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We are investigating HoneyBee tender irregularities, says ACC

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THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) says it is investigating the alleged irregularities regarding the Ministry of Health's decision to award a tender to HoneyBee

Pharmacy. Responding to a press query, ACC public relations manager Timothy Moono confirmed that investigations on the awarding of the controversial tender were

underway. "I wish to acknowledge receipt of your press query in which you wanted to find out the following; whether the Commission is investigating irregularities in the award

of a tender by the Ministry of Health to HoneyBee Pharmacy; and Whether the Commission is investigating reports surrounding an employee..." Story page 7

Ndola police nab 3 UPND officials for holding private meeting

By Daniel Chansa
POLICE in Ndola have apprehended and detained UPND Ndola District Chairman

Joseph Phiri and two other members for having a party meeting at a private house. Copperbelt Police Commissioner

Charity Katanga said although they met at a private house, Phiri should have notified police.

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Wina laments Bill 10 failure

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VICE-PRESIDENT Inonge Wina says the failure to pass Bill 10 will have devastating effects on several governance issues. Meanwhile, Vice-President Wina says Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya did not coach village headmen in Sinda District on how to lie in order to access funding under the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) scheme. Speaking during the Vice President's Question Time in Parliament, Friday, Vice-President Wina said failure to pass Constitution Amendment Bill Number 10 of 2019 would lead to devastating effects on various governance issues.

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Lungu should apologize for insulting Zambians, demands Kambwili

By Julia Malunga
NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili says it is unfortunate that President Edgar Lungu can insult the people he is ruling.

During the commissioning of the Arcades flyover bridge last week, President Lungu said "ifwe tulebomba, utupuba tuletalika (we are working while some little fools are doubting us).

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UNIVERSITY of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers' Union (UNZALARU) general secretary Dr Kelvin Mambwe says he is concerned with the PF government's silence whenever the police are involved in harassing and brutalizing innocent citizens.

And Dr Mambwe has accused the police of dividing Zambians

In a statement, Dr Mambwe stated that he had observed that the Zambia Police Service was

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swift to attack or hunt down ordinary citizens, human rights activists, and opposition political party leaders and cadres on concocted suspicions but never did the same to PF cadres.

"The University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers'

Union (UNZALARU) is appalled at the deteriorating situation of human rights of citizens at the hands of the Zambia Police Service. We note that the Zambia Police Service is an institution whose legal mandate is to ensure security to all citizens and uphold

their human rights as enshrined in Zambia's Constitution. We are equally concerned with the Patriotic Front Government's reticence whenever the Police are involved in harassing and brutalizing innocent citizens. We are left to wonder whether the actions of the Police represent the actions of Government or that the Government does not simply care about the rights of its citizens," Dr Mambwe stated.

He accused the police of having divided Zambians into two groups and paying a deaf ear to the violence incited by those from PF.

"All citizens deserve to be treated with dignity regardless of their ethnicity and political affiliation. Yet the Zambia Police Service appear to have divided Zambians into two sets of citizens; those who belong to the PF and those who do not and more especially those who belong to the opposition political parties. The Police have given a blind eye and rendered a deaf ear to blatant violence and inciting of violence on clear video footage by the PF. However, the same Zambia Police Service is swift to attack or hunt after ordinary citizens, human rights activists, and opposition political party leaders and cadres on the flimsiest of suspicions and sometimes on what appears concocted suspicions," Dr Mambwe stated.

He added that the manhandling of NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili's wife, Carol, and her daughter by police at court did not only alarm the union but raised serious questions on the ability of the Police to protect citizens.

"UNZALARU finds the violent and selective application of the law by Government and the attendant actions of the Zambia Police Service disturbing and a matter of concern for every well-meaning Zambian. We

wish to refer the nation to the recent specific actions in which Police violently manhandled and embarrassed the persons of Mrs. Carol Kambwili and her daughter Ms Chanda Kambwili in full view of the public. This incident did not only alarm us but raised serious questions on the ability of the Police to protect citizens, treat them humanely and with dignity even if found on the wrong side of the law," Dr Mambwe stated.

"These recent actions reminded us of the police brutality against unarmed students in their hostels at the University of Zambia in 2018 which led to the unforgettable death of Vespers Shimuzhila, whom the university community continues to mourn to this day. The same Police is responsible for the death of a young pupil by the name of Frank Mugala, nephew of the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, whose life was suddenly cut short by people entrusted with his security. The Human Rights Commission's investigations have found the Zambia Police Service responsible for these two totally avoidable losses of lives of innocent learners at the hands of law enforcement officers. Unfortunately, the list of such incidents keeps rising unabated. This is what is worrisome."

He condemned the continued and increasing disregard of human rights by the police.

"We therefore wish to express our utmost condemnation of the continued and increasing disregard of human rights by the Zambia Police Service and by the Ministry of Home Affairs that is supposed to oversee actions of the police. UNZALARU strongly feels that the Zambia Police are being abused by those in Government as a tool to settle political scores against perceived opponents and as a

way of intimidating citizens as we approach the general elections in 2021," Dr Mambwe stated.

He called on the police to remain professional and restore public confidence even as they serve the nation under a hostile environment.

"While UNZALARU appreciates the hostile environment under which the Zambia Police Service are operating, which favours errant and overzealous officers over professional and ethical ones who are in constant fear of transfers and retirement in 'national interest'. We call upon them to remain professional as they serve the nation. We further urge them to always restrain themselves from acting outside the law whenever they are dealing with citizens, especially those seen to have dissenting voices. They must strictly adhere to the highest professional standards and not succumb to undue pressure from government officials or political cadres. The Zambia Police Service command and Government should be worried about the widespread loss of public confidence in the Service which may very easily and swiftly turn into public hostility and mob injustice as well as we witnessed during the spate of gassing incidents across the country recently," Dr Mambwe stated.

And Dr Mambwe urged all stakeholders to condemn any form of violence than wait to speak only when they fall victim.

"The Zambia Police Service has now, more than ever, the mammoth task of ensuring human rights and law and order. They must therefore not be in the forefront of the rights violations and anarchy we have witnessed so far. We would like to urge all well-meaning citizens, members of our civil society, and international human rights bodies to add their voices against the scourge of police brutality and partiality and not wait until themselves or someone close and dear to them becomes a victim. Injustice against one is injustice against all," stated Dr Mambwe.

OCIDA demands Siliya's dismissal

By Natasha Sakala

OUR Civic Duty Association (OCiDA) spokesperson Robert Sichinga has called for the immediate dismissal of Information and Broadcasting Minister Dora Siliya for issuing "appalling remarks against late President Michael Sata" and preaching tribal hatred.

And Sichinga has urged all well-meaning citizens not to be complacent and remain vigilant against the tactics of the PF following the failure of Bill 10.

In an interview, Sichinga wondered why President Lungu always stood by ministers like Siliya and Bowman Lusambo.

"The likes of Mr Lusambo, including Dora Siliya, have made statements to the effect that Mr Sata left a mess in this country. Every member of Mr Sata's cabinet must be up in arms, anybody that served under Mr Sata, the question that we must ask Mr Lusambo and madam Siliya is what mess did Mr Sata leave behind? Madam Dora Siliya has talked about people of Eastern Province only now being able to do agriculture. What nonsense is this? 2013 to 2014 season, I was minister of agriculture. For the very first time we had achieved 2.5 million metric tonnes of crop harvest for maize. And the bulk of that particular output... came from Eastern Province. How was that possible without the support from President Sata? Now you talk ill of his legacy then you go and parade in his own party without any sense of shame? This is awful," Sichinga said.

"Then you go about telling people on how to defraud the government. Yes, the people in the rural areas deserve to be assisted but not in the manner which you are depicting. A minister of government telling people how to defraud, how to do this, that and the next. How to hate others, how to hate other tribes, this is against the law, this is against the Constitution. We expect the president to remove her from office otherwise he is supporting what she has said. This cannot be allowed to go on. This malicious behaviour, this abhorrent behaviour should be stopped. We are appalled by this kind of leadership. Ministers of government to make statements like have just been

made about president Sata who started the party on which they now ride, Mr Lusambo says he was a hard core MMD, so was Dora, what has changed? Why are they in PF at this time and the people within PF think that they must be removed while Dora and the others can go in, how abhorrent?"

And Sichinga urged citizens to maintain their guard and continue mobilising to reject the PF.

"Be mindful of the lawyers that hold out as learned individuals but are going out and literally are instigating violence against their fellow citizens. We cannot afford to relent at this time dear friends, we cannot. We need to maintain our guard, we need to maintain the mobilisation of the people of Zambia to reject the selfishness and greed of many of the PF leaders, the vigilantes, the so called cadres. Those that want to usurp power by forceful means. This is all without any doubt in my mind have the blessings of the President himself. No minister can make the statements that have been made by some of

the ministers of PF without reprimand from the head of state if he does not agree with it. They can afford to say this because the Head of State, they know will endorse what they are saying," he said.

Sichinga said after the failure of Bill 10, the PF could do anything to ensure their stay in power.

"I want to caution all of us, all the citizens of this country, all the citizens that mean well for the country not to relent. The PF are a crafty group of individuals, they will do anything in their power to stay in power including all the illegalities that you can think of. This particular failure to get Bill 10 through, they are going to look for other ways by which they can try to do the same and therefore, let us not be complacent. We must remain vigilant, you can see the tactics and the methods that are being used, including by the likes of Dora Siliya, minister of government that used to insult Mr Sata on PF, who now claim to be spokespersons for the PF, without any sense of shame," said Sichinga.

Bill 10 is down, next is Lungu's third term - Sangwa

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In an interview, Sangwa said the failure of Bill 10 was a victory to democracy and for the rule of law.

"This is another milestone in the consolidation of our democracy in Zambia. It's a victory for democracy, it's a victory for rule of law and it's a victory for constitutional rule. And also, that is the way a multi-party system is supposed to work. What we have witnessed on the failure of Bill 10 is a proper display of the system of government we fault for in 1991. Perhaps for the first time in Zambia's history we have reaped the true

benefits of a multi-party system of government. That is the way a multi-party system is supposed to function. Our multi-party system has been tested and it has excelled with flying colours," Sangwa said.

Sangwa said the ruling PF should accept that leadership is about humility and not arrogance.

Asked if the Minister of Justice was legally allowed to take back the Bill to Parliament, Sangwa said that would mean starting the whole processes again.

"They can do whatever they want to do now [but] the question is can they succeed in enacting the bill? Nothing stops any person from doing something crazy. It's like taking a case to court. Anybody can take a case to court but the question is can they succeed? Do you have a good case? And at the end of the day it still remains [to say] do you have the numbers? They [PF] have to accept that leadership is about humility and not arrogance. You serve the people and not serve yourselves. And they should learn to listen to the people. You can't claim to be acting in the interest of people and in the meantime you are not listening to what the people are saying," he said.

"And there is also another lesson [which is] being truthful to the people. Don't tell lies to the people because this whole process has been characterised by lies and deceit about the benefits of Bill 10 when there are no benefits in Bill 10. When the Constitution as it stands is far much better than it has never been in the history of this country. And you want to destroy it. You destroy it not with facts but with lies," Sangwa observed.

And Sangwa charged that the Constitutional Court had failed the Zambian people on Bill 10 but said it was exciting that another arm of government was able to "rescue Zambians on the constitution making process".

"So, those in leadership should always remember to be truthful to the people they serve. And the people are intelligent enough to make their own judgment. So, don't manage people, don't manage the electorates, don't manage the people they serve. Remember what I said [that I still have my faith in the Zambian people. It is also a reminder to the other institutions of government to stick to the law. It's a reminder to the other institutions of government in particular the judiciary

that they have a role to play in this process," he said.

"What it shows is that we need to have faith in our institutions. When one institution fails, in this case clearly, the Constitutional Court failed the people of Zambia on Bill 10. But another arm of the government has come to the rescue of the Zambians. At the end of the day, we have a duty to strengthen the institutions of government and not individuals. So, this is a great day for our democracy, the democracy we fought for in 1991."

Meanwhile Sangwa said his next assignment will be to challenge President Lungu presidential nomination.

"Well, even if Bill 10 had succeeded, I already told you that we had plan B on challenging Lungu's nomination. That has not changed. In fact the only thing that has changed is that we are going with the original plan. The petition is already written and polished, I am just waiting for the date when the President will file his nomination, that's it. The law is very clear that the man doesn't not qualify and so with the downfall of Bill 10, my next assignment is to challenge his nomination," said Sangwa.



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TODAYS TOPIC:

The Tripartite Free Trade Agreement: What does this mean for Zambia? with Dr. Simon Manda



In this article, I explore the role and importance of the Tripartite Free Trade Agreement and what this means to countries such as Zambia. Current interlinkages between African economies are insufficient to accelerate economic growth among regional economic communities including the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC), and Southern African Development Community (SADC). Extra-regional trade has historically outpaced intra-regional trade, often by 90%. Similarly, Africa lags much of the world in intra-regional integration. An argument is made that the Tripartite Free Trade Agreement presents a huge economic advantage for Zambia to boost its integration in the regional market, but care must always be taken. Regional blocks such as the tripartite free trade area can reshape the current trade exchanges between African and the rest of the world and encourage trading regionally, which can be a game changer for the continent of Africa as we know it. A long Pan-African dream such as by Kwame Nkruma – advancing Africa must unite – stemmed from the realisation that African countries sold raw materials to their former colonisers rather than trading among themselves. Failure of historical efforts to unite Africa made such voices lonely and with globalisation, relegated to the lower wrung. Many thought the Africa must unite is a dead dream and far-fetched. Au Contraire. Efforts are now emerging aimed at fostering regional integration to unify the continent. There is a rising tide in that the Heads of State signed a historic agreement on June 10, 2015 to officially launch the Tripartite Free Trade Area that brings 26 African countries under one market. The Tripartite Free Trade Agreement was initiated five years ago. It is expected that the Tripartite Free Trade Agreement will come into force this year. The Tripartite Free Trade Area is made up of member states of three regional economic communities, namely the COMESA, the EAC, and the SADC. Recent efforts indicate that Tripartite Free Trade Agreement members represent 53% of the African Union membership

because additional countries (South Sudan, Tunisia and Somalia) have joined. This pushes up the continental gross domestic product contribution of Tripartite Free Trade Agreement members to 60% and the total population is now above 800 million. However, by February 2020, eight countries had ratified the Agreement: Burundi, Kenya, Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa, Namibia and Botswana. Yet the Agreement requires 14 ratifications to enter into force. Trade exchanges drive economic recovery and resilience and boost employment among self-employed people, especially women in the Sub-Saharan Africa, for instance providing 60% of non-agricultural self-employment. Official sources report an average value of informal cross border trade in the SADC Region of US\$ 17.6 billion per year. Cross border traders make an important contribution to economic growth and government revenues. Women account for 70 % in cross trade in the SADC region and cross border trading activities have cushioned the effects of the financial crisis and the food crisis in African countries. As of 2019, UNCTAD report on the state of regional trade in Africa highlights several key elements to remember about the agreement and prospects for Zambia.

1. Total trade from Africa to the rest of the world averaged US\$760 billion in current prices in the period 2015–2017, compared with \$481 billion from Oceania, \$4,109 billion from Europe, \$5,140 billion from America and \$6,801 billion from Asia. Meanwhile, the share of exports from Africa to the rest of the world ranged from 80% to 90% in 2000 –2017.

2. Yet, intra-African exports were 16.6% of total exports in 2017, compared with 68.1% in Europe, 59.4% in Asia, 55.0% in America and 7.0% in Oceania. Intra-African trade, defined as the average of intra-African exports and imports, was around 2% during the period 2015–2017, while comparative figures for America, Asia, Europe and Oceania were, respectively, 47%, 61%, 67% and 7%.

3. In 2016, intra-regional economic community trade was highest in SADC (\$34.7 billion), followed by CEN–SAD

(\$18.7 billion), ECOWAS (\$11.4 billion), COMESA (\$10.7 billion), AMU (\$4.2 billion), EAC (\$3.1 billion), IGAD (\$2.5 billion) and ECCAS (\$0.8 billion).

4. With regard to the share of intra-regional economic community trade in total trade in Africa, in 2016, there were deeper levels of integration in SADC (84.9 per cent), followed by COMESA (59.5 per cent), CEN–SAD (58.4 per cent), ECOWAS (56.7 per cent), AMU (51.8 per cent), IGAD (49.0 per cent), EAC (48.3 per cent) and ECCAS (17.7 per cent).

5. The 10 leading intra-African exporters in 2015–2017 were Eswatini (70.6%), Namibia (52.9%), Zimbabwe (51.6%), Uganda (51.4%), Togo (51.1%), Senegal (45.6%), Djibouti (41.9%), Lesotho (39.9%), Kenya (39.3%) and Malawi (38.3%).

The economic potential driving regional integration is huge, but Zambia remains relegated and peripheral to regional trade exchanges. It is critical to capitalize on the current political momentum across the continent, foster a candid and pragmatic debate about the genuine interests of all Africans and forge consensus around an ambitious agenda for regional integration, identifying the best realistic negotiation points of convergence and pressing ahead with the agreement. How then can Zambia be positioned to maximise advantages emerging from expanded regionalism? In the next article, I will attempt to address some of the merits and demerits of regional blocks such as the Tripartite Free Trade Agreement. I will highlight why Zambia should look favourably on political and economic efforts around regionalism and avoid being the tail to the regional dog now emerging as a block. I will endeavour to place this debate in the wider context of trade exchanges, growth and expansion of the country's productive capacity and thus economic recovery and resilience. About the Author: Dr Simon Manda is a Senior Researcher for Trade and Development at the Centre for Trade Policy and Development and a Lecturer at the University of Zambia Department of Development Studies. He is also a visiting Scholar at Oregon State University (OSU), USA.

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PF has made it impossible for opposition to mobilize - Masebo

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

UPND chairperson for mobilization Sylvia Masebo says Zambia's current political situation is worse than it was under the one party state as the ruling Patriotic Front (PF) has made it difficult for the opposition to effectively participate.

And Masebo says UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema is just as good as under house arrest because he cannot do anything without being visited by police.

Meanwhile, Masebo says mobilizing the grassroots has been a challenge for the opposition despite there being only few months to the next general election.

In an interview, Masebo said under PF rule, the country had lost even the few democratic milestones it had achieved.

"We are in a difficult month now because days are going and we don't have much time anymore. And we are still battling with the Electoral Commission of Zambia on a number of issues. We met them today (Monday) and we just agreed that we need to continuously consult and iron out some of these concerns and see what happens going forward. We are looking at the days not being enough, we are looking at the education part not being sufficient enough as most people don't know [that there is voter registration going on]. It's a battle because you know that the system now is more corrupt than it was before. As a country, we have not improved in our

democracy. We have lost even a few areas where we won in our fight for democracy. The environment is no longer democratic. It's just a struggle. To travel around the country is not possible without being attacked. And then the poverty levels are high. People are expecting food, when you visit them, everybody is begging for food. The issue that people have no food is not questionable any more. But the question would be that 'how do we support?' Masebo said.

And Masebo said Hichilema was essentially under house arrest because he could not sell himself without attracting police attention.

"The situation that we are in right now in Zambia in relation to political participation and a level playing field towards the elections is not favorable. Under the PF, there is some level of intolerance for some opposition and critics. But in PF under Sata there was also some level of tolerance but now under Mr Lungu, it's a hustle. Even now with the registration of voters, it's not easy. The situation is very difficult now. If you look at HH, you can actually safely say that he is basically under house arrest because it's not like those days where you could see Sata walking down around visiting hospitals to see the sick, he wants to attend a funeral, he wants to go and attend a court case for a friend but for HH they can't allow him to do that. Even on a normal day when HH tries to visit a friend or when he

wanted to visit Kambwili in prison, he couldn't. He will be visited by police with big guns," she said.

She argued that the political situation now was worse than what it was under the one party state.

"It's like Zambia is at war. Even under the one party state it was not like that. It's not easy. As for women, we have even seen the numbers reducing. It's difficult to get women to come on board. It's not easy for the opposition to effectively participate. Even just to go round and mobilize people to register as voters, and to get NRCs, it's not easy. You have to be strong. For some of us, we started participating in politics at the age of 23 and I am now over 55 years. It's only easy if you are from the ruling party. But PF can do anything, they can have rallies and do this and that but for us," Masebo said.

Meanwhile, Masebo lamented that mobilization had become difficult for the opposition.

"Mobilization is the most difficult thing now because they don't want us to mobilize and they don't want us to have an easy way of mobilizing. And even when you make applications for a function, they have they have many excuses like lack of police presence and lack of this and that. But when you dare them and say 'we shall protect ourselves, you will see a lot of police men and yet they told you that they don't have policemen who can do whatever they want to

do. And when you talk about rigging, it is an entire process. Like what it is now, they are not allowing us to move from one place to another to meet without people. But for every meeting we must hold we are being asked to get clearance from the police. Lungu is a disappointment. He is the worst leader that Zambia has ever had. This administration is the worse. When it comes to democratic and violence," Masebo said.

"And they have encouraged thuggery in the whole electoral process so that women are even scared to participate. I think they have information on the ground that the ground is not favoring them. So, now they want to make it difficult for other parties to be visible on the ground. But the good part is that as long as the people know that HH is going to be on the ballot, they are going to support him. But now we just need to worry about his security because everywhere he is, they will create confusion and violence for him. But for them they can go anywhere. Even a simple cadre from PF can do anything. They can have rallies and at the end of the rally, stone people and break things. Nobody will even arrest them."

Masebo, who is a former Tourism and Arts Minister, said no matter how hard PF made life hard for the opposition, Zambians would not be fooled.

"Have you ever heard of people getting elected even when they are in exile without having to campaign and they



still win. So, they can do all what they are doing but if the people of Zambia decide that there is going to be change, there will be change. Even with all these difficulties that they have executed on UPND whereby the environment is not balanced, the people will decide. They don't take HH like part of governance. They just take him like he is an enemy of the state or an unwanted citizen. He is like a citizen who is on black list. And it's sad because they are setting a very bad precedent. I just hope that going forward, they can reflect. Let's wait and see what the people of Zambia will decide because 2021 will be the deciding time. And they may not have that time again. Even during Kaunda it was

not like that. This is the worse political atmosphere that Zambia has ever had under this administration. And with this, they have just hardened our resolve. Look at Kambwili's bail amount. You can see that there are new rules for those that are in the opposition. They are disrespecting regulations for those that are in the opposition," said Masebo.

"We will do our best under the circumstances. When the time comes, the people of Zambia will decide, and they will decide even with all their money. And we are very hopeful that their time will come. We are working very hard and we are hopeful that they will get a shock of their life."

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Meanwhile, Vice-President Wina says Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya did not coach village headmen in Sinda District on how to lie in order to access funding under the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) scheme.

Speaking during the Vice President's Question Time in Parliament, Friday, Vice-President Wina said failure to pass Constitution Amendment Bill Number 10 of 2019 would lead to devastating effects on various governance issues.

Asked by Nakonde PF member of parliament Yizukanji Siwanzi on what would be the way forward following the failure of Bill 10, Vice-President Wina said the

Bill's untimely demise would have devastating effects on several governance matters, such as the delimitation exercise that was aimed at making constituencies smaller for effective public service delivery.

"The non-passing of Bill 10 will have a devastating effect on many issues, not only on delimitation. And I just wonder as to who the people who are celebrating today, whether they will have legitimate answers to face the Christians, and churches that wanted to see the Christian nation clause actualised in the Constitution. Whether they will be able to face the chiefs and ensure that the chiefs understand why this was shot down to their disadvantage; and whether they will be able to face the youths, the women, the people with disabilities. Mr Speaker, for the last 50 years, the women of this

Bill 10 flop will have devastating effects – Wina

country have struggled to have their voice heard in decision-making organs. And this was quelled by the opposition that felt that women should not come to the table where decisions are made," Vice President Wina said.

"So, what message should we take to the women to tell them that the opposition political parties do not want to see the advancement of women because Bill 10 was going to introduce affirmative action where the number of women in Parliament and in councils; the number of youths in Parliament and in councils; the number of people with disabilities in Parliament and in councils would have increased. But now, this will not happen. This was the only chance that the advancement

of women in decision-making positions would have been realised because we have followed the status call, the post election models and this has not worked. And now, we kill a piece of legislation that was coming to empower these marginalised people in our society. I don't know what the proponents of the anti-Bill 10 will say to the retirees, the Bank of Zambia that wanted certain changes in governing the management of the bank, what they will say to the many Zambians who wanted to ensure that the lacunas in the Constitution, the many unprogressive clauses are taken out."

But Vice-President Wina said the failure of Bill 10 would give relief to the National Assembly as it did not have

to create more spaces for new MPs.

"Now, members of parliament who are representing vast constituencies, especially in rural areas, from now onwards, they should not complain because they are the ones who shot down Bill 10. So, for those members to abrogate their responsibilities to the people who voted them into office and ignore the wishes of the Zambian people, they will have themselves to blame. This side of the House, Mr Speaker, has done its part and the Zambian people will be the ones to judge. So, on the delimitation of constituencies,

we will carry on. Perhaps it will give relief to Parliament so that we don't create more space for new members of parliament. But in a real sense, this is to deprive people of required services. So, Mr Speaker, I feel sad not for this side (ruling party) but for that side (opposition) that oppose the election," she said.

Meanwhile, Katombola UPND member of parliament Derrick Livune asked Vice-President Wina; "The Honorable Minister of Information and Broadcasting [Services] whilst addressing people in her constituency was encouraging people to go to the office of the district commissioner where they should be taught how to answer questions that are asked as regards to the qualification to get money from the Social Cash Transfer (SCT). Mr Speaker, the Social Cash Transfer is meant for the vulnerable [and] the poor people. Now, the Minister of Information (Dora Siliya) was telling the old village headmen to go to the DC's office and learn how to defraud the State because some of those village headman do not qualify to receive money. What is your advice to the Minister of Information?"

In her response, however, Vice-President Wina said Siliya's remarks could have been taken out of context.

"Mr Speaker, for all I know, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in her constituency was addressing village headmen. Village headmen are the leaders that know the most vulnerable people in their villages. And they are the same leaders that will collaborate with the community development officers, with the district commissioner's office so that a verification process is undertaken before anyone can be put on the Social Cash Transfer. The Minister could not persuade people to divulge wrong information so that they can access Social Cash Transfer. That is not allowed. And so, the Minister did not say what the honorable member is saying. So, to exaggerate this case to say that the Minister coached people to answer certain questions when they want to access community development funds is not true," said Vice-President Wina.

"The beneficiaries of community development Social Cash Transfer programme are verified even by the school authorities, the health authorities, the district commissioner's office, and many other stakeholders, who form the committee to select the vulnerable people in society, even those that have been recommended by the village headmen. Mr Speaker, we should not take issues out of context. We know the procedures followed when accessing Social Cash Transfer."

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By Julia Malunga
ARCHBISHOP Telesphore Mpundu says the ruling PF is demonising the opposition and slapping them up with trumped up criminal charges so that they fail to stand at next year's general election.

In an interview, Archbishop Mpundu predicted that after targeting convicted NDC leader

Chishimba Kambwili, the next target would be UPND president Hakainde Hichilema.

"The political party in power is demonising the opposition. It started with Chishimba Kambwili and then anything else will happen to someone else...probably next in line is Hakainde Hichilema. They want to take

PF working on eliminating opposition ahead of 2021 – Telesphore

out all the opposition and intimidate the whole populous with violence using cadres. To rig the elections, it is not enough to just stuff the ballot boxes, you touch where it hurts; the Constitution. Then you demonise the opposition, once they are trumped up with

criminal charges, they can't stand," Archbishop Mpundu said.

He said that the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) was playing a dangerous game by changing the voters' roll and not extending the registration process.

"There is another strategy that they are using; change the voters' roll. We have a voters' roll that has been there for 11 years, now we have to

start from scratch! They want to disenfranchise as many people as possible. And once they have done that, we are going to have a minority government. Because, then, few people are going to vote. People are scared to go out there to demonstrate; they will be run over by those [military] trucks they bought, we know. This place is not going to be a peaceful place because the government in power is an evil government," he cautioned.

"How can we register voters in the coming few weeks of nine million voters? Is that possible? The ECZ has not given any reason why it desires to do that. And even if they are given all the logistics, the time is too short. What they want is a few voters going there. In a few weeks, we are going to have the rainy season; people will have difficulties accessing all these administrative places. It is wrong! This is going to cause more tension in the country. They are playing a very dangerous game!"

And Archbishop Mpundu bemoaned that there was nothing good he could commend government for because everything they were doing was wrong.

"There is nothing at all that I can commend them for. They are doing everything wrong so why should I commend them? To commend them for things they are giving to people in form of developmental whatever, these are bribes for wanting to bring back the Bill 10, which is dead! I don't need to be UPND for me to speak the truth. I don't need to be in partisan politics for me to speak my mind. ECZ is being bullied, there is nothing right that they are doing. All these incidents of corruption, you want me to commend them for corruption? No way!" exclaimed Archbishop Mpundu.

Lungu has failed to uphold Sata's legacy – Panji

By Mukosha Funga
FIRST Republican president Dr Kenneth Kaunda's son, Colonel Panji Kaunda, says Zambia has failed to progress in all sectors of governance since the passing of president Micheal Sata six years ago.

In an interview, Col Kaunda, who served as deputy minister in both the Defence and Transport and Communications Ministries during president Sata's administration, bemoaned that all of the departed Head of State's ideas had not been implemented under his successor, President Edgar Lungu.

"We have gone into reverse in all sectors. The ideas that he had to develop this country, they have not done that. Poverty is characterising this country, we have lost the sense of democracy in terms of being tolerant of people, who have different views from ourselves, the ruling party. So, I don't think we have done anything to make our late father proud of us. So, we are just going backwards, we are in debt; our kwacha is in a crisis, poverty in rural areas is massive, there are no medicines in hospitals. The roads are not done, whether in Lusaka or in the districts. So, it is a big mess!" Col Kaunda complained.

"This government does not deserve another five years. They have no idea how to govern us, citizens who are poor. You in Lusaka don't see the poverty that is in rural areas, you don't see the children who can't go to school because their parents can't afford to take them. This is what the country has become six years after president's Sata's demise. So, really, it is a tragedy and I hope people can see and make the right decisions when it comes to vote, but definitely, the PF doesn't deserve to be in government. They want to use Bill 10 to oppress our freedoms, all these things are the things, which we should look into. We are in a mess!"

Colonel Kaunda said democracy levels under the current PF regime had continued to dwindle.

"Democracy means accepting somebody's view on matters even if they don't agree. Currently, we are in a situation where the ruling party is busy mobilising countrywide, but the opposition can't even step a foot outside their offices. There was an invasion yesterday at one of the opposition parties, why should they do that? These are issues where they are trying to frighten or scare the

opposition from campaigning or air their views to the people," said Col Kaunda.

"When you take over government, you must do much better than the previous government. So, (President) Lungu should have done better in PF, but we have gone back to the old MMD days. In terms of governance and rule of law, it is worse

than what MMD was doing. What they are supposed to do right now is everybody, even in the opposition and the government, to go out the whole country to start sensitising people concerning the registration of voters. Now, they have extended, in some parts it will be rainy... it defies one logic why this is being done now."



Smart Zambia hasn't improved FISP, farmers still being ripped off - Kamboni

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
KALOMO UPND member of parliament Harry Kamboni says the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) is stripping farmers of their scarce resources because inputs are not being accessed despite payments being made.

And Kamboni says corruption in Zambia remains high due to the use of hard currency in collecting government revenue.

Debating the 2021 budget allocation for Smart Zambia in Parliament, last week, Kamboni said the FISP was a disaster because it was stripping farmers of their hard-earned income due to non-delivery of inputs despite paying funds.

"You come to FISP that they have been mentioning, it is a disaster. That swiping, which they have been mentioning, is actually sweeping the farmers because you find that the farmers redeem, money is there, but it can't come out. Farmers being robbed of their money, taken away, it has been a total mess! And this same Smart Zambia has failed to correct the loss of so much money for farmers, who have got the tools to feed the nation. This Smart Zambia got a good chunk of money and they need to put their office in order so that its impact can be felt," Kamboni urged.

He implored Smart Zambia to implement an effective system, which would weed out ghost workers.

"So, Smart Zambia should bring efficiency in our system of revenue collection. But so far, it has not done anything. It's a story for the few and the majority cannot see that story. I think they need to get back and do their work properly. So, really, Smart Zambia needs to get back and do their work properly. We still have ghost workers in these ministries. If Smart Zambia had brought in a very good system, how could we have ghost workers. And

we have lost so much money from ghost workers and from corruption," he added.

He also observed that if Smart Zambia was efficient, e-learning should have been a success under the COVID-19 environment.

"If government can also close digital local companies like Prime TV, then I am very slow to understand whether there are really many jobs that are created. You had e-learning under COVID-19, which failed lamentably and Smart Zambia got a lot of money. The Internet is not only for Lusaka and other towns. We have a bigger part of Zambia that does not have electricity. What we should have done is first invest in electricity so that there is electricity and more network towers everywhere. But then, now, we have load shedding, and then when we had

COVID-19, it ended up being a flop and children now have to begin to learn again. Some have even forgotten the things they learnt because they stayed for too long without learning. If Smart Zambia was doing very well, e-learning should have been a success," Kamboni argued.

"You can't even talk of Zoom (Virtual Meeting). How many people are using it? If I am in Kanchele in my constituency, I can't do Zoom. So, we want this to benefit the whole country. We shouldn't just get these things quickly without proper planning. What we should have invested in the first place is electricity, making sure that there is electricity everywhere. And that is why, even the computer lessons in most of the schools are reversed because they do not have enough electricity for 4G Internet speed. We

want these things to really make a lot of sense."

And Kamboni said the reason corruption in Zambia had remained high was because of use of hard currency in collecting government revenue.

"If you look at why corruption is very high in Zambia, it's because of using hard currency. Even the government itself uses hard currency. You are caught at a road block and you are told to go and deposit at the bank. Why can't they have pay points everywhere? The police could have invested in pay points so that people have an option. In other countries, these are there. If you are caught in a speed trap, you have an option to swipe, but in Zambia, for a K15, you queue at the bank for so many hours and then you are disrupted to do that," observed Kamboni.

2 sue HH for illegally occupying Kalomo farm

By Natasha Sakala

TWO citizens have sued UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema in the High Court for allegedly fraudulently and illegally occupying Farm No.1924 in Kalomo, belonging to the estate of the late Samson Siatambo.

According to a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High court, Preluna Hatembo and Milton Hatembo allege that Hichilema attempted to occupy the said farm from 2005 to 2010 without any legal agreement with the plaintiff.

"The first plaintiff became administratrix after the demise of George Habwebula who was initially appointed administrator of the estate of the said deceased. By diverse dates but between 2000 and 2005, the beneficiaries of the said Samson Siatambo agreed to sell 190 hectares of farm No.1924 Kalomo to Benard Mazuba, also of Kalomo. The beneficiaries and the said Benard Mazuba agreed that consideration shall be K20 million (unrebased) and pursuant to the said agreement, the said Benard Mazuba paid the said sum to the administratrix on behalf of the beneficiaries. Unknown to the beneficiaries and the administrator of the estate of the said Samson

Siatambo, the farm was occupied by the defendant between 2005 and 2010 and he immediately attempted to occupy the whole farm but faced resistance from Douglas Hatembo. The plaintiff, at no time did she enter into any legal agreement of vendor and purchaser with the defendant in person nor does the defendant know or any of the beneficiaries in the said estate," read the statement.

The plaintiff further submitted that the said subdivision of farm No.1924 was acquired and procured illegally, fraudulently and/or without consent of the administrator of the estate of the deceased.

The plaintiff added that the defendant purported that 2222.6549 hectares of land was sold to the defendant which in essence is the whole farm and purported to represent the administrator, executed the contract of sale and assignment further purporting that signatures were of the administrator and presented the assignment for registration and to acquire title of the said farm.

The plaintiff added that the said Douglas Hatembo was almost forced to leave the farm but resisted and had therefore been pushed to the corner of the

farm using force.

"The defendant has occupied the whole farm for only K20 million (unrebased) which the said Bernard Mazuba paid but has purported to the collector taxes and to the land authorities that he paid the sum of K110 million (unrebased). This representation is false and will be put to strict proof at trial. The defendant has occupied and has been using the whole farm for 10 years and yet does not pay rent for the use and occupation beyond the 190 hectares which was sold to the said Bernard Mazuba," read the statement.

The plaintiff therefore demanded for an order that assignment of subdivision A of farm No1924 be reversed on account of fraud and/or misrepresentation and an order for damages for trespass to land without consent and/or license of the plaintiffs.

They further demanded manse profit for the alleged occupation and use of land without consent and/or license of the plaintiffs at a reasonable rent/lease fees and cancellation of certificate of title number 42578 on account of fraud, misrepresentation and and/or mistake including interests on amounts.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

CHAPTER One Foundation executive director Linda Kasonde has condemned Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya's attempt to ignite unwarranted tribal tension as part of the political agenda, saying her utterances are reminiscent of the Rwanda genocide.

But PF media director Sunday Chanda says the UPND should not play victim of tribalism because they are the "high priests of tribalism".

In a statement, Kasonde urged citizens to refrain from hate and tribal statements as such statements had potential to cause violence and chaos.

"This unfortunate language is very reminiscent of the propaganda used in the run up to the Rwanda

genocide. Sadly, there appears to be a pattern of tribalist language in the conduct of political party campaigns. Chapter One Foundation condemns attempts to ignite unwarranted tribal tensions as part of a political agenda. As a member of the executive, Honourable Siliya should encourage national unity. Furthermore, Chapter One Foundation believes that the comments made by the Honourable Siliya go against Zambia's national values and principles of unity and collaboration not only encouraged by our forefathers, but cemented by our Constitution under Article 60 (3) (a) which states that: "A political party shall not— (a) be founded on a religious, linguistic, racial, ethnic, tribal,

UPND the high priests of tribalism – Sunday

gender, sectoral or provincial basis or engage in propaganda based on any of these factors," Kasonde stated.

And Kasonde appealed to all government officials, opposition parties, and private citizens to denounce tribal political propaganda and instead promote issue-based campaigns.

"One Zambia, One Nation," the famous proclamation by the First Republican President Dr

Kenneth Kaunda, was created to stress and encourage the unity and collaboration of the diverse Zambian people. For Zambians to maintain the spirit of unity, peace and freedom in the country, we must refrain from messaging that has the potential to incite tribalism, hostility, and even violence. Chapter One Foundation calls on all government officials, opposition parties, and private citizens to denounce

tribal political propaganda. We call on political party representatives to promote issue-based campaigns rather than denigrate and disparage others. The Zambia we want is united, proud, and free," she stated.

But Chanda, in a separate statement, argued that the UPND should not play victim of tribalism because they were tribal to the core.

"UPND are the high priests of tribalism and

regionalism in Zambia, who cannot turn around to play victim today. Zambians have not forgotten the levels of tribalism and regionalism that paved the way for Mr Hakainde Hichilema's ascendancy to the leadership of UPND. It was said that only a person of Mr Anderson Mazoka's tribe could succeed him and that person was the current UPND leader. There has been no condemnation of that notorious agenda to this day. Have Zambians forgotten how Mr Sakwiba Sikota and others were hounded out of the UPND presidential race because they belonged to a tribe different from that of UPND's founding leader late Anderson Mazoka?" Chanda asked.

"Have Zambians have forgotten how elderly statesman Dr Vernon Mwaanga was beaten during Mr Mazoka's funeral by UPND on account of him siding with late president Levy Mwanawasa and not his tribesman? Have Zambians forgotten how late Daniel Munkombwe publicly

By Daniel Chansa

POLICE in Ndola have arrested 20 people for rioting after hearing a rumour that a local woman was a witch who was behind the death of her son.

Her son died on the spot last week after being ran over

Police nab 20 Ndola residents for rioting

by a truck. Copperbelt Police Commissioner Charity

Katanga said the riotous behavior was based on a rumour.

"Yes, we have some residents of Chipulukusu in our detention. This was after

the riots over a rumour from a son that her mother was a witch," said Katanga.

Chipulukusu ward Councillor Kennedy Phiri expressed regret over the conduct of the residents.

Phiri said as a result of the riotous behavior, 20 people had been arrested.

He explained that the riots left two houses completely destroyed.

"This unbecoming riotous behavior and wanton destruction of property by residents based on rumours and speculation must be condemned by all. Destruction of property is not an acceptable channel of communication in modern day society as it demonstrates a lack of maturity and criminal inclination. Therefore, it should be denounced with the utmost contempt it deserves," said Phiri.

"We cannot allow this primitive and backward situation where people are perpetually breaking the law with impunity to continue. Our people in Chipulukusu Ward should be made to understand that rioting is unlawful and is punishable by imprisonment which is most undesirable and distractive to the individual progress of any citizen. Chipulukusu residents should desist and refrain from engaging themselves in riotous behaviour and other related acts and we hereby advise them to adopt dialogue as a way of resolving conflicts."

announced that, 'time had come for his tribe to rule' and this was in the presence of the UPND leader Mr Hichilema? Where was Mr Hichilema's condemnation when all this was happening right under his nose? If the process that saw the UPND leader succeed the late Mazoka, then it is only fair to state that the product was and still remains a beneficiary of UPND's inherent tribalism."

Chanda charged that the UPND sought to "hide behind an honourable tribe" to advance its agenda.

"Zambians, including many from the South, have refused to be used by the UPND. Not all Tongas support UPND's tribalism and regionalism. It is UPND that seeks to hide behind an honourable tribe to advance its agenda. Patriotic Front refuses to drink from UPND's cup of tribalism and regionalism. On the contrary, PF remains committed to uniting Zambia beyond and above tribes. Its support base is drawn from all regions and remains committed to this ideal to this day. There is no room for tribalism and regionalism in the party as that is at variance with its cherished ideals. Therefore, anything with a semblance of tribalism is a misrepresentation of PF's ideals and does not reflect what the ruling party stands for," stated Chanda.

We're investigating HoneyBee tender irregularities – ACC

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) says it is investigating the alleged irregularities regarding the Ministry of Health's decision to award a tender to HoneyBee Pharmacy.

Responding to a press query, ACC public relations manager Timothy Moono confirmed that investigations on the awarding of the controversial tender were underway.

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of your press query in which you wanted to find out the following; whether the Commission is investigating irregularities in the award of a tender by the Ministry of Health to HoneyBee Pharmacy; and Whether the Commission is investigating reports surrounding an employee of the Ministry of Health drawing 10 salaries and another employee drawing full salaries for 12 years, whilst on study leave. I wish to confirm that the Anti-Corruption Commission is investigating the alleged irregularities regarding the award of a tender by the Ministry of Health to HoneyBee Pharmacy," Moono said.

But Moono said the Commission had not yet taken interest in investigating the case in which a Ministry of Health employee in Mpongwe District on the Copperbelt Province was drawing 10 salaries using 10 bank accounts because the Commission had still not received any report.

"Regarding the revelations of two employees drawing salaries illegally, I wish to inform you that the Commission has not received a report and is not investigating this matter," stated Moono.

An investigation into the supply of toxic drugs by HoneyBee Pharmacy last month revealed that the firm submitted falsified financial statements to the Ministry of Health in order to win the

US \$17 million Health Centre Kits tender.

Sources close to the investigation told News Diggers! that apart from failing ZAMRA inspection, HoneyBee Pharmacy also submitted fake statements of account to the procurement committee, and the contract was awarded based on false information regarding the firm's capacity to deliver specified goods in the bid.

According to bid documents seen by News Diggers!, HoneyBee submitted financial statements purporting to have been audited by a company called I.Dore to the effect that the Pharmacy had the financial capacity to execute the procurement of 22,500 Health Centre Kits within a delivery period of eight to 12 weeks.

"In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of HoneyBee Pharmacy as at 31 December, 2017, and of its performance and cashflows for the year then ended in accordance with

the International Financial Reporting standards and the requirements of the Zambian Companies Act," read the HoneyBee audit report, purportedly prepared by I.Dore company.

"...misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decision of users taken on the basis of these statements."

But sources revealed that the audit firm distanced itself from HoneyBee when the audit report was brought under scrutiny.

"The only challenge we have here is that there is no green light yet to make arrests and prosecute this case, but we have the file. It's a straightforward case of corruption and money laundering. For example, you are aware that HoneyBee failed ZAMRA inspection, but they were still given a licence illegally because they needed that licence to win the tender.

Ndola police nabs 3 UPND officials for holding private meeting

By Daniel Chansa

POLICE in Ndola have apprehended and detained UPND Ndola District Chairman Joseph Phiri and two other members for having a party meeting at a private house.

Copperbelt Police Commissioner Charity Katanga said although they met at a private house, Phiri should have notified police.

Katanga said Phiri was in detention alongside the owner of the said house and one member while others managed to escape.

She explained that Phiri held a meeting at a house in Hillcrest without notifying the

police.

"I wonder why people want to break the law. Yes, they were more than 50 at a house and when police went there, they did not have a permit or even notified the police. So others managed to runaway and we

apprehend Phiri, the owner of the house and one person. They are in detention," said Katanga.

"It is so simple to just follow the law, but why break the law. Indoor meetings can be held but they need to notify the police. So he is kept in police custody."

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ON Thursday October 29, 2020 the controversial Constitution Amendment Bill number 10 of 2019, was brought before Parliament for Second Reading. In order for the Bill to be enacted into law, two thirds of the members in the Houses or 111 MPs needed to vote in support of the amendment to the Constitution. However, the Bill failed to attract the required threshold to become law with only 105 lawmakers supporting it, and it was therefore discarded.

Citizens of Zambia need to now understand what this means to the state of affairs. They need to understand how this failed Bill will or will not affect government, the 2021 elections and the electoral system in general. Today, we have elected to explain in simple, layman terms what this bill was about and what the Patriotic Front was trying to change in the Republican Constitution. There were about 79 amendments in total, but we have only selected the most contentious.

President's eligibility:

The current Constitution has a provision which states that when a presidential candidate files in his or her nomination papers to take part in the elections, anyone who thinks such a candidate is not eligible to be Republican President can go to court within seven days and challenge the candidate in question. The Constitutional Court would then look at the grounds presented and decide. If Bill 10 was enacted, this provision would have been removed. Under Bill 10, there was not going to be an opportunity for anyone to challenge a presidential candidates' eligibility. It meant that any aggrieved person could only challenge the outcome of the election.

Now, remember that in the case of Danny Pule and others, THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DID NOT DECLARE PRESIDENT

What Bill 10 failure means to the electoral process

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EDGAR LUNGU ELIGIBLE TO STAND IN 2021. The Constitutional Court could not have declared President Lungu eligible to stand because he is not the one who was in court and he was not joined to the case. It is when President Lungu files his nomination papers in 2021 when someone can now go and challenge his eligibility and drag him personally to the Constitutional Court if they so wish. If Bill 10 was enacted, citizens who are opposed to the third term would have been denied an opportunity to challenge President Lungu.

Coalition government:

Through Bill 10, the Patriotic Front was proposing a coalition government so that if a political party fails to get 50 per cent plus one, there should be no rerun. Instead, the President would decide to form a coalition government with another small political party in order to cross the 50 plus one threshold. This was designed to rescue the ruling party in 2021. In the last election, President Lungu and the PF retained power by only 50.3 per cent or 13,000 votes. Given what has transpired in Zambia between 2016 and now, chances that the PF can get these 13, 000 votes are slim. So President Lungu and

his party didn't want a rerun, they wanted to settle this with a coalition government. But the failure of Bill 10 means there cannot be any coalition government.

The problem with this provision was that if President Lungu got lucky in 2021 and managed 45 per cent of the votes cast, and another party like say FDD gets seven per cent, the two could enter into a coalition government under the Bill 10 amendment to the law and rule the country without drawing their mandate from the people of Zambia. This would have meant that the one who comes out number two in the election race and all the other participants in the election are discarded.

Another problem with this proposed amendment was that in the given example, the leader of the coalition party would not be vice-president for the country because President Lungu would already have had a running mate. So the coalition partner would not be prime minister or even nominated member of parliament because there are no such provisions in the law. So nobody knows what that opposition leader would be in the coalition government. Bill 10 had no answer to this. Bill

10 also did not explain what would happen in an event that such an opposition leader differs with the Republican President and decides to pull out of the coalition government.

Primary Elections:

In the current Constitution, there is a provision for every political party taking part in the general elections to hold primary elections. This means there cannot be any such thing as sole candidate, no! The Constitution of Zambia, as amended in 2016, says before you can be offered to the nation as a candidate, you must have been internally elected. The principle is that you cannot run a democratic country if you yourself are undemocratic. Bill 10 was seeking to remove this provision so that party members who would want to challenge the sitting President do not stand a chance.

Stay of ministers in office:

Bill 10 was seeking to allow Cabinet Minister to continue in office after the dissolution of parliament, until the date of the election. This is what the Constitutional Court ruled as illegal under the current Constitution. The problem with this was that ministers would have access to media, government funds

and vehicles for campaigns, which kills a level playing field in elections. Well, this is still bound to happen even next year, but at least it will be illegal.

Deputy ministers:

The Bill also proposed the reintroduction of deputy ministers. Despite the huge cost that this position brought to the government, proponents of Bill 10 argued that the running of government is difficult without deputy ministers. But among other consequences, if it had been approved in that state, Bill 10 would have seen deputy ministers double the number of government officials campaigning for the party in power using government resources.

Control of the Judiciary:

The Constitution currently provides for an independent Judicial Complaints Commission that looks into the conduct of judges. We all heard the case of Magistrate David Simusamba and the recommendation that came from the Judicial Complaints Commission. PF, through Bill 10 wanted to change this and revert to the system where the President retained the power to appoint his desired tribunal members for a specific case. Further, under Bill 10, the

Chief Justice was going to be part of the Constitutional Court, thereby taking away the autonomy, reducing the status of the court and the powers of the Constitutional Court president.

Role of the Speaker during election petition:

The law currently says once the election of a president-elect has been challenged in court, the Speaker of the National Assembly must assume the role of acting President until after the election dispute is settled or until the next election is held. PF wanted Bill 10 to amend the law so that the sitting President retains all the Executive powers and functions during the whole process, which takes away a level playing field.

Payment of retirees:

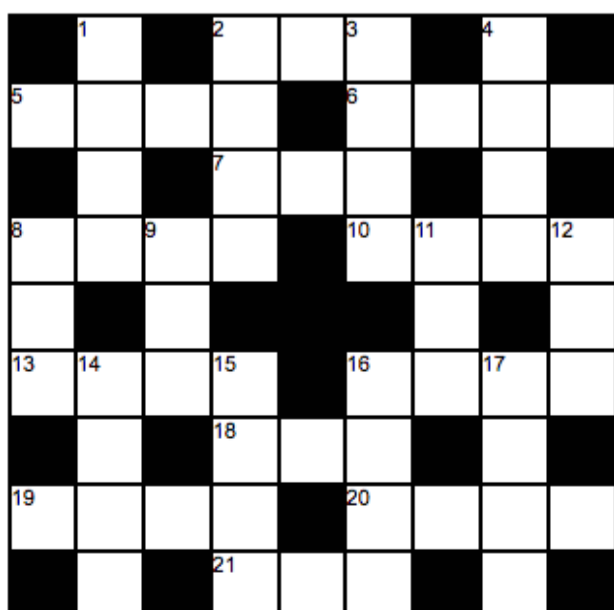
The Constitution, as amended in 2016, dictates that when a person is retired, they must stay on the payroll until all their retirement benefits are settled. Bill 10 wanted this provision amended so that retirees can be removed from the payroll on the last day of work without their benefits so that they can go home and wait in their poverty. Government has always been the biggest culprit at failing to pay retirees, and so civil servants would be discarded from employment while some would die before getting their retirement benefits.

Debt acquisition:

Current law says that before government goes ahead to borrow, there must be approval from Parliament. It's a way of checking on the Executive to make sure that it does not contract debt recklessly. If it was enacted, Bill 10 was going to remove Parliamentary approval for debt contraction. But Bill 10 was going to allow Cabinet to contract as much national debt as it pleased.

According to the Patriotic Front, since the Bill has failed, the Zambia people have lost out. Have they?

Crossword puzzle No 723



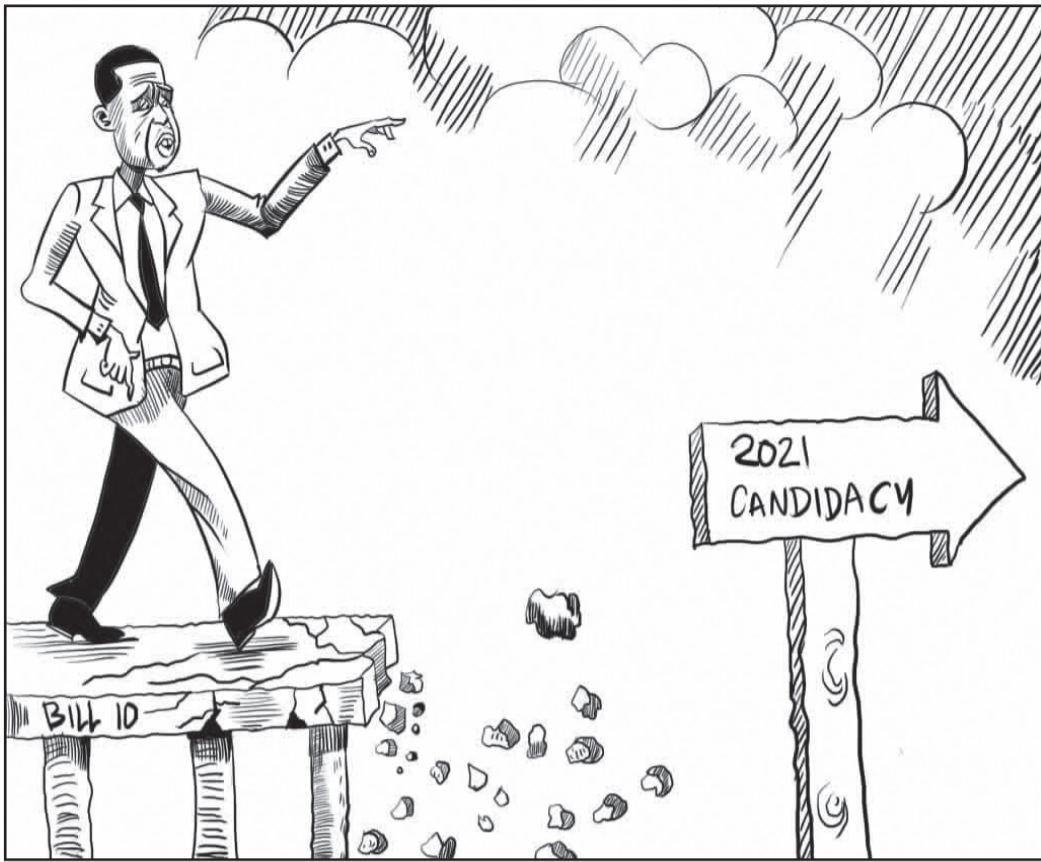
“If you don't know what you want,” the doorman said, “you end up with a lot you don't.”
- Chuck Palahniuk

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Readers' Feedback



'Kambwili should learn to tame his tongue, he can't fight judges!'

Editor,
 "It has been said before that the most dangerous thing to Kambwili is his own mouth, the man can't just shut up and allow all the court processes to be exhausted. We know it is partly a witch hunt but he has also been found wanting by the court". - Jombo Sapato
 "Kambwili, you forged the papers and you are guilty. Shut up, don't behave as if it is out of hate. No, you are just supposed to serve. Umulandu mume anyone can be a victim, even me!" - Boyd Mwale
 "Ba Kambwili please just keep quiet for now". - Ignatius Chalikosa Bwalya
 "Kambwili learn to tame your tongue, the case is not over. Silitukwana ng'ona mwendo wina ukali mmadzi". - Kaizer William
 "Does he have legal advisers?????" - Robert Bowa Banda
 "Sometimes Mr CK you are very careless, don't fight with judges I don't see you winning this case in the high court, better you served that one year, infact the judge was so kind". - Sydney Musonda

HH on Dora's criminal tribalism

Editor,
 "Anyone who has followed Dora's political tactics knows that the she-devil sees two Zambias, like most PF ministers. Their survival depends on convincing ignorant citizens that the problem is with the "others" and not the common challenges like poverty or corruption". - Richard Waga
 "Am still waiting to see what action the police will take". - Kawana Kawana
 "You should have just ignored this one, you are giving her too much importance, Let Garry or someone else respond to her. She is not your level in anyway". - Isaak EngZek
 "But the PF CRIMINALS are special, no action to be taken". - Pious Emmanuel Sungah

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The death of Bill 10

Editor,
 "May the soul of PF and Bill 10 rest in eternal peace. Just like Bill 10 has been defeated, next is PF and its Mwankole zwaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!" - Noritah Mwanza
 "Ghost has gone back to the grave. RIP PF beloved savior!" - Vincent Sakala
 "The PF are too arrogant to learn anything from this defeat. They have called the opposition names, they called the church cadres and they said the CSOs were paid. They even unleashed thugs on LAZ at Intercontinental. Today they should try to learn that Zambia is bigger the PF and way bigger than ECL. With all the puppets Lungu has collected and planted in the system, when it came to the people, Wala! Chagwa agwa cha fufu mimba!" - Richard Waga
 "It was a BID. Even after many times trying to give it breath, it has failed to resuscitate!" - B Alice Mweemba
 "After all that's been happening with all the arrests, the economy declining and all the PF has subjected our country to, its good to have good news that this rotten poisonous Bill 10 has fallen, defeated like Frederick Chilubas 3rd bid". - Mutinta Mulonda
 "The same way the referendum failed. The money wasted on that rubbish would have paid off the suffering retirees. Congratulations to our principled MPs who vowed to rather suffer with their electorates who sent them to Parliament than accepting bribes to support the Bill 10". - Frederick Chinyama Chiteta
 "They've learned a lesson of their lives, they thought Zambians were fools, our labour is not in vain. We spent 127 days in total darkness and you thought we're gone! Not now, wait for the big one!" - Aggrey Masumo
 "Our leaders should acknowledge that this Country belongs to all of us hence consensus must be built on issues affecting the Nation". - Steven Kalindi
 "In more progressive countries the justice minister would have resigned with immediate effect!!" - Ossie Dodia
 "Lol what an embarrassing end of the episode.. thanks go to gallant citizen of this great nation...some people think Zambians are dosile people...this is the way Zambians treat people who think that they are super heroes...see who is crying now lol..." - Phinias Zyambo
 "Bill 10, Dead, But the Battle is still on....What Next? Multiple NRCs and Voters Register... Lets be Vigilant ba Zambia.." - Fryde Friday

'Siliya's Social Cash Transfer remarks worrying'

Editor,
 "Instead of my government helping me to become rich now they are telling me and my people to pretend that am poor so that I can steal from my own government. So my family is being trained to be thieves by my own government atini ? so that when am caught I should be brought before Hon Simusamba aii?" - John Noel Lungu
 "The Donors should find a different vehicle for delivering Social Cash Transfer to the poor people. Their Partnership with the Government has failed over and over!" - Kelvin Chiti
 "Each time we tell those whites to stop assistance temporarily of such nature, that's the reason why we say so. Such money is being used for PF's political expediency to a point whereby real beneficiaries do not even benefit". - Kajuba Mazuba
 "Hon is behaving like one on a mission to putting a final nail on the coffin". - Lord Have Mercy
 "I blame President Lungu for surrounding himself with these tribalistic individuals and putting the entire country at disrepute with the international community. Dora is a foolish woman and encouraging theft by public servants says a lot about the president himself who tolerate these corrupt officials very close to him". - Josh Godwin Musuku

By Stuart Lisulo

ZAMBIA urgently needs debt relief to help the country deal with the Coronavirus pandemic and revive the stressed economy, says Oxfam.

In a policy note dubbed: Zambia's Private Debt and the Coronavirus, Oxfam, the globally-renowned NGO focused on fighting inequality to beat poverty, urged Eurobond holders, among other creditors, to grant Zambia debt relief because the country is currently overwhelmed with the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.

So far, Zambia has managed to secure debt repayment suspension from

Zambia urgently needs debt relief – Oxfam

the China Development Bank (CDB) last week ahead of the crucial Eurobond holders' meeting to decide on the Zambian government's repayment holiday request on November 13.

"Debt has a devastating impact on Zambia in terms of the inability by the government to effectively fight COVID-19, protect the most vulnerable, while trying to stabilise the economy and achieve meaningful and sustained recovery. In 2019, for example, Zambia spent about of 8.8 per

cent of total revenue on health compared with 32.6 per cent on debt servicing. Like many countries in the developing world, Zambia needs urgent debt relief. Although Zambia is receiving some relief on debt payments through the DSSI (Debt Service Suspension Initiative), it is struggling with debt service payments still owed to the private creditors, which are not covered by the scheme. In addition to bilateral and multilateral debt, Zambia has US \$3 billion outstanding in Eurobonds

and owes approximately US \$2 billion more in other forms of external loans to private lenders. This is the reason the government had requested creditors for a six-month interest-payment holiday from October, 2020, until April, 2021, which was rejected," the policy note, released via Oxfam Zambia media and communications lead Misozi Tembo, read.

"Private sector debt is important because, for Zambia, the research has shown that in 2020, about 69

per cent of all debt in Zambia is owed to private creditors – a key part of which includes the three Eurobonds totalling US \$3 billion. Private sector debt is also important because it is associated with some of the highest debt servicing costs, coupled with very difficult processes for negotiating with numerous, powerful bond holders. Eurobonds should be prioritised in debt relief schemes, as they have some of the highest debt servicing costs, due to the combined effect of high interest rates and currency fluctuations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Zambian kwacha depreciated about 35 per cent against the US dollar, translating in higher debt servicing costs for the country."

The NGO implored debt relief for Zambia to enable the Zambian government channel the much-needed resources to other areas of the economy to revive growth.

"Private sector debt has no independent mechanism for review and countries, such as Zambia despite being on the verge of default, yet they continue to repay debts to rich banks and hedge funds instead of investing in their COVID-19 response and rescuing economies that are in recession. With private creditors not participating in any discernible, meaningful coordination mechanism, countries that are eligible for the DSSI (which includes Zambia) are paying private creditors US \$32 million

per day (US \$961 million per month) to large banks and investment funds, while facing poverty and economic crises," stated Oxfam, who, however, urged the Zambian government to stop contraction of new commercial external debt and put in place a more robust debt sustainability strategy and debt repayment plan.

Large financial corporations, such as BlackRock, HSBC, Goldman Sachs, Legal & General, JP Morgan and UBS, have assumed an increasingly important role in the world of sovereign debt.

Private creditors' share of the foreign debts of low- and lower-middle-income governments increased from 25 per cent in 2010 to 47 per cent in 2018, Oxfam's data shows.

The multi-trillion-dollar asset manager BlackRock alone holds close to US \$1 billion of Eurobonds in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal and Zambia through a number of funds.

Private sector debt is shrouded in secrecy and complexity though, with no comprehensive or independent mechanism for reviewing or writing the debt down.

For example, on Zambia's US \$1 billion Eurobond due to mature on April 14, 2024, bondholders holding around US \$295 million are known, but the remaining bondholders who hold US \$705 million are not, according to Oxfam's data.

Philippines hit by year's most powerful storm

AT LEAST seven people have died amid reports of storm surges, flash floods, power outages and blown-off roofs.

Goni made landfall as a super typhoon at Catanduanes island on Sunday at 04:50 local time (19:50 GMT Saturday) packing winds of 225km/h (140mph).

It has since weakened, but is still wreaking damage across the main Luzon island, home to the capital Manila.

Mark Timbal of the Philippines' national disaster agency said that 19 million people may have been affected by the path of Goni. "This 19 million already includes the populations in danger zones for landslides, flooding, storm surges and even a lava flow," he told the BBC.

Goni - known as Rolly in the Philippines - is the most powerful storm to hit the country since Typhoon Haiyan killed more than 6,000 people in 2013.

The BBC's Howard Johnson in Manila says there is concern for the small town of Virac on Catanduanes island, home to some 70,000, where contact has been lost since Goni made landfall.

Video footage showed storm surges through coastal towns, and local governors spoke of power supply outages, roofs torn off evacuation centres, damage to infrastructure, flash flooding and blocked roads.

Seven people, including a five-year-old child in Albay province, are reported to have died; two drowned, another was swept away by volcanic mud and another killed by a falling tree.

"The winds are fierce. We can hear the trees being



Power lines have been brought down by the storm

pummelled. It's very strong," Francia Mae Borrás, 21, told AFP from her home in Albay's coastal city of Legazpi.

Forecasters on Sunday morning had warned of "catastrophic violent winds and intense to torrential rainfall" as Goni made landfall in eastern Luzon.

By Sunday evening, Goni was moving westward at 25km/h, with maximum sustained winds of 125km/h, forecasters said.

The Philippines is used to powerful storms - it is hit by an average of 20 storms and typhoons a year and lost 22 people when Typhoon Molave barreled through the same region last week.

But this year preparations have been complicated by the Covid-19 virus, which has already caused 380,739 infections and led to 7,221 deaths in the Philippines.

Some 347,000 people were evacuated, civil defence chief Ricardo Jalad said - revising down the one million figure he mentioned ahead of the storm.

Coronavirus patients being treated in isolation tents had been evacuated, officials said.

Ports and airports were

shut, and schools, gyms and government-run evacuation centres were being used for covid-secure emergency shelters. **BBC**

Social Cash Transfer arrears to be paid starting November - Kampamba

By Natasha Sakala
GOVERNMENT says the process to clear Social Cash Transfer arrears that have accumulated since January, 2020 will begin this month.

Minister of Community Development and Social Services Kampamba Mulenga said in response to debates on the budgetary allocation to her ministry in Parliament, Friday, that additional financing of US\$115 million for the year 2020 to 2024 had since been allocated to the ministry, which would facilitate payments.

"We are taking care of the old and the young women

as you can see from the age variation, from 19 to 64 years under the various programmes under our ministry. And of course, the disbursement of the social cash transfer has had problems or challenges in the past but because our President has emphasised on leaving no one behind and with the additional financing of US\$115 million for the year 2020 to 2024 given...So I just want to assure the honourable members of parliament, those members that had arrears, we will begin to pay from November to December all the arrears from January to

December. So we expect no arrears as we leave nobody behind," Mulenga said.

She added that transporters of the food security packs to Chifunabuli constituency, who were owed from last year, were paid last week and disbursement was expected through the office of the district commissioner.

"We will, with the new budget, increase the allocation in terms of the social cash transfer, the food security pack and supporting women livelihoods and indeed with these increments in the budget allocation, we do expect that the people of Chifunabuli will have some of these issues that were raised before the House being taken care of. I just want to assure my honourable brother (Chifunabuli MP) that our transporters were paid last week and these arrears from last year and the current year 2020. So I should expect that through the office of the DC and our offices of community development, these monies will be able to reach in the soonest possible time and we are thankful to the Ministry of Finance," Mulenga said.

She further noted that government will do more to ensure that freedom fighters were taken care of despite most of them being on the

social cash transfer.

"Over the issue of freedom fighters, I just want to make mention that most of our freedom fighters, looking at their age, are indeed on the Social Cash Transfer but of course, we need to do more as government and obviously, we will be coming up with a policy that will cover most of our freedom fighters," Mulenga said.

And Mulenga said her ministry did not discriminate on who benefitted from its programs as they were non-political.

"Under the food security pack madam chairperson, I just want to assure the honourable members that we do not discriminate and vulnerability knows no political party. Within the allocation or identification of the members, we have what we call the stewards, so I would encourage as many of our members of parliament to go to our offices. These stewards are identified by the community themselves in which they need to represent them. So the ministry has no affairs in who is identified, it is the community that identifies who is vulnerable and the vetting is done by us. So madam chairperson, it is non-political," said Mulenga.

Lungu should apologize for insulting Zambians – Kambwili

By Julia Malunga

NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili says it is unfortunate that President Edgar Lungu can insult the people he is ruling.

During the commissioning of the Arcades flyover bridge last week, President Lungu said "ifwe tulebomba, utupuba tuletalika (we are working while some little fools are doubting us).

But commenting on this in an interview, Kambwili asked President Lungu to apologize to the people of Zambia.

"It is unfortunate that President Lungu can be insulting the people that he

rules. When you are a leader, a President, there is no fool, no idiot, no mad person, all the people are important citizens who must be respected. And when such kind of unpalatable language starts coming from the Head of State, then you worry. But by and large, I think you must know that certain statements are issued out of excitement and in a split of a moment but what is important is that we should always watch our emotions and control our language," Kambwili said.

When reminded that President Lungu repeated the sentiments three times, Kambwili said it was predetermined.

"If he said it three times then it was predetermined and it is unfortunate. What is needed is an apology. What the Head of State said is not something we can cry about, what is important is for him to say 'it was a slip of a tongue, forgive me Zambians I am sorry.' You don't lose anything by saying sorry. For those in the opposition, our job is to criticize and offer alternatives so there is no way if we are called utupuba (fools) that we should stop criticizing the government, then the opposition is dead," said Kambwili.

Setien admits Messi is 'difficult to manage'

FORMER Barcelona head coach Quique Setien believes Lionel Messi is hard to manage, adding that the Argentine's enormous reputation meant he was difficult for the coach to criticise while in charge at Camp Nou.

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"Leo is difficult to manage. Who am I to change him! If they have accepted him as he is for years and have not changed him."

"There's another facet beyond just the player and

it's more difficult to manage. Much more difficult. It's something inherent in many athletes that can be seen in the Michael Jordan documentary ("The Last Dance"). You see things you don't expect.

"He's very reserved but he makes you see the things that he wants. He doesn't talk much."

Setien believes that in hindsight, he would have been better off making decisions with the club as a

whole in mind, rather than any individual players.

"After leaving what I am clear on is that at certain times I should have made other decisions, but there's something above you: the club."

"And it is above the president, the player, the coach. It's the club and the fans. They are the ones to whom you owe the greatest respect, and you have to do what is most convenient for the club as a whole." **GOAL**



Work hard, Litana tells footballers

By Ngosa Chalwe

FORMER Chipolopolo defender Elijah Litana says the over politicization of football administration in Zambia has had a negative impact on the development of the game.

For over a decade, the football family has been split into camps with lines drawn between those that support former FAZ president Kalusha Bwalya and the incumbent Andrew Kamanga.

At present, there is a standoff between the two camps following disputes that arose ahead of the FAZ elections that were meant to usher in a next executive to run the game for the next four year.

On Friday, attempts to quench the fire by world football governing body FIFA failed as take off for the second time and has been moved to this week.

Appearing on Studio Ken YouTube Channel, Litana was reluctant to talk about football administration and said there was too much politics in the game at present.

When asked when and why he stopped talking about FAZ, he said, "I don't

talk about FAZ...I just don't, I cannot...two years ago, I just don't. Football right now is politics. Each and every president who goes there has his own people... it is impacting [on football] yes but I cannot talk about FAZ right now."

Litana, who was on target during the 1994 Africa Cup of National final against Nigeria where Zambia lost 2-1, said players should give their best when called to the national team.

"Sometimes, we blame FAZ and the coaches, whatever, the only thing we need to do, those players who are playing, if they give you a chance to pray to God, just work hard... work hard, just that," said Litana.

ZCS tips Prison Leopards to maintain good form

By Ngosa Chalwe

ZAMBIA Correctional Services (ZCS) commissioner general Chisela Chileshe has urged Prison Leopards players to guard against complacency after a good start to the season.

Last Friday, Leopards beat Kitwe United 3 - 0 in a Super Division opener at Garden Park Stadium to take command of the league table from the word go.

Goals from Junior Zulu, Francis

Zulu and Simon Nkandu were enough for the Mwenya Chipelo coached side to have a dream start to the campaign following their promotion from Division One.

However, Chileshe said in an interview that there was still a lot of work to be done for the ZCS-bankrolled side.

"It is just the beginning of the Super League and the first match, we still have a long way to go. I am sure if the boys were very collective,

we would have done much better than what we have done. We were not playing a small team. Kitwe United is a seasoned team. The boys should not be complacent, it is the beginning of the season; three goals is good but we saw a lot of lapses of missing goals here and there, which should have been," said Chileshe.

Prison's mantle will be tested on Wednesday when they welcome title challengers Power Dynamos in Kabwe.

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NAPSA 1 - 1 ZESCO

By Ngosa Chalwe
NAPSA Stars left it late to deny Mumamba Numba his first win as Zesco United coach after coming

from behind to draw 1 - all at Woodlands Stadium in Lusaka.
In September Zesco appointed Numba to replace

George Lwandamina after losing the title to Nkana in the previous season.
Yesterday Numba took charge of his first

competitive game and things were going his way until the 96th minute.
Defender Clement Mwape gave Zesco the lead

on the 11th minute to give the visitors a promising start.
On the 20th minute, Napsa's Bonwell Mwape picked a knock and he was replaced by Chanda Mushili.

Going into the break with the lead, Zesco were expected to continue with the charge but failed to kill the game.

With Zesco looking to win the game, Laudit Mavugo rescued a point for Napsa after finding the back of the net in added time.

Napsa Stars coach Mohammed Fathi said his team is still far from

emulating their form of last season.

"It is good it was a tough match but we managed to come back in the last minute we did lose hope but I think we had issues in terms of injury and changing the midfield.

We were a bit far from our performance of last season. By Saturday you will see a good performance," Fathi said.

In Kitwe, Power Dynamos needed a second half goal to beat Young Green Eagles 1-0.

Luka Chamanga scored on the 52nd minute to give Power the lead.



Ibra secures 3 points as Milan stay atop Serie A

ZLATAN Ibrahimovic continued his remarkable scoring streak with an acrobatic late strike to secure Milan a 2-1 win over Udinese, stretching the

Rossoneri's unbeaten run in all competitions to 24 games.

Stefano Pioli's men appeared to be heading for an underwhelming draw

with a side that had lost all but one of their first five Serie A games this term, but Ibrahimovic was decisive in the latter stages as he became the first Milan player to

score in six successive league appearances since he accomplished the feat in 2012.

The 39-year-old Swede - who scored braces in each of his previous three league outings - had already made a telling contribution in setting up Franck Kessie's empathic opener.

Hosts Udinese levelled through a Rodrigo de Paul penalty just two minutes into the second half, but Milan pressed for a late winner and it duly arrived via Ibrahimovic, whose close-range bicycle kick opened up a four-point cushion at the Serie A summit for at least a couple of hours.

3 - Only three times a #ACMilan's player has scored in six Serie A matches in a row in the three points for a win era, since 1994/95:

- Andriy Shevchenko (in 2001)

- Zlatan #Ibrahimovic (current streak and also in 2012). **GOAL**

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Ronaldo inspires Juve to victory

CRISTIANO Ronaldo returned from coronavirus to rescue Juventus from a third straight Serie A stalemate with a brace in their 4-1 win at Spezia on Sunday.

Andrea Pirlo's men had been held by both Crotona and Hellas Verona in the absence of the five-time Ballon d'Or winner before he finally tested negative on Friday and was cleared to make his comeback.

Ronaldo was still only fit enough to make the bench, however, and watched on as Alvaro Morata's opener was cancelled out by Tommaso Pobega in fortuitous fashion and the Bianconeri subsequently toiled.

Inevitably, Pirlo turned to his talisman and the 35-year-old netted just 126 seconds after his arrival, later converting a Panenka penalty for his second after fellow substitute Adrien Rabiot had all but secured a welcome victory.

Morata - denied three times by the offside flag against Barcelona in midweek - was grateful for a VAR review as he tapped in the opener from an onside position following Weston McKennie's unselfish square pass.

A second Morata goal was ruled out, however, and another decision went against Juve as Spezia levelled.

Pobega fired beyond Gianluigi Buffon with the aid of a deflection as the Bianconeri appealed in vain that M'Bala Nzola had made the telling touch while offside.

A sublime last-ditch Julian Chabot challenge denied Juan Cuadrado in front of the goal line late in the first half, but Pirlo did not wait long after the restart to introduce Ronaldo

The impact was immediate as the Portuguese rounded Ivan Provedel from Morata's pass to slot into the net.

While Juve survived another scare as Kevin Agudelo saw a leveller chalked off when Buffon spilled Chabot's header, Rabiot put the result beyond doubt, dancing through the Spezia defence and finishing via the post.

And when Federico Chiesa was clumsily tripped Paolo Bartolomei, Ronaldo clipped a cute spot-kick down the centre of the goal for number four. **GOAL**