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UK CONFIRMS FREEZING AID

By Joseph Mwenda

British High Commissioner to Zambia Fergus Cochrane-Dyet has confirmed that his government has suspended all bilateral funding to Zambia owing to rampant corruption, fraud and embezzlement of donor aid within government ministries.

High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyet was commenting on a story published by News Diggers quoting the Africa Confidential report that UK had requested a refund of about US\$4 million which was misappropriated by recipient government organisations. To page 7

...we don't tolerate corruption - Fergus

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

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Lungu appoints Hamududu advisor, sends him on mission to eSwatini



L-r: Deputy clerk of the National Assembly Cecilia Mbewe, German Ambassador Achim Burkart, Speaker Dr Patrick Matibini, deputy Speaker Catherine Namugala and second deputy speaker Mwimba Malama after the launch of the partnership strategies for constituencies and Civil Society Organizations yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

At least 11 Zambians die in SA bus accident at Bela Bela

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I stole underwear because I didn't have any, Lusaka man tells court

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 23-year-old man of Lusaka's Chipata Compound has admitted in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court that he stole three pairs of underwear from Shoprite Zambia Limited valued at K79.99 because he didn't have any under-garments

at the time of the theft.

Particulars of the offence in this matter are that, Brian Bwalya, unemployed, on August 14,

2018, stole three pairs of underwear from Shoprite valued at K79.99.

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Police warn, caution Gary in connection with 2013 murder

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Police in Livingstone have recorded a warn and caution statement from Mazabuka Central UPND member of parliament Gary Nkombo in connection with the murder of Harry Chanda in 2013.

In a statement today, Police Spokesperson Esther Katongo revealed that investigations into the matter linked Nkombo to manslaughter.

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Nalikwanda UPND member of parliament Geoffrey Lungwangwa says it is unfortunate that President Edgar Lungu's speech to Parliament last week did not touch on the policies to be put in place in order to achieve vision 2030.

At a press briefing, Monday, Prof Lungwangwa further noted that President Lungu's speech did not highlight any plans that the PF government has for reducing poverty levels or to create jobs for the youths. And UPND national chairperson Mutale Nalumango said President Lungu's speech was only meant to deceive people.

"The presidential speech is supposed to reflect the heart, the mind and the soul of the president in terms of the governance of the country. The speech was supposed to incur in the vision of the country, vision 2030. This is a vision which was put in place several years ago around 2007, it is the vision that late President Mwanawasa left for this

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country that is a legacy he established, that Zambia should attain the national vision 2030. The president of course did mention the essence of the vision namely, that Zambia should become a prosperous middle income country by the years 2030 and to build a strong industrial and dynamic nation that provides opportunities for improving the well-being of all our people and embody values of social economic justice. That's what the vision aims to do. And I think it is incumbent upon all of us to ask ourselves that 'are we really moving towards the attainment of that vision?' and I think it is important for all of us to

understand that vision 2030 is only 12 years away," Prof Lungwangwa said. He highlighted some of the strategic policies that other countries wishing to attain vision 2030 had put in place. "I think it is important that we hold the leadership of this country along those strategic policy measures which other countries take and assess whether we are doing the right thing in our journey to attain the vision 2030. There are ten strategic policies which countries wishing to attain the vision 2030. The first one which they do is that they pay very special attention to a rigorous attack on poverty and unemployment, with rural poverty given special

attention. And this is done through clearly targeted investment priorities. And the goal is to transform and narrow the gap between the rural and urban areas in order to improve the quality of life of all the people. Zambia ranks as one of the countries with high poverty and unemployment levels," Prof Lungwangwa said. Prof Lungwangwa wondered what plans the PF government could have for the poverty reduction and employment creation for the youths. "What plans does the PF government has for the poverty reduction and the creation of employment for youths? We never heard that in President Lungu's speech

to parliament. It is not enough to outline projects that are in place and the few numbers that have been employed, which is what the president did. What the president should have done is to tell the nation how the abundant resources which are at the disposal of the PF government can be transformed to create jobs for the youth. This is what creates hope and a better future for the youth. Where are the opportunities for jobs for our youth in the presidential speech? In the same vein, the speech did not create hope for our youth in terms of poverty reduction. The social cash transfer programme does not include the majority of the youth. Growing the economy at three or four percent does not give hope as a serious onslaught on poverty and unemployment in a rising crisis of indebtedness, the indebtedness which is taking 53 per cent of our GDP," he said.

He also regretted that the president never mentioned anything about giving special attention to knowledge and skills as well as linking education and skills training to economic policies, plans or programmes.

"High debt level is in fact the surest way of developing the incapacity to meaningfully tackle poverty and unemployment. You cannot tackle poverty than unemployment when you are highly indebted like we do. The youths should have heard from the president the programmes that are being put in place to address the misery that they are in, namely poverty and unemployment. The second policy is to give special attention to knowledge and skills and linking education and skills training to economic policies, plans and programmes. We never heard this in the speech on Friday. The president should have taken time in the speech to speak to the hearts, minds, and souls of the young people and make them see what lays ahead in terms of opportunities for the better future," Prof Lungwangwa said.

"The third policy strategy is to invest in education systems that emphasize the training of more learners in mathematics, science, technology and engineering. These are the knowledge bases for a strong industrialization of the economy. Nowhere in the speech did the president


make any reference to the importance of mathematics, science, technology and engineering as the basis for industrialization. The fourth policy is of course placing high premium on the value of research as a basis for discovery, innovation and creativity. There is more funding given to research institutions to undertake locally grounded research which gives solutions to the problems of development. The fifth strategic policy direction is to pay attention to rapid development of digital development in all sectors as a basis for the transformation of society for inclusive development."

Meanwhile, Nalumango said the country was moving in reverse.

"The reality of the Friday's speech was just to deceive the public. Zambia is in reverse in many spheres, in many areas the economy, social, political. It is dununa reverse. As UPND we are saying that we want to move Zambia forward. Corruption has siphoned the resources of the country into individual pockets. 'we are economically growing because we see congestion on the roads, because we see construction of residential houses' that is why we need a financial audit. Who is constructing these houses? Whose cars are congested on the roads?" Nalumango asked.

And Nalumango charged that district commissioners had been going round buying off opposition councillors.

"President Lungu speaks about unity in the country, if only he could be serious about it because indeed the country needs that unity emanating from the shameful manner in which the 2016 elections were conducted. In their quest to appear to unite the country, their district commissioners are busy persuading young councillors to resign in exchange for money. DCs have become the buyers, DCs are not political entities and not public servants. This is a shame. Thereafter, the PF has been using public resources particularly social cash transfer in by-elections to win at all cost. Their intention in buying councillors is to make it appear that there is growing national-wide acceptance of the PF. Through such sham victories, they give people social cash transfer a day before elections and tell them that 'if you don't vote for PF, we will not come again,'" said Nalumango.




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CCZ urges clergy to stop allowing campaigns in church

By Mirriam Chabala
Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) general secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya has advised religious leaders to stop entertaining politicians who use the Church as a platform for campaigns and disparaging one another. And Fr Chikoya has also asked the Church not to discriminate politicians seeking to worship with them based on political party affiliations. In an interview, Fr Chikoya urged church leaders not to allow politics in places of worship, explaining that the Church needs to be a place of 'good news' where members are always encouraged and motivated. "Before I even talk about politicians, I would rather address the Church themselves; any church leadership that allows a politician to campaign is off its mark! We must make sure if they are greeting, they greet and if it's greeting, they should, of course, be allowed and say their names as well as where they are coming from. But I think we should get away from this culture where even at funerals they are guest of honours. Let's respect the Church's place and chip way from politics; the Church must be a place of good news, and we must always encourage and motivate our members without fear or favour. So, basically the buck again stops on those church leaders that would allow space for anybody to decampaign another person. But if a politician stands and quotes from the Bible and they encourage the members, I think we must also distinguish that that is not politicking. Politicians are also Christians, but [if] they begin to get into issues of de-campaigning, mudslinging each other or making points that are political, then that is off the mark and I think as church leaders, we must wisely guide our leaders. Before they speak, tell them; 'please just greet us, we don't want any campaign in our church,'" Fr Chikoya advised. "I think the Church has got power to do that. But at times, we become too apologetic and scared at times. I think all the different churches, we have not done enough in that area in controlling who speaks and what they say. Because seated in church are different people from different political persuasions, and some don't even want to hear

politics. So, we need to be sensitive also as the Church. In as much as politicians can be condemned, the church leaders, who are shepherds, are also failing in their duties when they don't control things of the political nature. Having said this, I know the Catholic Church is very respectable and they are able to ensure that whatever they do, they do it right. We work with them and we respect their sense of judgment and I don't think they would allow any gathering of theirs to be used as a 'safe platform.'" And Fr Chikoya said politicians must also be allowed to worship at any church regardless of their political affiliations. "I think it's high time we matured and grew up and understood that a church is just like a hospital and everybody can go there. Whether poor or rich or whatever position in terms of politics and the party they belong to, they are welcome to attend the church service. I think we must move away from that thinking that every church function should be graced or aligned to the politicians, particularly the

ruling party, I think that is wrong! People must be free to attend the youth services, the conference and they must be free to attend the service, including those that are protesting; they are free to attend that service. I don't think that service is restricted. Of course, every programme will say their focus and whatever, but I think people must be at liberty to attend any church service without being condemned. So, I think that kind of statement is unfortunate and one would love that top leaders try to verify some of these things before they make comments about the Church," said Fr Chikoya. "So, we call for soberness and maturity in the way certain matters are handled. No one should be restricted to go to any church and when they do, the Church should not be branded as being in support of such a person. There will be funerals, there will be weddings and depending on who is getting wedded, they will always be people belonging to whatever political party. The Church will remain a unifying factor, but will always be inclined towards peace, towards justice and integrity, these we will never compromise. The Church is meant to welcome everybody without being partisan."



President Edgar Lungu with Infrastructure Development Minister Ronald Chitotela, Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo and other government officials inspect some road projects in Lusaka on Saturday

Presidential Empowerment Fund critics should shut up – Kabwe

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Presidential Empowerment Fund Initiative patron Chanda Kabwe says those fond of criticising the initiative should just shut their mouths if they have nothing alternative to offer the needy. Last week, NDC secretary general Mwenya Musenge issued a statement questioning the Presidential Empowerment Initiative Fund, alleging that it was money obtained from proceeds of crime. But Kabwe dismissed the allegation, insisting that those questioning the initiative were only greedy people who couldn't mind their own business. "The problem is people don't mind their business. What is wrong with helping somebody who is in need? So, if them they are greedy [and] they don't want to share, let them be. We cannot be talking over the same issue year in-year out. It is a revolving fund! You can start with K2 and grow the revolving fund. I don't think there is a problem if

you grow the revolving fund. And a vision attracts people. When people see that what you are doing is noble, people will come and help. Why other people are not helping is because they are greedy! So, for us, our business is not what people are saying. The business is, 'are we doing a right thing?' Are we helping to change lives? If we are helping to change lives, we will continue. If we are hurting people, [or if] we are not helping people, we will stop," Kabwe said in an interview. Kabwe, who is also Central Province Permanent Secretary, said he would not stop serving the people because of unproductive sentiments from critics. He challenged those questioning the empowerment fund to point at what they did to help people at the time they served as government officials. "So, it is about serving others. And some of these people who are speaking the loudest, they had a privilege to be in offices. Others served as ministers, let them

point at one thing, [which] they helped somebody apart from their relatives! For me as patron, I am very proud with the programme; the programme is helping people; the programme is changing lives of the people and will continue. And even if you give me a bell of Salaula (second hand clothes) to go and help people in Mporokoso or Shangombo [districts] [and] you don't want your name to be mentioned, am I going to refuse that bell of Salaula? I won't refuse. I will go and take that Salaula. So, for us it's about service and not politics. People should concentrate on productive things. Every day, it's 'Lungu, Lungu.' I think it's high time that people started thinking about productive things," Kabwe observed. He invited stakeholders with capacity to help others to join the initiative. "There is so much that we need to do as Zambians than talking all the time. You know, talking promotes laziness! It is better you spend your

energy of talking on productive things. No one has stopped anyone from helping anyone. If people can share what they have, please let them go and help. There is a saying, which says, 'there is no one who is too rich to receive and there is no one who is too poor to share.' When we started this programme in 2015, it was: 'no it's campaign' and today we are still talking about the same thing! This man (President Edgar Lungu) is helping people, and if you are [too] in a better position, please just start helping people, also. I advise them to come on board if they have the capacity, even K1 bring, we will put it to good use. Us, we are helping people. We are not using money to send youths to go and destroy things, to go and insult people or to use them as tools of violence, no! We are using the little resources that we have to change somebody's life. So, if people have nothing to say, let them keep quiet, they can shut their mouths!" exclaimed Chanda.

11,000 girls dropping out of school annually due to early pregnancies – Camfed

By Abraham Kalito

Research by the Campaign for Female Education (Camfed) has indicated that girls have continued to drop out of school at an alarming rate because of poor implementation of the re-entry policy. And Camfed has urged government to make the re-entry policy law in order to curb the huge school drop-out rates. Commenting on the research findings in Lusaka, Camfed research executive Christine Mushibwe noted that the re-entry policy was not effective enough to help girls get back to school because it was implemented differently. She disclosed that as much as 43,000 girls are dropping out of school annually, 11,000 of whom drop out due to early pregnancies. “Despite the Re-Entry Policy being in existence for the past 20 years, its implementation has attracted a lot of debate and raised a number of public concerns over its effectiveness in addressing the initial concerns of the continuation of the affected girl’s education. Every year, approximately 43,000 girls drop out of school, out of which 11,000 are due to pregnancy. The factors affecting the re-entry of school girls could include; lack of understanding of the Re-Entry Policy (REP) by both teachers and pupils; ineffective implementation of the policy by administrators and social stigma associated with teenage pregnancy. Research demonstrated that many of these schools could not condone the policy, as it is believed that sex before marriage is against the Christian faith. Many Christian schools that view the policy as immoral resort to either chasing the girl from school or referring her to another school after the birth of her baby,” Mushibwe revealed. “The fear of going against their belief and encouraging the vice is taken seriously by the faith-based schools. The factors affecting the REP may be many, and may continue to affect the implementation process, but evidence of its implementation stands. Unsupportive school environments can breed so much negative perspective of the returning student mother, who is in dire need of the support at all cost, in order to remain in school. Such a position may result into loneliness or depression, hence the

need for support. REP may not be watertight, hence allowing a non-uniform implementation in faith-based schools and the creation of non-supportive procedures by expected implementers. However, despite this expectation, there needs to be closer monitoring, explanation, dissemination and supervision of the policy in order for it to be more effective and this, unfortunately, is where the Zambian policy falls short.” And Camfed urged

government to enact the re-entry policy into law to tackle escalating levels of illiteracy. “There is, therefore, need for the policy to be made into a law, in order for it to be better implemented, as well as, safeguard the interests and promote the education of the girl child. The benefits and sensitization of the policy as well as its introduction have not clearly been explained. As a result, this has adversely affected its implementation. In

addition to the foregoing, in spite of the officials having a greater awareness of the policy, not everyone is completely in support of the policy. Some officials in the Ministry of General Education, whose task is to disseminate information to schools on the importance of the REP, also had different views on it. It further highlights some of the reactions of some teachers towards the REP where they do not favour the policy, arguing that the policy tends to encourage

learners to become immoral,” said Mushibwe. “Thus, if teachers can openly despise the pupils who fall pregnant and return to school, the chances are that, the pregnant girls may drop out of school, and may never re-enter for fear of being dressed-down and being despised by the teachers. A teacher’s strict moral approach to the problem of pre-marital pregnancies can, therefore, have a negative effect on the successful

implementation of the policy. But if this policy is made law, there will be no impartial implementation. Every school and official will be forced to adhere to the law. Our fear is that, if girls continue dropping out of schools at this rate, then we will not achieve some of the goals that we intend to achieve by 2030. How will you, when so many girls are dropping out of school? So, this policy should be made law, it’s only then that we will see change.”

German Envoy calls for more citizens’ engagement with constituency offices

By Tenson Mkhala

German Ambassador to Zambia Achim Burkart says limited knowledge of citizens and lack of formalised engagement processes for constituency office staff to engage Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in Zambia remains a major challenge. And Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini says his institution recognises the important role that the local partners in the constituencies play in enhancing the roles of Parliament. Speaking during the launch of the of the partnership strategies and guidelines for constituency offices and CSOs at Parliament buildings in Lusaka, Monday, Ambassador Burkart said CSOs at the local level were potentially a strong intermediary for information flow between members of parliament and the citizenry. He, however, noted that, currently, engagement between constituency offices and CSOs were on an ad-hoc basis. “While the creation of constituency offices aimed at improving the member’s [MPs]-constituent relationship, there have been challenges with regards to achieving this goal. The reasons are manifold and includes: limited knowledge of citizens on the purpose of constituency offices as well as lack of formalised engagement processes for constituency office staff to engage and be engaged by Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) at constituency

office level. CSOs at local-level are potentially a strong intermediary for information flow between members of parliament and the citizenry. Currently, engagement between constituency offices and CSOs are on an ad-hoc basis,” Ambassador Burkart said. He said in order for the National Assembly to improve the collaboration between constituency office staff and CSOs, the German government has supported the National Assembly in the development of partnership guidelines. He further encouraged the National Assembly to strengthen constituency offices and their staff. “It is evident throughout the process that the constituency office staff does not yet have the technical capacities to run the constituency offices effectively. The lack of continuous financial support, through the National Assembly, is furthermore hampering the offices, [and] are often not fully operational. This was and will be a challenge, and [the] National Assembly is encouraged to further strengthen these offices and their staff,” Ambassador Burkart added. And Dr Matibini said the National Assembly recognises the important role that local partners in constituencies play in enhancing Parliament’s representative role. “While emphasis in the guidelines is placed on fostering partnerships between constituency offices and CSOs, this

does not exclude the constituency offices from collaborating with other sectors, such as the business community, government or quasi-government institutions with strong presence and ties to local community. The National Assembly of Zambia, as an institution,

recognises the important role that local partners in the constituency play in enhancing the roles of Parliament, especially its representative role. Hitherto, the partnership at constituency office-level have been un-coordinated and ad-hoc. Therefore, the development of these

guidelines puts in motion a process of developing and sustaining structured partnerships between the constituency offices and CSOs,” said Dr Matibini, who added that the guidelines would help improve governing the partnerships once they were formed.

Lungu appoints Hamududu as his envoy to eSwatini observation mission

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

President Edgar Lungu has appointed Party of National Unity (PNU) leader Highvie Hamududu as Special Advisor to his SADC Chairmanship on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, and will represent the Head of State on the election observer mission to the Kingdom of eSwatini. According to a statement issued by the SADC Organ, Hamududu said his mission would focus on observing the pre-election period, including the campaigns, the voting day and the process of the counting of ballot papers. “The Southern African Development Community (SADC) launched its electoral observation mission to the 2018 General Elections in the Kingdom of eSwatini on 16th September, 2018. Honourable Highvie Hamududu, Special Advisor to the President for the Republic of Zambia and Head of SADC Electoral Observation Mission (SEOM), led the launch representing the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, His Excellency Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia,” the SADC statement read. “In his remarks, Hon Hamududu indicated that the mission to the Kingdom of eSwatini was at the invitation of the Election and Boundaries Commission (EBC) of the Kingdom of eSwatini, a practice in conformity with the SADC Treaty; the SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation and the revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections of 2015, and the mission will focus in observing the pre-election period, including the campaigns, the voting day and the process of the counting of ballot papers.” The statement quoted Hamududu as saying the mission recognizes the positive strides made by the Kingdom of eSwatini to improve the electoral system through the enactment of legislation. “The Head of the Mission stated that the SEOM to the 2018 General Elections consisted of 34 observers from 10 SADC member-states namely: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, supported by two experts on electoral processes from SADC Electoral Advisory Council (SEAC). He further indicated that the

observers will be deployed to the four administrative regions of the Kingdom of eSwatini, namely; Hhohho, Manzini, Lubombo and Shiselweni. The Head of the Mission noted that the Kingdom of eSwatini has a unique political and electoral system; the Tinkundla, whereby, political representation is based on the selection of candidates by individual merit as opposed to political parties. Hon. Hamududu said that SEOM recognizes the positive strides made by the Kingdom of eSwatini to improve electoral system through the enactment of legislation, which ensures that women constitute at least 30 per cent of the members of the House of Assembly,” stated SADC. “He further commended the Kingdom of eSwatini on efforts made by the EBC to roll-out voter education to the people of disabilities, particularly with respect to the development and disseminate of voter education material, as well as the ongoing efforts by the EBC to engage the media in order to develop a Code of Conduct for the media during elections. He encouraged all stakeholders to ensure that the General Elections are managed in a peaceful, free, fair, transparent and credible manner, and that the electoral process adheres to democratic values and principles envisioned in our SADC Treaty, the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation; and the revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections.”



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By Abraham Kalito
Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya says government does not need Parliament’s approval to acquire loans because the Republican Constitution contains lacunas on clearly defining the Legislature’s role compared to the Executive.

And Northern Province Minister Brian Mundubile says the Northern Province Expo has already attracted investments, notably from Chinese and Indian nationals who intend to invest in a 200,000 hectares farming block.

Speaking during a Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Central and Northern provinces joint-press briefing in Lusaka, Siliya said Parliament is not supposed to participate in the duties of the Executive, adding that there is a ‘lacuna’ in the Republican Constitution governing the functions of the legislative arm of government as it relates to debt contraction.

She was reacting to a question posed by Diggers! on why government did not wait for Parliament to approve the acquisition of a US \$30 million loan recently contracted by government to upgrade the Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC), among a series of other loans from China.

Zambia’s debt arising from Chinese loans in the year 2016 rose by 350 per cent from two loans contracted in 2015.

Government also added US\$1.3 billion to the total debt stock in just a six-month period between January and June this year alone, and

We don’t need Parley’s approval to acquire loans’ - Dora Siliya

has already put pressure on critical programmes, such as the Social Cash Transfer programme.

“I think that we have been going through a window where a number of issues relating to the Constitution are under discussion. And I think there is a good argument going around that, how is it possible that if the separation in government of the Executive, of the Judiciary and the Legislature; and the Executive elected by the people is expected to perform a certain job. And when they perform that job, who should then provide the oversight? It should be the Parliament. And the argument people have been giving is that, if the Parliament is going to participate in a function of the Executive, how then will they supervise the Executive? And I think these are the discussions that are going on and this is why the Minister of Justice (Given Lubinda) has led the way to provide consultation that there are still lacuna’s in our Constitution, and we need to find a way to clear them,” Siliya told journalists at Government Complex yesterday.

“It’s not just on the issue of Parliament participating in loan procurement because the argument that other people are giving is valid. If you are going to supervise somebody, how are you going to do it if you are

going to participate in their job? So, I think that is a valid argument people have been giving, but there are also other arguments people have been giving in the Constitution about commissions that might be sitting once or twice a year and yet they have to be paid monthly salaries and provided with other incentives, such as cars at the expense of the people of Zambia. So, to me, the Constitution is a live matter, and I think we should await for the Minister of Justice to be able to give us direction. So, well, I think that it is a lacuna and it’s not the only lacuna. We also have a number of commissions that have been provided for in the Constitution that Cabinet, that government is not able to manage.”

Siliya, who also doubles as Information and Broadcasting Services Minister, said there were some government commissions which were sitting and spending money without working, as a result of lacunas in the Constitution.

“For example, I think there is the Emoluments Commission that might hardly sit. Maybe, it will sit once a year or...but government and the people of Zambia are expected to pay those commissioners every month a salary and provide for their allowances and transport, and government is saying,

no, clearly a constitution is created by us, the people. And we should be able to get back to the table and say, ‘no, no, no!’ This is a lacuna, this is not possible. We are not able to manage this and one of the arguments that have been given towards this question has been, and it is in the interest of the people of Zambia, that, if Parliament was participating in loan procurement, a function of the Executive, where will be the separation of government? Then how will Parliament be able to provide the oversight?” Siliya wondered.

“Because what should happen is that the Minister of Finance, by law, is provided for to procure the loans. And she has to go to Parliament and provide statements to Parliament on how government has performed. Now, if Parliament is participating in that process, how will they then provide an oversight to themselves? And I think that is a valid argument that people have been giving that, that will dilute separation of powers.”

And Mundubile said the Northern Province Expo has already attracted investments, notably from Chinese and Indian

nationals, who intend to invest in a 200,000 hectares farming block.

“We have profiled a number of sectors for investment, including agriculture, mining, energy, port and harbour services and tourism. And in each of these sectors, we came up with some anchor projects. For agriculture, we are looking at the creation of a 200,000 hector farming block in the name of Kalunguswi Farming Block. In the tourism sector, we are looking at promoting Lumangwe Falls and Kasava Bay. And we are promoting the Mpulungu Harbour. We are taking our potential investors right through the province. It was only last week when one of our own investors has pledged to put in US \$12 million in a hotel in Kasama. We have two more investors in Kasava Bay; one intending to put up a hotel, another one intending to put up a golf course. We already have teams from China and India interested to invest in farming, in the Kalungwishi farming block,” Mundubile narrated.

Meanwhile, Central Province Minister Sydney Mushanga said the provincial administration would succeed to raise the

K5 million extra needed for the hosting of the Central Province Expo.

“I think I have made it very clear that a K3 million has been raised, and I want, on behalf of provincial administration, on behalf of the people of Central Province, to thank the private sector because all this money has come from the private sector. And his Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zambia, is going to be the guest of honour. This Expo is for the Government of the Republic of Zambia. So, the efforts we have embarked on is actually to actualise the plan that we have in place as Government of the Republic of Zambia,” said Mushanga.

“The government, through the Ministry of Finance, will also be putting in something to ensure that we raise the remaining K5 million towards meeting budget of K8 million, and I am very much determined as provincial administration for Central Province that, the remaining amount of money is going to be realised and actualised. There is a lot of good will from the private sector out there. I didn’t want to go into the private sector; those who have contributed and those who have promised. There are so many who have promised and looking at the budget, once they meet their pledges, we have no doubt that we will be very close to K8 million.”

Zambians die in SA bus accident

By Diggers Reporter
A Zambian bus has been involved in a fatal accident

in Bela Bela, South Africa. Zambia’s High Commissioner to South Africa Emmanuel Mwamba revealed that 11 people had been reported dead.

“We regret to announce that a bus travelling from Kitwe, Coperbelt to Johannesburg carrying 50 passengers and five crew members has been involved in a fatal accident. This followed a tyre burst,” Mwamba stated.

“The accident occurred near Bela-Bela 180km away from Polokwane and 107 km away from Pretoria. 11 people are have been reported dead and others

injured. We are in touch with the owners of the Bus service company and are coordinating efforts together efforts with the management. Further we have rushed embassy staff to the scene of the bus accident. We will provide details later.”

The bus is registered under Royal Africa Logistix PTY LTD, with its address; 125 Kerk Street Johannesburg, South Africa.

The bus has been identified as a Scania Marcopolo Bus Reg Number FT 82 BZ GP caring 50 Passanger with 5 crew members.

Lusaka man admits stealing underwear

By Zondiwe Mbewe
A 23-year-old man of Lusaka’s Chipata Compound has admitted in the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court that he stole three pairs of underwear from Shoprite Zambia Limited valued at K79.99 because he didn’t have any under-garments at the time of the theft.

And a 35-year-old teacher of Lusaka’s Marrapodi area has appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court for defilement.

Particulars of the offence in this matter are that, Brian Bwalya, unemployed, on August 14, 2018, stole three pairs of underwear from Shoprite

valued at K79.99.

When the matter came up for plea before Magistrate Brian Simachela, Monday, Bwalya told the court that he stole the underwear because he never had any.

“Yes, I stole the underwear because I never had any at the time of theft. I hid them in my short,” Bwalya confessed.


The matter has been adjourned to September 19, for reading of

facts and sentencing.

And a 35-year-old teacher of Lusaka’s Marrapodi area has appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates’ court for defilement.

Particulars of the offence are that Michael Phiri, a teacher of Marrapodi, between January, 2017, and August 30, 2017, unlawfully had carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 16.

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Police warn, caution Nkombo in connection with 2013 murder

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Police in Livingstone have recorded a warn and caution statement from Mazabuka Central UPND member of parliament Gary Nkombo in connection with the murder of Harry Chanda in 2013.


In a statement today, Police Spokesperson Esther Katongo revealed that investigations into the matter linked Nkombo to manslaughter.

“We have recorded a Warn and Caution

statement from Mr Garry Nkombo, UPND Member of Parliament for Mazubuka Constituency in relation to the death of Harry Chanda which happened on 25th February, 2013 in Livingstone of Southern Province. One person identified as Henry Harry Lungu of Libuyu, Livingstone was arrested in connection with the subject offence and was jointly charged with unknown persons for Manslaughter, contrary to section 199


of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia and was convicted on 09th March 2017 and is serving a six year sentence with hard labour,” stated Katongo.

“We continued with the investigations so as to link other people who could have participated in the commission of the offence hence the summoning Mr Garry Nkombo who has been Warned and Cautioned for Manslaughter. Investigations have continued.”



Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama

Chibamba Kanyama is founding partner of Bridges Limited; Corporate Leader; public speaker; communication specialist and strategist



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Creating A Good Job

By Simon Sakala (Guest Columnist)

After choosing the work of a teacher, I had to decide how I was going to monetize the work. In other words, I had to create a job out of the work. There were two main ways I could provide my work for money. The first way was to remain in regular employment. In other words, to commit myself to work for the employer at a salary predetermined by the employer. The employer in turn sells my work to the end beneficiary at a predetermined price higher than my salary. The second way was to provide my work directly to the end beneficiaries at a price generally determined by the market. In which case I needed to find the people that were willing to pay for my work, find a place and everything else I needed for me to provide the service. In this case, I would decide my pay. The former would give me security while the latter would afford me freedom. I decided I was going to do both. I was going to start with being in employment and then later transition to being self-employed at the right time. Starting with being in employment was very crucial to my future success. Fortunately, the Y.M.C.A. where I started working was a great place to work. It was a work place that was rather liberal, without stringent rules or code of conduct. Therefore, I used my time there to learn the ropes and sharpen my sword. I put my hand to everything I could. I tried my ideas and tested my theories. I also learned how to connect with people. I tried to learn as much as I could from other teachers and share my ideas with them. I got

involved in different events for students and teacher training programs. I also tried to get other people's opinion about my work. Being in formal employment helps one learn the discipline critical to success when you become your own boss. The attitude and habits exhibited when you are under someone's leadership are bound to be the same you exhibit when you are on your own. If you have a habit of reporting to work late and making up for the lost time by leaving early, you are only likely to get worse when you are your boss. If you are in a habit of cutting corners, pilfering office items, using time you are paid for and other resources for personal use, you are only likely to get worse when you become your own boss. In the same vein, if you report to work on time, do all the work well and leave on time because of your boss, you are likely to fall short when you become your boss. The motivation for work and discipline should be commitment to work. Having a job is making a commitment to work. No one gets paid for the qualifications or skills that they possess. Rather people get paid for the work that the qualifications and skills enable them to do. Commitment to the work that your job requires you do to is increasingly becoming vital. This is so because we live in times when work under the same job is likely to change anytime. Certain types of work is being replaced by new types of work or ways of working. Commitment to constant improvement at your work will keep you at the top of your job. Take the work of a teacher, for instance. The teacher's

work today is a lot different from what it was say twenty years ago. At one time, the teacher and the text book were the center and limit of knowledge. Students had no way of acquiring more knowledge than that which either the teacher or the textbook provided. It is not the case anymore. Students can now have access to a plethora of knowledge on any subject at the swipe of a finger through information technology. Which means that the role of the teacher pivots into that of a guide, a cheer leader and a synthesizer of information to bring it to the level that the students can understand. The teacher then has to stay ahead of her students in order to remain relevant. The top companies in the world today did not exist thirty years ago. Which means that the work that they provide did not exist then. Which also means the companies that will be at the top thirty years from now probably do not exist today. The work and skills that will be required then do not exist today in the same form that they will then. Changes brought about by advancement in technology are not only making certain kinds of work disappear, but they are also creating new kinds of work. For instance, ecommerce is slowly obliterating brick and mortar retail business but at the same time providing more work for the delivery service businesses. Commitment to my job while in formal employment helped me not only to remain relevant but also to increase the value of my work and pave way for my next stage, the pursuit of a career. Next week, I will discuss my career.

By Joseph Mwenda

British High Commissioner to Zambia Fergus Cochrane-Dyet has confirmed that his government has suspended all bilateral funding to Zambia owing to rampant corruptions, fraud and embezzlement of donor aid within government ministries. High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyet was commenting on a story published by News Diggers quoting the Africa Confidential report that UK had requested a refund of

UK confirms freezing of aid to Zambia; we don't tolerate fraud, corruption - Fergus

about US\$4 million which was misappropriated by recipient government organisations. "[It's] correct that UK has frozen all bilateral

funding to the Zambian government in light of potential concerns until audit results are known. #UKAid takes zero-tolerance approach to

fraud and corruption," High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyet tweeted late yesterday. Last week, Africa Confidential published

another dossier, detailing how corruption and theft of donor funds has pushed Finland, Sweden, Ireland and Unicef to freeze aid to Zambia while the British demanded a refund of their embezzled US\$4 million aid. The dossier published on September 14 also gave details about an investigation of fraud that was being carried out involving the ministries of Education, Health, and Defence. "DFID has also suspended its funding of cash transfers to poor families because US\$4.7 million is believed to have been diverted at the Zambian post office, which administers the payments.

Finland, Sweden, Ireland and Unicef have frozen funding and DFID has privately asked for £3 mn. (US\$4 mn.) to be returned. DFID officials believe ministers were made aware of the fraud, which Zampost officials used to buy expensive vehicles, but refused to terminate Zampost's contract," read the report in part. In June, the Zambian government remonstrated High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyet for expressing diplomatic views on his Tweeter feed, but he insisted that the country had a serious corripuotion. "The British taxpayer is investing money in development in Zambia, it would be a very serious matter if some of that money was misappropriated. And investors, they need confidence to invest in Zambia and there is a corruption problem in this country and it is quite serious," said High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyet then.

Pastor denies defiling orphan

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 51-year-old pastor of Lusaka's Chudleigh area has pleaded not guilty to defiling a 15 year-old girl in the Lusaka Magistrates' Court. The accused, Davies Banda, has since been granted a K10,000 bail in his own recognizance with two working sureties in the like sum. In this matter, Banda is alleged to have defiled the child at his orphanage. The accused, also a contractor,

runs God at Work Orphanage as an administrator. Particulars of the offence are that on November 11, 2017, Banda had unlawful carnal knowledge of a child under the age of 16. And when he appeared before Magistrate Nsunge Chanda, for plea, Monday, the accused denied the charge. His lawyer, Makondo Simbala then applied for bail, saying the offence his client was charged with was

bailable. "The charge he faces is bailable and he is of fixed aboard and able to raise capable sureties," Simbala said. The State had no objection to the application. Magistrate Chanda then granted Banda a K10,000 bail in his own recognizance with two working sureties in the like sum. The matter comes up on October 9, 2018, for commencement of trial.

Opening the third session of the 12 National Assembly, President Edgar Lungu took pride in underscoring his government's achievements with regards connecting the rural population of Zambia to satellite television via the "Village TV" initiative— thanks to China's aid.

"Mr Speaker, government, with the support of the government of the people's republic of china, is rolling out a project dubbed, 'access to satellite television by 10,000 African villages'. Through the project, 500 selected villages in Zambia will be connected to satellite television. This is a further practical benefit of our digital migration programme. The project has already been launched in eastern, Western and Luapula provinces and will be rolled out to the rest of the provinces by March 2019," said President Lungu.

"For our people, this is not a promissory note. It is already a reality at schools such as Kefulwa, Kabuta and Kanyembo in Luapula province and some selected villages around them. Mr Charles Tembo of Kawaza compound in Sinda district spoke for many when he said and I quote, 'being able to watch TV in my grass-thatched house is like a dream come true. I am now able to see what

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Village TV must come with Access to Information Law

is happening in other parts of the country and follow programmes that educate me on modern farming methods and how to improve my yields', end of quote. This is the kind of empowerment of our citizens that government wants to see by taking information to where our people are. Access to information must and should not be a privilege of a few. It is as much a human right as the right to safe and clean water or affordable health care. We are, indeed, moving towards a smart Zambia."

We are sorry to pop your bubble Mr President, but there is nothing smart about Zambia and Zambians in the rural areas having access to information which you want them to have and not that which they actually need to have.

Don't get us wrong;

we have nothing against the Village TV initiative. We support this government programme and commend the Chinese government for adding Zambia to the list of 10,000 African village beneficiaries. The exposure that people get from television nowadays is incomparable, it changes people's views on national and global matters.

But our problem is that President Lungu doesn't seem to mind the type of information that these villagers will have access to. He feels, as long as villagers have access to such services, then we are moving towards a smart Zambia. No sir! These villagers deserve access to the right information; information which we the journalists must give them. Therefore, give us access to the information we need

first, so that we can inform and educate the villagers objectively.

Mr Charles Tembo of Sinda district regarded watching TV in his grass-thatched house as a dream come true because he thinks being able to learn new farming methods is everything. But the real dream come true will be letting Mr Tembo watch from his grass-thatched house, how millions of kwacha meant for his fertilizer were embezzled by the people he voted for. Mr Tembo needs to read from his grass-thatched house how the President's entourage spends millions of dollars on luxury activities when they travel out of the country – when his village doesn't have clean drinking water.

When Mr Tembo starts having access to such information, then we will join President Lungu in celebrating a

Smart Zambia. Right now, our government is pushing the Village TV initiative in order to feed these villagers the PF-couched political propaganda; they are preparing a generation that will be making misinformed decisions.

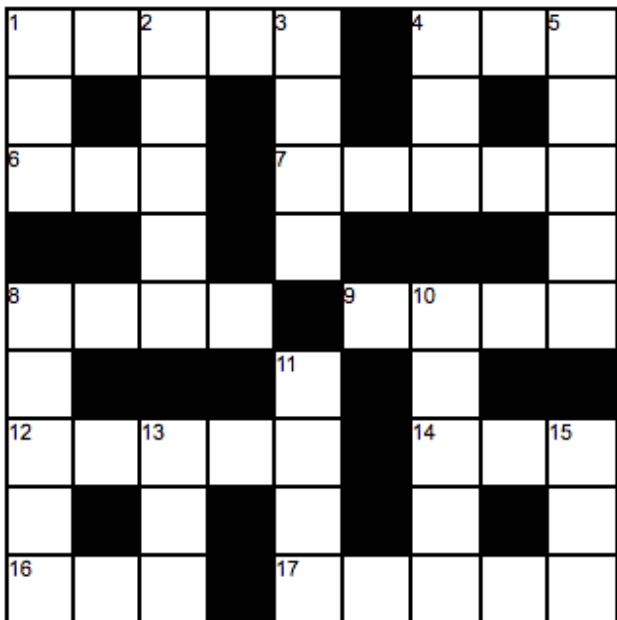
Please Honourable Minister of Information; enact the Access to Information Bill, let that be your legacy to the media fraternity in Zambia. Look at the terrific speed at which you are moving to enact the Cyber Security? What about the ATI Bill? If you are such a responsible government that is fully accountable for its deeds, what are you afraid of? We don't want to use underhand methods to get the information which Mr Tembo in Sinda needs to have, we want a law that protects us when doing so.

The Access to Information Bill is not

good for journalists only, it's good for those in government as well. We feel sorry when we see Honourable Dora Siliya, Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe and State House press aide Amos Chanda sweating to refute stories from the Africa Confidential about Zambia's debt. But that is because they are denying us access to the real data. We want a law that protects us when we discover that indeed the PF government has been hiding debt and secretly acquiring loans. It cannot be a State secret how much money we owe China. So, if the government doesn't want to give access to the information journalists need, they will find other means of gathering it and publishing for Mr Tembo in Sinda to read.

So this excitement about the Village TV initiative must challenged by the need to enact the Access to Information Bill. Stop feeding our relatives in the rural area with lies. We must also remind the PF that ignorance is better than false knowledge; it is more dangerous to know very little than to know nothing at all. So this seed of misinformation they are planting in villagers will come back to haunt them when another regime takes control of the television signal.

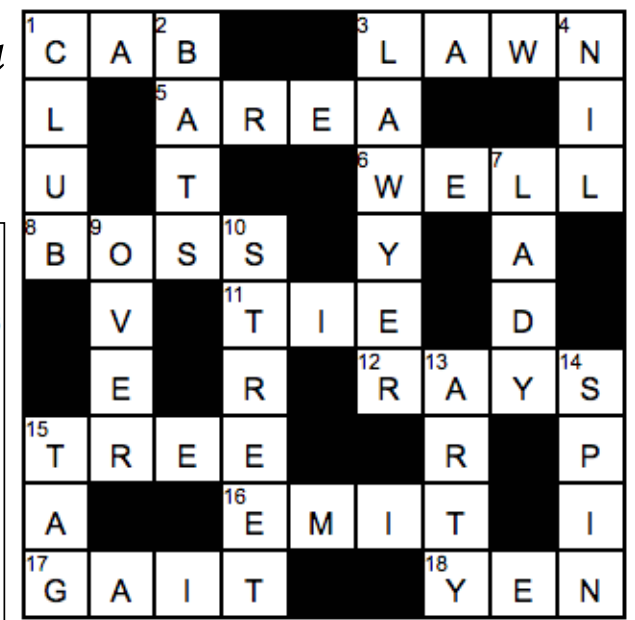
Crossword puzzle 189



“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.”
- Anne Herbert

- Across**
1. Evidence
4. Supply with weapons
6. Canadian Z
7. English assignment
8. Wound
9. Practice boxing
12. Learner
14. Perform in a play
16. Informal room
17. Sudden fright
- Down**
1. Dispenser candy
2. Sequence of items
3. Be anxious
4. TV spots
5. City official
8. Wished
10. Run-of-the-mill
11. Trim
13. Writing utensil
15. Muscle spasm

Solutions to puzzle 188



Reader's feedback

FAZ president misled

Editor,
Two former executive members of RAZ have grouped up with a retired former FIFA referee to mislead Kamanga the FAZ president on refereeing matters. They have been fighting to bring back RAZ but FIFA has said NO. They have misled you in sidelining the current Referees manager who was working very hard. Their main aim is now to impose someone I have just learnt that he has forged grade 12 certificate to take charge of refereeing matters for their benefits. The current man you are calling referees consultant is now favouring referees who campaigned for you during elections. They are having more games despite having failed fitness test. We are now seeing referees with big bellies who cannot run in premier division. One of your campaign boys in Lusaka distric can even be given 3 games in one week yet he failed fitness test. Maybe

he is doing it under your instructions Mr president. In football we don't divide referees. Where under FiFA referees structures do we have a consultant in charge of referees? - Concerned Citizen



Through research and the way forward part 15. To the universe

Really, Lord God the amighty. It's only you lord who planned and created all things in heaven and on earth and filled them with all things that man can see and all things that man cannot see. Oh lord, you above are mostly and wholly worthy much prise and thanks and honour from all creatures under the sun and above in the heavens. Praise be to thy name. To mankind, I'm kindly asking you to appreciate the lord our maker and also sharply warning you to heed the words of our maker. Honestly, the true slave or son of God has got no problems to understand these drops, because I'm frank and open. In reality, this is only through the grace, love and mercy of the lord God of the earth and the heavens that man still does evil up to date. Really what I can just say now is this is just a repetition of issues. Yes what I mean is so far who has not reveived this information of truth? Unless you are a stranger on the earth. But without being a stranger, then that behaviour only tantamounts to be deliberate and pervesity. The one and only truth is what is direct and straight forward. Yes for my whole research i have informed the whole world that no one cultivates the field and fails to plant in. - Mr M Masaiti, C/o V street. Chingola

LAZ's advice on being careful who you elect

Editor,
"Even LAZ delegation should be careful as they choose there leaders because most of them, they act like politicians who can't balance the equation when it comes to offer legal guidance." - Pontiano Tembo
"LAZ president missed the point. During campaigns, parliamentary candidates always promise to work or do anything only for their constituents. But the moment they enter Parliament, they start serving only the interests of their political party. Who, among the PF MPs, for instance, would dare vote with the opposition without attracting the wrath of the party, even if his/her conscience and instincts are telling him/her it is the right thing to do?" - Mike Phiri
"It's not easy to be careful when voting for someone to represent you. Some people pretend but once they get what they want they completely change from being humble to hostile; servant to master; merciful to cruelty." - Jones Samanenga
"Rigging of elections will be very normal soon if people won't demand the restoration

of the rule of law, which has collapsed in our country for some political gains." - Kapambwe Chocho
"It's disappointing that LAZ cannot put their foot down and call a spade a spade" - Mc Millan

China's 'ownership' of Zambia, ND's OPINION on takeover of assets

Editor,
"Our chiefs sold us to be slaves, now our presidents are selling us again. What's wrong with this race?" - Michael Wiz Simz
"That's true; ZNBC is gone, now soon it will be Zesco." - Eddie Luiz Chelsea
"When taking over a country, you start with communication and that's what China did." - Michael Sandala
"It is high time people showed maturity in issues of this nature. Fellow citizens, this is the time for us to open our eyes because we are in danger. Our opposition party leaders; put your heads together and fight this corruption for good of the future generation." - Lewis Mudama
"Only those without eyes cannot see this reality of China taking over our assets, especially those that vote with eyes closed not knowing who has a vision and who doesn't." - Kelly Kay Kalaba

Massive clean-up in Hong Kong after typhoon brings trail of destruction

Hong Kong began a massive clean-up Monday after Typhoon Mangkhut raked the city, shredding trees and bringing damaging floods, in a trail of destruction that has left dozens dead in the Philippines and millions evacuated in southern China.

The death toll in the Philippines, where the main island of Luzon was mauled with fierce winds and rain, rose to 65 overnight as rescuers pulled more bodies from a huge landslide in the mountain town of Itogon. National police spokesman Senior Superintendent Benigno Durana told AFP that 43 other people are missing, and more than 155,000 people remain in evacuation centres two days after the typhoon struck. After tearing through Luzon and pummeling Hong Kong and Macau, the storm made landfall in mainland China late Sunday, with two reported dead in

Guangdong province. Authorities there said they had evacuated more than

three million people and ordered tens of thousands of fishing boats back to port

before the arrival of what Chinese media had dubbed the “King of Storms”.

In the high-rise city of Hong Kong, the government described the damage as

“severe and extensive” with more than 300 people injured in Mangkhut which triggered the maximum “T10” typhoon alert.

The monumental task of cleaning up the city began as residents, some in suits and ties, struggled to get back to work on roads that remained blocked by felled trees, mud and debris. Schools were closed, along with bus services, and travel disruption saw commuters piling onto platforms trying to board infrequent trains after trees fell on overhead lines.

Landslides and severe flooding affected some areas, with over 1,500 residents seeking refuge in temporary shelters overnight.

The storm, with gusts of more than 230 kilometres per hour (142 mph), sent buildings swaying and waters surging into homes and shopping malls, with some roads waist-deep in water.

Windows in tower blocks and skyscrapers were smashed as people cowered inside.

In the neighbourhood of Heng Fa Chuen, thousands of rocks and pebbles from the sea covered parkland along the coastline which had been battered by pounding waves.

The city’s main Victoria Park had become an obstacle course with hundreds of trees down and many completely uprooted.

Emergency teams were sawing apart some of the biggest trees blocking roads and pathways across the city in a clean-up operation that is likely to take days.

In the neighbouring gambling enclave of Macau, all 42 casinos shut down for the first time in its history as the storm approached.

They opened again on Monday but Macau was still in recovery mode after severe flooding hit parts of the city, forcing emergency workers to rescue people from their shops and homes using boats and jetskis.

As the storm moved past the enclave Sunday, streets became submerged under water gushing in from the harbour.

The government and casinos have taken extra measures in recent times, determined to avoid a repeat of Typhoon Hato which battered Macau last year, killing 12 people and drawing accusations it was ill prepared for a major storm. **AFP**



Typhoon Mangkhut stripped traditional bamboo scaffolding from constructions sites across Hong Kong

Robots will handle 52 percent of current work tasks by 2025, almost twice as many as now, a World Economic Forum (WEF) study said Monday. The sharp increase could also see a net gain in "new roles" for humans, who will have to revamp skills to keep pace with the "seismic shift" in how we work with machines and computer programmes, the forum estimated. "By 2025 more than half of all current workplace tasks will be performed by machines as opposed to 29 percent today," a statement by the Swiss non-profit organisation said. Simultaneously, rapid changes in machines and algorithms, or computer processes that are designed to solve problems, "could create 133 million new roles in place of 75 million that will be displaced between now and 2022," the group forecast. Based near Geneva, the WEF is known for the annual pow-wow of wealthy individuals, politicians and business leaders that it organises in Davos, Switzerland.

Machines will do more tasks than humans by 2025 - WEF

Its report, The Future of Jobs 2018, foresees robots swiftly replacing humans in the accounting, client management, industrial,

postal and secretarial sectors. Jobs that require "human skills" such as sales, marketing and customer service should see demand increase

meanwhile, along with e-commerce and social media. A major challenge will be to retrain workers, who will themselves be pressed to

update skills especially in the areas of "creativity, critical thinking and persuasion", the study found.

It surveyed personnel directors and senior executives from a broad range of companies around the world that account for 70 percent of global output. Between now and 2022, they believe the aviation, travel and tourism sectors in particular will have to retrain workers, and identified an overall trend towards lifelong learning and adaptation. Governments were advised meanwhile to prepare safety nets for workers and communities threatened by what the WEF concluded would be "a significant shift" in the quality and permanency of the new jobs. **AFP**



Bemba to be sentenced for bribing witnesses

The former vice-president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Jean-Pierre Bemba, is due to be sentenced later today by international judges for bribing witnesses during an earlier war crimes trial.

The International Criminal Court in The Hague acquitted the one-time rebel leader three months ago for war crimes and crimes against humanity. But a second legal case has continued to disrupt his ambition

to stand as a presidential candidate in DR Congo. He's been found guilty of bribery, corruption and of coaching 14 defence witnesses at his original trial. In response, the Constitutional

Court in Kinshasa ruled that Bemba was ineligible to run in December's presidential poll. He has already spent a decade behind bars during his trial and is unlikely to serve any more time. **BBC**

'UEFA panel needs sacking!' - Bale baffled by Goal of the Season snub

The Welshman would not be drawn on whether his overhead kick was better than Cristiano Ronaldo's - but he can't believe it was overlooked entirely. Gareth Bale expressed his surprise after UEFA's Goal of the Season panel overlooked his overhead kick in the Champions League final, joking that the governing body's decision makers "want to be sacked".

The goal put Real Madrid 2-1 up against Liverpool in Kiev and Bale scored again in the last 10 minutes of the game to help secure a third consecutive Champions League trophy for his club. Despite the spectacular nature of his first strike, the panel adjudicating UEFA's Goal of the Season award for 2017-18 opted to shortlist Cristiano Ronaldo's acrobatic goal in the quarter-final victory over Juventus ahead of Bale's goal, with only one nominee from each of the main UEFA competitions allowed on the list.

Bale told the Daily Mail : "I don't know how it wasn't on that list!"

"I want to know who is on the panel because they want to be sacked."

Ronaldo's strike won the vote, with Dimitri Payet's Europa League quarter-final goal for Marseille finishing second ahead of Eva Navarro's curling effort for Spain in the Under-17 Championship final.

Bale was coy on the question of whether or not his goal was superior to Ronaldo's, saying: "It's not for me to say!"

His strike is widely regarded as one of the best in Champions League final history and rapidly earned

comparisons with Zinedine Zidane's effort in Los Blancos' 2002 victory over Bayer Leverkusen at Hampden but

has been nominated for the Puskas Award. Fittingly, Zidane was in charge of Madrid when Bale

scored his effort in Ukraine, although he stepped down in the aftermath of the victory. The Welshman has admitted

that it was a goal fuelled by the frustration of having been left on the bench by the Frenchman , crediting his anger as the reason he came on and made such a dramatic impact on the game.

Madrid have started a new era under the guidance of coach Julen Lopetegui, and with Cristiano Ronaldo sold this summer to Juventus, it has opened the door for Bale to play a more regular role in the team .

The 29-year-old has started all of his side's La Liga matches this term and has rewarded his new boss with a return of three goals and two assists. Saturday's 1-1 draw with Athletic Bilbao was the first time this term he had failed to find the target in the Primera Division as Madrid dropped their first points of the season. *goal.com*



By Alex Chilumbwe

I have hundred percent confidence we will win all the group matches and score more goals before we qualify to the finals, says Shepolopolo coach Beauty Mwamba. Her statement came prior to Shepolopolo's last group match against Mozambique. Zambia has six points while Mozambique squares up with Cameroon at three points each. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Mwamba said the girls were not going to relax but maintain a high competitive spirit in all the games. "I have advised my girls

We'll win all group games - Mwamba

to go even harder in every game. I'm constantly reminding them to play every game like it was a final. We cannot underrate Mozambique because they have a good record in women soccer and should be beaten tactically. We want to score more goals and

record more wins so that the goal we set of getting the trophy can be made easier," said Mwamba. Meanwhile, Shepolopolo skipper Barbara Banda said the women national team has proved why they need better financial and moral support to supplement

their passion and dedication to the game. "I would just want to see us get better financial support after these big games, and moral support too. We do not want to lose our morale and dedication because we have so much love for this game. In this

tournament, we will keep telling the fans that we are going to get the trophy because that's what we came here for" assured Banda. Shepolopolo will play Mozambique today (18th September) and has so far won their two group matches.

Green Buffaloes basketball team revives its winning ways

By Alex Chilumbwe

Green Buffaloes senior basketball team ended its losing spell by beating a macho side Hawks, 72-60 in their week ten of the Midlands basketball league. Buffaloes penetrated the Hawks defence through their fast break sprinter Bright Chokolo, scored crucial three pointers using their short forward Nelson Mabaso while Hawks players could not yield points from their repetitive drive-ins. Buffaloes skipper Thomas Mabaso said he was happy with the result adding that it would revive their long gone winning spirit. "It is a good result for us and if we had lost, we would have recorded our fifth loss of the league. After losing to Pacers and Bulldogs in our previous

encounters, few people expected us to beat Hawks. This victory can may be restore the winning spirit we had lost and consequently gain fans' confidence in us," said Mabaso. Meanwhile, Hawks coach Oswald Kalamba kept hope his side would win other games and restore the lost points to Buffaloes. "Obviously this is not a good result but I'm pretty sure we will win the other games including our next encounter against Buffaloes. We will restore the points lost and erase the impact created. I have very good players with great endurance, today was not just their day. We are still better than Buffaloes in the table and we will ensure we ascend after the next fixtures," said Kalamba.

And Buffaloes female counterparts lost prematurely to NAPSA Breeze after leading by more than 10 points in the last four minutes of the game and their coach Pamela Mukonde shared her view. "They lack endurance and there was also the absence of their point guard in the game. I think that is the reason they lost. I have to find ways of building their endurance and teach them to be more tactical because we are always losing in the dying minutes of the game. We lost to Unza Honeys last week in this manner," said Mukonde. Lusaka City Council (LCC) has stayed on top of the table in the male category with eight straight wins and Unza Honeys dominates the feminine league with six straight wins respectively.

Benfica women claim 28-0 victory on debut in Portuguese 2nd division

Benfica women's team claimed a 28-0 victory over Ponte de Frietas as they made their debut in the second division of the Portuguese women's league. Benfica, who opened the scoring after just two minutes, led 16-0 at half-time, and finished the match with nine different goalscorers. The side was formed at the end of 2017 and has several international players in their squad. However, as a new team, they have to

compete in the second division. Darlene de Souza - who joined the club in April - scored eight of the side's goals. The result is the largest margin of victory in senior football in Portugal - the previous highest was Sporting's 21-0 win in the Portuguese Cup in 1971. The club's directors congratulated the players on their attitude, adding: "together we are stronger". *BBC*



Anthony Joshua says he feels the pressure ahead of Saturday's fight. Skysports



Dwyane Wade returns to Miami Heat after opting against retirement. Skysport

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NKANA OUTLINE

TITLE AMBITIONS

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Nkana coach Bestone Chambeshi says every team his side will play in the last five fixtures of the FAZ/MTN league should bleed red and lose. Chambeshi also said he did not need his side to prove itself to people that it was a great title contender. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Chambeshi looked back at hoe his side struggled and picked up the pieces along the way. "There was a point I was not doing okay with my boys and I know there are fans that were losing confidence in us. It was discouraging for me too because I thought it was our breaking point but practice helped us. We went back to the drawing board and it is now working in our favour. We are scoring more goals and winning convincingly. I can now say we are official title contenders and every team we will play will bleed red and lose," Chambeshi said. Querried on the second place finish possibility, Chambeshi said the question was below his goal. "I think the question should be on getting the title because we are on the right track. People should now ask us if we will get the title. ZESCO may lose or win the remaining games while we are playing to win

all of them and get the title. We are not leaving any stone unturned in the remaining games," said Chambeshi. Nkana is second on the table with 65 points after beating Nakambala Leopards 3-0 at Sunset stadium on Saturday, while ZESCO United has 73 points and on top of the table after beating Kitwe United 2-1 yesterday, Sunday.



Players from both sides in Brazilian league game briefly put their allegiances aside to help the stricken ambulance. AFP