALARU was a duly registered and recognised union for lecturers and researchers whose major role was to act in the best interest of its members.

He added that this was in order to maintain sound industrial relations, academic excellence and to bring about competitive conditions of service of all members.

Mambwe stated that in or about March 23, 1993, the union entered into a recognition agreement with the UNZA Council which was entrusted with the role of collecting union contributions on behalf of UNZALARU from its members by deducting the said funds directly from their salaries.

He stated that based on the foregoing, UNZA Council had been deducting from its members their monthly union contributions fees but not remitting the said funds to UNZALARU.

Mambwe stated that in consequence, the defendant (UNZA Council) now owed the union members the sum of K4,505,587.52 being arrears of unremitted union contributions despite the said funds having already been deducted from union members.

"The plaintiff will aver that it depends on the contributions from its members for its activities and programs and hence the defendant's failure to remit the funds despite having deducted them has negatively affected the operations of the plaintiff," read the claim.

He stated that despite making several reminders to the defendant, the sum of K4,505,587.52 still remains owing and the defendant had not made any efforts to settle the outstanding amount.

Mambwe added that as a result UNZALARU had suffered inconvenience.





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**TODAYS TOPIC:**

**Public debt transparency and restructuring as aspects of good governance with Dr. Gabriel Pollen**



IN LAST week's article, I focused on debt repayment suspension and its implications for fiscal space, arguing that freed-up resources can be channelled towards creation and enhancement of productive capacities which would in turn diminish the debt burden in future. To clarify one issue from that article, Zambia is currently in discussions with its creditors (including China) to agree on a debt repayment suspension plan under the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI). The aim of the China reference was to draw attention to the magnitude of the debt relief in relation to the domestic resource envelope if the discussions with China bore fruit. No debt repayment suspension plan under DSSI with China has been implemented yet.

That notwithstanding, there is a growing wave of sympathies in the civil society world in support of debt relief or cancellation altogether. But attention firstly must be paid to country-level circumstances that can promote greater transparency as an integral aspect of the debt continuum – contraction to utilisation. Avoiding debt crises both present and future requires a comprehensive understanding and analysis of the root causes and issues which led to the uneasy relationship with debt in the first place. The debt literature suggests the nature and degree of good governance as an integral aspect of sound debt management. But good governance requires greater accountability, with transparency featuring as an essential variable in the accountability equation.

Thus, in today's article, I delve briefly into how greater debt transparency can be achieved before moving on to discuss emerging issues around debt restructuring. These are crucial attributes of any sustainable debt management plan, as they would help poor countries to avoid descending into deeper debt crises.

There are calls for greater transparency, but rarely is this understood as meaning a change in behaviour of most developing countries in the way in which they generate and report data on public debt levels. However, there have been proposals that independent think-tanks can aid in the publication of debt data, while also engaging stakeholders in discussions around the terms and conditions of the debt. In addition, enhanced transparency, and accountability as part of the debt-management toolkit can result from the strengthening of public debt laws, rules and regulations. Recently, there have been suggestions that following stakeholder consultations on the public domain, parliament must debate and approve borrowing plans, with audit-based institutions examining and analysing spending once approval has been granted. The media and civil society can then engage and scrutinise this information once it has been made publicly available.

Greater debt transparency goes beyond reporting the total public debt stock and issuing statements on debt repayment, it also brings to the discussion table terms and conditions of the debt even before it is contracted and permits the public to influence debt contraction and debt utilisation decisions. In fact, without greater transparency, any system or mechanism of debt restructuring is only superficial since the real risks associated with the debt are not fully known.

It is understandable that most developing countries including Zambia are facing difficulties in meeting their (external) debt obligations due to the Covid-19 global health pandemic. Nevertheless, not all economic vulnerabilities have been caused by the pandemic. There are country-specific economic circumstances which have had a substantial bearing on how the pandemic has afflicted different

economies. Mounting debt without corresponding progress in terms of productive capacities has meant that debt repayments have increasingly become burdensome. To gain some breathing space, debt restructuring has featured as an option for most developing countries. Debt restructuring is an instrument to ease the burden of debt on developing countries without necessarily placing a complete halt on debt obligations altogether.

As debt restructuring aims to provide some flexibility for debtor countries in meeting their debt obligations, attention must be paid to how such restructuring is done. As with achieving greater transparency, debt restructuring will profit from stakeholder participation. As there are various strategies to be deployed in restructuring public debt, an amalgamation of legal and administrative measures should not ignore the crucial role played by non-state actors in bringing confidence to the governance system.

As discussions around debt cancellation gain momentum, it is important to recognise the pressing issues which frame debt management. Firstly, developing countries must put their houses in order via good governance, promoting greater transparency. Secondly, developing countries must demonstrate to the international community that they are credible development partners capable of meeting their obligations, such that even within a gruelling global economic environment, they would rather negotiate a debt restructuring arrangement before asking for total debt forgiveness.

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# UPND has never officially advised us on debt management – Wina

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
 VICE-PRESIDENT Inonge Wina says there has never been formal advice from the opposition UPND to the Minister of Finance on how to manage Zambia's debt.

And Vice-President Wina says disrespect for the police is what is provoking some of the reaction being demonstrated by cops and other law enforcement agencies.

She was speaking in Parliament, Friday, during the Vice-President's Question Time.

Vice-President Wina complained that most advice on debt came in form of disparaging government, adding that it was difficult for the one who was being advised in that manner to take it genuinely.

She was responding to a question by Lufwanyama UPND member of parliament Leonard Fungulwe, who said Zambia's debt crisis was as a result of government not taking advice.

"On debt, there has never been a formal advice from the UPND to the Minister of Finance (Dr Bwalya Ng'andu), on the debt sustainability, how to manage Zambia's debt. But the Minister welcomed some of the remarks that have been made in the past from

the opposition regarding Zambia's debt. That's why he acknowledged that the advice received has been used by the Ministry to address the current debt sustainability management. It's not true that this government does not receive advice. But the advice is not really coming in the form of advice, it's coming in the form of disparaging the government! And sometimes it's very difficult for the one who is advised in that manner to take that advice genuinely. On the other hand, some of the sentiments that have been expressed by the opposition have been taken on board," Vice-President Wina said.

Fungulwe also queried on whether government would not regret taking up the advice over the current voters' register.

But in response, Vice-President Wina said that the new voter register was necessary and that the ECZ was not doing away with the old voter register in totality.

"The new voter register is necessary. ECZ is not doing away with the old voter register in totality. Some of the people who have passed on still appear on the old

register to the tune of 1.4 million Zambians, who were voters, but now are no more. And surely, these should be deleted from the new voter register that we shall use in 2021. Secondly, the voter register of 2016 has been condemned by the opposition, UPND. It was one of the reasons why they went to court to complain that the voter register is not perfect, it needs some adjustments," she argued.

"ECZ has gone to the extent of spending money, soliciting support from the political parties, including UPND, in the process of preparing elections in 2021.

And members on your left side, Mr Speaker, should not tell this country that whatever ECZ is doing is wrong and is going to bring chaos in the country! On the contrary, ECZ is following the directives given by the political parties and other stakeholders that have been involved in preparing for the 2021 elections."

And Vice-President Wina said that disrespect for the police was what was provoking some of the reaction by the police

and other law enforcement agencies. She said that citizens' rights under the Constitution should not be abused by disrespecting other institutions in the country.

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On Tuesday last week, the news on Zambia's social media had us very confused. On the one hand, we were horrified to see Chishimba Kambwili's wife Carol and daughter Chanda dragged through the dust, hand-cuffed together and hauled off to be arrested and charged, spending a night in custody and facing a court case. We all felt the pain of the Kambwili family. Denying them entry to the court without care or courtesy was inevitably going to end badly.

On the other hand, at the very same moment we saw Zambia's major donors merrily sharing pictures of the launch of their 'Democracy Strengthening in Zambia' programme at one of Lusaka's plush hotels. An outsize cheque was handed over by a nameless young woman dancer, kneeling at the feet of the UNDP Representative, under the stern gaze of one Given Lubinda, the Minister of Justice. Ribbons, elbow bumps and congratulations all round.

If diplomats come to Zambia only to rubberstamp their respective country's representation here, or to handover donations from their taxpayers, as a matter of government-to-government formality, then there would be nothing wrong with this contrast in activities that we saw last Tuesday. But we don't think our donors are here to merely donate while paying a blind eye to the very cause they are donating to. Therefore, we feel there is a great deal that is wrong about this picture, more so because there has not been any statement from these donors who were gathered at that plush

# The blind side of the donor community

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This appears to be the blind side of our donors, and this is also the very reason why most of their aid ends up in the pockets of the receiving hands with no impact whatsoever. To borrow Dambisa Moyo's words; this is why they bring "Dead Aid" to Africa because they don't seem to care how their host government's implement donor programmes.

The treatment of the Kambwili ladies is illustrative of the massive threats to our democratic process. Justice has to be fair, and seen to be fair. There have been well publicised concerns about fairness in this case – and now it seems that family members may not offer a presence to their loved one without being subject to abuse. How are our donors strengthening democracy in Zambia if they are seeing such scenes and do nothing about it?

Week after week, we see one set of rules for the ruling elite, their cronies and supporters, and completely opposite treatment for anyone seen to be against the system. People close to the government break every rule in the book – procurements, frauds, Covid regulations, gun laws, public order, assault and all the rest. On the other side, as we have seen, even the simplest act of care and love will bring you a face-full of dirt, an arrest, or a beating. You can even be killed without a sign of any justice bringing your killer to book. Not a word from the international community.

We have not forgotten how 2016 brought an exceptional low in the quality of engagement from our international partners, under the terrible leadership of UNDP's Janet Rogan. Channeled through her office, international support to the 2016 elections was roundly condemned by opposition parties, and privately by many diplomats. A number of

critical post-election reports were not released. While privately conceding some significant flaws, monitors refused to share the statistical analysis that led them to endorse the results.

We had that down as a one-off personal issue, driven by Rogan's close friendship with Lungu's inner circle. But Tuesday's giant cheque show raised the spectre of a repeat of 2016, where international support can actually be damaging. If the donors believe the flaws in our democracy are created by a lack of capacity, to be fixed with workshops and consultants working with PF leadership and partisan officials, then they must be looking at us as fools. If they think that cosying up to Mr Lubinda and ministers so that they exercise influence to transform a fundamentally flawed process into a respectable election, they are kidding themselves.

Many of our diplomats seem to think they are cheerleaders for

Zambia, we wonder why. Some actually do apply themselves quite childishly, we must say. They compete to show us they can dance with our musicians, speak a few words of our languages, take photos in front of some overpriced infrastructure and post on social media with very funny captions. Why? We dance better, speak our mother tongues and we have eyes to see if the government is working or not. It is not their job to teach Zambians how to cherish their cultural heritage; it is not their job to persuade citizens to love or hate their government. Their job is to have intelligent, audible voices speaking on matters that concern them - especially on the values that guide their international relations, especially on human rights and democracy.

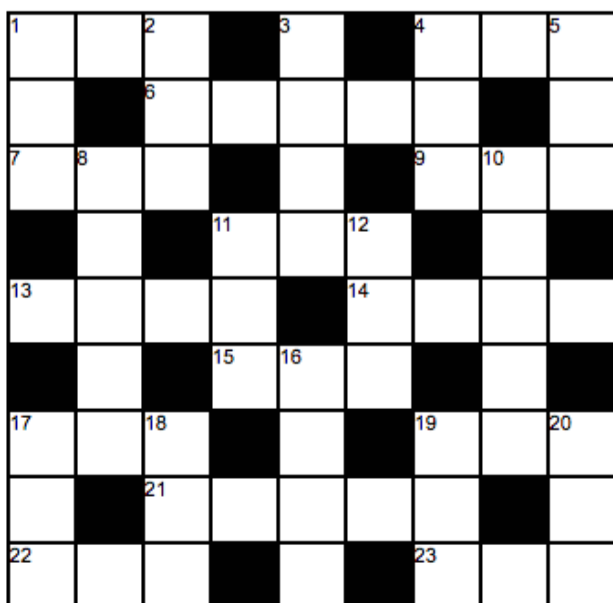
We are heartbroken to see the prolonged economic and political troubles in Zimbabwe. But we are puzzled that, as we seem to follow in their unfortunate footsteps, the

donor community seems unwilling or unable to express their concerns as they do in Harare. They took this approach in the last elections in Kenya and Malawi – and completely lost the confidence of opposition parties, struggling to secure fair elections. Strengthening democracy in Zambia will take more than money, in fact, it doesn't require money at all. It requires functional brains and people in power using those brains to level the political playing field.

The giant cheque at the donors' event didn't appear to have any opposition in attendance – none mentioned or shown in the pictures. But how could this project be credible when the stakeholders of the democracy project are represented by those wielding power alone? Instead, there was a very large elephant in the room, with Bill 10 written on its side.

We are asking the international community to act in a professional manner, and to treat us all (Government, opposition and the general public) like intelligent adults. We do not need giant cheques – we need to see the details of the Democracy programme, and it needs to be accountable to us. We do not need young women to kneel at the white man's feet – we need her rights to be respected as a woman, a voter and above all, a democracy-thirsty citizen. We do not need to see another hotel reception – we need to see you at the court, with us, with our faces in the dirt. That's the donor support we need.

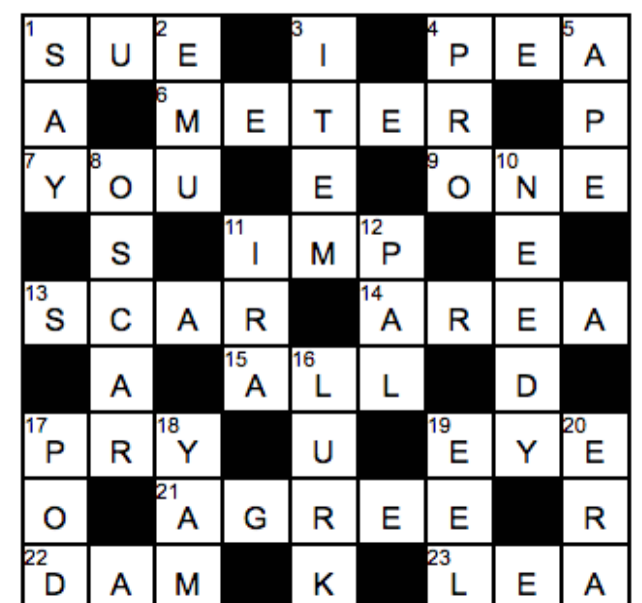
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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shake, as a tail</li> <li>4. ___-Man game</li> <li>6. Word with cut or class</li> <li>7. Root vegetable</li> <li>9. Rower's need</li> <li>11. Consumed</li> <li>13. Potato</li> <li>14. Disease cause</li> <li>15. .com alternative</li> <li>17. Lower limb</li> <li>19. Possess</li> <li>21. Traffic light color</li> <li>22. Fly catcher</li> <li>23. Stern's opposite</li> </ul> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One of the 5 W's</li> <li>2. Chewing treat</li> <li>3. Small argument</li> <li>4. Professional</li> <li>5. Automobile</li> <li>8. An orchard fruit</li> <li>10. Bow and ___</li> <li>11. Much ___ About Nothing</li> <li>12. Easter find</li> <li>16. After-bath garment</li> <li>17. Rule</li> <li>18. Shoot the breeze</li> <li>19. Globe</li> <li>20. Immediately</li> </ul> |
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## Crossword puzzle No 717





# Readers' Feedback



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

Editor,

"True indeed. economic recovery will only be possible when under a new regime in government, not ba Lungu. the man has failed to perform since 2015. using police and unruly cadres to intimidate citizens will not recover the economy". - Chanda Pochoko

"Very true, just a removal or change of one leaders changes things drastically in an organization. Same principle applies to Governance, the coming in of PF changed things drastically from a positive position to a negative one". - Muleya Muleya

"In fact maintaining this leadership that almost all the donors have no trust in will only make donors shun to assist the country. Investors will equally have second thoughts on recapitalizing the firm's they are running especially when they think of what happened to KCM or even CPC. My opinion too". - Solomon H Phiri

"Good statement possible meaning its equally impossible with that new government since It's about possibilities will just work with the one at hand thanks for confirming that there is no wind of change". - Robin Kapengwe

## Kamba on PF having nothing to do with Kambwili's conviction

Editor,

"You Tell that to your gullible PF supporting cadres, cos upright citizens know what's going on. By the way nobody asked PF to clarify Kambwili's arrest, or is that the guilt are always afraid!" - Mutinta Mulonda

"My real disappointment is with Zambians who like to appeal to president to correct things. That's not his way. You are fishing in a dry river. Each Zambian now must protect him/herself". - Evans Kaimoyo

"In PF everyone is a chief government spokesperson". - Dennis Tyson Phiri

"It is almost impossible not to think that PF is the architect of this Kambwili political prosecution. Nothing that involves a Pf political surrogate and defacto PF member like Tayali can be without PF involvement. It's just like the privatization investigation scheme, by defacto Pf member Mtewewe, that is a PF ploy. Whatever will happen afterwards will be a product of PF?". - Lassie Kakuta

"The guilty ones are always afraid". - Agness Mwape

"Oh please! Just sit down and continue feeling guilty. Fikapwa!" - Diana Kaumba

## 'It isn't possible to abduct police officers'

Editor,

"Some people even after storming Lusaka Central Police & beating up police officers & stealing their money & guns, they never spent even a single day in police cells but were given bond there & then at the speed of light but others they are not granted bail even if it is their right, they are treated guilty until proven innocent. Ichalo ichi. Anyway time is the best equalizer!" - Gershom Habile

"The problem the country is facing now is having dishonest police officers looking for favours from the ruling party. Before you know it the officers will be promoted for lying! A once beautiful country wasted!! If you can fix any one with opposing views to the government you are assured of being rewarded heavily!!" - Cimbulu Matanga

"A young man was killed in Kaoma no arrests have been done. Somebody is being detained for abducting police officers who should be charged for being idle and even negligent!" - Wegnah Nzemba

"It's not possible to abduct two armed police officers. This case will end in nolle". - Jack Zulu

"Kan'gombe is good abducting two well trained officers and 5thugs, Yet the biggest station failed to deal with one thug from Katete". - Richard Mhango

"How can an individual abduct two (2) armed police officers? Does this make sense? But the gullibles are rejoicing that Kang'ombe will face the law!

PF's strategy is to have less opposition MPs when they bring back Bill 10!" - Peter Kapenda

"It means we have weak and poorly trained police officers and this is a threat to national security. - We have heard about how simple thugs from Chipata raided the police HQ unhindered - We have heard how unarmed Kangombe abducted two armed police officers - We have heard how Laura Miti clobbered 2 or 3 police officers within a police station in Livingstone. - We have heard about how Kasoma Lesa, Komboni radio CEO, manhandled 11 police officers at her radio station. - Alot of women manage to sort out our officers including Kambwili's daughter, Mutinta Mazoka, Martha Mushipe, etc. The chaps badly need training!" - Richard Waga

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## 'VJ shouldn't shed tears over Zambia's political climate, he was part of the same system'

Editor,

"But during your time VJ similar things did happen. Recall president Mazoka's election cry and how your cadres behaved? Look how under your administration UNIP went into oblivion and how KK was declared stateless. How many political leaders died under that administration eg Paul Tembo, lawyer Richard Ngenda, Ronald Penza etc. How Sata was teargas at the Anti-Corruption Corruption. You politicians are the same!" - Joshua Kazadi

"It's very sad, actually, we are slowly returning to One-Party-State. Lungu's intention is to be on the ballot paper alone. He is trying by all means to put all his opponents in prison. And even during by-elections, he campaigns alone and does not allow his opponents to be anywhere near the electorate. Lungu is the worst President that Zambia has ever had. The good news is 2021 he is going, together with all his mwankoles!" - Noritah Mwanza

"You are right! But recall what you could do during your time. In the same way, those oppressing innocent souls shall face the consequences of their satanic deeds". - Duncan Nguni

By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE State has asked the Lusaka High Court to maintain the order to stay proceedings in a matter in which Horizon Education Trust is seeking leave to apply for Judicial Review against the President's decision to compulsorily acquire the School.

Principal State Advocate in the Attorney General's chambers, Chibesa Mulonda, submitted that this was because the issue of costs payable to the State under cause no. 2019/hp/1867 was yet to be determined.

"The issue of costs payable to the respondent (Attorney General) under cause number 2019/hp/1867 is yet to be determined and as such, the order to stay these proceedings ought to be maintained," Mulonda

# State asks court to maintain stay of proceedings in Horizon matter

stated in an affidavit in opposition of summons for an order to discharge the order to stay proceedings, filed recently.

In this matter, Horizon Education Trust, citing the Attorney General as respondent, was seeking an order of certiorari to quash the decision by the President through the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources to compulsorily acquire stand number KABUL/N\_59565/196 in Kabulonga, known as Horizon School.

It was further seeking an

order of prohibition to stop government from taking possession of the premises, among other reliefs.

Earlier this year, the Lusaka High Court halted proceedings in the matter.

Lusaka High Court judge Gertrude Chawatama stayed the proceedings until Horizon Education Trust pays costs occasioned to the State in its first action under cause no. 2019/hp/1867, which it later discontinued.

This was after the Attorney General asked the court to halt the proceedings, pending determination of

the State's application to compel Horizon Education Trust to pay costs it incurred in defending the first court action, which the school later discontinued, before proceeding with the current matter.

But on April 3, 2020, Horizon Education Trust Limited asked the Lusaka High Court to discharge its order to stay proceedings in the matter, arguing that the State had used the order to create conditions favourable to itself.

Horizon Education Trust chairperson of the trustees, Leslie Mbula, argued that the State had failed to compensate the school for the immovable property despite having valued the same at approximately K18 million.

He stated that after the court ordered a stay of

the proceedings, the State, through a letter, requested for costs of K256, 240 but the school on March 2, this year advised that the costs were excessively high, considering the fact that no step had been taken by the State in the cause.

Mbula further stated that on March 16, the State, through another letter, reduced their fees to K225,000 but the school again rejected it as it was still excessive and the State was yet to tax the bill of costs.

Horizon Education Trust also asked the court to dismiss the State's Bill of Costs.

According to an affidavit in support of summons to dismiss bill of costs, Mbula stated that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, there was no

decision, judgement or order delivered by the court which had ordered the State to tax costs in the matter in any way whatsoever and howsoever.

"On February 3, 2020, the applicant's advocates requested the respondent to compute their costs as a matter of urgency. On February 27, 2020, the respondent (State) responded and pegged their costs at K256,240 but the applicant rejected the pegged costs as being on the high side and requested the respondent to review their costs downwards. On March 16, 2020, the respondent responded and reduced their costs to K225,000. On March 17, 2020, the applicant's advocates advised the respondent to tax their costs. That to the applicant's surprise, the respondent has filed a bill of costs in this matter. There is currently a stay of proceedings in this matter pending determination of payment of costs in cause no.2019/HP/1867," stated Mbula.

## UPND has never officially advised us on debt management – Wina

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"IT'S A well known fact that anyone who breaks the law on the basis of their perceived power or impunity will be dealt with by the law enforcement agencies, including the police. And the disrespect for the police is what is encouraging some of the reactions we see being demonstrated by the police and other agencies. It is very important for Zambian citizens to know that they have rights under the Zambian Constitution, but those rights should not be abused by disrespecting other institutions in the country, including the police and other law enforcement agencies," Vice-President Wina said.

She was responding to a question by Chinsali PF member of parliament Kalalwe Mukosa, who had asked, "In the recent past, there has been a growing trend where some Zambians have been disregarding the law at will. Some of them have been going to an extent of slapping police officers, others have been making defamatory remarks on social media where they have been defaming innocent citizens. What word of advice or counsel do you have for the citizens so that they should not be abrogating the law?"

Meanwhile, Ikelengi UPND member of parliament Elijah Muchima also raised concern that during election campaigns, some district commissioners abandoned their offices and engaged themselves in partisan politics.

"In a democratic State like Zambia, we are expected to treat every citizen equally. We have seen that during campaigns, DCs abandon their offices and go into the campaign arena on party activities. They are fully engaged, yet they are called civil servants. Your Honour, could you clarify this point, who pays them (DCs) the time when they abandon their offices and engage themselves into full partisan politics?" asked Muchima.

In response, however, Vice-President Wina said district commissioners were civil servants and not participants in the political organisations of political parties.

"DCs are government public workers, they are civil servants. If the honourable member has found a DC addressing a political rally, he has every right to report that DC to the relevant authorities. Because as far as we know, the district commissioners can only perhaps be present at certain functions that may be seen to be political if the Head of State is travelling or the Vice-President is travelling. So, as of now, we know that district commissioners are not participants in the political organisations of political parties," she said.

Monze Central UPND member of parliament Jack Mwiimbu also asked a follow-up question on whether the Vice-President would encourage members of the public to effect citizens' arrest against any of the DCs who were found flouting the law.

"It's a matter of fact that these district commissioners have been involved in elections whenever there is an election they have been

campaigning openly for the ruling party! Would you encourage members of the public to ensure that they take citizens' arrest against any of those DCs who are found flouting the law?" asked Mwiimbu.

But in response, the Vice-President said the leader of the opposition should not encourage anarchy.

"The leader of the opposition should not encourage lawlessness, [he] should not encourage anarchy. Citizens' arrest would mean that at the scene where this act takes place, other players will come in to rescue somebody. Unless perhaps somebody is found stealing from someone's house with goods in their hands, maybe that can be encouraged. But to insinuate here that we should encourage citizens' arrest on DCs when they are seen in a district where an election is taking place, that is encouraging anarchy in the country and it should not be tolerated. We have enough law enforcement agencies where we can report these matters, including the ECZ itself. So, why don't we do that instead of encouraging people to take the law into their hands?" wondered Vice-President Wina.

## Zambia so democratic even foreign fools can comment on its affairs – Moonga

By Ulande Nkomesha

LUSAKA Province PF chairperson Paul Moonga says Zambia is so democratic that even "fools from outside" can freely comment on its affairs.

And PF Deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri says as a woman of integrity, she cannot comment on Professor Patrick Lumumba who has nothing to write home about.

Commenting on Prof Lumumba's remarks that the Zambian government was weak, paranoid and it saw enemies everywhere, Moonga said such disparaging statements from foreigners was a sign that they were frustrated because their sponsored candidate was a wrong character.

"This is the only country where people are free even outside Zambia to express their feelings. That is how democratic we are as Zambia. Even fools from outside Zambia can comment on matters of our sovereign state. That is what tells you how democratic our nation is. I have nothing to do with Kenya, I have nothing to do with South Africa, I respect what is happening in the two countries. We mind our own business. Some people are just hired missiles and they are frustrated because the person they sponsored whom they thought one time will take over Zambia, they found that they sponsored a wrong character. So we accommodate them, this is the only country where they have their views," said Moonga.

"It is unfortunate and it is ignorance and

for us we forgive them. Because these are hired missiles and they have lost out. They are even jealous, they are looking at our country so beautiful and so nice, look at the level of development happening in Zambia and Kenya, we are very far. So everyone is admiring Zambia."

And in a separate interview, Phiri said she could not comment on Professor Lumumba because there was nothing to write home about him.

"You know I was once Zambia high commissioner to Kenya, I know Professor, he is nothing to write home about. I can't talk to such kind of a person. How did he get that Professorship? It was through...it was there in court in Kenya, so I can't comment about him. I am a woman with integrity," said Phiri.

Last week, Prof Lumumba said he would not respond to unfounded rumors that he and other foreigners were mobilizing funds to help the opposition unseat President Edgar Lungu because it was a sign that the Zambian government was weak and paranoid.

He was responding to Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo's allegations that government was aware that some opposition leaders were soliciting funds from their collaborators who were asking them to cause lawlessness in the country.

## We'll ensure UPND's votes continue reducing – Mwila

By Ulande Nkomesha

PF SECRETARY General Davies Mwila says the ruling party is still holding intra-party elections and is yet to decide on a date to hold the general conference.

And Mwila says the ruling party will ensure that the UPND continues to lose numbers in PF strongholds ahead of the 2021 general election.

Speaking to journalists, Friday, Mwila said his party was expected to complete all provincial elections in December after which the central committee would decide on a date for the general conference.

"I want to announce to the nation that we intend to hold elections at the constituency and district.

Starting from next week, that is Northern Province and Southern Province. That will mean that we are going to remain with two provinces, and after that, we call for provincial conferences within November. The directive or instruction that came from the central committee is that we have to finish the elections at the provincial-level by December. So, after that, the central committee will decide when to hold the general conference," Mwila said.

And commenting on the Chilubi Town Council Chairperson by-election result, which the PF candidate Rosemary Chimbini won with 11,225 votes to her closest rival of the UPND Risto Mushambe,

who polled 2,960, Mwila said the party would ensure that the UPND continued to record reduced numbers in Northern Province.

"It is, once again, my privilege to congratulate the party on registering victories in yesterday's pre-scheduled by-election. Congratulations to our candidates, Mrs Rosemary Chimbini, for emerging victorious in the Chilubi Town Council by-election in Chilubi District, Northern Province, and Mr Masenga Chibwe and Mr Chansa Edward in Mbereshi and Kakose ward by-election in Mwanabombwe District, Luapula Province! Never forget that you have been elected by the people and power lies in them.

People have chosen development over propaganda. I wish to remind all our structures and mobilisation committees to work in harmony and in line with the party constitution and the terms of reference given to the mobilisation committees to avoid differences," said Mwila.

"I want to say that our party has been doing extremely well in the strongholds, if you look at the ratios, mainly it is one to five. So, as a party, we are very comfortable with that margin and in the last election, the UPND had 4,000, they have now 2,900, so they have gone down! We want to make sure that as we go for 2021 elections, the figures for UPND have to drop further."

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“The economic activity pains for the construction sector which has been on the contraction path for seven consecutive quarters nearly doubled after diving 16.8 per cent in Q2 compared to 8.5 per cent suffered in Q1. With taxes plummeting 18.3 per cent owing to a shrinking economy, government slowed on construction activity coming from suspension of all

# Zambia's GDP contracted by 2.1% in Q2 – Zanaco

works below 80 per cent of completion earlier in 2019. The rout on the kwacha and electricity supply challenges (plus upward adjustment in electricity prices) sent

the price of cement to ZMW108.12 per 50Kg bag at end of June, up by 40 per cent from ZMW69.24 a year before. As such, and with a Q2 skew, cement

sales volumes at Dangote and Lafarge were down 30 per cent and nine per cent (y/y) during the first half of the year respectively. Overall, this resulted in an

18 per cent reduction in Zambia's cement market in manifestation of the responsiveness of the construction sector to the effect of the pandemic and

the longstanding challenges.”

The tourism and hospitality sector equally suffered a heavy blow from reduced numbers of tourists and slashed economic activity.

“Providers of accommodation and food services were the third largest contributor to the Q2 contraction after shrivelling 30.4 per cent (y/y) from 8.9 per cent in the preceding quarter. Disappearance

of international arrivals, home confinement of local consumers (both forced and voluntary) and subsequent cancellation of meetings and conferences were the key drivers of the meltdown in one of the first sectors to be hit by the pandemic woes,” it stated.

But the mining and ICT sectors remained resilient and registered positive growth amid the Coronavirus onslaught, raising hopes of economic recovery.

“Even in the thicket of the pandemic woes, there were some sectors that came out as outstanding performers, thereby, easing the extent to which Zambia's real GDP contracted in Q2. Thriving on a positive shock to demand as an enabler of teleworking and tele-socialisation, ICT activities led the pack of points from 20.7 per cent in Q1. Other sectors that registered growth were mining/quarrying, agriculture/forestry/fishing and financial services following output expansions of 14.2 per cent (from a two per cent contraction in Q1), 22.9 per cent (from a 24.6 per cent growth rate in Q1) and 17.5 per cent (vs Q1's 8.9 per cent),” stated Zanaco.

“Encouraged by recovering copper prices after surging over 26 per cent to US\$ 6,037.85/MT at close of June from US\$ 4,785.25/MT on April 1, mining firms responded by exporting 2.8 per cent more copper volumes in Q2 at 217,057.4 MT compared to 211,078.3 in the same period last year. In fact, the mining/quarrying was the only sector to have rebounded to positive growth among. Meanwhile, the agriculture sector proved resilient as a supplier of essentials at the back of good rainfall in the last rain season, while providers of financial services leveraged on digital agriculture and finance sectors slowed the recession by a combined sum of 4.9 per cent.”

## Kitwe chamber demands transparency on causes of C/belt fuel shortages

By Stuart Lisulo and Abraham Kalito

THE Kitwe Chamber of Commerce has demanded full transparency into the actual causes of the fuel shortages that hit the Copperbelt Province, saying the commodity has been in short supply before the truck drivers' protest.

And the Chamber says the black market has started thriving where fuel is being sold at an inflated price per litre as a result of the acute shortages.

Meanwhile, the situation has briefly stabilised in some parts of the Copperbelt as supply of the commodity has resumed.

Commenting on the fuel shortages that hit the Copperbelt and North-Western provinces this month, Chamber vice-president in charge of commerce Emmanuel Mbambiko urged government to adequately sensitise all stakeholders on the real causes of fuel shortages because the commodity had been in short supply even before the truck drivers' protest erupted a week ago.

“This is not good for us because we are just coming

from the terror of COVID-19 and you want to have fuel upfront for battle. But if you are fighting too many things, you don't know what to do. This issue of fuel is not helpful for business. Now, what is even worse is we are hearing that this is because of the truck drivers that have gone on strike. But the truth of the matter on the other hand is that, we know that there are some filling stations, which haven't had fuel before those truck drivers went on strike! So, we are wondering what is the truth about this fuel; is it the truckers or is there something much more that we don't know?” Mbambiko wondered.

“So, we can't have too many uncertainties, it's not helpful for us, as business people. The best we can do is to implore those friends of ours in power to, for once, tell us what is the actual truth around this fuel shortage and when we can expect things to normalise so that we can then plan properly because other people are saying Indeni (Petroleum Refinery) is not in production, and probably, all the fuel is just being imported in incomplete form. Now, whether that is true

or not, you don't know...”

He urged Energy Minister Matthew Nkhuwa to issue a “truthful” ministerial statement to explain the fuel crisis facing the local economy.

“It's very important that he must issue a ministerial statement and, hopefully, that ministerial statement must be truthful! Because I listened to that other (Transport and Communications) Minister, Mutotwe Kafwaya, on the radio who was saying, ‘it (fuel shortages) was to do with the truckers, and that now that the truckers are on the road, things will normalise...’ And I said to myself, ‘that's not true!’ Because I know that in the last two weeks, we haven't had fuel in some filling stations, and that was before the strike! So, I said to myself: ‘how truthful is this gentleman, Kafwaya?’ Because they get free fuel so things of this nature don't impact them so he probably may not have known before so on that basis, one can excuse him. But for those of us who run business and get fuel from the filling stations, we know what's been happening,” Mbambiko said.

“But we hope that the other Minister (Nkhuwa) will speak from an informed position and not out of ignorance.”

And Mbambiko revealed that the black market had inflated the price of fuel per litre as a result of the fuel shortages.

“I, therefore, wish to state that the erratic supply of fuel that has been experienced in some parts of the country is being normalised. During the meeting with the OMCs, it became clear that the shortage was mainly due to the strike by the truck drivers, which disrupted the delivery cycle of fuel to the depots and filling stations around the country. This triggered panic buying by members of the public.”

Meanwhile, the situation has briefly stabilised in some parts of the Copperbelt as supply of the commodity has resumed.

According to witnesses in Ndola, by Friday last week, only four filling stations had the commodity.

The same day, social media was awash of citizens posting pictures themselves in long queues waiting for their chance to get the commodity, a situation that prompted the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) to allow trucks carrying the commodity to move during the night.

In a joint statement with the Energy Regulation Board, the Agency stated that the waiver would stay in place until distribution of petroleum products had completely stabilised countrywide.

“The RTSA, in consultation with the ERB, have sanctioned road fuel tankers to transport fuel beyond the restricted period of 18:00 hours to 06:00 hours to ensure the steady and stable supply of fuel across the country. Therefore, there will be no enforcement of Statutory Instrument No. 76 of 2016, which restricts the movement of Public Service Vehicles at night for all trucks transporting fuel,” read a statement.

“This measure is in addition to the waiver of clause 6.2.2 (g) in the Zambia Standard ZS 372: Transportation of Petroleum Products and Operational Requirements for Road Tank Vehicles – Code of Practice, which prohibits the movement of fuel road tankers carrying petroleum products between 18:00 hours and 06:00 hours. The waiver will remain in force until the distribution of fuel to all parts of the country is stable. Traffic law enforcement officers are therefore advised to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and accord express clearance to fuel tankers to facilitate prompt delivery of fuel in the country.”

## Zanaco puts \$3,000 on 2020 Open Golf tourney

By Goal Digger

ZANACO Plc has announced sponsorship towards the hosting of the 2020 Lusaka Open Golf Tournament scheduled for October 24-25, 2020 at Lusaka Golf Club.

Announcing the sponsorship in Lusaka, Thursday, Zanaco Plc Chief Commercial Officer Lishala Situmbeko said that the bank was happy to be part of this year's Lusaka Open Golf tournament as it continued to promote and encourage the development of golf in the country even under difficult conditions.

He said Zanaco had been actively promoting golf in the country, with its most active role being that of title sponsor of the Zanaco Masters, which the bank had been sponsoring since 2018.

Zanaco, as main sponsor of this year's Lusaka Open Golf Tournament, has contributed \$ USD3,000 towards the tournament, the bank has stated in a statement issued by its head of marketing and communications, Mutinta Musokotwane-Chikopela.

Lusaka Golf Club Captain Nawa Mataa said they were excited to partner with Zanaco to host the tournament.

“This is the first tournament we are hosting this year and it is a demonstration of the safe return to the golf sporting environment,” Mataa said, and further called upon other sponsors to come on board.

The Lusaka Open Golf Tournament is expected to attract over 150 golfers from across the country, all aiming to dethrone defending champion Dominic Musonda from Nkana.

Other sponsors of the Lusaka Open are HLB, Seef, Blockhouse Media and Trye King.

## Copper prices hit \$7,000 per tonne

By Stuart Lisulo

COPPER prices have hit the US \$7,000 per metric tonne threshold for the first time since 2018, representing a two-year-high, following Chinese economic recovery and a resurgence in demand for the red metal. Data from RMB Global Markets and Bloomberg revealed that prices of the commodity had touched the psychological barrier of US \$7,000 since 2018 after demand from China, the world's largest consumer of the red metal, surged. “Copper surpassed the US \$7,000/mt mark yesterday (Thursday) for the first time since

2018, implying that the red metal is 12 per cent up this year. The price increase is partly driven by the Chinese economy, which grew by 4.9 per cent in Q320. Over a multi-year period, copper prices could surge as electric cars become the norm, given that these vehicles contain three times more copper than internal-combustion cars. This implies that major African copper exporters like the DRC and Zambia could reap the benefits through higher export earnings and potentially stable exchange rates,” data shows. The last time prices of the red metal soared past the US \$7,000 mark was in June, 2018,

where the commodity sold at an average US \$7,150 per tonne.

This latest price jump follows a global economic meltdown that had been suppressed by the Coronavirus pandemic, which led to prices slump to as low as US \$4,617 per tonne in the first quarter of this year, according to the London Metal Exchange (LME).

Prices started this year on a bullish note, trading at over US \$6,300 per tonne amid optimism of the US-China trade deal breakthrough, hitting a high of US \$6,300.50 per tonne by mid-January.

# MICHO WINS AGAIN

**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
WHILE he may still have some doubters to himself Chipolopolo coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic is proving to be

the right man for the job if results in friendly matches are anything to go by. Yesterday, the Serbian Wolf recorded his fifth win in charge of Chipolopolo

following a 3 - 0 drabbling of lowly rated Ethiopia in an international friendly match in Addis Ababa. Micho was engaged to revive Chipolopolo

following a dwindle in fortunes for the last eight years which led the nation to missing out on two Africa Cup of Nations tournaments.

However he faces a near impossible task as Zambia started poorly in the qualifiers losing their two opening games leading them to lay

bottom of the Group with no point. Micho's first competitive game will come next month when Zambia take on Botswana back to back encounters where anything less than victories will spell doom for the 2012 African champions.

Ahead of the match against Botswana, Micho has posted a number of good results having been engaged in six international friendlies as he continues to polish his ammunition.

Under Micho since March, Zambia has played six matches, two against Malawi, two against Ethiopia and one against South Africa and Kenya.

In this period, Zambia beat Malawi by an identical score line of 1 - 0 before losing 2 - 1 to Kenya and going on to come from behind and beat South Africa 2 - 1.

Last Tuesday, Zambia came from behind to best Ethiopia 3 - 2.

After struggling on Tuesday, Zambia were in refined form yesterday as a good first half performance saw them go into the break with a 3 - 0 lead.

Emmanuel Chabula opened the scoring for Zambia in the 13th minute before Napsa Stars playmaker Collins Sikombe doubled the advantage 10 minutes later.

10 minutes from the break, Chabula completed his brace to give Zambia a three goal advantage going into half time.

In the second half, the host got their consolation seven minutes from full time when St George FC striker Getaneh Kebede put one behind Power Dynamos keeper Jackson Kakunta.



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