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Little known jovial 'comic' pulls upset in UNZASU election

By Thomas Mulenga

The University of Zambia students have elected third year environmental education fellow Warran Hamusunga as new UNZASU president, after two academic years without representation.

The students have also ushered in a 12-member cabinet which has been introduced under the new guild leadership model.

The tightly contested elections saw 53 students competing for 15 positions provided for in the Guild leadership model which Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo has introduced.

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...let's go show solidarity at police



President Lungu (bottom) joins war veterans (right) in laying wreaths at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day as Service Chiefs salute - Pictures by Tenson Mkhala

I did my best as minister, but it was not good enough for Lungu – Mutati

By Mukosha Funga

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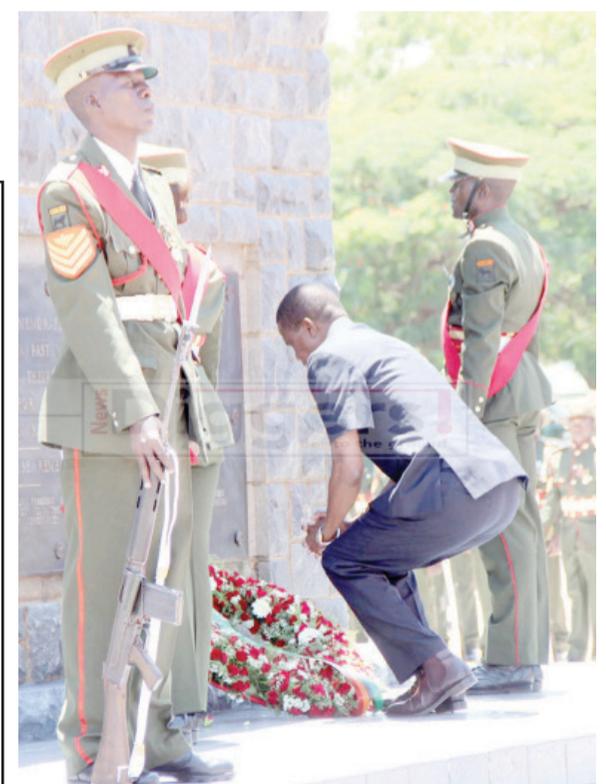
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A person who's never been MP shouldn't be Speaker, says VJ

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By Abraham Kalito

Ministry of Energy Permanent Secretary Brigadier General Emelda Chola says the procurement process for the 100 megawatts solar photovoltaics (PV) has progressed.

She has, however, not disclosed how many bids have so far been received for the project.

Government recently embarked on a strategic partnership with KfW to implement the GETFiT programme as an innovative initiative which will result in the development of up to 200 MW of renewable energy, to be implemented in two

Govt makes progress in 100MW solar project

phases.

The 100 MW mini-hydro tender is under the Global Energy Transfer Feed in Tariff (GETFiT) Zambia programme which is a partnership between the Ministry of Energy and the German Development Bank (KfW).

Speaking at the GETFiT 100 MW hydro tender pre-bid meeting in Lusaka at the weekend, Brig Gen

Chola said the 200 MW of renewable energy would be implemented in two phases – first the 100 MW of solar PV while the second phase involved the procurement of 100 MW of small hydros.

“In order to enhance the contribution of renewable energy to the power mix, government has made several strides such as the development of the

renewable energy feed in tariff strategy to remove barriers to investments in the renewable energy sector. Government’s objective in line with the national energy policy is to increase the utilisation of renewable energy sources by addressing the barriers to their wider dissemination and deployment. The 100 MW GETFiT small hydro

tender will support the development of small hydro projects up to 20 MW of installed capacity,” Brig Gen Chola said.

She said the tender process would include a pre-qualification procedure followed by up to three successive request proposal windows between 2019 and 2020 to award the full 100 MW of capacity allocated to this.

“Through collaborative interventions, a framework to streamline procurement and development process have been developed to ensure private sector participation. Government is undertaking energy sector reforms and initiatives to address some of the challenges that have been barriers to private sector investments in the power sector,” said Brig Gen Chola.

And speaking at the same event, German Embassy Head of Cooperation Christi Ritz underscored the need for government to give a clear policy guidance and a healthy off-take in encouraging the private sector to invest in Zambia.

He also said Germany would support the Zambian government’s effort to introduce an energy reform roadmap, with initial focus on strengthening Zesco’s financial standing.

“We urge the Government of Zambia to tackle challenges facing Zambia’s power sector and to issue a public announcement about the energy reform roadmap. Doing so will provide a positive signal to investors,” said Ritz.

Dora Siliya, Bowman lack principles of resigning on moral grounds - Mwiimbu

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Monze Central UPND member of parliament Jack Mwiimbu has said anybody who calls another person stupid is also stupid.

And Mwiimbu says their leader, Hakainde Hichilema, is legitimate and not a failure on their part, saying they will encourage him to continue leading the party until they are in power.

Meanwhile, Mwiimbu says Dora Siliya and Bowman Lusambo have no principles that can make them resign their ministerial positions.

On Thursday, Lusambo, the Lusaka Province minister, charged that Hichilema was useless and a failure, and that if he was still on the streets, he could have called him stupid.

He joined Siliya, the chief government spokesperson and information minister, and Eastern Province Minister Makebi Zulu in saying they will resign should Hichilema fail to prove that ZAFFICO and ZNBC had been sold.

But in an interview with News Diggers!, Mwiimbu expressed disappointment with Lusambo’s language saying they didn’t expect him, as a leader, to be using such unpalatable language against a leader of a political party.

“In my view, anybody who calls the other stupid is also stupid. I want to make it very clear and categorical that I wholly support the

leadership of Hakainde Hichilema, he is the legitimate leader of UPND and we shall support him for any election, whether now or 2021. There is no other person we are going to support. He is not a failure on our part. He is a leader who is going to lead us and who is capable of leading this country. He is a winning trump card so we can’t distance ourselves from him,” Mwiimbu said. “There is no way that I’m going to advise him to stop. If anything, I’m going to encourage him to continue leading the UPND until the next elections, until we are in power.”

He added that Lusambo’s statement was insulting and a reflection of hate speech.

“I would like to express my disgust pertaining to the language that was used by honourable Lusambo against my leader Hakainde Hichilema. I’m aware that the PF and their leadership have always been stating that we in the opposition have been propounding hate speech against the Chinese, against leaders of PF. What is good for goose is good for the gander. The statement by honourable Lusambo is insulting, it’s a reflection of hate speech which should not be condoned in this country. Honourable Lusambo is supposed to be a leader in this country, we don’t expect him to be using such unpalatable language

against a leader of a political party,” Mwiimbu said.

Regarding Lusambo’s claims that UPND members of parliament had been jostling to see President Edgar Lungu because they had lost confidence in Hichilema, he said the minister was merely hallucinating.

“He is merely hallucinating. All the MPs of UPND are loyal to the party and they are loyal to the presidency of Hichilema. They will stand by him through thick and thin,” Mwiimbu said.

Meanwhile, Mwiimbu said he was not concerned about Siliya and Lusambo’s statements that they would resign when Hichilema proved that ZAFFICO had been sold, because the two had no principles.

“Honourable Siliya never resigned when she was being prosecuted for corruption. Why didn’t she resign at that time? That is the time she should have resigned if she has any principles. Honourable Lusambo, I don’t know which principles he will use to resign. Honourable Lusambo was MMD die hard and he was saying he was going to die in MMD. But because he lacks principles, he decided to stand on the PF ticket without formally resigning from MMD. I’m not concerned in any way by those who are issuing those statements. If they were principled, I would say ‘yes we will go by that

challenge,” said Mwiimbu. “The issue of ZAFFICO did not start in Kitwe. They came to the House and said they were going to float the shares of ZAFFICO on the Lusaka stock exchange. And the people heard. As far as an ordinary person knows, when you float the shares, you are selling and they were alarmed. And

the strikes pertaining to ZAFFICO did not start in Kitwe. They started from Kapiri Mposhi, spread to Kalulushi and the other towns of the Copperbelt before the so called statement by HH. And most of those issues were being raised by the workers themselves who know what is happening.”

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(God) has given me in life, the opportunity to be member of parliament for Lunte, the opportunity to be Cabinet minister. I feel that these great opportunities is because of the mercy of God, I also want to thank President Lungu, the servant of

God for the courage that he demonstrated for appointing me as a member of his Cabinet, for the kindness, and for the confidence that he placed in me and for me, it is a mark of trust. I did the best that I could as minister, I gave

it my best, I gave it my strength, I stretched it, I never left anything in the tank but if by any means, there were shortcomings, limitations, those are only but the consequence of human limitations,” Mutate said.

“What I want to pray,

going forward, is that God grants him strength, grants him wisdom to lead Zambia. I also want to thank him for appointing honorable [Mutotwe] Kafwaya, from Lunte, a constituency where I come from, that he too

may be able to deliver to the people of Zambia.”

Mutati said the country could only move forward if Zambians stopped playing the blame game and worked together.

“As Zambia, the key message is that we need each other, you need my ideas, you need these ideas and the ideas of Zambians. What we don’t need is to blame each other, what we don’t need is always complaining, what we need is humanity, what we need is ubuntu. If we put our collective efforts, our collective wisdom, there is nothing insurmountable that as a people, we can’t overcome. And on this journey, we should always remember to put the country first, the people of Zambia first, they are above the politics. There is no hardship, no condition that is permanent. If we believe in God, we can always overcome,” said Mutati.

Asked where his dismissal left the PF/MMD pact, Mutati dodged the question. “In moving forward, today is a day of prayer, and I think when we shall reflect on the politics, let’s put the people and the country first and I think that is what is important today,” said Mutati.

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PAC sends away Copperbelt PS for submitting conflicting documents

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Bright Nundwe has asked the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to help his provincial administration obtain K18 million funding for the compensation of displaced farmers at the new airport construction site.

Meanwhile, PAC sent away Nundwe and his team for submitting conflicting documents and failure to attach certain relevant information to the responses.

Nundwe, who appeared before the committee on Friday to respond to audit queries cited in the Auditor General’s report for the financial year ended 31st December 2017, said he had on several occasions written to the Ministry of Finance but nothing had happened.

Upon being given chance to present his submission, Nundwe first praised his province that it had done “very well” before airing his grievances.

“I wish to bring to your attention chair that the Copperbelt provincial administration has on several occasions written to the Ministry of Finance requesting for funding to complete the resettlement works in Misaka. The Ministry of Finance therefore was written to on 14th August 2018, 11th September 2018 respectively, requesting for the final disbursement of funds in amounts totalling to K17, 58,329.28 for compensation, realignment, beaconing as well as other activities

relating to the allocation or relocation of farmers affected by the airport construction. As of 31st October 2018, the minister has not provided the required financial resources up to date. I will be grateful if the committee could assist the provincial administration in obtaining the said resources from the Ministry of Finance so that outstanding financial obligations relating to the resettlement exercise are met and the respective families compensated and relocated,” Nundwe pleaded.

Committee chairperson Howard Kunda, however, noticed the omission of the referred attached documents and interrupted the PS so that he could scrutinize what was submitted.

“We can’t connect with, for example, schedule seven that you have written. Where is it connected to? You have just written ‘unaccounted for stores, schedule seven’ but in the document, in your submission, it’s not referred to. All the schedules that you have provided we have not...and this I wanted you to show us. That is why we even let you to submit the first paragraph because we thought that you have a way of dealing with it but we can’t connect. And PS, you have appeared before this committee [and] you know very well that you are supposed to put these documents in order. And from your submission the first time is that you have done very well, but look at this document! We can’t connect anything if you

look at the issues to do with your attachment. Then even your attachment, it’s just writing. Surely you were given so much time to prepare so that when you come here, you present something that the nation will accept,” Kunda observed.

He gave Nundwe and his team a week in which to make a fresh submission with all the relevant documents attached.

“We would like to give you chance to put things properly because we want to follow. When you refer to a query, it has to correspond with the evidence that you have provided. But right now we can’t, even when we were going through during the time we have been going through... and we don’t sleep. Listen

to me PS, to prepare for this meeting, we sleep less hours so that we can come and deal with these matters effectively and conclusively. But with the way the documents have been put, we can’t refer to anything. You know [that] when you are coming here PS, this is very serious. It’s not something that we will just come and have a talk-show and it ends there. We want a change [and] that is why I have been asking you [that] have you gone through this Public Finance Management Act? Because it spells out everything that you are supposed to be doing PS. And it shows that you didn’t pay attention to what is here because if you are saying that you have brought documents now, then it means you

have just realised that you are supposed to bring documents. So we will give you chance to go back so that you can come back with a well-organised document,” Kkunda said.

He asked the provincial controlling officer to appear on 16th November at 11:30 hours.

“Surely, Copperbelt is very disappointing but we will give you a benefit of doubt and allow you to prepare yourselves properly. I think that we have made our point [and so] we would like you to please us and in pleasing us, you need to do a good job. You are required to come back on Friday at 11:30 hours. We will give you one week to deal with everything that we have talked about,” said Kunda.



L-r: World War I veterans Joseph Simwinga 94, Jackson Musonko 101 and Jason Namekhosa 94 go to lay wreaths at the Cenotaph in Lusaka during the remembrance of the men and women who died in the First and Second World Wars on November 11, 2018 – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

SOME THINGS JUST DON'T ADD UP



Lusaka Ndola Road which experts say should cost about K4.4 Billion is costing us around K13.2 Billion



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START ASKING RIGHT QUESTIONS

By Stuart Lisulo

Government cannot achieve its non-tax revenue target in 2019 because Zambians are successfully managing to avoid paying excessive speeding fines, says KPMG, the globally-renowned audit, tax and advisory services firm. Speaking during a ACCA-Zambia Tax Forum in Lusaka, Friday, KPMG tax partner Michael Phiri said that government will not achieve their projected non-tax revenue collection target next year because the introduction of electronic speed trap cameras has forced motorists to avoid paying the K300 fine.

Speed cameras will lower government's non-tax collection revenue - KPMG

According to the 2019 national budget, the government has rolled out an unprecedented provision of fees and fines amounting to K4.24 billion as part of its non-tax revenue measures. The overall non-tax revenues target, which

also takes into account the Mineral Royalties at around K4.89 billion, is K9.13 billion that has been projected to be collected next year forming around 10.5 per cent of the 2019 national budget.

“So, in terms of non-tax-

revenue mobilization challenges, and I was alluding to the fact that, for the speed cameras, people have simply slowed down; there is now 99 per cent compliance in terms of driving at 60 (Km/h). So, what that does is that, whatever budget was

plugged in there by way of fees and fines cannot be achieved,” Phiri told stakeholders, who included former Works and Supply Minister Felix Mutati at Intercontinental Hotel.

“In fact, as (Finance) Minister Margaret

Mwanakatwe, alluded to the performance of last year's budget, and the performance of the budget so far, she was alluding to the low yield from non-tax revenues because when we hear the (ZRA) Commissioner-General [Kingsley Chanda], he's always saying that, 'we have met and exceeded the (revenue) target.' But when you look at what the government has to spend, they almost always seem to be just barely making it each month. And it is really because the non-tax revenue by way of fees and fines, and even by way of domestic borrowing, is a little constrained; we are not hitting the targets.”

He advised government to revise the excessive speed

limit fines downwards from the current K300 to increase its non-tax revenue collections.

“But the challenge there really needs to be addressed. And we must be clear, in my view, if we want a revenue measure of using funds as a way of collecting revenue, you don't make it K300 because if it is K300, I will just not pay US \$30 equivalent; I will slow down; I will do everything to make sure I comply with the law,” said Phiri.

“If you want it as a revenue measure when I am speeding and going to the airport, and I have to pay a much lower amount, maybe K50, I will be much happier to speed and pay the fine, and then you get your non-tax revenue. I think we need to define what we really want in that area.”

The ACCA-Zambia Tax Forum was held to share the 12 tenets of tax, a discussion to take account the wider tax landscape and new pressures facing governments around the world.

One of the 12 tenets included 'openness and transparency' where ACCA-Zambia recommended that tax payers should understand what they are paying; why they are paying it and what the benefits of paying will be as a means of boosting compliance.



Former defense and security generals at the Cenotaph in Lusaka during the remembrance of the men and women who died in the First and Second World Wars on November 11, 2018 – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Leave if you can't pay suppliers, Wusakile MP tells KCM

By Mirriam Chabala

Wusakile independent member of parliament Pavyuma Kalobo has called for a law that will penalise erring investors if the government is to put the country's interests first.

And Kalobo says investors running Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) in Chingola should leave the country if they cannot afford to pay their suppliers and contractors, adding that there are many other people in Zambia who are capable of smoothly running the former mining giant.

Commenting on the ongoing public debates concerning KCM's failure to pay suppliers and contractors, Kalobo said the mining company was breaching its contract with the Zambian government by failing to clear payments to the suppliers and contractors.

“Firstly, I want to indicate that it's a very sad situation where a big company like KCM fails to pay its suppliers. These suppliers have also employed [other] Zambians, so how do they pay their workers if they are not getting paid

themselves? Them [KCM owners] where they are selling copper, they are being paid, so it's not fair. Whatever situation they are in or whatever reasons they might advance, it's not fair. I hear other people saying KCM shouldn't leave but for me, as a member of parliament who is coming from a mining constituency which hosts two multi national companies like KCM itself and Mopani Copper Mines, and again who has got people who are directly affected by the same situation of not paying the suppliers, I would say yes, they (KCM) should go because they are not ready to work with Zambians,” Kalobo said.

“Zambians should benefit from the mineral wealth. So those suppliers have the right to demand, they have the right to be paid and they should be paid on time. So I think fears to say 'people will lose jobs' should not be there because it will not even be the first situation. If I recall very well, in 2004 when Anglo American left, KCM was run by a Zambian mining expert called Jordan

Soko, who kept the labour workforce of 22,000 both directly and indirectly... Soko ran that company for two years until Vendetta took over the mine. So we can do it ourselves also as Zambians. For me, I think ZCCM has the capacity to run these mines, that's why I am for the idea that KCM should leave.”

He further encouraged government to start buying off shares from some of the multi national companies which were struggling to run their businesses so that the country could hold the majority stake and better the lives of citizens.

Kalobo also proposed the introduction of a law to deal with companies dodging taxes and other obligations.

“I think government should start buying off these shares so that at least we become the majority shareholders. Then I think things will change in the mining sector. They are our minerals and minerals are a diminishing resource, so this is the time for Zambians to benefit. And again, when you look at the some investors, they are failing to pay the right taxes. There is a lot of

cheating, there is a lot of tax evasion in the mining sector, which is not fair. So I am proposing that maybe we should legislate economic sabotage when there is cheating, because the people who are heading these tax evasions, the cheating, are our fellow Zambians. The accountants are Zambians, production managers are Zambians. So if we legislate for economic sabotage, it will help. This is our Zambia,” said Kalobo.

“We should also legislate to have these mines repossessed when they don't follow the right procedures, failing to pay the contractors was not part of what they signed for when they came here to work in our mines. So that is a mistreatment on the part of our Zambian suppliers. That's why government should just start buying off these shares so that our people can have a say. We need to strengthen the laws so that they can address specific misconducts like these. Yes, we have laws in place but they do not criminalise acts like what is happening at KCM where suppliers haven't been paid.”



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Leaving no one behind

Part 1: The PF govt delivering its promised "human-centred development"; Driven by economic & social infrastructure development

By Davies Mwila

1. Introduction

"It is not our wealth that builds our roads, but it is our roads that built our wealth" John F. Kennedy

For centuries the African continent was regarded as a place with: the least share of global trade; negligible intra-continental trade; weak domestic and regional integration, and insignificant industrial expansion, if any.

As part of the African continent, Zambia was not exempt from the abovementioned identity and reality. There were several factors responsible for the above state of affairs, one of them was due to Africa's and Zambia's lagging infrastructure development vis-à-vis poor road network, airports, health centres, education facilities- from early childhood to tertiary level. Against this background, it was logical and imperative that Zambia (and rest of Africa) needed to make significant and strategic investments in infrastructure development; in order to grow more significantly from a place of underdevelopment which had beset the continent since the 1970s and 1980s.

Therefore, there is consensus among well-meaning and knowledgeable Zambians that the country urgently needs to accelerate its infrastructure development programmes (roads, schools, hospitals, airports, maritime transport, social housing, portable drinkable water services, electricity, to name but a few) to significantly improve the well-being of the masses countrywide, but also make the country more competitive regionally if Zambia is to become an economic force to be reckoned with. Infrastructure development is a crucial pre-requisite for industrialization and diversification of the economy.

Clearly, human-centred development, and Zambia becoming a regional economic hub, are impossible tasks without developing economic and social infrastructure such as all-weather road networks in both rural and urban areas, access to education and health care for all, international standard airports, maritime transport systems, social housing, portable drinkable water services, rural and urban electrification systems, among others.

For the Patriotic Front (PF) as per its comprehensive manifesto, infrastructure development is critical in achieving Zambia's objective of becoming a prosperous middle-income country by the year 2030 as enshrined in the Vision 2030 and other national strategic documents.

In order to achieve the goals enshrined in the Vision 2030; Zambia needs "levers" to reposition itself for more robust, inclusive and sustained economic growth and development which will be the means to an end; 'the end' being the significant improvement of the welfare of all Zambians by 2030 and beyond.

The words of Archimedes still challenge us today when he proclaims so boldly:

"Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it and I shall move the world!"

To paraphrase Archimedes, our beloved country is crying out to us saying: "Give me a foundation to stand, a 'lever' strong

and long enough to connect every citizen and place; and I will uplift the economy, society and human well-being!"

Undoubtedly, one of the "levers" which shall connect every Zambian and place to uplift the wellbeing of the masses is economic and social infrastructure development. It is important to note that this PF strategic drive is consistent with national and international strategic documents such as the Vision 2030, the 7NDP, AU Agenda 2063, to mention but three.

2. Infrastructure Development and Sustainable Development

Simply put, "development" is all about bringing positive change in people's lives.

Without pre-empting the article, the reader needs to ask the question:

"Does infrastructure development (all-weather roads, accessible schools and hospitals, international standard airports, maritime transport systems, social housing, portable drinkable water services, rural and urban electrification systems, and so on) bring about positive change in the lives of the people and society?"

Indeed, power (energy), transportation (road, rail, air, maritime), portable drinkable water and sanitation – sometimes referred to us "hard" infrastructure – are of paramount importance to the economic growth and development of any country.

This is the reason why the PF government – under the leadership of the late President, His Excellency Mr. Michael C. Sata (MHSRIP) and now under the able leadership of His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu – remains resolute to deliver infrastructure development as a means of bringing about inclusive economic growth and development, and improved human wellbeing.

As a pro-poor party, the PF government believes that broad-based development and poverty reduction is about – among other things, meeting basic needs such as portable drinkable water, Health Facilities, Educational Institutions, food, as well as decent and affordable shelter and sanitary services. This is critical in order to bring about smart and sustainable urban development for a Zambia without slums. The PF is leading the delivery of these mega "human-centred" development programmes through public and private channels such as the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

3. Consequences Of Zambia lagging behind in Infrastructure Development:

The Toll on Sustainable Development Efforts

So, why does the PF care about infrastructure development? Does it really matter? Is there a price to pay for lagging behind in infrastructure development?

Undoubtedly, Zambia's efforts to reach the desired levels of human-centred "sustainable development" (that is, economic, environmental, social and human development) have been hampered by inadequate, poor and/or lack of infrastructure – at a great cost to the nation.

Evidently, Zambia has paid an extremely high price for lagging infrastructure development economically, socially and environmentally because; infrastructure is the foundation and core "input" to all other "output" in any economy. This is true

because as "economic infrastructure" such as transportation (road, rail, air, maritime) is being utilized in rural and urban areas, it will facilitate more robust and inclusive economic growth and development. However, the absence of such economic infrastructure only perpetuates poverty and underdevelopment.

More specifically, if Zambia does not urgently develop its economic and social infrastructure, the country may suffer the following dire consequences:

a) Low Competitiveness: Low quantity, low quality and less access to infrastructure seriously hampers a country's competitiveness at regional, continental and global levels. In the case of Zambia, such low competitiveness due to lack of adequate infrastructure could in turn hamper foreign direct investment in manufacturing and other strategic industries which the country intends to develop.

b) Poverty and Inequality: Failure to equitably provide infrastructure such as sanitation and portable safe water in both rural and urban areas creates inequalities in accessing such infrastructure.

As a result, this inequitable access to economic and social infrastructure has the potential to significantly entrench poverty; as well as reduce the capacity of households to prevent diseases which arise from a lack of sanitation and portable safe water infrastructure.

c) Slower growth: As established above, lack of or lagging infrastructure leads to lack of competitiveness and low market integration. This in turn leads to slow economic growth for Zambia, which further exacerbates low competitiveness, poverty and inequality between rural and urban areas; between male and female, nationwide.

d) Weak market integration: In order to achieve the desired human-centred development and poverty reduction in Zambia, any responsible Government would aim at integrating Zambia's domestic economy. This is a goal which any responsible citizen would fully support. However, to integrate Zambia's domestic economy means developing quality transportation networks (road, rail, air, maritime); Health facilities, Educational Institutions (early childhood to tertiary) and among others, countrywide. The resulting market integration and linkages will enable subsistence rural and urban farmers to achieve commercial production levels.

Furthermore, this domestic market integration will lower risks in rural and urban areas, thus significantly reducing the chances of the people falling into poverty or remaining trapped in poverty.

It is not possible to exhaust why and how the PF Government is delivering on its promise of "human-centred development" driven by economic & social infrastructure development in one article. In the sequel to this article, we will demystify some anti-development myths and destroy the unlearned question; "Do we eat roads?"

In the meantime, the PF Government continues to work on Social and Economic Infrastructure development, which ultimately significantly improves the well-being of each and every Zambian countrywide, and also makes our nation more competitive regionally.

Ends.../!...

Hon Davies Mwila is Secretary General of the Patriotic Front

Chief Mnukwa wonders how PF, UPND will dialogue without talking to each other

By **Miriam Chabala**

Chief Mnukwa of the Ngonis in Chipata says dialogue between the Patriotic Front and UPND will only be successful if the two parties agree to talk to each other without mediators.

In an interview with News Diggers, Chief Mnukwa said it does not matter who chairs the national political dialogue because the results would not change as long as those at the centre of the tension were not willing to listen to each other.

“Dialogue between parties is very important. We have a ruling party which is PF now, we have opposition parties that are part of what I would call the governance of Zambia. So if they came together to see certain things as common, it can only be done through dialogue, speaking to each other. I have just been hearing in the news that people are looking for mediators and what have you... but dialogue is dialogue, you have to speak to each other and I am sure in Zambia, there are a lot of systems on how people can talk to each other. So we shouldn't be creating other avenues for dialogue when we can

talk to each other directly. So I feel it is the leaders of these parties that should take the lead in trying to talk to each other first. So it's important,” Chief Mnukwa said.

“It all depends on the people who are supposed to be put together to discuss or to dialogue. If we put a lot of importance on people who are going to chair, it's not very important. What is

important to me is the two sides, the UPND for example and the PF to come together. They know what they want to talk about. The issue now is, what is the problem? What is supposed to be discussed? That is the first question, and that means that there is a problem. PF knows what the problem is, what it is that they may want to speak to UPND about. Even

UPND also know what the problem is, what it is that they want to talk to PF about. So the two, call them antagonists, are the ones who are supposed to talk to each other. These other things like who is supposed to chair and all those things, in my own view, my own opinion, are secondary.”

He advised the PF and UPND to reach out to one another and sort out

their differences before having someone else to mediate.

“You must first agree that you are going to talk to each other, then you say 'okay guys, we have agreed to talk to each other but who is going to chair the meeting.' Then you agree, the two parties should agree, it's not anybody else imposing themselves on these dialogues. The two antagonists should

decide who should chair the meeting. But other stakeholders... would want these parties to come together. That's why there is this movement towards arranging people, even traditional leaders, to sit on certain boards so as to try and advise. So it's stakeholders who are also interested in making sure that there is dialogue in this country,” said chief Mnukwa.

Banned medical courses at CBU reflects crisis facing higher education – ZANASU

By **Zondiwe Mbewe**

The Zambia National Students Union has advised Copperbelt University's management to quickly employ remedial measures that will allow reinstatement of programmes that have been withdrawn by the HPCZ to avoid inconveniencing students. And ZANASU has commended the Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) for being proactive in ensuring that institutions of higher learning do not compromise set standards of education.

On Friday, HPCZ ordered

CBU to immediately discontinue offering two programmes at its School of Medicine for failure to meet set standards in accordance with the Health Professions Act.

HPCZ withdrew the recognition and approval of the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and the Bachelor of Dental Surgery after a recent compliance monitoring inspection revealed gross over-enrolment of students, inadequate number of lecturers and engaging unregistered and unlicensed lecturers that are health practitioners.

In a statement issued Friday, ZANASU Information and Publicity Secretary Assa Willie stated that the decision by HPCZ was an indictment on the crisis facing higher education in Zambia and the laxity by public officials mandated to ensure that universities and colleges met the required standards.

He called on the Copperbelt University management to quickly put in place remedial measures to allow HPCZ to reinstate the programmes that had been withdrawn.

“ZANASU therefore calls

on management of the Copperbelt University to quickly put in place remedial measures to allow the HPCZ to reinstate the programmes that have been withdrawn and closed so that registered students are not inconvenienced any further. We also wish to salute [HPCZ registrar] Dr [Aaron] Mujajati and his Council for being proactive in ensuring that our institutions of higher learning do not compromise on set standards which has capacity to affect the safety of the public when unqualified students

graduate,” Willie stated. “We call upon those tasked with registering institutions of higher learning to not only take interest in the monetary requirements for those wishing to establish universities and colleges, the majority of which are run from homes, but also ensure that institutions are only registered when they have sufficient facilities to run as an institution of higher learning.”

He stated that ZANASU would not side with institutions that compromised the standards of higher education by employing unqualified or unregistered lecturers.

Willie, however, bemoaned the inconvenience caused on students when programmes are withdrawn.

“While Zambia must continue to increase the number of institutions of higher learning to ensure that all citizens obtain access to higher education, the country cannot afford to compromise on the quality of students that these private and public universities are producing to engaging unqualified lecturers, failure to provide sufficient teaching aids for practical learning such as laboratories. ZANASU insists on the quality of students being offloaded on the capital market than quantity of students who should merely possess degrees and diplomas,” stated Willie.



The Kansanshi Mining Plc team captured with Mines permanent secretary Paul Chanda (third left) and Zambia Chamber of Mines president Nathan Chishimba (second right) and at the Mining Awards Night in Ndola after scooping the 2017 best environmental award recently.

Given the economic nature of the region, a majority of Copperbelt residents are born and raised with an astute survival instinct. People, especially those who reside in Kitwe, Ndola, Luanshya, Chingola, and other major mining towns, are born hustlers. They know how to create sources of income, and they know that it is their responsibility to protect that source of livelihood.

Copperbelt people are also very good at assessing the competence of political leaders. They have very accurate home-based economic performance indicators, which tell them if the government is working for the citizens or serving the interest of foreigners.

That is the reason why during elections, Copperbelt Province is considered an opinion leader that swings the influence of the other provinces north of this country. Once Copperbelt unanimously decides that the party in power has failed, they vote decisively and ensure that no one tampers with their votes.

In 2008 after president Levy Mwanawasa died, Copperbelt residents resolved to vote out MMD and elect Michael Sata's Patriotic Front in that subsequent presidential election. But somehow, Mr Rupiah Banda won, an outcome which the Copperbelt people did not accept. So they turned to the streets to burn tyres in protest. We recall that Sata had to make a national address, calling for calm among his Copperbelt supporters while persuading them to accept the election results.

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Play with Lusaka, don't mess with Copperbelt

In 2011 after the electoral commission delayed to announce Sata's victory, Copperbelt residents poured into the streets and vowed that they would turn the city upside down if their votes were "stolen again". They actually publicly threatened Michael Sata that should he accept defeat again, they would come all the way to Lusaka to sort him out.

"Naiwe wine father, ino inshita tatulefwaya ati 'iyo natuwina but balekeni basende kwabula ifyongo. Tukesa kumona naiwe wine pantu ninshi natwishiba ati ulalyamo (Even you our father, this time we don't want to hear you say we have won but let them get it without causing violence, we will come to deal with you in Lusaka because it means you are paid to accept rigged results)", the youths warned before their desired results were announced, much to their excitement.

This is the nature of Copperbelt people. They are tough, vigilant and

proactive. They know the art of unity and mobilization. Unlike Lusaka residents, those in Kitwe don't need anyone to tell them when they need to protect that which belongs to them. Unfortunately, our political leaders don't seem to read this scenario the right way.

We are referring to the move by government to change the ownership of the State-owned ZAFFICO Industries through the listing of its shares on the Lusaka Stock Exchange. The people of Copperbelt, in whose interest government claim to be acting, have rejected this decision. They want the status quo of the viable company to be maintained. They don't want Chinese to buy shares in this entity because they fear that it may affect their source of income. That is what they are trying to protect. This is the reason why they rioted on Monday last week; they have seen that someone is trying to tamper with their livelihood.

But the Patriotic Front government is about to make a huge mistake in its handling of the Copperbelt people over this matter. They want to throw their weight in the face of an already emotionally charged population. Through its bullying habits, the PF wants to use power and force instead of logic; it wants to use intimidation tricks to stop the residents from challenging government's wrong decisions.

When we heard that the police have summoned UPND president Hakainde Hichilema for interrogations in relation to claims that he incited the people to riot, we felt sorry, not for Mr Hichilema or the Kitwe residents, but for the PF government. It seems the PF doesn't know what they are doing, and they can carelessly arrest HH again and throw him in prison.

What is wrong with that? Well, two things actually. Firstly, it is a matter of fact that the government has

decided to sell the shares of ZAFFICO Industries to private individuals, either local citizens or foreigners. So HH has not committed any offense at all, because indeed ZAFFICO is being sold. Secondly, Copperbelt is a PF stronghold and the UPND is not even campaigning, but PF is doing everything to annoy its supporters. There will be consequences to this.

Refusing to yield to a presidential motorcade in 2017 was a matter of personal interest for HH and his UPND, so some citizens did not have sympathy for him when he was slapped with that bogus treason charge. But arresting a political opponent who stands up to speak for the hungry and miserable citizens is a totally different matter. It's a political miscalculation in our view. Instead of intimidating or punishing HH, they will end up handing him the support of the region that he has failed to penetrate over the years. But perhaps this

is a good mistake after all, since Zambia needs a change of national leadership.

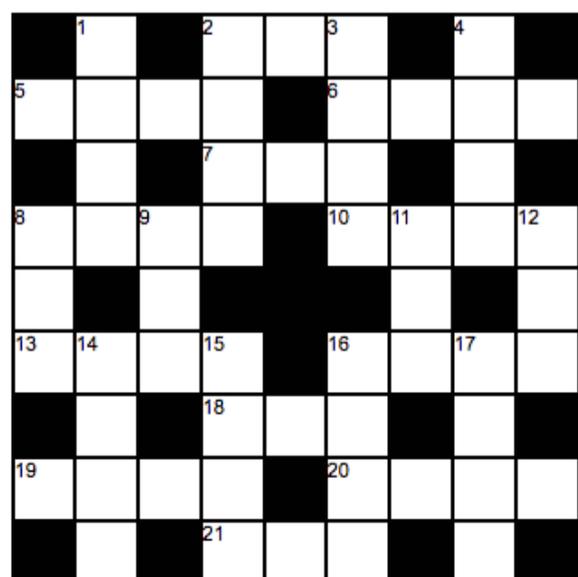
Our opinion, however, is that the PF needs to be very careful with how they handle these Copperbelt hustlers. Kitwe is not like Lusaka where only a small group of women heading NGOs has remained fighting for justice while the once feared gallant men have either bolted into hiding or have been bought to stop talking.

We urge the PF; play with Lusaka, but don't mess with ba Kopala because they will not accept this nonsense! As they say in Kitwe, 'ba Kopala bena nga babindasa bafulamina nakumululu, nabana bonse nikumusebo'. Arresting HH will not stop people's anger, with or without UPND, Copperbelt will not accept to be swindled by this government.

Our fear is that a full-fledged riot or demonstration in Kitwe will always end in serious casualties and fatalities. We don't want any citizen to lose life over this simple ZAFFICO matter that can be resolved by a single listening ear. But if that is the battle that the PF is prepared to engage in, then they must also prepare to lose the war to the one whom the Copperbelt people will decide to vote for.

The PF must not take for granted the support that it has on the Copperbelt. Gaining trust is hard, and it took a lot of work for the PF founders to win the people's confidence, but losing it will only take one fart and the PF will be out!

Crossword puzzle 228



"If our desire for justice is not rooted primarily in the pursuit of restoration, then reconciliation will be nearly impossible to achieve."
- Jamie Arpin-Ricci

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Solutions to puzzle 227



Reader's feedback

Dora's threats to 'resign' if HH produces evidence over ZAFFICO sale

Editor,

"Dora, be sincere. Why didn't you resign when you were implicated in the following scandals: 1. The airport radar; 2. Sale of Zamtel to LapGreen; 3. Malawi maize saga; 4. The lies you told us about Chagwa's Inyatsi land in eSwatini; 5. USA vacation with a married man at a time army worms were ravaging our maize crops; 6. When your seat was nullified due to electoral malpractices." - Jibambo Kafwilapanembo

"At this point, PF should just form a 'Ministry of HH Affairs.' It seems every Minister is losing focus on their portfolios and toiling on HH's activities." - Michelo Mweetwa

"I wish we had that enshrined in the Constitution because the lies we have heard from your government would have made you all resign and save us from the current mediocre leadership you have punished us with!" - Mukula Teddy Mulenga

"Dora Siliya thinks like a fly in a toilet; it is not HH to prove, but you to prove whether you sold or not." - Bernard M Musonda

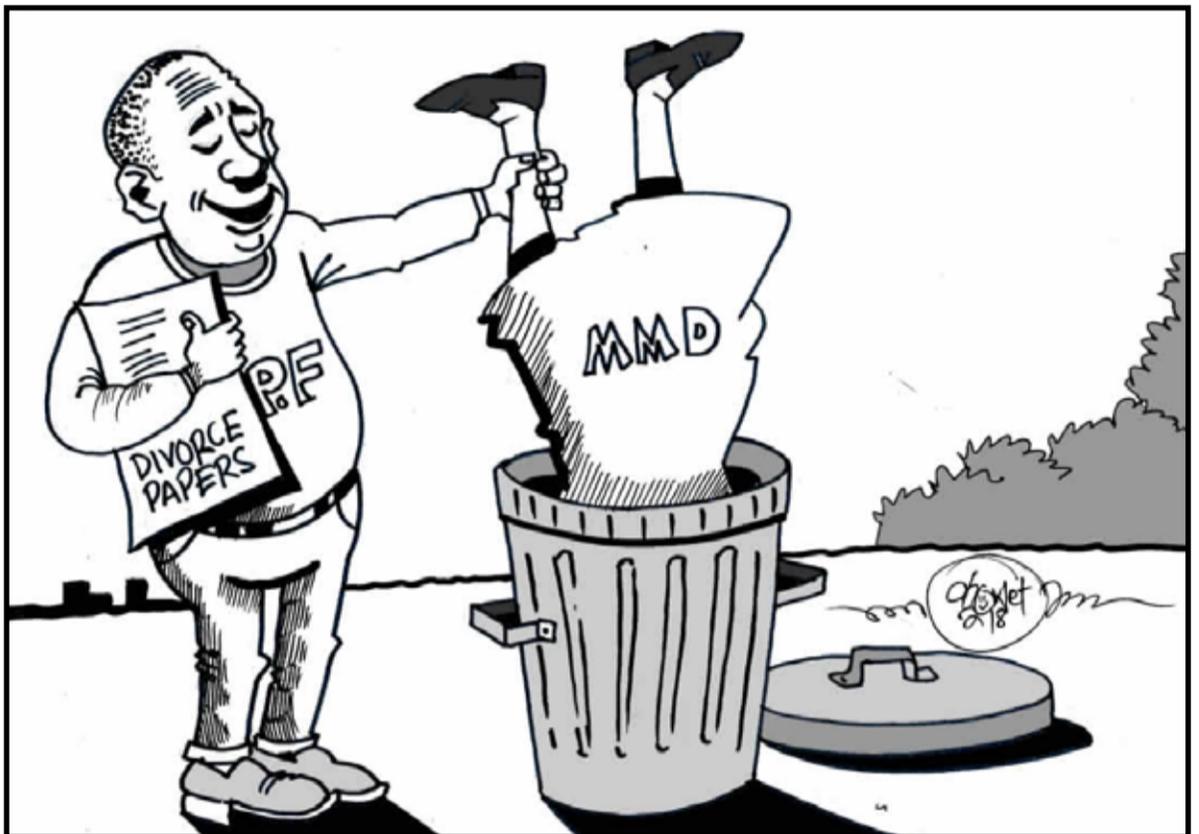
"Dora must also tell us why that Chinese investor bought houses for ZAFFICO sitting tenants if it was not for the purpose of hoodwinking people." - Lwansa Swepa

"Madam Dora, people riot because they do not understand what it means to list a company on the stock exchange. Sometimes educate the masses before making decisions that will affect their well-being. Without education, people will always assume the worst or indeed act out of fear." - Mumba Mubanga

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'Nevers should now work with Mutati to revamp MMD'

Editor,

"Now you and Mutati should swallow your pride and revamp MMD by choosing one to lead it. It's simple. One of you can be a running mate, and trust me, MMD can be back on its feet and 2021 elections will be a force to reckon with!" - Silumesi Inyama

"If these men could work together, maybe MMD could have a chance." - Kabisa Nang'Omba

"We now hope to hear once and for all who the right

party president is and not this issue of 'factions' existing in the party. We are tired. And those who support MMD are getting confused because of the two factions. They better sort out the mess in the party." - Godfrey Handondo

"That's what a good leader does, sympathises with his enemies." - Chikwanda Mwansa

"Dr Mumba is now a mature politician and a reliable Zambian patriot." - Steven Mazyopa

PF MP & Minister Mushanga fracas at VEEP's house

Dear Editor,

"I don't understand why the focus of these guys is 2021 and not development; all they talk about is 2021." - Naomi Tetamashimba Khumalo

"Discussing 2021 at the expense of poor Zambians? PF is just as good as no leadership; starting from their so-called boss." - Urwyler Kalota

"We've elected officials who don't grasp the gravity and the honour of holding public office. They can't even begin to comprehend the levels to which they should hold themselves to earn their places amongst the people that came before them that they have resolved to just bring down the houses. There are fights in Parliament; fights at the VP's office. I mean, surely..." - Mufuka Theresa

"Right at the Veep's residence!!! Where were the police, because that place is guarded 24/7/365??? These levels of hooliganism should surely worry Zambians!! Even in such respectable places like those!!!!!" - Robby LM

"I've also noticed that some PF MPs don't support or defend the Ministers as well as supporting the budget so I was wondering, kanshi, there is internal conflict." - Fathar Kayuma Gift

By Mukosha Funga

NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili says genuine opposition leaders and peace loving Zambians should turn up in numbers to show solidarity to UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema at Ndola Police on Wednesday. And Kambwili says accusations that HH caused Kitwe riots are proof that the PF is losing support in its strongholds.

In an interview, Sunday, Kambwili said it was time Zambians demonstrated that they were tired of bad governance by showing solidarity to Hichilema.

He observed that all opposition leaders were at risk of being arrested.

"Time has come for us to

Kambwili backs HH: let's go, show solidarity at the Police

say enough is enough to this predetermined arrests. I think the administration that is being practiced by this PF government in terms of the Public Order Act, and how they want to run this country is very archaic and old fashioned. We all know that government has been planning to arrest Hakainde Hichilema, first and foremost, they started with the UNZA riots, at that point,

they almost arrested him but I think they got scared because people realised that they were aiming at. Look, these riots about ZAFFICO started in Ndola, long before HH went on the Radio. The demonstration in Kalulushi started a day before HH went on the radio and the day HH went on Radio, the riots in Kitwe started at 7 O'Clock and I think HH was only re-emphasising

the complaints that the sawmillers were complaining about ZAFFICO being sold. So how do you accuse somebody of inciting? Because these riots started days before he went on the radio. So I am calling upon all those who are genuine opposition that on Wednesday, we all have to be in Ndola to give solidarity to our friend. One thing we should realise is that today

it will be HH, tomorrow it will be Nawakwi, the other day it'll be Chipimo. So it is important that we show solidarity and tell this government that you can't run a government where you are scared rats and you want to be arresting people for no apparent reason, I don't think this is right, we should say no to this kind of nonsense and approach," Kambwili said.

"This pending arrest of HH is predetermined. And I want to sound a warning to this woman on the Copperbelt and also the Inspector General, that please, for once, be professional. The PF had a meeting at their secretariat where they gathered people who were signing songs of insults against me. Insulting language is an offense but here is a man who insulted President Edgar Lungu, the following day he was arrested. What has happened to those PF cadres who were signing songs of insults?"

And Kambwili said accusations that HH caused Kitwe riots were proof that the PF was losing support in its strongholds.

"And how can they say HH caused the riot? They are the

same people who say HH has got no support. That his support is only in Western Province and Southern Province, how come he is influencing people on the Copperbelt? It means PF has lost popularity on the Copperbelt. Because if people on the Copperbelt support PF, they will but accept to be influenced by an opposition leader who doesn't have influence on them," he said.

"The advice I can the police is don't mess up Zambia. They are complaining that foreign investment will not come to a country where there is careless talk, but how do you expect foreign investment to come in a country where opposition parties are arrested at will and charges with trampled up charges? And the people of Zambia are not stupid, they are able to differentiate sense from nonsense. They know that the planning to arrest opposition leaders before general elections so that they can be jailed and they don't participate in elections is something that the PF has planned a long time ago."

Kambwili charged that Copperbelt Police Commissioner Charity Katanga was a cadre disguised in a police uniform.

"Ms Katanga the way she is behaving, I think the reason why she is behaving like that is that when there is a change of government, these former officers are not taken to task for abuse of authority and I think this time there will be a change, anyone who has abused his authority in one way or another will be taken to task and the first person who will be used as an example is Katanga because this woman is the worst cadre whom I've ever seen in my whole life disguised in police uniform," said Kambwili.

"So let me warn her that this Wednesday, if you dare try to arrest one of us, HH in particular, I think enough is enough and I am calling upon all Zambians to rise to the occasion and all those who care in Zambia should be at Ndola Police headquarters so that they can know that this is not how you run the country. People must not gag divergent views."



(L to R) Dumisani Mahlinza - IMF Executive Director for the African Region, David Robinson - IMF D/ Director for Africa, Finance Minister Margaret Mwanakatwe, and IMF Mission Chief Dan Ghura.

A person who has never been MP should not be eligible to be Speaker - Vernon

By Abraham Kalito

Veteran Politician Venon Mwaanga says persons who have not served as Members of Parliament should not be eligible for election to the office of Speaker of the national assembly. And Mwaanga says Zambia should emulate the United States mid-term elections by adopting and electing more women into political decision-making positions.

In a Press statement to the media, Sunday, Mwaanga said a person who has never served as MP would not understand the machination of the National Assembly, despite the education.

"Having first entered Parliament as a young man in 1973, it is also my considered view that persons who have not served as members of Parliament, should not be eligible for election to office of Speaker of the National Assembly. One just has to look at our former Speakers for example, Dr Robinson Nabulyato, Wesley Nyirenda, Fwanyanga Mulikita and Amusaa Mwanamwambwa. All of

these distinguished citizens had previously served in Parliament," he said.

"Notwithstanding one's level of education, it is difficult to fully comprehend the practical machinations of a Parliament without having served as one. We would not, after all, expect or even accept for someone that has never been a Teacher to suddenly become a Headmaster. If the standards of Parliament are to be upheld, then it should remain a place for parliamentarians."

Mwaanga also said the country should adopt amendments to the Constitution of Zambia, which will have at least 50 additional seats specifically reserved for women while political parties should adopt more women to compete in the political field.

"The outcome of the US mid-term elections, which saw so many women elected to the US House of Representatives, and a few more to the Senate, is a very welcome and heart-warming development. There

shall now be nearly 100 women in the US House of Representatives. Out of a total of 435 members, 225 of these are Democrats. Among them, will be black women, hispanics, moslems and indigenous native Americans. It is an open and disappointing secret that American women have had a difficult political transition to gain political legislative power and have lagged well behind African countries like Rwanda and South Africa, which have a much higher percentage of women in their legislative bodies of government. It is evident that the 'Me-Too Movement', which was formed to expose and stop the sexual harassment of women has been very pivotal in motivating women in America to seek political power. They still have a long way to go to match countries like Rwanda and South Africa, but they are on the match which will be difficult to stop," said Mwaanga.

"Here at home, very little progress has been made by women in the political arena be it in Parliament,

Local Authorities and in the corporate board rooms. Both SADC and the AU have been proactive in encouraging and even urging its member states to have gender equality in its legislative bodies. Sadly, this is falling on deaf ears, and both bodies lack the legislative authority and organisational capacity to enforce their recommendations. Political parties adopt very few women in what are considered safe seats. We should adopt amendments to the Constitution of Zambia, which will have at least 50 additional seats specifically reserved for women, where they will compete among themselves, using proportional representation. An identical proposal was agreed to by the National Constitutional Conference and incorporated in the draft constitution, which failed to pass in the National Assembly in 2011. As we look at improving the Constitution of 2016, let us have this clause reintroduced and passed, so that more women sit in our Parliaments and local councils."

By Thomas Mulenga

The University of Zambia Students have elected third year environmental education student Warran Hamusunga as new UNZASU president, after two academic years without representation.

The students have also ushered in a 12-member cabinet which has been introduced under the new guild leadership model. The tightly contested elections saw 53 students competing for 15 positions provided for in the Guild leadership model which Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo has introduced.

The campaigns ran for two weeks with different candidates selling their manifestos to the student populace.

The presidency saw three candidates battling against each other for the top job. These were Warran Hamusunga popularly known by his supporters as 'Wallah', Andrew Mwansa popularly known as 'UNZA Tamanga' and Jack Banda also known as 'Super Sub'.

The campaigns were characterised with allegations that some presidential candidates were sponsored by the ruling party to infiltrate the students' representative board.

'Comic' pulls upset in UNZASU election

Andrew Mwansa, who in the early campaign days was seen as the top contender, fell out of favour with majority of students who suspected him of being a surrogate of the ruling party, calling him 'Shushushu (sell out)'. Expensive campaign materials and massive dishing out of beer worsened students' suspicions.

As suspicions of political influence grew against 'UNZA Tamanga', Warran Hamusunga emerged from his political slumber and capitalised on his arch rival's weakness, using his less understood but crowd pulling 'Wallah,-Warranist-Warranism-Warran-Wallah!' slogan, which took the entire campus by storm until poll day.

Warran managed to convince mostly male students, popularly known as 'Monks', who vowed to vote for him regardless of his lack of eloquence in his

speech. The Monks were heard saying they would rather have a 'fool' whom they could control, than having a wise person who could be controlled by the ruling party.

The charismatic Warran, who is believed to have had no campaign resources, won the hearts of students who made his slogan the University's anthem throughout the campaign period.

In his addresses to students, Warran addressed the 'elephant in the room', vowing that he was not aligned to any political party and therefore was best placed to represent students.

Seeing that Warran did not have any posters, some of his followers used plain papers to write his slogans and other campaign messages and helped spread the word.

On poll day, students turned up in their thousands to cast votes.

The voting, which started

at 06:00 hours on Friday, June 9, 2018, was only closed around 22:00 hours. The presidential results were only announced on Sunday morning amidst fear and speculation by Warran's supporters that there was a scheme to rig the presidential election results in favour of Andrew Mwansa.

And announcing the presidential results, UNZASU Electoral Commission chairperson Jonathan Sichinsambwe declared Warran Hamusunga as duly elected UNZASU president at 04:14.

Warran polled 1,760 votes against his closest rival Andrew Mwansa who polled 1,173. Jack Banda was trailing in the third position with only 174 votes.

The declaration of Hamusunga as winner, sparked a wide spread celebration by his supporters who also carried a mock coffin with

the words 'RIP UNZA TAMANGA' written on it. They were also heard chanting 'Shushushu alile, alile, shushushu alile (the sell out should cry)' in reference to losing Andrew Mwansa whom they accused of being an informer of the ruling party.

And in an interview after being declared winner, Warran said he was grateful that his fellow students gave him a mandate to lead them despite not having any campaign materials, promising to work hard.

"I can tell you that it is only by the power of God and the confidence that fellow students have in me. Because personally I just started campaigning this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday because I was demoralized based on what happened when we went for presidential debate. If you come in campus even as I speak, I do not have a single poster, not even a single

flier, not even a single banner throughout the university. You would not see any poster of mine except the one which has been circulating on social media; Facebook and Whatsapp. There is nothing on campus, we just had to address the students, telling them that I want in the gap for you and consider your interests and due to that, students believed in me and voted for me," said Warran.

"I am not against or for any political party. This union is not for politicians, it's for UNZA students, therefore when we are elected in these positions, we are supposed to represent students without being intimidated by politicians. This is the mouth piece of UNZA students and we have to stand the pressure from politicians. We shall work together with all students, we shall welcome any advice but we shall not entertain any political influence, being controlled any political party."

Meanwhile, the ministries, which mirror government structures are provided for in the 'Guild' constitution. The 'Guild' constitution also provides for the positions of vice-president and prime minister.

The ministries include: ministry of finance, ministry of justice and constitutional affairs, ministry of trade and commerce, ministry of local government, ministry of water, sanitation and environment, ministry of guidance and religious affairs, ministry of education and academic affairs, ministry of information, research and employment, ministry of gender, ethics and integrity, ministry of students with disabilities, ministry of social, cultural and mobilization and the ministry of sports and games.

Elias Chipimo writes Lungu demanding justice for Vespers

By Zondiwe Mbewe

NAREP president Elias Chipimo has written to President Edgar Lungu demanding justice for the late Vespers Shimunzihila's death.

In a letter dated, November 9, Chipimo observed that it was now more than a month since Vespers' life was cruelly taken away by a man who may well be a father.

Chipimo stated that President Lungu should ask himself how he would feel about Vespers' death if she was his own daughter and what justice he would want to see.

"Perhaps you do not understand the outrage and outpouring of grief over the death of an innocent young girl in her prime because she was not your daughter. I can tell you, however, that as a leader, this is exactly how you should consider

this matter. To do so, you need to ask yourself some hard questions: 1. If Vespers was your very own daughter, how would you feel about the way she died? 2. What would you do? 3. What justice would you want to see done? 4. Would you wish this situation on anyone else?" Chipimo asked Lungu.

He observed that with executive power at his disposal, President Lungu could order an independent investigation as well as an independent inquiry into the cause of Vespers' death. "Your status does not only confer privilege, it confers responsibility. With the power at your disposal, you can order an independent investigation as well as an independent inquiry under the Inquiries Act; you can order the public release of the coroner's report into the cause of Vespers' death; you

can ensure that the police investigation of this matter will not be a cover-up by facilitating the engagement of an independent forensic team," Chipimo added.

"In addition, Mr. President, you can convene a meeting of all stakeholders to

determine the best options for ensuring that an incident like this never happens again and to mount a public campaign of support for an end to student riots."

He urged President Lungu to do what he ought to do and deliver justice for

Vespers.

"Mr. President, I urge you to do the good you ought to do and deliver justice for Vespers. That precious young soul may no longer be with us, but it is not too late for you to do the right thing," appealed Chipimo.

Lungu fires Percy Chato, puts ex-police officer in charge of Prisons

By Joseph Mwenda

President Edgar Lungu has dropped Zambia Correctional Services Commissioner General Percy Chato and replaced him with his deputy Commissioner General in charge of administration Dr Chisela Chileshe, who was transferred to the prison services from Zambia Police Headquarters. Sources say Dr Chileshe is the first known officer in recent history to

ever be moved on departmental transfer to the Prison service in 2009, from Zambia Police where he served as deputy director medical.

"When he was transferred to the Prisons, there was some bickering because he was not accepted as one of them. So it was very expected that after Chato, the other Deputy Commissioner General in charge of operations was going to take

charge. But Surprisingly, it's Dr Chileshe who has been promoted. So there might be some operational tension there," said the sources.

It is not yet clear whether President Lungu retired Commissioner Chato in national interest or he simply did not renew his contract. Efforts to get a comment from Chato proved futile at the time of writing as his phones went unanswered.

More than 200 people have now died in the latest outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to health officials.

About half the victims were from Beni, a city of 800,000 in the North Kivu region, the national health authority said.

A vaccination programme has so far inoculated about 25,000 people.

However, health minister

DR Congo Ebola outbreak: Death toll passes 200

Oly Ilunga said armed rebels were continuing to harass medical teams.

In September, vaccinations were suspended in Beni when a rebel group

launched an attack that lasted several hours.

Congo has suffered from

years of civil war and political upheaval.

The current outbreak of Ebola, which began in July, is the 10th to hit the country since 1976. The virus is spread via small amounts of bodily fluid and infection often proves fatal. In its latest update, the health ministry said 291 cases had been confirmed and 201 deaths had been recorded.

UN peacekeepers in the country have called on armed groups not to hinder medical workers fighting the disease.

Mr Ilunga said, on Friday, that teams had faced "threats, physical assaults, repeated destruction of their equipment and kidnapping".

"Two of our colleagues in the Rapid Response Medical Unit have even lost their lives in an attack," he added.

Last week, the World Health Organization's director general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said the lack of security was posing the greatest challenge in countering the current epidemic. **BBC**



The body language of the US and French presidents was markedly less warm than during Trump's last visit to Paris in July 2017, underscoring a general cooling in relations which were further strained by a late-night tweet by Trump attacking Macron. AFP

Philippines to charge critical news site

The Philippines says it will charge the major news site Rappler, which has been critical of President Rodrigo Duterte, with tax evasion.

Prosecutors said on Friday they also have grounds to indict founder Maria Ressa for violating tax laws after not declaring gains made in tax returns.

Rappler has denied the charges, calling the case a "clear form of continuing intimidation and harassment".

If found guilty Ms Ressa could be fined and jailed for up to 10 years. **BBC**

Does sex addiction really exist?

It's a year since movie mogul Harvey Weinstein checked himself into a sex addiction clinic after the flood of rape and sexual harassment allegations that gave rise to the Me Too movement. The BBC's Sangita Myska has been meeting people who say they've suffered from sex addiction, in order to understand whether it really exists, and if so, what it is.

Neila's first job in the UK, after she arrived from Central Asia 15 years ago, was on the trading floor of a finance company dominated by what she describes as "alpha-males, earning million-pound bonuses".

She was one of only two women on the team, and her male colleagues would sometimes try to provoke them by playing pornography on the big screens that should have been showing market data.

"I didn't like it but I was at the start of my career, making my way in the city. It was good money and a glamorous job and I didn't want to lose that," she says.

"I knew the men in the office were looking for a reaction - they wanted to shock me. So I started going home and watching porn videos and DVDs on my own, so I could brush it off in the office."

But quickly Neila got hooked. Her upbringing in a socially conservative family where sex was never discussed left her "defenceless" she says.

Every day she was thinking about how quickly she could get home to choose a film and a sex toy and start to masturbate.

She describes the process for me.

"It starts slowly. You get aroused. And then you just watch and simultaneously you switch on your equipment. All your senses are stimulated,

watching something so exciting. Your mind goes elsewhere. You know it's not going to stop until you press the button. You know you're in control of it, of every aspect of your pleasure, and it gives you orgasms you just can't have with another human being - and certainly not a man.

"The whole process of masturbating and coming will take you a maximum of five to 10 minutes but you pull back because you don't want to exit this state you are in, which is basically like being intoxicated."

Using this technique, called "edging", she was watching porn for two to three hours, seven days a week.

Her behaviour was compulsive, she says. If she couldn't watch porn, she craved it. She would also spend hours justifying it to herself, however detrimental it had become: "Everything is safe, you're not going to catch an STD from watching porn, you don't have to wear make-up. Everything on your terms and with guaranteed results."

But to continue getting those guaranteed results, the type of pornography she was watching took a darker turn.

"Usually you start watching vanilla porn - that means male-on-female or female-on-female, normal stuff - and after a while it doesn't work any more. Your body gets used to this release. It's similar to drug addiction, you need to increase the dose, so in order to increase it you watch more hardcore stuff."

"So you start watching anal, and then after a while that becomes a new normal for you so you need to watch something more hardcore and then you start searching for extreme stuff like gang bangs."

This was very uncomfortable for Neila, who began to worry that she was "a perv", as she puts it.

This issue of shame is a big one for every person who believes they are a sex addict. Shame simultaneously makes them want to hide away and drives them further into their compulsion. "It's a cocktail of arousal and shame," Neila says.

Porn also changed her attitude towards men. It meant that when she looked for a potential partner, their personalities and character became almost irrelevant.

"I would look through their shirts to see if they had a six-pack," she says. "The average UK penis size wasn't enough for me... but it's not a good way to choose a life partner."

She had a series of failed relationships, but it was the fact she felt compelled to watch films featuring violence against women to get a "high" that really began to terrify her.

"I had to ask myself, what's next? Will I end up watching a snuff movie just to satisfy my addiction?" she says.

Neila left the City and re-trained as a counsellor. Now in her 40s, she specialises in treating other patients who believe they are sex addicts. She trained at the Laurel Centre in central London, one of only a handful of clinics in the UK providing specialist support of this kind.

To get it you have to pay, sometimes hundreds of pounds per hour, because the NHS doesn't recognise sex addiction as a genuine condition. But it's estimated that hundreds, if not thousands, of people seek treatment in the UK each year, the vast majority of them men.

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Tom Hiddleston to return as Loki in new TV series

Tom Hiddleston will be reprising his role as the god of mischief in a new Marvel TV series based on Loki.

However, no one knows where in Marvel's timeline this new series will fit into, given the character's fate in *Avengers: Infinity War*.

The show will be released on Disney's brand new streaming service, Disney+.

Disney Chairman and CEO Bob Iger also announced that Lucasfilm is developing a second *Star Wars* live-action series for the new service.

The series will follow the adventures of rebel spy Cassian Andor during the formative years of the Rebellion and before the events of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*.

"Going back to the *Star Wars* universe is very special for me," said Diego Luna, who will reprise the role of Andor

"I have so many memories of the great work we did together and the relationships I made throughout the journey."

"We have a fantastic adventure ahead of us, and this new exciting format will give us the chance to explore this character more deeply," he continued.

When news originally emerged in September about Disney's plans to launch a number of series about Marvel characters, some believed we'd also be seeing a show focusing on Elizabeth Olsen's *Scarlet Witch*, but there has been no update thus far.

However, Disney did announce that we can expect new stories set in the world's of Pixar's *Monsters Inc.* and *High School Musical*, making sure there's something for everyone in an attempt to rival Netflix.

Disney+ is scheduled to launch in the US in late 2019. **BBC**



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Ireland centre Bundee Aki scored one of his side's three tries in a costly win over Argentina with three key players injured. AFP



Bayern's title streak may be in jeopardy

The Bundesliga campaign may still be in its early stages, but the numbers suggest that Bayern Munich are set to relinquish their hold on Germany's top-flight crown.

Bayern have won six successive titles, with Borussia Dortmund the last side to break their dominance with victory in 2011-12.

Jupp Heynckes, Pep Guardiola and Carlo Ancelotti have all been left celebrating domestic success, with the former returning on an interim basis following Ancelotti's sacking to secure yet another title in 2017-18.

But things have not gone to plan under Heynckes' successor Niko Kovac, with an adverse result in Saturday's Der Klassiker further distancing Bayern from the summit.

Goals from Marco Reus, who hit twice, and Paco Alcacer gave Dortmund a 3-2 win over the Bavarians at Signal Iduna Park.

That result puts Dortmund seven points clear of Bayern at the Bundesliga summit, and four ahead of closest rivals Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Bayern have never won the title after trailing by such a distance at this point in the season, heightening pressure on Kovac after a poor start to the season.

Dortmund, meanwhile, are on track to enjoy a record-breaking campaign.

Only in 2013-14 and 2010-11 have the side collected more points from their first 11 Bundesliga matches (28 in each campaign) than this season (27).

This is also just the second time that Dortmund have reached the 11-game mark unbeaten, and the first since 2002-03.

Saturday's hero Reus has also now scored eight Bundesliga goals this season, setting a new personal best for the opening 11 matchdays.

Can Kovac make history and turn around Bayern's rotten form, or will Dortmund prove too strong for a side accustomed to winning the Bundesliga title every season? *Goal.com*

Balotelli is 'less than average' says Vieira

Nice coach Patrick Vieira has called out striker Mario Balotelli for a "less than average" performance in their 1-0 win at Nimes on Saturday.

The visitors had an early numerical advantage as Faitout Maouassa was sent off with his second yellow card just 20 minutes into the game, before Nimes team-mate Loic Landre was shown a red just before half-time. Still, it took until after the hour mark for Nice to find the lead through Youcef Atal, whose goal proved enough to earn Nice a third consecutive win in Ligue 1.

With two shots on target before his substitution 15 minutes before the end, Balotelli had a quiet game once again and is yet to find the net or set up a goal this season.

But Vieira felt Balotelli, along with the rest of his side should have made a bigger impact on the game and hopes to see better in the future.

"It's been a tough and complicated match for Nice, we've suffered a lot, it's been less than an average match," he told reporters. "We take the three points, but we come



Nice coach Patrick Vieira (l) and striker Mario Balotelli during training

home with the feeling that there is still a lot of work to be done. In the future, we will have to produce better displays than tonight to continue our progress. "We didn't put enough pressure on our opponent. Just like Mario

Balotelli, we were less than average."

Italy international Balotelli was unhappy at being taken off, but Vieira had seen enough as he called on the forward to work for his team.

"It's good that he is angry because he does

not want to come off," he said. "His goal may be at the next game, but what's important is how he worked for the goal. I'm not worried about that side of things, what worries me is the team and how he continues to work for the team."

Balotelli had cut a frustrated figure during the match, clapping the home fans when they jeered him for making a misplaced pass early in the second half then blowing a kiss to them as he walked off when he was replaced. *Goal.com*



A Young Buffaloes fan during the Barclays Cup final against Nkana. - Picture by Tenson Mkhala



Nkana players and staff celebrate winning the 2018 Barclays Cup tournament after beating Young Buffaloes team 3-0 at Heroes Stadium in Lusaka on Saturday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Spain base Barbara joins camp

By Alex Chilumbwe
Bruce Mwape's pieces for the 2018 Africa Women Championship are complete with Spain based Barbara Banda joining her teammates in Abidjan where they

are camped ahead of the tournament. In a statement issued by FAZ yesterday, Banda who recently made a record move to Spanish outfit Exuela De Futbol Logrono will lead the

Copper Queens in Cape Coast, Ghana during the Africa Women Championship which kicks off on November 17. Banda told FAZ **football.com** in an interview in Abidjan that the team is focused on lifting the trophy.

"We want to qualify to the World cup, we are not going to Ghana as mere participants," she said. Banda also said that her teammates were not intimidated by big names in their group that had perennially succeeded at the tournament but would aim to conquer. Banda said Group A in which they are placed against defending champions Nigeria, South Africa and Equatorial Guinea may look tough

but they were ready for the challenge.

"The teams look tough on paper but we will not look at names. Whether it's Nigeria or South Africa we are focused and we shall conquer," Banda said.

She added that she had learnt a lot from her new club in Spain that will add value to the team at the WafCON. "Football in Spain is different from African football and I have learnt a lot. Going into the AWCON I will help the team like I always do. I am still the same Barbara," she said.

The team is in Abidjan until November 14 when they will shift to the game front in Cape Coast, Ghana.



Barbara Banda outside Shepolopolo camp hotel in Abidjan - Picture by FAZ.

Volleyball league runners-up fail in tourney semis

By Alex Chilumbwe

2018 Midlands Volleyball league runners-up Green Buffaloes on Saturday failed to reach the semifinals of the Zambia Volleyball Association (ZAVA) closing tournament after losing 3-1 in sets to High Flying Nkwazi. The combatants won the first set with little challenges as it ended 25-15. Most points were made by their usual life-savers Aaron Sinkala and Richard Phiri while their new addition John Litangaji sufficed when the two could not. Nkwazi turned things around in a tightly contested second set with the arrival of police recruits from the police training college, Lilayi. Its starting six replaced their second options and won the set 25-22. Numerous changes were recorded by Buffaloes as they utilized their timeout calls but to no improvement. The police side took advantage and made it 2-1 in sets. The third set ended 25-19.

As the third set kicked off, noises were heard from fans that urged Buffaloes coach to reduce dependency on two people and look into means of beefing up its squad. At this point Litangaji was withdrawn for Kelvin Chibale who did not impress. Fans demanded Litangaji be taken back and by the time the coach heeded to the call, it was too late. Nkwazi won 3-1 in sets.

Buffaloes assistant coach Active Muchindu acknowledged that the frequent changes he made did not help his boys. "I should have waited a little longer before making changes. It affected their coordination and it became too obvious to the opponents as to where all their tosses and spikes should be directed at. I only had three players that did the most," noted Muchindu.

And Nkwazi skipper Munene Munene dedicated the victory against Buffaloes to his club officials. "This is for the jobs you have given all of us. Because of this club that recognized our talent, we will be police officers soon and it is only right that we pay back by winning," he said.

Nkwazi will face Kitwe giants Chalube in the semifinals while Green Eagles will face last year's winners Indeni.

Nkana content with squad quality ahead of Champions League challenge

By Alex Chilumbwe

Nkana CEO Charles Chakatazaya says the club will not require the services of more than five players to beef up its squad ahead of the African Champions league preliminaries.

Chakatazaya expressed confidence in the current squad adding that they had the much needed experience and exposure to keep it a 'red' affair as they go into the preliminaries of the league.

He noted in an interview with Goal Diggers! that it would be a waste of resources for the club to scout for

other players when the current squad was just as viable.

"The executive has so much confidence in the current squad. We would be going out of line if we sought for the help of more than five players to beef up the squad ahead of the champions' league. We will keep it small but highly motivated," said Chakatazaya.

Meanwhile, Nkana coach Bestone Chambeshi was not hesitant to speak on how much the Barclays crown would serve as a motivating factor going into the champions' league.

"Winning the Barclays cup is one of the biggest motivating factors that my boys will carry into the biggest African club championship. Their morale is high, the executive will not hold back supporting them and hopefully they will not disappoint too," summed Chambeshi.

Last week Nkana finalised a deal with ex-Buildcon striker Chisamba Lungu while their fellow champions league campaigners ZESCO United confirmed Mamelodi Sundowns' Lameck Banda would spend one more season at the club.

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President Edgar Lungu hands over the 2018 Barclays trophy to Nkana's skipper Walter Bwalya after beating Young Buffaloes team 3-0 on Saturday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Salah and Shaqiri see off strugglers



Liverpool bounced back from their Champions League disappointment on Tuesday with a comfortable 2-0 win over struggling Fulham at Anfield. Goals in each half from

Mohamed Salah and Xherdan Shaqiri secured all three points on Sunday and moved Jurgen Klopp's side back to the top of the Premier League table, at least temporarily.

Liverpool were held by Arsenal in their last league outing before a 2-0 loss to Red Star Belgrade this week, and they looked some way short of their best in a first half in which Fulham had the best chances.

However, the game turned within the space of 14 first-half seconds, when Salah struck after Aleksandar Mitrovic had a header ruled out for offside, and Shaqiri's fine finish made the win secure against a Fulham side who have now lost seven games in a row and remain bottom.

Liverpool's early dominance of the ball led to a personal duel between Salah and Sergio Rico, the Fulham goalkeeper twice making good saves to deny forward. Shaqiri twice messed up shots from good positions and the home side's profligacy should really have been punished, with Ryan Sessegnon dragging wide when clean through on goal before Alisson almost parried an Andre Schurrle shot into his path. *Goal.com*

NKANA EYES CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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