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UPND members celebrate the downfall of Bill 10 at Hakainde Hichilema's house in New Kasama yesterday - Pictures by Fredrick Misebezi

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By Julia Malunga

BRITISH High Commissioner to Zambia Nicholas Woolley says any comments that may undermine the integrity of the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) process and the strengthening which the international community have supported over recent years are of concern.

Addressing traditional leaders in Sinda, Sunday, Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya urged them to lie that they are poor and vulnerable whenever they faced SCT officers so that they could benefit from the funds to

buy clothes and look smart.

But responding to a press query, Wednesday, High Commissioner Woolley expressed concern over Siliya's remarks.

He explained that the UK government had been working with its Zambian counterparts and other donors to complete a range of audits and system assessments in devising joint action plans to improve the implementation and financial management of the SCT programme.

"Social Cash Transfers are vitally important to millions of the most vulnerable Zambians.

The UK has been working with the Zambian government and other donors to complete a range of audits and system assessments and devising joint action plans to improve the implementation and financial management of the SCT programme. This includes more effective targeting of SCTs by the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services to ensure they only reach those most in need, and use scarce government resources as efficiently as possible," stated High Commissioner Woolley.

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might undermine the integrity of the Social Cash Transfer process and the strengthening, which the international community have supported over recent years, are of concern. The UK continues to provide support through the UN and other partners to help address poverty for poor people in Zambia. For example, the UK has supported technical assistance and drought emergency cash transfers, which were delivered to existing SCTs households through our partner UNICEF."

Siliya, who is also Information and Broadcasting Services Minister and Petauke Central PF member of parliament, last Sunday urged traditional leaders to lie to

SCT officers to benefit more from the scheme.

"I have heard that you traditional leaders don't benefit from the Social Cash Transfer. We are here to tap about issues that affect our lives, we must not forget. I have heard that you are not benefiting, but the government has said if that was the case, it must not continue. Headmen should be taking Social Cash Transfer as well. So, those of you who would like to benefit from SCT, you must go to the DC's office so that you can be told how to do it. They will ask you questions:

Does your house have iron sheets? Yes

Do you own cattle? Yes

Do you own a bicycle? Yes

How many times do you eat? You say we manage to eat four times a day..." said Siliya.

"As you are answering, the machine is recording. It will say that you are not a poor person and you cannot benefit with such answers. Let me share some wisdom with you: if you want to benefit from Social Cash Transfer, the DC will teach you that even when you live in a house with iron sheets, don't say the truth so that you can be included on the Social Cash Transfer programme. That way, you can have money to buy shoes and bicycles so that you look presentable. As a government, we know that you traditional leaders have a lot of problems."

B-Flow asks Bowman to apologise for lying to Parley

By Ulande Nkomesha

RENOWNED musician Brian Bwembya popularly known as B-Flow has demanded an apology from Lusaka Provincial Minister Bowman Lusambo for lying about the nature of their interactions in Parliament.

And Bwembya says Parliament's failure to censure Lusambo for disparaging youths has set a bad precedence.

On Wednesday, Kapiri Mposhi UPND member of parliament Stanely Kakubo moved a motion in which he wanted Lusambo to be censured for calling B-Flow, Kings Malembe Malembe and Chellah Tukuta as

"disgruntled youths", that their opinions on national issues were an act of "stupidity and stinking nonsense" and they were "too naked to misbehave".

But after several debates, the motion failed as 83 MPs voted against the motion while only 38 voted for the motion.

In his debate, however, Lusambo claimed that he was

shocked such a motion was before parliament when he was good friends with the musicians in question and that he spoke to B-Flow's parents on a daily basis.

"Let me say I am very shocked that today we are debating this motion in this August House. The issue at hand from my side we have discussed with my elders, including the President on the same issue. The two gentlemen are my good friends, the apology which Kings Malembe Malembe made, he was doing that apology in my house after having dinner. Kings Malembe Malembe is a person I have seen growing. B Flow is a boy I have sponsored in his music career the time I was in Kabwe. The parents of B-Flow, I talk to them everyday. I know the MP of Kapiri wanted to settle scores here, the youths of Kapiri Mposhi, hey are troubling me because this MP, he has abandoned them," said Lusambo.

"Madam Speaker I am in love with the youths of Zambia. It is very discouraging that

honourable Kakubo can come here to champion as if he wants to represent the youths. I am still in the category of youths and I wouldn't allow myself to be represented by the person who has no moral courage like honourable Kakubo. I will continue working with the youths and the youths I refer to, they are my friends and as we speak they are outside. They are in my car outside, those are the two youths I refer to Kings Malembe Malembe and B-Flow, they are outside. Next year, Madam Speaker, I will bring you a new member of parliament for Kapiri Mposhi."

But in an interview Bwembya said it was disappointing that a parliamentarian could bluntly tell lies in Parliament.

"He mentioned a number of things, I think about three things and what surprises me is that I don't expect a parliamentarian or a lawmaker to tell lies on the floor of the House. I must say I am very disappointed. I wanted to give him..." Continues on page 3

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Lsk woman asks court to enter default judgement against state

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A LUSAKA woman who has sued the State for unlawful imprisonment after she was accused of having caused the death of her husband in 2016, has applied for leave of the Lusaka High Court to enter judgement in default of appearance and defence against the State.

Jacqueline Mwiindwa was accused of causing the death her husband Kofi Milumbe by allegedly running over him with her vehicle but High Court judge Charles Chanda acquitted her of the charge of murder at no case to answer stage, in August 2017.

But this year, Mwiindwa sued the Attorney General in the Lusaka High Court, seeking damages for malicious prosecution, loss of employment,

mental distress, interest and costs.

She has now applied for leave of the Lusaka High Court to enter judgement in default of appearance and defence against the State.

According to an affidavit in support of summons for leave to enter interlocutory judgement filed recently, Mwiindwa stated that on August 31, this year, she commenced legal proceedings against the Attorney General and served him with the writ of summons and statement of claim on September 23, 2020.

She stated that the Attorney General was within 14 day of the writ required to file a memorandum of appearance and defence but to date the defendant had not filed the said memorandum of appearance and defence.

Mwiindwa had stated in her statement of claim that on October 28, 2016 around 20:00 hours, she was detained at Makeni Police Station without being told the reason.

She stated that while she was in detention, she was informed by the officer who was on duty that Milumbe (her husband) was found lying dead on Bayuni road in Makeni.

Mwiindwa further stated that at the time of her detention her motor vehicle was parked at the police, adding that she was arrested on November 4, 2016 and later on November 14, 2016 was charged for the murder of her husband.

She added at the time of her arrest she was employed by Focus Life Assurance.

Mwiindwa stated that she was

detained at Lusaka Correctional Facility until she appeared in the Subordinate Court, adding that she was eventually tried at the High Court after the Director of Public Prosecution committed her for trial.

She stated that she was on August 31, 2017 acquitted by Justice Chanda after he established on case to answer stage that she was not connected to the murder.

Mwiindwa lamented that she was denied an opportunity to mourn and attend the burial of her husband.

In August 2017, High Court judge Charles Chanda set Jacqueline free saying there was no evidence implicating her to death of her deceased's husband.

The judge ruled that Milumbe did not sustain any injuries whilst

holding on to the moving vehicle.

The court further said officers did not find blood on Jacqueline's car as the occupants of the said car denied that the accused hit her husband.

Justice Chanda said Milumbe died as a result of a road traffic accident of which the blood spots where found next to where the deceased was laying.

The court further noted that the fractured leg that the accused sustained would only be caused by an accident.

He said the arresting officer drew an inference without investigating the matter which was a dangerous move.

Judge Chanda said there was no evidence to prove that Mwiindwa killed her husband on October 28, 2016.

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"...a benefit of doubt previously when I have seen him alter statements but now looking at where things have reached and the amount of lies that I heard

come out of his mouth when I watched that video yesterday, it has made me finally lose the little respect I would love to have for him based on the fact that he is supposed to be

called a honourable, I don't see anything honourable about a person that is able to lie about those three things he mentioned," Bwembya said.

"He mentioned that he

sponsored my music career, he said when he was in Kabwe. I want to categorically state that I don't know him, I have never known him like that, I don't ever remember interacting with

him, I don't know if he has lived in Kabwe that is the first thing I want to say. He can't say he sponsored my music career, he has never sponsored my music career. Anybody that knows

me and my background in music knows that I started my music in Lusaka at Roma Side Studio. A recording contract entails that the record label that is assigned is your sponsor at that particular time. So at what time or where exactly or which year did he sponsor my music? Unless there is a way he was sponsoring me through my record label that I didn't know about. As far as I am concerned, I have never been sponsored by an individual that is the first thing."

He said it was shocking for Lusambo to say he spoke to his parents every day when they were deceased.

"He claimed that he talks to my parents every day that makes me wonder if he is a ghost for him to be able to talk to people who are dead, because as far as I am concerned, as far as I can remember, both my parents are deceased, my father died a long time ago more than 20 years ago. So which parents? My mother, everyone knows that my mother is late, I have sang about her. So which one of my parents does he talk to everyday?" He said that twice and that I must say it causes emotional injury to me and my family for him to be able to bring up my parents who have nothing to do with me and what I do in terms of my music or even my activism. All I would have loved and all of my family would have loved is for the memories of our parents to be respected as well as my parents to rest in peace. In due course, I will be able to explain the course of action that we will take as a family regarding that issue," Bwembya said.

"He mentioned to say that Kings and I were in his car outside, first of all I wondered why none of his colleagues in Parliament did challenge him that 'we want to see them, we want that evidence shall we go outside and see for ourselves'. I want to believe that they equally just take him as a joker and that is why nobody cared to even try and take that action...So for him to say I was in his car, first of all I have never entered any of his cars at any point in my life, I have never dined with him to claim that I would sit in his car. What would I be doing in his car? Do I have any relationship with him? All I can say right now is that I expect an apology from him for the three blue lies that he told on the floor of the House. Failure to which we shall also take the necessary legal actions."

And Bwembya said Parliament's failure to censure Lusambo had set a bad precedence.

"I am not happy with the turn of events, that is not what I expected personally. I expected that motion would be supported and he would be censured, because failing to do so sets bad precedent and will make even other parliamentarians to behave in a similar way and abuse their powers, threatening young people by using unpalatable language towards young people and making the lives of young people very difficult," said Bwembya.

Chi Bill 10 chagwa, says HH as he leads celebratory dance party

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"Our members of parliament, with the exception of three sell outs, you have made me very proud today. I always feel like this but today you have made me feel exceptionally proud. This is the unity we talk about every day. What our members of parliament have done today closes a long chapter. An unnecessarily long chapter, from the Siavonga meeting, Bill 10 was mooted by the PF, they wasted money at that workshop and they continued to waste money on the National Dialogue Forum. PUND will never waste money like that," said Hichilema.

"We told them from the beginning that it would not work, here we are today. In English we call this a vision; ichimonwa, kuona kutali kutali uko. Today is the day when someone must calculate how much money has been wasted. They knew it because they were told, but they did not want to listen. This is what they do when they have stolen money and they are drunk with power. Only a useless government, a corrupt government can waste money like this."

Earlier in the day, Speaker of the National Assembly Patrick Matibini announced that 105 members of parliament voted in the affirmative, therefore not

meeting the two thirds majority needed for the bill to pass.

"The results of the poll are as follows. [The] Is, 105, Nos, 0, abstention, 0. The question is therefore less than the required threshold and accordingly negated as less than two thirds of all members of the assembly have voted in their affirmative. Therefore the bill falls away," said Speaker Matibini.

Majority of the UPND members of parliament were absent from the House with only six present, those being: Nalikwanda member of Parliament Professor Geoffrey Lungwangwa, Kasempa member of parliament Brenda Tambatamba, Monze Central member of parliament Jack Mwiimbu, Senanga member of parliament Mukumbuta Mulowa, Moomba member of parliament Fred Chaatila and Liuwa member of parliament Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane.

Despite being present, the UPND members did not participate in the vote and were seen rejoicing after the announcement of the result and mockingly signaled their colleagues to walk out after the defeat.

Some visibly angered and disappointed PF members of parliament walked out of the House after the vote was announced and Presidential Affairs Minister Freedom Sikazwe was seen frustratedly taking off his protective gear and throwing it on the seat before leaving the House.

Before the bill fell short of the two thirds majority by six votes, Mporokoso PF member of parliament Brian Mundubile said there was general consensus over the Bill, when the floor was open for debate.

He also wondered how the bill was poisonous when it simply advocated for the rights of citizens.

"It's very surprising therefore when we hear certain political party leaders refer to Bill 10 as being poisonous. How is it poisonous when Bill 10 proposed to increase the number of women in parliament, is it poisonous when Bill 10 proposes to include the marginalised like the people living with disabilities, is it poisonous when the people of Chilubi have been crying that the constituency is too big, the need for delimitation, is that poisonous? Is that poisonous when the Christians of this country rise and say Zambia



as a Christian nation should be enshrined in the constitution, maybe what is poisonous is that we are excluding gay rights that is why maybe it sounds poisonous. Because I don't understand how someone can say the bill is poisonous when it upholds the Christian values of the nation," said Mundubile.

And Cheembe PF member of parliament Dr Sebastian Kopulande said the country must move away from allowing innuendos to rule the country.

Kabwe Central PF member of parliament Tutwa Ngulube, who is also deputy government whip, SAID that whether the bill passed or not, it would be about what the people of Zambia wanted.

Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo said the PF meant well for the country and whatever the result of the vote, he urged citizens to know that they did their part and should not be blamed for its failure.

Meanwhile, in winding down debate after the bill fell off, Minister of Justice Given Lubinda, who was visibly emotional as he spoke, said government would continue to serve the Zambian people unlike those who came to the House with myopic interests.

"History is being recorded today and posterity shall read this history and we shall be judged by how we handle matters of state. I am very pleased to have been the shepherd of this process, I am very satisfied that the Zambian people today have been treated to this debate. Unfortunately, they have only listened to one side of the debate, the other side has chosen to remain mute and silent, they shall be forever. The fact that they have refused to speak here where they were allowed to come

and speak on behalf of the 17 million people, they should know that they have lost that opportunity forever. Those who have spoken, my dear brothers and sisters, I want to urge you, let this campaign not end today. Let this campaign go out to the villages, let it go up on the mountains of Zambia, let it go in the valleys of this country. Let the people know and let the people understand who came to this house to represent them and who have used this House to represent themselves and to represent their myopic interests," said Lubinda.

"So, I want to say that on this side, we have always been clear that this debate shall not be a question of numbers but shall be a question of morality, shall be a question of principal. And let those men and women who stand on the basis of principal take the armor of the day, let them be the ones who shall stand tall and say even when we were insulted and criticised because we believe in the principal of working for the Zambian people, not only the current population but the populations that shall inherit this country, the populations that shall be represented in here, through this Parliament, let them know that we stand firm, we are determined. We shall not stop here, Sir, I speak on behalf of these men and women, we shall continue to soldier on to provide the rights of the Zambian people to be represented here in Parliament."

Meanwhile, several civil society organisations took to social media to celebrate the outcome of the vote. Transparency International Zambia president Rueben Lifuka told News Diggers in an interview that he hoped politicians would learn from

this and always choose to listen to the people.

"Transparency International Zambia would like to express its gratitude to the Members of Parliament who stood on the right side of history and refused to selfishly endorse the controversial Bill 10. Many stakeholders pleaded with the PF government to withdraw the Bill and allow for consensus building but political arrogance and pride made the ruling party believe they would have their way even if this went against the grain of public opinion. We heard many of the leaders from the ruling party insist the Bill would be passed whether people criticised it or not. Clearly they became oblivious of the fact that ultimate power lies with the people," said Lifuka.

"We hope that the political parties and players will reflect on this episode and recognise that they serve in the National Assembly on behalf of the voters and whenever any process is unclear or it is one that promotes division and polarisation of society, good leaders retreat and listen to the voices of the people. The failure of Bill 10 this time around just like the failure of the output of the National Constitutional Conference in 2010, is due to the fact that constitutional reforms in this country have been led by the political elite who want a document that is favourable to their political sustenance. The constitutional reforms should not be about politicians but about the people. Going forward, we would like to see a genuine process of consultation and engagement with all stakeholders, to craft a supreme law that commands the respect and obedience of all people."

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By Natasha Sakala

THE Livingstone Tourism Association (LTA) says incentives announced in the 2021 national budget are insufficient to spur the much-needed growth as the tourism sector recovers from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

And the Association says the local tourism sector is only expected to kick-start around April, next year, when a COVID-19 vaccine is anticipated to be found.

In an interview, LTA chairperson Rodney Sikumba argued that incentives announced in next year's budget were insufficient to spur the much-needed

LTA expects local tourism sector to recover by April 2021

growth because there is still insufficient funding to address pressing challenges, such as changing the licencing regime.

Government has proposed to suspend license of renewal fees paid by hotels and lodges, among other measures, to resuscitate the tourism industry.

"I don't think it is enough, what was given

to us is just but the many of the proposals that we have put forward to government. We are grateful that they have given us what they have given us now; however, there are certain issues that come to play with the way we run our businesses. The cost of doing business has become increasingly high so some of the policy pronouncements that we are looking out for going

forward obviously may not require inclusion in the budget per se, will be issues of statutory obligations. We have got licencing. The licencing regime in this country is on the higher side, you literally pay for anything and everything. However, we have a statutory body, the Business Regulatory Review Agency, which has been mandated to scrutinise and understand what licenses each and every institute, government institution charges the private sector," Sikumba said.

"Now, that in itself will be able to speak to us. So, we need to have one single window. If I am tour operator, I need to have one licence, a license that's embedded everything in it. Business license, liquor licence, tourism license, whatever it is. Give me a ball-park figure then I will be able to understand to say, 'this is what I am paying for...' Even for budget purposes, it works out okay."

He, however, noted that if the proposed incentives were actualised, they would be a step in the right direction.

"Should those incentives be approved as proposed by the Minister of Finance (Dr Bwalya Ng'andu), I think we will be taking a good step in

the right direction with regards to where tourism is going to go going forward. And this, obviously, will resonate with the Seventh National Development Plan (SNDP) of having tourism as one of the three key sectors. Now, will it stir tourism in the sector, especially domestic, well I think policy is made, I think the next step that we need to really put into consideration, now, is the implementation. Policy is just a paper, is it something that is working downstream so that incentives, such as duty exemption on motor vehicles, incentives, such as scraping of managers' licence and the like. So, the respective agencies within government need to show that they are implementing, otherwise, it will just be a pipe dream," he added.

"So, in an ideal world, should those be implemented and are running as per usual then we will be able to say for domestic tourism, it will work very well, not only domestic, but as well as international. International in the sense that now, in terms of equipment, in terms of service, we will now be able to get better equipment to use in activities. If you are talking about cars, game viewers, those are

things that most of these international agents are looking out for; they don't want to get into a car, which is 10 years plus (old). If you give them a brand new car, they will be happier and we will become more attractive as a destination. Those brand new cars we are talking about are very expensive. For an average tour operator in Zambia, you won't be able to afford it. So, once implemented, it's a good sign."

He added the proposed incentives will help to spur local tourism as more local players will be encouraged to invest in the sector.

And Sikumba said that the local tourism sector was expected to recover by April, next year, on the back of a highly-anticipated COVID-19 vaccine.

"We are already hearing about the second wave of COVID-19 in Europe so we don't know exactly what is going to happen, but I think we just need to focus on local and then go regional until we get the vaccine. In the absence of the vaccine, I don't see us really making any headway, but like I said before, we are only looking at turning the tourism economy sometime next year in March/April, that's when we will start seeing tangible bookings," said Sikumba.

Inflation shoots to 16%

By Stuart Lisulo

THE annual rate of inflation has increased to 16 per cent in October, up from 15.7 per cent recorded in September, mainly induced by a jump in food prices, according to the Zambia Statistics Agency (ZSA).

Announcing Zambia's annual rate of inflation for the month of October, ZSA Interim Statistician General Mulenga Musepa disclosed that the increased inflation this month was largely driven by significant price increases in food items, which include meat, chicken, cooking oil and sugar, among others.

"The year-on-year inflation rate as measured by the all items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for October, 2020, increased to 16.0 per cent from 15.7 per cent recorded in September, 2020.

This means that on average, prices of goods and services increased by 16.0 per cent between October, 2019, and October, 2020. The increase in the annual rate of inflation was attributed to price increases in food items," Musepa told journalists via video conference in Lusaka, Thursday.

He added that the increased annual food inflation rate, up by 0.6 percentage points, was largely driven by price increases in meat, chicken, cooking oil, among others.

"The year-on-year food inflation rate for October, 2020, was recorded at 14.6 per cent from 14.0 per cent recorded in September, 2020, indicating an increase of 0.6 percentage points. This development was mainly attributed to increase in

prices of food items such as meats, chicken, cooking oil and sugar. The year-on-year non-food inflation rate for October, 2020, was recorded at 17.7 per cent, the same as that recorded in September 2020," Musepa added.

Of the total 16 per cent annual inflation rate recorded this month, the food and nonalcoholic beverages group accounted for 7.9 percentage points, while non-food items accounted for 8.1 percentage points, according to Musepa.

ZSA data shows that Zambia's annual rate of inflation of 16 per cent recorded this month peaked to a five-month high since May, this year, when the rate was 16.6 per cent.

This month's inflation rate also represents the second highest this year.

By Natasha Sakala
NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili says it was painful for him to be jailed over a crime he did not commit, charging that Magistrate David Simusamba lied in his judgement.

And Kambwili says Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services Dora Siliya must apologise to late President Micheal Sata for bringing his name into disrepute.

Meanwhile, Kambwili says it is not right to treat people the way his wife and daughter were treated by police.

At a press briefing, Thursday, Kambwili charged that Magistrate Simusamba lied to justify sending him to prison and put him in bad light with the Judiciary.

"Honorable Simusamba lied in his judgement to justify sending me to prison and of course to just create an impression to other judicial officials that when I appeal they should look at me as a bad person who doesn't respect the Judiciary. I felt this was very important for me to communicate...he is a danger to the Judiciary and he should be removed from the Judiciary," Kambwili said.

"Ichamukalipefye chakuti (what pained him was that) I refused to give him money. You don't behave like that. I refused. And again, third lie that he told on that judgement he said the accused person only applied for me to recuse myself from the case after I found him with a case to answer. That's why I said this matter is of public interest. Go and check the records. When he just asked me for the money and started treating me badly so that he squeezes me for me to be scared to give

him the money and we applied for him to recuse himself, he refused. He called the lawyers in chambers saying I don't want to be biased, when you see me ukula kalipila (being aggressive) client mu court it's just that I have got pressure from the government, just to show that ndebomba (I am working), so ngamwamona ndeba (when you see me being) aggressive with your client, it's not with any malice or anything, I just have to show a picture that I am working. So forget about this thing of me recusing myself."

He said it was an insult to say his son is fictitious.

"Saying my son is a fictitious person is an insult. When my son came to visit me in prison I said what are you doing here, you don't exist, you are fictitious and my son dropped tears. I said somebody has declared you that you are fictitious. We will deal with issues of evidence in the High Court where we will appeal, this is not a court," he said.

He said he was taking to court out of jealousy.

"Honorable Steve Chungu, MP Nkana constituency, Nathan Chanda, mayor Luanshya, Chilufya Tayali, I don't know what title I can give him, or define that young man. Chilufya Tayali my younger brother, I want to thank you people together with Honorable Simusamba for taking me to court without committing an offence. Just sheer jealousy and nothing else. Posterity will judge you very harshly," Kambwili said.

"Mwebantu efyo napitamo, kwati nshabombela chino chalo (The things I have gone through, like I never served this country). I have served this country faithfully, remember when

Simusamba lied in his judgement, charges Kambwili

I was minister, remember you people when we started PF from the start. Like I said nalikakilwepo (I was arrested) in the past mu MMD, nalipuminwapo, ukunguma kuli ba police kwati baleuma imbata but today I can be treated like this by one magistrate because I refused to give him K360,000 is unfortunate. But one man cannot destroy the judiciary, we need to sort out this one man. And by the way, I am not the first one he has treated like this."

And Kambwili urged Siliya to apologise to Sata for accusing him of destroying the agricultural sector.

"Nakupapata Dora nafukama (I beg you Dora, I am kneeling down), respect Mr Sata. That position of Minister you are enjoying today, it's because of our sweat, it's because of Mr Sata and I will not sit behind you and watch you insult Mr Sata or cast aspersions over Mr Sata, baleba beshpa ati eba onawile (the are accusing him of having destroyed) agriculture, eba chitile reduce ama saka ya fertiliser, now agriculture is doing better," he said.

"Apologise for the statement, I was in Parliament when they meant to reduce the number of fertiliser bags from 8 to 4 to put more villagers on FISP"

Meanwhile, Kambwili condemned police for the manner in which they treated his wife and daughter.

"Let me say that the way my wife and daughter was treated, again I will say vengeance is for God, but you don't treat people like that.

Balya mwaledonsanya bakashi bandi, no mwana wandi uwabula umulandu (that woman you man-handled is my wife, and my daughter who has not committed any crime), decent people," he said.

And Kambwili called on President Edgar Lungu to consider pardoning more prisoners to help decongest prisons.

"My experience in prison is a good experience for one who wants to be president

because it will give you an insight of how those people who are in prison are living. And I want to appeal to my elder brother President Edgar Lungu, the 900 people that you pardoned, thank you very much but pardon some more. There is too much congestion in prison, bamo abantu tabalala, bekala fye (some people don't sleep, they just sit) because there is no space. There is serious congestion and my appeal is that these petty crimes, aiba amataba, ka

assault, please avoid sending such people to prison. The prisons are too congested. Secondly, the diet in prison is very bad, they eat beans with nothing in it. The might have erred against the law but they are human and also want a balanced diet. Because when you take people to prison you are saying we can look after you we can feed them, even vegetables are a problem. Fumyeniko nabambi (remove another) 10,000 prisoners," said Kambwili.

Pre-online registration proving to be disastrous – Milupi

By Ulande Nkomesha
ALLIANCE for Democracy and Development (ADD) president Charles Milupi says the low numbers of people using the pre-online registration platform is an indication that Zambians still have minimal access to technology to effectively participate.

The Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) recently revealed that only 75,000 citizens had successfully registered using the pre-online registration platform.

Commenting on the development, Milupi said it was a disaster to depend on the pre-online registration in a country where technology had not penetrated to the majority

citizenry.

"It was not worth it. This confirms our fears that we actually expressed to the ECZ. We had a meeting with the ECZ on Monday, I am talking about the Opposition Alliance, it was the Opposition Alliance presidents and secretary generals. We pressed these fears that the method they have taken to address the issue that they must do away with the existing register and allocate only 30 days for that period is a clear indication that we will fail. I was leading the Opposition Alliance; what has been reported on the online registration has only yielded 75,000 out of a target of four million announced by the CEO of ECZ (Patrick Nshindano) is



an indication they are serious problems with IT penetration," Milupi observed.

"The fact that people have cell phones in rural areas does not mean they can use those cell phones for online registration. We expressed concern that it is not right. That is not the end all because from their (ECZ) explanation, everyone, whether you have registered online or on this mobile registration, you will still have to go in and have your biometrics recorded. So, they knew all these things... they should have planned ahead. Online registration in a country where penetration of these new technologies has not been as prolific as we have loved it to be; it's actually a disaster to depend on that.

He said the aim of the Opposition Alliance was to ensure that the majority of Zambians had a platform to successfully register to vote in next year's general election.

"Our anxiety arrives that even when they knew that they were going to do this, it's too late and they have now allocated a shorter period of time for a country of 975 million hectares to thoroughly do the registration. Our aim in the Opposition Alliance is to ensure that the election results in August, 2021, will be a true reflection of the will of the majority of the people. We have to have as many people as possible to register. If you are coming up with programmes that will constrain this, you are disenfranchising citizens of this country," said Milupi.

Govt can't plan effectively without census

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
IT will be difficult for government to effectively plan ahead without knowing the population of citizens it intends to plan for, says Vice-chairperson of the Zambia All Parties Parliamentary Caucus on Population And Development (ZAPPC) Princess Kasune.

Debating the K779.5 million budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Development and Planning for next year, Kasune, who is also Keembe UPND member of parliament, argued that the allocation was a clear indication that the Ministry will fail to achieve its core mandate.

"I am concerned that the Ministry that is charged with the national planning of our nation and development and evaluation. From the budget that has been allocated to them, it seems that this Ministry will not be able to achieve the very core business of its mandate that it was created for. Madam chair, in many of the countries similar to this Ministry, they do not sit the way they sit in Zambia. This Ministry usually sits either under the Vice-President or the President of the country so that they can coordinate or oversee the planning aspect of development. However, this is not the case and this has reduced this Ministry to just like any other ministry when actually their mandate is a critical and a serious one," Kasune said.

She stressed that without knowing

the total population, it was difficult for MPs to know which constituencies need to be multiplied under the proposed ECZ delimitation exercise.

"Secondly, I have not seen money allocated to the census or, indeed, the money required so that the census can take place. We are aware, madam chairperson, that the census was supposed to have commenced in August, this year, and this is in the line that come 2021, as a people, and especially us as members of parliament, would have known where the numbers of these people are and where even the needed multiplication of constituencies could have been because you cannot claim to bring equal development to a nation when you do not know your population," she said.

She also cautioned that as long as the Ministry of National Development Planning lacked sufficient resources to fund its own projects, there will be less development.

"This Ministry is likely to miss the population dividends and take advantage of that because of the lack of data collection. The Minister (Alexander Chiteme) did allude to the importance of data collection and rightfully so. But if you look at the allocation of their budget, in as much as it looks like it has increased, but when we factor in the dollar being stronger than the kwacha, there is no increment in this Ministry. It is

important to underscore, madam chairperson, that as long as a lot of the projects that are being funded by this Ministry are done by international bodies, such as the World Bank, and we do not have enough resources to fund these projects ourselves, we will find that a lot of these projects in our constituencies, which are supposed to help with the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), as the Minister alluded to, will actually come to a halt. And we know that these international bodies are also beginning to either slow down or to pull out because they want to see the domestic revenue being put in priority projects, which I don't think we are seeing," Kasune said.

She also said that it was difficult to delimitate the constituencies if Zambia's accurate population figure remained unknown.

"This is why, madam chairperson, for some of us in the UPND, we have said we are not supporting Bill 10 based on the fact that if you do not understand the population of your country, how, then, can you say that you are going to have the capacity to delimitate the constituencies so that they are manageable and so that development is brought to the people and closer to the people? It is one of the key issues that those who are proponents of Bill 10 have been dangling around, but if you cannot count your population, there is no way you are going to have an

– Kasune

effective delimitation. That is why, for me, I have challenges with this head (Ministry), madam chairperson. And we have argued that as long as we do not have satisfactory data, it will be very difficult to plan for our country," she added.

But National Development and Planning Minister Alexander Chiteme explained that the census was halted because of the COVID-19 outbreak as the project was a human contact exercise.

"We postponed the census to 2021 because of COVID-19-related issues. As you might be aware, madam chairperson, the census is a high human contact exercise. And because of the guidelines from the Ministry of Health, we couldn't progress with the census this year and we have tried to postpone it to next year. I want to agree that the allocation to the budget is not as everyone would have expected, but we are managing with the scarce resources that are with (the Ministry of) Finance. I would also want to urge her (Princess Kasune) that she cannot come out here and say that the reason why she is not voting for Bill 10 is because the census has not been done because Bill 10 was on the table before the census was cancelled," said Chiteme.



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BILL 10 HAS FALLEN! PF HAS FALLEN!

By Andyford Mayele Banda

FIRSTLY, let's give praise to the almighty God for saving this nation from further mess by the fall of Bill 10. Oh, Jehovah we praise YOU for saving your children from getting into a deeper mess. We are so grateful. We continue to genuinely seek YOU to save this country from further mess. Your children have been through enough already and we ask YOU Oh Jehovah to continue removing the wheels of the chariots of the enemy of your children like YOU did to Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Oh God, thank YOU for the fall of bill 10, in Jesus' name, AMEN!

Bill 10 voting yesterday was like the 2012 Africa Cup of nations penalty shootout when Zambia faced Ivory Coast in the final. We prayed, we hoped and we won. We have campaigned against Bill 10, tried everything to reason with our colleagues in the PF that you can't create a constitution for one person who is Edgar Chagwa Lungu. They were arrogant, they did what they did to ensure Bill 10 passed. One day when you are out of power, we will again remind you of your arrogance and your lies.

Bill 10 was a greed agenda by the PF no doubt and they know it deep down their hearts, focusing on weakening our constitutional and institutions because they have failed terribly. So, they knew they cannot win a genuine election and under the current constitutions and institutions. So, they had to broad day light rape our constitution for their greed motives to dominate power. See your life now! So, it's very okay to say BILL 10 HAS FALLEN AND PF HAS FALLEN! WOW! Okay even if they say don't kick a man that is down, I am kicking you guys. Mwawa!!!

This is an extract of what we wrote on Bill 10 on 19th July 2019:

"We should never as a country allow a few greed individuals to make changes to the constitution which the majority of Zambians didn't ask for. The constitution is a supreme law of this country which should not be changed just to suit the aspirations of a few greed people over the majority. It's surprising that PF and its surrogates they keep defending the success of the NDF resolutions because it was attended by 400 people who clearly were not sent by the over 17 million Zambians to represent them. Yes, the Members of Parliament were not sent by the Zambian people to bring back deputy ministers or to elect mayors from the councilors or to reduce the campaign period from 90 days to 60 days or to actually allow ministers and MPs stay in parliament till a day

before the election. No that's not the mandate the people of Zambia gave the MPs.

It's interesting to note however, the PF and its surrogates went round different media platforms to defend the NDF resolutions including the reintroduction of deputy ministers and the same coalition government only today to come back and think we are foolish and tell us this is the official position. Clearly, they went back to report to their sponsors about the resistance they received on these platforms. There is still more resistance that we should exert on the NDF resolutions among them is that key stakeholders were not involved in the process. The moment the Minister of Justice Given Lubinda and Attorney General Likando Kalaluka bulldozed the national dialogue process, that is the day real dialogue died. Hence, we must all reject any adoption of any single resolution coming out of the NDF. Let's throw those resolutions in the dust bin. The resistance continues. Even if the PF want to play clever like they have rejected a few resolutions, the people of Zambia must not accept any changes to the constitution in this manner.

The partial reversal by the PF on some of the NDF resolutions is also an indication that if we put our voices together and be loud enough to those who claim to have power over us, we shall ensure we make progress in making things right for our country. This is the PF who today will vehemently defend something and tomorrow U-turn and drive people in a different direction. When Hon. Mwanakatwe was Minister of Finance and it was clear she was failing and caught on camera looking high, the PF and its surrogates, distributed her CV and defended her to the last bit and the moment she was dropped they were the first one to praise the great emperor for the wisest decision ever to salvage our economy. The emperor was working and that decision alone made Zambia's bond to rise and they were the first ones to screen grab and share a Bloomberg tweet. This is the lesson to all those PF MPs and Ministers who seem to be like blind followers that these NDF resolutions you are pushing, are not in the interest of the majority but just in the interest of one person, the great leader, the great emperor His Excellency Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu.

PAC believes that any constitutional amendments must be necessitated by people's demands not when a group of self-serving politicians are desperate to continue enjoying privileges they get from government. These are just lazy people who can't survive outside

politics. Not only are they being lazy, but they are greedy who just want to enjoy life at the expense of the majority poor Zambians. Just because the PF have retracted a few proposals that doesn't mean we should okay the NDF resolutions. As already alluded to, the spirit of dialogue died when key stakeholders did not come to a consensus on how we should have proceeded with dialogue. We have said this, and we shall say it again, the NDF resolutions deserve to be thrown in a dustbin, period. To start with, most of the NDF resolutions were not the contentious issues that necessitated the dialogue process. However, to be fair to all we shall highlight a few dangerous proposals.

Clearly a number of NDF resolutions were meant to weaken our institutions just to benefit a few greed people. Do you call these proposals refining the constitution? This is unacceptable. The People's Alliance for Change (PAC) believes that where constitution amendments are concerned, all key stakeholders must get involved more especially the majority Zambians as opposed to the 400 people being talked about. If genuine dialogue has failed, let's leave things as they are, and the next government should be the one that must have the mandate to refine the constitution.

The fight against the adoption of these amendments is not for PAC alone. Zambians, rise up and DO NOT allow the PF to abuse the constitution of Zambia to make a deity out of a man. This cannot be allowed to happen. This behaviour by the PF is very selfish and evil. If allowed to have their way, PF will lead Zambia into a deeper ditch of desperation that it already is in. While political alliances in Zambia generally do not work, pride needs to be swallowed otherwise there will be no Zambia to be proud of.

As PAC we believe that we cannot entrust the PF government to refine the constitution. The reason why President Lungu is not coming out clearly on the NDF resolutions is because he wants them badly to advantage him in 2021. Things can't work for one man. The only time our country will ever have a people driven constitution is when the right leaders who have the best interest of this country at heart take up the helm of power. PAC is the answer, we promise you a constitution that will protect the constitution. We promise you institutions that will protect institutions." End of extract!

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

By Ulande Nkomesha
UPND president Hakainde Hichilema has called on Zambians to sue Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya and other PF members, saying using tribe to divide citizens is criminal.

And Hichilema says the PF is a brutal and dictatorial regime bent on oppressing citizens through government institutions.

Commenting on Siliya's remarks that Tongas had risen against the PF, Hichilema said the Chief Government Spokesperson and her party were tired.

He said it was disappointing that President Edgar Lungu was mute while most of his Cabinet Ministers continued to divide the country using tribal hate speech.

"The Dora Siliyas are tired, they must go, they think that they own this country? A person who is supposed to build unity in the country is the one dividing the country. By the way, it is illegal for Dora to do what she is doing. I am looking out to Zambians to sue Dora Siliya because talking tribal, ethnic divide is a crime, according to our Constitution. What (Brian) Mundubile (Government Chief Whip) has been talking about, dividing the country on tribal lines is a crime, what (Prof) Nkandu Luo (Livestock Minister) has been talking about is a crime. So, I expect Zambians to draw out legal processes against these tribalists. The youth in Muchinga was calling other ethnic groups as cockroaches and rats, that is the Rwanda language that led to genocide in Rwanda!" Hichilema said in an interview.

"Someone in the name of Mr Lungu, who is supposed to bring order and protect citizens from abuse, from injustice, from crime is mute. It means that it is him who is sending Dora Siliya; it is him who is sending Dora Siliya to say the divisive nonsense they are talking about. It is him who is sending Mundubile, who is sending that youth calling fellow citizens, cockroaches and rats, to invoke genocidal behaviour in our country and yet someone, who claims to be a leader of all citizens, 18 million, is quiet. Actually, he is not quiet, he is loudly quiet, which means he is sending the message to those abusing citizens and threatening citizens and calling out names and arresting citizens, searching our premises."

Hichilema said it was time

It's criminal for Dora to divide Zambians on tribal lines – HH

for Siliya to leave office.

"We invite those who voted for the late Mr Sata, genuinely, that your agenda has been hijacked by Mr Lungu and his surrogates. You should drift to the side of the people, that is my call. This is not what Mr Sata meant to do. Can you imagine if Mr Sata woke up today and found Dora Siliya as a Cabinet Minister in the PF government? Just imagine for a moment. Wasn't Dora Siliya the one calling Sata names? Was she not the one saying, 'Sata can never be president?' Was she not the one who said the late Mr Sata was a mad man? And today, Dora Siliya can say, 'Tongas are against us! Who is us? Who is she describing as us? Who is us? Can she tell us who is us?'" Hichilema questioned.

"To me, the 'us' is the corrupt like her and her friends and the brutal ones, that is 'us.' Now them, they are the minority because there is no one who is happy with what is happening today. All of us must drift on the right side of history, that is my message for Dora Siliya. I think Dora is tired, she has been Minister, she has been living off tax payers' money for too long, she thinks tax payers belong to her; she thinks this country belongs to her? This country belongs to all Zambians. One of our critical duties is to reunite this country, which has been divided by PF."

And Hichilema described PF as a brutal, dictatorial regime which was bent on oppressing citizens through government institutions.

"What is happening is a PF plan to disenfranchise citizens, to frighten citizens, to oppress citizens using State instruments, State institutions, such as the police, the courts of law and other governmental institutions. It is clear for everybody to see what we have been talking about for a long time that PF is a dictatorship, PF is brutal. This is it for you to see, like many things we have told you in the past, that the economy will be damaged, here we are, the economy is damaged. Of late, it's not just (Patrick) Mucheleka's, it is not just (Romeo) Kang'ombe,

it is not just Bwalya, there are 28 or 38 people, who were arrested on Independence Day in Chingola when they were celebrating their independence. They are in detention, on the Independence Day, they are in detention, they were celebrating in their own style because there is no style how you celebrate independence, you celebrate it in your own style. I celebrated it myself by issuing that independence message so why am I not arrested? Why arrest our 48 or so members in Chingola who are still in detention today," he wondered.

"This is why we need change, this is a dictatorship we need to get rid of, but we will only do that by uniting as a people as we have always done in the time of need. Where we are now there is no middle-ground: you are either against the people, and if you are against the people, you are part of PF; you are part of the corruption; you are part of the detentions; you are part of the brutality going on. That means you are part of PF. That is one side, the bad side; the good is that you are on the side of the people; the genuine churches; the UPND; the well-meaning civil societies. So, there are no three sides here, there are only two sides; those who are against the people, who are the PF and their surrogates and their corrupt and you are on the right side of the people and history: the UPND, the churches, Christian faith, other religions. As it is, the side of the people is bigger than the side of the crooks, the side of the corrupt and the brutal. People must not be afraid to stand on the right side of the people where we all are the UPND and others. Time to decide has come and this is it."

He said it was disappointing that PF had started attacking victims.

"We know the scheme where you are a victim, you are UPND, and if you are Kambwili, you are given bail, where have you seen bail conditions like this on earth? Bail conditions like

for Kang'ombe where? To arrest Bwalya for what? Kang'ombe was a victim, their aggressors are known. This is a dictatorship to what we warned the people of Zambia. Everything we have told you, we predicted it, it has happened, it has come to pass. So, PF knows that they have lost popularity, they have no support, they have destroyed everything! People are hurting in homes and young graduates are walking the streets two, three years after graduating without jobs. Marketeers are not getting any sales. They are not making any money from their trade because people have no money; many homes in the compounds go to bed without food. These are the clear messages written on the wall that PF has failed. We predicted this a long time ago and I believe those that didn't believe us now have no reason not to believe us. There is only one way, people need change, we, Zambians, must agree: we need change now!" Hichilema stressed.

"I say to the people of Zambia, you have a rare opportunity to redeem yourselves across the country. How do you redeem yourself? Change must come and change will come if you get your National Registration Cards (NRCs); please go and get your registration cards, register as voters when registration opens, on the voting day 12th of August, let's turn out to vote in big numbers, then, lastly, protect your vote at all cost. Do not allow anyone to take away your vote, that is how you effect change."

Hichilema warned that Zambia was doomed if they gave the PF another five-year mandate next year.

"If the PF continues to rule this country after 2021, another five year of this mess; of this brutality; of this hunger; of this unemployment; of this destruction in businesses, where will Zambia be? Where will families be? Let a family of eight to 10 think of its situation, where will you be another five years of the PF's destruction

and oppression and violence? Where will we be? We will all be finished! We have nothing to lose anymore because citizens have lost everything, so we can only gain, and that gain can only come through change. Change which will restore the destroyed economy; change, which will offer jobs for our people; change, which will revive agriculture so that people can have affordable food in their homes, change that will protect us from the PF violence by reintroducing the rule of law and order; change where media freedoms will be respected, media houses will not be shut," said Hichilema.

"So, change is needed now and this change can only be brought by the UPND working with other formations and working with the people of Zambia. This is the time that Zambians must know that we should have unity of purpose and that is the way we will achieve change, so that we can bring back order in our country. UPND is the flagship we should use."

Police records warn and caution statements from 2 UPND members for giving false information

By Ulande Nkomesha
POLICE have recorded warn and caution statements from UPND members Mubita Nawa and Anthony Bwalya over allegations giving of false information.

In a statement, Thursday, acting police spokesperson Danny Mwale stated that the duo were cautioned in relation to the offence of giving false information on the National Registration Act and destroying evidence.

Mwale stated that police also recorded a warn and caution statement for National Democratic Congress (NDC) spokesperson Saboi Imboela.

"October 29, 2020 – Police in Lusaka have recorded a warn and caution statement from Mubita Nawa, aged 45, of

Balastone Park, plot number 3974/M and Anthony Bwalya, aged 39, of house number 5 Mbawa Avenue in Chelstone. The duo have been cautioned in relation to the offence of giving false information, contrary to section 13 (c) of chapter 126 of the National Registration Act and destroying evidence, contrary to section 111 chapter 87 of the penal code of the laws of Zambia. Police have also recorded a warn and caution statement from Saboi Imboela, aged 42, of plot number 1243 off Lilayi Road," Mwale stated.

And Mwale stated that police summoned Diamond TV chief executive officer Costa Mwansa to help police with the investigation on the leakage of the 2021 national budget.

"Meanwhile, police summoned Diamond Television chief executive officer Costa Mwansa and head of news and current affairs George Chomba to help with investigations in relation to the leakage of the National Budget, which went viral before it was presented in Parliament," stated Mwale.

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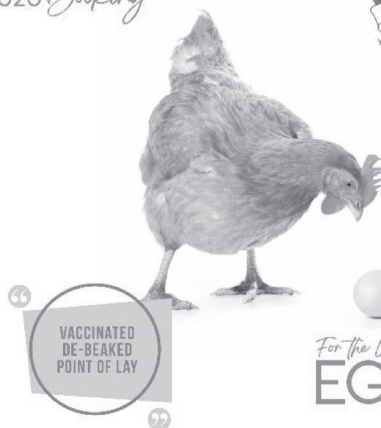
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WHAT happened yesterday in Parliament showed that the Patriotic Front went fishing on this Bill. They were banking on a gambled probability of success, but everyone knows that gambling doesn't guarantee you anything. That's why it's called gambling. It's a game for people who have little or no hope of achieving their goals on a clean slate. One would have thought that the Patriotic Front had everything planned and worked out, one would have thought that when they were boasting about having the numbers, they knew what they were talking about. As it came to pass, they were just hallucinating.

We are glad the Patriotic Front has failed to mutilate the Constitution as they wished and to skew it towards their interests. The UPND and other opposition as well as some Independent members of parliament must be applauded for putting up a spirited fight. Changing the Constitution must not be something that the party in power can simply do out of boredom. The 2016 Constitution was a by-product of wide consultations it was born out of a marriage with the

Well, sh*t happens!

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UPND. But suddenly the PF now felt they could just undo what they did with their colleagues in the opposition.

What we saw in the pursuit of Bill 10 was very strange. The very fact that the contents of this Bill 10 were being protected and defended by only those who are beneficiaries in the PF government was an indication that something was fishy. Even those who never read the contents of Bill 10 had reasons to worry because of the manner in which the ruling party dragged its agenda. The desperation was too much and it sent a message that this was not about Zambians. That was a sign that

Bill 10 is a collection of bad laws.

An example of a good law is one which says "no citizen shall be deprived of his freedom to move freely throughout Zambia, or the freedom to assemble freely and associate with other persons". Who can object to a law such as this one? Every citizen of this country is a beneficiary of this law and no one can be allowed to tamper with it because it is a good law. It doesn't favour the party in power or those in opposition.

The PF should have engaged their colleagues in the opposition and ask them to reach a compromise. The

UPND would have shared their views and made considerations for what they could tolerate. If the PF had engaged the opposition in a progressive manner with the aim of serving the people's interest, Bill 10 would have been cleaned up and the progressive provisions, agreed by both political groupings, would have passed. But the PF wanted everything, they went in with the "winner takes all attitude", and as everyone can see, it has taken them nowhere. Governing in a democracy is about compromise.

This is a great day for Zambia. This is democracy at its best. This is how a proper,

functioning democracy must work. Leadership is about humility, not arrogance. You get into government to serve the people and not to serve yourself. Leaders must learn to listen to the voices of those who are not walking with them in the corridors of power.

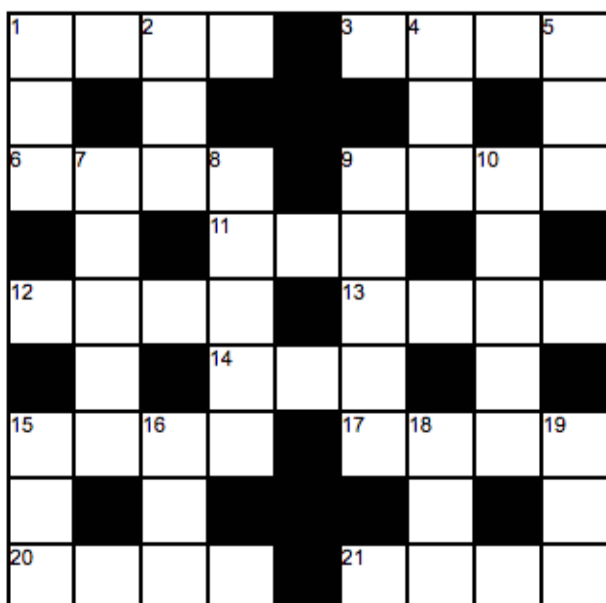
The PF and Minister of Justice are saying Zambians have missed the opportunity to have a people driven Constitution; which people? The people have rejected the Bill, and therefore it is the PF that has lost an opportunity to manipulate the people driven Constitution. This Bill 10 process has been unnecessary prolonged. We have wasted a lot

of resources as a country on a worthless undertaking which could have been avoided if those in leadership cared to listen to advice from well-meaning Zambians.

Indeed, this is a victory for democracy and it's a victory for rule of law. This is how a multiparty system is supposed to work. We can look back now and see what will happen to the lies they told the people about Bill 10.

There are many lessons for the PF in this defeat. You cannot force matters, you can't embark on a journey without a clear plan on how you plan to get to your destination. Changing the Constitution is about what the people want, it's not about arrogance. It's not about who is speaking the loudest. Never go out to hunt something that you cannot kill. Don't start a war you cannot win. Anyway, sh*t happens! Learn and move on!

Crossword puzzle No 722



“Never say anything that doesn't improve on silence.”
- Richard Yates

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Crossword puzzle No 721



Readers' Feedback



Kamba on UPND willing to sell Zambia to foreigners

Editor,

"PF has already sold Zambia by indiscriminately issuing NRCs to foreigners around Zambia's borders posing a security risk. UPND will have nothing to sell. Cheap politics!" - Tukafililamunsenga Kambwili

"UPND is willing to get our country back from the foreigners..." - Lincoln Benson

"Whether UPND is willing to sale Zambia I will vote for them let them sale me too..." - Pëtër Lükámà Limätä Fülälä

"There is no more country left to sell because it has already been sold to the Chinese". - Elliot Mwansa

"Better than suffering in the hands of corrupt, visionless, tribal Leaders!" - Hon Gift Singogo

"Well much of this country has already been sold to the highest bidders in the names of mining companies, road contractors and those who build houses for policemen. What we need is actually to salvage the little that remains by removing those who have auctioned it". - Evans Kaimoyo

"Who can buy Zambia in its current state? A none run 2008 model. On the other hand, Zambia is already sold by virtue of its external debt which we are lobbying so that it is deferred". - Mable Kayula

Police's search for NRCs at the UPND secretariat

Editor,

"Trying to win an election through intimidating opposition leaders and their cadres. Professor Lumumba was right when he said PF is weak and paranoid. Very disgusting grouping of evil people, the devil's advocates". - Mutinta Mulonda

"All NRC has a file at the national registration office. Why not follow up on the source of the NRC exposed on TV using such a channel? Do those NRC have no information to show where they were issued from?" - Skycastle Log

"Since when did UPND started issuing NRCs? Asking for my Neighbour!" - Ian Malekhanie

"They will never intimidate us!!!" - Manix Mulenga

"Do they issue NRC at UPND Secretariat". - Evans Munkombwe

"Are NRC s made there? Very shallow thinking!" - Chimwemwe Frank Mkwanzazi

'Kanganja should not condemn, but arrest the Chawama PF youth for causing a fracas'

Editor,

"If it was UPND or indeed any other opposition its arresting first then investigate later! But since they're the 'sons' of the house involved its investigation and in the end no arrests will be made! Icalo ici!" - Ian Malekhanie

"And it will just end in condemning and investigating!!!" - Jeff G Chungu

"Others are arrested for celebrating Independence..." - Luundu David Namaanza

"Just call them and talk

to them kaili you are one and the same. Time alone will tell. The Israelites were in bondage for over 400 years but in the fullness of time they were liberated. We shall over come one day". - Geoffrey Samusungwa

"This is a joke. The police condemning lawbreakers instead of taking action, as if they are politicians. Anyway we know they can only condemn since it's involving the mighty PF". - Percy Masheke Mushambi

"Kanganja should not condemn! He was supposed to enforce the

law!" - Bubala Ng'andu

"Shame on you, for PF you just condemn but no arrests!" - Peter Silwimba

"Police has lost credibility. I wonder if I can report a case to police because I feel it's time wasting # self-defense". - Noah Siachoto

"Utter nonsense, pathetic to say the least, he is the most incompetent IG I have ever heard of. I wonder how some people get their jobs, balibe na nsoni!" - Arnold Mubanga Chileshe

"He doesn't mean it". - Katutu John Ndumba

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'Govt will never have shame over Post, Prime TV closure'

Editor,

"So long as the Board Chaiperson of IBA remains the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting services you cannot isolate the government. Just as you cannot say there is no government interference in running Parastatal companies when the Chaiperson of IDC is the president". - Rogers

Kapila

"Shame is the least of their worries, no matter how shocking their decision can be, they make them with a straight face and shout the name of the lord the following day". - Richard Waga

"Anyway PF stopped being ashamed of

anything they do, they know the country is divided, scores of citizens are no longer giving checks and balance to the government instead citizens are now treating the whole country affairs like supporting Chelsea or Man United, so PF has taken advantage of that and lost any shame by telling lies". - Mutinta Mulonda

TANZANIA'S main opposition presidential candidate has said he will not accept the result of Wednesday's election because of voting irregularities.

"Whatever happened yesterday was not an election," Tundu Lissu told journalists in the main city Dar es Salaam.

Responding to earlier criticisms, the electoral commission said on Wednesday that the accusations were unfounded.

Mr Lissu was one of 14 candidates challenging President John Magufuli whose party has governed for decades.

Admired by some for

Tanzania elections: Opposition leader Tundu Lissu 'won't accept poll results'

his no-nonsense approach, Mr Magufuli's first term was marred by allegations from rights groups that he was restricting democratic freedoms.

A handful of results have been released so far, giving Mr Magufuli and his CCM party a strong lead.

As well as taking part

in the Tanzanian elections, voters on the semi-autonomous archipelago of Zanzibar were also electing their own president, and the CCM candidate Hussein Mwinyi has been declared the winner with 76% of the votes.

His main rival, Maalim Seif Sharif of ACT-Wazalendo got 19% - his biggest defeat in

any presidential election that he has taken part in.

Earlier in the day, Mr Seif Sharif was arrested shortly after saying that the polls had been rigged and calling for mass protests.

On Wednesday, the head of the National Electoral Commission dismissed the claims of electoral fraud.

Semistocles Kaijage said allegations of fake ballot papers were unsubstantiated.

On both Tuesday and Wednesday, internet users reported that WhatsApp and

Twitter, among other phone apps, had been blocked.

Voting itself was calm and peaceful on the mainland after reports of violence on Zanzibar on Tuesday. **BBC**



Tundu Lissu has a reputation for being outspoken

Angela Merkel defends lockdown, warns of 'difficult winter' in Germany

GERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel defended the government's decision to impose a limited lockdown in a tense speech to lawmakers in the Bundestag on Thursday.

Her speech in the lower house of parliament comes as Germany logged a new record in daily coronavirus cases with over 16,700 cases within

24 hours. An estimated 75% of cases cannot be traced anymore, making it difficult to contain the spread.

During crisis talks on Wednesday, Merkel and Germany's 16 state leaders agreed to issue a month-long partial lockdown to curb the spread of the virus.

In a speech that was

regularly interrupted by shouts from several German lawmakers, Merkel said the current rate of infection poses a massive threat to the country's health system.

"Such a dynamic would overwhelm our intensive care units within a few weeks," she said. Acting only after hospital beds are full "would be too late."

"The winter will be difficult. Four long difficult months, but it will end," she said.

Merkel said she understood "frustration" over the pandemic and the new restrictions, but she urged lawmakers and the public to do their part to slow the spread.

"Freedom isn't being able to do whatever you want," she said. "Freedom is taking responsibility."

The chancellor also took aim at conspiracy theories and disinformation in the fight against the virus in a likely jab at the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD).

"Lies, disinformation and conspiracy theories not only damage democratic debate, but also the fight against the virus," Merkel said.

A belief in facts not only upholds society and democracy, "human lives depend on it."

The partial lockdown, which goes into effect on Monday, calls for stricter social distancing measures and limits on the number of people who can meet in public.

Bars, restaurants, fitness studios and movie theaters will close — but schools and daycare centers will largely remain open.

Cultural and sports facilities will close, while soccer fans will be barred from top-tier Bundesliga games in stadiums.

Outdoor gatherings will be curbed to members from no more than two households with a maximum of 10 people.

The lockdown measures are currently slated to run until the end of November.

DW News



Macron says France is 'under attack' after deadly stabbing in Nice

A MAN wielding a knife on Thursday killed three people in an attack at the Basilica of Notre-Dame in Nice in southern France. A suspect has been arrested in the attack, which Nice's mayor has described as an act of terrorism. Follow our liveblog below for real-time updates.

At around 9am on Thursday, an unidentified suspect killed three people and injured several others at a church in central Nice. Two of the victims were killed inside the church and at least one was beheaded, according to a police source. The third victim died while seeking help in a nearby bar.

The suspect was wounded by police and has been hospitalised.

Nice Mayor Christian Estrosi has described the attack as an act of terrorism and said the suspect repeated the words "Allahu Akbar"

as he was being treated for his wounds after being apprehended by police.

France's anti-terrorism prosecutor's office has opened

an investigation into the attack.

President Macron visited the scene of the knife attack in Nice on Thursday afternoon.

French lawmakers on Thursday observed a minute of silence to honour the victims in the attack.

France24

At least 140 Europe-bound migrants drown off Senegal coast: UN

AT LEAST 140 Europe-bound migrants have drowned off the coast of Senegal in the deadliest shipwreck recorded this year, the United Nations migration agency said on Thursday.

The boat carrying 200 passengers caught fire and capsized on Saturday a few hours after leaving the fishing town of Mbour, 100km (62 miles) south of the capital, Dakar, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said.

The Senegalese and Spanish navies and fishermen rescued some 60 people, but "at least 140 people have drowned", the IOM said in a statement.

The perilous sea passage from West Africa to the Canary Islands was once a major route for those seeking an escape from poverty. Attempts became scarcer when Spain stepped up patrols in the mid-2000s, but the route is seeing a surge this year.

Senegal's government and the IOM arranged a mission to travel to Saint-Louis to assess the needs of survivors and provide immediate psycho-social assistance.

The number of departures from West Africa to the Canary Islands has significantly increased in recent weeks,

with 14 boats carrying 663 migrants in September alone, according to the IOM.

Of these departures, 26 percent were reported to have experienced an incident or shipwreck, the organisation said.

There have been roughly 11,000 arrivals to the Canary Islands this year, compared to 2,557 arrivals during the same period last year, IOM statistics showed.

Some 414 people are known to have died along this route in 2020, up from 210 fatalities in 2019. **Aljazeera**

Southern Africa faces new locust plague

As the rainy season approaches in southern Africa, fears are rising of a locust infestation. This year, a similar plague swept through East Africa, with swarms decimating grasslands and trees.

Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and most recently Angola have already been affected. The livelihoods of farmers and cattle herders, who are already dealing with food shortages caused by a crippling drought, are at stake.

According to Mathew Abang, southern Africa's Crop Production Officer for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the effects in rural areas is already substantial. In Zambia alone, locusts have already infested some 300,000 hectares (741,000 hectares). Meanwhile, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) reports 45 million people could be facing food shortages.

Experience of the locust plague in East Africa has shown that both regional cooperation and finances are lacking, making it even more difficult to stop the insatiable swarms.

As farmers prepare to plant their crops ahead of the November rainy season, newly hatched locusts are lying in wait. This means the already strained humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe is likely to get even worse.

"The harvests in May were bad," Regina Feindt from the German NGO Welthungerhilfe told DW from Zimbabwe. "The country has been going through a two-year long drought, and the economy is on its knees."

The lockdown measures implemented to stem the coronavirus pandemic have not helped matters, either.

"The Ministry of Agriculture does not have enough insecticides and has already asked us if we can deliver these," Feindt adds.

The locusts have already infested previously unaffected areas in Zimbabwe's southern and western regions.

Meanwhile in neighboring Zambia, the locust infestation has spiralled.

The FAO emergency plan involves Zambia and affected neighboring countries identifying and monitoring hotspots better. This includes killing the locusts before they can gather in swarms.

The FAO has made technology and funds available so that the locust swarms can be subdued with chemicals. However, topping-up stocks of insecticide remains a major challenge.

DW News

2020/2021 FAZ/MTN League kicks off

By Ngosa Chalwe

AFTER an abrupt ending in July, the Super Division will today turn a new page with all stakeholders hoping that the 34 week long season will reach its logical end this season.

With the Charity Shield out of the way, the 2020/2021 MTN/FAZ Super Division gets underway today at Garden Park Stadium in Kitwe with two promoted sides Kitwe United and Prison Leopards going at each other.

The Buchi Boys will welcome Prisons as Steven Mwansa seeks a strong start to the season while the Kabwe side drilled by Mwenya Chipepo will be looking for the same.

Having only earned promotion to the topflight last season, the two teams come with a reputation of being relegation fighters but they will be looking to prove their doubters wrong.

Sponsored by the Kitwe City Council, Kitwe who are famed as the Buchi Boys are determined to show a

statement of intent in the match that will be beamed on SuperSport.

For Prisons, they know that they need to pick positive results from the goal to ensure that they do not struggle for survival by the time the season will be reaching its business end.

Both teams make a return to the big league following their relegation during the transition season in 2019 after finishing in the drop zone.

The game will be the only one topflight match

today with six other matches expected to be played tomorrow while Sunday will offer two matches.

In Ndola tomorrow, Buildcon will face Lusaka Dynamos in a lunchtime kick off while Nkana will start their title defence against Forest Rangers at the same venue.

In the capital, Green Buffaloes will play Red Arrows at the National Heroes Stadium while Zanaco will take on Indeni at Sunset Stadium.

Kabwe Warriors await the visit of Green Eagles at Railways Stadium in Kabwe while Lumwana Radiants host Nkwazi at the Independence Stadium in Solwezi.

On Sunday eight time champions Zesco United

travel to Lusaka to face Napsa Stars at Woodlands Stadium while Power Dynamos will be at home to Young Green Eagles.

All matches will be played behind closed doors in a bid to avert the possible spread of COVID - 19.

Caf postpones CL final indefinitely

THE Caf Champions League final as well as the semi-final second leg encounter between Zamalek and Raja Casablanca have been postponed until further notice, the Confederation of African Football (Caf) confirmed on Thursday.

The finale billed for the Borg El Arab Stadium, Alexandria was due to be held on November 6 but has been pushed back as more Raja Casablanca players tested positive for the coronavirus.

The last four second leg encounter between Raja and Zamalek had been postponed as eight players from the Moroccan outfit were quarantined by the Moroccan health authorities after contracting the virus. However, the number of positive cases swelled to 14 after Tuesday's round of tests.

After meeting with both teams, the continent's football ruling body decided to defer the last two games.

"Discussions continue between clubs and Caf experts to find a pattern complying with regulations and returning to play spirit. At this stage, the postponement of the semi-final Zamalek vs Raja is certain. Constructive spirit on both sides. To be continued," Caf tweeted.

"At the request of Egyptian authorities, the final is now postponed. Official discussions are underway to find a new and suitable date. Stakeholders are working in good faith and consultations are ongoing." GOAL

Chamanga misses out on golden boot as MTN cancel awards

By Ngosa Chalwe

PLAYERS who excelled last season will not be honoured for their efforts following the cancellation of the 2019/2020 season awards owing to the outbreak of COVID - 19.

As per tradition, players, referees and coaches are normally awarded at the end of the season based on their outstanding performances.

This season, veteran striker James Chamanga was expected to be handed the golden boot after finishing the season with 16 goals.

However, league sponsors MTN Zambia have called off the awards for last season.

MTN Zambia chief marketing

officer Seun Soladoye confirmed that the awards which are meant to honour outstanding performers for last season have been cancelled.

"We are glad with the COVID situation in Zambia that we can say the games will return shortly.

"But in view of the COVID situation and consultations with FAZ [Football Association of Zambia] we have always wanted to host the awards but the awards will not happen this year because we want to protect people's lives, but we are looking forward to the league and have the awards by the end of the new season," Soladoye said.

Meanwhile FAZ general secretary Adrian Kashala has urged players

from all Super League clubs not to be discouraged by the cancellation of the awards.

"We are in a situation where things are not running as normal and in doing so we need to observe certain restrictions.MTN has been on board for a long time and the fact that we can't have awards this year should not discourage players.

"I would encourage the players to continue working hard. They would have been awarded. This is something none of us expected but it's nothing to discourage the players. Players should get back and work hard so that they can be awarded at the end of the season," Kashala said.

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FIFA MEETING IN LIMBO

By Ngosa Chalwe
THE long awaited meeting between World football governing body FIFA, the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) and a group labelled as the aggrieved party is in limbo with

Football House confirming that FIFA has not yet communicated.

The prolonged wrangles in football were set to be resolved in September as FIFA was expected to chair a meeting with stakeholders

to iron out the contentious issues.

But following the request by three of the aggrieved party members among them former FAZ president Kalusha Bwalya, the meeting was moved to

a later date.

Last week, FAZ president Andrew Kamanga confirmed that the meeting will take place today.

“With FIFA, Yes, I think we were supposed to have that meeting on

1st September we were all ready but unfortunately our colleagues didn't come through they indicated that they were not ready and I think at that point FIFA indicates that the meeting is held on 30th October,

which is next Friday,” Kamanga said.

However, FAZ general secretary Adrian Kashala says there is no indication that the meeting will be held today.

“We are still yet to hear from FIFA if the meeting will be on tomorrow [today] or probably pushed forward or otherwise FIFA will have to make a decision...let us wait and see what FIFA will say,” Kashala said when he appeared on ZNBC's Spot On programme yesterday.

“FIFA advised that the meeting will only take place when all the parties involved share their email address that with those credentials available FIFA will set up the meeting and advise.

“We are awaiting FIFA's response, as FAZ we do not know the actual date although we did pronounce that we may have the meeting on 30th, the reason was that FIFA gave us up to 31st October but the last working day of October is 30th which is tomorrow,” Kashala said.



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ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF ZAMBIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

POSTPONEMENT OF THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE MOBILE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE AND THE EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD FOR ONLINE VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION

The Commission wishes to announce that the Mobile Voter Registration exercise which was scheduled for 28th October 2020 to 30th November 2020 has been postponed. The Mobile Voter Registration Exercise will now be conducted from **9th November 2020 to 12th December, 2020**. This is due to the extension of the period for the issuance of National Registration cards (NRCs) by the Department of National Registration, Passports and Citizenship (DNRPC) by 5 days from the 30th October 2020 to 5th November, 2020.

The Commission has also noted concerns by the stakeholders and some members of the public on the need to acquire NRCs to enable them to register as voters.

Therefore, in order not to disenfranchise eligible citizens, the Commission found it imperative to reschedule the dates for the Registration of Voters, which was scheduled to commence tomorrow Wednesday 28th of October 2020 to 30th November 2020. Mobile Voter Registration and Stationed Voter Registration will now be conducted from 9th November 2020 to 12th December 2020.

Furthermore, the ongoing online voter pre-registration which commenced on 21st September 2020 and was scheduled to end on 6th November 2020 has been extended to 20th November 2020.

All Eligible Zambians must register to vote in the 2020 voter registration exercise. If you don't register you won't be able to vote in the 2021 General Elections.

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