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***Walilwala AIDS imbwa ya muntu iwee,  
and you killed people in Chingola***

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Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe shakes hands with KFW project manager Macro Freitag of Germany after signing an MoU. See story page 3 - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## Corruption won't end unless ACC targets those in power - Brebner

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
Civil Rights Activist Brebner Changala says corruption will never end in Zambia if the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) does not go for the big fish that are holding power. On Monday, former Attorney General Musa Mwenye broke

his silence on the ongoing debate about escalating corruption levels in the country, saying the graft fight should not only target the weak and vulnerable. Mwenye could not resist commenting on an incident where Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo

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## Reject speed-fines, Clearing Association urges motorists

**By Abraham Kalito**

The Customs Clearing and Freight Forwarding Agents' Association of Zambia (CCFFAAZ)

has called on motorists to reject fines slapped on them by the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) following

the installation of speed cameras on selected roads in Lusaka. In a statement issued Tuesday, Association president Bruce Kaemba stated that the introduction of speed cameras was a scheme aimed at extorting and squeezing monies from the already overburdened tax payers. To page 5

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We are rich because of the poor, President Edgar Lungu told Kalulushi resident on the Copperbelt yesterday. And has President Lungu directed the Kitwe Mayor Christopher Kan'gombe to find a solution to land wrangles in the district. Speaking upon arrival at Southdown Airport in Kalulushi, Copperbelt, Tuesday, President Lungu asked leaders to always act according to what was good for the poor saying they are the ones who were responsible for their riches. "Chilankalipa (It hurts) when I see people suffering, mwaisa bapoka ama yanda (you displace them). I think we are loosing it as leaders when we don't realise where we are coming from, the history behind the issues, and how we can resolve the issues going forward. I'm not saying this because elections are coming in 2021. Elections will come in 2021, 2026, they will keep coming but people will remain. Approach these issues as one in the belief that what's good for the people, the poor people especially, is good for

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us too because we are living out of the poor people. We are comfortable, we are rich because of the poor people. They come to come to clean our houses from Kalingalinga, Mtendere, they are our masters. They come to cook for us. All I can tell you mutekanye sana, amaka yalapwa (power finishes)," President Lungu said.

And President Lungu directed the Kan'gombe to find a solution to land wrangles in the district. "Ningumfwa (I have heard) there are issues. Your worship the mayor resolve the land wrangle. There is nothing impossible ngamulelandishanya (if you are communicating). Talk to each other. Those people there,

basangilwe shani palya? How did they find themselves there? You are the council, there are records there. 'No the land belongs to ZCCM, the land belongs to government', who is the government? Bantu! 'No the minister of lands, the council, ZCCM that...' ikaleni pamo mufwaye solution (sit togethre and find a solution). Bana mayo balechula, mwali bapela

ama plot ilya mwalefwaya baka mivotele bwapalema ama plot, elo nomba mwasapilubula ati they are illegal (Women are suffering. You gave them plots when you were asking for votes but afterwards you say no they are illegal). But going forward we are saying ifyama land land fipwe. Mwachita negotiate, mwalanshyana (we want these land wrangles to end. You

should negotiate)," he said. Meanwhile, President Lungu said those who were trying to undermine his government by passing derogatory remarks were wasting their time. "Iyo ba PF nafilwa tubafumyepo (No the PF have failed lets remove them)...Tulebomba bwino balemona (We are working well and they can see). So those who are wasting time trying to undermine us by passing derogatory remarks about how we are governing the country and trying to crucify the media, mulebepafye pantu abantu ebalemona elo ebakwatikwitisha amaka (you are just lying to yourself because people are the ones who are seen and they are the ones with power). So I'm very happy to be here," said President Lungu.

## Kenyan Airways makes forced landing after bird strike at KKIA

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The Civil Aviation Authority

has explained that a Kenyan Airways plane on Monday

night had to declare an emergency return after it hit

into a bird shortly after take off from the Kenneth Kaunda

International Airport (KKIA).

Authority Corporate Affairs Manager Gabriel Lesa confirmed to News Diggers in an interview that it was a bird strike and not a stray dog as reported by other media. Lesa said the plane had to return and make an emergency landing so that engineers could assess the impact. "They just had a technical problem which they actually reported and came back to land. They actually hit into a bird, it was a bird strike and they just came back to assess whether it was serious. They were delayed for almost I think... two hours. The engineers looked to assess whether there was enough damage but then they discovered it was okay. And that took almost two hours, and then they even flew out. So it wasn't a stray dog, it was a bird actually," said Lesa. He said the flight was delayed for 2 hours and that after assessing the fault, engineers discovered that it was not a serious problem.

## HH explains failure to greet Lungu at Levy Mwanawasa's memorial

By Sipilisiwe Ncube  
UPND president Hakainde Hichilema says even if the memorial church service of late President Mwanawasa presented an opportunity for him and President Edgar Lungu to meet with each other, it was difficult to say hello because of the positions in which the two were seated. But Hichilema says it would have been nice if the two leaders greeted the way they had during the burial of the late Daniel Munkombwe. "As at yesterday, what happened was that my team and I arrived early at the Cathedral. We were seated at the far left corner, and my colleague (President Edgar Lungu) came in much later and he was seated in the right hand corner. And the problem started. I think in my view, it was circumstantial and maybe it was difficult to say hello to each other, although the opportunity was there. For me when I had the opportunity to do it in Choma at the late [Daniel] Munkombwe's funeral, I walked over and greeted my colleague. I did that as a natural reaction, not that I planned to do it," Hichilema narrated. "But yesterday (Sunday), it didn't happen, for whatever reason. I greeted him in Choma [that] 'how are you? Welcome to Choma, thank you for coming to mourn the late Munkombwe.' That was a short conversation in Choma. Another example that I want to give you is that we were at a graveyard one day and we were burying relatives and we happened to be at the same burial site with my colleague's wife and I found time to walk over to greet her. It was public

posture and naturally as a normal human act. Yesterday (Sunday), it didn't happen. It would have been nice if it happened, [but] it didn't happen." Hichilema also advised Zambians not to allow corruption to take a centre stage, but rather fight it vigorously. "It is our view that corruption must be fought vigorously because it takes away the income that will go to investment to create jobs. Therefore, it would help the youth, help the women, help those that are unemployed today because corruption has taken that money. The few leaders in PF and their associates have taken that money; they have built mansions out of this country. Money which could have been invested in these production sectors such as agriculture, tourism and agro-processing through value-addition and creating more value and more exports, more jobs, opportunities in terms of contracts because you know over 60 per cent will depend on agriculture directly or indirectly. And that is how president Mwanawasa's fight against corruption assisted the growth of the economy. Remember during his time, there was an increased production in agriculture, there was surplus production in agriculture. Indeed, Zambians must draw that the fight against corruption is critical because it saves resources that will help you to grow your sectors. Our policy in the UPND is to allow zero tolerance on corruption so that we can save that money and put it in the productive

sector," Hichilema added. He also advised government to reduce some of its expenditure and to revisit certain ways of doing things. "That is why our colleague was shamelessly asking the visiting Turkish President [Recep Tayyip Erdoğan] that, 'please help me to repay the US \$750 million Eurobond.' If they had invested that money in agriculture and in energy and created jobs, then there would have been revenues from there to service the debt. How do we reverse the 25 per cent of the budget going towards loans? We must stop the borrowing too much money now at a high cost. The little that you borrow, you must invest in revenue-generating activities. Don't buy VX, don't pay huge amounts of money on travelling. After you have said that you will stop travelling, you continue travelling. We must have a heart for the people; those who are suffering have continued suffering. So, let me alert the people of Zambia [that] where we are heading to now is at a worse situation. You will see public sector workers getting delayed payment, council workers not being paid on time, you will see companies that supply to government paying salaries of their workers late as well and some of the companies will close down," he warned. "You are going to see very soon this government will start printing money. That is what a failing government does. They print money, a piece of money they call legal tender; they print it without backing it with goods and services, without backing it with economic activities.

And then what you will see is that, more kwachas will be floating around and it will trigger the increase in prices and worsen the situation. You cannot borrow hoping that President Erdoğan will one day come and bail you out of your expensive loan. What if Erdoğan didn't visit? What if he is not capable of paying you because he has own programmes? You must plan all these things. I said it before that PF is chimbwi no plan (clueless animal) and you know that I went to jail for that. I was arrested for that, and I am repeating knowing that some people with appetite to arresting will advise him so that Zambians benefit. In PF, there is no planning, it is chimbwi no plan, it is chipante-pante." He also said that fighting corruption should focus on the big fish who are stealing big. "Suspending traffic officers... let me tell you something, when the leaders are corrupt, even those in the lower ranks learn a lesson. They think stealing money, corruption, is normal. Why punish only police officers? We must punish those who are stealing big from the Ndola-Lusaka [dual carriageway], from the ambulances, from the fertilizer, from the fire tenders, those who are stealing drugs from public medical stores, those who are stealing through the Financial Intelligence Centre [Trends] Report, they get away with it. Those are the ones we must go for. Those are the big fish," said Hichilema. "I have said it before that PF just lacks understanding. Where people buy those

[Internet] bundles, they pay already. So, this is tax on tax. You don't bring development that way [and] that is why the economy is going down. That is why jobs are not there! We want to put people in jobs, and to put people in jobs you need to lower the taxes. If someone says, 'tomorrow if I come to the studio here to talk to you,' by opening the mouth I will have to pay a tax soon, by going to answer a call of nature, you pay a tax. They have stolen too much money through corruption, through roads, through fire tenders, through ambulances, and by the way, through fertilizer. That is why fertilizer is expensive because of the corruption."

## Police nab 2 Sesheke men for murder of female officer

By Diggers Reporter

Police spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo says officers in Sesheke have nabbed two people in connection to the murder of a female cop who has left behind a one-year-old baby. In a statement yesterday, Katongo revealed that one of the suspects was the deceased's lover. "Woman Constable Chembwe of Katimalilo Police Station, traffic section was reported missing two weeks ago and she left a one year old baby. An investigation was launched, and led to the apprehension of two people. After searching the house of one suspect believed to have been an intimate male friend, blood was discovered an indication that she was murdered and her phone was recovered from the same house and was identified by relatives that it belonged to the victim. Further investigations have revealed a shallow grave located 10 kilometers from sesheke in the bush where the suspect is suspected to have been buried," stated Katongo. "Arrangements are being made to have the body exhumed. We have withheld the names of the two suspects as investigations have continued. We have two suspects in police custody."



# Railway SI on bulk cargo has boosted Zambia Railways – Mushimba

*By Abraham Kalito*

Zambia Railways Limited has grown its business by 22 per cent in five months owing to the Statutory Instrument (SI) on heavy cargo, says Transport and Communications Minister Brian Mushimba. And Mushimba says Zambia Airways will conduct a test flight in October in readiness to officially launch the national carrier to the public. In January this year, Government, through the Ministry of Transport & Communications, announced the signing of Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 7 of 2018 on rail transportation to compel 30 per cent of bulk and heavy cargo to be transported by rail, making it mandatory for all transporters of bulk and heavy cargo to shift at least 30 per cent of their cargo from road to rail. Some of the heavy bulk cargo expected to be transported onto railway include: copper and cobalt concentrates, coal, cement, among other heavy goods. In an interview with News Diggers! in Lusaka, Mushimba disclosed that Zambia Railways had seen its business grow by 22 per cent and that there had been compliance from transporters of cargo since the SI was signed. “There will be government inspector of railways, there will be Ministry of Transport, there will Zambia Revenue Authority, there will be Weights and Measures Agency. All these will form a task force team of enforcement. Even in the period of these change management, those impacted by this SI have already willingly, have started complying. Zambia Railways has grown their business by 22 per cent ever since we signed the SI to put 30 per cent of heavy cargo on rail. Just within this five-month period. So, people are already complying. There is now a 17 per cent increase in TAZARA and some of it is because of the changes we have implemented,” Mushimba revealed. He explained that US \$120 million, as part of the proceeds arising from the first US \$750 million Eurobond issued in 2012, were effectively utilised to revamp Zambia Railways. “And I want to be very clear of the Eurobond. The US \$750 million that was gotten was not for Zambia Railways all of it, and it has been mismanaged, no! Zambia Railways has simply been invested into. The money was for many things and Zambia Railways only got US \$120 million. And Zambia Railways has used that US \$120 million to remanufacture locomotives, to work on slow-speed areas,

to do the signalling, to build the capacity. The speed of Zambia Railways has moved from 10 to 50 kilometres per hour on average. We don’t want to stop there. We want to go to 80 kilometres an hour, to 100 and more, but the point is we have invested enough as government and we feel we have built enough capacity to ask the transportation sector to come back to railway and we are asking for 30 per cent, which we know the capacity is there. And with that 30 per cent, it means extra cargo, on railway,” Mushimba added. “The real picture around this is that, PF government want to modernise rail transport in our transportation equation, and just like I have been speaking to air transport to make it available for the people; just like I have been speaking to water transportation. The PF government is singularly focused on making sure that all models of

transportation are available, accessible and affordable for all the citizens. So, rail transportation had gone to sleep; Zambia Railways had gone to sleep; TAZARA had gone to sleep. There has now been investment in TAZARA, US \$70 million as counting, which has reduced the number of slow speed areas by 87 per cent. TAZARA used to take 37 days from Mpika to Dar-es-salaam to transport cargo. It’s taking five to seven days because of investment. Zambia Railways similarly has been invested into.” He argued that the SI, which was resisted by the mining sector, among other stakeholders, will grow the railway sector even more. “It means extra business for Zambia Railways and TAZARA, it means extra revenues. It means extra profits, which can now be re-injected back into the rail operations to continue the modernisation agenda and

making sure that railway is an option. We gave six month implementation period, which I called the change management. You will have to account for change management. Things don’t just [happen when] you snap a finger and they happen, no! The six months was where TAZARA would engage the transporters of copper cathodes all those would be engaged, and service level agreements would be signed, and other questions would be clarified so that at the end of the six months, we start enforcing. So, we were not enforcing in the six months; it was change management period. So, this six month is ending this month, then enforcement, the enforcement team will be made up of cross-functional team of government officers,” Mushimba narrated. “The mines were complaining, but they have come on board.”

And Mushimba said Zambia Airways will conduct a test flight in October in readiness to officially launch the airways to the public. On Sunday, the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ethiopian Airlines Group chief executive officer Tewolde Gebremariam to mark the two parties’ agreement as shareholders in the venture. “It’s a lengthy, comprehensive process of giving birth to Zambia Airways. It is a complex undertaking, as a country, we don’t need to be careless by rushing through the process. We have taken our time and it’s coming to the end. It is coming to pass, and the agreements have been signed between Zambia Airways and our strategic partner Ethiopian Airlines. We have the share of the agreement that has been signed. The business

model that we want to ride under is that for the first two years, we are going to do domestic flights. Our budget airline is to do local flights to all districts in the country,” said Mushimba, who also revealed during Sunday’s MoU signing that the long-awaited airline will only take off on January 1 next year. “We want to cultivate a new cadre of air travellers; we want to give access to Zambians to fly. And you know it’s going to be a budget airline where the cost of an airline ticket compared to getting on the bus is comparable. Obviously, people now can see and say, ‘if I top up on my bus fare, I can actually get there on time and quicker.’ Once we have grown that new cadre of air travellers, then we can go regionally and internationally. As soon as we do our test flight around October, sooner after that, you know we should start flying.”

## Germany, EU aid Zambia €28.4m grant to enhance electricity access

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*

Government has signed a €28.4 million grant agreement with the European Union (EU) and KfW of the Federal Republic of Germany to finance the sustainable access to electricity in the southern region of Zambia. And German Embassy Head of Cooperation Dr Christoph Ritz says the project is expected to make more power available for distribution to both households and businesses as well as allow feed-in additional renewable energies to the grid. Speaking at the signing in ceremony in Lusaka, Tuesday, Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe said support to the energy sector is essential to ensuring access to clean safe, reliable and affordable energy at the lowest cost. “Through the signing of this grant agreement, that you have just witnessed, KfW will provide a grant of €18.0 million, or K211 million equivalent, to finance the ‘sustainable access to electricity in southern division component’ project and the EU, through KfW, will provide a grant of €10.4 million, or K122 million equivalent, for the implementation of the ‘access component’ project to be implemented by Zesco. The Zambian government has committed itself to grow and diversify the energy sector by expanding power generation

and transmission capabilities as espoused in the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP). Support to this sector is essential to ensuring universal access to clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy at the lowest cost consistent with Zambia’s national development aspirations, as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,” Mwanakatwe said. She said the funds will go towards rehabilitation and reinforcement of selected power transmission and distribution infrastructure in the region because the existing infrastructure to serve the current electricity load is insufficient. “Through the ‘sustainable access to electricity in southern division component’ project and ‘access component’ project, as a result of this grant agreement that we have just signed; firstly, you may wish to know that, a large part of the transmission and distribution network in this service area still dates from the pre-Independence-era, and the capacity of the existing infrastructure to serve the current load is insufficient. In this regard, these funds will [go] towards the rehabilitation and reinforcement of selected power transmission and distribution infrastructure in the southern division of Zambia,”

Mwanakatwe explained. “Secondly, through the rehabilitation and reinforcement of the grid, the project will improve security of supply, reduce power losses and enhance energy efficiency in the system. Consequently, more power will be available for distribution and more households and productive users will be connected. Lastly, under the ‘access component’ project, these funds will be used to connect small businesses and households in areas currently not connected to the national grid, but are located in the vicinity of the project region.” Mwanakatwe further explained how the projects will be financed. “Firstly, rehabilitation and reinforcement measures: the project will finance a selection of rehabilitation and reinforcement measures, otherwise, referred to also as R&R measures, and have been confirmed by Zesco as the highest priority investment. Further, the project will finance the R&R measures, which will include works at 12 substations ranging from 132 KV down to 11 KV and several other new transmission lines at voltage levels of 132 KV, 66 KM and 33 KV. Secondly, the project will finance contracting of a consulting engineer during implementation and construction phase. Last but

not the least, under the ‘access component’ the project will finance the connections to the grid or improve electricity supply to identify Rural Growth Centres (RGC) and low-cost urban areas falling within the project areas,” she said. And Dr Ritz explained that KfW, his country’s development bank, was the lead financier of the project. “This is expected to make more power available for distribution so that more households and businesses can be connected. It will also allow to feed-in additional renewable energies to the grid. The project is a good example of European-Zambia cooperation. The investment of 86.9 million euros is jointly-financed by France and Germany and includes a contribution from the EU focused on the implementation of an access component. Germany’s development bank KfW is the lead financier. The financing contracts to be signed today covers 28.4 million euros from Germany and the EU. For the overall project, Germany provides a grant of 36.5 million via KfW and France provides a concessional loan of 40 million euros. The EU contributes a grant of 10.4 million euros via the Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund. Ensuring energy access for all will require reforms in the energy sector. Zambia’s

overall debt sustainability and the financial health of Zesco are important preconditions for investment in the energy sector,” Dr Ritz explained. And EU Delegation to Zambia and COMESA Gianluca Azzoni encouraged the Zambian government and Zesco to make the most out of the financial package. “The EU is contributing grant financing to this project to a tune of 10.4 million euros, which comes on top of the envelop already allocated under the bilateral EU-Zambia cooperation programme of the 11th European Development Fund (for the period 201-2020). The EU contribution comes from the EU Sustainable Energy for all window of the EU-Africa Investment facility set up to promote access to affordable, reliable and clean energy in African-partner countries in line with Sustainable Development Goal 7. I am informed that the project aims at establishing at least 12,000 new connections to households and 200 new connections to commercial/public users representing a total of more than 60,000 citizens with access to grid-connected power. I would like to encourage the Government of Zambia, and Zesco in particular, to make most use out of this financing package,” said Azzoni.

# Church shouldn’t hijack dialogue process – YALI

**By Mukosha Funga**  
Young African Leaders Initiative President Andrew Ntewewe says the church must not hijack the national dialogue process because ZCID is the right organization to handle all matters regarding political parties in Zambia. And Ntewewe says the church must know that Zambia is neither in a crisis or in a war situation. In a statement, Tuesday, Ntewewe said the back and forth on who should spearhead the dialogue process was retrogressive and asked the church not to hijack the process. “We at the YALI have noted with grave concern the position taken by the Church to spearhead the

national dialogue process by themselves to the exclusion of other key stakeholders such as the Zambia Centre For Inter-party Dialogue (ZCID). What is particularly perturbing is that the church seems to be oblivious and insensitive to the challenges we have recently faced to actualise this long awaited national dialogue. This back and forth in this process only serves to erode public confidence in the process and it is generally retrogressive. The position taken by the 3 church mother bodies seems to negate the strides that political parties have so far undertaken to achieve to much anticipated dialogue,” Ntewewe stated. “The nation will recall that not long ago Secretary Generals of

political parties gathered and met in Siavonga to iron out this very important matter. We were all pleased at the outcome of the Siavonga deliberations were political reaffirmed their commitment to the national dialogue process were both the church and the ZCID would play but equally important roles. What has happened to this position? Are the three church mother bodies telling us that the efforts made by the political parties themselves under the auspices of ZCID useless? The 3 church mother bodies must not appear to be making attempts at hijacking the dialogue process when we all as stakeholders know that when it comes to dialogue among political parties, there exists an umbrella organisation

called ZCID. There can not be interparty dialogue therefore without ZCID. Let’s capacitate ZCID by ensuring they play their role in national dialogue.” And Ntewewe told church mother bodies that Zambia was not in a crisis neither was it in a war situation. “YALI would like to put it on record and remind our beloved church mother bodies that Zambia is not in a crisis, neither are we in a war situation. All the institutions of governance are intact. It’s also very critical to indicate that there is no legitimacy contest, the elections of 2016 are beyond us and we have a legitimate government in place. We are of the view that the national dialogue process, must not be mistaken for a

reconciliation between and among our political leaders. This is a national dialogue, for heaven’s sake. It must not leave anyone behind,” he stated. “In fact, it must be understood that this process is also about reforms which will affect all the citizens of this country. It requires key expertise by different stakeholders. Hence no one single entity must bulldoze it’s importance. This nation dialogue is about building a long term, sustainable peace architecture and the institution well placed to do that is the ZCID. We therefore must capacitate ZCID for this long-term process as dialogue and constant engagement is the hallmark and bedrock of a strong well

functioning democracy.” Ntewewe asked the church not to be derailed by by-partisan processes at the expense of tending to God’s flock. “Peace building, conflict resolution mechanisms, detection and early warning signs of conflict and general by-partisan engagements will be central to the long-term national dialogue process hence the need for ZCID to be a critical partner in this process. With due respect to the Church, they can not sacrifice their prophetic calling and the demands of constantly tendering to God’s flock at the expense of being engaged in these never ending by-partisan processes which will always be with us,” stated Ntewewe.

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
Civil Rights Activist Brebner Changala says corruption will never end in Zambia if the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) does not go for the big fish that are holding power. On Monday, former Attorney General Musa Mwenye broke his silence on the ongoing debate about escalating corruption levels in the country, saying the graft fight should not only target the weak and vulnerable. Mwenye who served under president Michael Sata as Solicitor General and later Attorney General, could not resist commenting on the incident where Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo caught traffic officers allegedly taking bribes from motorists. He said while Lusambo’s efforts were targeted at exposing corruption, it was important to target grand corruption among those who were taking proceeds of crime to invest in companies and assets, rather than only focussing on the weak and vulnerable. And in an interview, Changala

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agreed with Mwenye, saying those involved in grand corruption often went scot free because of the power they yielded. “I conquer with the former Attorney General. He is very right. The fight against corruption is a fight against the weak in society whereas the strong and the people who are involved in grand corruption are left off the hook because they are well connected. And this is because the Anti-Corruption Commission itself is morally corrupt [and] it cannot balance the fight against corruption. It cannot equalize in terms of attacks on the root cause of this corruption. The biggest culprits in this corruption are actually in

high offices but because they cannot touch them for the fear of the unknown, they want to celebrate the downfall of the weak who are merely trying to help themselves to the tradition that has been celebrated and anchored in the corridors of power. And this corruption will never end if the Anti-Corruption Commission will not go for the big fish that are holding power,” Changala said. Changala said instead of being a political party, PF had been turned into a business venture. “And those who are celebrating the arrest of those [traffic] four police officers are being naive, unfair to this country and indeed accomplices. They must mind that what happened to those four police officers must happen to the

big fishes that are stealing big. For example, PF itself is an embodiment of corruption. Look at its lifestyle [or] the lifestyle of the leaders of PF, look at their expenditure, it is out of this world. And yet PF has now become a business venture and when you question them [on] the source of their monies, they will tell you that it’s well wishers. Now where are these well-wishers who can’t buy medicine in hospitals? Where are these well-wishers who can’t support our children at higher learning institutions in terms of bursaries? So I agree with the former attorney general that this drama [which] they are trying to create by embarrassing and humiliating those who are low in society

is bound to backfire one day. We need to cite the corruption starting from State House to the last man in the ministry in government,” he said. He said there was need to probe PF officials for corruption starting from the Secretary General to the media director. “We need to fight corruption in PF starting from the secretary general to the media director. Where are they getting these funds when the economy has totally collapsed and when we are going through what they are telling us is austerity measures? I don’t know what these austerity measures are. This does not affect PF, it only affects the man and woman in the street because their expenditure is very high and extravagant, but they will tell

you to tighten your belt as we face the challenges ahead. There is a lot of hypocrisy and a lot of unbridled anarchy in the corridors of power,” Changala said. Meanwhile, Changala said there was need to give ACC directors security of tenure so that they could discharge their duties freely. “And the Anti-Corruption Commission itself is to blame. So for Anti-Corruption Commission and its commission officers to operate, they need security of tenure. They are very vulnerable. And mind you, corrupt people are very powerful in that they are financially strong; they are able to uproot anybody to an extent of killing anybody. Now the director general of Anti-Corruption Commission must have security of power. Once appointed [and] ratified by parliament, there should be a situation where he cannot be removed by the president unless through a tribunal which he has errored or if he has committed a misdemeanour. They must have the security of power, the security which the judge enjoys , the security that the director of public prosecution enjoys. They must extend it to these institutions so that they operate freely and at an extent where they can walk to a minister and say ‘I am arresting you today’ without a phone call coming from State House to say ‘don’t arrest that gangstar, the money he is stealing is ours no,” said Changala.

**By Stuart Lisulo**  
The Zambia Revenue Authority has disclosed that many taxpayers continue to be evasive when reporting to Customs and to Domestic Tax on comparable transactions. In a statement, ZRA commissioner-general Kingsley Chanda revealed that results following the tax amnesty programme, which lapsed on June 30 this year, indicated that many taxpayers continued to be evasive when reporting to Customs and to Domestic Tax on comparable transactions. According to Chanda, the ZRA ran a tax amnesty on interest and penalties arising from late or non-

# Taxpayers are evasive – ZRA

submission of returns and late or non-payment of tax liabilities on all domestic tax liabilities from April 24 to December 31 last year. The Tax Amnesty exercise was intended to give an opportunity to taxpayers to declare all transactions that had not been reported and to resolve their tax indebtedness arising from interest and penalties. It also offered taxpayers longer time-to-pay agreements until June 30 this year. “Results so far indicate that

many taxpayers continue to be evasive when reporting to Customs and to Domestic Tax on comparable transactions. We wish to inform taxpayers whose declarations will be flagged by the data matching system that they will receive a notification requesting them to provide an explanation for the identified variations within 14 days of the notification. Taxpayers are reminded that they are required by law to comply with this request and to provide any requested information and records,”

Chanda disclosed in a press statement released, Tuesday. He cautioned that taxpayers failing to oblige to the notifications will attract further penalties. “Should a taxpayer fail to oblige with this request for information and records, ZRA shall proceed to amend the taxpayer’s tax assessments by making adjustments that may be deemed fit in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, the Value Added Tax Act and the Customs and Excise

Act. Furthermore, failure to provide the information and records so requested may result in incurring of fines or penalties in accordance with the aforementioned legislation,” warned Chanda. “The Authority wishes to take this opportunity to encourage taxpayers to comply voluntarily on their tax obligations. However, taxpayers who choose to evade taxes will be identified and brought to account. Tax compliance is everyone’s responsibility.



# Reject RTSA speed fines, Customs Clearing Association urges motorists

**By Abraham Kalito**  
The Customs Clearing and Freight Forwarding Agents' Association of Zambia (CCFFAAZ) has called on motorists to reject fines slapped on them by the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) following the installation of speed cameras on selected roads in Lusaka. In a statement issued in Lusaka, Tuesday, Association president Bruce Kaemba stated

that the introduction of speed cameras is a scheme aimed at extorting and squeezing out monies from the already overburdened tax payers. "I urge all the affected motorists to reject these fines because the whole exercise is a scheme by RTSA and Intelligent Mobility Solutions to extort and squeeze out monies from us, the already overburdened tax payers. Do you remember

the motor vehicle testing machine, which RTSA introduced sometime back at Mimosa? They are at it again though this time with the so-called speed cameras. Let us just reject this scheme with the same level of unanimity we had when opposing the introduction of the Mimosa motor vehicle test machine. Should RTSA push me to the limit in pursuit of this illegal fine, I will have no option but

to seek legal redress and unless the courts of law deem it fit for me to pay the fine I will do so. That, however, should mean that RTSA should stoop so low and throw professionalism out the window to appease this company at the expense of us innocent motorists," Kaemba stated. "The fines slapped on us motorists by RTSA for allegedly excessive speeding is clearly an act of extortion and broad day

light robbery. In the first place, RTSA should have informed us motorists of their intentions to put up speed cameras – that's what responsible and civilised agencies do. This is not the game of hide and seek. As if to add salt to the wound, RTSA head Zindaba Soko vehemently said the agency will not waive the fines on the speed tickets, but extend the payment period by one month.

What Mr Soko has done is to justify the illegality!" He also complained of being a victim of the newly-installed speed cameras. "As an affected motorist, who has accrued five tickets for excessive speeding, I am extremely reluctant to pay these fines and I believe my position is shared by many other motorists who are in a similar position as myself. In as much as the speed cameras are a welcome move to restore sanity on our roads, the manner in which these cameras were installed and the fines slapped on us motorists is all wrong and fails in many ways than one," stated Kaemba. On Monday, RTSA insisted on not waiving fines slapped on speeding motorists following the installation of speed cameras on selected roads despite mounting complaints from several motorists. According to Soko, the agency is also anticipated to beat its revenue target by 100 per cent through the use of ICTs, which include speed trap cameras.

# Nkombo tells outsiders calling for HH's resignation to back off

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
UPND chairman for elections Gary Nkombo has asked non-members calling on Hakainde Hichilema to go to back off because the party doesn't need outsiders to tell them how to move their agenda. And Nkombo says UPND has double confidence in Hichilema and will go for a general assembly at their own pace. Speaking when he featured on UNZA Radio's Lusaka Star programme, Tuesday, Nkombo charged that only a fool could call for the removal of Hichilema because he only lost by one per cent in the last general elections. He wondered why outsiders were the ones calling for the removal of Hichilema instead of UPND members. "You have heard President Lungu say, 'ine chilankalipa sana why UPND are keeping Hakainde Hichilema'. Now, here is the man who is insecure. It's none of his business! Let me remind the public that a guy who is down by under one per cent of votes in the last elections; an election that attracted a petition, a petition that was shut out! Only a fool can agitate for the removal of the face of that individual. To go back 10 years, to start afresh, to sell a new name, I want you to know; only a fool can agitate for that. Why are these noises not coming from the UPND themselves is the question that begs answers. Why should it be a young, misguided boy called Andrew Ntewewe (YALI president) agitating? Why should President Lungu, why is it his

business to have change of leadership in UPND? He left UPND a long time ago. It's none of his business," Nkombo insisted. And he said the UPND had double confidence in Hichilema and outsiders should back off, adding that the party would go for a general assembly at their own pace. "We have double confidence in the man who is leading our party. And for avoidance of doubt, for those who think that we are nervous about going to a general assembly, we will do it at our own pace. We do not need people from outside to come over here to tell us how to move our agenda. It's a constitutional requirement that the societies must go to the general assembly and we are alive to that fact. Therefore, we do not need people to whip up to get it done, we will do it in our own time within the confines of the law. And so, the best way to put it is to say, 'let them back off'," Nkombo maintained. Meanwhile, commenting on their Kasenengwa candidate Dr Faustin Banda, who disappeared on the nomination day without giving any reason, Nkombo said betrayal could not be controlled as it began when Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. He, however, assured his party members that the incident would not repeat itself as they would always have backup. "The issue of Kasenengwa, unfortunately, betrayal began a long time ago. A guy called Judas Iscariot betrayed [Jesus]. Don't forget Judas was one of

Jesus' trusted man. We trusted Dr Banda. And a typical case of betrayal is something that you cannot control, it's beyond you. So, to put things to rest, Dr Banda misbehaved and this is the reason why I personally went to the police to go and report him for obtaining materials and money using false pretence because I suspect he knew exactly what game he was playing. Unfortunately, when you are too trusting that happens," he lamented. "Obviously, some people will argue that we should have had a standby candidate, those are lessons that you learn. I personally as chairperson of elections, I have learnt that lesson that no matter how much you trust someone, you must have a back-up. I am brave enough to take the blame, to say, 'we will take this blame for now,' and to assure our members that this is not going to repeat itself ever again. We knew about Dr Banda's schemes around 17, 18 hours (on the material day), but we also gave him the benefit of the doubt. I take the blame and assure our members and supporters that it's not going to happen again." Asked why Hichilema and President Lungu could not meet without the church the way the late president Levy Patrick Mwanawasa and Michael Sata met, Nkombo, who is also UPND Mazabuka Central member of parliament, noted that the situation in Zambia now was not exactly like it was then. "I think that the situation is not exactly the same. During the time of Levy

Patrick Mwanawasa, there was no void, no absence of the diminishing quality of the rule of law. In Levy Mwanawasa's time, the police controlled everyone; they could arrest anyone, including MMD members. Tell me that is true today, that the police can go and arrest a PF member? There's lawlessness [now], which is being promoted

unfortunately by the government. We have cadres for policemen! The Inspector General of Police is just a cadre, Mr Kanganja, that's what he is! He not a professional man. You cannot compare Joshua Kanganja and Francis Ndhlovu in the time of Levy Mwanawasa or Ephraim Mateyo, you couldn't," recalled Nkombo.

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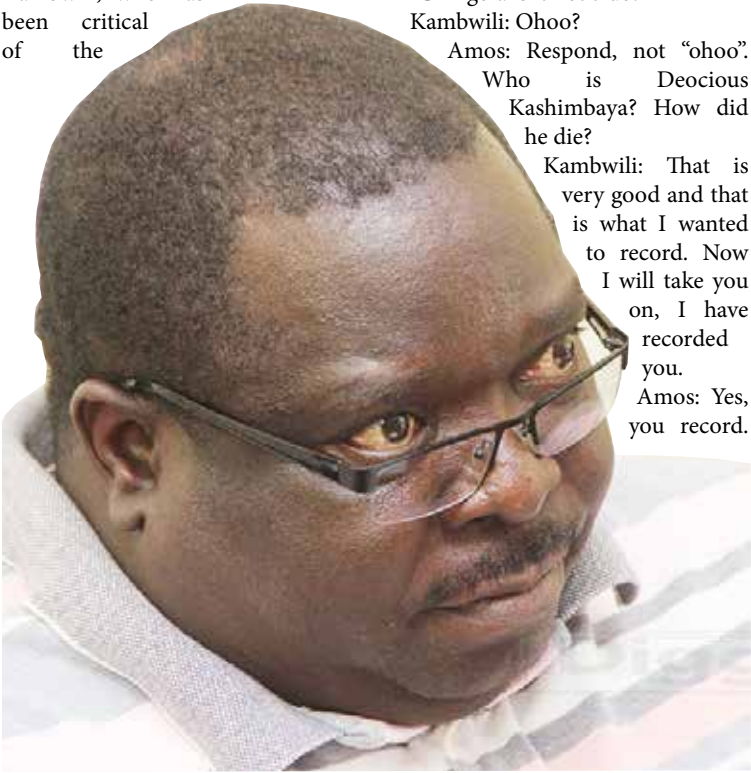




# Amos tames Kambwili with more insults: *Walilwala AIDS imbwa iwe*

By Mukosha Funga

State House Press Aide Amos Chanda yesterday spat more insults on opposition NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili, who has been critical of the



presidential spokesperson. And Chanda told News Diggers in an interview that he is tired or watching Kambwili pour insults on him, President Edgar Lungu and his daughter Tasila Lungu, every time he gets a chance to speak to the media. The President’s advisor called Kambwili, who is also a rebel PF member of parliament, to give him his own measure of insults in retaliation to the constant theft accusation that the lawmaker has been unleashing on the State House officials. Over the weekend, Chanda had described Kambwili as a stupid stinky rabid dog, whose illness was affecting the big but empty head; prompting the member of parliament to respond through an article published by News Diggers, saying he would forgive the Press Aide whom he also described as a confused boy who was looking frail, dehydrated and grey as a result of whatever he was suffering from. This response angered Chanda further, who yesterday called Kambwili to spit out more ‘unprintables’. Below is the recorded phone conversation which has also been uploaded on the News Diggers! online Audio Channel. Amos: Hello. Kambwili: Iwe mwaice ulekwatako umuchinshi. Amos: Iwe we mbwa ya muntu iwe Kambwili niwe ningakwtila umuchinshi? Nga walwala Sugar na nanikane, the doctors will tell you, iwe wakwata HIV/AIDS, tell the people. And it is not me who infected you. Ndekupela umuchinshi iwe wembwa iwe? (Can I have respect for a dog like you? you are suffering from HIV/AIDS, just tell the people. You want me to give respect to you a dog of a human being?) Kambwili: Young man Amos: Even your life, you are below that of a dog. Kambwili: Young man... Amos: Keep away from me, you have taken me to court, I have responded why can’t you wait? Those people you killed in order to steal metals, you can’t kill me. And this evidence I will

put it before court, what is bothering you? Kambwili: Ohoo? Amos: Idiot! You have killed people in Chingola is it not true? Kambwili: Ohoo? Amos: Respond, not “ohoo”. Who is Deocious Kashimbaya? How did he die? Kambwili: That is very good and that is what I wanted to record. Now I will take you on, I have recorded you. Amos: Yes, you record.

I have put it in court papers, what are you scared of? Kambwili: That is very good. Now I will take you on. Amos: That miner, kapokola ku Luanshya, ulya wa umine inshimbi ulya uwalemana ulya in order to steal metals. (The police officer you hit with a metal bar in Luanshya who is now disabled). Kambwili: I have recorded you, that’s what I wanted. Amos: I have been calling you on my phone here, I am with people here. Kambwili: That’s what I wanted, now I have got you. Thank you very much. Amos: Uli imbwa fye yamuntu iwe. Wali ipaya abantu and this I will take before court, what are you saying? (You are just a dog of a human being, you have killed people). Kambwili: That’s very good, now I have got you. Amos: Can you answer yes or no? Kambwili: I have just told you that that’s the evidence I want from you. Ngumfwa kwati ba bepa fye nga ulelanda nomba nakuchita record mwaiche wandi and I will take you on, you will have to justify those things. Amos: Straight away, even tomorrow. Kambwili: You have done very well and my lawyers will be on it this afternoon, thank you very much intelligent young man, thank you. [Phone cuts] On Monday evening, News Diggers! succeeded to reach Chanda via telephone to ask why he was exchanging hate speech with the opposition leader. Below is the transcript of the interview: Question: Kambwili has accused you of having property that you cannot justify from your income. He says you built expensive flats near Leopards Hill, a drinking place near Kabulonga Shopping Mall, a farm in State Lodge where you have fish ponds. What is your response? Answer: Instead of giving a reaction, you can give me a reporter and if he knows where those are, and I hope those are the ones, State Lodge, you can come and take pictures, and Wayaya, I think you know it, you

can go there without me and for State Lodge, you can go there, there are two green houses yes, from Amiran. They are two of them, one costs \$6,000 so \$12,000... Q: But looking at your language to Mr Kambwili, you sound like a very irritated man who has been pushed to limit. What has irritated you so much about this man for you to come out like that? A: He is so personal against me first of all as an individual and very personal against the President and very personal against Tasila. What have these three people done to him? He is not even dealing with us as political opponents, he is so personal and he can lie because I can’t lie as often as he does. I can’t respond to his lies at the pace he is doing. So in the age of social media, I have suffered anguish myself at a personal level because of the lies people are putting on social media. He is at the top of those lies. Look, when you have asked me (about the properties), I have told you ‘yes, we can go there’, I have told you the amounts, one is \$6,000, the other one is \$6,000 there is tomato and vegetables in there but when he puts it like that, he paints a picture like those green houses are probably producing marijuana and what not. It takes a lot! I have friends who call me in the diplomatic community as you know my career is not just in politics, embassies call me, friends in foreign missions, they call me as a result of the lies that he is telling. So how can he get away with lies like that? Q: Is there any truth in the allegations? A: There is no truth that he is saying, he has said many times, he is going to expose me, I said ‘go ahead’. He took me to court, I have said I will prove every word I have said, I am not like other people who are scared of him if you have seen. I have said myself, every single word that I have said that he has killed people, I will prove in court. That’s why I sent him a text message that he has killed people when he was a metal dealer and I will tell the court these things on any given day and I have asked him to respond to that. Even in the exchange, hasn’t he answered that thing? He just says a day of reckoning will come. Who is Delcious Kashimbaya in Chingola who was murdered by Kambwili’s agents? Let him answer that question. What about a police officer in Luanshya who was hit by a metal bar by Kambwili himself? That man is still alive, when Kambwili was still a metal thief, that policeman has been maimed and he is still alive. Can Kambwili say he did not hit somebody with a metal bar? Can Kambwili say he did not fire a gun in a courtroom in a magistrate (court) in Chingola in a matter of Mr Delcious Kashimbaya...so I can prove. What puts me off is this is a man who I can’t even sit with on the table but by circumstances of politics we got together but he wants to lie and destroy careers of other people. Q: Kambwili is also saying before going into foreign service and later State House, you were jobless with no house or car, you were surviving by a K10,000 that Mr Fred M’membe was giving you. He also says he lobbied to late president Michael Sata for you to be appointed.

A: He was lobbying me to get appointed, so it is the other way. I have never ever gotten a single ngwee from Kambwili, not a single dollar, when has he ever given me? I have paid for his radio appearances myself. For him to appear on Radio

Ichengelo, I paid K8,000 for him. I have never gotten a Ngwee or a dollar from him. Q: What about your role as Presidential Spokesperson, he is



arguing that you are doing the Information Minister’s job by going on TV to explain government policy. A: He is uneducated that’s why he cannot understand the role of a presidential spokesperson. Has he looked at my contract? The person who assigned me to go to TV is the President. Only he can complain if I have over stepped. Has he (Kambwili) looked at my terms of reference? Has he looked at my contract? Why should it be him [complaining] in any case? His job is to remove President Lungu from power... So he cannot tell us how to do our work anymore than we can tell him how he should unseat us from power. When I go to TV on instruction of the President, it is not Kambwili’s problem. What is wrong in the presidential spokesperson speaking for the president? I have messages of him congratulating me when I appeared on TV when he was minister. So this is a damn shameless liar who has no integrity. I have those messages when he was minister. Each time I appeared on TV, he congratulated me. Q: Okay, I will wait for your call tomorrow so that we go and take pictures of those properties that he is talking about. A: Yes, I have told you Wayaya exists, it has not been built, it is a rented property, there is a five acre farm in State Lodge, that’s what he is talking about. There is a dambo there which keeps water from one season to another. Yes, I am expanding it as a backyard fishpond, there is no fishpond yet but we are digging to create a fishpond when the dam-liner is in, maybe in the next few months there can be a fish pond yes. Tell him that there will be a fishpond there. When fish grows and it is up for sale at the market, we will sell it regardless of whether Kambwili buys it or not. There is no crime in creating a fish pond. I have bigger ponds in Siavonga in case he doesn’t

know, on the lake, I have two cages 20 times the size of what he is talking about. I have two cages, I have been doing fish business for two years now so the size of the two cages on the lake is 20 times the size of what he is talking about. The two green houses in State Lodge, one costs US\$6,000 and I have an account with Amiran, they allow me to get anything, feed and anything because I can pay, I am credible, they can’t give a metal thief credit because he will not pay or he will steal from them. So Amiran trusts me and they will give me goods on credit because they know I can pay. Q: It will be important to show the people those properties, to put things in context so that people can judge for themselves if those are things you can justify from your income. A: Yes. If it is money in the bank account, you must state, how much is in the bank account? If it’s a house in State Lodge, what is the estimated value, I haven’t done the evaluation, I will call you tomorrow to give you the evaluation, it is a four bedroomed house on a five acre plot. The remainder of the plot is just vegetable garden, maize and what not. So when he questions the wealth, which wealth? Then remember he said ‘on Saturday’, I think it has been 50 Saturdays now, he has not disclosed. Remember when he said he will hold the mother of all press conferences to expose me? So this is just a despicable liar who if I had my way, the media must stop giving him platforms to malign other people. And the issue is that he has taken me to court, I have counter demanded, I am standing on every single point that he has forged a degree. At the university where he has gotten a degree from, there is no that discipline, the court will know this, he was in Lusaka and he was claiming he was attending lessons, he was a dishonest man. When he questions things, me I come out and answer. He has a very simplistic approach to problems, I don’t have that simplistic approach; when he doesn’t have a university degree, he simply forges one, me I don’t have that approach. Me I go to university and read for one. If he thinks the PhD will improve his character, he simply pays for one and lies, that’s how narrow minded and simplistic he is. Q: Thank you very much sir. A: You are welcome thanks.



# A Clueless Cabinet?

It has to be said: if for some reason the world's most incompetent thinkers came together to develop policies that made absolutely no sense, they would be hard pressed to match some of the outcomes of the recent cabinet meeting in Zambia.

It is tempting to describe the goings on in our country as a circus. However, that would be giving the circus a bad name. A circus is, after all, well-intentioned, properly planned, carefully coordinated and can generally pay its own way. Some circus acts are indeed clumsy but they only act that way to entertain the audience. The Cabinet circus that is unfolding before our very eyes, is not, unfortunately, an act. Clumsy decisions (like the "WhatsApp tax") are probably a product of unconscious incompetence as is the decision to create a completely new cyber crime agency at a time when we should be reducing our public expenditure footprint in order to meet our colossal debt obligations. Cyber crime is indeed an issue but this can be dealt with in a much more cost-effective manner.

So why do these recent Cabinet decisions make no sense? First of all, since when was it government's responsibility to tax citizens on

behalf of an industry (telecoms) that is perfectly capable of raising its own revenue to build infrastructure and employ citizens?

Secondly, accessing WhatsApp calls requires one to pay for data anyway, so the telecoms companies are not losing out at all. In fact, the more internet calls people make, the richer the mobile operators whose data is being used.

Thirdly, as a revenue generator for mobile network operators, data has increased tremendously since the uptake of free services like WhatsApp. The technology used to offer calls over the internet is even used by the very call centres that the Zambian Cabinet seems overly eager to protect.

Finally, how exactly will WhatsApp calls be monitored? This requires very sophisticated equipment coupled with the legal authority to tap phones. Was this perhaps why the "WhatsApp tax" was announced hand in hand with the planned measures to tackle cyber crime?

Zambia has to get its act together. We are not going to do it by taxing our citizens to death and ignoring the real enemy of development: complacency. We are complacent when it comes to corruption, theft, immorality, laziness,

drunkenness and incompetence. As a result, these have become the attributes by which one can advance rapidly in public life if you grovel before the right people. We have a Cabinet that is more worried about taxing its citizens to death than addressing the serious crimes highlighted in official reports by organisation like the Financial Intelligence Centre.

Surely the words of Scripture ring true in this instance: "You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel." (Matthew 23:24 NIV). Our Cabinet has no problems ignoring the theft and corruption and ordering expensive vehicles for officials, yet they are ready to fleece the poor citizens of the little money they make through their hard work and unsupported enterprises.

If incompetence was an author, the story of the recent PF decisions would probably not be it's masterpiece but it would sure come close. Let us just accept the fact that we have a cabinet that is in over its head. The sooner we wake up to this reality and resolve to turn the tables in 2021, the better for everyone.

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**By Abraham Kalito**  
Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) chief executive officer Zindaba Soko says the agency will beat its revenue target by 100 per cent through the use of ICTs, which include speed trap cameras.

And Soko says government vehicles will also be booked for speeding, revealing that he has also paid a fine after being caught driving at 10Km/hr above the speed limit.

Speaking when he featured on Hot FM's 'Frank on Hot' yesterday, Soko said the implementation of the ICTs-based system to deal with fines and payments would increase revenue collection and exceed the agency's target by 100 per cent.

"The way the cost sharing model is, if you understand a concession, the way it is, is that, as it starts, there is an issue of investment by the investor in these systems. So, there will be a sharing by a percentage as the project starts; a large percentage goes to the organisation investing, then after one, two years, the scenario changes. Government gets the higher percentage and the investor gets the lower percentage. Just to also mention that with this sharing and with the implementation of such a system, this is a scenario that what we were collecting, for example, as an agency in these areas of operation, which is only 25 per cent of our total operations as RTSA, in which this operation is, within a year, we are going to beat our revenue target

## RTSA will exceed revenue target by 100% using speed cameras - Soko

by 100 per cent. But that's not our interest; we are just trying to explain that we needed this equipment like 10 years ago; we needed this system like 10 years ago. But because of so many needs that government has in terms of facilitating for various programmes in various sectors; the main sectors like health and education, we are part of the means to be able to help with that scenario," Soko explained.

And Soko said government vehicles were not an exception.

"You see when you look at the current act, it give exemptions to ambulances, fire engines and the rest, but as RTSA you see this is a scenario that if there was real an emergency that you couldn't wait for an ambulance and you had to use your private vehicle to rush somebody to the hospital, I think we are a very reasonable organisations and we will be able to get an explanation. That will be waived off. Road safety is for everybody. We can't say government is safe, [that] government [officials don't] die on the road. However there is even government vehicles that kill people. So what we are saying is that we are undertaking a holistic approach to this issue. No one is above the law. And

by the way, I also received a fine and I paid because I was above speed limit by 10 kilometres," he said.

Soko reiterated that the agency would not waive fines slapped on speeding motorists.

"Road safety is an issue to do with collaboration and I can see that the main issue here is something that has to do with collaboration. When you look at the notices that were sent within seven days to pay, so we have said within 30 days at least be able to pay. And I think I would be, in any sense, be fair for people who have been compliant, to say, 'you who have been compliant, you paid,' and those who have not been compliant we let them go, then we will just dilute the strength of the law," Soko argued.

"These are cameras which I'm sure you realised in the old scenario that when you pass through a speed-controlled zone, and there are enforcement officers trying to do speed management, once you know that there is nothing there, you take off at your breakneck, excessive speed. Because now, you have been enforced, it's okay now; 'I can still speed' and that's one of the factors that we have been trying to take away. So, with this system, a speed zone will be a speed zone,



whatever speed you do, that zone will be monitored, the average speed monitoring. So, we will be able to know at which speed you will be moving."

He said the agency would aggressively sensitize members of the public to on the new system to avoid further deaths from road traffic accidents.

"We have realised that the sensitization that was there prior to this installation of speed cameras was not stepped up. It wasn't stepped up because I think we have got so many platforms of information in the country. We have got social media we have the print media, we have got also electronic

media in terms of television and all that, and what we are trying to do now is to make it more aggressive than it was for people to understand and know what is going to happen. There is a tendency of also trying to really ignore information until it hits you that's when you now realise that this information or this sensitization actually affects me. At the rate we are going in the next five years, we will half this population because of these deaths. And the most effective way to reduce these numbers is the use of ICTs to ensure that people's lives are saved. It's serious and we shouldn't trivialise it," Soko cautioned.

Meanwhile, Soko admitted

that it was the agency's fault that half of the vehicles in the country were not registered, adding that RTSA would pay half the costs for re-registration to compensate for the inconvenience.

"Re-registration by law is a process that is supposed to be undertaken every 10 years. Currently, as Zambia, we have never undertaken any re-registration since Independence and that is why we are saying we have 765,000 [vehicles], but only 50 per cent of this is known. We are to blame for this, and that is why we have [been] saying, we will carry half the cost for the re-registration. The other half will be paid by the owners," said Soko.

Yho! Some mouths are more lethal than an AK47 rifle *mweh*. How do you say such to a fellow Christian? Ummm! Maybe Mr Amos Chanda and Mr Chishimba Kambwili need a boxing ring because this kind of language doesn't sound like it can be cured by fasting and confession.

But then again you can't pit a sumo wrestler with a featherweight champion. That would be like Shrek taking on Pinocchio; they can fight but there would be no point anyway.

Surely, this should be what they mean when they say a fight between friends is more deadly than a war between enemies, because not even sworn adversaries can tear each other apart in this manner.

It's as though these two have been longing for an opportunity to speak their minds. Things have been boiling in their hearts, waiting for this moment to erupt. But what a comical way of spitting venom.

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# A little laughter will not kill us...

dear readers for finding humor in what should be an annoying exchange of uncivilised semantic. It's just that we have interacted with the two Bemba clansmen and we know that they are both very kind hearted brothers, but extremely vengeful and distasteful when pushed to the limit.

We are sure that the same politics that has split them apart will draw them closer in the near future. But before they do, we might as well take a moment to chuckle at this very humorous way of disobeying the 10 Commandments.

*Eh? Bashi Mpundu. Ati "find a better way of dying than dragging me into your self inflicted problems because your sickness seems to be migrating to your big, but empty head". Iyee imwee kwena.*

*Elo apo ninshi* Mr Kambwili's head is not small, yet when arguing politics, you will hear him say things like Eric Chimese has been fired because he is a sacred cow in the fight against corruption – meaning sacrificial lamb. Hehehehehe!

*Awee Ba* Press Aide *baliko* graphic. "Keep your dirty mouth

shut you stinky stupid rabid dog". *Aaaaa imwee*, that's someone's father *ka*. He may have a huge tummy but he is someone's son, please be kind.

*Elo nayo Imbwili*, busy trying to prove that *teyaume y a k u n y e l a k o amasushi*. Ati "I forgive the boy because he is clearly confused and sick, that's why he looks frail, dehydrated and grey". Grey?? Yho! Yho! People can be illustrative, as if they are describing a zoo species with scales. Hehehehe.

How can you even

say, "I won't say what he is suffering from, lest I am accused of stigmatizing?" Isn't saying that even worse than stigma? What are you insinuating about someone's husband? *Awee iyi nkani niikulu. Mwebantu kunyoza sitilesa, manje kanyozedwe.*

Meanwhile, we are seated here wondering; where is all this animosity coming from? Is it still about telling the State House spokesperson that he is corrupt or doesn't know his job? Is it still about the Press Aide telling the opposition leader that he is a good for

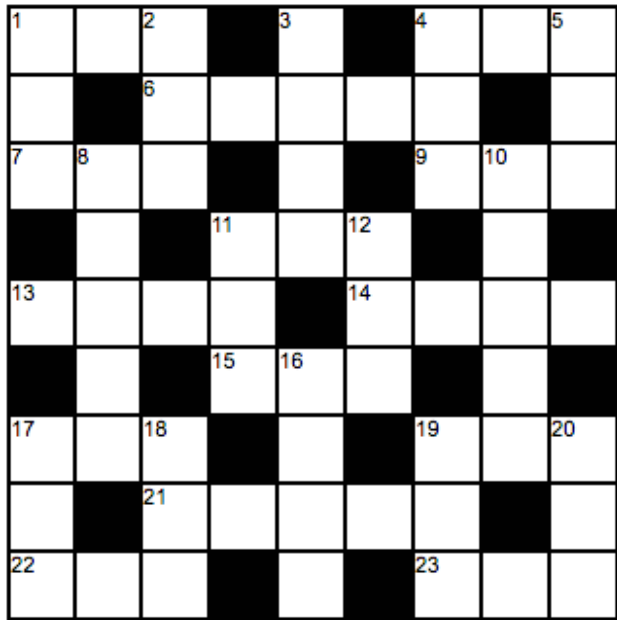
nothing hypocrite or a thief?

So, if we may ask; what have the two political enemies achieved after this vulgar exchange? Are they feeling more powerful and more intelligent now? Maybe. But to us, the "filthy stinky rabid dog", and the "confused, dehydrated, grey boy" have not improved the living conditions of any Zambian.

Corruption remains at the peak, poverty is still worsening, democracy is shrinking, businesses are closing and we still have to pay extra taxes to make Internet calls and share these fifty shades of grey episodes with friends.

But anyway, we are grateful to the two insultants for providing the stressed people of Zambia this commercial break with X-rated entertainment. After all they say laughter is the best medicine. We look forward to their reconciliation.

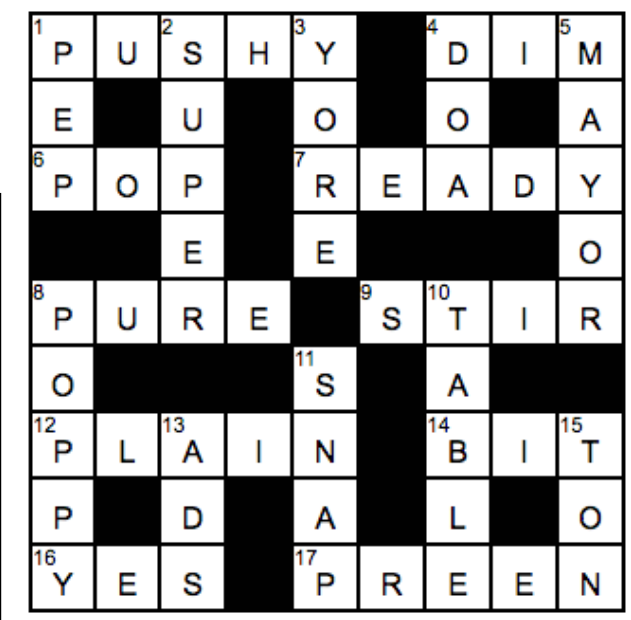
## Crossword puzzle 170



*"He who takes offense when no offense is intended is a fool, and he who takes offense when offense is intended is a greater fool" - Brigham Young*

- Across**  
1. Part of UCLA  
4. Sweltering  
6. Call  
7. Path; direction  
9. Not used  
11. "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"  
13. Unwanted lawn growth  
14. Actor MacGregor  
15. Single number  
17. Had a bite  
19. Greek H  
21. Cutting tool  
22. Forest female  
23. Young man
- Down**  
1. Not high  
2. Watch covertly  
3. Snow structure  
4. Chicken Little, for one  
5. Haul  
8. Wide awake  
10. Precise  
11. Wedding words  
12. What you do with eyes  
16. Film genre  
17. Total up  
18. Barely get by  
19. Snake-like fish  
20. As well as

## Solutions to puzzle 169





# Reader's feedback

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

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## IG's suspension of corrupt traffic cops

Dear Editor,  
"Suspending them not a solution, just find the root cause, I personally blame our government, simple." - Malasha Tobby

"The Minister could have gone deeper to ask who ordered the officers because I believe they were

following orders." - Isaiah Mbewe

"That's unfair to the officers; those officers work under command. Let those who commended them to mount a checkpoint be suspended." - Oscar Mwiinde

"Just warn them, naimwe. That is severe punishment. They have already been psychologically punished by the fact that the whole country watched them on TV and social media. They're just small thieves. They're much bigger thieves out there; those who stash money in ukwa bags and others burying it. Have mercy on them. They are first offenders. Let them go for even 2 months without salaries, then return them but not ku traffic. Remember, you're sending a family out there in total poverty." - Agrey Siyunda

"It is not enough for Mr Kanganja to simply suspend the unfortunate men and women in uniform because they were caught red handed. Every motorist who has ever been stopped by traffic police knows that almost all of them are corrupt. This calls for major reforms in the traffic section of the police department. If the IG can bring about reforms to curb this vice we the the citizens will greatly appreciate his efforts." - Oswald Malanji

"It took a minister to catch corrupt traffic officers when ACC HQ is in Lusaka? Please, let it be extended to other areas; famers & taxi drivers are suffering in rural areas." - Kaith Mulao

"Oh, I like this! Let us all together end this scourge of stealing. Enough is enough. Bravo, my minister." - Kennedy Howard Phiri

"For the first time I am impressed by Lusambo. He has singlehandedly started a good cause. May he continue on this path. Institutional corruption, particularly in the Zambia Police Service, is widespread and runs deep." - Mwape Nkonge



## Amnesty International's on African leaders

Editor,  
"This is a very candid observation. Most African Leaders fail to appreciate that they have been elected to manage their countries on behalf of the voters, but instead develop into monsters that abuse the power given to them by the people." - Messi Barca

"The citizens make them so we are to blame, period!" - Joel Saniko Moonga

"It's true; political bonanza for politicians." - Clement Ngoma

"Excellent observation. Most African leaders are a curse to humanity." - Donald Oscar Phiri

"Some chaps always think that

the countries are personal-to-holder. Shame." - Victor Sumbwa Mulife

"We clap, dance and glorify their names even when it is clear that they are abusing us and our resources. We refuse to make them accountable for their wrongs while in office ati: 'let's give respect to our former leader'. Not when they fail to respect us and our resources while in power. Africa. Wake Up!" - Simwami Siavwapa

"The only way to get rich is to join politics, that's the African mentality. But politics alone can't make you rich, corruption and theft of public resources is how our politicians have amassed wealth. Amnesty International are very right." - Mafipe Lungu

## Kambwili's complaint over parked trucks

Editor,  
"You see Kambwili now. Even your friend Musenge's buses are just parked because traffic officers will impound them for various defects. So, when given State powers, use them for the benefit of all." - Puna Bantu

"That time when your trucks were rolling, others in the opposition had their businesses curtailed. That is how you have been running government and it has unfortunately continued. Most of us were complaining and you guys did nothing apart from rubbing salt on our wounds. I am not saying this is good, but you ensured it grew roots. We are all looking forward to the time when business would be done freely." - Solomon H. Phiri

"Karma is karma. You are feeling it now. You made someone feel this at some point, so just enjoy it. Even them doing it on you will feel the same soon." - Tonny Mukutu

"Kambwili should not complain because he is PF member of parliament. He will learn a lesson for not resigning. Kambwili is still PF and he campaigns for us psychologically every time he vomits his rubbish talk. If Kambwili cannot resign from our strong party, PF, then we're doing fine as PF. It is shameful for Ba Kambwili to call President Lungu 'a thief' while he remains in the boat Lungu is paddling enjoying the ride in the back seat and insulting the captain. His vocabulary does not much his actions." - Innocent Mulenga

"You part of the rot you created. Deal with it." - Kapakyulu Edgar



Iran unveiled its first domestic fighter jet on Tuesday, with President Hassan Rouhani insisting that Tehran's military strength was only designed to deter enemies and create "lasting peace". Images on state television showed Rouhani sitting in the cockpit of the new "Kowsar" fourth-generation fighter at the National Defence Industry exhibition in Tehran. State media said it had "advanced avionics" and multi-purpose radar, and that it was "100-percent indigenously made" for the first time. Footage of the Kowsar's test flights was circulated by various official media. But live footage of the plane taxiing along a runway at the defence show was cut before it could take off. "When I speak of our readiness to defend, it means we seek lasting peace. If we lack readiness, we welcome war," Rouhani said in a televised speech shortly after.

# Iran unveils first domestic fighter jet

"Some think when we increase our military power, this means we seek war. (But) this is peace-seeking because we don't want war to happen," he added. "If we don't have a deterrent... it gives a green light for others to enter this country." The plane was first publicly announced on Saturday by Defence Minister Amir Hatami, who had said it would be unveiled on Wednesday. He gave few details of the project, focusing instead on Iran's efforts to upgrade its missile defences. Hatami said the defence programme was motivated by memories of the missile attacks Iran suffered during its eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s, and by repeated threats from Israel and the United States that "all options are on the table" in dealing with the Islamic republic. **AFP**



President Hassan Rouhani sits in the cockpit of Iran's new "Kowsar" domestic fighter jet

# Intense fighting erupts in Kabul after rockets fired

Afghan security forces battled militants in Kabul's old quarter Tuesday, with military helicopters firing above a mosque to quell an assault that was launched with a rocket barrage against the capital. It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the assault, which came as President Ashraf Ghani was making a speech marking the first day of the Islamic Eid al-Adha holiday, days after offering the Taliban a conditional three-month ceasefire. An Afghan army helicopter swooped in low over the street near the Eidgah Mosque in a central district of the city and

fired a rocket on a militant position, sending a plume of dust into the sky. People who moments earlier had been buying livestock for the Eid feast could be seen sprinting for shelter as cars swerved in the road to flee the fighting. Blasts and gunfire could be heard as security forces cordoned off the area. The mosque is near the presidential palace where Ghani was making his speech, which was being aired live on Facebook when the attack began. The president can be seen pausing as multiple blasts are heard in the background, some sounding nearby, before stating: "This nation is not

going to bow to these rocket attacks." The attackers appeared to be in a building behind the mosque, which was partially destroyed in another attack several years earlier and is not believed to have been in use for Eid. Police said the fighting began around 9:00 am, after multiple rockets struck in at least two areas of Kabul. Footage aired live on broadcaster Tolo News showed dark black smoke emanating from the area near the mosque while fire trucks and security vehicles rushed to the scene. Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai said police believe at least four militants

are involved in the assault. "An operation has been launched to arrest or gun them down," he told AFP. Interior ministry spokesman Najib Danish confirmed that militants had taken over a building near the mosque and fired several rockets. "Two people have been wounded. Security forces are fighting the terrorists," he told AFP. Danish later told Tolo that the militants were using rocket propelled grenades and mortars to target parts of the city. "Choppers are flying over the site and the security forces are busy defusing two explosive-packed vehicles at the site

that the terrorist wanted to detonate," wrote interior ministry communications chief Bahar Mehr on Facebook. A heavy security presence could also be seen near the Kabul Stadium. Ghani unveiled the government's latest ceasefire gambit during an Independence Day address late Sunday, saying security forces would observe the truce beginning this week -- but only if the militants reciprocated. The truce offer was welcomed by the United States and NATO after nearly 17 years of war, though it was not clear if their forces in Afghanistan

would also participate. The Taliban did not immediately respond to Ghani's proposal, but have vowed to release "hundreds" of "enemy prisoners" to mark the Eid holiday, which began in Afghanistan on Tuesday. It was not clear which prisoners they were referring to. The move followed an extraordinarily violent week in Afghanistan that saw that Taliban storm the provincial capital of Ghazni -- just a two-hour drive from Kabul -- and press the fight against security forces across the country, with estimates suggesting hundreds of people may have been killed. Analysts were mixed over Ghani's proposal, with some saying the government's move was a sign of desperation after recent heavy bloodshed, while others said the trust-building measure was integral to paving the way for negotiations. It came after an initial ceasefire in June, the first such truce since the US-led invasion in 2001 that toppled the Taliban regime. For just three days thousands of insurgents poured into cities across Afghanistan, eating ice cream and posing for selfies with security forces to celebrate. The brief respite spurred hopes that a new path was opening for possible peace talks in the country to end the nearly 17-year-old war. **AFP**

# Madonna's odd, self-absorbed VMAs Aretha Franklin tribute angers Twitter

When it was announced Monday that Aretha Franklin, who passed away last Thursday, would be honored at Monday's MTV Video Music Awards, it seemed like only one artist slated to appear at the ceremony was suitable for the job. No, it wasn't Post Malone, or Travis Scott, or Cardi B. It seemed like only the queen of pop, Madonna — who, like, Franklin, was raised in Detroit, and whose

milestone 60th birthday took place on the day Franklin died, Aug. 16 — could do the Queen of Soul justice. Standing onstage at New York's Radio City Music Hall — where Madonna notoriously opened the first VMAs ceremony in 1984, in a peek-a-boo wedding dress — Madonna started by sharing an anecdote about how "Aretha Louise Franklin changed the course of [her]

life" early in her career. She reminisced about attending an important audition and making a last-minute, risky decision to sing one of Franklin's biggest hits, "(You Make Me Feel Like a) Natural Woman," sans accompaniment, then said: "You are probably all wondering why I am telling you this story. There is a reason. Because, none of this would have happened, could have happened,

without our lady of soul. She led me to where I am today. And I know she influenced so many people in this house tonight, in this room tonight. And I want to thank you, Aretha, for empowering all of us. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Long live the queen." The problem was, Madonna's audition anecdote comprised her entire cheeky speech. While it seemed to go over well, for the most

part, with the Radio City audience — especially with Camila Cabello, who, when Madonna presented her with the Video of the Year award a few moments later for "Havana," spent much of her own speech fangirling over Madonna — the internet was not as amused. Many tweeters angrily complained that Madonna had made the "tribute" all about herself, not about Aretha. **YAHOO**



# KYSA battles relegation

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Four or five wins from the nine remaining games is what the Kabwe Youth Soccer Academy (KYSA) coach Chewe Mulenga is working towards to survive relegation in the super league. His side has recorded unlikely wins, premature draws, hurtful losses and now has a battle aimed at maintaining and prolonging its shelf life in the super league. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Mulenga said he was now juggling extra effort and faith to survive relegation. "As long as my boys and I put in that extra effort and morale, we will be able to win four or five games and at least breath but the problem is that they may start feeling under pressure and panic while on the pitch. Otherwise they are a good side with grown-up focus," said Mulenga. And Mulenga has also noted the size of his players was a disadvantage that cost them in games. "There is nothing much left to do apart from wanting to win all the games. My youngsters are brilliant on the pitch but somehow their sizes does not help them much. They are young and small players with a good fighting spirit despite suffering draws in several games. Collecting maximum points is the only way out of the relegation zone and the clock is not stopping for us," Chewe bemoaned. Meanwhile, striker Ian Sililo was optimistic in his assessment of the teams chances. "I'm positive we will still survive although it will not be easy. Every team now wants a win because we are getting to the end of the season. My

teammates are in good shape although I have a minor injury. They are able to play well and even beat the so called big teams," Sililo said. KYSA lost 1-0 to Buildcon last weekend and has an upcoming fixture with the parliamentarians, National Assembly. Only a point separates KYSA from the relegation zone toppers Napsa stars with 23 points.



*The Philippines' Jordan Clarkson top-scored with 28 points but it was not enough to beat China*

## Kabinga wants govt to pay attention to minor sports

**By Alex Chilumbwe**  
Former Table Tennis Association of Zambia General Secretary Boyd Kabinga has called on government to pay great attention to minor sports in the country saying they comprise a good number of people that would have been social misfits. Speaking to Goal Diggers! Kabinga said minor sports

are the safety nets for people that would have otherwise been wrong doers in society. "These small sports that receive little to no recognition from government helped some people in society get off vices. They are always within reach of ordinary people and it is from them that they stay off drugs and other harmful substances.

The media should also help attract sponsors for such sports so that they can grow," Kabinga said. The former SG further applauded the Korean high performance tennis trainers for their dedication and sacrifices towards training young tennis players in the country. He said the volunteer expatriates were helping

the country to repossess the glory that Table Tennis used to enjoy in the 90s. "The coaches are here on voluntary basis and you would be amazed to see the distances they cover on foot just to reach players that struggle to find transport money to take them for training. The good thing is the players are also very committed and are

responding well to high performance training. Soon we will have more than four top players representing Zambia on continental level," assured Kabinga . He has since encouraged people that would want to join the sport to feel free adding that there were no fees that were required to access high performance training.

Former England captain David Beckham is to receive the 2018 UEFA President's Award in honour of his achievements in the game and his work since retiring as a player, European football's governing body said on Tuesday. The ex-Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder, who is now 43, will receive the award in Monaco later this year. "I have chosen David Beckham as the recipient of this year's award

## Beckham to receive UEFA President's award

because he has been a global ambassador for football, promoting the game and all its values in every corner of the planet," said UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin. "His tireless humanitarian efforts, which have helped

the lives of many children around the world, should also be celebrated. Beckham is a true football icon of his generation." Beckham won the Champions League with United in 1999 and later played for Los Angeles

Galaxy, AC Milan and Paris Saint-Germain after leaving Madrid. He hung up his boots in 2013 and earlier this year was awarded an MLS franchise in Miami. "During my career I always gave 100 percent and tried

to uphold the values of teamwork and fair play and I am proud to join the illustrious list of players who have previously won this award," said Beckham, who is now involved in charity work with UNICEF, the UN

Children's Fund. "Many of the unforgettable moments I had on the pitch came in the UEFA Champions League such as that magic night in Barcelona in 1999 when we beat Bayern Munich in such dramatic fashion." Last year's UEFA President's Award was given to former Italy star Francesco Totti. Other recent winners include Franz Beckenbauer and the late Johan Cruyff. **AFP**



# SHEPOLOPOLO NEED DRILLING

*By Alex Chilumbwe*  
Newly appointed Zambia Women National Team coach Enala Simbeya says there is need to change the mindset

of the Shepolopolo in order for them to win the COSAFA Castle Cup in South Africa and the Africa Cup of Nations tournament in Ghana next

month. And Simbeya said she will change the game approach that girls have had for a long time, and introduce

a different one that would make them a mystery to other teams. Speaking to the media in Lusaka yesterday, coach

Simbeya said the approach the girls have always had for each game had become too tedious and predictable. "I will have to change this tired

approach that has not been changed for a long time. It has somehow made them readable and predictable to other teams hence their failure to win trophies. Tired approaches and tactics should now be forgotten," said Simbeya.

Querried on her Africa Cup vision, Simbeya said the team was not going to be a mere participant but competitor that would bring the trophy to Zambia. "This is the same team that qualified for Africa Cup and it will not train this hard to be mere participants. "We are going there to win all the games and bring the trophy here. I have a lot of expectations from players and they are also expectant and with concerted efforts, we will win," she charged.

Simbeya was officially handed her appointment letter by FAZ General Secretary Adrian Kashala yesterday Monday, and immediately got to work.

She said the 2018 Cosafa Castle Cup presented an opportunity to perform better than last year when Shepolopolo finished third. She has just returned from Germany on a nine month training program that enhanced her coaching badges. The Zambia Women National Team regrouped on Sunday ahead of the tournament that kicks off on September 12 in South Africa. Zambia finished third last year but has had better fortunes since and have qualified for the 2018 Africa Cup of Nations to be hosted by Ghana.



Thailand's Anuwat Chaichana (L) jumps for the ball as his teammate Assadin Wongyota looks on during the sepak takraw men's team regu match against South Korea during the 2018 Asian Games - AFP

New Cameroon coach Clarence Seedorf has named France cap Paul-Georges Ntep in his first squad for the upcoming Africa Cup of Nations qualifier away against Comoros, but there is no place for two China-based stars. Dutchman Seedorf, who was appointed on August 4 as the successor to Belgian Hugo

## Seedorf leaves out China-based players in first Cameroon squad

Broos with compatriot Patrick Kluivert as his assistant, has left out both Benjamin Moukandjo and Christian

Bassogog. Moukandjo captained Cameroon during their victorious 2017 Cup of

Nations campaign in Gabon, while winger Bassogog was the best player at the tournament.

Both play their club football in China, Moukandjo with Beijing Renhe and Bassogog with Henan Jianye. *AFP*