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# YOU'RE A STUPID, STINKY RABID DOG

As CK responds: The boy is sick, looks dehydrated and grey, I forgive him

By Mukosha Funga

Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda on Friday sent a plethora of derogatory messages to Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili for criticising the way he "oversteps his mandate as Presidential spokesperson". **Story page 6**

## Corrupt cops emulating their bosses, says APNAC

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

African Parliamentary Network against Corruption chairperson Cornelius Mweetwa says traffic police officers are only imitating what their bosses are doing. Last week, Lusaka Province Minister Bowman

Lusambo ambushed some traffic police officers who had mounted an illegal road block along Mungwi road.

Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja then immediately suspended four officers who were involved, pending

investigations.

But in an interview, Mweetwa said the

incident was a reminder that the whole system was rotten. **To page 4**

## There's no waiver on speed tickets - RTSA

By Abraham Kalito

Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) Executive Director Zindaba Soko says the agency will not waive fines slapped on speeding motorists following the installation of speed cameras on selected roads but the payment period will be extended by a month. **To page 7**

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Miss Universe Zambia 2018 winner Melba Shakabozha flaunts her talent at the grand finale held on Saturday in Lusaka



# Kampyongo regrets burning of Zambian trucks in SA

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*

Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo says it is regrettable that there have been incidences where some Zambian trucks have been burnt to ashes in South Africa. And Mwamba says there are some “little foxes” in the vineyard that are trying to spoil the bilateral relations between Zambia and South Africa.

Speaking in Pretoria, South Africa, when he paid a courtesy call on Zambia’s High Commission to that country Emmanuel Mwamba, ahead of the scheduled bilateral engagements between his Ministry and that country’s Ministry of Police, Kampyongo said government was committed to facilitating trade and strengthening relations between the two countries.

“In facilitating trade, how do we ensure that security is not compromised? How do we ensure that those ingredients in facilitating trade are not frustrated by law breakers, and you have had incidents where property, such as trucks, and those trucks that carry certain goods, especially the Zambian trucks, have been caught up in activities to the extent where some of these trucks have been burnt to ashes. So, these are matters of concern and those that drive those vehicles, it’s also a concern to them. And so on both sides, we need to make sure that the investments that are coming from South Africa into Zambia are protected and it is a responsibility of law enforcement of the Zambia Police to ensure that...so sum it up, you know that, the Zambia Police is now chairing the SARPCCO (Southern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization), which is an organ of police chiefs in the region,” Kampyongo said in footage captured live on Smart Eagles.

He stressed the need for the two nations to collaborate more in order to deal with certain issues.

“And further, we are now, Zambia, chairing the Troika of SADC, which deals with matters of politics, defence and security. So, it is very important that we collaborate. And for South Africa and Zambia, now we have had the bi-nation agreement done and so each nation will have to interface in between nations for us who are in the security cluster we have to make sure that we start collaborating a little bit more with our counterparts in the Republic of South Africa,” Kampyongo added.

And Mwamba said there were some “little foxes” in the vineyard that are trying to spoil the bilateral relations between the two nations.

“You are aware that South Africa is our largest trading partner and for South Africa, Zambia is the largest regional trading partner and with that volume of trade and movement of people, there will be a lot of issues, and before we didn’t have mechanisms in which to resolve the issues. So, the bi-national commission sets the stage to resolve the issues, but, however, His Excellency

President Edgar Chagwa Lungu has sent Honourable Stephen Kampyongo, Minister of Home Affairs, to come and resolve some of these urgent issues. They are like little foxes in the vineyard that are spoiling these relations and they relate to migration issues, issues of security and the Minister will attend to these issues because they are threatening these good relations. Honourable Minister will meet his colleague at the Ministry of Police and his colleague at Ministry of Home Affairs and we hope that some of these urgent matters that we have can be resolved even before we have the bi-national commission in November,” Mwamba said.

And asked about the ban of Zambian-made honey into the South African market, Mwamba said there would be a high-level meeting between technical officers from both nations.

“We are engaging South Africa at a bilateral level [and] we will call for an emergency meeting between the technical officers at the Department of

Trade and Industry and the technical officials at Ministry of Agriculture to come and meet with our officials at Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture. We have also written a strong letter to indicate that the disease they purport to have banned the honey on, doesn’t exist in Zambia. Zambia was

declared a free area of that disease, the American full brood (paenibacillus larvae), it doesn’t exist in Zambia. So, we think that this is a matter of aggregate maybe from the traders who like to aggregate honey from all over the world and they mix it. We hope from the excellent relations that we enjoy with South

Africa, that this matter will be resolved quickly and urgently,” replied High Commissioner Mwamba.

Last week, the South African government imposed an export ban of Zambian honey to South Africa on allegations that the consignment was found to be contaminated with the named disease.

# Namibian in court for rape

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

The Lusaka Magistrates’ Court has sentenced a 20-year-old Lusaka man to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour for assaulting his friend.

And a 23-year-old Namibian national, studying at Apex University, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of rape.

Particulars of the offence are that Andrew Mweemba of Avondale, on May 10, 2018 in Lusaka, did assault Kelvin Mwanza thereby occasioning him actual bodily harm.

Delivering a ruling Monday, magistrate Nsunge Chanda

said assault was a serious offence and the court would be failing in its duties if it did not give a custodial sentence. She sentenced him to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour.

Meanwhile, a 23-year-old Namibian, Wensel Sheende, student at Apex University, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of rape.

In this matter, it is alleged that Sheende, on July 31 in Lusaka, had unlawful canal knowledge with a named female without her consent.

When the matter came up before principle

resident magistrate Ireen Washimanga, Monday, Sheende applied for bail pending his trial.

In response, magistrate Washimanga granted the accused bail in the sum of K5,000 in his own recognizance, with two working sureties in the like sum.

The court however ordered the accused person to surrender his passport to the clerk of court.

The matter has been adjourned to September 3, 2018 for commencement of trial.

# 30 ngwee Internet tariff double-billing – ZACCI

*By Stuart Lisulo*

Government’s 30 ngwee a day tariff on Internet calls could lead to double-billing consumers, the Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ZACCI) has warned.

Commenting on the Statutory Instrument (SI) that introduced a 30 ngwee a day tariff on Internet calls, ZACCI president Michael Nyirenda stated that the move could lead to double-billing owing

to the fact that consumers are already subjected to paying for bundles.

He also feared the Internet tariff will lead to an increase in the cost of doing business.

“ZACCI has reservations because it adds to the cost of doing business. Further, any possibility of double billing or double taxation for users must be avoided given when one buys a data bundle it grants them the leverage to use the same for either voice e.g.

WhatsApp calls or texting e.g. WhatsApp messaging. Thus, we suspect that the consumer will be charged both on the top-end as well as on the lower-end,” Nyirenda stated in a press release issued in Lusaka.

“The anomaly we find as a private sector is that it is not possible to use WhatsApp and Facebook without a telecommunications/network provider through their designed product packages

where some include data packages permitting multiple services.”

He noted that government appeared to believe calls made via social media platforms were free when in fact not.

“However, by introducing the tariff on Internet phone calls, it appears that government is somewhat assuming that a data-call is free. WhatsApp calls appear to be free when viewed from the perspective of government, but they are not free when viewed from the perspective of the consumer. The consumer/caller has to have a valid Internet bundle they would have purchased from Airtel/MTN/ Zamtel in order to make that call,” Nyirenda explained.

“Taxes are paid by the caller on that purchase. Taxes are collected on airtime and this is where data bundles come from, introducing a tariff only double taxes the product.”

He appealed to government to confront the factors constraining ICT sector growth other than double-billing consumers.

“At this stage we recommend that government confronts the elements that are causing the constraints in real-ICT growth, which has seen poor service delivery vis-à-vis quality of service calls and the targeting of the ICT sector as a cash-cow,” he said.

“As an immediate intervention, we call upon the government to undertake the following measures: restructure Zamtel by splitting/unbundling

the organisation into three real profit-making units i.e. Mobile GSM company, fixed line company and fibre & tower infrastructure company. All 3 must be allowed to run profitably with independent boards and options to attract private sector finance. The organisation is believed to be technically insolvent and government cannot continue subsidizing a loss-making entity.

He further pleaded for government to reconsider waiving the Internet 30 ngwee charge, warning of its consequences.

“The measure of introducing a 30-ngwee cost on Facebook/ WhatsApp calls is far from what we should be addressing at this point. We encourage government to confront the elephant in the room. It’s the failing public utility and monopolistic structures in the sector, where an ISP is paying over US \$1,500/month for tower space that should be less than US \$600/month. Coupled with the high tax rates, the costs of communication cannot come down and the 30-ngwee will just be passed on to the consumers,” stated Nyirenda.

“The point ZACCI continues to raise is that the Zambian authorities know the cost of finance and taxation is very high. We request for a holistic review of the cost elements in the ICT sector and promotion of increased fair-competition for the government, service providers and users.”

# PF pledges to reinvigorate dialogue, reconciliation

*By Abraham Kalito*

The Patriotic Front (PF) says the party will conduct internal consultations aimed at invigorating a conclusive position on the national dialogue and reconciliation process.

In a statement, PF media director Sunday Chanda quoted Secretary General Davies Mwila as saying that the party noted the position taken by the Church and the Zambian Centre for Inter-Party Dialogue (ZCID) over the national dialogue process and that it would come up with its position.

“Patriotic Front Secretary General Hon Davies Mwila has noted the position taken by the Church and the Zambian Centre for Inter-Party Dialogue over the national dialogue process and wishes to state that the ruling party will, in the next few days after internal consultations have been made with members of the

Central Committee, come out to issue its conclusive position in the spirit of driving the national dialogue ahead.

‘We reiterate as a party that the Church, ZCID, other faith-based organizations, trade unions, civil society and student’s movement and the youth and women must find common ground that puts the interest of the nation at heart. As a governing party, we shall not stifle this debate on either the facilitation or leadership of the dialogue nor favour or side-line any key stakeholder in this process, but we shall continue to listen to all voices,’ read the statement.

“As stated by His Excellency the Republican and Party President, Edgar C. Lungu, before his departure to Namibia last week, the PF has always been ready and willing to dialogue based on a workable issue-based agenda that focuses on reforms in the Constitution,

electoral laws and agreed enforcement of the Public Order Act. As a party, we shall attend unconditional talks with the opposition parties and other stakeholders because Zambia is not in crisis, and we believe no one must create an artificial crisis.”

He stated that the party has been working towards galvanising a position based on past pronouncements by the party president.

“Hon. Mwila has also reaffirmed that the party secretariat has also been working in the background to galvanise a position based on past pronouncements by the President and the party leadership over the dialogue and the Party Secretary General will in the next few days issue a position paper that will be as a result of full consultation within the party leadership over the draft position,” read the statement.



*By Abraham Kalito*  
The Patriotic Front (PF) government has failed to walk the talk as a listening government, says Transparency International Zambia (TIZ) executive director Wesley Chibamba. Commenting on the 30 ngwee per day tariff on Internet calls, Chibamba said he did not understand why government had failed to be transparent in the decision-making process on matters of serious public concern. “The reasons why the PF government does not engage the public to consult before coming up with new taxes or tax reforms are not known to all of us. I mean we don’t know why they don’t do that, but then I think the importance of public consultation cannot be overemphasised. And they are very aware of that, especially when making decisions that are, you know, would affect people

# Govt being insincere on Internet call charges – TIZ

very much. They need to consult the people, which decisions you know which decisions these things are going to affect. So, they know about the importance of consultations especially in decision-making. These are some of the things we take about. They need to engage experts; they need to sort of engage the public and then they are given feedback on how some of these things can work. We have seen a lot of policy inconsistencies when it comes to the PF government and how

it runs public affairs,” Chibamba told News Diggers! in an interview in Lusaka, Monday. “Usually, when there is public outcry about something that is when they reverse the decision and sometimes they even carry it with impunity even if the people are opposed to it. I can give you an example of the National Health Insurance Bill. People were totally opposed to that, but then they went ahead and implemented it. So, they are not living to their words.

They are not committing to what they say and are failing to live to their words that they are a listening government! So, we are left to wonder why they don’t do a lot of consultation as well. It’s very important especially when it comes to issues that are going to take away money from people’s pockets that people understand why you are making those decisions. They need to understand why they are paying these taxes.” He feared that government was being insincere in

its real motives in the controversial rollout of the 30 ngwee tariffs. “So, we suspect that there is some insincerity with regards to the new tariffs they are introducing on Internet calls. In essence, when you look at the tariffs and the expression among the people and you think maybe because such calls as WhatsApp are interested in listening to those calls, maybe they are trying to discourage people from making those calls so that they make the traditional

calls that they can monitor easily. So, there are a lot of things and speculation around some of these things and government should really come out and clear the air. If you listen to the explanation by [the chief] government spokesperson and Minister of Information, as well as the Minister for Transport and Communications, they don’t really hold water. People are not convinced with their explanations, so they should come out and explain properly,” said Chibamba.

# VJ warns against stalling national dialogue

*By Abraham Kalito*  
Veteran politician Vernon Johnson Mwaanga has warned that any further delay and procrastination in the national dialogue process is a danger to peace. And Mwaanga says political leaders must be prepared to pay a very high price for peace, by putting aside their personal appetites for power with all the trappings which go with it. In an interview, Mwaanga warned that any further delay in the national dialogue process was a danger to peace. “It is responsibility of all of us to work for peace in our country and to help our political leaders talk to each other for the sake of peace in our country and stop waging war on peace, so that we can all live in peace with one another under the umbrella of ‘One Zambia, One Nation.’ This will guarantee peace for ourselves and more importantly, for generations yet unborn. Let the political dialogue begin now, under the umbrella of the church leaders, who no doubt understands what the issues are. Any further delay and procrastination are enemies of peace,” Mwaanga warned. “My experience with peace talks; be it in Sudan, Seychelles, Angola, Mozambique, DRC, Somalia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, has shown that peace talks can be a uniquely important learning curve for individuals on both sides of the divide. In international relations, the issue of war and peace has always been a focal point. The international community fully recognised the supreme importance of the virtue of peace against the evil of peace only after having suffered from the destruction of two world wars. The United Nations was the product of this realisation and that is why in its charter, there is an affirmation that, ‘we the people of the United Nations determined to save successive generations from the scourge

of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to humankind.” He said it was disheartening to listen to political leaders and their “minions” use language which was pregnant with divisiveness and hatred when talking about their opponents. “Zambia has enjoyed relative peace since gaining Independence in October, 1964, in contrast to some of the countries in the region and on the African continent. It is important to recognise that this peace has not come by accident. A firm foundation was laid by the founding fathers and some of leaders who ruled our country. It is, therefore, disheartening to listen to some of our political leaders and their minions talk carelessly about their opponents, using language, which is pregnant with divisiveness and hatred. History is abound with far too many fragile states, which cannot even guarantee basic necessities of life to their people, who end up voting with their feet to other countries and taking the dangerous journey to Europe in search of peace and better lives,” Mwaanga said. “Countries which do not enjoy the absence of verbal or physical conflict deny themselves and their people of investment and tourist arrivals, who contribute in no small measure to job creation and economic growth generally. Citizens all over the world generally want to live, raise their children in conditions of peace and tranquillity. History has shown that leaders at whatever levels who invest in peace and work hard preserve it, are generally rewarded with a happy population and enhanced personal popularity. Some even receive important international awards for peace and good governance. Making peace in Zambia among and between ourselves must be the paramount

occupation of all Zambians.” And Mwaanga said political leaders must be prepared to pay a very high price for peace by putting aside their personal appetites for power with all the trappings which go with it. “Yes, the political leaders are the most guilty, because of some of the irresponsible statements they make against each other in the quest for power and their inability to understand that politics is not war, but a mere contest for political power, which must be conducted within the boundaries of decency. Those in power conveniently forget that no condition is permanent, and those in power today, will be out of power tomorrow. This is why it is critical for politicians in power to develop a healthy relationship with those in the opposition and even open front door channels of communication. It is not a secret that election outcomes usually bring about tensions and even open hostilities. In countries where political leaders don’t even talk to each other or rely on international or local bodies – particularly churches – to help them talk to each other, are prone to national tensions,” said Mwaanga. “The need for peace talks to iron out differences becomes indispensable. These peace talks to address specific issues must start without any pre-conditions and any contentious issues, such as the Constitution of the country, electoral reforms, judicial independence, composition of the Constitutional Court, funding of political parties, recognition of the Head of State, hearing of the

Presidential Petition, the rule of law, press freedom, corruption, development for all, among others, must be put on the table for discussion.

This is how issues should be approached in countries like Zambia, whose democracy is still developing. Our leaders must be prepared to pay a

very high price for peace, by putting aside their personal appetites for power, with all the trappings, which go with it.”

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# Cops emulating their bosses – APNAC

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
African Parliamentary Network against Corruption chairperson Cornelius Mweetwa says traffic police officers are only imitating what their bosses are doing. Last week, Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo ambushed some traffic police officers who had mounted an illegal road block along Mungwi road. Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja then immediately suspended four officers who were involved, pending investigations. But in an interview, Mweetwa said the incident was a reminder that the whole system was rotten. “It is a damming indictment of the failure of the system. And actually, it is a reminder that the whole government

is rotten and when you see police do what they are doing, it means they are aware that their bosses are also corrupt. The same way Honourable Lusambo did, even civil servants who see their bosses who are involved in corruption, they should also be able to report. It should not be one way. It should be either way,” Mweetwa said. Mweetwa, however, commended Lusambo for showing some political will in fighting corruption. “It is commendable to have

leaders who can take a public stance against corruption the way Honourable Lusambo did. I think that he is a second minister after the Honourable Minister for Muchinga Malozo Sichone who did the same a few years ago and is still worthy my commendations as well because he is a member of APNAC. And he exemplified that that time the value upon which APNAC is founded and is driving upon that is to strive towards a corruption free Zambia. He took a step

as a member of parliament in the reduction of corruption related activities and to act as a role model to provide leadership of morality where you act as a role model in the fight against corruption,” Mweetwa said. “So I think that Honourable Lusambo as a member of parliament has exemplified what we parliamentarians in APNAC stand for. Therefore, with what he did, I think that I would like to extend a call to other ministers and members of parliament who see acts of

corruption on our roads by traffic police and who also see corruption in their offices to take it personal the same way Honourable Lusambo did. I know there was a bit of comedy that was associated with Honourable Lusambo’s act but to a certain degree, I think it is fair to state that it demonstrated political will to stamp out corruption. I know that some people have actually accused Honourable Lusambo that he stage-managed that exercise but that is not a view that I

hold myself. For all intent or purposes, I think that that exercise that day did send a signal that there are leaders who can stand up against corruption.” Mweetwa, who is also UPND deputy spokesperson, implored other leaders to take the same stance and wipe out corruption. “So these leaders now should be many including members of parliament in our constituencies. Sometimes we are able to tell that this road block is illegal, that at that road block the police are receiving money without giving receipts. Every member of parliament has an equal authority and indeed like any other citizen of this country to find a way to ensure that we bring corruption to an end including taking it personal to demand for receipts when you pay for a traffic offence,” Mweetwa advised. Meanwhile, Mweetwa said there was need for the Anti-Corruption Commission to also sensitize the police and help them understand that as law enforcers, they were not expected to be in the fore front of corruption. “But before I actually throw salvos at Honourable [Stephen] Kampyongo, I think that Honourable Kampyomgo is a policy maker and Honourable Kampyongo stays in an office and Honourable Kampyongo does not go to enforce the law. The people who enforce the law are police and Anti-Corruption in respect of corruption for instance, and other relevant wings of government. Before Bowman Lusambo goes to stage up such kind of an exercise or indeed any other member of parliament or Honourable Kampyongo, one expects that since the Transparency International’s Index, year in-year out finds that the police as a government department being the number one corrupt, we expected the Anti-Corruption Commission to engage the police not by way of going to stage up issues of arresting officers but to engage the police in some form of education, so that the police can understand that as law enforcement agencies, they cannot be the ones to be found in the fore front as corrupt number one. It is a big embarrassment to the police high command,” said Mweetwa.

# Chibuyu Finance most expensive lender – BoZ

*By Stuart Lisulo*  
Chibuyu Finance Limited has been found to be the most expensive lender of loan facilities among the 33 non-bank financial institutions with a total effective annual interest rate of 262 per cent. According to a publication of charges, fees and commissions compiled and published by the Bank of Zambia (BoZ) as at June 30, 2018, Chibuyu is the most expensive lender of credit charging consumers an annual interest rate of 262 per cent among the 25 micro-financing companies, and total 33 non-bank financial institutions. BoZ data reveals in a demonstration of the cost of borrowing K1,000 for one year across all 33 entities, Chibuyu ranked the most expensive lender with a total cost of borrowing amounting to K2,400 in interest for a small loan of K1,000. ‘YesCash’ Zambia Limited ranks in second place with their interest rate at 214 per cent, with clients charged K761.20 for the same loan amount of K1,000, while Moneta Finance Limited’s interest rate peaks at 120 per cent for the same loan amount placing the company as the third highest micro-lender. In addition to the interest cost of K717.57 for the loan amount of K1,000,

Moneta charges its clients a K20.00 administration fee. On the cheaper end of the scale, Zampost Microfinance offers the cheapest loans of K1,000, with their interest rate pegged at 28.16 per cent, making the company the cheapest lender among the 25 micro-lending institutions, and third cheapest out of the total 33 non-bank financial institutions behind the Zambia National Building

Society (ZNBS), the mortgage lender, and Focus Financial Services Limited, one of three lease finance institutions. Other microfinance companies lending K1,000 below 100 per cent include: Betternow Finance Company, whose interest rate was pegged at 77.9 per cent; Bayport at 44.52 per cent; Izwe Loans at 40.89 per cent and Meanwood Finance at 69 per cent, among others.

Among the country’s two leading building societies, ZNBS charges customers an effective annual interest rate for a K1,000 loan at 21.40 per cent compared to Finance Building Society’s 36.58 per cent for the same amount. And between the Development Bank of Zambia (DBZ) and Natsave, the latter was found to more than double its interest rate for a K1,000 loan at 67 per cent compared to

the former’s 30.6 per cent. According to the BoZ, the difference in the effective annual interest rate on loans obtained from different financial service providers arises from factors such as differences in the frequency of compounding interest, differences in the effective loan periods and differences in the average principal amounts outstanding during the effective loan periods.

# Stick to your realms, Bowman tells Lusaka leadership

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo has told officials from the Lusaka City Council and provincial administration to stick to their “realms” as they discharge their duties. Speaking when he addressed the provincial permanent secretaries, the DC, the mayor and LCC councillors at his office in Lusaka, Monday, Lusambo advised them to be united but to stick to their lanes. “So as a provincial minister, I am not expecting anything less than working together and add value to the development of our province. We have a lot of projects and if we are united, I can assure you that we will achieve that, but if we want to work

individually, we will see that we won’t develop, we won’t achieve our goal. And in each organization, the paramount theme is respect, you have to respect one another. If you are showing disrespect to your offices, there is no one that will come and respect your offices. You need to respect one another and give us that picture that the Lusaka City Council is united and [people] are ready to work. And we all know our responsibilities. And the President has been encouraging all ministers to keep our realm. Let the mayor work as a mayor,

let the deputy mayor work as a deputy mayor [and] let the councillors work as councillors,” Lusambo said. He said he would not tolerate anything less than hard work among office bearers. “I want to encourage each one of you that if you want to see a better Lusaka, if you want to see better constituencies, better roads, good constituencies, good health facilities, you just have to work as a team. We are all PF councillors and we are pushing the same agenda, the manifesto of our party here and we are pushing

the manifesto under the humble leadership of His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu, Commander in Chief of Armed forces. That is the agenda we are pushing. We are pushing his vision, all of us including the permanent secretaries, the district commissioners, the council chairpersons, the mayor, all of us have to tap in Edgar Chagwa Lungu’s vision. The people of Zambia voted for His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu in 2016 to administer the affairs of this nation on their behalf,” said Lusambo.

# It’s dramatic for a thief to catch another thief – Kambwili

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili has charged that it is dramatic for Lusaka Province Minister to catch thieving traffic police officers when he cannot account for his wealth. And Kambwili has commended President Edgar Lungu for not talking about corruption at the late Levy Mwanawasa’s memorial service on Sunday saying that would have been hypocritical. Meanwhile, Kambwili has wondered who the PF government is trying to fool with austerity measures when Vice-President Inonge Wina is currently in Turkey with PF cadres in her entourage. Speaking to journalists after appearing in court, Monday, Kambwili said Lusambo was a wrong person to embarrass corrupt traffic officers because he was not clean. Kambwili said if Lusambo wanted to fight corruption, he should disclosed how many properties he had acquired since he became minister. “Bowman Lusambo bombarding the traffic police officers, I think by and large, if this was done by any other person, I was going to say ‘well done’. But I think the person who did it is a wrong chap and to me that is circus. It is circus in view of the fact that Bowman Lusambo is not clean. There is a no way a corrupt person can go and arrest another corrupt person. We all know who Bowman Lusambo was, a simple street boy. Today, he owns property that he cannot account for. If Bowman Lusambo wants to fight corruption, let him tell us how many properties he has acquired in the last two years that he has been minister, how many new buildings he has built and how many posh cars he has got in his yard? Vehicles like the GX, Mercedes, which are not less than K1 million and yet his salary is K18,000 per month,” Kambwili said. “We have seen Bowman Lusambo during the PF fund-raising, donating K300,000 cash. We have seen Bowman Lusambo donating K100,000 to the market in Ndola. We have seen Bowman Lusambo paying for some journalists to do courses. He says he’s running a program where he’s paying for some journalists to further their education. We have seen Bowman Lusambo donating football kit to

Ndola united from a salary of K18,000 per month, of a minister. Is that a man who can even go and embarrass a female police officer in that manner? Insoni ebuntu (having shame is human). There’s no way a kabolala (a thief) can go and catch another kabolala, that is drama.” And Kambwili said once Parliament resumed, he would take a private members motion to compel all ministers and permanent secretaries to account for the property. “When this Parliament opens I’m going to bring a private members motion to ask this government to ask all the ministers serving and all the permanent secretaries to account for the property that they have acquired while in office. You know the good thing about buying vehicles, building houses, you can get a record from the minister of lands, RTSA, when they acquired these properties. I want them to account and compare what they declared when they just became ministers and what they have today. More especially Bowman Lusambo, then we will know that the young man

really is fighting. Because ilya ni (that’s a) circus. Elo te circus fe, kutumpa (it’s not just a circus, that’s being foolish) to go and embarrass the police like that,” he said. Kambwili challenged Lusambo to go to Times of Zambia and list his properties and their value. “Yes we are not supporting corruption by the police but I think that job should be left to the Anti Corruption Commission. I want Bowman tomorrow, to go to Times of Zambia and list his properties, the value of his properties, houses, flats and all his cars. He has about seven, eight cars parked at his house which he has bought in the last two years he has been minister. Let him tell us where he has gotten that wealth because before Lusambo was minister, he was driving a corolla, ngailepita nechunshi kwati chibili chamalasha (When it passes, it would produce so much smoke like that from a charcoal furnace). And today he can go and embarrass police officers that ‘I’m fighting corruption’. This country must not be taken for a ride,” Kambwili said. And Kambwili commended

President Lungu for not talking about corruption at Mwanawasa’s memorial service on Sunday. He charged that he didn’t expect President Lungu to be talking about corruption when he was corruption personified. “Secondly, let me thank President Edgar Lungu. Yesterday he behaved at the memorial of Mwanawasa. At least he did not mention the word corruption. That’s what I expect from him. He just talked about Mwanawasa’s legacy of rule of law. Because I don’t expect Lungu to be talking about corruption when he himself is corruption. Yesterday he behaved, congratulations Mr President. Please avoid talking about corruption because you are part of the corruption. So what Lungu did yesterday, not to talk about corruption, at least his conscience is telling him that ‘ba bwana imwe ka corruption kena is part of your game’. Congratulations and well done President Lungu,” he said. Meanwhile, Kambwili questioned who the PF government was trying to fool with austerity measures when Vice-President Wina

was in Turkey with PF cadres on her entourage. “Austerity measures, who are you trying to fool Lungu and your government? The Vice-President is in Ankara, Turkey, with PF cadres paid for by the state. PF cadres on the entourage! I have seen about three, four provincial chairmen, Mumbi Phiri, on a government program. This is not a party and its government. This is not one party state. Please Zambians let us ask for accountability. There is no way these people can be looking at us like fools. The Vice-President travels all the way to Turkey carrying along PF cadres. We want to know how much has been spent on those PF cadres, who is paying the allowances, who paid for their flight and who is paying for their accommodation. Zambia is not for PF but Zambians. I have a lot of respect for the Vice-President, you are the last person I expect to carry PF cadres on an important government trip,” said Kambwili. “And by the way, in these austerity measures I don’t think there was anything urgent about concretizing,

cementing bilateral relations with Turkey. What do we benefit from Turkey because Turkey is a country that is grappling with debt. And to think that a country that is in debt can help another country that is in debt, is not thinking correctly and I don’t think that is right.” Earlier, the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court adjourned a matter in which Kambwili is charged with contempt of court to allow him seek medical attention after his lawyer Christopher Mundia told the court that his client couldn’t manage to sit through the day’s proceedings as he was unwell. In this matter EPP leader Chilufya Tayali, 44, alleged that Kambwili tampered with evidence in a case in which the latter is facing three counts of forgery, uttering false documents and giving false information to a public officer. The matter has since been adjourned to September 20, 2018, and October 11 and 16, 2018, for continued trial. Kambwili was accompanied by his party members, his son and daughters who went to offer him solidarity.

## ConCourt upholds Kapiri Mposhi MP’s election

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

The Constitutional Court has upheld Stanley Kakubo’s election as Kapiri Mposhi UPND member of parliament and dismissed all the grounds of appeal by the PF losing candidate Chrispin Siingwa, saying they lacked merit. And the Lusaka High Court has adjourned a matter in which UPND president Hakainde Hichilema is alleging that his rights to be heard in the presidential election petition were violated, and has ordered UPND lawyers to meet the costs of proceedings. Siingwa had appealed the High Court’s decision to uphold the election of Kakubo as Kapiri Mposhi

member of parliament. And delivering judgement, Monday, Justice Enoch Mulembe said there was no ground upon which to reverse the findings of the lower court. “The appellant has not given the court any basis upon which to fault the trial judge’s findings who listened to and observed the demeanor of witnesses,” said judge Mulembe. Justice Mulembe said the trial judge correctly interpreted the law and applied it. He said all the grounds of appeal by Siingwa were unmeritorious and thereby dismissed the appeal. And the Lusaka High

Court adjourned a matter in which UPND president Hakainde Hichilema is alleging that his rights to be heard were infringed. In this matter, Hichilema and his vice Geoffrey Mwamba want the court rule that their rights were infringed upon in the presidential election petition which was dismissed by the Constitutional Court in 2016 for want of prosecution. Recently, the Supreme Court dismissed with costs, an appeal by Hichilema and Mwamba in which they wanted Judge Mwila Chitabo to recuse himself from handling the matter. The Supreme Court said Hichilema and Mwamba

used a wrong mode of appeal instead of appealing to the Court of Appeal, they appealed to the Supreme Court who had no jurisdiction. The Attorney General had raised preliminary issues on the appeal and submitted that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to hear an appeal of that nature. After considering submissions from both parties, the Supreme Court that sat in Kabwe dismissed the appeal with costs because it had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal. The State had also argued that since the appeal was on the recusal and not the Bill of Rights, it was supposed to go

to the Court of Appeal and not Supreme Court. The Lusaka High Court then set Monday as date for hearing the matter. And when the matter came up for hearing, Monday, Hichilema and Mwamba’s lawyers Simeza Sangwa and Marshal Muchende asked for an adjournment saying they had not yet received instructions from their client on how to proceed with the matter. Justice Chitabo then ordered the UPND lawyers to meet the costs of proceedings. The State was being represented by Attorney General Likando Kalaluka and state advocates Francis Mwale and Joe Simachela.



*By Mukosha Funga*

Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda on Friday sent a plethora of derogatory messages to Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili for criticising the way he “oversteps his mandate as Presidential spokesperson”. Last week, Chanda featured on a special Sunday Interview in which he responded to the American State department and explained why government decided to deny Zimbabwe’s opposition leader Tendai Biti political asylum. But Kambwili, after appearing for a court session the following day, told journalists that Chanda was overstepping his mandate, adding that his arrogance while on TV was unnecessary.

This agitated Chanda who, after watching Kambwili’s reaction, could not resist but throw a bucket of insults at the former chief government spokesperson.

Below are the text messages, which Chanda and Kambwili exchanged on August 17:

Chanda: I saw your despicable interview you gave after one of your many court sessions. In that interview, you admit that when you were in government, you used to give slow poison to opposition leaders and, therefore, you are sure “Zimbabwe government poisoned Hon. Tendai Biti and he would die in ten years.

Now, that’s the reasoning of a buffoon like you that you see others through your dirty eyes. In my six years in government, I have never heard [or] seen anything like that, but I cannot argue with self-confessed killers like you.

In any case, killing is not new to you. In Chingola and Luanshya, you maimed and killed people who stood in your way of stealing copper and scrap metal and those who resisted your car-jacking. Some of the victims of your crimes are still alive and can be presented anytime.

With your forged degrees, what do you know about sophisticated diplomacy and international relations that I don’t know!

Keep your dirty vengeance-filled mouth shut and focus on your health challenges that now seem to have migrated to your big, but empty head. You rabid dog, can you find any other way of dying than dragging me k (sic) to your self-inflicted problems?

Chanda: Don’t just read and keep quite (sic) and when you get in front on a camera again you get excited and make false allegations

# You’re a stupid, stinky rabid dog, Amos tells Kambwili

against innocent people. I am properly educated and understand my role and the President who appointed me is equally more educated than you are, so what is your beef about how I do my work; have [you] seen my contract and terms of reference for you to make it your business to bark at how I do my work. If you think you can go ahead and

malign me each time you see a camera or microphone, this time you will see that it does not pay to use the media to bark at innocent people

Kambwili: Thanks a lot boss Amos, most educated man.

Kambwili: The hour of reckoning is near, very near.

Chanda: I am definitely more educated than a baseless idiot like you. Respond

to your crimes instead of sending empty threats

Chanda: Your conduct is below that of a dog yet you think you can lead this country using foul language. You have taken me to court thinking you can bully me and I have responded using a civil action. Why not wait for the process before you can open your dirty mouth?

I did not fire you from Govt,

the president did because of your misdeeds, so why hold grudges and lie about me. If you think you can take away my freedom and ability to take you [on], you are mistaken. I know you are communicating with some insiders lying to you; typical of behaviour of prostitutes like you and then you are descending on an innocent person

Chanda: It is painful for overrated and bloated ego fools like to hate those who have surpassed you in your ambitions. President Lungu is there regardless of your ill wish. I’m here whether you like it or not. When time to go comes and it will definitely come I will proceed to do something else. I am not as limited as you are, stinky stupid fool!

## The boy is confused, looks frail, dehydrated and grey, I forgive him - CK

Kambwili, who is also NDC political consultant, then turned to News Diggers! to express himself over the bitter exchange.

“This world is very shocking! First and foremost, that boy Amos should be the last person to insult me and call me all sorts of names because at the time he was supposed to be fired by Mr Sata, I am one of the people that went and spoke to Mr Sata to have him sent in foreign service and today, he has forgotten where he came from and he can have the guts to call me all sorts of names and insult me openly like that. I used to enjoy a very good relationship with that young man. You know that my wife lives in England and every time I went to England when he was first secretary for press, he would come, pick me up, drop me home and we would talk nicely. He had a lot of respect for me but today, this is how corruption and theft makes people big-headed,” Kambwili said.

“That boy, prior to being at State House had lost his job. Fred M’membe was looking after him, paying school fees for his children and paying him an allowance of K10,000 a month because that boy was suffering like no man’s business. He had nothing to talk about, not even a bicycle. Not even a cabin or a one-roomed house. He never worked for PF; he was never identified with PF. The first time he was given an appointment by Mr Sata, it was actually George Chella who spoke to Mr Sata that he needed someone to assist him and he identified somebody and it was on the basis that he was suffering to the extent that his wife almost deserted him. He had nothing! When he was sent to England, it was because I put in a word to Mr Sata that he should not lose his job but he

could be sent into foreign service. And that time, I was a very important man to him, extremely wise man and someone he trusted so much. But today, having been in a group of corrupt individuals that have turned State resources into personal resources, he has the guts to insult someone who made him to be where he is today. It is very unfortunate. If this is the way politics are, then they are an extremely dirty game. Amos is the last person I expect to insult me and to be calling me all sorts of names.”

He said he was not bothered about being insulted for starting out as a scrap metal dealer because his wealth could be traced, unlike Chanda’s properties.

“He calls me a scrap metal thief, a copper thief, anyway, I am proud of my background. I have worked all my life to be where I am financially. I started my humble business of scrap metals, which is a legal business in Zambia, licensed, and I have never had a criminal record and by that I mean I have never been to court where I have been convicted of ever stealing copper or scrap metals. Selling scrap metal is a good business, humble business, why people associate scrap business with thieving is what nobody understands. I want to tell Amos that at least, I have a background of where I have made my money. From the little money that I earned when I left ZCCM, I started my humble business of scrap metals and them diversified into other major businesses and today, my business is able to mine on behalf of the mining companies. But where is Amos’ background? What has he done to have the money that he has today?” Kambwili asked.

“Just in the two years that

he has been press aide, the boy bought a house near Kabulonga Shopping Centre, broke it down and made what is known as Wayaya, a drinking place. Anybody who was in Amos’ situation could not raise that kind of money to do what he did there. He has also built flats near the Leopards [Hill] cemetery, very expensive flats, he built a farm in State Lodge area, with a big house and by the way, he hired Amilan Limited to set up his farm, to do the green houses, to do the water fish ponds and he also has another farm somewhere beyond State Lodge, he has some more properties that he is building, within two years of being press aide to the President. So, can he tell us where he has gotten money to do those things when not long ago he was depending on Fred M’membe for survival? Not long ago, he had nothing, but today, the boy swims and flies in money.”

He said Chanda’s day of reckoning was fast-approaching.

“Now, I can tell him that the hour of reckoning for him to tell us where he has gotten all that wealth he has accumulated is coming. And typical of people who are guilty, for me, I was only commenting on the way they handled Tendai Biti and the way he came out on TV, arrogantly and obviously being drunk with unknown powers. It is not Amos to handle issues like that. Those issues are supposed to be handled by the Minister of Information because those are policy issues, there is no way you can have a press aide going to the TV to discuss the entire policy of government! Talk about agriculture, talk about job creation, construction of roads, the deportation of

a leader of the opposition from another country, the job of the press aide is barely communication of what the President has done at State House, but the boy is drunk with unknown power, swimming in wrong waters under very big jackets because that is what excited people do,” Kambwili added.

“When I read those messages from that young boy, I literally said a prayer for him. That ‘Dear Lord, God and Father, forgive him for he knows not what he does’. And I told God, ‘Father, please help this boy to understand that insulting elders, insulting big people that have done good things for you is a sign of a person who doesn’t know where he is coming from and who does not know where he is going, but please God, help him find his root’. And secondly, you can see that the boy is in so much pain and is haunted by his conscience because of what he has done. The boy has already judged himself even before he has lost power and he knows in his heart that he is destined for jail! I want to tell him that I have been in government and I have government experience and from the things I know about the boy and what he has done, Richard Sakala’s time in prison will look like child’s play or a picnic.”

Kambwili said although Chanda was mocking him about his health, he was in a much better condition.

“I must emphasise that, despite my diabetes and blood pressure, I am in much better health than him. When you look at the boy, he looks depressed because his conscience has judged him already and he knows what awaits him because of what he has done. The boy looks frail, dehydrated and grey. We will not speculate what he is suffering from, lest I am

accused of stigmatising. I forgive him for all his insults even though I know it is typical of him and his boss to call those that challenge State House corruption as dogs. I equally pity President Lungu that he can have such a useless spokesperson who is just a dealer and doesn’t know his job to the extent that even Dora’s work is made difficult by the rantings of that boy,” said Kambwili.

“That boy is very troubled because of what he and his boss have done and their corruption! Let him ask a few people, even at State House who work with him about what they think of him. And I am glad he knows that his colleagues talk to me. I have a proven track record and I worked my way up in business, and I am not ashamed of having traded in scrap metal. But with him, he is just a little thief, together with his boss and mark my words, the boy is destined for jail like Richard Sakala! Instead of insulting me, I will be visiting the boy in jail to take him cigarettes and bread for him to distribute to stronger prisoners for him to earn some favours during his stay. Thank you for the insults, I really appreciate you. Power is sweet, but it must be checked.”

News Diggers made several attempts through the weekend to contact Chanda for a response to Kambwili’s accusation but the efforts were in vain as the Press Aide was attending the SADC summit with the President in Namibia.

Yesterday, News Diggers succeeded to reach Chanda, but he could not respond to the allegations, saying he was in a meeting by press time.

This reporter will still make an effort to get a reaction from Chanda as soon as he is available.



Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama ...only in Diggers!

Govt should listen more and more

John Maxwell, a leadership guru whose brand am licensed to trade says, ‘When you listen more, you stop problems from escalating’. This message is for families, business executives, civic and church leaders as well as government authorities. Listening involves the ability to take into consideration viewpoints and concerns raised by those either reporting to you or even your opponents. Former Manchester United Manager Alex Ferguson writes in his recent book on leadership that he often broke into dress rooms of the opposing teams to listen to their various opinions. This helped him to change strategy and tactics.

I recently had a deep conversation with one of the diplomats about Zambia’s economic prospects - government’s capacity to respond to some of the most pressing issues such as debt. I was also asked about why the critical voices that should properly guide government out of this malaise are silent. It is true. Many voices who have regularly advised government are not talking; at least publicly. I believe these voices could be talking to government privately but the beauty of publicly speaking out is that it helps those without a voice know something is happening; someone has spoken for them and they should wait for the outcome. A few professional colleagues think I am slowly becoming a government stooge because my own voice is not heard. I do not think so. I have vigorously engaged government both in public through press interviews as well as in private. As I write, the minister of Finance may be looking at a lengthy email considering some of the proposals I have made to government. I am sure she

will respond because she has done that twice before. There are other voices that are scared to speak out. They are now doing business with government institutions and would rather let sleeping dogs lie. Unfortunately, this is being naïve, short-sighted and selfish. There is no economy that remains same and offers sustainable opportunities when industry players are quiet. Strong economies embrace strong voices of commerce. Technocrats in government have own inadequacies. They see things from their vintage point and without incorporating critical voices of industry, we will never have growth. Early this month, I was in Windhoek Namibia where I was running sessions for SADC journalists alongside the SADC Industrialisation week. I told the 40 journalists coming from Botswana, Namibia, Eswatini and South Africa, ‘Find the industry players; talk to them. These are the ones who make SADC a reality because it exists for them and not for the policymakers.’

In the same vain, government should seriously listen to critical voices. Not everyone offering advice is an enemy of the state. If anything, even enemies of the state should be listened to so that we develop effective strategies that make government policies relevant. I recently contended with an official from the Road Traffic and Safety Agency (RTSA) that just as much as you have a duty to enhance safety for all citizens, listen more. You will never perfect a system and institute effective change without listening more. You can have all the power and authority that is backed by law but still fail to institute the desired change as long as public voices are not with you.

I also confided with another senior government official over the 30 ngwee charge on internet calls that it is such small things that incapacitate government authority. You may be thinking the 30 ngwee is inconsequential but if a small glow of matches in lit in an atmosphere saturated with gas, it blows out of proportion. There are many voices in these compounds that are not talking but with leaking gas of frustration. There are many entrepreneurs who are not too pleased with the numerous levies and taxes loaded on their incomes. These are very miserable entrepreneurs but without a voice to express themselves. The best government can do is listen to these people; listen to the numerous voices coming from farmers, street vendors, motorists, internet users and begin to institute policies that are on a platform of win-win. I personally want government to win. A government that is succeeding helps me to succeed too. It is not only healthy for me but for my children in future. However, government, with all its authority and power, will never succeed without my support. Government needs the support of all citizens so that it can effectively fulfil its mandate. It is even more crucial now than ever before giver the debt burden facing us. That debt will not be repaid from donors. The Bank of Zambia equally has not authority to print money to pay the debts. The money will come from citizens. This is why I feel government needs to engage its citizens in a very strategic manner, with all required humility so that we can together reshape the country. A listening governing is a winning government. A government that thinks it has power to institute policies at will gets resisted and fails.

**By Abraham Kalito**  
Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) Executive Director Zindaba Soko says the agency will not waive fines slapped on speeding motorists following the installation of speed cameras on selected roads but the payment period will be extended by a month. And Soko says the agency will re-register all vehicles before the end of the year, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act which demands that vehicles are re-registered every 10 years. Speaking at a press briefing in Lusaka, Monday, Soko said the agency would only extend the payment period and not waive fines slapped on speeding motorists. “The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) today Monday 20th August 2018 commenced the enhancement of the existing signage of speed. While this action is one of the first tangible elements of the Road Safety Management System launched on 7th February, 2018 RTSA recognizes that photo or video-based enforcement will have limited effect pending the implementation of a secure number plate

There’s no waiver on speed tickets - RTSA

vehicle identification system. As you are aware, the issue of excessive speed is one of the top five causes of road traffic crashes. This move is part of the best practices and standards in ensuring that motorists adhere to the regulations provided. The placing of such signage has been done with the authority of the Road Development Agency (RDA) who are the mandated Agency in this area,” Soko said. “In 2016 alone, 2,206 people died in traffic related accidents. Therefore, it is the aim of the Zambian Government, through its agency the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) to significantly increase road safety and traffic management. In February 2018, Intelligent Mobility Solutions (IMS) and RTSA

unveiled the Road Safety Management System with the goal of saving lives on our roads. On the issues of waivers, The waiving of these fines won’t be done. What we have just done is increase the period erring motorists are to pay. And just to add on to that, you have actually other individuals who mention that throughout, motorist who are saying that throughout the day, I have received five infringements. But when you have received five infringements, it means that thorough the day, you have been passing points which have limits and you receive texts, it means you are erring.” He said the speed cameras were in line with the SADC standard and aligned to National Traffic Signing approved guidelines.

“The standard being used is the SADC standard and aligned to our National Traffic Signing approved guidelines. The RTSA has been receiving concerns from various members of the public: 1. Complaints of no real time x 2. On the infringement notices by sms, Speed alignment and speed zone upgrades among others. 4. Visibility of signage 5. Messages. I wish to inform the general public and the concerned motorists that we have a huge problem of crashes coupled with the fatalities and serious injuries as a result of excessive speed. As RTSA we have embarked on a process of managing various bad driver attitude by the use of ICT’s and the difference we will have is that this will be electronically monitored,” Soko said.

“The placement of aligned signage including camera speed signs shall later be extended to other major highways before the implementation of the road side speed cameras enforcement is rolled out to other parts. However, The Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Regulation Statutory Instrument No.90 of 2016 states that the prescribed speeds are as follows: 1. Within the area of a Local Authority 40 KM per Hour; 2. Built up area outside the Local Authority -60KM per Hour; and 3. In any other part of Zambia (Trunk Roads) 100 and 120 respectively on the other hand, modalities are being put in place to address concerns associated with the enforcement of road side speed camera.”

And Soko said the agency would re-register all vehicles before the end of the year, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act which demands that vehicles are re-registered every 10 years. “As you may be aware, the current RTSA vehicle database has a population of 765,000. However, only fifty per cent of these vehicles appear to be active and hence re-registration exercise that the Agency is currently working on the process of implementation. The re-registration of Motor Vehicles exercise countrywide is in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Act No. 11 of 2002, which demands that a re-registration must be undertaken every 10 years. Therefore, vehicle owners will be required to re-register their motor vehicles and trailers once the Agency announce the commencement date of this exercise. The re-registration of motor vehicle and trailers will enhance electronic motor vehicle registration with secure number plates and Radio Frequency Identifier (RFID) and it will be done at reduced fee,” said Soko.

Two weeks ago, we published an opinion detailing the corruption in the Zambia Police Traffic department. Little did we know that we were actually prophetically speaking about a scandal that would vindicate our critical position against the men and women in uniform.

On Thursday last week, a zealous Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo toured some public health facilities in Matero Township. On his way back, he found traffic police officers had mounted an illegal roadblock. After realizing that there was a clear case of corruption, Lusambo ambushed the officers and exposed the theft. He went further to parade them in front of media cameras and made all the political mileage he could from the incident.

Probably unknown to him, in that act, the minister successfully rescued his criminal government from the jaws of an angry public that was fuming over the extra charge on WhatsApp and other Internet based calls.

What followed immediately after was a social media debate about the professional conduct of the minister himself against the police officers. That is how the Internet tax

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# The usefulness of useless people

outrage took a break as netizens were thrown into the “was Lusambo wrong or right” debate.

Without the aim of helping the PF to divert public attention from the much more serious governance scandal, we would like to reiterate our opinion on corruption in the Zambia Police Traffic department.

In our recent prophetic opinion, we described exactly what Minister Lusambo found on Mungwi road – police officers reaping off erring motorists in broad daylight for their own survival. That is how a majority of our police officers survive because their little salaries cannot sustain their families, especially in cities like Lusaka.

In our view, the institutions that are tasked to curb corruption in the Traffic Department are not addressing the real problem. They are trying to force behavioural change among police officers, forgetting that motorists are more willing to pay a bribe than pay for the offence committed, because the charges are too exorbitant.

Take “driving uninsured motor vehicle” for example. While it is indisputable that a car insurance disc on the windshield does not protect the life of neither the driver nor the passenger of a vehicle, traffic police are obliged to charge you as much as K450 for failure

to display insurance cover. Failure to fasten seatbelt is K300 per passenger; touching your cellphone while driving is K450 etc.

How many motorists can afford to pay for these exorbitant traffic offences? That is why it is always cheaper to pay a bribe than to pay for the offence. That is where the problem is. So if our government wants to end corruption in this sector, let them compel the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) to be reasonable.

You cannot charge a motorist K300 because her car is missing a reflector, which is worth K10 only. That is encouraging corruption. If such an offence would attract

a K15 fine, people would prefer paying admission of guilt, than paying a K50 bribe to a traffic officer. That is the only way.

In fact, in Malawi, there are several traffic offences where officers are encouraged to exercise ‘mechanical’ leniency. What this means is that if your car has a broken headlamp or the tyres are near bursting, the officer will impound the car and force you to go and buy the needed replacement so that you fix the car in their presence. After that, they let you go without necessarily paying anything to the officer or the state.

Now back to last week’s traffic scandal. While the development was not new to us

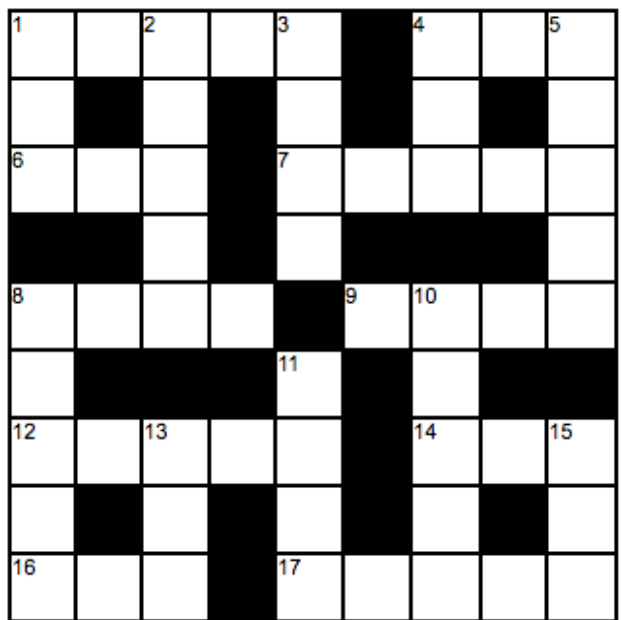
because we see it on the roads all the time, our take on the issue is that the minister displayed the highest level of hypocrisy. We were shocked to hear him say that catching the officers proved that politicians are not corrupt but are here to serve the people.

Mr Lusambo thinks we have forgotten that in March this year, he caught himself in a corruption conversation with some Chinese. This is the same government official who accidentally recorded himself assuring a contractor that he would use his ministerial flag to make sure the Chinese get the deal.

Whatever that deal was, we know that it was not as little as the K2,000 which the traffic officers collected from motorists to go and buy kapenta. Like former Attorney General Musa Mwenye stated, grand corruption is happening in the top government offices, but we are targeting only the weak and vulnerable culprits.

Anyway, we will still applaud the Lusaka Province Minister, even though his corruption stunt was nothing more than a distractive nuisance. That is the usefulness of useless people.

## Crossword puzzle 169



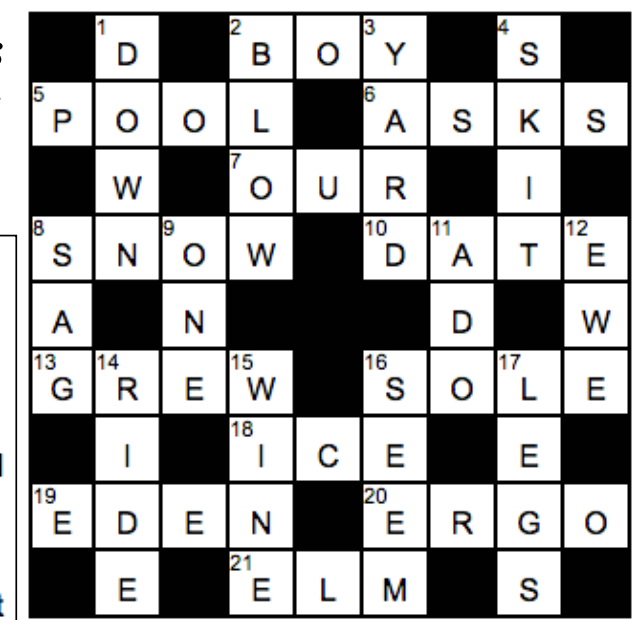
*“One man to live in pleasure and wealth, whiles all other weap and smart for it, that is the part not of a king, but of a jailor” - Thomas More*

- Across

1. Rudely assertive  
4. Half-witted  
6. Snap, Crackle, \_\_\_\_  
7. Primed  
8. Untainted  
9. Mix with a spoon  
12. Ordinary  
14. Chewed off  
16. Affirmative  
17. Primp
- Down

1. Vigour  
2. Outstanding  
3. Olden days  
4. Dead On Arrival  
5. City official  
8. Seed on a bagel  
10. Dining surface  
11. Cakewalk  
13. Promos  
15. Freight amount

## Solutions to puzzle 168





# Reader's feedback

## Simataa's on Kalu's ban and Zambian football

Editor,  
"Please people, corruption is corruption. What's so special about Kalu? Every dog has its own day."

"Especially the current executive they will end up the same." – Christopher Phiri

"Simataa... Kamanga did well, actually, he has removed a major obstacle in the running of football." – Wams Wamundila

"The 'pull him down' syndrome of Zambians has cost Kalusha Bwalya. I don't think any of the current soccer administrators will ever reach where he has reached as CAF committee member. Instead of supporting your own, you choose to bring him down." – Nkonde Chola

## Lusambo's ambush of corrupt traffic cops

Editor,  
"Not that I am supporting what the cops are doing, but him and those cops belong to the same WhatsApp group. There's a video doing the rounds of Lusambo taking bribes from the Chinese. What about the scandal of 100 x 100 plots in Ndola, is he not at the centre of it all? Unfortunately, politicians only get caught after they get out of power. Hence it will be a waste of time to report him." – Hakabweba Mwaya

"Even the IG is very much aware of traffic officers' thieving, especially from unsuspecting motorists." – Maningi Dibili

"Job well done. Now to go after the superiors who receive a daily taking from these juniors. These people cannot go and mount a road block without their boss knowing. And that is the boss who should audit their receipt book - or simply receive his share after they collect." – Joe Mumba Kawimbe

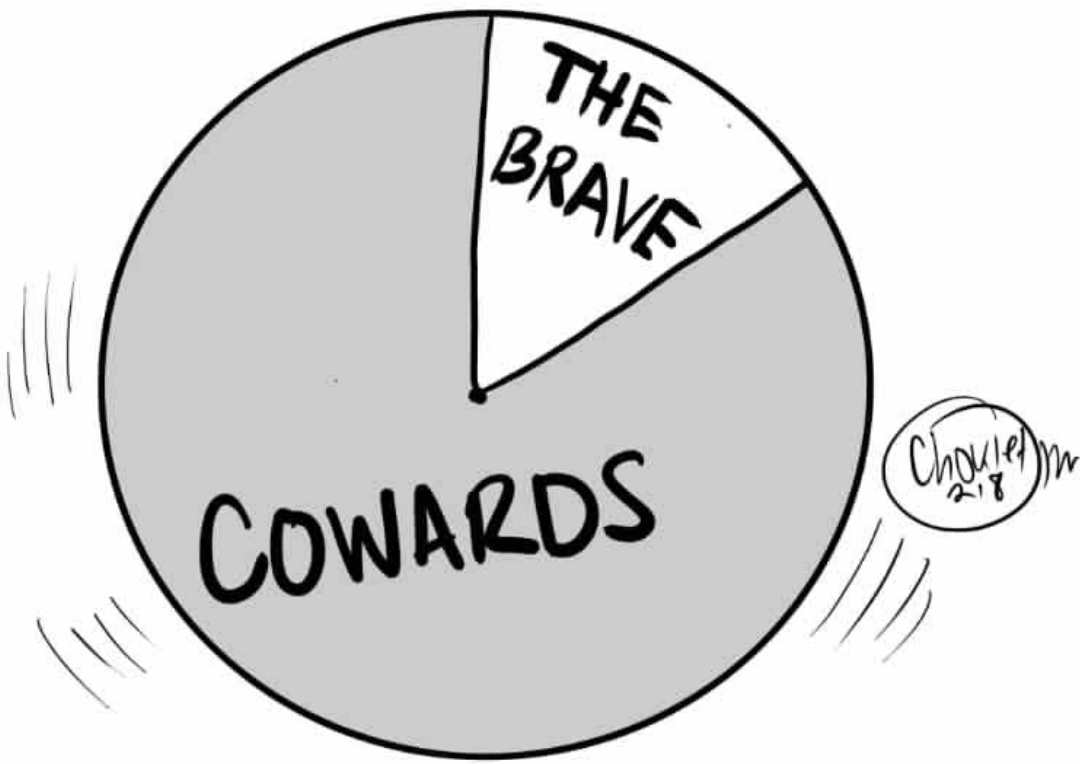
"So sad for the police woman in the video, which has gone viral for wrong doing; her friend went viral during the last rainy season for good reason and was promoted." – Moses Tembo

"In many cases, the officer-in-charge of the station where the officers come from is aware of the illegal road block. I, therefore, ask the IG and Minister to bring in the officer-in-charge because in most cases, they chew the money together." – Gyvas Gyvas

"Take action; we are tired of these road blocks mounted every day." – Noel Kalimamukwento

"Corruption should not be condoned at all levels. If we condone it from cops then we have to accept it from everyone." – JK

### 2018 CENSUS RESULTS



## Chief Mboloma's view that Lungu should rule beyond 2021

Editor,  
"Rule beyond 2021? You think governance is chiefdomship?" – Josh Imukusi

"Does anyone realise that they are slowly programming our minds? We see ECL 2021 branded on a lot of things. ECL 2021 might seem abnormal now, but come 2020, you would have gotten used to it. It's in the pipeline, my friends." – Haggai Siyunda

"The Chief has a right to express himself but so do the rest of us and in my personal view Edgar Lungu's administration is the worst we've had. The PF have some impressive projects but the corruption in this government is detrimental and overweighs the good." – Mateyo Phiri

"More ya chani? Can't you see bazukulu have no jobs, and the economy is dying? Some Zambians are selfish. When they are benefiting; is that human?" – Timothy Manda

"Development is the job description of presidency, that's the reason we pay taxes.... Muleishiba utuntu, Ba chief....I think Parliament should start considering the grade 12 clause for one to qualify to be a chief..." – Gershom Mweete

"This chief has no future, he is old. Let me tell the chiefs in Zambia: don't involve yourself in politics, you are traditional leaders." – Benard Lamba

"You should one day allow your subordinates to

cast a vote for you and some other guy and see how you will lose miserably. You think Presidency ni muyayaya kwati chieftaincy?" – Bo Muyunda Kandama

"Some chiefs don't deserve to be on

their thrones; some Zambian chiefs are a disgrace and can sell their subjects any time without remorse because they are corrupt and appetite for hand-outs is their custom. Shame to those chiefs." – Joseph Zulu

### PMRC's disagreement with Cabinet over Internet charges

Editor,  
"I am shocked she has finally seen the light of day! I thought everything Cabinet said was gospel truth to her." – Chris Chisola

"PF cadres are slowly opening their minds; they used to argue without assessing. Thumbs up, Madam Deka." – Kelly Kay Kalaba

"How these goons try to insulate the President from Cabinet resolutions often leaves me wondering if they think with their brains or their stomachs." – Stan Li

"Everyone just worries about the popularity of the President and not the people's wellbeing." – Richard Jere Senior

"Who lied to these PF carders that there is no opposition in Zambia? Tell your president to free the media and allow the opposition free space and then let's sit down and drink coffee and watch. It's like tying your opponents hands in a boxing match and claim there is no opponent." – Scofield Manyoni



“Sang Chol!” 92-year-old Lee Keum-seom exclaimed, as she fell into her long lost son’s arms at a holiday resort in North Korea Monday. Lee had been waiting 68 years for this moment, after the two became separated during the Korean War and became trapped either side of the demilitarized zone (DMZ) which now splits the two Koreas.

Sang Chol was four when she last saw him. He is now 72, himself an old man. On Monday he sat waiting for Lee’s arrival with his wife and daughters, who have never known their grandmother. Theirs’ was one of multiple emotional family reunions taking place at a resort near Mount Kumgang, where buses full of South Koreans drove early Monday. They were the 89 lucky families selected from the more than 57,000 who had applied for the reunions, agreed to under the Panmunjom Declaration signed by South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during an historic summit earlier this year.

More than 60% of those seeking reunions are over 80 years old, and are being

# Korean reunions: Tears as mother and son meet for first time in 68 years



South Korean Lee Keum-seom, 92, meets with her North Korean son Ri Sung Chol, 72, during a family reunion meeting at the Mount Kumgang resort on the North’s southeastern coast on August 20, 2018.

accompanied on the bus trip north by their children and other relatives.

After the initial tearful reunion was over, Sang Chol showed his mother a photo

of her husband, who had been with their son when the couple became separated but

has since died. “This is a photo of my father, mom,” Sang Chol said,

dissolving into sobs. Before she left for the bus trip north on Monday, Lee told CNN she had prayed for her son to have a long life so the pair could reunite. “(My family) in North Korea didn’t live long so I prayed for my son’s health,” she said. She felt nervous about meeting her now elderly son, after only knowing him as a small child, unsure about where to start catching up on a lifetime spent apart. “What shall I ask?” she said. “Oh, I should ask him what his father told him about me. His father must have told him about how we got separated and where our house used to be. I should ask him about that.” On seeing him however, there was no hesitation, and the two elderly Koreans embraced each other tightly, both in tears. During the whole reunion, they did not let go of each others’ hands. **CNN**

# Greece leaves bailouts behind after biting austerity

After years of tough austerity measures, Greece emerges on Monday from its third and last bailout, although officials warn the country still has a "long way to go". The European Union, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund loaned debt-racked Greece a total of 289 billion euros (\$330 billion) in three successive programmes in 2010, 2012 and 2015.

The economic reforms the creditors demanded in return brought the country to its knees with a quarter of its gross domestic product (GDP) evaporating over eight years and unemployment soaring to more than 27 percent. But Greece has now returned to growth, its once vast public deficit has been turned into a solid budget surplus, and the jobless rate

has fallen below 20 percent, officials say. "For the first time since early 2010 Greece can stand on its own feet. This was possible thanks to the extraordinary effort of the Greek people, the good cooperation with the

current Greek government and the support of European partners through loans and debt relief," said Mario Centeno, board chairman of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) in a statement.

"It took much longer than expected but I believe we are there," Centeno added. Greek households, however, continue to feel the effects of unpopular and stinging austerity. "The reality on the ground

remains difficult. The time for austerity is over, but the end of the programme is not the end of the road for reform," EU Economic Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici said at the weekend. **BBC**

# South Africa inquiry into top-level state graft opens

A judicial inquiry into alleged corruption at the top of government in South Africa is scheduled to open on Monday when the first public hearings begin. The hearings by a panel led by the country’s second highest judge, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, will probe allegations of corruption and fraud in the public sector during former president Jacob Zuma’s tenure. Although the panel does not have powers to arrest or prosecute, evidence it collects can be used in any future prosecution. Zuma appointed the judicial inquiry into the alleged graft in January on the orders of a high court. A month later, on February 14, he was forced to resign

from office as criticism grew from within the ruling ANC party over multiple corruption scandals. State corruption in post-apartheid South Africa was first exposed formally two years ago by the country’s former ombudswoman Thuli Madonsela, who issued a damning report and called for a judicial inquiry into Zuma’s relationship with a wealthy business family. Zuma was accused of being in the sway of the Guptas - a wealthy family of Indian origin - allegedly granting them influence over government appointments, contracts and state-owned businesses. Pravin Gordhan, a former finance minister, but now responsible for state companies, has estimated that

around 100 billion rand (\$6.8 billion) of state funds may have been looted through corrupt practices. Justice Zondo has vowed that the investigation into the so-called “state capture”, will be carried out thoroughly regardless of who is being investigated. “I will investigate anybody and everybody no matter who he or she is. This commission will do its job properly. We owe that to the people of South Africa.” he said earlier this year. The first witnesses to appear before the commission include a former deputy finance minister Mcebisi Jonas, an ANC lawmaker Mabel Mentor and the former government spokesman Themba Maseko. The local Sunday Times said Zuma has been “invited” to

appear before the panel, but the commission’s spokesman declined to comment on the newspaper report. Initially tasked to probe and conclude its findings within six months, the commission has asked for an extension of up to two years. Zuma’s successor as president, Cyril Ramaphosa, has vowed to crack down on government corruption, which he has admitted was a serious problem. “I would hope that the inquiry gets to the bottom of how the South African state was captured in the way it was and what can be done to prevent this from happening again,” David Lewis, the executive director of South Africa’s non-profit organisation Corruption Watch, told AFP. **AFP**

## Pregnant New Zealand minister cycles to delivery ward

New Zealand’s Minister for Women Julie Anne Genter has taken the cycle of life to a whole new level, biking her way to hospital for the birth of her first child. Genter, a Green MP and keen cyclist, chose pedal power for Sunday’s one kilometre (0.6 mile) journey from her home to Auckland City Hospital for the delivery. "My partner and I cycled because there wasn't enough room in the car for the support crew... but it also put me in the best possible mood!" she posted on social media alongside a picture of her with her bike. Genter is 42 weeks pregnant, and said in the post that she was going in to hospital for an induction. She is not only Women's Minister but Associate Transport Minister in New Zealand's centre-left government, advocating for sustainable travel. Her Green Party colleagues tweeted that the bicycle trip to the delivery ward was "the most #onbrand thing ever". A party spokeswoman said the baby had still not arrived by late afternoon Monday. The impending birth comes just weeks after New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern returned to work after having her first child, daughter Neve, in June. Ardern, who was elected last year, became only the second world leader to give birth while in office after Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto in 1990. **AFP**



# Ronaldo, Modric and Salah up for UEFA Player of the Year

Cristiano Ronaldo, Luka Modric and Mohamed Salah make up the three-man shortlist for the UEFA Player of the Year award for the 2017/18 season, European football's governing body announced on Monday.

Ronaldo -- the winner in each of the last two years -- and Modric both starred for Real Madrid as the Spanish giants won the Champions League for the third year running, while the latter also won the Golden Ball for the best player at the World Cup after inspiring Croatia on their run to the final.

Meanwhile, Egyptian star Salah scored 10 times as Liverpool made it to the Champions League final, before losing 3-1 to Real in Kiev.

Salah was forced off with a shoulder injury in the first half of that game after a clash with Real defender Sergio Ramos.

He also netted 32 goals in his debut Premier League season, with that tally a record for a 38-game campaign.

Lionel Messi came fifth in the voting by a jury of 80 coaches from clubs who played in the Champions League and Europa League, as well as 55 journalists representing each UEFA member nation.

The Barcelona star came second to Ronaldo last year but also failed to make the final three-man shortlist in 2016.

Atletico Madrid's France star Antoine Griezmann, who scored twice as his club beat Marseille 3-0 in the Europa League final, just missed out in fourth.

The winner will be named, along with the UEFA Women's Player of the Year, in Monaco on Thursday, August 30, the same day as the draw for the Champions League group stage.

The nominees for the women's award are France's Amandine Henry and Norway's Ada Hegerberg, who both won the Champions League with Lyon, and Denmark's Pernille Harder, who lost in the final with Wolfsburg.

**AFP**



## Matero Magic beat Buffaloes 75-72

**By Alex Chilumbwe**

Week six of Midlands Basketball league games yesterday recorded very sweaty and hard-fought victories as teams showcased their best of abilities and those with longer-lasting endurance saw light at the end of the day and picked

maximum points.

Matero Magic beat Green Buffaloes 75-72, a result that should have gone in Buffaloes favour based on the display their fans called impeccable. Monga Chipili dominated the paint and with the help of the most senior player David who was

celebrating his unrevealed birthday. The senior hit effortless three pointers to catch up with Buffaloes. Chipili managed more three pointers, brought the scoreline to a close and the army side ran low on ammunition and were gunned down.

Fans favourites Unza Pacers struggled to level up baskets with an overzealous Lusaka city council side, Looters, and lost 67-60. Looters coach Kenny Nkandu expressed happiness over the win and hoped the spirit would be maintained. "My boys have recorded three wins in a row. It is quite a young side that is spirited and tactical. I now have a task of ensuring the wins keep getting recorded by keeping my boys motivated at all times. Their discipline on the court is also worth noticing and I believe it contributes to their good performances," Nkandu said.

Over-wrapping referee Trustone Botha said competition was getting

tougher every week and smaller teams were no longer underdogs. "Officiating competitive games is more enjoyable than predictable ones. No club in the super league is an underdog and the heat is undeniable. All games are played with zero knowledge of who will win and the competitiveness of them helps us improve our umpiring. If the level of competition is maintained or improved, the league will attract more international players and consequently attract sponsors," Botha explained.

Looters has stayed on top of the table while Magic and Hawks keep dusting each other's seat for the second position.

## Nkana dares Zesco in Barclays Cup battle

**From back page**

Meanwhile, Zanaco football club also echoed on its dire need to retain the Barclay's cup this year. Coach of the side Numba Mumamba recognised the pressure and toughness he would be served by other competing clubs. "When you are the title holder, every team will play to show that they too deserve the title you are holding and that they can get it from you. I'm sure there won't be any easy game for us and we equally won't let them get it on a silver platter. We want to keep it. We are training hard and improving on our scoring ways, as well as making sure the defence is intact. I'm also aware that Division 1 teams will play for their lives against super league teams so the competition they will give should not be underrated," Mumamba said.

According to the list availed by FAZ on its facebook page, Green Buffaloes, Lusaka

Dynamos, Manchester United Zambia Academy Football Club, Mufulira Wanderers, Nkana Football Club, Power Dynamos, Real Nakonde, Young Buffaloes, Zesco United and the defending champions Zanaco are the clubs that will compete in the tournament

this year.

"We are pleased to confirm that your clubs have qualified to participate in the 2018 competition. Draws for the 2018 edition will be held on August 21, 2018 in Lusaka. As per standard practice, the competition will kickoff with a double

header involving the four (04) Division One clubs at Nkoloma Stadium on Saturday, 25th August, 2018." Julio Chiluba stated in a correspondence letter to the successful teams.

Zanaco lifted the trophy after beating Napsa Stars 2-1 at National Heroes Stadium.

## Handball team in high spirit ahead of Morocco outing

**By Alex Chilumbwe**

Under 20 Handball national team coach Andrew Kalunga has revealed that his team has kept high morale as they prepare for Africa Cup in Morocco next month.

Coach Kalunga also said the results he collected in Kigali, Rwanda where a mandatory tournament for the top six countries in Africa was held, were evidence his side would win the

Africa Cup.

"We competed very well in Kigali and managed to win games that saw us finish third. Most of my players got injured as some countries were very rough. My boys and girls were of the right age while other countries sneaked in older players but that did not worry us. We took each game seriously despite the injuries that were inflicted on us. Even as we train

for Africa Cup, the morale is ever high and you can tell that they are having fun as they train," said Kalunga.

Meanwhile, the coach also said one of his top players Peter Sakala was still nursing a leg and shoulder injury he sustained in Kigali. "He is a top player and his absence is felt by not only me but his teammates as well. These players have created a bond so they are used to playing together. It is one

of the reasons they win. They share a lot of things even off the court. Love resides in this team yet they are not seniors. I'm positive Peter will be back on his feet soon and will not make him defy the medical advice of resting until he recovers," summed Kalunga.

The team will leave for Morocco on 2nd September and will stay there from 3rd to 23rd September, 2018.



# NKANA DARES ZESCO

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Nkana football club and Zanaco have already started breathing the unsettled air surrounding the 2018 Barclay's cup. Kalampa Boys say they will be spitting flames in this year's prestigious tournament while the bankers say they are not letting a coin escape their title confers. In an interview with

Goal Diggers! the Red Devils' coach Bestone Chambeshi underscored the importance of acquiring a title this season. "I have a very good team that does not really struggle to score goals. They are in good shape though others have minor injuries that cannot keep them off the pitch for a long time. So in the Barclay's cup and the super league

at large, we should spit the fire and burn our previous loses. Like any other team, we will play to win every game and at least get a title to ourselves. The game of football is a funny one because it is not predictable but the ball is round so it can go in our favour too. Extra effort and faith should help us win," Chambeshi said. **story page 11**



Novak Djokovic overpowers Roger Federer to claim a first Cincinnati Open title and become first player to complete the Masters set.

Four Japanese basketball players on Monday apologised for bringing "disgrace" to their nation after they were kicked out of the Asian Games for paying prostitutes for sex. The regional Olympics was hit by scandal after the players were spotted in a notorious red light district of the Indonesian capital Jakarta wearing their national jerseys last week. The expulsion of Yuya Nagayoshi, Takuya Hashimoto, Takuma Sato and Keita Imamura will come as a major embarrassment for Japan, who will host the Tokyo Olympics in two years' time.

## Four Japan athletes kicked out of Asian Games for buying sex

"I deeply apologise for our careless act that has brought disgrace on not only basketball fans but also all of the Japanese people," Sato told a news conference after the

players returned to Tokyo on Monday. Nagayoshi, wearing a black suit and tie, said he "can't imagine" playing basketball again.

Japan Basketball Association chief Yuko Mitsuya said it will wait for a report from a special committee of lawyers before formally punishing the four. **AFP**

## No Ronaldo, no fans - Real Madrid have lowest La Liga attendance in 10 years

Los Blancos had their worst home crowd since before the CR7 era, but got the result they wanted on the pitch with Gareth Bale finding the net. The post-Cristiano Ronaldo era at Real Madrid began the way the pre-Cristiano Ronaldo era ended, with a half-full Santiago Bernabeu. Goals from Dani Carvajal and Gareth Bale against Getafe got Julen Lopetegui's side off to the perfect start in the 2018-19 La Liga season, but the lack of home fans was as conspicuous as the absence of their former talisman. Just 48,466 people came through the turnstiles for the first home game of the season, which should have attracted both hardcore fans and football tourists to see some of the biggest names in world football. The last time, Real played in front of such a paltry Santiago Bernabeu crowd was the final home game of the 2008-09 season, which came during a five-game losing streak that was started by the historic 6-2 Clasico defeat to Pep Guardiola's Barcelona, who had both Thierry Henry and Lionel Messi scoring braces. After that loss, Los Blancos slumped to second place in the table and decided to take the risk of breaking the world transfer record to sign a certain Portuguese attacker from Manchester United. Ronaldo moved to Madrid in June 2009, spending the next nine seasons at the club where he won four Champions League titles but just two Ligas. With Ronaldo now gone to Juventus, fans failed to turn up for Madrid's first game of the season, with the five-time Ballon d'Or winner's shadow cast large over the empty seats in the stadium. **AFP**