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By Ulande Nkomesha

THE Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) says Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini erred in interpreting the law, as that is a preserve of the Constitutional Court.

And LAZ says there is no law that gives the Standing Orders Committee the power to extend a Bill that has lapsed.

In an interview, LAZ president Eddie Mwitwa said that the Constitution clearly indicated that the ConCourt

had the mandate to interpret the Constitution.

"The issues of the Speaker and the ConCourt, I mean, we have given the matter some consideration and we are with the Constitutional Court on the question that who has the mandate to interpret the Constitution. That is what the Constitution itself says. It is extremely clear. I mean, if you look at Article (1) (5) it says, 'any matter relating to the Constitution shall be heard by the...'
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There's no proof that majority have rejected Bill 10 - Wynter

By Mirriam Chabala

RAINBOW Party general secretary Wynter Kabimba says there is no evidence to prove that those opposing Bill 10 are in the majority.

And Kabimba says the Access to Information bill should not be enacted because it is not relevant and is only being advocated for by donors so that it can help them to push their agendas in Zambia.

Speaking when he featured on Pan African Radio, Monday, Kabimba said those opposing Bill 10 were just a click from within Lusaka and they had no evidence to prove that majority Zambians had opposed it.
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PF has torn Zambia apart – Changala

By Mirriam Chabala

GOVERNANCE activist Brebner Changala says it is time Zambians rose up to reclaim their country because the PF has torn the apart and pushed citizens against the wall.

Commenting on last Monday's bush protest organized by satirical singer Fumba Chama, alias Pilato, musicians B-Flow and Maiko Zulu, among several other youths, Changala urged ordinary Zambians to finally rise up and reclaim the country's lost freedoms.

He observed that PF had destroyed national institutions, clamped down on a free press, stifled the Judiciary and sabotaged the country's parliamentary system, which had all been exacerbated by government's relentless abuse of the police to arm them against defenceless citizens.

"For us who were there in 1991, when we did away with the One-Party State, this is very sad. I never knew that in my life time, I would see the return of one-party dictatorship of one's show that PF has brought to the Republic of Zambia where harmless placard-carrying youths, who are in the majority, have to go and protest in the middle of the bush because the roads and streets of Lusaka, where they are supposed to match towards Parliament buildings or State House, were raided by armed paramilitary to protect the dictatorship, which has crept into the country. The police, who are supposed to maintain law and order, have now become the law unto themselves and the people of Zambia, who are supposed to be protected by the police, are now running away from the police because the police are there to protect the interests of a corrupt and criminally-inspired group of citizens. The police are now there to protect elected criminals," Changala said.

He said the youth only wanted to be heard as they had a message of high unemployment, among other things.

"The needs of our youths are so many, but they can't achieve their dreams because of corruption, intolerance and criminality by the PF. It's a sad story. But I must give credit to Maiko Zulu, Pilato, B-flow and other gallant young youth, who are ready to take up their positions in this country. Those gallant youth never succumbed to Kampyongo's threats or the police intimidation; they went and protested elsewhere on Zambian soil to escape the brutality of an armed police service, which

has risen against the people of Zambia in order to protect the interests of elected criminals," Changala said.

"PF has torn the country's Constitution apart; they have pushed us too much against the wall and it's high time the people of Zambia rose and claimed their State. As the Constitution stands today, this is a constitutional democracy and Mr Lungu and his cohorts cannot take it the other way round. It cannot be that only they must be heard. They have hijacked our institutions; they have hijacked the public media; the Judiciary and they have destroyed our parliamentary system and they have left us to defend ourselves as they arm themselves to the teeth! They have formed a militia to fight their own fellow citizens. The citizens have got totally different desires and ambitions from what the PF administration has. They want to govern themselves without intimidation, without police brutality."

And Changala, who encouraged the youth not to relent in their fight for good governance, also asked President Edgar Lungu to remove the police from the country's streets and direct his efforts on revamping the country's stressed economy.

"I want to take this opportunity to humbly ask President Lungu to remove the police from our streets and direct his efforts and energy on revamping the economy. The economy is in shambles, it needs urgent attention. It's not the youth that have a problem, it's PF and President Lungu, who are a cancer, and this cancer must be amputated for this country to heal. PF has brought division in this country; they have amplified tribalism," said Changala.

"But I urge the youth not to relent, one day we shall overcome. And this serpent called PF will be swallowed by the multitude of people, who will rise to reclaim their rightful position in this country. PF, as a party, has lost its legitimacy; they are no longer relevant to the Zambian equation, hence the brutality against its own citizens. And I ask the police to search their conscience as to whether it's ideal and normal to raise harm against the very people that they are supposed to defend; to raise harm against the placard-carrying youth, who are their own children. Why are they trying to suffocate the future? It is unacceptable! It is barbaric and Mr Lungu has lost it all and he has no moral right to continue to cling to power."

By Julia Malunga
PHOTOGRAPHER Chellah Tukuta says Zambian police officers are professional, but work under instructions from cadres at the Ministry of Home Affairs.

And Tukuta has vowed that he will not stop talking on behalf of poor people.

Meanwhile, Tukuta has lamented that Chinese nationals are given special treatment in police cells.

Speaking when he addressed his followers on his Facebook page, Sunday, Tukuta said most Zambians had the wrong image of police officers.

"I want to start by thanking the police officers. It is amazing that the police officers handled me very well and when you are speaking for people, people themselves will stand with you. And some of the people that I was speaking for are the same police officers, the civil servants that I was speaking for and these people were like: 'you know what Chellah, you really spoke for us.' It's not all the police officers that are corrupt. When you hear that police officers are corrupt, you cannot blame them, their conditions of service are not good. When I was arrested, I was told: 'brother, stay calm; we are not here to injure you, just be calm,' and I was calm. They took me to Lusaka Central Police; they got my phones and laptops for investigation purposes. But I would hear that there

Police are professional, but take orders from cadres at Home Affairs - Chellah

was one officer who was talking to a politician that, 'we have done this.' People have the wrong image of the Zambia Police, [people say] 'they might poison you,'" Tukuta said.

"Our police officers are good people, but they also work under instructions. Now, they are working under instructions and they are instructed what to do by politicians who are cadres! The problem is that at Ministry-level, we put cadres and when we put cadres at Ministry-level, those cadres begin to abuse the law and begin to abuse the people in those Ministries. So, for example, if you look at the Ministry of Home Affairs, it is cadres that have been employed at the Ministry and those cadres just instruct our professional police officers to carry out duties. Police officers are human beings; they have families, they have work to protect and all those things. So, then, they can't really do much because they don't want to lose their jobs so we have got to respect them. And I want to commend the Zambia Police officers here in Lusaka at Lusaka Central Police. Very good officers, really handled me very well,

encouraged me, told me to be strong. Actually, I received more encouragement from police officers saying, 'this is a passing phase.'"

And Tukuta vowed that he would not be intimidated but continue to speak for poor people.

"I was arrested for calling out corrupt people and in some of the cases I can't speak about them because they are in the courts of law and I don't want to be charged with contempt. But I want you people to get something that Chellah Tukuta will continue to be the voice of the voiceless! God took in me in those cells so that I could go and listen to the people in the cells. Our brothers in the cells are suffering; in our country, cases take very long for some people, justice takes long. I was thinking to myself to say, 'we have qualified lawyers in offices yet justice takes so long... Does it mean that people are being incompetent or what?' So, you begin to wonder and ask yourself questions. I must confess that I found cases that people are really detained for some of the cases they are not even aware of," he said. *Story continues on P7*

Govt abolishes highway COVID-19 check points

By Julia Malunga

THE Ministry of Health says it has removed all check-points on major highways out of Lusaka to stop person-to-person transmission of COVID-19.

And the Ministry says it is still working on modalities of giving health workers that are at the front-line of the fight against COVID-19 incentives which President Edgar Lungu

promised them.

Recently, some health workers who sought anonymity told News Diggers that they had abandoned their posts because they had not yet been paid.

When contacted on this revelation, however, Ministry of Health spokesperson Dr Abel Kabalo announced that the Ministry had removed all check-points on major

highways because they were unnecessary.

"As COVID-19 evolves, evidence shows that we have COVID-19 being transmitted throughout the country of Zambia. So, it is unnecessary to put up checkpoints. What we are advocating for is personal hygiene, social distancing, masking up etc. to stop person-to-person transmission of COVID-19," Dr Kabalo said.

"We can have them when necessary."

And commenting on remarks by Resident Doctors' Association of Zambia (RDAZ) president Dr Isaac Sakala who had lamented that they had not received incentives two months after President Lungu's directive, Dr Kabalo said the health workers were still being paid their salaries despite them not receiving the incentives.

He said modalities were currently being worked out to ensure the incentives would eventually be paid.

"Modalities are still being worked out. Soon, all involved shall get their incentives. The salaries are already being paid," said Dr Kabalo.

In April, Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya announced that President Lungu had granted incentives to health workers who were at the front-line of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

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THE speed camera contract between Intelligent Mobility Solutions (IMS) and the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) has remained terminated following alleged illegalities in the awarding and execution of the tender, sources have told News Diggers!

And IMS representative, Walid El Nahas has confirmed that all speed cameras have since been uprooted from various locations, pending discussions with government authorities.

Minister of Transport and Communications Mutotwe Kafwaya said the contract was moved from his portfolio and transferred to the Ministry of Finance.

In an interview, Nahas said there were management meetings underway regarding the matter.

"Right now, we are in the process of management meetings. So, honestly, I can't really comment. The speed cameras, yes, they have been removed," Nahas said.

Asked if the contract was ongoing, Nahas referred this reporter to the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA).

"I believe the best position for you is to speak to the government about this. Please speak to RTSA about it. They will be able to give a better position on that," said Nahas.

And Kafwaya said he did not know the current status of the contract because it moved to the Ministry of Finance.

"That contract moved from my Ministry to the Ministry of Finance because there was a financing issue in there; I may not have full details of the current status," said Kafwaya.

But RTSA head of public relations Fred Mubanga said that members of the public would be notified in due course on the concession agreement.

"The concession agreement between IMS and the Government of the Republic of Zambia on the provisions of advanced road safety management solutions is under consideration by the

Public Private Partnership (PPP) and once this is concluded, the public will be communicated to accordingly. What is of importance to note is that this concession agreement is under review and it is being tabled for consideration. This is a matter that is of concern and if anything has to change or there is any development, it has to be communicated to the public accordingly. Any official communication regarding the implementation of this particular concession agreement, of course, will be communicated to. Let us treat communication from the government's position as one that is authentic. We are going to, of course, through either RTSA or relevant government wings, which is the Ministry of Finance, PPP Council, we are going to agree on how we are going to communicate to the public once this matter is concluded. The component of the speed cameras is just one, but among many other components that are in this particular agreement," said Mubanga.

In October, 2019, the Auditor

General's report revealed that the Road Transport and Safety Agency deposited over K1.4 million collected from speeding motorists into an unauthorised 'private' bank account, where part of it went missing before it was deposited into a government Escrow account, following an inquiry.

The Auditor General also revealed that the said unauthorised account belonged to "Pay Now Zambia Ltd," which had been active since May, 2016, before the IMS contract with RTSA was signed, further explaining that this was contrary to Financial Regulation No. 140 (1), which states that "under no circumstances shall public money be credited to a private bank account or used for personal purposes."

And the Report disclosed that about 1,000 registered vehicles had no matching records at RTSA, while some vehicles captured as saloons by the Intelligence Mobility Solutions records were actually appearing as trucks on the RTSA vehicle registration system under ZAMTIS.

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YOUTH, Sport and Child Development Minister Emmanuel Mulenga says government aims to create over 10,000 jobs between now and December as a way of cushioning the impact of COVID-19 on young people.

And Mulenga says government covered expenses for all youths from outside Lusaka who attended Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya's meetings with young people last week.

Meanwhile, Mulenga has mocked youths who organized a bush protest saying they did not gain anything from the protest because they are just being used by a named politician who has failed to make it to State House in the past six general elections.

Speaking when featured on ZNBC's Sunday Interview, Mulenga stressed that he had listened to youths' concerns that they wanted inclusiveness in governance, promising 10,000 jobs by December.

"It's under discussion, we are trying to create jobs for the youths and a good number will be created. We are looking at creating over 10,000 [jobs] between now and December. You need to understand that we are in hard times where many businesses have shrunk because of this coronavirus. If you look at Southern Sun Hotel, it has closed; Pamodzi Hotel has closed and Intercontinental Hotel has closed. So, this coronavirus is a global phenomenon, which is being faced, globally. We cannot make more than what

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we can, but we are looking at making jobs. The youths also talked about what jobs are we going to create? A youth comes on the table, those that have been to school, they do not come with experience and we do understand that. We also understand that there are youths who have done hospitality business and the lodges are closing, so why don't these youths open up hospitality businesses? We are there to help as government," Mulenga said.

"We want to put youths together, those that have done mining engineering. Of course, you cannot take everyone to the mine. Those who have done mining engineering, those who have done marketing, those who have done accounts, we want to put them together and attach them to some big mine so that they can learn how to do business. Once all this is assembled, we will advise the youth to open a company and link them to ZCCM-IH to start mining gold on their behalf. Let them open up a mining consortium. Their job will be to mine gold on behalf of ZCCM-IH, at a later stage if they grow their capital and they know the corners very well and how to do mining

and how to conduct business in the mining sector, they can apply for a mining license. No one is prohibited from having a mining license. I had my first mining license when I was 21 years old; no one prohibited me from getting a mining license."

And Mulenga said all youths that attended Siliya's meetings were sponsored by government.

"We provided transport, we gave them transport refunds. For those who didn't have transport, we told our provincial coordinators to provide transport. Those who were able to provide transport and made it to come to the meeting, we refunded them their transport costs. Of course, the meeting was not representative of all the youth in the country, but we should remember that the problems faced by the youth in Lusaka are similar to the problems faced by the youth on the Copperbelt. Countrywide, the youth are crying of levels of unemployment and inclusiveness in the governance system. Their language is the same. So, actually, it is not the first and the last meeting to be held," Mulenga added.

But he cautioned the youth not to use political language if

they wanted assistance from government.

"There is a smarter way of engaging each other. I believe the youth are smart and since youth are smart, they need to use a smarter way of presenting their grievances. What is the smarter way to engage a person who you think has stepped on your toes? We should not lose the culture of this nation; there is no way and not a time did we go and stand on top of a hill and shouted at our fathers. You would sit with your parents or with your father and tell him the things, which are affecting you. Government is a father to the youth, therefore, they need to engage with the Ministry and the government accordingly in a smarter way and I have no doubt in my mind that the youth are smart and they should just engage us in a smart way," he said.

Meanwhile, Mulenga argued that the youth, who organized a bush protest last Monday did not gain anything from their protest and that they were being used by a named politician, who had failed to make it to State House for six successive times.

"Those who went to the bush, many of them are not even youth. And what did they benefit from going in the

bush? There are no profits in the bush. Those who came to my Ministry, each one of them made a profit. Those who went to the bush, what have they gained? They are just being used by politicians with selfish ambitions! They are being used by the same politicians who forget them when they get into office. Those youths are just being used by selfish politicians, who have failed to go into State House in the past six general elections we have held in this country. We need youth, who are going to present their views and engage government in addressing their views. Being used by a politician won't change your status. What will change your status is the way you conduct yourself, making sure that you achieve what you want to achieve and what you want to achieve is economic independence. If there is an office and a platform has been created for you, which we can use, but then you decide not to come to the meeting and you go to the bush, that is being used by a politician," Mulenga said.

He also stressed that government was not being reactive to challenges affecting the youth, but that leaders were simply responding because

they had heard their cries.

"It's not a reaction; the youths had a meeting with the President in March, we had Youth Indaba. When was the Aqua Fund introduced? Aqua Fund was not introduced when this uproar came up; it was introduced two months ago after the Indaba with His Excellency. That's why the directive was given by His Excellency that 30 per cent of (the Fund) should go to the youth because during that Indaba, the youth presented their issues and after presenting their issues, the President did direct that 30 per cent of this (Aqua Fund) should go to the youth. So, it's not a reaction, this is something, which has started happening and after hearing that the youth wanted to protest, I had to call them and remind them about the meeting we had with the President and I said, 'if there are issues, which you did not present during that Indaba, present them now and I will take them to Cabinet,'" said Mulenga.

"What do the youth need? They need inclusiveness in the governance system. There was also the issue of unemployment, that we should create jobs for them. Number two, empowerment and even when we explained the empowerment programmes, which are going round and round these ministries, they said they didn't know about the empowerment. So, as a Ministry, we are thinking of ways and means of making sure that we send this information."



SUSTAINABLE CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: A CASE FOR CEC

By Chewe Fredrick Mulenga

CORPORATE Social Responsibility (CSR) has over time become one of the standard business practices of profit-making organizations. A company's commitment to the notion of shared value can be observed and measured by how much it gives back to the community and, ultimately, its people. Globally, companies have adopted CSR as a crucial component of strategy and reputation. To this end, Farmer & Hogue, highlighted that, "in defining CSR programs, shareholders and managers should choose those actions that will maximize the welfare of the community by providing the desired goods and services while minimizing financial, social and environmental costs."

In Zambia, the concept of CSR can be termed to still be in development stage with most corporates engaged more in philanthropy than social investment whose end goal is to transform situations and lives in a way that makes the recipients sustainable. The goal of CSR in its purest form is not to hand out something for today only but to invest in something that will continue to earn a return for the beneficiary. CSR should be about elevating circumstances, creating and giving opportunities to sustain people into the future, even when that corporate is no longer present. A company's financial and commercial goals should be able to co-exist with its social goals. There has been growing concern amongst citizens in Zambia about the responsibilities and commitment of large investment companies such as the mines towards the environment and the welfare of the communities where they operate. Evidence indicates that while mining firms have made significantly large profits, the communities they operate in remain poor, underdeveloped and with a large part of the population, particularly young people, unemployed or without any means of earning a decent income, if at all.

There are companies that have evidently shown a CSR philosophy along the lines earlier stated. The ones that do not only give handouts but also make tangible investment in people, in contrast to the aforementioned approach widely practiced among companies in Zambia today.

Among those less sung heroes of CSR is the Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC), which has shone as a beacon of light and hope in equitably distributing the resources it generates. It may be known to a large number of citizens that CEC sponsors the Power Dynamos Football Club. What may not be well known is that of all the football clubs on the Copperbelt, only Power Dynamos has enjoyed consistent, high quality sponsorship from its formation in 1971 to date, by the same company. After the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM), which gave a lot to sports development in this country, was privatized in the late 1990s and early 2000s,



the Copperbelt Province experienced a different wave of change through football misfortune as the mine owners did away with putting financial resources into football and sporting facilities. Not so for Power Dynamos – CEC took on the responsibility and has spent millions of dollars (about \$10 million in the last 5 years alone) on the club.

The recent Covid-19 pandemic has brought to the fore what most companies value as their biggest priorities and significantly, the value they place on the community. On 19 May 2020, CEC donated 4,000 test kits and reagents valued at K1.7 million to the Zambian government towards the fight against Covid-19. This is not the only assistance the company has given towards the cause. In deciding to give both at national and localized level, CEC has in addition to the test kits given personal protective equipment and sanitary supplies to frontline healthcare staff and members of the public alike, and has not confined its assistance to its operational areas on the Copperbelt.

In the words of the company, there would be no business if the health of people doing business was compromised. The aforementioned gesture, particularly in these unprecedented Covid-19 times that have shaken financial markets and resulted in most companies focusing on financial survival, undoubtedly showcases CEC's corporate values and commitment to community involvement and engagement. A testament to the company's sustainability mission: "We invest in education, health, sport and recreation, environmental stewardship, infrastructure development and young people – all causes and projects that make a difference to the people of Zambia. We recognize and support the passion and drive of our employees to be valued participants in their communities, providing volunteering opportunities."

It's worth noting that this reputation goes beyond the recent pandemic. These significant acts of good will and shared value creation

amongst stakeholders has been demonstrated for over 6 decades. Examples are plentiful, including a notable recent partnership with the First Lady of Zambia, Mrs. Esther Lungu and her Esther Lungu Foundation Trust aimed at providing medical equipment and supplies to health facilities in the country. It is also significant that the company does not confine its social investments to health and football but covers a broad range of social sectors including the environment, education and infrastructure. Embracing its responsibility to ensure its development projects do not disadvantage communities, CEC has constructed 114 three bedroomed houses in senior chief Sailunga's area of North-Western Province for people that were displaced from its Kabompo Gorge Hydro Electric power station project site.

CEC has demonstrated its commitment to the Zambian people in numerous ways such as having over 4,000 individual Zambians as shareholders and the number increasing when those with indirect shareholding through pension funds are added, being a dependable taxpayer and making extensive social, economic and environmental investments in the community. Evidently, the Company has shown strong desire and consistency in giving back to the communities where it operates and serves, and significantly creating positive impact on these communities.

This is the hallmark and summation of CSR – creating sustainable and meaningful value and opportunities for communities, employees, business owners and other stakeholders. These efforts amongst many others underline the emphasis and commitment that CEC attaches to its social responsibility towards improving the lives of the people they serve and building communities where they operate and work.

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By Julia Malunga
FINANCIAL Intelligence Centre (FIC) Director General Mary Chirwa says the 2019 trends report might be released in August.

In an interview, Chirwa said the internal report was ready but was awaiting approval from the board.

"I would not call it delay. I know that in the past three years we have endeavoured to release it by the 30th of May of each year but as you are aware, we have had this COVID challenge this year. I think from the beginning of March to two weeks ago, our officers were working off-site. They were rotating and the trends report, as you have seen from the quality we produce, requires a lot of collection of information, analysis and most of all, team work. So the fact that I didn't have all the officers in one place at one goal, we were still understanding the effect of this COVID and we were all scared of having so many officers in one room to discuss. We couldn't finish it on time. But I am glad to tell you that we are done with the report internally and because we want to release a quality report, we will not rush because of time," Chirwa said.

"We will ensure that we have correct, verifiable information and recommendations that are workable. If you recall, our report does not only look at cases that have happened but we look at what trends did we see in each sector and what recommendations can we give our policy makers."

Chirwa said the internal report was complete and undergoing approvals.

"We are done with the report internally, it is just undergoing approvals. As you know, we have a board which also has to approve the report before it goes to the public. We will be able to get to the public I am sure in the course of August. I know that we have our ordinary board meeting at the end of July on the 30th so at that meeting, hopefully, our report can be approved and then we will be able to release it to the public. Because of our internal processes, we need to ensure that it is approved at all stages. After that approval, we can communicate a date when we can release and the mode of release of our report. There is no delay we just want to do a good job and obviously what has held it back a little is the COVID-19 pandemic," she said.

And Chirwa said the mode of release of the report this year would be different due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The mode of the release for this year might be different. As you know, we wouldn't want to bring so many stakeholders in one meeting like we usually do. As we go on, I am sure that we will be able to advise our stakeholders. But most importantly, what we are looking forward to is to use this document to enhance collaboration with our stakeholders so that it's a tool that we can sit one on one with the different sectors where we have already noticed gaps," she said.

2019 FIC report ready, awaiting board approval - Chirwa

She said it was not true that there was political interference causing the delay of the trends report.

"I should mention that we have operational

independence. We have never had interference in our work and all our stakeholders understand the environment in which we work and I think we have set foot in terms of

what the institution stands for. We need to ensure that we have strong and effective MLCFT measures to promote financial integrity and we have vowed to do that because

that is our mandate. I want to confirm to you that there hasn't been any interference, it is just the coordination issue because of COVID-19. And for our own reasons, we

don't want to do a hasty job, we want to make sure that the quality of the report that comes out is not affected by the environment around us," said Chirwa.

By Natasha Sakala

COPPERBELT Energy Corporation (CEC) Plc chief executive officer Owen Silavwe says Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2020 was meant to facilitate continued service to a defaulting customer and allow Zesco Limited to have cheap access to private property.

And Silavwe says the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) needs to be independent as opposed to disadvantaging parties before negotiations are done.

Speaking when he featured on Diamond TV's Costa programme, Sunday, Silavwe said SI effected by Energy Minister Mathew Nkhuwa last month, remained an infringement on property rights and was problematic to CEC as a business.

"The way we perceive it, the SI was basically promulgated to facilitate three things: to facilitate continued service to a defaulting customer, it was done to allow a State utility to have cheap access to a private asset. If we are to operate on the basis of the tariff that has been set by the regulator and I should say, it has no economic basis, we will slowly die as a business. So, one could think this has been put in place to allow you to die over a very short period. So, if you just look at those three reasons, that's very problematic for a private utility and it is very important that we address these issues. We are continuing to talk to government, we are looking at other actions that are available to the business, but we really need to try and address this. If you look at the three reasons I have given, you declare the whole of CEC, not just one line in CEC, the whole of CEC...and remember, it's not the whole of CEC that supplies KCM (Konkola Copper Mines). That's infringing on property rights, this is a customer, who hasn't paid for 12 months, for heaven's sake, [and you say] it's strategic? CEC is also strategic. There could have been ways to discuss this and agree a solution," Silavwe said.

"Let's look at Africa today: nowhere in Africa do we have common carriers as we speak, nowhere in Africa! Outside Africa, yes, they do have what is called 'open access,' but in all the countries where we have got open access, the market structure is totally different. Our market structure is still very behind to get to a point where we have market access. There are certain things you need to put in place to get to open access. However, when you talk about the SI itself, and I have to be very careful because these are matters that are in court, I will just mention very briefly, the SI itself and all attendant actions are obviously very problematic to CEC, to its investors, its lenders."

He said an open access system would only work if the industry was unbundled or else the main objective of declaring open access will not be achieved.

"Now, that obviously makes them such a dominant player such that if you are talking about open access in good faith, or common carrier in good faith, it should actually be starting with Zesco. So, for you to implement open access, you really need to ensure the roles of the players in the industry are well segregated. If you have a dominant player in generation, transmission and distribution because there is no way...the whole idea of open access is to try and open up competition and generally competition occurs at generation level, you can't have competition at transmission, transmission and

SI 57 dangerous to CEC's survival, laments Silavwe

distribution by nature is a monopoly. Now, if you go into open access and the industry is unbundled, you are basically going ahead of yourself and you are not going to achieve that objective," Silavwe said.

And he said that the ERB needed to be independent because the new Electricity Act substantially increased its regulatory powers.

"I am a regulated entity and I don't want to come here and speak ill of my regulator, I think we have enjoyed a good relationship with the regulator, but I have to say one thing: we are obviously shocked with respect to the decision the regulator passed with respect to the wheeling tariff that we should be charging Zesco. That, obviously, we have serious question marks on it. Otherwise, I should say that we've enjoyed a very good relationship with the regulator and a lot of these matters are matters that we continue to discuss and we've sort of presented our views on the need for the regulator to be independent because if you look at the current Electricity Act, the Act gives so much power to the regulator," he said.

"We were supposed to commence the negotiations, our colleagues, Zesco and KCM went to court. They started a court (process) in Lusaka so that brought the negotiations to a standstill. There are exploratory steps through government to get the parties talking again. However, as I said, the big concern is that, you see, when I am going to negotiate, all of you need to go to a negotiation in good faith and no party should be disadvantaged by the regulator setting a tariff that's not based on economic principles, that disadvantages CEC going into this negotiation because the regulator, first of all, writes letters to both CEC and says, 'this will be the tariff and then they say now go and negotiate.' This makes negotiation very difficult and in actual fact what it does is it emboldens the other guy to be very unreasonable in the negotiation because he believes the regulator is going to rubberstamp the number that he had given from the beginning."

He added that there was tremendous uncertainty in the industry at the moment given that there was currently no agreement between Zesco and CEC following the lapse of their Bulk Supply Agreement (BSA) on March 31, 2020.

"At the moment, there is no agreement between CEC and Zesco and that's why I said this level of uncertainty is not good for anybody. In terms of Zesco supplying power to us, there is no agreement; in terms of us providing transmission services to Zesco, there is no agreement. Now, that's a very uncertain business environment and it's not good for Zesco, it's not good for CEC and it's not good for customers either. We need to sort these things out. CEC has ended up where it has ended up because of the decisions that have been made by the government, by the regulator and it's not so much about Zesco, it's basically government," Silavwe said.

"We are basically living in a very uncertain business environment, it's very unfortunate where we have ended up

because we have got power flowing, we have got tariffs from Zesco that are called unilateral and non-negotiable. Now, in business, you never have such a thing because this is a business that depends on a contract, and remember, a contract is only a contract if there is a meeting of minds between the two parties. So, we have got tariffs that have been imposed so it's really a very dicey situation."

Meanwhile, Silavwe refuted claims that CEC had enjoyed exclusivity on the Copperbelt in terms of unfettered market access.

"Let me address the issue of exclusivity, CEC has never had exclusivity on the Copperbelt. The only one that can give you exclusivity is actually government, and government has never given CEC concessions. CEC has never had a concession on the Copperbelt. What actually existed, and I think people really have to be very honest and truthful when they present this argument. So, when that supply agreement was signed, CEC and Zesco agreed and this was basically a requirement by government because at the time, Zesco had excess power, Zambia had excess power. So, Zesco had told CEC, 'you are not allowed to buy power anywhere else as long as Zesco has got power.' This was in the agreement so CEC was not allowed to buy power anywhere else apart from Zesco so CEC said, 'okay, so you are my supplier and I am not allowed to buy from anybody else, then why don't we have an agreement where you can't come and try and get my customers,'" said Silavwe.

"To look at CEC and think that CEC has exclusivity or CEC has got such dominance, it's actually puzzling because let me simplify this, Zambia has 10 provinces, okay, in nine provinces Zesco is handling that exclusively. Because 100 per cent of revenues from the nine provinces goes to Zesco, CEC exists in one province where Zesco also exists. If you look at the revenues on the Copperbelt, 80 to 85 per cent of those revenues go to Zesco. CEC remains with about 15 per cent of the revenues on the Copperbelt, so who is dominant here, CEC or Zesco? Zesco, today, has been given the role of what is called the system operator. Now, a system operator decides, which generation they want to supply power to the country, which lines should be connected to the system and all sorts of things.

On May 29, 2020, Nkhuwa promulgated SI 57 declaring CEC infrastructure as Common Carrier.

He, however, issued a follow-up statement on June 23 stating that the recent regulatory and statutory changes made it clear that all transmission and distribution lines in the country were declared as Common Carrier to facilitate a move towards a competitive market.

But stakeholders, including International Trade Economist Trevor Simumba, swiftly challenged Nkhuwa to produce evidence declaring all transmission and distribution lines in the country as Common Carrier as the law demands, with the latter yet to show any such evidence.

Arresting officer testifies in Mushipe's sedition case

By Zondiwe Mbewe

LUSAKA Lawyer Martha Mushipe's arresting officer, in a case where she is charged with seditious practices, has narrated to the Lusaka Magistrates' Court how he allegedly seized a document at her law firm detailing strategy domination of the ruling PF against UPND from 2015, 2016 and beyond.

Bernard Phiri, 40, a detective inspector based at force headquarters, told the court that Mushipe allegedly chaired a meeting at her law firm to discuss the said seditious document which was given to her by a well wisher.

He added that at the end of the discussion, the meeting resolved to form a crack squad whose aim was to perform acts of violence against the people of Zambia and the State.

The arresting officer claimed that 10 people attended the said meeting namely; Mushipe, Emmanuel Chilekwa, Ephraim Shakafuswa, Clayton Hamasaka, Nchimunya Siamunjeje, Soko Habinda, Clance Zulu, Sambo Lubasi, Omia Hakanga and Hastings Shakanga.

In this matter, Mushipe, is alleged to have on unknown dates but between July 1, 2015 and April 11, 2016 in Lusaka, jointly and whilst acting together with other persons unknown and without lawful excuse, had in her possession seditious material namely "Strategy of domination, PF against opposition UPND 2015, 2016 and beyond-UPND at crossroads - transition or conflict / PF's use of ethnic divide and rules as a means of maintaining political control in Zambia 2015-2016 and beyond" by General Tendai Muduli, Dr. Ngosa Simbyakula and Dydmus Mutasa.

The seditious document was found in one of the offices at Mushipe's law firm in Millennium Village Villa 48, Madagascar during a search that was conducted at the premises in 2016.

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Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama

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Corruption should be a Life and Death Issue for Boards

A COLLEAGUE whispered to me a couple of weeks ago, that his best friend serving as CEO in an institution, was approached by a board member with a disturbing request. If the CEO wanted his contract renewed, he needed to pay something under the table to a few board members. In other words, the directors could only consider renewing the contract if the CEO oiled those few financially.

When I received the news, I exclaimed in shock. I know corrupt activities of all sorts exist in some organisations but not this kind. I was shocked because if the board members cannot conduct their own affairs ethically, how would they provide oversight to such an organization? If it were your own company, would you do it? Why does something that you would not do in your own organization become easy in another?

Boards exist to ensure the institutions they represent are governed according to best practices and institutional integrity is one of such standards. When I insist to directors about ethical leadership, I emphasize this is not only for the full board; it is a requirement for each individual member on the board. The standards are so high that one institution on which I serve as a board member wanted the services of my company and I felt even declaring interest was not enough. Resigning from the board to provide consultancy services was the best option for me.

Setting the tone on accountability and transparency for the entire institution is the best any person serving on a board should do. If truly one or two of these directors asked to be bribed to renew the contract of the CEO, they have seriously damaged the institution. That CEO will not only lose confidence in them but will leak the information to external parties. That is the problem with corruption: you never keep it to yourself (I recall some investors who approached me offering some financial gain to me if I supported them on a matter when I served as Director General of ZNBC and when I warned them about their illicit advances, they revealed a name of another person who had no problem with the offer! Gosh!)

The Board is the last line of defense against bribery and corruption. For some institutions I worked for such as SABMiller or the International Monetary Fund,

management did not only have an obligation to state how transparent they were in their dealings each year. It was mandatory to respond to a matrix of questions that would prove that no member of management or the Board were involved in bribery or corrupt activities.

SABMiller had a tool called 'Sustainable Assessment Matrix' (or SAM) that took no less than two days of uninterrupted attention to fill in the data. It was so rigorous that if you lied on any matter, particularly on bribery or corruption, the system would catch you without being able to know about it. The results that came out later would show you that the organization had not fulfilled the code of conduct in its transactions that year and your conduct had put at risk the company's reputation.

This was not the only standard in SABMiller: we were also subjected to another instrument every year that focused on reputation drivers. This was much more preventive than curative. It helped all members of staff and the board understand that corrupt activities would have some irreversible damage to the reputation of the business if any Board member or employee violated the requirements. It was so serious that even when I personally received offers from individuals connected to government that they would help lobby for a reduction in excise duty provided we paid something to them, we refused. The opportunity loss to the business at the time due to high excise was far higher than what we would have paid in bribes but we still rejected the offer. A good business reputation can never be compensated for anything. Business sustainability hinges on protecting the entity from all forms of corruption and bribery. I know some of those individuals who tried to push that agenda and I have a low opinion of them.

At the IMF, all those in management (and the Board) were compelled to respond to a lengthy questionnaire each year on several questions and some of them dealt with bribery and corruption. It was administered by an internationally recognized independent organization that had the competence to interpret information. The IMF also had an ethics department on one hand and another department that focused on investigating any violations by both the board and management.

These institutions fully understand the damage bribery and corruption, even by mere mention of them, can do for the sustainability of the institution. That is why no government can induce any mission chief to draft a favourable statement on any country if such goes against the ethical requirements.

With this background, I was horrified by the news that a CEO needed to bribe anyone for contract renewal. Whether true or made up, it should never ever be imagined that a board member can solicit for bribes to support the renewal of contract of a CEO. Such individuals lower the minimum benchmarks expected of a board member. It can be intriguing if this happens in state owned companies where there are sufficient security checks for board candidates. The system can easily detect, through various records of behaviour and performance, any individuals with a criminal record and traits of corrupt conduct. A corrupt person is usually pathologically inclined to this activity and its traceable in all places they have served as Board members.

The role of any board is to set up an anti-bribery and corruption policy. These policies should prohibit any unauthorised forms of payments to anyone. A report issued by PriceWaterHouse gives the following advice on corruption, 'The board, executives and management should lead by example. An entrenched value-system and attendant culture therefore forms the foundation of preventing corruption in an organisation.... The board as a whole should be satisfied that anticorruption steps taken by management, whether reported directly or through the relevant committees, are robust. The size and composition of the board will determine the mechanisms through which the board will interact most effectively with relevant management functions.'

Let me admit that Zambia has lately hosted strange investors whose view towards corruption or rent-seeking behaviour is just part of the business. Before they come here, they budget to tip off individuals so that they can have access to resources and opportunities. This culture is slowly being accepted as the norm and yet remains the biggest elephant in the room that requires

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diligence and foresight.

While robust systems remain crucial as a deterrent to bribery and corruption, it all boils down to individuals. Those that get the opportunity to serve on boards should take it as a rare honour to lend their personal integrity to an institution. I do not even believe 'How not to be Corrupt' should be part of board induction because the very fact that you were appointed to serve as a director presupposes you are an ethical person. Though unnecessary under ordinary arrangements, we include corruption on the board induction agenda because there are individuals who are appointed to boards for the simple purpose of aiding illicit and irregular transactions as demanded by corrupt shareholders. There are, however, organisations that have had a bad reputation but by bringing on board one individual with an impeccable record of integrity, changed their profile overnight.

However, things can be the other way round: there are individuals with low ethical standards and have managed to destroy corporate reputations for every board appointment they received. These should be reminded that corruption issues should always be treated as life or death concerns for the board. Next week, 'Board Appointments Not for Novices'

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By Mirriam Chabala
RAINBOW Party general secretary Wynter Kabimba says there is no evidence to prove that those opposing Bill 10 are in the majority.

And Kabimba says the Access to Information bill should not be enacted because it is not relevant and is only being advocated for by donors so that it can help them to push their agendas in Zambia.

Speaking when he featured on Pan African Radio, Monday, Kabimba said those opposing Bill 10 were just a click from within Lusaka and they had no evidence to prove that majority Zambians had opposed it.

"There is no argument as we hear from the other side that the Zambian people have rejected this bill. They have no evidence whatsoever that those who are saying no to Bill 10 are in the majority, they have no evidence. It's just a kama small click in Lusaka of those that are anti-Bill 10. Go to Luapula, go to Mumbwa and find out if they have been there. I live in the village and as I go round, when I find people who don't understand Bill 10 I tell them 'if UPND's presidential election [petition] was not fairly determined because of the 14 days, aren't you happy that that period has been extended to 30 days?' And in a local language, then everybody will say 'ah that's very good. Then Bill 10 is very good if that's what it's brining about'. So I interact with everybody using the language which they understand; not on WhatsApp, not on Facebook

but on one on one basis," Kabimba said.

Kabimba argued that while it was possible to withdraw Bill 10, the reasons being given for that were not convincing.

"It is possible to withdraw Bill 10 but I think what is not convincing are the reasons why the bill should be withdrawn. Those that are agitating for the withdrawal of Bill 10 are not putting forward any convincing reasons. So the bill 10 flight has taken off already, so those that are not on the flight, even if they tried to run, they can't catch up with the plane and they don't have any convincing reasons. Our view as Rainbow party is that the Bill 10 process has gone so far and there is no need to have it withdrawn," Kabimba said.

He refuted assertions by some people that he was supporting Bill 10 because of his friendship with President Edgar Lungu.

"This is not Edgar's bill, that's where people are wrong. If I am a friend of President Lungu and I support Bill 10, it's pure coincidence. Bill 10 is not President Edgar Lungu's, this is, our view as Rainbow Party, a bill that is intended to move us forward from Constitutional Amendment Act Number 2 of 2016, which the time when it was assented to by the President, we said that it was a bad law and it has been tested in a few areas and our point has been proven that it is a bad law. So when the time came that we should participate in its amendment, we thought that as

There's no evidence that those opposing Bill 10 are in the majority – Kabimba

responsible citizens, we should participate in the process and that's what we have done. So our support for Bill 10 has nothing to do with President Lungu," Kabimba said.

Meanwhile, Kabimba said the Access to Information Bill should not be enacted because it was not relevant at the moment.

"We must legislate or originate legislation which responds to our social condition. We can legislate because the donors say 'legislate and we shall give you money' and we can't legislate by copying and pasting. We must think through; what will be the consequences of this piece of legislation? The Freedom to Information Bill is being advocated for by donors. Don't we learn surely as a country? Look at what they did with the Land Act of 1995 which has caused so many problems for us. And they (donors) said to the government of President [Fredrick] Chiluba then, 'if you don't repeal the Land Conversion of Titles Act of Kaunda of 1975 and replace it with this bill... which they themselves had drafted, the World Bank said 'we shall not give you any money'. And I remember the resistance against that bill. But because we are poor, it was passed and the

consequences are disastrous for this country," Kabimba said.

"You will not be there but you will be turning in your grave because your grandchildren will be buying land from foreign nationals in this country at prices that they won't even afford. We are creating an apartheid system, a system that we helped South Africa fight against. The elite now are busy

displacing the fellows in the village, driving them from fertile land because they can wave a certificate of title. That's what may happen with the Freedom to Information Bill. Don't we learn? Who has bewitched us? So that bill is not relevant as at now, it may be relevant in the United States, it may be relevant in UK, it is certainly not relevant in Zambia. The South Africans who have a larger economy than ours have failed to pass it, they have been cautious. So who bewitched us that whatever comes from outside we should copy?"

And Kabimba charged that most of the NGOs in the

country were parallel political parties being used to push for their funders' agenda.

"Isn't it ironic that you have Civil Society Organisations (CSO)s that are called Non-Governmental Organisations and yet they are sponsored by foreign governments? How do you become an NGO when you are sponsored by a foreign government? And who told you that a guy can give an NGO money without trying to manipulate that NGO in line with their agenda? Let's open up our eyes. These NGOs are just parallel political parties being used to promote the agendas of the donors," said Kabimba.

Police are professional, but take orders from cadres at Home Affairs - Chellah

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"And for me, I am going to continue speaking for the poor in this country. I am not going to be corrupted; I am not going to be intimidated, scared, I am not going to be frustrated. My spirit continues to be high because we want a better Zambia. A Zambia where our kids grow up, our grandchildren will know we fought for a great Zambia and we have to defend a better Zambia for them. We have to fight for that great nation. There is a lot of poverty in this country. And because the poverty is too much, Zambians will continue to suffer.

Zambians are suffering; there is too much corruption going on, we cannot keep quiet. There is so much injustice in our country we cannot keep quiet. Zambia belongs to all of us and not a few individuals."

Meanwhile, Tukuta wondered why foreigners in police cells were allowed to go in with beddings and mattresses, while Zambian suspects were denied the same privileges.

"Madam Commissioner on the Copperbelt (Charity Katanga), it was interesting when I was at Ndola Central Police...do you know how foreigners were treated? When we went to the cells ifwe (us),

as Zambians, we were not allowed to go in with blankets or mattresses or anything. And when you go with shoes, nichosa nsapato (they tell you to take off your shoes), but we had a Chinese, who was detained and came in with shoes and I challenged the Chinese to take off the shoes and told him, 'we are all equal here.' Zambians entered without shoes; why should a Chinese go in the cells with shoes? I am not being racial. Some Somalians went in with cigarettes, they went in with their own blankets, mattresses and they were treated like kings! Zambians in police cells were suffering and foreigners were enjoying in those cells. And I was saying that, 'look at the way you are treating the foreigners, you don't touch them, but you come to touch us,'" complained Tukuta.

Zukas and team are just job seekers – Mumbi

By Julia Malunga
PATRIOTIC Front deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri says veteran politician Simon Zukas and other senior citizens that have formed an organization to challenge and address governance issues in the country are just job seekers.

In an interview, Phiri said since they were "too old" that the celebrated veterans were seeking relevance.

"In that organization, I even saw bashi nono (Bob Sichinga), who is known by my six-year-old grandchild that he left his family to go and live with a concubine in Kaunda

Square! Are those the eminent people we are looking up to with that character? We wish them well and May God bless them. Even in a home, if I have seven children, not everybody can be happy, that is the way the world is. If the world was smooth, God himself would not have sent Jesus Christ to come and die for us. For me, I take great exception. I am in this position, that even when I leave, I continue with my life and not look back. When I am given a chance, I should leave things in place, which cannot be destroyed. But the problem we have in this country is that people want to be in positions

forever," Phiri said.

"That mentality for (Kenneth) Kaunda continues and this should be an outcry for young people! That when old people serve, they should give room to the young people to build where they have left. It is such a shame if you look back at the Non-Governmental Organizations, who were making so much noise. When they are given jobs, they shut up! So, for me, I have seen such things happen, I just look at these people as job-seekers or maybe they are too old, they just want to talk because they are missing the recognition, which they were getting when they were in the limelight."

And Phiri said the ruling party was not threatened by the formation of the organization.

"I do not think anybody is threatened by that group. There are big names in that group, credible people. There is Telesphore Mpundu, Simon Zukas, Dr Sketchley Sacika

and others. Nobody can take away what these great men have done for this country. But when you are calling yourself eminent, it is like you have cooked a very nice cake and then you apply faeces to it! Can people eat that? But that combination...we wish them the best. That is why I have said I will never be a political prostitute because I am not a job-seeker. When I retire, I shall continue where I left. And you will never hear me talking because my time would have passed. I want to see young people. This is my time to make headlines and I have

been given an opportunity out of the 18 million Zambians to serve as the deputy secretary general for the ruling party. I should make my impact be felt so that even when I go, the positives should contribute to my legacy," said Phiri.

Zukas and fellow senior citizens launched an organization called Our-Civic-Duty Association (OCIDA), which consists of some senior citizens, among them freedom fighters, a retired senior church leader and some retired senior civil servants, who served in the past governments and the ruling party.

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It is now very clear that Covid-19 will be with us a little longer than we thought. So the question is, how should we live on with it?

We cannot downplay the devastation the virus has caused in many countries around the world, especially the European and American states. Our hearts go out to all those that have lost their dear ones to this pandemic. We further wish to salute the gallant health workers, both at home and beyond, for spending their professional time on caring for the sick and saving lives. We pray that this scourge passes quickly. A tragedy on any one of us, is a tragedy on all of us.

Looking at our country Zambia, we have now observed that the human suffering that the Coronavirus is causing in many other countries is surely not the same as here. We have observed on CNN and BBC and other international news sources, with great anguish, the many lives that have been lost and continue being lost on a daily basis worldwide. We must look heavenwards as Zambians to thank God that we have not been as hard hit. Given our limited testing capabilities, the death toll would have been staggeringly huge by now. But by God's

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Don't ignore other diseases just because COVID-19 is a lucrative pandemic

grace, our numbers still look manageable.

We are told that we have recorded cumulative cases totalling 1,568 with only 22 deaths in more than three months of the disease. Clearly, the impact of Covid-19 on Zambia has not been the same as we are seeing elsewhere. We are very much alive to the poor health system currently obtaining in Zambia. We are again aware of the desperately low numbers of Doctors and Nurses in our health facilities. In our clinics, hospitals, health centres and health posts the supply of essential drugs and operational funds from the central government has been very erratic and inadequate for a long time. Modern technologies and

medical equipment is either obsolete or not available at all. Our health system instead is littered with scandals of corruption and abuse of office. The people we have put in charge of saving lives are stealing and stripping the ministry to its knees. Because of rampant theft through dubious contracts and tenders, the health system is actually collapsing.

Right now, we are only dealing with scandals that were recorded before the advent of Covid-19, we can only imagine the number of crimes that are being committed in the name of Coronavirus. If, without any serious emergency, our Ministry of Health can single source companies of their

friends and award contracts to criminal elements, we should be prepared to see real procurement scandals in the name of the Covid-19 pandemic. We should not be surprised to learn in future that even the statistics were manipulated to suit their desired interests.

Already, some infectious diseases specialists and immunologists are not even agreed on the Covid-19 statistics. Health specialists working closely with the Covid-19 response program don't believe that 18 people have died due to Covid-19 in Zambia, arguing that many of the patients already had chronic and terminal conditions that would explain their deaths. But we are

giving the government a benefit of the doubt.

Now, our point is that if what has been placed on record is the actual impact that Covid-19 has had on Zambia, then it is high time we refocused on the other killer diseases which have been ignored during this Covid crisis. We are saying this because the mortality rates associated with other infectious diseases in Zambia is jaw dropping.

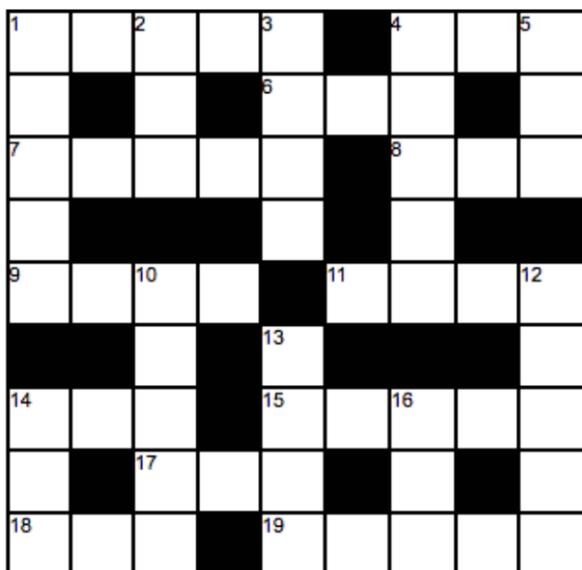
Not so long ago, in 2017, Zambia lost more than 21,000 people to HIV/AIDS, more than 11,000 people died due to influenza and pneumonias and more than 9,000 people died due to diarrhoea diseases. The preventable and

treatable malaria consumed more than 7,000 lives in the same year in Zambia. We lost more than 2,600 children due to malnutrition, too. Just these statistics above already give us a record of close to 50,000 deaths. Even if Covid-19 was killing 100 people every month, that would not come anywhere near the mortality rate for any one of the cited diseases above.

This picture has not changed much in 2020. Considering that our government has not found it necessary to provide at least monthly updates on these other killer diseases, we feel it is only logical for the Ministry to step back a little bit and see where they are losing more lives. Let them give the same Covid-19 attention to other infectious diseases. Government should not pay all the attention to Covid-19 just because it's a lucrative pandemic.

It is high time the government started updating us on these lives being lost due to preventable and treatable diseases. We need to know what the Government is putting in place to prevent more deaths from being lost due to HIV/AIDS, Pneumonias, Malaria, Malnutrition etc. Covid-19 is here to stay, let's not create an impression that this is the only virus that people must be worried about.

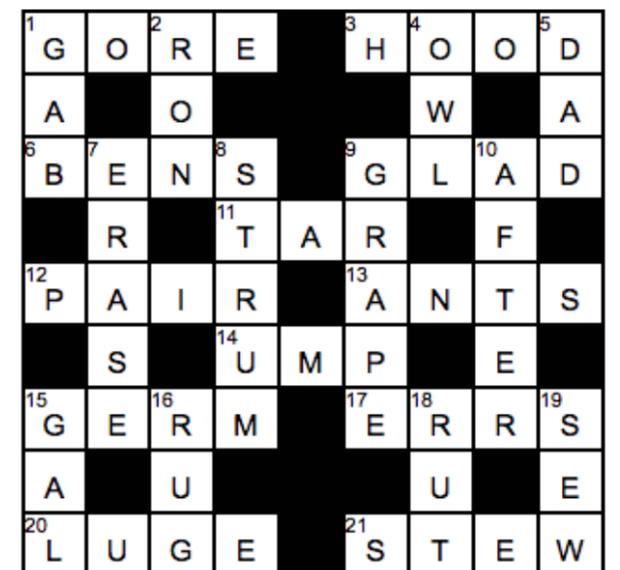
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- Mahatma Gandhi

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Readers' Feedback

Zesco's move to start remotely switching off appliances in homes

Editor,

"Isn't this an invasion of privacy. We can accept load shedding not somebody having access to our privately owned appliances. More over we pay for every kilowatt of electricity we consume. Bwana Victor, wrong move!" - Cyrus Kalando

"If electricity was free in Zambia then that would be understandable. Wasting money by buying devices which will be switching off, customers appliances that gives you income beats logic". - Mwenya Mwambazi Victor

"This is abnormal. Why do they want to be switching off

appliances when we pay for the electricity we use. Secondly, I am getting worried because Zesco may start depleting power in our meters. Isn't this is what is called broad day light robbery?" - Kenford Mulamfu Muleya

"We buy units according to our needs. Just meet the demand already. If electricity was free, I would say nothing". - Bonnie Siabusu

"When Things Go This Way In A Country, then they Must be A Problem Somewhere. Daily Nima Issues. Imagine Just From Public Concern On Government Planning To Spend Millions On Dept Restructuring, Zesco again without thinking of some other ways. Our own appliances they

want to limit how we use them". - BZ Ramsey

"Is that the best solution you have on the table? Instead of buying smart meters, why not invest in power generation to meet the demand e.g solar which I believe can be quickly implemented? This problem doesn't even require a lot of thinking plot". - BZ Ramsey

"Zoono Zesco yasila, I mean how can any reasonable person come up with such nonsense? PF has really damaged institutions and noblemen and women of this country!" - Mutinta Mulonda

"As usual an individual or individuals will be benefiting from this scheme than ZESCO or the citizens. It is a very bad and unwelcome idea. And where in the world has that ever been done?" - Pascal Bwalya

"If Zesco starts regulating power remotely they will be a possibility to tamper with our units". - Phillip Kunda

"We need an overhaul at Zesco. These brains are tired. What kind of thinking is this? Can't they use the same \$40million to set up a new solar power plant?" - Ken Peters



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Wina's claim that staying home has increased electricity consumption

Editor,

Hopeless and Hapless statement! What does this government want to do to us sure? People have cried to you by proposing that you waiver duty on solar panels etc, you have refused! Ichashala we will be told use koloboi and charcoal or inkuni, which we are already doing! The policies being hatched are retrogressive, discouraging ubuyantashi! Awe bane this is very ridiculous? You want us to live in darkness so that there is surplus power?" - Jones Chiziwa

"Give people an opportunity to work then they won't be home, especially youths... provide opportunities and close your eyes when giving those handouts, instead use a mechanism which works to empower all under an even distribution to meet us all somehow in someway". - Michael Ngala

"Myopic minds will never seize opportunities beyond their nose. Stating facts as genuine youths are doing doesn't make them a tool by any politician. Check your back and see how deserted you are". - Maningi Dibili

Mwila's caution to OCIDA to desist from partisan politics

Dear editor,

"Anything and anyone that opposes PF is perceived to be linked to a certain opposition party. Is it not a reality to them that people are free to think independently without political affiliation?" - Mukosha Mulenga

"How many professionals currently serving the nation have destroyed their own legacies by supporting wrong things just in order to keep their jobs? People doing contrary to what they were taught and trained". - Asa Amisi

"Retirees have seen governments come and go. They are reservoirs of wisdom, ignoring their contribution to the political landscape and labelling them opposition is at the peril of those labelling them. They understand the sufferings of the people more than those in power. Wait and see what they have seen while sitted in their

retirement chairs which the leaders turned rulers can't see while standing on the pinnacle of power". - John Mileji Snr

"As usual he sounds delusional. Instead of looking at himself and his party's conduct in the last few years he wants to pass the blame to innocent men and women who mean well for all Zambians not

just the minority ruling class". - Kelvin Mshanga

"The legacy they hold was based on what they are currently fighting for. It's part of their CV. So Bwana Mwila take several seats bcoz yowa political CV is nothing to talk about, no bwino bwino it's like a fufu veve in the weldi.....akilika mane". - Lee Kambanikwaoh Ndonyo

'Lungu missed the message from youth during bush protest'

Dear editor,

"He missed the point and opportunity too. Youths are on a different topic, they have serious issues. The President should have looked at the placards". - Bravol BM Mulez

"The majority youths are already hustling in few opportunities available, that doesn't pay any better because of bad economic dynamics... The whole lot of the president can't relate so? To him, opportunity means being a PF cadre and singing praises for the party.. What a gullible leader indeed!" - Kool Int

"It aint about oportunities... Actually, those opportunities are not even available for the youths. Its about the undemocratic ruling, corruption and the animal farm the country is experiencing. We shall Malawi the situation. God is in the neighbourhood". - Stanslous Mwila

"It doesn't make sense to respond in this manner, show youths the

opportunities you are providing and they will appreciate". - Cornelia Hamunzala

"The only opportunity we have left is to vote wisely next year,the Malawi way that is. Hope that gives you enough time to start packing your bags and wait for your retirement package sir.You have really let us down". - Sizwe Thabo

"Even k2,000 is enough business capital in a good economic environment but our environment is not conducive for business. Youths need an economic environment that offers opportunities, not hand outs!" - Martin Mubanga Chilufya

"Since there are other opportunities, drop the retirement age so that those who already have a share of the national cake can do something else since they have made startup capital.Politicians too, why do they fight to stay in power forever instead of grabbing other opportunities? Viwamila galu kuluma mbuzi and not mbuzi kuluma galu.



By Ulande Nkomesha

THE Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) says Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini erred in interpreting the law, as that is a preserve of the Constitutional Court.

And LAZ says there is no law that gives the Standing Orders Committee the power to extend a Bill that has lapsed.

In an interview, LAZ president Eddie Mwitwa said that the Constitution clearly indicated that the ConCourt had the mandate to interpret the Constitution.

"The issues of the Speaker

Matibini has no powers to interpret laws – LAZ

and the ConCourt, I mean, we have given the matter some consideration and we are with the Constitutional Court on the question that who has the mandate to interpret the Constitution. That is what the Constitution itself says. It is extremely clear. I mean,

if you look at Article (1) (5) it says, 'any matter relating to the Constitution shall be heard by the Constitution Court.' In Article 119, the same Constitution gives the power to interpret the laws and the Constitution for our courts of law," Mwitwa said.

"When you go further to Article 128 (1) (a), it gives the Constitutional Court the exclusive mandate to interpret any question relating to the Constitution other than a matter that is reserved in the High Court under part three of the Constitution. So, we are of the considered view that the Constitutional Court was right in determining as it did; that the Speaker had no mandate under our laws to interpret the Constitution in the manner that it did."

He stressed that Parliament's mandate was to make laws and not to interpret the law.

"Our separation of powers, granted is not 100 per cent pure, there are some overlaps...you see Cabinet Ministers finding themselves in the Legislature, so they are part of the Executive. So, there are instances where there are overlaps between the two organs, especially of the State, particularly the Executive and the Legislature. But any lacuna or any question as to

who has the power to interpret laws of the Constitution is resolved by the Constitution itself. The articles I have referred you to are explicit, they are extremely clear. So, the preserve of interpreting laws is for the courts of law; Parliament makes the laws, it has no mandate to interpret the law. If the Legislature is exceeding its mandate, it is only the courts that can make that determination. That is our view," he said.

And Mwitwa said there was no law that gave the Standing Orders Committee the power to extend a Bill that had already lapsed.

"That is another issue where, again, you can see that there is a lot of confusion I think within the ruling party or on the promoters of the Bill. Our considered view is that there is no law that gives Parliament the right to extend a Bill that has lapsed. We followed the Government's Chief Whip's (Brian Mundubile) statement to the press where he gave the justification for the deferment of Bill 10 and we have looked at the standing orders of Parliament of 2016 and we have not found any justification there that gives the Standing

Orders Committee the power to extend a Bill that has lapsed. So, that, for us, obviously, calls for concern. But again, if there is an issue, if that Bill should be tabled in Parliament, again, we believe that the courts can also be invited to make a decision on that," Mwitwa said.

Meanwhile, Mwitwa said that the Association was still awaiting for the ConCourt to set a date for the hearing of the Attorney General's application on the illegal stay of Ministers in office when Parliament was dissolved in 2016.

"Well, the matter is still in court, we are just waiting for a date of hearing. You may recall that before the COVID-19 pandemic hit all of us, the ConCourt had set the date for the hearing of the Attorney General's application, for the Court to determine what the Ministers are supposed to pay back. That application hasn't been heard; it was last scheduled to have come up in April, so we are still waiting for the date of hearing. The matter hasn't died and it will not die until they (Ministers) will pay back!" said Mwitwa.

Last week, Dr Matibini said he reserved the power to interpret the Constitution within the confines of the operations of the Legislature.

This was after he disagreed with the ConCourt ruling that he has no jurisdiction to interpret the Constitution.



Arresting officer testifies in Mushipe's sedition case

From P5

Former Bulletin and Record Magazine journalist Charles Mafa had previously testified that he came in possession the alleged seditious document in February 2015, way before Mushipe had it.

Mafa said it was scary that some of the issues highlighted in the same document, detailing how PF had planned to use violence, tribal division among other things to win the 2016 elections, had actually come to pass.

And when the matter came up for continued trial before Lusaka magistrate Felix Kaoma, Monday, Phiri told the court that when he warned and cautioned Mushipe on the offence of seditious practices, she elected to remain silent.

He testified that on April 11, 2016 he was on duty when he was assigned to be part of a team that was constituted to look into a complaint that was made by Ephraim Shakafuswa.

Phiri explained that Shakafuswa complained that on July 15, 2015, he was asked to report at Mushipe's law firm.

He added that he went to report at Villa 48 Madagascar, Millennium Village around 17:00 hours where he found other persons in attendance.

Phiri said Shakafuswa told him that the meeting had 10 people in total.

He said according to Shakafuswa, Mushipe chaired the meeting, adding that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the strategy document which was given to Mushipe by a well wisher.

Phiri said the meeting proceeded to discuss the document titled 'strategy of domination PF against opposition UPND 2015/ 2016 and beyond' and that at the end of the discussion, the meeting resolved to form a quack squad whose members were those that attended the meeting.

He said the objective of the quack squad was to perform acts of violence against the people of Zambia and the State.

Phiri told the court that in conclusion of the meeting, Mushipe proceeded to prepare the Oath of confidentiality in the names of people who attended that meeting.

He added that the purpose of the oath of confidentiality was to keep whatever was discussed confidential.

Phiri claimed that Mushipe also prepared a document with code names for those who were in attendance.

He said having listened to the complaint by Shakafuswa, the police proceeded to have warrants signed by the court and further searched the premises of Mushipe's law firm.

"A search on April 16, 2016 was conducted at the premises. During investigations, a document was found and through a notice of seizure, a file containing those documents was gotten from the premises. I looked at the contents of the file and found that the file contained; a five paged document titled 'strategy of domination PF against opposition UPND 2015/ 2016 and beyond' authored by Tendai Muduli, Dr Simbyakula and Mutasa, the file also contained names of Mushipe, Shakafuswa, Chilekwa among others," Phiri said.

He said he summoned all the individuals who attended the meeting through the UPND Secretariat but only Chilekwa showed up and he interviewed him over the meeting which allegedly took place at Mushipe's law firm on July 15, 2015.

Phiri said Chilekwa confirmed attending the meeting and confirmed to have discussed the said document.

He said he extended his investigations to Dr Simbyakula over the document and he denied ever authoring the document.

The arresting officer said he also interviewed Mushipe concerning the meeting held at her officer under a warn and caution statement but she elected to remain silent.

In cross examination by defence lawyers Keith Mweemba and Gilbert Phiri, the witness was asked if he was aware that Charles Mafa, one of the State witnesses, was in possession of the document long before Mushipe even possessed it, the witness said he was aware.

Asked if to this day, the police had arrested Mafa, the arresting officer said no.

He added that Mafa was not arrested because he never sat to form a quack squad.

The State witness however, agreed that the said document was in public domain as it was on the internet

Asked by Mweemba if he agreed that it was erroneous of him to arrest the accused person based on something which was already in public domain, Phiri said "no I do not agree."

He however, admitted that Mushipe did not author the document and that the said document brought out issues of public interest.

Trial continues.



Supporters of President Félix Tshisekedi in the Democratic Republic of Congo protest against proposed changes to the judiciary on Wednesday.

WHO warns 'the worst is yet to come'

THE head of the World Health Organization has warned that the coronavirus pandemic is not even close to being over.

It has now been six months since the first cases of a mysterious pneumonia-like illness were reported in Wuhan, China.

At the time it was feared that we would see a repeat of the Sars outbreak of 2002 to 2004, which killed 774 people.

Now, with more than 500,000 people dead and more than 10 million confirmed cases worldwide, WHO director-general Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has said this is "a moment for all of us to reflect".

But, he warned, the "worst is yet to come" - adding that

"with this kind of environment and conditions, we fear the worst".

Despite progress in some countries, he said the pandemic was speeding up and the world would need even greater stores of resilience, patience

and generosity in the months ahead.

"Six months ago, none of us could have imagined how our world - and our lives - would be thrown into turmoil by this new virus," Dr Tedros told the WHO press conference. **BBC**



Bale is being shafted by Zidane and Real Madrid - Bentley

GARETH Bale is "getting shafted" by Zinedine Zidane and Real Madrid, claims David Bentley, with the Wales international a player who can "do anything" and deserving of greater respect.

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Bale has collected a Liga title and three more European crowns since then, while passing the 100-goal mark for the Blancos, but his Santiago Bernabeu adventure has become something of a nightmare.

Form and fitness issues are now seemingly never far away, with the 30-year-old becoming an easy target for a demanding fan base that is never afraid to make scapegoats of those that they consider to be underperforming.

Madrid boss Zidane also

appears to have bought into that way of thinking, with the Frenchman choosing to overlook Bale on a regular basis across his two spells at the helm.

That has led to inevitable exit talk, but Bentley believes that a man he saw enjoy a meteoric rise to prominence at Tottenham is being unfairly treated by those reluctant to acknowledge his true value.

The former Spurs winger told 888sport: "Gareth Bale. He could do anything. We had numerous players when I was there who were talented and young footballers. We had loads.

"It's only when I look back that I see we were a really great football team. We didn't win anything but should have with [Luka] Modric and [Rafael] van der Vaart and [Jermain] Defoe, but Gareth Bale could do anything.

"His tackles were better. His free-kicks were better.

He could throw it longer than anyone else and run faster and was stronger. He could leap and get up for a header. Literally an all-rounder.

"I just can't believe what's happening to him at Real Madrid. I think Zidane isn't happy that Gareth scored a better goal than him. It sounds like a personal thing.

"The thing is Bale isn't arrogant. He's quiet. He will eat his dinner and not say much so maybe they then think he's arrogant and just wants to play golf and not socialise, but he just wants to get on with what he's getting on with.

"It annoys me because I always looked out for him. I

watch him still at Real Madrid to see how he's doing. He's a lovely boy, well he's a man now, and he's done so well for himself. He is so successful yet he's getting shafted."

Bale earned his move to Madrid after starring in the Premier League, with there no plenty of talk that Harry Kane could soon tread a

similar career path away from Tottenham.

Bentley concedes that the prolific striker is another who will be generating plenty of interest, but he cannot see a home-grown star being lured away from north London unless an "extraordinary offer" is tabled. **GOAL**

Barcelona plan to sack coach Quique Setien at the end of the season unless there is a radical improvement

BARCELONA are prepared to sack Quique Setien as manager unless results drastically improve and they win the Liga title or Champions League this season, Goal has learned.

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with Setien being too hands-on in training - similar to how Real Madrid's stars turned against Rafael Benitez before he was sacked and replaced by Zinedine Zidane - while the assistant manager, Eder Sarabia, is also a very unpopular figure.

Setien has also lost the confidence of the board, who hoped the coach would help smooth things over after Valverde's departure - however poor results and negative football has ensured this has not been the case.

What could save his job, however, is the fact that Barcelona could still end the season as La Liga and Champions League winners - they are only two points off league leaders Real Madrid, and have a round of 16 second-leg clash with Napoli to come in August, having drawn 1-1 in the first game before the cup was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Setien was never the first choice after Valverde's sacking, with Ronald Koeman and Xavi Hernandez both turning down the job before the 61-year-old was appointed.

Former Barca star Xavi, now coach of Qatari club Al Sadd, has admitted he is preparing to manage his old club in the future and the Camp Nou board may try and persuade him to return this summer, while current B team boss Xavi Garcia Pimienta is also considered an option.

For now however Setien continues - but unless he manages to guide the club to what looks like increasingly unlikely success, he is on borrowed time. **GOAL**



Klopp urges Liverpool fans to celebrate Premier League title win responsibly following wild Pier Head scenes

JURGEN Klopp has urged Liverpool supporters to celebrate the club's Premier League title win responsibly, as he condemned the mass gatherings seen in the city last Friday.

In an open letter to the Liverpool ECHO newspaper, the Reds boss insisted it was vital that fans "stay at home as much as possible", promising that they will be able to "paint the city red" when the time is right and the threat of coronavirus has subsided.

Klopp said he was dismayed by the sight of thousands of Liverpoolians gathering after their first league championship since 1990 was confirmed by Manchester City's defeat at Chelsea on Thursday night.

Fans congregated outside Anfield in the immediate aftermath, but it was Friday night's scenes at the Pier Head in the city centre which Klopp referenced specifically.

He wrote: "I love your passion, your songs, your refusal to accept defeat, your commitment, your understanding of the game and your faith in what we are doing.

"Even though you cannot be at our games at the moment I love that you still made sure that you were with us

by making the Kop look like the Kop even if it cannot sound like it. I cannot begin to tell you how much the players and myself appreciated that and I have no doubt that it was one of the reasons why our performance against Crystal Palace was so good.

"What I did not love - and I have to say this - was the scenes that took place at the Pier Head on Friday. I am a human being and your passion is also my passion but right now the most important thing is that we do not have these kind of public gatherings.

"We owe it to the most vulnerable in our community, to the health workers who have given so much and whom we have applauded and to the police and local authorities who help us as a club not to do this.

"Please - celebrate - but celebrate in a safe way and in private settings, whereby we do not risk spreading this awful disease further in our community."

The Pier Head gathering has been condemned by council officials and Merseyside Police, who confirmed that two men had been arrested, one on suspicion of assault and another on suspicion of arson after a firework

struck the city's iconic Royal Liver Buildings, causing at least £10,000 worth of damage.

Klopp added: "If things were different I would love nothing more than to celebrate together, to have a parade that would be even bigger than the one after we won the Champions League last year, so that we could all share this special moment but it just is not possible.

"We have all done so much to fight Covid-19 and this effort cannot go to waste. We owe it to ourselves and each other to do what is right and at this moment that means being together and being there for one another by being apart.

"When the time is right we will celebrate. We will enjoy this moment and we will paint the city red. But for now, please stay at home as much as possible. This is not the time to be in the city centre in big numbers or to go near football grounds.

"At the start of this crisis I said that we did not want to play in an empty stadium but if it meant that it helped just one person stay healthy we would do it no questions asked and nothing has changed to make me alter this

view.

"I already knew and liked the German word solidarität before I came to Liverpool and now I have learned that the English word is solidarity because I have heard it used by our supporters during the last few months.

"For me, it is the word more than any other that captures what Liverpool people are about. It is why they have come together to make PPE, it is why they have delivered food parcels and medicines to people when they have needed it most and it is why they come together in so many different ways during such a difficult time.

"If we can keep on coming together by being separate we will hopefully play a big part in the fight against this disease. I know that we can do this because I have experienced what a difference can be made and the players and myself have benefited from it.

"Hopefully in a few months from now, or longer if necessary, I can write another letter to the Liverpool Echo to thank you for putting the health of our people ahead of everything else. Nothing would make me prouder." **GOAL**



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