

## Wynter visits HH in prison

By Mukosha Funga

Wynter Kabimba says he visited UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema because he is not among those in the UPND who attack him.

In an interview after leaving Mukobeko Maximum Security Prison, Kabimba said he encouraged HH to be strong.

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## Saviour in for asking Lungu: “Bushe chalo chakwa wiso?”



Opposition UPP leader Saviour Chishimba is led into a detention cell at Woodlands Police Station following his arrest for defamation of the President - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## Decision to bar owing students is final - UNZA

By Mirriam Chabala

University of Zambia (UNZA) Vice Chancellor Professor Luke Mumba has insisted that the institution will not rescind its decision to bar owing from writing

examinations.

Prof Mumba told journalists in Lusaka yesterday that the university needed a lot of resources in order to run it according to expected standards.

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## “Yes I am no longer with RDA, but I don’t want to say more than that...”

# RDA FIRES SAILI

By Joseph Mwenda

The Road Development Agency (RDA) has terminated the contracts of Communication and Corporate Affairs Director Loyce Saili as well as Director for Legal affairs Mwaka Ngoma. Saili told News Diggers! in an interview that she was separated from the Agency but refused to give details of the circumstances that led to her termination of contract.

“Yes I am no longer with RDA but it’s not something that I want to talk about. I can just say

that I am no longer with RDA, that’s all I can say. I cannot talk about this issue, I don’t want to say

more than that,” said Saili. Other employees at the Agency expressed shock at Saili’s dismissal.

“She received her letter of termination of contract on Monday after she returned from Northern

Province where she went for the ground breaking ceremony.

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## I am ambitious to come back in 2021, says President Lungu

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

I am ambitious to come back in 2021, says President Edgar Lungu. And President Lungu says businesses must operate the way politicians do by

allowing competition to flourish. Meanwhile, President Lungu has warned State House officials against abusing their power to force contractors to employ unqualified people.

The Head of State was speaking when he officiated at the financing framework and loan agreement for the construction of phase II communication towers between Zambia and China.

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## Lusaka judge drags tailor to court for stealing her chitenge

By Diggers Reporter

High Court judge Catherine Makungu has dragged a Congolese tailor to the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court for allegedly stealing her six-metre chitenge material valued at K350.

It is alleged that Andrew Choma, who runs his tailoring business from Lusaka City Market, on dates unknown but between July 1 and 8 stole judge Makungu’s six-metre chitenge material.

According to facts before court, judge Makungu gave three pieces of six-metre material to the tailor, paid K600 for labour, and asked him to sew two suits and a dress. After a few days, Judge Makungu went to check on her material and found Choma ironing one of her chitenge pieces with a woman who said she loved it so much and she would take it to South Africa, not knowing the owner was around.

However, at the time of collecting, judge Makungu was only given one suit and a dress as the tailor claimed that the other material had been stolen prompting her to report the matter to police. Choma will take plea soon.



# Don't resist when recalled, Lungu tells diplomats serving in foreign missions

By Joseph Mwenda

President Edgar Lungu has observed with regret that Zambian diplomats serving in foreign mission have a habit of refusing to return home when recalled by the government.

President Lungu said this at State House today when he swore-in Wylbur Chisiya Simuusa as Zambia's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and Felix Nicholas Mfula as Zambia's High Commissioner to Canada.

"The President has expressed concern at the resistance exhibited by some Zambian diplomats in missions abroad when recalled home by Government

"The President has said when one's time to serve in missions abroad has ended, it is important

to willingly accept to return home without any resistance because home is home."

He added that President Lungu found such resistance strange.

"The President finds it stranger that some diplomats would resist returning home when their tour of duty has ended and he emphasised that being recalled did not mean that the end as there was a possibility of one being redeployed," said Chanda.

And swearing in the two, the President said he was confident that they were suitable for the positions and expected them to serve to the expectations of the Zambian people.

The President said he did not expect from the two anything short of quality performance.



President Edgar Lungu at State House during a meeting-Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## There's no room for laziness in my government – Lungu

By Diggers Reporter

President Edgar Lungu says there is no room for laziness in his government.

Speaking to journalists when he toured some stands with his wife Esther at the Agricultural Show Grounds yesterday, President Lungu said he was steering the country in the right direction with the help of Cabinet and civil servants.

President Lungu also said he was not afraid to reverse certain calls if he noticed they were not yielding the required results.

"I think I am steering the ship in the right direction with the support of my Cabinet and colleagues in government and civil servants. There is no room for lethargy in my government, we want to be practical and where we make mistakes, we are free to listen and we are free to listen and we are free to reverse the calls and start afresh. No general goes into battle to lose all his troops. You go into battle, things don't work, you retreat and then you reorganize and re-advance and that is what I am doing. So I think we are on course because food security is everything. Right now the price of copper is attractive and I am saying yes copper is doing well but let us look into agriculture, value addition and so on," said President Lungu.



University of Zambia (UNZA) Vice Chancellor Professor Luke Mumba

## Decision to bar owing students from exams final - VC

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"We have over 27 thousand students in the University [so] we have to buy thousands of reams of paper, that's number one. Number two; when we give exams, there are also practicals

for those practicals we have to buy the materials that are required like chemicals and so forth to give those exams. Thirdly, as a University we want to ensure that we adhere to quality. What does that involve? It involves

examinations papers being purely viewed by external examiners even after the marking, we take those scripts randomly to external examiners to ensure that what we are doing conforms with the standards of the University," Prof Mumba said.

He said it was illogical for people to ask the institution to allow owing students to write exams. "Those costs are what will make us conform with the standard of the University, those costs are what will make us administer the exams. So if you say give them an

exam before fees are paid, who is going to pay for that cost? Which exam are we talking about? So people need to understand that there is a cost to giving examinations, so it is either we reverse or we have no exam," said Prof Mumba.

UNZA recently revealed that it is owed K58 million by over 8,000 students and asked them to pay up to avoid being barred from writing exams this month. Various stakeholders, including Minister of National Planning and Development Lucky Mulusa, have condemned this move.

## Man shoots son dead for wearing mother's trousers

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

A Chipata man has shot dead his 19-year-old son identified as Martin Mwale Junior for wearing his mother's trousers.

Eastern Province Police Commissioner Alex Chilufya has confirmed the development to News Diggers! in an interview and identified the suspect as Martin Mwale of Kapata compound in Village Manjabila in Chief Chifunda of

Chama district.

Chilufya said the murder incident was reported to police by the elder brother to the deceased identified as Shadrack Mwale aged 25 of H/No. Q-20 Kapata Compound in Chipata.

"He sustained a deep gunshot wound on the left upper thigh. A shot gun greener Serial # 25067 was used in the act. The shooting Occurred on 02/08/17 at 21:00 hrs at Kapata Compound in Chipata,"

Chilufya said.

He said the victim was rushed to Chipata General Hospital where he passed on at around 01:40 hours today.

"The fire arm has since been recovered while suspect is still at large. Reason for shooting the deceased is that he had put on his mother's long trousers," said Chilufya.

Chilufya said a man hunt for Mwale has been launched.



# Saviour in for asking Lungu: *“Bushe chalo chakwa wiso?”*

**By Mirriam Chabala**  
United Progressive People president Saviour Chishimba's lawyer says he is being held for

using word like “chalo chakwawiso? foolishness and bupumbu” in a video. Lillian Mushota told News Diggers! in an interview at

Woodlands Police Station where Saviour is detained that police would charge him with Defamation of the President.

“He used words like ‘foolishness’ in a video, ‘chalo chakwa wiso nangu chakwa noko?’, ‘you will go to the land of the dead

where you belong’ and ‘bupumbu bupumbu.’ So this is what they have called Defamation of the President under section 69 of CAP 87,” said Mushota.

“His message to the supporters is that they should remain calm and watch where this is going because until they have established that this is what they are after, they are looking for something to charge him with, I think they are fishing.”

And Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo also confirmed in statement that Chishimba had been detained at Woodlands Police Station after interrogating him for two hours 45 minutes.

“Police have Warned and Cautioned the United Progressive People President , Saviour Chishimba of Makeni, Lusaka for the Offence of Defamation of President which is contrary to Section 69 of Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia which occurred on 1st July, 2017 and 8th July, 2017 in Lusaka. He has since been detained in Police custody and will be charged once the officers are done with the processes,” stated Katongo.

Earlier on Thursday, Chishimba ate his lunch

while walking as police dragged him to Force Headquarters where he was questioned before his arrest for defamation of the President.

It's my first time to ever be interrogated by police, please put me in your prayers,” the opposition United Progressive People (UPP) leader told his supporters at the secretariat before he was taken away.

Police pounced on Chishimba earlier, as he arrived at Diamond TV along Bwinjimfumu Road where he was scheduled to record a political programme at the private television station.

Plain-clothed police officers approached the opposition leader and took him to Force Headquarters where he was interrogated for 2 hours 45 minutes.

He was then taken to Woodlands Police Station where police officers mobilized and led him to his Secretariat in Kabulonga for a search.

The police officers demanded for the press statement which Chishimba read at his recent press briefing where he castigated President Edgar Lungu for declaring a Threatened State of Emergency.



Loyce Saili (right)

## RDA fires Saili, Ngoma

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That was her last assignment in the field. It's like she didn't even know because she even reported for work on Monday only to be given a letter terminating her contract,” said Saili's former workmate who sought anonymity. “Normally whenever we have these field trips for groundbreaking, site visits or inspections, she is the one who organises. She has been doing that for so many years. People are very shocked here because no one knows what wrong she has done. We don't know if something happened wherever she went we don't know. We just can't understand because we have known her to be very hardworking.” Last month, The Mast newspaper reported that Housing and infrastructure development minister Ronald Chitotela had

demanded a Toyota VX from the Road Development Agency and his order was met with resistance.

The newspaper reported that the Minister had taken over the decision making responsibility

at the Agency and was controlling which contractors got paid first.

But Chitotela rubbished the accusations, saying he knew nothing about the claim.



Minister in the office of the vice president Sylvia Chalikosa during the commioning of the strengthening emergency response at Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka-picture by Tenson Mkhala



# I'm ambitious for 2021 – Lungu



President Edgar Lungu speaks during the signing ceremony for the construction of communication towers in unserved and underserved areas of the country at Lusaka's Intercontinental Hotel - picture by Tenson Mkhala

## From front page

"Those of us who are politicians know the importance of

communication is. If you can't reach out to the people, you are gone...Somebody was telling me this morning

that am going to fire one Minister and he picked this on social media from Morocco and I said 'why

do you think I want to fire this Minister?' He said 'it is because he is ambitious'. I can't fire you for being

# Saviour Chishimba went too far – PeP

By Mirriam Chabala

Patriots for Economic Progress (PeP) president Sean Tembo says politicians must desist from using derogatory language which has potential to create conflict among citizens.

And Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo says police have formally charged United Progressive People (UPP) president Saviour Chishimba with Defamation of the President.

In a statement today, Tembo regretted Chishimba's arrest but noted that politicians had a duty to uphold good values and habits because they were inevitably role models to their respective societies.

"The Patriots for Economic progress regrets the reported arrest of the Party President for the United Progressive People (UPP) Dr. Saviour Chishimba, for the alleged offense of Defamation of a Republican President. We would however like to take this opportunity to appeal to all political players to desist from using derogatory language which has the potential to create conflict," Tembo stated.

"As politicians, we are inevitably role models in our society and a number of young citizens tend to

look up to us and imitate our values and habits. We have a duty to make sure that those values and habits are good ones and not anchored on derogatory language towards one another. we wish to put it on record that we disagree strongly with the PF and it's government, but we have so far not found it necessary to use derogatory language towards them, or indeed towards any other political adversaries."

Tembo observed that opposition political players had a responsibility of holding the government

accountable by providing appropriate checks and balances and called on them to focus on that responsibility.

"PeP further believes that as opposition political parties, we need to dedicate our energy towards holding the government of the day accountable through appropriate checks and balances, providing alternative policy positions as well as outlining to the Zambian people what we shall do for them if we assume power, by articulating our party manifestos," stated Tembo.

"We strongly believe that opposition political parties play a vital role in the governance of our nation and such role should not be maligned through the use of derogatory language towards one another or indeed towards the government of the day. Let us strongly disagree with one another but in a sober and cordial manner befitting a civilized nation such as ours."

And Katongo, in a separate statement, announced that Chishimba had officially been charged and would appear in court next week.

ambitious come on. Those of you who are ambitious, I am also ambitious that is why I am President, and I am ambitious to come back 2021. We will only trash falsehood if we are able to communicate and this is why we are trying to achieve," President Lungu said.

And President Lungu said businesses must emulate politicians by not obliterating their opponents because competition was healthy.

"I cannot overemphasize the need to make this equipment more affordable. Huawei, you provide handsets, make them cheaper. If you don't, we will ask your friends to bring because we know they are being manufactured. Therefore, ministers responsible in this regard must work with the private sector to bring down the costs of ICT equipment. And I know the ministers responsible, I won't have to mention you by name but you know yourselves, you know each other. Please, talk to your colleagues in this industry. You cannot go and buy yourself a phone in Zimbabwe, South Africa but when you come to Zambia it is much more expensive. I think we know where these things are and who is manufacturing them so let us allow competition. Let me just say one thing, Huawei, I was in China and I warned you that please, let us compete favorably with your friends. I think I spoke to the CEO, I said don't be combative to a point where you want to kill each other, just compete like we do in politics, we just compete, we don't kill each other," President Lungu said.

"What I saw was a trend to obliterate other companies on the market, you can't do that because we are looking for competition, it is healthy. The more you compete, the better the prices. So if your equipment will be beyond reach by most of us, we will go to your friend who's competing. The way we compete in the political arena without killing each other and just allowing each other to combat in exchange of ideas...there is no way you can obliterate your competitor and think you are the best you may just remain a zero without being a hero. So allow your friends to come from China, from Singapore, from wherever and compete with you in this sector"

Meanwhile, President Lungu warned State House officials against abusing their powers. "And those of you who are privy to have power, please don't abuse the contractor by insisting that he employs people who do not qualify or

to engage contractors who don't qualify to deliver, it will compromise the quality. And I will not be friendly to those who those who want to push their luck in that direction, please keep away. State House you hear me?" he asked.

President Lungu also said the phase II of the construction of communication towers would cost US\$282 million to build and upgrade 1,009 towers across the country.

"The phase II of the construction of communication towers will cost US\$282 million to build and upgrade 1,009 towers across the country. This development demonstrates government's unwavering resolve to afford every citizen an opportunity to achieve social and economic freedom through enhanced access to information communication technology services. The construction of communication towers in unserved and underserved areas will among other things create over 2000 jobs, provide connectivity for entrepreneurs who will now save time and costs by transactions online, and promote financial inclusion by capacitating the unbanked population," he said.

President Lungu also directed Transport and Communications Minister Brian Mushimba to ensure that Zambian contractors participate in the project through sub-contracted works.

"This investment in mobile communication across the country will also improve E-commerce, tele-medicine, simplify compliance to government regulations and statutes, empower farmers with access to markets, and strengthen citizen participation by promoting transparency in transactions," said President Lungu.

Speaking at the same ceremony, Chinese Ambassador to Zambia Yang Youming said China and Chinese enterprises had made great and tangible contributions to the development of ICT in Zambia.

"This project is funded by the Chinese government through concessional loan. The project includes the construction of 808 new towers, 1,009 2G/3G/4G wireless stations and the setting up of a matched transmission network and user access terminals," Youming said.

"After the completion of the project, the voice service penetration will increase from 70% to nearly 100%, the data service penetration will increase from 5% to 40%, which will greatly improve communication conditions for the Zambian people."

The project will be undertaken by Huawei technologies.

# Wynter visits HH in prison: “He needs encouragement and support”

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“I visited him, he is looking well, I encouraged him and tried to strengthen him. I told him that this too shall pass when Charles Taylor said at The Hague, that ‘this too shall pass’. I told him ‘be strong, this too shall pass’. Though shall not return evil with evil. I don’t want to be recruited into the spirit of those that attack me. After all, those that attack me are not the ones that are in prison. They are not in the conditions in which HH is and I cannot punish HH for what his people say against me. I don’t think that that is good leadership. If any UPND member has wronged me, it doesn’t mean that all the people in the UPND have wronged me. If one member of the UPND insults me, it doesn’t mean that everybody in the UPND has insulted me,” Kabimba said.

Kabimba also said when HH was finally acquitted, he would have already been unfairly punished by the poor prison conditions.



Wynter Kabimba (c) with some UPND officials - picture courtesy of *Zambian Eagle*

“So I have to take them as individuals and HH, in the situation he is in, he needs encouragement from those of us that are outside because we don’t know the conditions and prison conditions in this country are deplorable that’s why I don’t agree with this new terminology that they are correctional facilities. They are not correctional facilities,

there is no way you can correct somebody’s behavior in deplorable conditions. So they are prisons. They can use [the term] correctional facility because that’s what the donors who are giving them the money want them to call them but in terms of the conditions, these are

deplorable conditions and our people are still living in primitive kind of prison facilities...where you are being punished before you are even convicted by a court of law,” said Kabimba.

“So anybody who tells me that these are correctional facilities, I tell them it is

nonsense. What we are running prisons. There is no way you can out somebody in those conditions who has not even been tried or convicted because even if HH is finally acquitted, he has been punished enough just by going through those conditions.”

## Allow politicians to campaign, Kanganja orders police officers

*By Mirriam Chabala*

Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja has directed provincial police commissioners to allow political parties to campaign freely for the upcoming by-elections in some parts of the country.

In statement today, Kanganja called on police commissioners in all provinces where by-elections were scheduled to take place to inform regulating and all other officers under their command not to block any political party from preparing for elections.

“In view of the forthcoming by-elections scheduled to take place in some parts of the country, I have directed all police commissioners in provinces with impending by-elections to allow political parties to conduct their preparatory meetings and campaigns freely but in line with the provisions of the Public Order Act (POA) and other pieces of Legislation. Police Commissioners are further advised to inform Regulating Officers and all other officers under their command not to use the provisions of the Preservation of Public Security Act number 112 to impede the forthcoming bye-elections,” Kanganja stated.

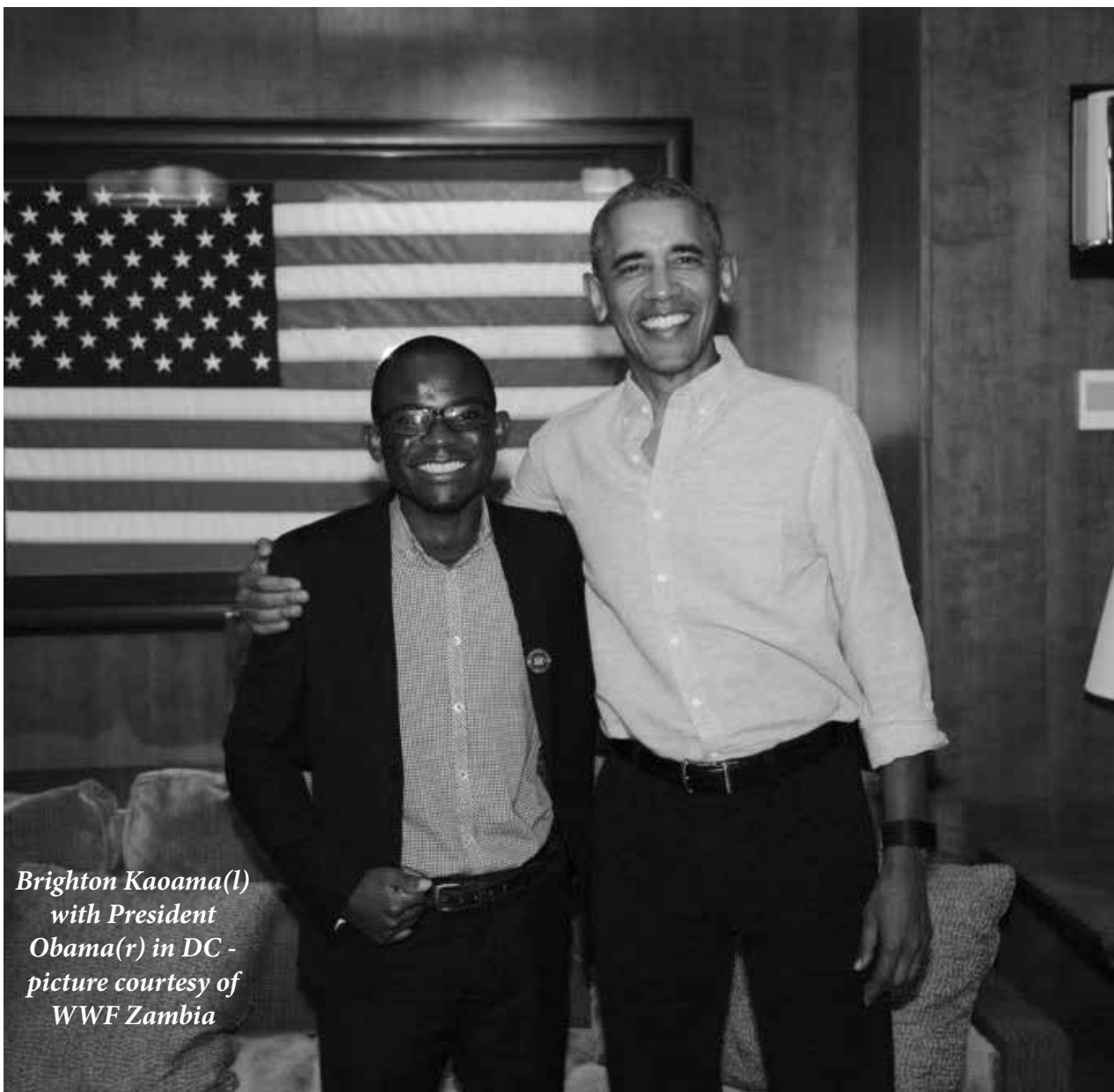
Kanganja also urged politicians to abide by the provisions of the Public Order Act and ensure that they notify

the police before conducting their campaign activities.

“In the same vein, political parties should ensure that they conduct their activities peacefully and abide by the provision of the Public Order Act which requires them to notify the police on their intended activities as this would enable Police Officers to plan effectively and put in place necessary security measures. Further, I urge Political Party leaders in respective areas to avail their planned activities to relevant regulating officers to enable them plan in advance,” stated Kanganja.

“I wish to bring to the attention of all political party leaders at various levels that it is their responsibility to monitor and regulate the conduct of their members so that such activities can be conducted in a peaceful and violent free environment. I am sending a strong warning to all those that would want to deliberately ignore the provisions of the Law that we shall not tolerate any lawlessness but arrest and prosecute all those found wanting. I wish to remind members of the public that security peace and stability of the nation is a collective responsibility of all citizens of this great nation.”

Meanwhile, Kanganja has assured show goers that he has deployed enough officers to man the premises to safe guard their lives and property.



Brighton Kaoama(l) with President Obama(r) in DC - picture courtesy of *WWF Zambia*

# Police did not act on my instruction to arrest Hichilema – Mumbi Phiri

*By Diggers Reporter*

Patriotic Front Deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri has insisted that police acted very unprofessionally during the Mongu Motorcade saga which led to the arrest of UPND president Hakainde Hichilema.

Mumbi told the Lusaka Magistrates' Court during cross examination led by Keith Mweemba today that she blamed police for the lapse in security.

In this matter, Mumbi sued Asher Hankantu for libel for insinuating that she sacrificed her son to become a big political figure.

Hakantu is accused of posting defamatory words against Mumbi in a WhatsApp group called "We need a better Zambia" on unknown dates but between May 6, 2017 and May 8, 2017 in Lusaka.

When the matter came up for cross examination led by Keith Mweemba today, Mumbi insisted that police acted unprofessionally after the court viewed footage of her press briefing on April 10 where she told police to arrest and charge Hichilema with treason.

She however said there was no connection between her press briefing and the events which unfolded that night when police raided HH's house.

"Why are you trying to link my job as a political cadre to the work of civil servants? My press briefing was separate," said Mumbi.

Keith however told Mumbi that it was her duty to connect the events but it was up to the court to draw an inference.

And Mumbi admitted that there was no evidence to show that the purported defamatory words came from Hankantu or to prove that her reputation was lowered in the right thinking members of the people.

Hankantu is alleged to have called Mumbi a finished scrap cargo who only came into the



political limelight after the death of her son whom she sacrificed in the Kawambwa accident. And Mumbi also said she had no evidence that Hichilema privatised companies as she only commented on that issue after hearing of the story in the media.

Mumbi, who initially denied commenting on the privatisation issue claiming she feared to be cited for contempt, was forced to talk about it after a video was played of a briefing where she commented on it.

Meanwhile, a ZNBC employee who came to backup Mumbi's evidence failed to concretize the defamation case as he also stated that he did not have documentary evidence to prove the allegations.

Elijah Mwesa Kaputo, a sales personnel, told the court that he was touched after seeing the defamatory statements on a Whatsapp group in which he is a member.

Kaputo also got unsettled when he was asked about exact details of where he worked after another defense lawyer, Gilbert Phiri, observed that that he was appearing doubtful when giving his particulars.

## UPND insists on need for video evidence in Munali petition



*By Mukosha Funga*

Doreen Mwamba has asked the Constitutional Court to dismiss Munali Member of parliament Professor Nkandu Luo's application as the record of appeal is incomplete without the video evidence.

Mwamba, who stood on the UPND ticket, successfully petitioned Luo's election victory in the High Court but the latter appealed to the ConCourt.

However, the Mwamba's key evidence; a video

depicting violence allegedly went missing in the High Court and the ConCourt allowed her to submit it. But on July 18, ConCourt vice president Annie Sitali discarded the video on account that there was a possibility that it might be contaminated.

Mwamba now wants the ConCourt to set aside an order for the case to proceed without the video evidence which lead to the nullification of Prof Luo's

election.

Mwamba said the appeal should be thrown out as the record of appeal is incomplete and defective.

Mwamba emphasised that the appeal should not be heard as it did not contain all the exhibits that were viewed in the High Court. She questioned the court's power to review its earlier ruling and revert its direction that the High Court determines the authenticity of the video if both parties failed to do so.

But Professor Luo opposed Mwamba's submission to have the case dismissed.

Prof Luo said the court has no power to rehear an application upon which it has made its final decision. She argued that Mwamba's objection was a challenge to the court's decision as she was challenging the court why it misled itself in its decision of July 18, 2017.

Prof Luo further submitted that Mwamba's objection was an abuse of the court proceedings and sought to bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

According to judge Sitali, the ConCourt came up with an inescapable conclusion that since the video evidence was not produced in the High Court, the possibility of it being contaminated could not be over ruled.

The video in question depicts how Mwamba was attacked with her campaign team in Mtendere by PF cadres in party regalia. After the magnitude of the violence witnessed in Munali, the Electoral Commission of Zambia imposed a two-week campaign freeze in the constituency.



# Maize floor price fraudulent – Kabimba

By **Miriam Chabala**

Rainbow Party Secretary General Wynter Kabimba says the K60 buying price for a 50Kg bag of maize is fraudulent.

Speaking when he featured on Millennium Radio's The Interview programme yesterday, Kabimba observed that President Edgar Lungu would not intervene this year simply because he did not need votes.

"The buying price of a 50kg bag of maize set by FRA is a fraud and let me explain why it is a fraud. Last year which was a year of an election, the floor price announced by FRA was K75 per 50 kg bag but because Edgar [President Lungu] realised that it was an election year, he personally intervened and said FRA or government is going to buy maize from the farmers at K85 because he wanted their vote but this year when he doesn't want their vote, when he thinks that their vote is not coming until 2021. I watched him at the Airport when he was going and I was saddened and got disappointed to hear him say 'well, this is a free market, this is a liberalized market. Let the people sell to the highest bidder we can't interfere in this it's not the job of government' so today it has become not a job of government because he doesn't need the vote from a farmer, it was the job of government last year because he needed the vote from that farmer," Kabimba said.

He also insisted that expelled Roan PF member of parliament was free to join the Rainbow Party.

"We in the Rainbow Party welcome everybody in the party but we have ideals and values that everybody must subscribe to. So if Dr Kambwili or Mr Kambwili or CK, Junior Cobra is prepared to subscribe to those ideals without biting us since he is

a Cobra, he is welcome and everybody is welcome to join the Rainbow Party as long as you subscribe to the ideals of the party," Kabimba said.

Kabimba however said he did not take Kambwili seriously as he never exposed any corruption in government when he served as Minister.

"I had never heard ba Kambwili while he was eating in PF tell this nation that there was corruption in PF. At no time ever, even just in a whisper did he tell this country that there was corruption in PF. If anything, what he told the nation was that Edgar Lungu was a very humble leader and that Edgar Lungu was the best leader that he has ever seen in his life. What he told the nation was that Edgar Lungu was the man that he wanted to support. He was in the forefront of going round even during the period before the general conference of PF in 2015, he was in the forefront of going to harass Guy Scott at that time who was President of the party and acting President, he was in the queue that followed Guy to his farm to go and harass him to say that Edgar Lungu was the best leader," Kabimba said.

"So, we in the Rainbow Party and I myself have got problems listening to those that would cry foul when the plate in which they have been eating is empty, so I can't take him seriously. I don't know what other members of the public think but for me, having worked with him and listened to him that time, listening to him in the post-Michael Sata era after Michael's death and listening to him now, I can't take the man seriously."

And Kabimba charged that President Lungu abused his powers by declaring a Threatened State of Emergency.

"The President has abused his powers of proclaiming the so-called Threatened

State of Emergency because these incidents [of fire] have continued and like we had seen there was a fire in Chilenje market yesterday that was as a

result of some charcoal which was left smoldering there, then there was a fire in Kabwe General hospital just about a week or so ago. So unless the

government can tell us the identities of those people they have apprehended and tell us the evidence they have against them, the rights of those

suspects in custody and those of us that are outside whose rights have been restricted, are being abused by government," said Kabimba.



## Govt plans to build sky scrapers in Lusaka

By **Sipilisiwe Ncube**

Lusaka Province Minister Japhen Mwakalombe says government will partner with Chinese investors to build sky scrapers in Zambia's capital.

According to a statement issued by First Secretary for Press and Public Relations at the Zambia Embassy in Ethiopia Inutu Mwanza, Mwakalombe said this at Bole International Airport when he was transiting from China where he attended the China-Zambia week with Vice-President Inonge Wina.

"Government also intends

to partner with Chinese investors to upgrade old buildings in the central business district because most buildings in Lusaka are old and ancient. We therefore call upon those who own buildings to enter into partnerships with some Chinese investors who would develop sky scrapers in Lusaka," Mwakalombe said.

He also said the two countries would partner to set up agro processing plants.

"Government will partner with the Chinese government in order to

transform Lusaka Province into an Agro processing hub. The establishment of agro processing plants in Lusaka will help reduce wastage of agro products and Lusaka being an area with a lot of agro products, it will now have means of preserving agricultural foods after the processing plants are set up," Mwakalombe said.

"Government actually plans to divide Lusaka province into industrial zones. This measure is meant to set up industrial parks specialized in manufacturing in order to grow the economy in the province. We believe that

Lusaka needs an economic boost as it is the second biggest contributor to the country's GDP after Copperbelt Province."

Meanwhile Zambia Tourism Agency Felix Chaila, who was part of the entourage, said tourism was the catalyst for investment hence the need for the country's tourism sector to be driven by the domestic market.

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With all due respect to the appointing authority, Professor Nkandu Luo was an awful choice for Minister of Higher Education. You just have to listen to her to appreciate that she has no energy to run such a demanding ministry of colleges and universities.

On July 27, 2017, the University of Zambia made a decision to bar over 8,000 students from writing their examination on grounds that they were owing the institution various amounts in school fees. Some students complained that they were owing as little as K100 and did not understand how they could be stopped from progressing in their academic pursuit over such negligible debts.

UNZA's position, as explained by Vice-Chancellor Prof Luke Mumba, was that: "The University needs to buy thousands of reams of paper. When we give exams, there are also practicals; for those practicals, we have to buy the materials that are required like chemicals and so forth to give those exams. Thirdly, as a University, we want to ensure that we adhere to quality. That involves examination papers being purely viewed by external examiners in order to conform with the standards of the University."

However, National Development and Planning Minister Lucky Mulusa could not help but describe the move as illegal. He found the decision unconstitutional, adding that the right procedure for management was to allow the students to sit the examination

# Take a bow Prof Luo

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and withhold their results until all debts are settled.

So journalists are turning to the Minister of Higher Education to hear her views over the fate of the unfortunate students. Instead of explaining if she felt the proposal from her fellow minister, Lucky Mulusa was a feasible solution to helping the students, Prof Luo's response went off the cliff.

"The problem with you the media is that you want to be dwelling on negatives all the time...I am not the one who made that comment so why do you want me to comment on somebody's comment? I haven't looked at the law so I don't know and I don't want to be commenting on things that I don't know. If you want to know, ask the management of the university, I am Minister

of Higher Education, I am not Minister of University of Zambia. That decision was made by the University of Zambia so you call them and get their comment," said Prof Luo.

We feel that is a language of a very tired, hurting and probably grudge-bearing minister. The minister sounded bitter talking to the journalist than she would sound talking to a person who is challenging her election in Munalu. A minister has no right to vent such anger on a defenseless journalist. What is negative about asking a minister what government was doing to help the 8,000 UNZA students? Prof Luo cannot say, "I can't comment on the barring of students because I am not Minister of the University of Zambia." She is actually the

minister of UNZA, as a matter of fact! She is also the minister of Copperbelt University, Evelyn Hone College, NIPA and all the higher learning institutions in Zambia.

We love elderly people in our society because old age comes with immense wisdom, but the wisdom that is coming out of Prof Luo is not desirable. This is a minister who is not only a product of the University of Zambia but was also voted into office by the same UNZA students under Munalu constituency. When campaigning, Prof Luo was a humble and understanding politician, making all the sweet promises to the people of Munalu and UNZA. Today, she is in the forefront pushing the PF agenda to abolish UNZASU. She doesn't

want to intervene for the poor 8,000 students, some of whom need less money than the cost of her flamboyant hats to sit for exams. What kind of a leader is she?

No one is asking Prof Luo to pay for the students because she is Minister of Higher Education; what the students are saying is that they are poor hence paying school fees piecemeal. It is therefore expected of a responsible minister to show compassion and concern, even if she doesn't care about those students. At least she should have had the courtesy of addressing them and meeting UNZA management to find a win-win situation. She could even have escalated the matter by raising it with her "listening President" so

that the Head of State proves himself as a leader of a pro-poor political party in power.

But Prof Luo won't do any of this because she is too tired and frustrated. She has been in and out of government for the past 20 years and her ears are tired of hearing problems. That is why when journalists call her to raise new pressing issues, she hears malice and responds with bitterness. Prof Luo has lost the zeal to overcome challenges. She wishes problems could solve themselves while she sits there to get paid and live another day.

We recall Nkandu Luo's heydays when she became Zambia's first female professor of microbiology and immunology in 1993. She was bubbling with confidence as she founded the famous Tasintha, the National AIDS Control program, the National Blood Transfusion Service and various national AIDS advocacy groups. Even before taking up Cabinet positions in the MMD government, Prof Luo was already an award-winning academician. No doubt, she is among Zambia's most learned female politicians. But our Super Woman is done; she has run her race with nothing more to offer. She has no more energy left to handle the everyday frustrations of striking unpaid lecturers and rioting hungry students. She can't deal!

The best our beloved professor can do now is take a bow, because even Dr Bowman Lusambo with his lower education can do better as Higher Education Minister.

## Understanding the rift between Lungu and LAZ

On 17 July 2017, the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) issued a press statement on the legality and extent of the threatened state of emergency declared by President Edgar Lungu 12 days earlier and subsequently approved by Parliament for a period of 90 days. In the statement, LAZ made three important observations. One, the association argued that in declaring the threatened state of emergency, Lungu acted within the bounds of the Constitution. It noted that Article 31 gives the Republican President the legal discretion to take the measure that Lungu took if, in the judgement of the Head of State, a situation exists which, if allowed to continue, may lead to a state of public emergency. The association, however, questioned the timing of Lungu's move given that the events on which it was based – a spate of highly suspicious fires that saw the burning of several public buildings including, most recently, a third of stalls at Lusaka City Market – were still subject to police investigations when he announced the emergency. Two, LAZ argued that the constitutional provision that Lungu relied on to declare the threatened state of emergency does not give the President the power to suspend the civil and legal rights of citizens contained in the Bill of Rights. It noted that the power to deviate from the Bill of Rights is only possible under Article 30 of the Constitution, which provides for the declaration of an actual state of emergency. It is worth noting that a day before he declared the emergency, Lungu had threatened to 'suspend human rights', begging Zambians to tolerate him 'if I become a dictator for once'. The noted response by LAZ appears to have been an indirect reminder to Lungu about the limits of presidential powers as expressed in Article 31, especially given that it came a few days before the government announced the rules and regulations that the public were to obey during the emergency. Three, LAZ argued that the Constitution precludes any extension to the threatened state of emergency beyond the three months approved by Parliament. This is because the power to extend the duration of an emergency is only available under Article 30, which deals with a full state of emergency, and not under Article 31, invoked by Lungu. LAZ further stated that were Lungu or the government to derogate from the provisions of the Constitution during the operation

of the emergency, it would consider taking legal action.

If these arguments appeared sound and reasonable to many people, President Lungu did not concur. Responding to LAZ's comments a day after the press statement was issued, Lungu claimed that the association was politically motivated and challenged it to form a political party: "If the lawyers want to form a political party, let them go ahead and form a political party. Let them not abuse the profession because what they are saying is politics. For me, I challenge them to form a political party, but let them not abuse the profession. If they want to take me on, on that one, they can take me on, we will meet them, but the truth is that there is too much politics in the Law Association of Zambia. So let them form a political party, but to abuse the law, the legal profession I belong to is totally unacceptable."

What do we make of Lungu's comments? First is that the President's response to LAZ – that the association should form a political party if it is to take him on – suggests that he is conflating politics with party politics, and implies that only politicians who belong to political parties are entitled or allowed to discuss politics. The rest of us, according to this thinking, should keep quiet, except of course at elections, despite the fact that the last election raises doubts about whether ordinary citizens can use even an election to influence which party should govern. It would appear that as we move towards a one-party state, even that level of political participation is being taken away. To be specific, Lungu thinks that any discussion on the limits of presidential powers belongs properly in the realm of party politics. In this view, individual citizens and civil society organisations have virtually no role to play in the political life of Zambia other than voting for and supporting political parties, presumably the Patriotic Front. In taking this position, Lungu appears to have seriously misinterpreted the country's constitution, which guarantees freedom of expression, something that surely covers political opinions such as the limits of presidential power.

Furthermore, in a democratic country, all individuals and organisations are allowed and entitled to discuss politics. They have a civic duty to participate in politics, to give their opinions on

such matters as whether government action is in the interest of particular individuals, in the interest of particular social groups or in the interest of the nation as a whole. A political party is formed essentially to organise a group of people to seek political power, which of course goes beyond the basic civic duty of holding power to account. In Lungu's worldview, however, a citizen can only exercise their civic duties and enjoy their constitutional liberties if they belong to a political party. Lungu is probably yet to read Article 43 (2a) of the Constitution, which states that "A citizen shall endeavour to acquire basic understanding of this Constitution and promote its ideals and objectives". The latter aspirations, according to Article 8 (c; e) include the responsibility to promote democracy, constitutionalism and good governance. The comments by President Lungu reveal his limited understanding of both the Constitution and the basic workings of democracy. Why should holding a different opinion to that of another person or institution in a constitutional democracy be the preserve of political parties or those who belong to them? Why is it hard for Lungu and the government to respond to criticism with persuasive and compelling reasons, to have a logical discussion with fellow citizens?

Second, the comments by Lungu should be understood within the broader context of his administration's crackdown on free speech and intolerance for any opinion, especially of a political nature, that he and his governing Patriotic Front (PF) do not share. A review of recent major public commentaries of top PF and government leaders demonstrates that anyone who criticises Lungu, his administration or the PF is regarded as a subversive element bent on destabilising the country, while those who support the President or his party are praised as patriotic citizens. When Lungu claims that LAZ is not following its mandate, it is likely that he is saying so out of partisan convenience. Had the association heaped praise on him, he would have probably applauded it as a professional body. Perhaps nothing illustrates this point more effectively than the coverage of the statement by LAZ in the state-run media. When LAZ commented that Lungu was within his powers in declaring the threatened state of emergency,

the PF and their allies in the state-controlled media welcomed these remarks with favourable and prominent headlines. For instance, a day after LAZ issued the statement, the front page of the Zambia Daily Mail had 'Lungu on firm ground – LAZ' as its headline. It was the mere hint of dissent over the grounds on which the threatened state of emergency was declared, and LAZ's argument that the proclamation can neither be extended nor used to curtail civil liberties, that aroused the ire of Lungu and his associates. This is another indication of a climate of intolerance where anything other than total support for Lungu and the PF is rejected.

LAZ, like any other social or professional group, has the right and the duty to comment on the actions of government: not only those actions which influence their particular group or professional interests, but also where the association thinks that the general public interest is not being served or that the government is not meeting legal and constitutional requirements. As a statutory body, and by the Act of its establishment, LAZ is further and specifically required to advise government on keeping within the law and constitutional requirements, and to blow the whistle on actions which indicate that such basic requirements of good governance are not being properly or sufficiently followed. Lungu would do well to embrace his critics and reconsider his strategy of opposing everything that comes from them, because some of their views can help and even save him from embarrassment or derision. Despite being a lawyer, he has previously demonstrated his limited knowledge and understanding of the law including the Constitution, which he swore to uphold and respect at his inauguration, such as when he kept his Cabinet after the dissolution of Parliament. The President should therefore be grateful for any advice on how he should comply with this central and overriding commitment, especially since, in democratic and constitutional system of governance, any serious transgressions in this fundamental area leave him open to proceedings of impeachment.

Third, Lungu's response to the comments from LAZ reflects a wider strategy by the ruling authorities to discredit alternative sources of power, purchase consent from the public and create a situation where their own actions

cannot be challenged. In relation to LAZ, a professional association of lawyers whose authority and opinions on constitutional matters enjoy considerable public support and respect, the objective of the ruling elites is to blur the distinction between the association's constitutional mandate and party political concerns. Since the August 2016 elections, Lungu and the PF have embarked on a campaign of propaganda aimed at poisoning the public into believing that any criticism of their actions, however legitimate, is the work of disgruntled citizens who 'do not have the interest of the nation at heart' and should therefore be treated as enemies. This process has been made somewhat easier by the relative absence of alternative credible sources of information following the orchestrated closure of The Post and the crackdown on dissent, which has seen many citizens and organisations resorting to self-censorship. A classic strategy of authoritarian regimes is the cultivation and existence of a political environment where citizens are ignorant of their rights and do not exercise them. In this regard, the unforgivable sin that LAZ committed in the eyes of the President was to empower citizens with the knowledge of their rights and the limits of presidential powers under a threatened state of emergency and in a context where the ruling authorities are seeking a monopoly on political knowledge. This provision of expert legal knowledge to an uninformed citizenry came against the concerted attempts of the ruling elites to mislead the public that the government has full emergency powers under Article 31 and that it could extend the emergency at the expiration of the 90 days. Since Lungu regards any criticism of his actions as politically motivated and hostile, he therefore regards LAZ as politically motivated and hostile. It is worth noting that LAZ is one of the few remaining independent civil society organisations with the capacity to check state power that have refused to succumb to the co-option and coercion machinations of the executive. Following unsuccessful attempts by the PF-aligned associates to oust the LAZ executive and the shelving of their plans to repeal the statute that established the association, the strategy of the ruling elites appears to be changing to that of undermining LAZ and discrediting its reputation in the court of public opinion.

From Lungu's infamous 'tonne

of bricks' policy of governance, which mainly involves treating opposition parties as enemies of the state, restricting their political activities and locking up their leaders with brute force, we see the importance of his interpreting LAZ as a political party. In other words, if the association can criticise him, then they are, in his view, seeking political power in order to replace him. If they want to replace him, then they are enemies of the state. If they are enemies of the state, then their activities are treasonable. So if LAZ is really an adversarial political party, it follows in Lungu's logic that it must be disbanded and replaced by an association that must confine itself to looking after the professional concerns of its members and otherwise keeping quiet. So, in his recent outburst against LAZ, we see yet another instructive lapse in Lungu's superficial rhetoric on democracy, revealing the emerging dictatorial thinking which better explains his actual behaviour. As his 'humble and democratic' veil increasingly slips, the frightening rationale behind his growing dictatorial behaviour is gradually revealed. Where will all this end, the inauguration of a dictatorship? I do not think so, for Lungu and the PF evidently lack the strategic tools that are essential to effectively managing and sustaining a dictatorship. One thing is clear though: Lungu's actions will certainly undermine Zambia's cherished democracy, its political institutions and culture, though they will not affect his position except in terms of how he will be regarded by future historians and political scientists.



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# Rwanda's President Paul Kagame eyes third term



Rwandans are going to the polls in presidential elections, with incumbent Paul Kagame widely expected to win his third term in office.

The 59-year-old is being challenged by Frank Habineza of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda, and independent candidate

Philippe Mpayimana. Mr Kagame is credited with the country's rapid economic development since taking office in 2000. But critics accuse him of

suppressing dissent and political freedoms. Polls across the country open at 07:00 (05:00 GMT) and will close at 16:00.

Mr Kagame, who represents the ruling RPF party, has widespread vocal support, the BBC's Tomi Oladipo says.

The president has even referred to the vote as a mere formality, our correspondent adds.

Rwanda's constitution was amended in 2015, giving Mr Kagame a chance to stay in power until 2034.

The two challengers

have complained that their supporter are being intimidated, which they say explains the low turnout at their pre-election rallies.

The candidates have also accused some local authorities of undermining their campaign.

The ruling party denies any accusations of wrongdoing. - *Bbc News*

## SA's 'coffin victim' breaks down in court

The victim in South Africa's coffin assault case has broken down during the trial of his alleged attackers.

Victor Mlotshwa, 27, told the court how he was forced into a coffin, allegedly by farmers Theo Martins Jackson and Willem Oosthuizen.

The pair deny several charges including kidnapping, attempted murder and possession of an illegal firearm.

The case has caused outrage in South Africa and highlighted racial tensions in the town's farming communities.

A video of the incident was shown in court, in which Mr Mlotshwa was heard crying and pleading. He told the Middleburg High Court that his mother had sent him to Middleburg, a small farming town, to buy stock for her shop, when he came across one of the suspects while using

a foot path as a short-cut through the farm.

Mr Mlotshwa only reported the matter after footage of the alleged assault in August 2016 emerged on YouTube months later.

"I thought these men were going to kill me. They were kicking me with their boots and pressing me down," he told a packed courtroom.

Local papers report that gasps could be heard in the courtroom when a two-minute video of the assault was played, while some people walked out.

Mr Mlotshwa was heard pleading for his life, explaining that he had not stolen and copper cables as they accused him of doing. He gave a detailed account of how the men bound him with cable ties, beat him and threatened to shoot him if he did not get into the wooden coffin as he was told.

In a court affidavit, the

pair, who are out on bail, said they didn't mean to harm him but merely wanted to "teach him a

lesson".

The trial continues on Friday.

*Bbc News*

## Large fire rips through Dubai's Torch Tower

A large fire has ripped through a residential skyscraper in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates - for the second time in two years.

Footage posted on social media showed flames spreading up the Torch Tower, and burning debris falling down.

The authorities later said that civil defence workers "successfully evacuated" the building and the blaze was brought under control. It is not clear what caused the fire in one of the world's tallest buildings.

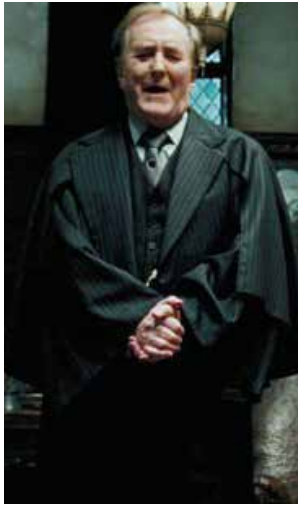
"No injuries have been reported so far in the Torch Tower fire incident," the government of Dubai's media office tweeted.

*Bbc News*





## Harry Potter actor Robert Hardy dies



British film and TV actor Robert Hardy died Thursday aged 91, according to BBC News.

The actor's family said he lived "tremendous life" with "a giant career in theatre, television and film spanning more than 70 years," according to the outlet.

Born October 29, 1925 in Gloucestershire, England, Hardy played Minister of Magic Cornelius Fudge in four Harry Potter films — 2002's Chamber of Secrets, 2004's Prisoner of Azkaban, 2005's Goblet of Fire and 2007's Order of the Phoenix.

The actor was also known for his role as veterinarian Siegfried Farnon in the long-running British TV series All Creatures Great and Small and played Winston Churchill in multiple projects. He won a BAFTA in 1981 for his portrayal of the great former Prime Minister in Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years.

*Yahoo News*



## Selena Gomez on the dark side of Disney fame

This time last year, Selena Gomez was at the height of her Revival tour and all over social media. Everything seemed great...until August 14 came. Gomez and her ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber had a very public and very ugly spat on Insta that dominated headlines. It became a final straw for Gomez, who two weeks later abruptly announced the cancellation of her tour to focus on her mental health. She went away-

off social media and off the grid-for 90 days to get treatment for depression and anxiety at a center in Tennessee. "It was the best thing that I ever could've done," she tells InStyle now, a year later, in its September issue. "I had no phone, nothing, and I was scared. But it was amazing, and I learned a lot." "Everything I cared about, I stopped caring about," she continues. "I came out, and it felt

like, 'Okay, I can only go forward.' And there are still days. I go to therapy. I believe in that and talking about where you are. But I'm in a really, really healthy place." Her life was completely different there, she says. "I was in the countryside and never did my hair; I took part in equine therapy, which is so beautiful. And it was hard, obviously. But I knew what my heart was saying, and I thought, 'Okay, I think this has

helped me become stronger for other people.' When I came out, I was asked to go to the American Music Awards, and everyone around me was like, 'Do whatever makes you comfortable.' I didn't want my fans to have a negative view of taking care of yourself, so I just went in head-on, and I'll tell you, the first time stepping on that carpet was so overwhelming. I felt like my back was sweating."

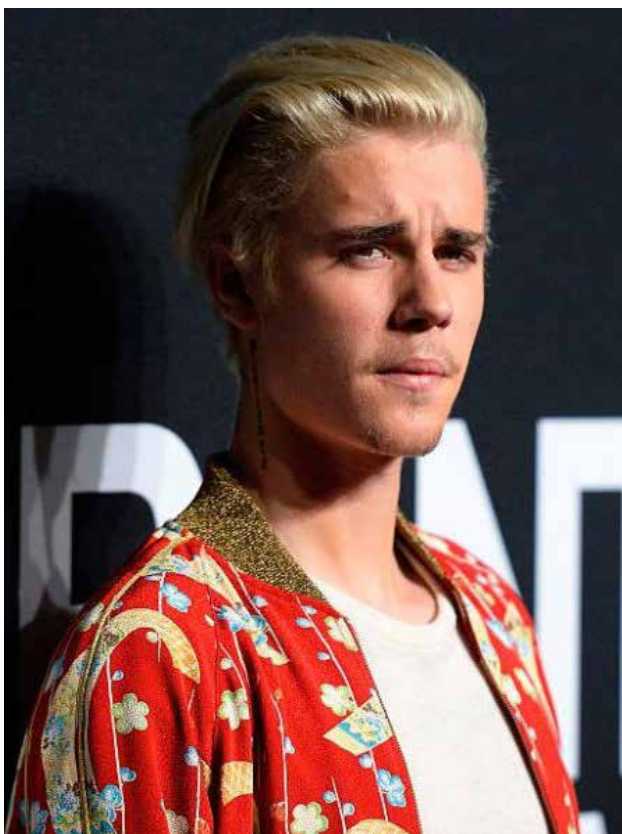
Gomez would give an emotional speech at the AMAs that November, explaining why she needed to get away. "I had to stop," she said then. "Because I had everything, and I was absolutely broken inside. And I kept it all together enough to where I would never let you down, but I kept it too much together to where I let myself down. I don't want to see your bodies on Instagram. I want to see what's in here. I'm not trying to get validation nor do I need it anymore." Gomez admits to InStyle that yes, she does feel more insecure as she gets older. "That's what I work on in therapy the most," she says. "Because of social media, because of all the pressure that girls have, it's so difficult. It's good to be connected, to see things, and to get

a sense of what your friends are up to. But it also allows people to think they need to look or be a certain way. I remember when I had my Disney show, I was just running around and not caring and making kids laugh. I was all over the place. And now it feels more zoomed-in-you have ugly people trying to get negative things from you, and the energy makes you feel bad about yourself. You can't help it. It's very hard to find out who you are during all that mess and pressure."

Gomez, who got her start on the Disney Channel's Wizards of Waverly Place in 2007, also doesn't really recommend being a child star. "I think it is really dysfunctional to be in this industry at a young age where you're figuring out who you are. I don't recommend it." Gomez really cared about other's opinions then. "When I was on Disney, it was like, 'Oh, they didn't like it?' It hurts your feelings." But, as Gomez puts it, now she's 'fought the fight of not being enough.' "That just goes back to where I am in my life-of course I care, but I care less and less, and that's so freeing," she says. "My livelihood can't depend on 'Am I liked?'"

*Yahoo News*

## I Have Let My Insecurities Get the Best of Me - Bieber



Justin Bieber posted a letter to fans on his Instagram account Wednesday night, speaking out for the first

time since he canceled the remaining dates of his Purpose tour.

The singer, 23, started by expressing how grateful

he was to fans and revealing their support has "kept me going."

"I'm grateful for the tours but most of all I am grateful I get to go through this life WITH YOU!" he wrote. "Learning and growing hasn't always been easy but knowing I am not alone has kept me going. I have let my insecurities get the best of me at times."

"I let my broken relationships dictate the way I acted toward people and the way I treated them! I let bitterness, jealousy and fear run my life!!!!" he continued. "I am extremely blessed to have people in the past few years help me build my character back up reminding me of who I am and who I want to be!!!"

Bieber expressed that

his Purpose world tour was "unbelievable" and "taught me so much about myself."

When it came to his cancellation of the remaining tour dates left in his tour schedule, Bieber let fans know that he needed the time off.

"Me taking this time right now is me saying I want to be SUSTAINABLE.." he wrote. "I want my career to be sustainable, but I also want my mind heart and soul to be sustainable. So that I can be the man I want to be, the husband I eventually want to be and the father I want to be."

In July, his rep announced in a statement that "due to unforeseen circumstances, Justin Bieber will cancel the remainder of the Purpose World Tour concerts."

*Yahoo News*



# Murray, Cilic withdraw from Canadian ATP event

World number one Andy Murray and sixth-ranked Wimbledon finalist Marin Cilic have withdrawn from next week's ATP Rogers Cup in Montreal, tournament officials said Thursday.

A nagging hip injury will keep Murray from the Canadian hardcourt tuneup for the US Open for the second year in a row after 11 previous consecutive appearances by the 30-year-old Scotsman.

"I am sad to be missing the tournament in Montreal because I have many great memories from my time in Canada," Murray said in a statement. "I am doing everything I can to return as quickly as possible."

Murray, a three-time Canada winner whose most recent title there came in 2015, has not played competitively since a five-set loss to

American Sam Querrey in a Wimbledon quarter-final last month.

His absence leaves reigning French Open

champion Rafael Nadal, a 15-time Grand Slam winner, and 2017 Australian Open and Wimbledon winner

Roger Federer, the holder of a record 19 Grand Slam titles, as the top seeds in Montreal.

Cilic, whose best Canada

showing was a 2008 quarter-final run, has a nagging adductor injury and joined Murray and fourth-ranked

Stan Wawrinka on the sidelines. Wawrinka pulled out Wednesday with a knee injury.

**Yahoo News**



The Brazil ace has branded the Argentine as his "idol" and has joked that the most important lesson the Uruguayan taught him was to kick out first

Neymar has hailed former Barcelona teammates Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez in an Instagram post wishing both the best of luck for the future.

Barcelona 19/20 to win La Liga

Along with the South American duo, the Brazil star, who moved to Paris Saint-Germain on Thursday for a world-record €222 million, formed one third of the famed 'MSN' offensive trio that is regarded as one of the best forward lines in the history of the game.

Neymar is sad to have ended that relationship but is grateful for the time spent together.

"Brothers, I wish you all the best. Thank you for these years of great joy and learning," he wrote

## 'I love you!' - Neymar Jr sends heartfelt goodbye to Messi, Suarez and Barcelona

on Instagram.

"I'm a more accomplished guy for playing with you. One of the reasons I signed for Barcelona was you Lionel Messi, because I wanted to play with my idol and the greatest I've ever seen in football.

"Thank you for the affection you had with me and everything I learned from looking at you closely. I am your fan and will always admire you.

Neymar: Why I signed for PSG

"Luis Suarez brought us great joy and brought us together even more. Who would say that three South Americans would work? I learned several things with you and the biggest one was to kick first! I wish you all the best! I love you  
"I also want to thank



my dear friends that I've had for all these years. I arrived a dreamy boy, wanting to learn from you, and today I am a proud man to have had you by my side for this time!

"May you never lose your humility and may you always be happy! "We're together. And the rest... it is history!"

**Goal.com**

## Bafana to host Zambia in East London

*From back page*

Bafana Bafana will face Zambia in the third and final round of the 2018 CHAN qualifiers at Buffalo City Stadium in East London," the South African football Association said in a statement.

"The first leg clash takes place on Saturday, 12 August 2017. Kickoff is at 15h00.

"Bafana Bafana, who have

announced a 25-man squad to take on Chipolopolo, assemble for camp this coming Sunday, 6 August." The return leg will be played on August 19 at National Heroes Stadium in Lusaka. Winner over both legs will qualify to next January's finals to be hosted by Kenya.

Meanwhile, Zambia entered camp on August 1 for the CHAN qualifier.

Zambia began early preparations after securing a friendly match this weekend against Ethiopia that they are using to fine-tune for the clash against Bafana.

Chipolopolo will host Ethiopia this Saturday, August 5 at Woodlands Stadium in Lusaka.

Ethiopia arrive for the friendly on Thursday, August 3.





# Bafana bafana to host Zambia in East London

*By Diggers Reporter*

Bafana Bafana will host Zambia in East London next week in their 2018 CAF African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifier.

Bafana and Zambia will clash in their CHAN first leg, final round qualifier on August 12.

*Continues on page 11*

## Neymer: PSG ambition attracted me



World-record signing Neymar says his move to Paris Saint-Germain came about after he was impressed by the French club's ambition.



Neymar completed his historic move from Barcelona on Thursday after PSG met his release clause of €222 million, a deal that smashes the transfer

record previously held by Manchester United's Paul Pogba (€105m).

The 25-year-old, who spent four successful seasons with Barca, says he was

always attracted by the French club's project.

"I am extremely happy to join Paris Saint-Germain," said Neymar, who will be presented by his new club

on Friday."

"Since I arrived in Europe, the club has always been one of the most competitive and most ambitious. And the biggest challenge, what

most motivated me to join my new team-mates is to help the club to conquer the titles that their fans want."

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