



# KATELE ACQUITS HH

# ON PRIVATISATION

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**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
FORMER Finance Minister in the MMD government Dr Katele Kalumba says government, through his ministry and the Zambia Privatisation Agency (ZPA), had done due diligence before arriving at a decision to privatise Mosi-O-Tunya Hotel in Livingstone. *Story page 2*

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**By Julia Malunga**  
JUSTICE Minister Given Lubinda says 2021 is not a time for experiments, asking Zambians to ensure that President Edgar Lungu wins by 80 per cent.

And Lubinda says government does not want to arrest opposition UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema but that should he be nabbed, it will be because he committed a crime he needs to answer for.

Meanwhile, Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo says PF cannot be scared of Hichilema because he is a loser.

Speaking when they featured on Kasama radio,

Sunday evening, Lubinda asked Zambians to make sure President Lungu wins by 80 per cent next year.

"Mu 2021 ama Zambians bekapanga mistake ifyaku panga ama experiments tafi

kwete inchito. Natukwata kateka Edgar Chagwa Lungu ulefwaya ukutungulula ichalo, ukutwala ubuyantanshi elyo ule tila ati abena Zambia bonse babombele chapamo. Tiyezi tichite..." *Story page 10*

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did over the year. If next year numbers go up, we are going to see. Basically I wouldn't say the report has been doctored, I think people have different opinions and sometimes you can't be responding to each and every opinion we need to remain professional and that is what we are basically doing. There is nothing that has happened that would warrant people to say that the report has been doctored," Tembo said. *Story continues on P7*

## Zim Professor advises Zambians to elect a selfless leader in 2021

**By Julia Malunga**

ZIMBABWEAN public intellectual Professor Ibo Mandaza says Zambians should look for a selfless leader whom they can elect in next year's general election.

And Prof Mandaza says president Levy Mwanawasa took up the challenge and turned around the Zambian fortunes like never before.

Speaking during the virtual Levy Mwanawasa public lecture, Friday, Prof Mandaza said selfless leaders were available.

"As we approach elections in Zambia and the region, look for selfless leaders, they are there in all our countries. They have to be encouraged and mobilised in the same way that you in Zambia successfully mobilised an almost regimented Levy Mwanawasa to come out. Let us look for these people, they are among us. Let's find them in our generation," Prof Mandaza said when asked what type of leadership people should be looking for as elections were nearing.

He said Mwanawasa had identified and selected technocrats who helped to address the key imperatives and goals of both good governance and economic management of the country.

"The national disruption is obvious in COVID [times] and even though we have lost many family members and friends, we hope that it is soon over. Therefore, my main attention in honoring Levy Mwanawasa as a leader is to look at the man-made moments of disruption and these are many and familiar in our region. Bad governance is a den for constitutionalism in the rule of law, economic and social despair, mismanagement, growing debt, corruption, growing poverty and inequality. And these are major challenges and I think the notable fact about Levy Mwanawasa is that he took up the challenge when he became president in 2002 and turned around the Zambian fortunes like never before," Prof Mandaza said. "And we are returning as we are to the same kind of crisis which he inherited. We are therefore forced, compelled to remember him. And in doing so, we hope that we can in the few months, years renew leadership, not just in Zambia but in the region. I want to define leadership in relation to Mwanawasa. The first is personal integrity, leading by example. The second is self-introspection and the capacity to acknowledge one's failings, one's shortfalls and on the basis of that identify and select persons, technocrats who can help to address the key imperatives and goals of both good governance and economic management. Thirdly, confidence, accountability and trust that develops between the leader and those he had chosen to be part of his team."

He said very few leaders would resign from their Cabinet position on moral grounds.

"In particular, the following stand out in terms of his personal character and integrity. First, importance of family and community, secondly commitment to education and technocracy, capacity for effective and selfless leadership, loyalty to principle, moral force

and character, faith in one's fellow human being and the proactive use of the law, as a lawyer himself, as the shield for the weak and ordinary citizens and not as a sword for the elite and powerful. He stood out as a leader, almost a natural leader who had to be persuaded into leadership, accepting such with humility and selflessness is rare in our time," Prof Mandaza said.

"How many leaders do we know who had to be invited and came across as humble? How many do we know who, even after they are persuaded, have the guts, the courage, to do as he did on the 3rd of July in 1994, resigned his Cabinet position in protest against growing levels of corruption in government and the lack of transparency and accountability? How many have you seen in our times? And in 2001, as he was persuaded to come back into politics, he said 'I am not going to come back, I will stay as a lawyer', he had to be persuaded."

He said Zambia was a joke in the 1990s but Mwanawasa turned the country around.

"He was a champion of good governance in democracy...Levy was a champion of economic reforms. He understood, clearly, the meaning of competent leadership, he understood the importance of knowledge, skills, discipline and good judgement and therefore, this affected the team that he chose to carry out the objectives for which he declared on that day. He had Magande, I am told by Zambians the best Finance Minister ever; he had Caleb Fundanga at the Bank of Zambia, he had [Mundia] Sikatana as a Minister of Agriculture and he had [Justice Mumba] Malila as Attorney General. He had inherited a poorly performing economy. We remember Zambia was a joke in the 80s and 90s but our friend Levy turned that around in the first term of office," Prof Mandaza said.

He said Zimbabwe tried to emulate the agricultural revolution that Mwanawasa had introduced but failed due to lack of leadership.

"He rejected GMOs courageously from the US. He instituted an agricultural revolution which turned Zambia which had been dependent for decades on imports of food. Today, Zambia, thanks to Mwanawasa and his team, is exporting maize even to the country South of it. And today, we are trying in Zimbabwe under the so-called command agriculture to emulate the agricultural revolution that Mwanawasa did but we have failed because we don't have the kind of integrity, the kind of leadership skills that Mwanawasa was able to put around himself. He had resuscitated the mining industry and he carefully implemented the unavoidable secular justice program and led to a near cancellation of the foreign debt in 2005," said Prof Mandaza.

"...He was able to institute decentralization while maintaining the primacy of a unitary state. He instituted a constitutional review; last but not least, Levy Mwanawasa restored the national dignity of Zambia as a great country that it is..."

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being a public officer namely Assistant Social Welfare Officer at Mafinga District Social Welfare office did fraudulently or unlawfully diverted a total amount of K223,670 for his benefit, the money meant for social welfare beneficiaries and administration of Mafinga Social Welfare Department, a public body,” read the statement.

Moono stated that Maruzah had further been jointly charged with a former assistant programs officer, Sydney Mutale, for unlawfully diverting K17,528 for their benefit which was meant for social welfare beneficiaries and administration.

He said Maruzah had since been released on bond and would appear in court soon.

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Speaking during the routine COVID-19 daily updates, Monday, Dr Malama expressed worry that residents had continued to patronise public places, such as bars, and that they continued to hold large events like funerals, weddings and kitchen parties, which were a major source of COVID-19 transmission.

He said it was an element of selfishness that some residents had persisted to patronise bars and nightclubs, which endangered theirs and others' lives.

“His Excellency, the President of Zambia Edgar Chagwa Lungu, has guided that as a country, as we return to normalcy, we need to ensure that we don't drop the guard in preventing further transmission of COVID-19 in our country. We have made some progress, but we need to make sure that we continue building on this progress to protect the lives of our people and avert further deaths in Zambia. It is clear that although a lot of Zambians continue to be compliant at individual level, we still see a sudden situation in our country where some members of the community continue to be persistent in patronising social places, particularly bars, abrogating what we have agreed as a country. Others continue to hold large funerals, weddings, kitchen parties, religious gatherings and other social events contrary to health guidelines,” Dr Malama complained.

“Even as I speak today, when we give an update, we will be able to adduce that some of the infections we continue seeing are being perpetuated by such gatherings. We continued to note the number of people infected with COVID-19 having a history of attending these gatherings I have alluded to, including those that have continued patronising what I may call illegal bars because at the moment, we know what is standing when it comes to bars and nightclubs. This behaviour continues to endanger yourselves as people who are patronising, your loved ones and your neighbours. So, it is an element of being selfish! Because once you put yourself

at risk of COVID-19, you have no control, other people close to you will contract the disease and the outcome may not be the same. Others may stand the infection, but they are those who may succumb from COVID-19. It is, therefore, important as a country we are cautious of how we manage our events by seeking advice from relevant authorities in this case the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Local Government to guide you on how you can safely manage these events.”

When asked if the Ministry of Health would take any action against Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa, who was captured at Chicago's Reloaded in a video that went viral on social media where he was seen dancing, Dr Malama claimed that the Ministry was not aware of the video.

“We take note of your submission, you are referring to

one of our leaders, as Ministry of Health, we are not aware of what you are referring to. So, we can only pick that up and engage accordingly,” he said.

And Dr Malama announced that Zambia had recorded 60 new COVID-19 cases out of 727 tests conducted in the last 24 hours.

He said the country had recorded 12,836 cumulative COVID-19 cases with 11,748 recoveries and 295 deaths.

“In the last 24 hours, Zambia recorded a total of 60 new COVID-19 cases out of 727 tests we conducted. The new cases we are recording today include: 36 healthcare facility screening in Lusaka. So, you see that our healthcare facilities also continue recording cases. That is why you have seen, as government, we continue through the Ministry of Health in pressing on our people not to necessarily visit healthcare

facilities unless those who are unwell. We also tested 16 from routine screening; 13 from Lusaka and two from Ndola. We also picked positives from the nine contacts known to cases in Lusaka. Currently, we have 47 patients in health facilities admissions and these are disaggregated as follows: we have 31 at Lusaka Levy Mwanawasa COVID-19 isolation and treatment facility; of these 14 are on oxygen therapy; we have seven under intensive care, which means they are quite sick; two of these are on mechanical ventilation, meaning they cannot breathe on their own, we need to bring in machines to support their breathing. Outside Lusaka, we have 16 patients with nine on oxygen therapy admitted to various COVID-19 treatment and isolation facilities. These are distributed as follows: we have seven on the Copperbelt;

three in Muchinga; three in North-Western; two in Southern and one in Northern Province. So, you can see the distribution,” said Dr Malama.

“Today, a total of 74 patients have been discharged and these include 49 within Lusaka, 24 Eastern Province and one in Central Province. Therefore, our cumulative number of cases for Zambia stands at 12,836. The total number of tests we have done in Zambia is 124,073. We want to reach a situation where COVID-19 becomes a routine test in our facilities and also in selected primary health care outlets so that those who are positive can easily be picked. As a country, we now stand at 11,748 recoveries with 295 deaths. These deaths as we updated yesterday have been classified as 100 COVID-19 deaths and 195 COVID-19 associated deaths.”

# Yaluma fumes on radio after caller accuses him of failing to develop Malole

By Julia Malunga

MALOLE PF member of Parliament Christopher Yaluma says he will “punch anyone” accusing him of not having taken development to his constituency, adding that those criticising him are being used by stupid people.

Speaking when he featured on Kasama Radio, Sunday evening, Yaluma bragged that he had achieved and completed a number of developmental projects in Malole to merit re-election next August.

However, a caller, only identified as Mutale, told the lawmaker that the roads were in a deplorable state and that there was no police post, while local residents were subjected to walking long distances just to access basic health services.

But Yaluma, who is also Commerce Trade and Industry Minister, charged that the caller was being used by “stupid people,” who were inciting people to rise against him.

“What road is he talking about? Kayambe road is being worked on. Two weeks ago, the Minister of Finance (Dr Bwalya Ng'andu) released K15 million. Natuchita ifipatala ifingi sana mu Mungwi (I have constructed a lot of health posts in Mungwi). The 650 health centres are almost completed. Right now, there are mini-hospitals. Nali pa Chanda weya last week, pali ulebabepa nawo wine wa party yesu mu local authority. Alebika ka building ati ndekula clinic na Ministry of Health tayaishiba. Ndemwebwa

ati apa pali mini hospital ilefwayika talefwaya ukumfwa. E uyo alentuka abantu ukulemba ifyo pantu nalichita condemn clinic yabo paleisa clinic intuntulu. Talefwaya ukumfwa. (I was at a place called Chanda last week, there is someone who is lying to them, he is also from the party, PF, he is also constructing a clinic. The Ministry of Health is not even aware of it. I told him the land was reserved for a mini-hospital, but he is adamant. He is the one parading people to rise against me just because I condemned a clinic he is constructing),” argued Yaluma.

“Pa Makasa, there is a clinic coming. Malole is a very big constituency so teti aleishiba ifile chitika kumbi ngalefwaya aipushe ama councilor bakwe elaisa pa mwela iyo. Twalibomba sana. I have built so many schools he doesn't know. I'm nearly everyday talking about Chambishi road. On Tuesday (today), we will be paying contractors to start working on the road. As I speak, now, I deposited 40 pockets of cement to do a school pa Chanda weya. Teshibe efyo alelanda iyo, he's being used kuli abantu aba tumpa. I will punch them! (Malole is a very big constituency so he can't know what is happening in other places within the constituency. He should ask his councillors; he doesn't know what he is talking about; he shouldn't come to the radio station to castigate me! I am a hard worker. The caller equally

doesn't know what he is talking about, he is being used by stupid people).”

Meanwhile, Justice Minister Given Lubinda asked Malole residents to be patient and give Yaluma an

opportunity to work because his constituency was vast.

Lubinda is also in the constituency ahead of the Lukashya by-election to drum up support for PF candidate George Chisanga.

# BoZ disbursements from Medium-Term Facility rise to K1.7bn

By Diggers Reporter

THE Bank of Zambia (BoZ) has so far disbursed nearly K1.75 billion out of the K10 billion Medium-Term Refinancing Facility, with Atlas Mara Bank receiving the highest amount of any financial institution of K533 million.

In a status update on the K10 billion Refinancing Facility as at September 4, 2020, BoZ revealed that around K1.75 billion had so far been disbursed to businesses through their respective Financial Service Providers (FSPs), representing 17 per cent of the total available funds from the Facility.

This is up from K1.1 billion that had been disbursed by July 29 and K875.16 million, which had been disbursed one month prior on June 30.

Data shows that the cash disbursed by last Thursday had gone through 11 FSPs, with six commercial banks and five non-banking financial institutions.

From the six banks, a nominal value of over K1.5 billion was disbursed, while the five non-banking institutions channelled K221.4 million to their respective clients, representing 87.3 per cent and 12.67 per cent of the funds disbursed, respectively.

African Banking Corporation Zambia Limited, trading as Atlas Mara in Zambia, topped the list of any financial institution having received the highest amount of K533 million of the funds so far, with Stanbic Bank Zambia Limited in second place with K494.4

million, while Indo-Zambia Bank received nearly K321 million.

On the non-banking financial institution side, Pulse Financial Services Limited (PFSL) accessed K74 million, the highest in its sector, leaving Izwe Loans and Xtenda having received K72 million and K70.5 million, respectively.

In terms of the number of beneficiaries who accessed the loans, 12,380 were individuals or households from non-banks, while 773 were from the “other customer” category, bringing the total to 13,153 beneficiaries.

From the banks, only five individuals or households accessed the loans, with 240 from the “other customer” category, bringing the total to 245 recipients.

The BoZ has approved a total of 20 advances from both banks and non-banks worth a combined nominal value of nearly K5.4 billion.

This arises from a total number of 28 loan applications from the entire FSPs, worth a combined nominal value of nearly K10.2 billion.

In April, 2020, the BoZ established the Refinancing Facility to enable FSPs support businesses and households that had been hard-hit by COVID-19.

The Facility has an initial amount of K10 billion and tenors of five years for priority sectors identified in the Seventh National Development Plan (agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and energy) and three years for other sectors.



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# Effective Boards Anchored on Diversity

**L**AST week, I interacted with a corporate executive serving in one of the state-owned enterprises. He told me as a young man brought up in a solid family from Mbala, he was seriously concerned about appointments to public boards that are biased towards a few ethnic groups. He felt we were building a culture that would be dangerous to reverse in future. His view was that we had successfully created fertile ground for the collapse of institutions.

I was very glad there were notable non-political Zambians who were fully awake to current realities that cannot easily be dismissed. Anyone who fully understands the power of corporate governance in the sustainability of institutions should not shy away from raising concern about the current trend where appointments are taking the shape of 'old boys club', something that was resisted globally many years ago. This was when friends appointed their own friends to the boards to the extent such noble causes became nothing more than cartels. By their own definition, cartels exist to control institutions for self-benefit. The real concern for this executive was that because of the exclusion of others from participating in board appointments, finding credible and useful individuals for such appointments was becoming thinner by the day in Zambia.

There is a very good case for corporate governance and that's why qualification to any board takes the form of diversity. Diversity is usually in form of intellect, emotional acumen, experience, technical expertise, analytical skills, wisdom, gender, age and ethnicity. I have trained boards that have traditional chiefs among them. The chiefs may not possess the technical or intellectual skills that may be seen to be the primary endowments for board membership. Their perspective could be on understanding the social and cultural dynamics and impacts of board decisions.

Women on boards bring more than the intellectual acumen to the table. Some of them do not even have it.

However, their contributions can be extremely insightful as they tap into their intuitive endowments to change or collapse a decision. They may not employ their other analytical capabilities to ascertain potential risks to a grand plan, a

strategy that has been meticulously laid out for approval. They will, however, vote against the strategic plan simply because of how they feel about it.

Not every decision in board meetings is arrived at mathematically. At times individuals provide guidance based on how they feel, informed by events of the past, their inner reading of the situation or possibly, by way of spiritual persuasion. The point is that board composition should be diverse, taking account of the various capabilities available and the needs of the organization. Properly constituted boards have complimentary skills. A governance professional, Laurence Kuper says, "A real team is a small number of good people with complementary skills who are equally committed to a common purpose, clear performance goals and a joint approach for which they hold themselves mutually accountable."

When we consider the attributes, skills and experience that are relevant for an effective board, you will understand why the corporate executive mentioned above is concerned about how boards are constituted in Zambia today. Every descent Zambian should be concerned, and I am happy to examine some of the attributes, skills and experience that in themselves point to the need for diversity.

**FINANCIAL EXPERTISE:** In 2018, I inducted a board that had 13 directors. I realized there was no one with financial skills among them. That is generally what happens when board selection is narrowed down to people before working out the required skills set. If the selection was based on complementarity, financial skills should have been at the top.

The finance function at executive level of any business is regulated, meaning that it must be there as demanded by law. It means the board will be mandated to discuss financial matters at every sitting. Even if the executive reports on the financial statements, there should be someone on the board competent enough to ask questions. We cannot fail to find such a

person if we looked far and wide, across all parts of Zambia. This also goes for legal expertise that is expected to be part of every board, especially for statutory, public, and listed entities.

**RELEVANT INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:** Over the past many years, we have prided ourselves as a country for having produced incredible individuals who possess significant exposure to various industries. Nothing beats experience. The very essence of having a board is to benefit from individuals who have travelled the journey we are embarking

There are days I wish we have a digital library of the 'who is who' in Zambia, cataloguing the resource that we have retired without benefiting from it.

When individuals retire from the corporate world or from the public office, they take with them knowledge that can still be useful for generations coming after them. I have interacted on boards with some of these people; they are not only resourceful but still energetic, ethical, and hard working. They have enough time on their hands to dedicate to scrutinizing board papers. If we need to enrich our boards, let us be on a hunt for these individuals.

Since the past did not discriminate about who ascended to top management positions based on gender or ethnicity, it means we have many of them spread across the country and not from only one or two regions. We are doing ourselves a huge disservice for being this myopic and blinkered, robbing the future generations an opportunity to be competitive in the global village. It is self-deception to assume that all individuals who hail from certain regions are a political risk. Why should board appointments become political?

**STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATION:** I am yet to learn of an institution that exists primarily for a select group of people. There is no manufacturing company that produces products to be consumed by one ethnic group. Banks exist for everyone; we all deposit money and borrow money irrespective of our social backgrounds. If that be the case, diversity in the form of stakeholder representation should be observed at board level.

If politicians are trumpeting and cementing the tribal card, companies should counter any such maneuvers by turning a blind eye to any attempts to have non-diverse boards. Stakeholders all over the world are becoming more and more awake to institutions that lack strong inclusive policies. They are sensitive to practices that demean their value in the marketplace. Before you go to them to sell a product or service, they want to know how far your company articulates fairness around all areas of concern, including diversity in the board composition. Some go as far as boycotting products produced by companies that lack inclusion. All stakeholders want to be treated equally and with fairness.

In summary, effective boards are anchored on diversity. It means there must always be an open and rigorous search for deserving individuals, taking into account national benchmarks on inclusivity. This also goes to multinationals operating in Zambia. They must be awake to this reality that Zambia is a diverse country and all individuals should be treated with respect. An effective board thrives on balance and this balance is about ethnicity, gender and age distribution, intellectual acumen and diversity in general. That way, you should rest assured that you will benefit from the values of honesty and integrity, the pillars for good corporate governance.

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## HH EXPLAINS HIS ROLE IN THE PRIVATISATION PROCESS

**(IN RECENT WEEKS, ACCUSATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST UPND LEADER, HAKAINDE HICHILEMA THAT HE STOLE FROM PRIVATIZATION. LAST WEEK, HH HAD AN INTERVIEW TO CLEAR THE AIR. THE UPND MEDIA TEAM BRINGS YOU A VERBATIM REPORT OF THE INTERVIEW ON HOT FM, DIAMOND TV AND OTHER STATIONS.)**

**INTERVIEWER:** As Hakainde Hichilema, did you participate in the privatization process? Were you in charge of the process?

**HH:** It's very important that we clarify at some point who was responsible for the privatization program but to insinuate that I made money because of the privatization process only is far from the truth because I started business at a very early age of 26 and was able to buy a property at K 61 million in 1995 before I was involved in any privatization program. So it's not true that we made our money through privatization. We are business people. The answer is that I participated in the privatization program but I was not in charge of the process. Who was in charge? It was the government of the day and which one was the government of the day? It was the MMD who were responsible for the privatization program in terms of policy not myself because I was not part of the Government. Legally, they were responsible because they set up the Privatization Act of 1992 as a Government under the late Frederick Chiluba MHSRIP. And the overall structure (today is our day to explain these things so that those who might not be aware might know, those who may be mischievous, their mischief can be laid bare) The MMD government came into office in 1991 and in 1992, they enacted the Privatisation Act which was a legal document, meaning that parliament at that time made a decision and gave the citizens a law, the privatization law. The way the structure was made was there was a cabinet on top chaired by the President of the Republic of Zambia. Under Cabinet, there was a Committee of Ministers from within Cabinet called Committee of Ministers of Privatisation, HH was not there. Then there was the Zambia Privatisation Agency, ZPA as an institution and manager to implement the privatization process. That is where the policy and legal power lay. The Committee of Ministers comprised Finance, Commerce, Mines and Tourism depending on the assets. The ZPA would then ask for expert advice from many, many people. Thousands of Zambian lawyers, corporate finance guys like ourselves, real estate agents, property valuers, engineering firms from 1992 along the way were somehow involved. 270 companies or units were sold and today HH was responsible. HH sat below the privatization agency, asked to do his professional work. So the answer is yes in terms of involvement at that level as I have explained and No in terms of responsibility, in terms of legal power and in terms of policy power, I was not involved.

**INTERVIEWER:** Madam Edith Nawakwi has brought out three key issues which include the Kabulonga property, the sale of RAMCOZ and the sale of Mosio-tunya Hotel in Livingstone. Let us start with the Serval Road property in Kabulonga, when did you acquire that property?

**HH:** It's fair to state that Madam Nawakwi on HOT FM alleged that I stole a house from Lima Bank and she mentioned the house as the one on Serval Road in Kabulonga. That I stole the house from Lima Bank. I abused my role in the privatization programme, got that house from Lima Bank dubiously. She actually called me a crook. I'm not a crook. That house never belonged to Lima Bank as she alleges. I bought the house but not from the said bank.

**INTERVIEWER:** Is there proof to show that you didn't acquire this house from Lima bank?

**HH:** There is yes.

**INTERVIEWER:** Would you care to show us?

**HH:** Madam Nawakwi made these allegations that I stole the house, I responded that I never stole the house, I don't steal. Here are the facts Gary. This property is called farm 488a/40/a/3 Serval Road. That's the name of the

plot. I bought this house from a company called National Tobacco Board of Zambia. This house was advertised through an open tender through the Newspaper in 1995. Madam Nawakwi says I stole the house from Lima Bank because in her allegations, I was involved in the privatization of the bank in 1998, but I bought this house through a public tender in 1995. The timeline there does not match. Someone is lying, is it me or it is her. I say Edith Nawakwi you lied. Here is a summary of the house having been bought from National Tobacco Company and not Lima Bank. (displays the house documents). I responded to a Newspaper advert in April 1995 and then after I responded and I was awarded after emerging as the highest bidder. That's the point I was making earlier on. Without being involved in Privatisation, I was already as a businessman able to tender for this property at K 61 Million. Now who advertised the house? A firm in Ndola called T.P. Chibwe and company who were valuation surveyors and estate agents who had been engaged to sell the property. To be specific my offer went in on 26th of April 1995, then the valuation was done, how they did it I don't know, that was not my job. Then I was offered the house. Who owned the house from the very beginning. Here are the records from Lands Ministry showing who owned the house. (displays Ministry of Lands documents). Mr. Chileshe was the owner of the house who sold it to the Tobacco Company of Zambia in 1967 and then TBZ got a mortgage from Zambia National Building Society of K 15,000 in 1971 and then TBZ changed its name in 1989 to National Tobacco Company of Zambia and all these entries are there in the Ministry of Lands documents. Then the National Tobacco Company borrowed money from Finance bank in December 1989. The money was not paid according to these documents and the bank moved in to repossess the house according to the security that was provided and passed it over to TP Chibwe of Ndola to advertise the sale. I won the tender like I said K 61 million, no income from Privatisation but from other businesses as a partner, as a shareholder and a couple of other businesses at an early age. No privatization at that age. I then paid the Real Estate Agent through my lawyer, one Michael Musonda, the current Deputy Chief Justice of Zambia and is still alive. Then they went and paid off the mortgage. The mortgage and interest was at ten million kwacha as at 27th September 1990 and the money I paid in was used to clear the mortgage and they were able to discharge the mortgage on 7th July 1995. Then the house was offered to me by the National Tobacco Company and became mine. Then I registered an assignment which is a document used to change ownership on 7th July 1995. That house was never ever a Lima Bank house. The bank came up for privatization in 1998, I bought the house in 1995. Clearly Madam Nawakwi you are a liar.

**INTERVIEWER:** Okay, that clears one of the particulars of the defamatory statements. So..

**HH:** She will have a chance in court to prove whether she has a different record of this. She has a chance in court. That is why we have gone to court so that we can stop shouting at each other.

**INTERVIEWER:** We now move to the second issue which is on RAMCOZ. What role did you play in that transaction whether remotely or closely because she raised this.

**HH:** First, there is this allegation that this young guy called HH was responsible for privatizing the mines and that he and he alone had the power. I think I have explained that I didn't have the power because I was merely a service provider contracted and at the time appointed through a public tender either as an individual or firm with agreed fees. I got paid because that is my job and business. I think today I must clear that. There is an allegation that I privatized a mine called RAMCOZ. I never privatized any mine in this country. I made this point clear. This mine was privatized around 1997. I was not there. The records are there at ZPA and Zambia Development Agency today and I can assure you that you will not find HH's name there. RAMCOZ was sold by

the MMD government through the structure I earlier gave you. I was not involved.

**INTERVIEWER:** Why do you think she mentions HH?

**HH:** Malice. She is confusing things. She is claiming that I was the Receiver as you can see in our demand letter. In her insinuations, she says this young guy called HH had the power to privatize mines and its assets but that is wrong. It is actually malicious, completely malicious and again she will have the time to prove herself in court. Neither did I privatize RAMCOZ nor was I its receiver. I was none. On her program on Hot FM, she alleged that I stole 10 million dollars from RAMCOZ. How I stole it, I don't know. She will prove that in court. I'm not a thief and I didn't steal any money from RAMCOZ.

RAMCOZ was privatized in 1997. Thereafter they borrowed money in 2000 or thereafter as a private company from ZANACO bank which they failed to pay. And ZANACO appointed a receiver to recover the money they were owed by RAMCOZ which was then a private company. Completely misleading herself and the public. And I'm shocked that a former Minister of Finance can fail to understand basic facts. It can only prove one thing, political malice. Get HH at all cost even if he is not a criminal. Complete malicious because the facts are there. How do I know that the facts are there? When you are appointed Receiver under the Insolvency Act, you have to register your receivership deed at PACRA, that time it was called Company Registrar. You also go to court and register that receivership Deed and you are appointed as a receiver as an individual, the law is very clear. I can invite Zambians who might be doubting on what is going on to say go to PACRA or go to court and see the Receivership Deed on who was appointed receiver only to recover the money for ZANACO and not to privatize RAMCOZ because it was already privatized 3-4 years earlier. I think my colleagues who did the receivership for ZANACO did a very good job as they recovered the money which was a very difficult thing to do to recover. The rest is detail for court. We shall see what she says in court.

**INTERVIEWER:** The third of the issues raised by Madam Nawakwi concerns Mosio-tunya Hotel in Livingstone that you sold yourself the shares after evaluation and all that. Give us a picture of this transaction and concerns raised by Madam Nawakwi.

**HH:** In the privatization process, if there is an asset that delivered more than expected, it was that project in Livingstone. World class asset, competitive product internationally, delivered meticulously in accordance with the objectives that were set in the privatization program. If I was not Hakainde Hichilema and was not seeking public office, I would have been praised every day on the way that transaction was handled. Completely first class in accordance with the set objectives. There was an allegation that I was shareholder when the bids came through, they never came to me but to ZPA. The bids under the program were received by ZPA and then decides who they think can help them to structure the transaction in accordance with the set objectives and the agency would call people like us, not just me but there were other people there. But the way everything is being made to look like there is this troublesome chap called HH seeking Presidency who is not allowed to be Republican President of this country. He must just be a citizen of Zambia. I aspire to be President. The bids went to ZPA and the insinuation is that I was shareholder of Sun International and when I was appointed to assist in putting this transaction together, I had vested interest in Sun International and therefore awarded the assets to the bidder. The material question is did I have shareholding in Sun hotel to be able to declare conflict of interest when I was asked to assist by the MMD Government through Cabinet and ZPA, the answer is NO. I was never a shareholder and I invite Zambians to go to the registry at PACRA and see if HH was a shareholder because that's what Nawakwi said that I was a shareholder and therefore gave myself Sun International, she is wrong, I was not a shareholder

# Katele acquits HH on privatisation

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
FORMER Finance Minister in the MMD government Dr Katele Kalumba says government, through his ministry and the Zambia Privatisation Agency (ZPA), had done due diligence before arriving at a decision to privatise Mosi-O-Tunya Hotel in Livingstone.

And Dr Kalumba says Hichilema is being asked to account for his role during the privatization process because he is seeking public office.

Meanwhile, Dr Kalumba says a minister cannot be involved in corruption alone as they are schooled by government officials when getting into office.

Speaking when he featured on the ZNBC's Sunday Interview, Dr Kalumba said issues surrounding privatization were well-reviewed under President Levy Mwanawasa.

"I didn't expect it to get to this far. I think the issues were well-reviewed under President Mwanawasa. Committee of parliament was set up to review the privatization, the ZPA acquitted itself in their reports and so one, the issues that were raised by the Auditor General were in public domain and some of them were answered while some of them were not answered. But I didn't expect that it would reach this scenario," Dr Kalumba said.

Asked if the privatisation process was a fraud, Dr Kalumba said the core responsibility of the actual negotiation and the details of privatisation was done by ZPA through its agencies.

"I will only understand that if you give me an example of any industry that was privatized which is failing. The structure of privatization was very clear. Cabinet, through its committee,

had the oversight. But the core responsibility of the actual negotiation and the details of privatization was done by ZPA through its agencies that it was hiring. These were Zambian experts. And due diligence had been done by ZPA, I would assume, on the expertise of each particular firm. ZPA was an agency that was put in place by the law, hiring you to perform a public function. And for me, particularly for the mines, I had to go to parliament for parliament to agree. So, it was not just a one man decision," he said.

And Dr Kalumba said UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema's name is being linked to the privatization only because he was seeking public office.

"Now it's only Mr Hakainde Hichilema's name which is coming out but in the past, there were other names coming out. It happened that maybe because he is a man who is seeking public office and people are asking him to account. I have gone through this issue and if you are calm, and answer these things reasonably, people will leave you. But don't be emotional about it," he said.

Dr Kalumba said he was satisfied that Sun International Hotel had the capacity to construct standard facilities before signing the deal after Mosi-O-Tunya hotel was sold to them.

"The financial issues had already been agreed to at the level of ZPA. I didn't know that bidders had been there. I only found that there was one file on my table about the Sun international brought to me by my permanent secretary. We had to satisfy ourselves and conducted a capability assessment of whether or not

these people were capable of constructing a hotel. And through Mr Hakainde Hichilema and officials of Sun international and my own office, we arranged a trip to see what they were capable of," he said. "After that trip, I satisfied myself that they had the capacity to construct high-quality facilities. But I think the debate now is on if Mr Hichilema had shares in Sun international when he was negotiating for Sun international. If he had no shares, let him explain to the members of the public so that those who are questioning him could shut up. But in my view, this thing can be well investigated through the investigative wings to prove whether or not he had shares."

Dr Kalumba said corruption is not done by politicians alone.

"There is no school for ministers. Usually, when ministers go into office, they are schooled by the officials they find there, on what to do and so on. And the system of governance must be examined very well on how ministers relate with the officials. And for those that may have the predisposition to acquire things outside the law, usually, they work with the officials in government. A minister cannot do it alone. Corruption is on the streets and we have to look at it holistically as a society," he said.

And Dr Kalumba said the fight against corruption must only be left to professional government agencies because if left in the hands of politicians, they will make political capital out of it.

"The selectiveness of this fighting corruption to only particular constituencies I think is wrong. Let us leave the corruption to the professional wings of government, and not

to politicians. Politicians are making political capital out of a narrative that is warped. And the private sector must not be left out. This is a private sector-driven economy. The private sector are the ones who win public contracts. And much of the government contracts that are done are won by the private sector. We can't just look at one side," said Dr Kalumba.



**By Julia Malunga**  
CONSTITUTIONAL Lawyer John Sangwa, State Counsel, says Zambians should begin to interrogate the character of leaders ahead of next year's general elections.

And Sangwa says Zambia has not been blessed with good leaders.

Meanwhile, the prominent lawyer says Zambia is a train in motion that needs to be fixed while it is moving.

Speaking at the virtual Levy Mwanawasa public lecture, Friday, Sangwa said people should not focus on political parties but on the track record of individuals contesting leadership positions.

"I think it is a very important concept that good men and not good laws make good governance. The laws are as good as the people themselves. If you place emphasis on the good men, a good person will not engage in corruption, not because the law says don't steal, or do not get bribed but because it is just not in him to accept bribes," Sangwa said.

"A good leader, a good person will respect the law because it is in him to respect the law. Now these are issues that I think we have forgotten along the way. What we need to do I think when we are looking at the elections next year, look at the character of

## Zambia is a train in motion, you can't stop it to fix it - Sangwa

the person, who is he? Which is what we don't do. We just get excited because there is a particular candidate that is sponsored by a political party, we just vote. The problem...is that leadership cannot make you a better person. In fact, when you are given power, what that power does is that it brings out what is already in you. If you are a criminal, that criminality becomes more evident when you have that opportunity to have power. These are things that we forget. If you have been a womaniser all your life, when you have power, that becomes your main focus."

And Sangwa said the country has generally not had good leaders since independence.

"So if you have been a good human being all along, that will be manifested when you are given an opportunity to lead. I think for me, if you were to tell me what we should look for in 2021 in order to address the challenges of the past, this is what we should be looking for. People may not agree how we have ended up where we are, 56 years after independence. My conclusion is whereas we have been blessed with so many natural resources and everything else, we have not been blessed with good leaders. And I am saying this generally. We need to interrogate people that offer themselves for leadership," he said.

When asked how people could overcome the challenges of leadership, Sangwa said there was a need to focus on strengthening institutions of governance.

"...in the last 50 years of independence, no leader has ever strengthened the institutions of government. All of them, in one way or the other, have found a way to weaken the institutions of government and that is why we find ourselves where we are because when you make a

mistake of putting a bad leader, the institutions should come in and be able to contain him but unfortunately, our institutional capacity is not existent because everything seems to ride on the name of President," he said.

"Going forward, it is not about focusing on choosing the right people; it is also making sure that we embark on a deliberate exercise to strengthen the various institutions of governance to make sure that there is proper oversight in these institutions, but unfortunately, we have failed in this regard. We need to focus on good people to take up leadership. Zambia is a train in motion, you can't stop it and say 'let's fix this'. This has to be done at the same time as damage is being done to the country and nobody is going to wait for us; this is something that has to be tackled simultaneously."

When asked if there was need to get leaders who were willing to reduce their own powers in order to build institutions, Sangwa said President Lungu did not read the amended 2016 Constitution of Zambia which had reduced presidential powers for the first time.

"That is why I was elated in 2016 and I applauded President Lungu when he signed that 2016 amendment to the Constitution because for the first time, you saw the powers of the presidency being reduced but now the only conclusion I reach is probably he did not read that document," he said.

And Sangwa said Mwanawasa embarked on a campaign to deal with corruption when he assumed office. **Story continues on P10**

## 2019 FIC trends report wasn't doctored - Director

**From P2**

"I think you really agree with me, it is not just the Financial Intelligence Center that faced these difficulties of funding from the Central government. In the past two, three years we have been experiencing economic challenges as a country. I think that you will note that FIC was just among the institutions that probably were not funded on time. I should mention that we did receive funding but not 100 per cent, our funding was about 65 to 70 percent of the funding requirements. People are appreciating our work, if this institution was doing rubbish stuff and we are producing useless reports, I don't think government will be spending taxpayers' money to fund the institution."

He said lack of funding did not affect the quality of the report.

"The quality remains the same, the quality and what you are seeing now, we were able to do with the funding that we received. We worked even under difficult circumstances to still give you the quality report. I can't say because of the lack of funding the quality has gone down, that may not be the correct picture. I will tell you that from the information we received, we are able to come up with what we have put in this report, which is

very informative. The objectives are still being met even under those difficult circumstances that we faced in 2019. Issues of money laundering or terrorist financing, they don't work like a linear way of approaching things to say well; because last year we had 100, this year we are expecting to have 200, the other year we are expecting to have 200, then the Financial intelligence Center has worked, not necessarily," he said.

"We only analyzed 101 and if we had enough resources I even talked about verification which was impacted. We received about 748 reports and you are talking about analyzing only 101, it means that if there was enough resources, including human resources, I think we could have done more; it is a fact that it impacted the verification, that impacted even other departments I have talked about that. I cannot say the quality was compromised, we never had enough to do more, I think we did what we did with what we had, that is the information we have given in that report. This report has not been doctored that I can assure you."

And Tembo said the K320 million lost to corruption was not the true reflection of the full amount lost to corruption activities during that period as the Center had no resources to analyze all suspicious

transactions.

"This information that we have given is based on the reports that we received bordering on suspected corruption and that we analyzed and out of the report that we received and analyzed. Believe you me, the amount that we have given you is what we analyzed. There are also a number of reports out there TIZ, ACC they can give information on corruption and we are not saying that these numbers, they need to be the same, we deal with suspicious transactions. So, in the year under review, you will note that the types of reports that we dealt with on suspected corruption was more on individuals, customers and corporates. That will tell you that even the amounts involved, the values involved were rather low. It is not 100 per cent work that was done," said Tembo.

"So if you were to ask me that is this the true reflection, I would

say based on what we analyzed that is the correct information. Does it mean that if we were to analyze all the reports that were to come to the FIC, that amount will be more than the 300? I will definitely say yes. It is definitely in black and white, we never analyzed all the reports 748, we analyzed 101, out of 44 disseminated, 300 goes to the corruption; so definitely that may not be the true reflection on the database that we have in terms of corruption but that is based on the type of reports that we received on corruption. Really, the amounts was less than what was reported in 2018. We don't have control based on what we received, that is what we analyzed, that is what we have reported. It is worrisome if we are not looking at the entire spectrum of all the reports that have come. If we had analyzed all the reports probably the numbers that you are talking about would not be the same."

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# Procurement General's office can't stop corruption, the criminal syndicate is too powerful

**T**HE Zambia Institute of Purchasing and Supply (ZIPS) is calling for the creation of the office of the Procurement General whom procurement officers can be reporting to. This, it says, will also take care of some unfair corruption allegations over government procurement because there will be someone to explain the processes followed.

"The highest [procurement] position one can be in government is deputy director of procurement. We don't have any director of procurement in government. It creates a very big problem because then the procurement officer is left to some level of manipulation because he has nowhere to report to. If I am head of procurement in the Ministry of Energy, for example, I report to a PS, so if I have a problem with the PS, I don't have anywhere to report to. The control of funds in government, there will be finance, internal audit and procurement. So, the finance department is very well protected with the Accountant General at PS-level, Internal audit very well protected at PS-level, procurement has been left without any person to help them or look after," says ZIPS president Chibwe Mwelwa.

Everything that Mr Mwelwa said is correct, apart from the part where he is suggesting that creating the office of Procurement General will deter procurement-related challenges or corruption.

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This is very wrong and misleading. To say that junior procurement officers are being subjected to manipulation because they have no one to report to is an attempt to instill false hope in the citizenry.

To say the World Bank and other international financial institutions may not help Zambia with funding for certain projects because of the absence of this office is one thing, but to allege that the rampant corruption going on associated with government tenders is as a consequence of not having a Procurement General's office is a totally different issue. Unless the Purchasing and Supply Institute boss has not been reading the news.

Our newspaper spent the last couple of months detailing the criminality that has been going on under procurement in the Ministry of Health. If Mr Mwelwa is the passionate leader that he should be in his sector of purchasing and supply, surely, he must have read the shocking revelations that we have been digging out

of the Ministry's procurement department.

We have been telling a story of how government awarded a US \$17 million contract for the supply of medicines to an individual, who had no registered company at PACRA. The Zambia Public Procurement Agency (ZPPA) and all the regulatory authorities, who deal in the manufacturing and wholesaling of medicines, were involved or consulted before the awarding of this illegal tender to an individual called Imran Lunat, a sole trader located in Kamwala.

That's not all. We reached out to the Office of the Attorney General and we also found out that he was fully aware of this illegality, but he confidently and authoritatively told us that there was nothing sinister about awarding a US \$17 million tender to an individual. Our investigation revealed that this gentleman, who is behind a business name called Honey Bee Pharmacy, failed ZAMRA inspection, but

the chief government legal advisor insists that this tender was awarded in accordance with the law. The gentleman himself doesn't know how this contract was awarded to him, saying he is not even the person in charge, yet it's his name appearing on the documents.

Now, perhaps Mr Mwelwa and President Edgar Lungu who was agreeing to this proposal can tell us: how would the Procurement General's office help in such a scandal where you can clearly see that top government officials and those in charge of regulatory authorities colluded to illegally award this contract with impunity? How would that office stop such scandals?

It needs to be stated here that creating this office will simply add one more senior government official to the corruption matrix. We are very certain that this office will not be allowed to operate autonomously; the politicians will make sure that the individual in charge is compromised, thereby,

recruiting him/her into the corruption syndicate. Isn't this the same manipulation that Mr Mwelwa is complaining about?

We agree with the views shared by the outgoing acting Financial Intelligence Centre director general Clement Kapalu, when he was asked about measures that can be taken to reduce corruption and loss of government resources in the procurement sector. He observed that corruption cannot be eradicated unless the people holding controlling offices change their mindset about governance. Mr Kapalu argues that it's all about the culture. When people take their opportunity to serve in the public service as a passport to wealth creation, there is no law that can be created, which they will respect.

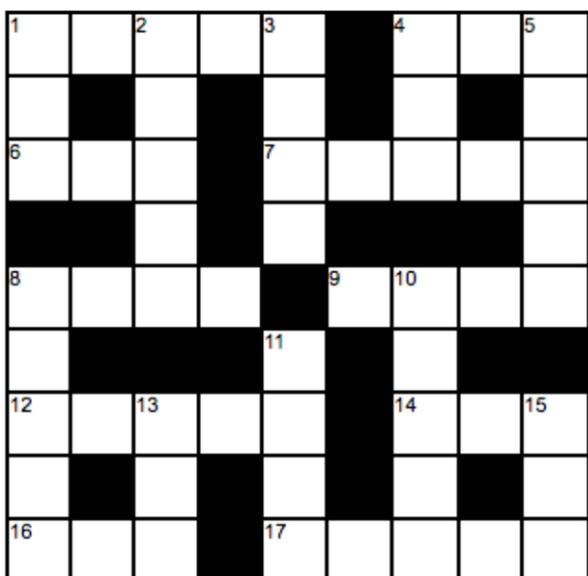
Mr Kapalu is absolutely right. The regulatory authorities are there, oversight institutions are in place, laws have been enacted, one after another, to protect public resources but the culture of responsible

governance, the spirit of transparency, the moral conscience for prudence and the willingness to be accountable is not there. What's the point in creating more laws and government positions when people don't want to change their mindsets?

And President Edgar Lungu talks about creating this office to oversee all government procurements in order to restore people's faith in public transactions. Huh! What useless rhetoric! Which people is he referring to? Mr Lungu is a lawyer, does he think people in Zambia have faith in his understanding of the law? How many times has he misled the public through his interpretation of the Constitution? How many criminal procurement transactions have been approved by his administration? It's almost like we have no President in office, everyone is behaving as they please.

In Nsenga we say, "wakake okaleka lini", Bembas would say, "uwaba nako (akamusango) teti akaleke" and the English people say, bad manners die hard. A thief is a thief. Those who are stealing from the poor people of Zambia under this PF government cannot be stopped by the presence of a Procurement General. These people are stealing millions of dollars from defence tenders, what can a Procurement General do?

## Crossword puzzle No 685



*"Those who do not move, do not notice their chains."  
- Rosa Luxemburg*

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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Milk or orange juice</li> <li>4. Corn on the ___</li> <li>6. Affirmative head movement</li> <li>7. Quartet doubled</li> <li>8. Chew the fat</li> <li>9. Loafer or sneaker</li> <li>12. Approximately</li> <li>14. A grain</li> <li>16. Snake-like fish</li> <li>17. Refuse</li> </ul> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Family room</li> <li>2. South Asian country</li> <li>3. Massage target</li> <li>4. Slice</li> <li>5. Scrub in the tub</li> <li>8. Machine for lifting heavy objects</li> <li>10. Elephant groups</li> <li>11. Cook by boiling slowly</li> <li>13. Lubricate</li> <li>15. Stare at</li> </ul> |
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## Crossword puzzle No 684



# Readers' Feedback

## Chama's view that arresting a criminal can't trigger civil unrest

Editor,  
 "Just sit down, Sata reject. When civil war breaks out, it's other people's children that will be fighting. The chap can't even lift a bazooka. We haven't forgotten the shooting of Mushaukwa in western province. Of course there will be no civil war when you are picked next year for shooting Mushaukwa". - Munacho Shimapengo  
 "Chama has been defence minister during ritual killings

and gassing of people in this country but up to now no single suspect has been brought to book. So what's this guy saying?!" - Stanley Bwalya  
 "Minister please understand this. One does not become a criminal because you have called him one, you wish him to be one or because he is your political enemy who threatens your hold on power. A simple definition of a criminal is one who has committed a crime. Those who catch a criminal must always produce evidence

of the crime committed instead of repeating and shouting allegations in every direction and at every opportunity. Otherwise if you continue calling people criminals without evidence, people soon see through your ruse and motives. I want to say that by continuing on this path, you are annoying and alienating many people who expect better from you in this day and age". - Kanyata Mubita  
 Davies Chama and his company are panicking. But the road they are treading is extremely dangerous. Those machines they bought for police officers won't help them. We have seen powerful people fall. Colonel Kadafi is one of them. Just let people vote in peace". - Lembani Kalala Nyirenda

**civil unrest**  
 of government that's why he is desperate...You are the criminal waiting to be arrested just wait...!" - Elias Musyani  
 "You can't call someone a criminal before he is convicted we have people who were convicted by courts those are the ones to call criminals. The emotions attached can be seen that this is nothing but political". - Alex Sengela  
 "Yes they can never be civil unrest by arresting a criminal like you who shoot someone in Western Province some few years ago, we have not forgotten". - Richard Mweetwa  
 "Of course and wait next year around this time, arrests of real criminals will be in full swing....I will volunteer". - Collins Munthali

## 'Jobbicks right on schools needing to re-open'

Editor,  
 "This is a good thought sir, we are living in a new normal why should we deny our children their rights for education, segulani chabe ma schools with health guide lines in place chapwa". - Micah Chiselama  
 "Hope you have invested!! This might be your last statement as PS!! Your statement is very true, we are seeing pregnancies everywhere, boys drinking and smoking like never before. Unfortunately, your government is not a listening government. Imagine how private school teachers are surviving since March. At least upper primary, junior secondary and senior secondary can open (grades 5-11)". - Rabson M Kakoma  
 "Schools must open indeed. We will regret having paused in this sector in future. There are so many pregnancies and early

marriages recorded already. PS is right". - Mutale Mutale Katuna  
 "Schools must be opened, all stake holders should start preparing for the reopening". - Herbert Himoya  
 We have forgotten if corona virus existed in Tanzania, people are living their normal life. Children are going to school, sport and games and campaign are conducted as usual. I would like to advise African countries to live their normal life because corona is here to stay". - Amos Sichinga  
 "South Africa was among the badly hit covid nations but has resumed business to full capacity, why not Zambia? The PS is right, unfortunately his contract may come to an end for speaking against the new normal!" - Boyd Lubinda Wamundila

## Sishuwa's deep, reflective analysis on Zambians having earned Lungu

Dear editor,  
 "A deep reflective writeup, one worthy reading over and over. The big problem truly is embedded deep inside us, the citizens. Our collective values need deep introspection. After reading this article, I feel ashamed for what we'll leave for the next generation". - Martin Mpukani  
 "The government of the day is a reflection of its citizens' - Plato. Well said and that's the truth... Well written article with truth in every sentence, paragraph and sentiment". - Sitali Sitali  
 "This article in some section is very correct when it implies that, 'we the people are to blame for putting mediocre leadership or it's a reflection of ourselves as a people'. To some extent quite true, but not wholly. History has

it on record that a certain bsection of people in zambia has been consistent in supporting, helping put and restoring of this mediocre leadership such as the current one. Country men, if we won't liberate ourselves from this bad omen, then we are doomed as a people. Zambia will be over taken by foreigners! I submit". - Steve Shachose  
 "The worst president we have ever shoved onto our laps, It's true a leader reflects

the society, we reap what we sow". - Josh Godwin Musuku  
 "This article is so true it brings tears to my eyes. What a people we are. Like attract like. Rottenness and flies move together. As for me and my household we choose this day to choose integrity. Lumpen behaviour OUT!!!!!! LUMPENS OUT OF THE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM. WE DEMAND INTEGRITY AND HONOUR". - Ebyudi Eric Mushiya

## 'There's no need for HH to explain his accumulation of wealth'

Editor,  
 "No further exculpatory remarks Bally... your story is known.. How did that one who spent all his life soaked in kacasu accumulate so much wealth including his concubines..." - Medai Mwandila  
 "HH my president no need to tell these criminals if you had resources or not because they don't come to our shanty compounds to ask us why we are poor and what made us so poor". - Rodgers Molobeka  
 "Bally is very clean and clear over privatization issue he could have been snoring in prison if at all he sold the mines without permission from the government". - Lucky Lazio Zaccks  
 "Jealous will kill someone especially in Zambia, why are we Africans like this kanschii instead of complimenting your fellow African for having the brains for making money you are trying to bring them down if he not a Satanist ninshi he stole. May God have Mercy on us!" - Esnart Nachinga  
 "Bally is very clean and clear over privatization issue he could have been snoring in prison if at all he sold the mines without permission from the government". - Lucky Lazio Zaccks



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By Julia Malunga

JUSTICE Minister Given Lubinda says 2021 is not a time for experiments, asking Zambians to ensure that President Edgar Lungu wins by 80 per cent.

And Lubinda says government does not want to arrest opposition UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema but that should he be nabbed, it will be because he committed a crime he needs to answer for.

Meanwhile, Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo says PF cannot be scared of Hichilema because he is a loser.

Speaking when they featured on Kasama radio, Sunday evening, Lubinda asked Zambians to make sure President Lungu wins by 80 per cent next year.

"Mu 2021 ama Zambians bekapanga mistake ifyaku panga ama experiments tafi kwete inchito. Natukwata kateka Edgar Chagwa Lungu ulefwaya ukutungulula ichalo, ukutwala ubuyantashi elyo ule tala ati abena Zambia bonse babombele chapamo. Tiyeni tichite campaign ukutula ati mu 2021 Edgar Chagwa Lungu akapite nakabili. Elyo mu 2021, tatulefwaya Edgar Chagwa Lungu akapite na one per cent, aliwinine na 51 percent, uno mwaka tulefwaya ati Edgar Chagwa Lungu akawine na 70 per cent nangula 80 per cent (In 2021, Zambians should not make a mistake of experimenting when choosing a leader. We have President Lungu who wants to lead and will bring more development and ensure that Zambian work together. Let us campaign and ensure that we re-elect him. We don't want him to win the election with a margin of one percent, he won with 51 percent in the last elections but let us ensure that he wins by 70 or 80 percent of votes)," Lubinda said.

And Lubinda said any person who commits a crime must be ready to answer for it at any given point when he was asked by caller how government intended to deal with the privatization matter.

"Umalandu tabubola nangu umalandu wapangile 50 years ago, nga abantu baipusha, kuya ku Court. Pano panshita ilyashi iyi taili ku buteko iyo. Ili lyashi lili pali abantu abale lumbulana amashina. Ifwe tatwaliko mukwayi elo balechita privatize. Abaliko niba MMD naba leshitisha ifipe fyabuteko. Nomba abali ba Minister ba finance mu MMD ebayamba ilyashi. Bale eba ifwe

# Ensure Lungu wins by 80% in 2021, Lubinda tells Zambians

aba buteko ukutula ati palya elyo tamwaliko, ifya lechitika nifi nifi baletuisula amano. Balekeni abene balande fwe babuteko tulekutika ikesa fika inshita naifwe ukutula ati bane namufwa ilyi lyashi iflechitika? Naifwe tulefwailikisha ikesa fika inshita tukeikala mu cabinet ukusumina ukutula ifyo talwachita nifi nifi (If you commit a crime, a case will never be erased no matter how long it takes. If people ask questions, you will have to answer them in the courts of law. This matter is between two people who were there during the privatization period, government is not involved. The former Minister of Finance (Edith Nawakwi) is the one who has brought up this matter. She is telling at that before you came into power this is what occurred. She is opening our minds. Let the two deliberate the issues. Time will come for Cabinet to sit and discuss the way forward on the matter)," Lubinda said.

"Nali mona muka newspaper kamo balilemba ati 'balefwaya ukukaka Hakainde'. Ninshi twala mukakila Hakainde? Akaikaka umwine. Uwapanga umalandu afwile aishiba ukutula one day, alinokulubulula ati apangile shani umalandu. Nangu teifwe ba PF, ichalo chikema fye ukutula ati bane impiya mwasenda mukashibweshalilali? (One of the tabloids said we wanted to arrest Hakainde, why should we arrest him? He will cause his own arrest. When you commit a crime, know that one day you will be answerable. It is not just us the PF government, the people of Zambia will rise and ask him when he would reimburse the money he acquired)."

Lubinda also said people should support Bill 10 so that big constituencies can be demarcated.

"Sumineni ukutula tuchinje constitution ukupitila mu Bill 10. Ukutula ati ama constituencies like Lukashya, Shiwang'andu, Malole tuya putule ukutula ati tukwate ama MPs babili olo batatu. Nomba aba balekana ati tatulefwaya Bill 10, echo balefwaya ninshi? (Allow us to amend the constitution through Bill 10

so that big constituencies like Lukashya, Shiwang'andu and Malole are demarcated and we can have at least two or three members of parliament in these big constituencies. The people who are opposing the bill, what exactly do they want?)" Lubinda asked.

"We used to walk out of Parliament but that was because we did not agree with what the speaker said. I was at the forefront of leading people to walk out. But the UPND walk out of Parliament when I bring the Bill 10 in Parliament I once asked them why they behaved like cows. So Nga twaisula Parliament pa 11, Bill 10 ili no kwisa (so when parliament resumes it will be tabled)."

He said the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) could not proceed to register inmates as voters until Bill 10 is passed.

"Abaku Constitutional Court balandile ati iyo ama inmates bafwile ba vota. Nomba ukutula bachite vote, tufwile twapanga amafunde ukutula twapela insambu ukutula ba Electoral Commission of Zambia baye muma correctional facilities bayelembesha ama inmates ukutula babe pa voter's roll. Nomba ngatutupangile ifunde mwishibe ati ba ECZ teti baye muma correctional facilities. Abalelenga ukutula twipanga ifunde iyo ni abalekana Bill 10. Emulandu tukwete (The Constitutional Court ruled that inmates are supposed to vote but for them to be able to vote, we need a law to enable ECZ to go into correctional facilities to have them registered. If the law is not amended, the ECZ cannot have the mandate to do that. The challenge that we are having is the people against Bill 10, they are the ones causing this delay)," said Lubinda.

"We want to change the prisons act to correctional facilities act so that inmates' rights are improved. We are asking them what is wrong with Bill 10, they are saying 'nothing is wrong, we just don't want it.' So iyo method iyaku chita campaign mu ma correctional facilities tukesaloleshapo ngatwakwata ukuchinja amafunde aya ku

chita register ama inmates (so when it comes to campaigning in correctional facilities, we will look into it when we change the law)."

Meanwhile, Kampyongo wondered why the ruling party would be scared of Hichilema when he had he had lost countless times.

"When I was on my way back from meeting residents of Chisanga. I received a query from Voice of America asking if we wanted to arrest HH so that he shouldn't contest the general elections. Why are they rushing to international communities? We also have people who know us we can explain ourselves. We don't want to rush into this privatization matter because it is big and has affected a lot of people, selling state owned enterprises is a big matter. That is why we are saying we are finding ways to ensure that the truth comes to light. Time will come for us to talk about it. My ministry arrests people and we take them to court and if they are found wanting they are brought back to us and put in correctional facilities. Don't rush to international media we can't be scared. Is this the first time HH is losing elections now [that] we should be scared of him?" Kampyongo asked.

He said UPND MPs

secretly told Lubinda that they supported Bill 10 but that they were publicly against it because Hichilema told them so.

"The problem we have is that the opposition leader has never been in Parliament to see how the procedures of the House work including

councilor duties, a blind person can't lead people. It was easier when GBM was there because he would advise him. That's why we are saying choose leaders who will be able to debate in Parliament instead of walking out of Parliament when they are using tax payer's money. Our colleagues MPs from the opposition secretly come to the Justice Minister saying we want this bill because our constituencies are big. But we tell them man up and represent the people instead of being against the bill but they say their leader is difficult to deal with," said Kampyongo.

## Zambia is a train in motion, you can't stop it to fix it - Sangwa

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"Let me start by acknowledging the fact that I had an opportunity to interact with the late president Levy Mwanawasa primarily as a legal practitioner and also those who have long memories will remember that soon after he assumed office of president, he embarked on a campaign to deal with the issues of corruption which saw his predecessor being arrested and charged on several counts of corruption and I was one of the lawyers that spent years defending former president Frederick Chiluba. So I was privileged to be on the other side of the equation as opposed to the other side that represented the President..." he said.

Meanwhile, Sangwa said there was no leadership in the country to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"And as it has been demonstrated in this country, what we have seen is the fact that in my assessment of the situation, the law as it exists was not adequate to deal with the virus issue that we have and some people were up in arms. I have spent all my life advocating for the life and freedoms, defending the rights and freedoms of people and here, I was advocating for a declaration of a state of emergency," said Sangwa.

"...A proper leader will make it his primary obligation that the welfare of the people becomes his primary priority. And that becomes the guiding principle but unfortunately, we don't have that kind of leadership. A leader is supposed to set aside his own interest and put the interest of the people first and unfortunately, we haven't witnessed that in this current situation."

## COVID-19 has slowed down learning - E/P Education Standards officer

By Mwema Banda in Chipata EASTERN Province senior Education Standards Officer in charge of Natural Sciences Lawrence Nyirenda says the prolonged closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on learners as the syllabus has been abruptly cut short.

Speaking during a News Diggers! sponsored COVID-19 sensitisation programme on Breeze FM, Friday, Nyirenda said the prolonged closure of schools due to COVID-19 was devastating to pupils mainly because learning had drastically slowed down this

year as the syllabus had been negatively affected.

"That aspect of the syllabus being disturbed as a result of COVID-19 has been cited as one of the major concerns. You see, when you ask learners to go and sit at home, just that aspect of them not learning with the mind that they will write an examination is devastating, not only to learners, but also to the parents themselves. The closure of schools due to COVID-19 has disrupted the learning schedule of the entire education sector in Zambia," Nyirenda lamented.

He said the reduced teacher-pupil contact would

result in learners feeling academically inadequate, which would heighten examination anxiety.

Nyirenda added that out of the 89,619 student population from examination classes in Eastern Province, no pupil had contracted COVID-19, raising hopes that non-examination classes would resume.

"But the increased numbers of the reported cases of COVID-19 has frustrated the desire to have pupils in non-examination classes get back to school," said Nyirenda.

"The process of rehabilitating desks is still ongoing and like here in Eastern Province we have Chipata Skills, there is Chipata Day Secondary School, there is also Chizongwe Technical Secondary School. So, in these centres, desk rehabilitation is going on to mitigate the aspect of social distancing in schools."

And a caller, who only identified himself as a Mr Mbewe from Chipata, suggested that government should use the funds from the COVID-19 Social Cash Transfer to buy radios and use them for educational purposes.

Mbewe urged schools to establish deliberate programmes on how the radios could be used to boost pupils' learning experience given the large amount of time lost due to COVID-19.

## NAQEZ asks govt to allocate 21% of 2021 budget to education sector

By Ulande Nkomesha

NATIONAL Action for Quality Education in Zambia (NAQEZ) executive director Aaron Chansa has called on government to consider allocating 21 percent of the 2021 budget to the education sector.

In a statement, Monday, Chansa said the sector had seen a reduction of funding in the past years which had negatively affected it.

"As the nation awaits for the presentation of the 2021 national budget later this month, National Action for Quality Education in Zambia (NAQEZ) demands for 21% allocation to the education sector. For far too long, the Ministry of Finance

has really forsaken education funding in Zambia; from 20.2% funding to the sector in 2015, education just received 15.3% and 12.4% in 2019 and 2020 respectively. This kind of funding will not take the country anywhere, socially and economically," Chansa stated.

"We hold the view that the current terrible funding to education in Zambia offends the guidance by SADC, is against the aspirations of the 7th National Development Plan and will prevent the country from attaining vision 2030. We therefore, challenge the Minister of Finance, Dr Bwalya Ng'andu, to demonstrate to the country seriousness with education,

through the 2021 budget."

Chansa said government should also consider separating funds of general education from higher education in order to address sector-specific challenges.

"With more than 50,000 trained teachers but unemployed, the sector needing more than 1.3 million desks, the urgent need for good teacher motivation, funding of Universities and Colleges, purchasing of more computers and books, it would be shocking if the Minister of Finance will once again undermine the importance of education through a paltry allocation. NAQEZ further expects the budget to clearly separate

funding of General Education from Higher Education. Our proposal is that Ministry of General Education alone must receive 13% of the total national budget while Ministry of Higher Education must have 8% of the national budget," stated Chansa.

"As an organization, we strongly believe that Zambia will never sustainably develop with insignificant investments in education. Countries such as Singapore, China, Malaysia and India have developed faster because of their huge investments in education. It is either we take a leaf from the above economic tigers or we continue with our under development."

# Enrique: Fati's self-confidence isn't normal!

SPAIN manager Luis Enrique declared Ansu Fati's self-confidence "is not normal" after seeing the 17-year-old score his first international goal on Sunday.

After winning an early penalty that allowed Sergio Ramos to open the scoring, Fati would himself get on the scoresheet in the 32nd minute as Spain strolled to a 4-0 win over Ukraine in the Nations League.

In the Barcelona attacker's first start for the

national team, he became Spain's youngest goalscorer in style as he curled home an effort from the top of the box.

Fati, who played the full 90 minutes against Ukraine, took a game-high six shots, created two chances and his six attempted dribbles were also more than any other player on the pitch.

All in all it was a memorable first start for the 17-year-old and Enrique was full of praise

for Fati afterwards, noting his supreme confidence is combined with plenty of maturity.

"When we choose the squad we do not look at his age. That does not mean that we do not have to understand that Ansu Fati will play bad games and will make mistakes many times. It is part of his learning, but

that self-confidence is not normal," Enrique said post-match.

"Ansu Fati is very happy and has reasons. He is only 17 years old and has to mature, but that in his second game with the national team he dares to do all this..."

"He brings hard work and humility. He has trained at an impressive pace and I

am glad that he goes home with this joy.

"At his age it is easy for these highs to go to your head, but he is mature enough to know that the path he is following is the best. He is very calm and humble."

Fati had only made his senior international debut off the bench in Thursday's 1-1 draw against Germany.

It's been a breakout year for the teenager for club and country with the young attacker making 33 appearances for Barcelona across the 2019-20 campaign and scoring eight goals.

Spain have now gone 13 games undefeated and next face Portugal and then Switzerland in October. **GOAL.COM**



## Kamanga tips Nkana, Forest Rangers

*By Abraham Kalito*

PREPARE for your engagements in the CAF champions league and Confederations cup as you will be flying the country's flag high, FAZ president Andrew Kamanga has urged Zambian envoys in the two competitions.

Nkana and debutants Forest Rangers will represent the country in the CFA champions league while Green Eagles and Napsa stars who are also debutants will play in the Confederation cup respectively. Kamanga says Zambia stands a chance to retain its stature as a top

league on the continent if its envoys in the respective CAF competitions play impressively.

"Zambia will once again enjoy a four club threshold in terms of representation in CAF competitions. The four club representation is an unequivocal endorsement of our league that stands sixth on the African continent. Our league enjoys massive following across the continent and has become a model with other countries following our example in terms of management. Our broadcast partner SuperSport has stayed faithful to the

Zambian game as we enjoy coverage whilst they have pulled out of various other countries. We do not take this partnership lightly as it remains one of the greatest selling points of our game. I have no doubt in my mind that this partnership can only grow stronger," Kamanga stated.

"However, that is not my focus for this week but rather a call to our continental envoys to diligently prepare for their engagements as they will be flying our country's flag. A good showing by our envoys will ensure that we retain our stature as a top league on the continent and hopefully push ourselves to a level where we can have six clubs in continental championships. On our part, we are always available to provide support to our members. I am aware that the national team coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic and his technical bench have offered themselves to

the teams participating in continental games on an advisory capacity."

He also stressed the need for competitive edge in the local league, saying a cadre of competitive clubs translate into a stronger national team.

"Naturally, we will expect the whole country to rally behind the continental envoys as they defend our country's pride and honour. Thirteen-time Zambian champions and continental debutants Forest Rangers will represent the country in the CAF Champions League while Green Eagles and Napsa Stars will play in the Confederation Cup," said Kamanga. "Ultimately, a cadre of competitive clubs in our leagues will translate into a stronger national team. Remember we have the Chan coming up in January next year to which we have already qualified. We will be looking to have a strong squad to represent up in Cameroon."

## Lameck Banda joins Maccabi

*By Abraham Kalito*  
WINGER Lameck Banda has joined Israeli side Maccabi Netanya on a three-year deal from Russian club Arsenal Tula.

The former Buildcon and Zesco United star failed to break into the starting 11 at the Russian club and has

seen his stint at Tula come to an early close as a result.

He joined Tula in July last year but failed to emulate his compatriot Klings Kangwa, who has since impressed at the club since his arrival.

Prior to joining Maccabi Netanya, Banda was scheduled to join

another Israeli side, Betar Jerusalem, but the former seems to have hijacked the deal.

Although Banda impressed during his trial, he only managed to get himself a few games in the league, mainly coming off from the bench and was yet to score a goal for Tula.

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## Winning the Confed Cup will be great - NAPSA goalie

By Ngosa Chalwe

NAPSA Stars goalkeeper Rasbson Mucheleng'anga says winning the CAF Confederation Cup in their maiden season would be a great achievement for the club.

Napsa will join Green Eagles in the Confederations Cup after finishing the 2019/2020 Super Division campaign fourth with 48 points, two adrift champions Nkana.

Nkana and Forest Rangers will play in the Champions League.

Being one of the few players with continental experience in the Napsa squad, Mucheleng'anga, popularly known as Dida after former Brazilian goal minder Nelson Dida warned that the competition will be tough.

In an interview with the TV Napsa Stars, Mucheleng'anga called for hard work from fellow players for the team to have a good run in the up-coming season.

"Continental football is tough, my fellow players need to work hard and put God first, it is a good feeling for me to qualify with the team, we just need to keep working hard," Mucheleng'anga said.

Asked how far he expects the team to go in the competition, he said, "We should reach somewhere like the group stage, or even winning the tournament... kuwina che, tawinako, it would be nice. It would be a motivation and a boost to our CVs," Mucheleng'anga said.

He said senior players had a duty to guide younger players in the team.

"We need to keep encouraging them. That is our job as senior players. We need to build them because we have been in the industry for a long time, we have experience, we know what to do and not to do," said Mucheleng'anga who hoped that the team would perform well so that they could increase their fan base.



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