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I'm fit, ready for prison - Kambwili



UPND president Hakainde Hichilema (c) confers his vice-president Geoffrey Mwamba (l) and lawyer Zevyanji Sinkala at Lusaka Magistrates' Court shortly after showing solidarity to party cadres who were acquitted yesterday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

By Abraham Kalito
National Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili has dared police to arrest him, saying he is now fit and ready to face police cells or prison, unlike earlier this year when he was sick and fainted upon being arrested. But the Roan member of parliament says he will be unable to report to Luanshya Police for interviews and investigations until next week because he has a court case tomorrow, Friday.
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Happy 20yrs in opposition, PF mocks UPND

By Mukosha Funga
PF media director Sunday Chanda yesterday mocked the United Party for National Development (UPND), wishing them a happy 20 years anniversary in the opposition. And Chanda says Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili's biggest problem is his big mouth. Meanwhile, suspended UPND Kafue District Council Chairperson Thomas Zulu has defected to the ruling party. **To page 10**

Expect no fuel price cuts until old stock is done, says Siliya

By Mirriam Chabala
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Court acquits 4 UPND cadres

By Zondiwe Mbewe
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I'll be happy if Nakacinda builds MMD - Mutati

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By Abraham Kalito
Jesuit Center for Theological Reflection (JCTR) Head of programmes Geoffrey Chongo says government needs to legislate the registration of mines and awarding of mining licenses to ensure that individuals and entities applying have the capacity to finance mining operations. In an interview with News

Most mining licences issued to people with no capacity to operate, says JCTR

Diggers in Lusaka, Tuesday, Chongo said the legislation for the awarding of mining licenses would help in reducing the number of dormant mines around the country. “Only three out of 200 registered mining companies are operating in Lufwanyama district. Among the 200 registered mining companies most are Zambian firms that are not operating because of

lack of capital. We need to be transparent and collect more tax revenues for the growth of our economy. So, we can clearly see that a lot of people rush to go and get mining licenses which they either rarely use, or they do not have enough finances to see to it that they run a certain mine which they registered under their name. and its government jobs to ensure that activities are regulated because there are other people who are well able to get licences and run mines,” he said. Earlier, Chongo stressed the need for mining companies to contribute to children’s rights and development. He was speaking when he presented findings on a case study on the role of mining companies in Lufwanyama District, in promoting children’s right to education, health and sanitation. “The council is not collecting enough property tax from mines because the mining area in Lufwanyama District needs to be surveyed so that the numbering can be completed as quickly as possible. There is also need for enhanced security in the restricted mining areas and introduce stringent measures to deter illegal mining activities, as well as encroachments into the mining area. The mining companies working in Lufwanyama District were contributing to the promotion of children’s rights to education, health and water and sanitation. Community members however feel that this contribution has been limited and it was felt that there was need for a more systematic approach to ensure effective contribution towards enhancing the access to children’s rights to education, health and water and sanitation,” said Chongo.



Margaret Nyirenda carrying her brother Teddy in Chief Mwase’s village in Lundazi on November 26, 2018 –Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Expect no fuel price reduction, we’re using old stock - Siliya

By Mirriam Chabala
Government has no immediate plans of reducing fuel prices despite falling oil prices on the international market because it is still using old stock, says Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya. And Siliya says Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo and NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili were speaking as colleagues who have known each other for a long time in the recorded conversation that went viral, Tuesday. Addressing a press briefing at her office in Lusaka, Wednesday, Siliya said it was not possible for government to reduce fuel prices drastically just because the price of oil on the international market had fallen. “Even though the international oil prices have come down, what is currently being consumed in the country in terms of stock is stock that was bought at a time when the oil prices were high. And using the cost plus model, what the Ministry of Energy does through ERB in terms of procurement is basically look at the cost of fuel at that time, but also much importantly, the value of the Kwacha vis-a-vis the Dollar at that time and these are the two issues that affect the

cost of fuel. A lot of citizens have been expressing concerns and rightly so that the international prices for fuel are down to about USD\$54 or so. [So they are asking] ‘why haven’t the prices of fuel come down in Zambia?’ We will circulate that statement from the ERB, from the Ministry of Energy,” Siliya said. “But the input of that statement is basically that the current stock being consumed was bought at a different time when the price of fuel internationally was high and the rate of the Kwacha to the Dollar was high. So using their basic cost plus model, they have to meet the cost of the actual procurement of the oil every time it comes into the country. So I thought I should respond to that because it’s a question I have been getting the last two days. It’s been an online discussion for quite a while.” Meanwhile, Siliya said Roan member of parliament Chishimba Kamwibili should have nothing to fear as he reports himself at Luanshya police station if he has not done anything wrong. “Am not so sure that every time somebody is asked to appear before the police or whatever authorities [then] it must be an issue for discussion that ‘it’s because of this person or that person.’

I am not so sure that that’s the way we should be looking at it. I think that when the authorities call each one of us to appear before them... and in this country no body has ever been exempted. Presidents have appeared before, ministers have appeared before police, politicians have been called to the police, ordinary citizens have been called to the police... so am not so sure that it should become

an issue when somebody has been called to appear before the police. I think that when one has done nothing wrong, there is nothing to fear. I believe that sometimes police need to be allowed to do their work so that they can tell us what their findings are. That’s why they are there, they investigate, they follow up on issues. We must give the police time to do their work,” she said. Asked what government

was going to do about the recent incident where Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo and Kambwili exchanged bitter words in a phone conversation, Siliya said the two were talking as people who have known each other for some time. “I think there are two things here. I think we must must separate two colleagues, two mates, two people who’ve known each other for a long time and talking to each

other as colleagues. I think we really have to separate discussions of a personal nature by two people who have a long history from official discussions and positions of government. You are the media and you don’t live in a vacuum, you live in this country with all of us and you have to understand the complexion of certain discussions, especially these we see online,” said Siliya.

Intra party elections dividing PF in Kitwe, says losing candidate

By Sandra Mulenga
Patriotic Front members in Kitwe have complained that the party is currently experiencing a lot of divisions among political leaders. In an interview yesterday PF losing ward secretary Michael Mulenga said that the PF in Kitwe has been divided into two camps, one for Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Malanji who is also PF member of parliament for Kwacha and another camp for Christopher Kang’ombe who is PF Kitwe District Chairman. He said Malanji was refusing to work with some PF members accusing them of being Kang’ombes followers. Mulenga said PF members were calling for the nullification of the intra-party election results in Kwacha constituency on grounds that they

were not free and fair. He added that the aggrieved members had written to President Edgar Lungu and party Secretary General Davies Mwila, but that they had not received any feed back. “We were told by the PF leadership that we were free to contest any position in these elections, but when we formed a group for all those who wanted to stand, we were accused of being rebels. Were accused of going against the party and that we were having secret meetings,” Mulenga complained. “We have written a letter to the SG and the President demanding that the elections are nullified because the returning officer and the councillor who were chairing the elections were found in the same meeting were petitioned were being heard. And

during elections Malaji had dished out some money in his constituency even when leaders where warned not to be found taking part in the elections.” But Copperbelt Provincial PF chairman Stephen Kainga said there was no division in the party. He said it was normal for people to form groupings during elections and incline themselves to a particular candidate, and that did not mean the party was divided. “We did all the sittings and every thing has been communicated to the District through the constituency, so as we speak there is no petition that is still pending because if there were still issues we wouldn’t have started the constituency elections in Chingola and Chililabombwe districts,” said Kainga.

By Mirriam Chabala

Katuba UPND member of parliament Patricia Mwashingwele says the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) will have to take responsibility if hunger befalls Zambians next year. And Petauke PF member of parliament Dora Siliya says there is need for the country to graduate to farming practices that are not rain dependent. Debating the 2019 budgetary allocation in parliament on Tuesday afternoon, Mwashingwele observed that FRA gave farmers a raw deal last season.

“I would want to start by saying that the budget line on agriculture is very low. We are even failing to meet the protocols that we’ve signed on this very important aspect of our life. The reduction of the budget of agriculture

FRA will be to blame if hunger befalls us in 2019 - Mwashingwele

shows the lack of political will towards this important ministry. If we cannot put our money into agriculture as a nation then I don’t know where else. The Minister of Agriculture spoke about having only bought a 100,000 metric tonnes this year when actually FRA was supposed to have bought 500,000 metric tonnes. That has an indication of what is going to happen next year. If the weather this year does not go in our favour and we have failed to meet the expectation of this year, it’s a sure sign that we are expecting people to be hungry next year,”

Mwashingwele said. “If FRA cannot even meet their target, what are they there for? If they cannot protect the security of the food of this country, what are FRA there for? Why should we go hungry because they didn’t do the due diligence? The farmers did their part, they grew the maize. But it is because of giving them a raw deal that the farmers chose to sell elsewhere. When we look at this, it gives us a very insecure 2019. We pray that the weather will be for us but in the event that the weather is not for us, it means FRA will have to take responsibility

for what may befall the country next year. I don’t think I have heard anything in the minister’s policy statement saying ‘FRA didn’t have the money’. They had the money but the farmers refused to sell to them. These are the consequences of lacking political will. Farmers are already out there in the field, they are toiling but if you look at FISP, it has gone through so many phases that sometimes even me as a member of parliament I don’t even understand how it’s working this year.” Mwashingwele blamed human resource in the Ministry of Agriculture for

some of the mistakes in the sector and called for some reshuffles.

“We have farmers in Katuba who’ve deposited money for the past three years but the government has not done the due diligence for them. They haven’t put in their part, and this farming season, we’ve come up with a new method, I don’t know whether there are three types of Farmer Input Support Programme that the farmer is going to encounter. Before farmers could understand what the FISP programme was all about, people were talking about Smart Zambia. Before they can even understand the basics, there is a change, but to whose advantage are these changes happening? Sometimes we should be specific, the human resource in the Ministry of Agriculture, I think some of them have over stayed in particular stations and as a result, these are the ones who are giving us problems. Honourable minister, I think it’s time some of these people should be moved, especially in Chibombo district. You would find irregularities Mr Chairman happening every year,” said Mwashingwele.

“They are paying the people that don’t even deserve to receive the support. We are paying people that don’t even exist, they only exist on paper. But when you go on the ground, you don’t find them. I don’t know if the Ministry of Agriculture is following this up. We have institutions like IAPRI who’ve done research on agriculture and they have given us valuable information. But as a country, we are not following what the experts are saying, we are doing things on our own. This FISP thing if we don’t know how to handle it, let us go and support Nitrogen Chemicals of Zambia. Can we support production. So unless we change, otherwise it is folly to expect a new result when we are doing the wrong thing all over again and expect that we will have a different result.”

Meanwhile, Siliya said there was need to invest

in none rainfall dependent equipment to turn agriculture into a viable business.

“We have to separate maize from just being the food in the country and expand the food basket... if we are going to look at agriculture as a business in this country, then we have to invest and investment is beyond FISP. It means that we have to invest in electricity for irrigation. So that we are not here talking about rain-fed agriculture. It means that we have to invest in deep tanks so that we can support the livestock sector which is part and parcel of the crop agriculture. We also need to separate vulnerable and retired farmers from those who want to be business men and women in this sector. We have to invest in research, we need to have evidence based agriculture, and we on this side are trying to ensure that while we support the vulnerable farmers we all need a a whole new mindset,” said Siliya.

In winding up debate, Agriculture Minister Michael Katambo highlighted some of the initiatives that his ministry had embarked on to improve the sector.

“We realise that we may be faced with a lot of challenges as a ministry of agriculture and a lot of opportunities can grow the sector sustainable and efficiently. It is important to underline the importance of various crop production for agriculture, especially in the rural communities and our big commercial farmers. Mr Chairman, on the issue of climate change, the ministry is formulating a project that is aimed at addressing the effects of climate change by promoting interventions that strengthen the farmer resilience in climate change, especially in areas where we experience adverse effects of weather. These interventions will respond to the issue of irrigation and promotion of dam construction and drought torrent crops that can uplift the livelihood of our citizens,” said Katambo.

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Ministry of Higher Education Permanent Secretary Mabvuto Sakala says the there is no possibility of having ghost students at the University of Zambia (UNZA) or Copperbelt University (CBU).
And Sakala told the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Wednesday that his ministry will enforce recoveries of accommodation allowances which were paid to accommodated students.
Sakala said this when he and his team appeared before the said committee to respond to audit queries cited in the Auditor General's report for the Financial year ended December 31, 2017.
"A comparison of the CBU GRZ sponsored students to the Bursaries committee sponsored students revealed that there were 1,988 who were appearing on the bursaries database of GRZ sponsored students but were not found on the CBU overall GRZ sponsored students. Consequently, it was not clear how bursaries were supporting students who were not on CBU database," the AG report revealed.
The report further revealed another K655,000 in accommodation allowances which were paid to accommodated

Higher Education PS rules out ghost students before PAC

students.
"Accommodation refunds in amounts totalling to K655, 000 were paid to 754 students despite appearing on the list of students accommodated by the universities and appropriately amounts totalling K1, 979, 500 were invoiced in respect of accommodation to the said students. As of 31st August 2018, the amounts paid to the students had not been recovered. [Further], accommodation and tuition fees in amounts totalling K5, 432, 88.42 were invoiced by CBU for 210 students who were not on the applauded schedules. No evidence was availed to ascertain whether the students were authorised or approved to be among the students supported by government," the report revealed.
In defence, Sakala said the Loans Board was in the process of effecting recoveries of the said funds

from the undeserving students.
"The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board is in the process of recovering the overpaid funds, we acknowledge and from the continuing students by withholding their subsequent payments while recoveries from students who have since graduated will be added to the loan repayment amounts. A letter has been written to CBU notifying management to inform the affected students about the pending recovery. All the 210 students were part of the 8, 173 students [on] provisional list that was used by CBU when billing the Loans Board, provided the students had registered. However, the students needed to be screened by the Bursaries before being put on the bursaries database. Therefore, CBU invoiced correctly as all the 210 students were part of the students awarded

with loans by the Bursaries Committee," Sakala responded.
In another query, it was revealed 3,782 students at UNZA who were not on the university bill were paid meal allowances amounting to K8, 428, 113. The audit report revealed a further K71, 082, 937 which was irregularly paid to 3, 568 students who were appearing on the UNZA invoice but not on the bursaries list of GRZ supported students.
In responding to the above query, Sakala said the matter had already been reconciled.
Milenge PF member of parliament Mwansa Mbulakulima then said it was shocking that the controlling officer was giving technical responses which were difficult to verify before the committee.
He said from the presentation, it was clear that the ministry under

review needed serious help as it had so many problems.
"The system of recovering from [them], if we cannot recover from those who have honestly completed [because] up to now we are still looking from them, how are you going to recover from these people over this excess payment? There are many components here. We can ask questions here but this is not going to be exhausted [because] this is technical. The next page chairperson [on] 'failure to lock down the default administrator account system' what do you want us to ask? It's technical. We can take two days," Mbulakulima observed.
"The next page is 'failure to patch the MYSQL database' [and] look at the answer, it is also technical. That is why there is no need colleagues to even start asking questions from those files, we have to find a way as a nation. This is

where they have to tell us [that] they need help. And beyond this chair, they have said 'available for verification' [again and again but] but it's only the auditors who can verify whether this is correct or not correct but even the AG's office is handcuffed today. How can they comment on something which they haven't even seen? So it is really a total confusion [because] we believe that a lot of money has been going to our institutions but not accounted for. So for me really, it is a national disaster which needs concerted efforts and there is no need to be defensive."
It was at this point that Sakala ruled out the existence of ghost students in the named public institutions.
"Going forward chair, we can avail the extraction of these students to the committee. The possibility of ghost students does not arise. What may arise is that when a student registers, for example, and they fail to meet the threshold to move to the next year, they are removed from the list of the beneficiaries of the bursaries or the loan scheme until they meet the criteria for re-entry but we will still maintain them on the database and that is where there is one of the discrepancies. When they meet the threshold to be readmitted into the university, then we reactivate their loans. But in terms of ghost students, it's not possible to have them chair because we have a situation where the universities will give us the list and then we compare with the list on the bursaries," Sakala said.
And Committee Chairperson Howard Kunda said it was worrying that the ministry responsible for imparting skills to learners could have so much confusion surrounding its departments.
"[You know] this ministry has been there and we look at this ministry to be a ministry that should be out at the apex because this is what gives us the manpower that is needed for this country. You teach these students so that they can come out and give the best to this country, but if there are these confusions that we have seen and highlighted in our discussions here, it gives us an indication that we need to be worried with what is happening," said Kunda.



President Chagwa Lungu (centre) takes a picture with officials during the Northern Province Expo and Tourism in Kasama on Saturday, November 24,2018 - Picture by Eddie Mwanaleza

I'm now fit, ready to face police or prison next week - Kambwili

By Abraham Kalito
National Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili has dared Police to arrest him saying he is now fit and ready to face police cells or prison, unlike earlier this year when he was sick and fainted upon being arrested. But the Roan member of parliament says he will be unable to report to Luanshya Police

for interviews and investigations until next week because he has a court case tomorrow, Friday. Meanwhile Kambwili says he is consulting lawyers to consider pressing charges relating to threats issued by Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo towards him. On Monday, the NDC leader confronted

Kampyongo via a phone call informing him that he was aware of governments scheme to charge him with treason, a conversation where the Home Affairs Minister subsequently responded that he intended to teach him a lesson. This was followed by a police call out, summoning Kambwili to appear for questioning




in Luanshya. Addressing the Press in Lusaka, Wednesday, Kambwili said he was consulting lawyers on constitutional issues to raise against the abuse of Authority exhibited by Kampyongo. "I think by and large we are consulting with our lawyers we want to raise constitutional issues and the issue of abuse of authority against the

minister. Because there is no way that a Minister can be directing the Police to arrest innocent citizens, to make matters worse MPs who are speaking on behalf of the people. I have been MP for a long time. A lot of people have been going to my home. A lot of organisations, the Mine Workers Union, a lot of organisations have been coming to my home to bring problems and I have sorted them, I have never been arrested. Even in the MMD government. If Kampyongo calls it politics so be it. I have no regrets and I have no apologies to make. That's my job. My job is politics. So, what does he expect from me? To keep quiet when Chinese are ill-treating our Zambians? And when I say stop ill-treating our Zambians I must be arrested. Let them arrest me," he said. "I will not be intimidated. I know that for a long time they have always wanted to find a way. For the past one year they have not allowed me to have a meeting in my constituency. Every time I want to have a meeting in my constituency, they unleash Police on me. And I have known that they have always wanted to have an excuse to get me arrested but I'm not worried. I was speaking on behalf of the people and those people are my voters. It appears by and large that anybody who speaks against AVIC or anybody who talks about AVIC projects becomes an enemy of the state and its for obvious reason, we all know what AVIC is. And this is unfortunate because the minister [of Home Affairs] said he was going to sort me out and this is the sorting out."

Meanwhile Kambwili has dared Police to arrest him saying he is now fit and not intimidated of

police cell or prison as was the case earlier this year when he was sick "This is what we chose to speak on behalf of the people. And I will not be intimidated. And if they think I am scared of going to Police cells or going to prison, I am not scared. Let them not think of the first time that I was sick, and they think that, that's my nature. If they want to arrest me, let them arrest me when I appear before them. Obviously, they want to intimidate me to shut me up for speaking on behalf of the people of Zambia but me I was born to speak on behalf of the people of Zambia. And I will continue, nobody will intimidate me. Excuse me, is this politics when people are sending the police to arrest you? I am a Member of Parliament; my job is to speak on behalf of the poor and I will continue doing that."

And Kambwili says he would be unable to report to Luanshya Police for interviews tomorrow. "We are supposed to go to the Police on Thursday, now we will not be able to go there on Thursday because we have a court case of Friday before Magistrate Mikalile. And its not easy to go to Luanshya on Thursday and start coming back for a court case. So, my lawyers will communicate to them when we will be able to go there, which should be next week. So that's the position. We are aware that government has been trying for a long time to have me arrested on trumped up charges and detained. And we are reliably informed that they have issued instructions that I should be arrested and detained, but I want to tell them that I am ready for them. I am not scared of them," said Kambwili.




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Solidarity for Chishimba Kambwili!

By Mwenya Musenge

In a hysterical but expected turnaround of events, police on the Copperbelt have summoned NDC consultant and 2021 Presidential candidate for questioning today on extremely nauseating and flimsy grounds. The summoning of Dr. Kambwili by Luanshya Police has not come as a surprise to the NDC. We saw it coming and we know the people behind this plot. Dr. Kambwili is being persecuted politically for merely pointing out at the wrongs that the PF regime has been perpetuating. It is an open secret that comrade Kambwili is now a threat to the system. The system knows that Dr. Kambwili is not just an ordinary political figure. Comrade Kambwili enjoys massive following from a number of Zambians. Therefore, the system will ensure that Dr. Kambwili is gaged, intimidated and frustrated using all possible means and avenues. All this, is meant to ensure that comrade Kambwili is not given enough time to go around the country and mobilize the ideologies of the NDC. We are aware that the system will do everything possible to distract the political activities of the Luanshya lawmaker so that he spends more time appearing before the courts of law on trumped up political offenses. As we approach 2021, these arrests might become a common feature to ensure that Dr. Kambwili is completely alienated from his followers. The latest summoning of Dr. Kambwili by police comes after he met protesting Avic workers in Luanshya over the weekend. It must be stated that Dr. Kambwili as lawmaker has every right to interact and discuss issues of development with his constituents. Its surprising that police want to question an elected representative for purely executing his duties. They are a number of lawmakers who go into their constituencies and hold meetings without even notifying police. The treatment of Dr. Kambwili by law enforcement agencies particular on the Copper belt has not been fair. On several occasions, police have refused the Luanshya lawmaker permission even to inspect development projects in his constituency Roan. To our surprise, carders from the PF are allowed to hold demonstrate even without police permits. Two weeks ago, PF youths in Ndola and Kitwe held solidarity protests backing Chinese presence in Zambia. And police on the Copperbelt have to this day failed to explain how and how they are favouring the PF. The double standards being implored and exhibited by the police service should stop.

Police officers should not allow politicians to cripple and interfere in their work. With the summoning of Dr. Kambwili, we doubt if indeed the pf regime is sincere to seek dialogue with the opposition and other stakeholders. Just a week ago, the country through the three church mother bodies released consoling information that President Lungu was more than committed to the dialogue process. We gladly received the news and we were so optimistic that for once, the pf regime wanted to pacify all pending issues with opposition political parties. But, with the latest political persecution of Dr. Kambwili, we doubt the sincerity of the pf regime in mending bridges with the opposition. How can opposition political leaders and other stakeholders seat on a round table and discuss pertinent matters when key stakeholders are being intimidated? We feel, this whole dialogue process is a farce. It will fail because, we cannot trust the people we are dealing with. The pf is fermenting and deepening the political crisis in the country. The pf regime is using governance institutions such as the police to open and fight battles. By summoning Dr. Kambwili, PF is opening up more wounds and battle fronts with the opposition. The continued intimidation of Dr. Kambwili has not settled down well with our party operatives. The international community must be laughing at Zambia looking at unfolding events. What we have under the PF is not genuine democracy; in fact, it's a replica of democracy. It is simply animal farm. Copperbelt police commissioner Charity Katanga is being used by the PF to fuel all this political confusion in the region. And commissioner Katanga has managed to fuel and perpetuate this political concussion. If Katanga continues with this path, we fear, that one day, Katanga will torch the Copperbelt. The Copperbelt is a political hot bed for the opposition. Commissioner Katanga should trade cautiously as she receives political instructions to harass opposition political leaders. The whole nation saw what happened in Ndola last week when opposition UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema was summoned by police. Madame Katanga is being overly excited in the conduct and execution of her duties. As NDC, we feel Katanga should be removed from the police service because she has now become so political. The presence of Katanga on the copper belt at the helm of the police service has been nothing but an episode of terror and intimidation for the opposition. This is not the first time that Katanga has victimized

comrade Kambwili and others. The summoning of the NDC leader by copper belt police is not an ordinary act. Police are working under duress and extenuating circumstances to intimidate Dr. Kambwili. Political players seem to be controlling some of our men and women in uniform so that they make irrational decisions. Home Affairs Minister Steven Kampoyongo has orchestrated this whole fiasco on Dr. Kambwili. We have no doubt that Kampoyongo issued instructions to "fix", Dr. Kambwili. We want to urge Minister Kampoyongo to exhibit patriotism instead of being trivial and personal. Minister Kampoyongo should stop interfering in the work of our police service. Political skirmishes are making the work of our police service extremely difficult. As a party, we wont be surprised to learn that President Lungu as commander in chief is aware of all the activities being undertaken by his Home Affairs Minister to muzzle the opposition. We want to appeal to the three church mother bodies spearheading the dialogue process to go back to President Lungu. The church should ask President Lungu if indeed he is serious with having dialogue with the opposition. We are now viewing this dialogue process with a sense of suspicion. President Lungu will do everything possible to intimidate Chishimba Kambwili. President Lungu seems to have natural hatred for comrade Kambwili. As NDC, we want to urge all our party operatives to give support to Dr. Kambwili as he appears for questioning at Luanshya central police. Equally, we invite other opposition members to also come in numbers and give solidarity to Dr. Kambwili. Dr. Kambwili has fought many political battles and this, will certainly come to pass. Dr. Kambwili alongside late President Michael Sata fought the MMD regime for ten years. What then, will stop him from taking on the PF? As an opposition political party, we shall not stop championing the cause for a better Zambia. We shall soldier on. We shall fight on. This battle to oust the pf regime through the ballot is not for the faint hearted. We shall fight on and until our dream of having a new Zambia; a better and prosperous Zambia is attained. We want to remind the PF to be weary of the political trend they are setting. It shall certainly catch up with them one day. This idea of intimidating political leaders is promoting hate and division in the country. As a party, we are more than ready to take on the PF. It's just a matter of time, all this tranny will end.

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The untold story of the mining communities – Zambia

By Goodbye Chinyama

Africa extractive industries are controlled by the Trans-National Corporations whose interest is to explore natural resources as part of business but with recorded violation of human rights. Zambia is not spared from this exploitation and local communities are experiencing untold suffering due to various forms of unfair business activities. TNCs are saying its business but who is benefitting and to whose expense? The stories from the mining communities of Copperbelt and North-Western provinces provide with a testimony that nothing is good from the mining companies. Some communities' in Zambia, mining is synonymous to disrupted livelihoods, environmental degradation, absence of or unfair compensation and pollution.

Tsopano community – living in dangerous houses

Tsopano community also known as Njanji has suffered negative consequences due to the mining operations of Konkola Copper Mines plc (KCM), one of Africa's largest integrated copper producers, a subsidiary of London-listed Vedanta Resources Plc. Tsopano is a small community with a population of about 2500 people. It is located in the district of Chingola in Copperbelt Province of Zambia.

The community raised concerns about air pollution from Sulphur acid emissions which come from the local mine. Also houses have cracked due to blasting operations by the mine from its Nchanga open pit. The houses have been cracking since 2001 due to the blasting being done by KCM. About 109 houses were affected in 2011, but only 20 households were relocated to a different area of which the houses are not big enough for accommodate all family members. KCM has been taking the relocation as part of social responsibility yet their mining activities are impacting negatively to the local people. ActionAid has been working with Catholic Diocese of Ndola to ensure the mining company respects the human rights of the local community.

"We have been here for so many years and tried to engage KCM, the council, Zambia Environmental Management Agency and other relevant stakeholders in trying to find the way forward for the rest of the 89 households and what come out are just promises. Unfortunately, the mining company is taking the compensation on relocation as a humanitarian intervention yet the houses are cracking due to their mining activities," said Langton Banda (not real name) in his cracked house.

Water not fit for human consumption due to mining activities – Musele Community

"Rivers and streams are largely polluted with poisonous chemicals flowing from the mine downstream due to the First Quantum Minerals Ltd (FQM) mining activities (a Canadian based mining and metals company). The boreholes for domestic use have become reservoirs for contaminated water. Graves are over flooded with water believed to be resurfacing from the Musangezhi and Chisola dams which were constructed by the mining company to be source of water for their mining activities. The surrounding villages of Kawelanga, Kankozhi and Musele have no alternatives to clean and safe water but risk to drink the contaminated

water running over the graves and also the same villages have nowhere to bury the dead. This is the first time to have such ever experience since the Musele community inhabited the area," said Lawrence Mwanangombe of Musele Community. FQM began a borehole drilling project as part of their own corporate social responsibility to easy the water challenges where sources of water for the local community had become a challenge. ActionAid Zambia has been working with Musele Nkisu Task Force (a community based organisation) to challenge the corporate's unfair business practices so as to respect the rights of the local communities. The taskforce with support from AAZ advocated for water tests which the mining company was not interested. Government through Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) and water resource management collected samples of water for testing. Also FQM environmental department collected water samples for testing in Kitwe. The water tests proved that the water was contaminated. Previously other CSOs drilled boreholes but water tests proved that Musele groundwater was fit for human consumption. This means that the contamination of water is a result of the mining activities. Due to community voices expressing anger to the mining company, FQM then made a decision to suspend the borehole drilling project violating the right to access to clean and safe water for the local communities. The main challenges from the two stories are that the communities are not consulted by the mining companies when it comes to business yet they are the custodians of the natural heritage and local resources, their resources are being extracted with no benefits, pollution (noise, air, water) is rampant, violation of cultural and social rights, the so called

compensation is more of a social contract as part of mine's corporate social responsibility, Traditional Chiefs are being asked to sign contracts which they do not understand and sometimes they are corrupted, litigation is a mountain task as there is no treaty that bind the operation of TNCs, and many other violation of human rights. The coming in of international legally binding instrument (still a draft) to regulate the activities of transnational corporations (TNCs) and other business enterprises with respect to human rights will go a long way to find a lasting solution to the challenges being faced by the host mining communities. For example, Article 5.1 (Jurisdiction) state that "Where a claim is submitted on behalf of an individual or group of individuals, this shall be with their consent unless the claimant can justify acting on their behalf without consent," Article 8 (Rights of Victims) section 1 state that "Victims shall have the right to fair, effective and prompt access to justice and remedies in accordance with international law." The state of Zambia did not manage to attend the 4th session of the legal binding treaty. As AAZ is in full support of the treaty, as a way forward to the 5th session, will hold feedback meetings with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Mines as well as Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on National Economy, Trade and Labour Matters, Committee on Legal Affairs, Human Rights, National Guidance, Gender Matters and Governance. Also will engage CSOs and advocate through Zambia Alternative Mining Indaba, Extractive Industries Transparent Initiative Multi-Sectoral Working Group where AAZ is a member as well as engaging COMESA and SADC officials in Zambia to ensure the government support the legal binding treaty.

KCM to resettle blast victims

KONKOLA Copper Mines (KCM) has offered to resettle 86 families whose houses have developed cracks due to blasting at its Nchanga open pit in Chingola.

Nchanga Member of Parliament Chali Chilombo said in an interview that KCM's gesture to resettle the affected families is on humanitarian grounds because the problem was inherited from the previous mine investor, Anglo American.

"This situation affecting families in Nyanji township in Nchanga constituency

has dragged for the last 15 years now," Mr Chilombo said.

He said KCM has already written to Chingola Municipal Council requesting for land on which the houses will be built for the affected families.

Mr Chilombo said costing for each house has been concluded but that a detailed account of the report has not yet been submitted to his office.

The affected houses were sold to sitting tenants after the privatisation of Nchanga Mine.

Last week we heard that President Edgar Lungu and his arch political rival Hakainde Hichilema held a secret meeting with the aim of preparing ground for the much talked about national dialogue and reconciliation.

According to the revelation made by the three church mother bodies, President Lungu met the opposition UPND leader without any pre-conditions and under a cordial and friendly atmosphere where the two referred to each other as “brother”.

This development has not sat well with some known officials on both sides of the political divide, notably the Patriotic Front. It has hit them by surprise that the Republican President has changed his position after declaring that he would never sit across the table with Mr Hichilema on grounds that the opposition leader was trying to push for a coalition government.

Those who are disappointed and hurt with this development would have loved that the bitterness between these two political leaders got worse towards 2021 and not the other way round. They were not envisaging any reconciliation at all, and that hostile relationship between the two camps was very good for them because it gave them

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Lungu, HH meeting has devastated warmongers

job descriptions. They have been so used to the routine of waking up in the morning with one agenda; attacking Mr Hichilema and the other way round for the UPND.

Look at the PF deputy media director for example; the man is rejecting this Lungu-HH development with an arrogant contempt for the wishes of the two leaders. He personally wishes he could wake up today and hear that it was a hoax and there had been no meeting between President Lungu and Mr Hichilema, because the reality of it renders him less relevant to the political discourse in the ruling party.

“There is nothing personal between His Excellency the President and Mr Hichilema, it’s not a bromance and therefore the said meeting does not in any

way change drastically the political spectrum because sincerely speaking, there is nothing monumental about it. To be clear, as PF, we shall not cower down or falter in our quest to promote and defend the truth and national sovereignty. Whenever Mr Hichilema and his UPND lie as per their strategy, we as PF will not waste a second in exposing and hammering them,” said Mr Antonio Mwanza.

To our ears, this sounded like a man who is refusing to heed to a cease-fire. Instead, he is urging his allies to faka malasha! He doesn’t sound happy that the dialogue debate has taken an unexpected turn towards success. Why do we think so? Because if Mr Mwanza was happy that the two leaders met, his statement would have

been one where he is encouraging the UPND to join the PF in toning down on the political attacks in support of what President Lungu and Mr Hichilema are trying to achieve.

But what we are getting from the PF media team is a message of displeasure that President Lungu spared time for a ‘loser’ called Hakainde Hichilema. They want to continue hammering him because that is what puts food on their tables. This is exactly the problem we have in the political arena. They have declared the country a Christian nation; declared a day of prayer and reconciliation, but when the reconciliation takes shape, they trivialize and rubbish it.

It is not only the PF, there are many others in the UPND too who have been left confused

with this move. They are disapproving of Mr Hichilema’s decision to accept an invitation from a man whom he doesn’t recognize as duly elected President. They want a tense hostile environment to persist so that they can have reason for attacking President Lungu and the PF leadership. In fact, some of the UPND members feel losing an election under a violent atmosphere gives their rigging claims some credence, so they are not happy that there might be a twist of fate.

Yes, President Lungu and Mr Hichilema have surprised everybody, including ourselves who thought the two leaders were too arrogant to tolerate one another. Moving from that narrative to calling each other brothers is a huge leap. So we understand the speculations that

this development has fueled ahead of the Constitutional Court ruling on President Edgar Lungu’s 2021 eligibility next month.

But our plea is that both the PF and UPND members, especially the youths, must shut up and watch what their leaders are trying to do. There are so many issues which the UPND can raise against the Patriotic Front as it upholds its mandate of providing checks and balances to the government. But it must not be personalized attacks targeted at angering President Lungu. In the same vein, the PF is free to disagree with the opposition UPND on principle, but this must not be done in a manner that invites war or terror on the opposition party.

Mr Antonio Mwanza is in order to hammer Mr Hichilema if he is convinced that the man is a certified liar who deserves hammering. But we would also like to remind the PF deputy media director that Mr Hichilema is not the only liar in town. If his hammering is really meant to pound people who spread misinformation, let him also hammer his boss Mr Sunday Chanda who misled the whole country in September last year by alleging that the UPND had planted bombs at Intercity Bus Terminus in Lusaka.

Crossword puzzle 241

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“There is nothing like the moving solidarity of survivors to bring out seemingly boundless impulse to deflect, deny, and defend.” - Jamie Arpin-Ricci

Across

1. Greek letter

4. Deuce

6. Sports team leader

7. Kickoff aid

9. Moray, e.g.

11. Quiet and timid

13. Roll call reply

14. Devours

15. It is

17. Pig pen

19. Sculpture or painting

21. Later on

22. Scottish cap

23. Extra Sensory Perception

Down

1. Superlative suffix

2. A' on cards

3. Soak in it

4. Twas ____ Night Before Christmas

5. Bird that hoots

8. Throw out forcibly

10. Go in

11. Complete collection

12. "Uh-huh"

16. A fan of

17. Calendar abbr.

18. Potato alternative

19. I am, you ____

20. Touch on the shoulder

Solutions to puzzle 240

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Reader's feedback

PS Mushota's lamentations that the system is protecting thieves with mere transfers

Editor,

"The systemic failure makes it impossible for corrective action to be taken in cases of theft of public funds. It is this system which requires urgent surgery if we have to make headway with regard to having a civil service that is responsible and accountable to the public. The politicisation of the civil service has not helped matters," - Felix Nkonge

"The parliamentary [Public] Accounts Committee is not helping matters as well. People who are found wanting are just sent away without facing the courts of law. No punishment for thieves, nothing is paid back," - Lusungu M. Nyasulu

LAZ's support for punitive verdict on Chifire shocks ACA

Editor,
"Are these judges above the law? Criticising them is a death sentence, I thought thy should explain to laymen about law and how its done. We scared now. Is this Zambia?" - Ezra M Chibemba

"I am actually surprised that Laura Miti is surprised about LAZ welcoming the punitive judgement. Some of us saw this from the way the Linda Kasonde debacle unfolded," - Solomon H Phiri

"So this country called Zambia, there are certain people who are above the law. They can't be arrested, jailed, and summoned even if they have abrogated the law, they must go Scot free. That's what a certain section of our society thinks. The man in question Mr Gregory Chifire was found guilty of contempt of court and he was sentenced to six years simple imprisonment. So the statement from madam Laura Miti is somewhat surprising and also misplaced. In sense that herself and the convict have been advocating for rule of law, transparency, accountability, human rights, and good governance," - Lawrence Chimukwaya

"It is a surprise to see Laura Miti surprised," - Masuzyo P Themba

"They wanted Linda Kasonde to go so that they can kill they only standing law institution," - Mofi Kaseketi



Luanshya Police summon CK

Editor,

"I think this government should also arrest things like
-shortage of medicines
-bad schools in rural areas
-poor performance of kwacha
-fuel prices
-bad conditions of service for workers
-electricity tarrifs etc" - Irack Tembo

"But pa Zambia, its now one comedy after the other.! Police, why summoning kambwili? What has he done? Who followed who between AVIC workers and Kambwili?" - Ngosa Chilandoh

"Another rally at Luanshya Police, Ba UPND let's go in numbers for support," - Alex Mwewa

"Bickering nonsense wont [make] you become president of this country. All what people are interested in its your agenda and the policies you have for this country the way its suppose to be governed. Otherwise, you be in and out of police cells due to not being patriotic," - Ceasor Kaonga

"When the power of love overcomes

the love of power, the world will know peace. AVIC/state against Zambians. Never heard of. How big is this "project" that was signed between Chinese AVIC and State that make authorities feel its own million citizens rather suffer to death? Maybe the Chinese are even feeling pity and regretting this "relationship" has resulted in the state abandoning its own citizens.

Fight for independence from own internal colonisation. Anyway, storms are not meant to last forever," Martin Nyanjagha

"Where is the democracy of the Chiluba, Mwanawasa and RB days. What has gone wrong in Zambia? Where is the freedom of speech in Zambia please?" - Nelson Langford Ndhlovu

Mucheleka's call for Northerners to reject Lungu

Editor,

"These are the stupid regional politics we don't want. People should not reject someone just coz of a ward in Petauke. Such swallow colonial minded politicians must be retired and kept in the archives. Which ever party he belongs to must censure him and teach him better ways of campaigning," - Mazabuka Mwanakalando

"ECL is undemocratic. UPND lost the mangango seat but they ar not talking like the way him is talking. he'll cry in 2021," - Chanda Pochoko

"Which Easterners had rejected Lungu ba Mucheleka? Its only a ward not the whole eastern province. Are you telling us that UPND has been rejected in western province because of the loss in Mangango ? Tell the truth please how many by elections has UPND won since 2016 and how many has PF has lost again?" - Tembo P Tembo

By Mukosha Funga

PF media director Sunday Chanda yesterday mocked the United Party for National Development (UPND), wishing them a happy 20 years anniversary in the opposition. And Chanda says Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili’s biggest problem is his big mouth and he will never be President until he matures. Meanwhile, suspended UPND Kafue District Council Chairperson Thomas Zulu has defected to the ruling party. Speaking when he received Zulu into the Patriotic Front yesterday, Chanda wished the UPND a happy 20 year anniversary in the opposition. “Let me first wish the UPND 20 years anniversary in the opposition. Officially, we are wishing them 20 years anniversary in the opposition,” Chanda mocked. He observed that the UPND was languishing in the opposition because it was too intolerant. “The rule in the UPND that whoever meets a Cabinet Minister, whoever meets the President must face consequences is retrogressive. Now even in terms of dialogue, we are not going to dialogue when we have this mindset in the UPND. We all know for a fact that we expected the UPND the UPND to be progressive and reinstate Moris Zulu, especially after their leader, Mr Hichilema met with President Lungu. Morally speaking, the UPND should have reinstated comrade Thomas Zulu, they should have rescinded their intention to suspend him but that did not happen. The only crime that comrade Thomas committed was to perform his civic duties by being present at the keep Zambia Clean, Green and Healthy Campaign in Kafue. This is a national program and

Happy 20 years in opposition, Sunday Chanda mocks UPND

as council chairperson, as mayor for Kafue, it is within his mandate to be present at such a function. At such a function, he did well to kneel because somewhere in the archives, there is a photo of Mazabuka member of parliament kneeling before President Michael Sata. Why wasn’t he suspended?” Chanda asked. “Somewhere in the archives, after we lost President Sata, there is a photo of the UPND leader kneeling for President Edgar Lungu. Why wasn’t he suspended? When did kneeling become a crime?

It is this hypocrisy that is killing a party that has been in existence for 20 years. For us in the Patriotic Front, when confusion like we have seen in the UPND continues, we are saying he who God wants to destroy, he first makes them mad. We are gaining new grounds, we are winning in PF territories, they were all over saying that they won one councilor seat in Petauke so that one councilor seat, we have gotten two in return. And in fact, we have not just gotten two, we have gotten the council chairperson for Kafue.”

And Chanda said Kambwili’s biggest problem was his big mouth and he would never be President until he matured. He disclosed that contrary to what Kambwili had been speculating that he would be charged with treason, Luanshya police had informed the PF that the NDC consulted would be questioned for unlawful assembly. “We also want to send a word of caution to our brother, Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili that he must cease being an alarmist that he has become, always

wishing treason charges on himself. The Luanshya Police has informed us that the charges of investigations are around unlawful assembly. He went around, alarming everyone, and some media outlets covered him that there were treason charges awaiting him. Now that is what happens when you are dealing with intimidated, scared boys trapped in old mens bodies. Honorable Kambwili is scared of his own shadow. A man of his age will call you, provoke you and then tell you “I am recording you”, shame on him. He qualifies to

be a grandfather where he is and he wants to be recording people. He calls people with the intention of recording them, he pokes them, when they react, they say “I was recording you”. Some people have never and they will never be presidents until they mature. You can’t imagine that level of childishness in the corridors of power, you can’t. That level of pettiness!” exclaimed Chanda. “We have or brother who opens his mouth and he puts his foot into it. And honorable Chishimba’s greatest enemy is his big mouth. And until his cognitive abilities could match the size of his mouth, then he can make sense to this political discourse. Unfortunately, it is clear that his brain and his mouth do not coordinate. There is a serious disjoint, proper disjoint. In one breath, he says there is in President in this country, the moment he sees a kasalanga truck, he starts performing igdibala. That’s igdibala kind of politics. We are saying to our brother, grow up, Zambians deserve better.”

I’ll be by Kambwili’s side in Luanshya – HH

By Zondiwe Mbewe

UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema has assured NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili that he will be by his side to offer solidarity as he appears at Luanshya Central Police because there is need to demonstrate unity of purpose. On Tuesday, police in Luanshya summoned Kambwili to appear for interviews today. But the Roan PF member of parliament has since deferred his appearance to next week saying he has a court appearance on Friday. Speaking at Lusaka Magistrates’ Court where he had gone to offer solidarity

to his supporters who were charged with being in possession of offensive weapons, Hichilema vowed to be by Kambwili’s side. “There’s a call out for our colleague Chishimba Kambwili in Luanshya. I will be in Luanshya tomorrow. I will be by his side because that’s the way it should be. At this stage, we need to demonstrate unity of purpose. We need to make sure that we bring our country together. Our country is too divided and therefore we are digressing from issues of importance, serving our people first before we serve ourselves. Whatever charge they give

him, he’s got out solidarity,” Hichilema said. And when asked whether he would forgive EEP president Chilufya Tayali following his apology, Hichilema said he didn’t want to be contemptuous because the matter between the two was still in court. “We are working on that. We have heard what he has said. We will get back to him very soon. As you know, the matters with me and him are in court, we don’t want to be contemptuous. We want to make sure that we do things properly, in a sensible way so that we don’t offend the court, we don’t offend anybody along the way,”

Hichilema said. Meanwhile, on SANAC executive director Gregory Chifire’s six year sentence for committing contempt of court, Hichilema said the party was studying the matter to see how they could help. “We are looking at that matter as well. We have been sitting with our lawyers to look at it carefully because personally I didn’t follow that case. And when the ruling was made I was shocked. We have asked the lawyers to now follow through the matter, how we will proceed, how we can help in any way,” he said. Hichilema also said after

his meeting with President Edgar Lungu recently, people should expect dialogue to commence. “You should expect dialogue to commence in earnest. It’s in public domain that that meeting was about dialogue so that we can bring our country back to normal,” he said. Meanwhile, his vice-president Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba expressed concern over delay by the judiciary in determining matters. He urged the judiciary to find a way of executing their matters in good time. “I came for my matter, the throat matter. But it has been adjourned to May 24, next year because the prosecutor prosecuting this matter is unwell. Even that same matter, I don’t want to say much, I don’t think it’s going anywhere because in as far as I’m concerned, I didn’t commit any offence,” said Mwamba. “It’s the matter of concern. We don’t know what the judiciary can do to step up these matters. Justice delayed is justice denied. Why should you be coming to court over one simple matter for six years? That’s not fair to the person who is the accused because he’s traumatised in a way. To be on police bond for so many years, that means you are not free. The judiciary should find a way of executing their matters in good time.”

We’ll be more grateful if Nakacinda focuses on rebuilding MMD - Mutati

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

We will be a lot more grateful if Raphael Nakacinda invests his energies, creativity and agility in rebuilding the party, says MMD faction leader Felix Mutati. Speaking in Mbala where he attended the Centenary celebrations to mark the end of World War I, Mutati described Nakacinda, who President Edgar Lungu recently nominated as member of parliament, as a gallant soldier who had worked tirelessly to improve the fortunes of the party. Mutati, however, said he would be

a lot more grateful if Nakacinda focused his energy on rebuilding the party. “Our national secretary has been a gallant soldier. He has been a fighter and courageous and has been able to move the party quite aggressively in the face of many challenges and the battering that the party has endured thus far. The expectation of the members of the MMD is that the spirit of Mr Nakacinda, the vigour, the agility in them is dispatched in terms of what he has done for the party and will continue to be

demanding of him going forward. We are grateful for the nomination of Mr Nakacinda but we will be a lot more grateful that he invests his energies, creativity and agility to rebuilding the party to making sure that the relevance of the party is not only elevated, but becomes the party that the party was once known for in 1991,” said Mutati. “It is quite evident that the MMD is on the move. Our membership has been seized with the spirit of hope and renewal and clearly, a signal has been sent that the party has been

re-energized. The card renewals that we have conducted provide the evidence that the numbers of the party are getting bigger and bigger. What we need as a party is to continue to hold together and move together and be anchored on the values and principles of our party. The values and principles that places national interest, at the forefront and that the people of Zambia are the ones that matter and we have always subordinated our interest as a party to the people of Zambia first,” he said.”

By Daniel Chansa
Copperbelt Police
Commissioner Charity
Katanga says any cadres
that will accompany NDC
leader Chishimba Kambwili
to Luanshya police will be
arrested and locked up.
Katanga said under her
charge, she does not want
to see cadres near any police
station.
Police in Luanshya had
summoned Kambwili to
appear for interviews today,
but the NDC leader has
indicated that he will only
appear next week because he
has a court case tomorrow.
“My stance as police chief, I

We’ll arrest all cadres who will follow Kambwili in Lunshya, says Katanga

will not be allowing cadres
to come at police stations
because they have been
causing confusion and that
will not be allowed. They are
supposed to allow the police
to operate independently
without any interference or
confusion. So I will not allow
cadres who are not part of that
to come,” Katanga said.
“The people that have no

business are not allowed
to come, full stop! I don’t
want confusion under my
charge. We will not going to
tolerate. We have seen a lot
of commotion where tear
gas is discharged, so that we
won’t allow. They will not
be allowed to come near the
police station or they will be
arrested and locked up for
misconduct. So they are better
off to stay away.”
She has advised political
leaders to tame their cadres.
“We advise their leaders to
tame them, because its not us
who invite them. Police don’t
go to look for people,” said
Katanga.

Continued rhetoric against Chinese may lead to xenophobia, warns SACCORD

By Abraham Kalito
Southern African Centre
for Constructive Resolution
of Disputes (SACCORD)
executive director Boniface
Chembe says the on-going
political rhetoric and
intolerance against Chinese
nationals may erupt in
xenophobic attacks if not
curtailed.
Chembe said in an interview,
Tuesday, that continuous
negative sentiments against
Chinese nationals would

instigate the process of
dehumanising individuals of
that race, and ultimately lead
to attacks against them.
“As SACCORD, we believe
that from time immemorial,
no country has been an
island. And if you study the
trend of world developments,
and how countries have been
able to move from a low l to
a high level, in more cases
than not, you will find traces
of involvement of other
nationals. Other individuals

or nationalities that may
not belong to a particular
ethnic group or race where
development is taking place.
So, you cannot run away from
the fact that, whether you
are in Zambia or any other
country around the world,
that you may need external
expertise to contribute to
the developmental process;
either in investments or other
kinds that are paramount to
development. So, we believe
that Chinese involvement

in Zambia is not different
from any other involvement
of foreign involvement that
the country has experienced
over the years or from the
time the country gained
independence. So, yes, if we
are not careful with the kind
of rhetoric that is going on, it
is likely to whip up sentiments
that may increasingly have
Zambians react negatively
towards the Chinese because
of the belief that they may be
engaging in things that may

not be very helpful to the
country. And, yes, this may
lead to xenophobic attacks,”
Chembe cautioned.
“Now, let us contextualise
this from a peace-building
point of view; when you start
a process of scapegoating
a country’s problems on a
particular people, history has
shown that, that becomes a
source of conflict. Genocides
that have happened around
the world, whether it be the
Jews in Europe, for example,

it all starts with scapegoating.
So, when you scapegoat
somebody, you start a process
of dehumanising them.
When you start a process
of dehumanising a human
being, over a long period
of time, society begins to
develop a negative sentiment,
a negative energy towards
them. It reaches a point
where society begins to view
such a group not as human,
but as animals that need to
be gotten rid of. And when
society reaches that point,
you have xenophobic attacks;
you have genocides, you have
all kind of evil things. So, we
must be incredibly careful in
terms of scapegoating. We
shouldn’t be scapegoating. We
must simply be constructive
in engaging with all global
nationals whether it’s the
Chinese, the Europeans,
the Americans; we must
always be constructive in our
engagements.”
He encouraged Zambians to
interact more with foreigners
to understand their
undertakings and embrace
them.
“Zambia requires help from
different nationalities. What
is key nonetheless is to listen
to the desires of the people.
If people are demanding
that, fine let’s have a greater
understanding between you
and certain nationalities,
then we must be in a position
to engage, we must be in a
position to give information,
but most importantly in
our view, we must increase
people-to-people exchange
so that more Zambians get to
understand the undertakings
of certain nationalities,
including the Chinese and
that nationality equally
understands the undertakings
or workings of Zambians.
When you increase people-
to-people interactions, you
reduce the extent to which
tension, perceptions and
misperceptions, mistrust,
scapegoating prevails in a
society,” observed Chembe.

Court acquits 4 UPND cadres of possessing offensive weapons

By Zondiwe Mbewe
The Lusaka Magistrates’
Court has acquitted four
UPND supporters of charges
of unlawful possession
of offensive weapons and
materials.
The four who include; Remmy
Mukoba, Kelvin Mupulisa,
Fabian Lubona and Martin
Muchindu, were accused of
being in possession of one
plastic bottle of glycerin, two
plastic bottles of potassium
Pamanganette, one bow and
three arrows, which were
found in their vehicle, but
had pleaded not guilty to the
charges.
The four were arrested last year
when their leader, Hakainde
Hichilema, was incarcerated
on charges of treason at Lusaka
Correctional Facility.
Mukoba had given his evidence
on oath, while the rest of the
accused had opted to remain
silent and did not call any
witnesses.
And when the matter came
up for judgement yesterday,
magistrate Silvia Munyinya
acquitted all four suspects
on both counts, on grounds
that the offence of possession
of offensive weapons and
materials was not proved

beyond reasonable doubt.
In the first count where
the accused were charged
with the possession of
offensive material; potassium
Pamanganette and glycerin,
magistrate Munyinya said PW6
did not identify the samples
which were analysed by the
Lab and did not identify what
he had identified as glycerin
and potassium Pamanganette
in court.
She added that it was therefore
not clear that what the State
alleged to be glycerin was
glycerin, and potassium
Pamanganette, potassium
Pamanganette.
Magistrate Munyinya said
it was not safe to conclude
that glycerin and potassium
Pamanganette were offensive
materials.
She consequently acquitted
the accused of count one upon
finding that the offence was
not proved beyond reasonable
doubt.
“Therefore it cannot be
said that the accused were
in possession of offensive
materials even if these items
were found in the vehicle.
For the foregoing, I find the
offence for the possession of
offensive materials not proved



beyond reasonable doubt.
Consequently, I find the
accused persons not guilty and
I acquitted them of count one,” she
ruled.
And in the second count where
the accused were alleged to
be in possession of a bow and
arrow, magistrate Munyinya
said it was clear that a bow
and arrow were found in the
vehicle.
She however said looking at
where the bows and arrows
were found in the vehicle,
accused number two, three
and four, who were not owners
of the vehicle, could not be
expected to have knowledge
that there were such weapons
in the vehicle.

Magistrate Munyinya further
said the prosecution had not
provided evidence to show that
accused number two, three
and four had knowledge and
control of the said weapons.
She added that it could not be
said that the accused persons
were in possession of the bow
and arrows.
Magistrate Munyinya therefore
found that the offence of
possession of offensive
weapons was not proved
beyond reasonable doubt.
She consequently ruled that the
accused persons not guilty and
acquitted them of count two.
And speaking shortly after
judgement, Hichilema who
was in attendance with other

party officials said he was
pleased with the outcome of
the case.
He, however, appealed to
the judiciary to ensure that
cases were quickly disposed
off saying justice delayed was
justice denied.
“We are pleased our young
men have being discharged. Its
taken long, but we appreciate
the outcome of this process.
We just hope that going
forward, our judicial processes
can be quicker. Justice delayed
is justice denied. Otherwise
its good that the acquittal has
come through,” said Hichilema
who encouraged the four
supporters to remain strong
and rebuild their lives.

China scientist defends gene-editing babies as trial paused

The Chinese scientist who claims to have created the world's first genetically-edited babies defended the highly controversial procedure Wednesday, but announced a halt to the trial following an international outcry. He Jiankui told a packed Hong Kong biomedical conference he was "proud" to have successfully altered the DNA of twin girls born to an HIV-positive father, an apparent medical breakthrough. But details of the experiment, which has not been independently verified, triggered an immediate backlash, with experts denouncing He's work as an ethical "mess". "The clinical trial was paused due to the current situation," said He. "For this specific case, I feel proud, actually, I feel proudest." The university professor said the twin girls, born a few weeks ago, had their DNA altered to prevent them from contracting HIV. Eight volunteer couples -- HIV-positive fathers and HIV-negative mothers -- signed up to the trial, with one dropping out before it was paused. He said there had been "another potential

pregnancy" involving a second couple, but when questioned further agreed it had been a chemical pregnancy -- a term referring to a very early miscarriage. The experiment has prompted heated debate among scientists over the risks involved. Editing human embryos can create unintended mutations in other areas -- so-called "off-target effects" -- which can have an impact through the lifetime, experts warned. "The volunteers were informed of the risk posed by the existence of one

potential off-target and they decided to implant," He said Wednesday, as he was bombarded with questions about the trial. He also said he had personally paid for most of the patients' medical expenses, and that his university in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen had been "unaware of the study's conduct." Southern University of Science and Technology distanced itself from He, saying he had been on unpaid leave since February and had "seriously violated academic ethics". **AFP**



New Zealand is latest country to bar Huawei

New Zealand has become the latest country to block a proposal to use telecoms equipment made by China's Huawei because of national security concerns. Spark New Zealand wanted to use Huawei equipment in its 5G mobile network. However, a NZ government security agency said the deal would bring significant risks to national security. The move is part of a growing push against the involvement of Chinese technology firms on

security grounds. 5G networks are being built in several countries and will form the next significant wave of mobile infrastructure. Huawei, the world's biggest producer of telecoms equipment, has faced resistance from foreign governments over the risk that its technology could be used for espionage. Telecoms firm Spark New Zealand planned to use equipment from the Chinese firm in its 5G network. The head of NZ's

Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) told Spark the proposal "would, if implemented, raise significant national security risks", the company said. Intelligence services minister Andrew Little said Spark could work with the agency to reduce that risk. "As the GCSB has noted, this is an ongoing process. We will actively address any concerns and work together to find a way forward," Huawei said. What other countries

have concerns? The move follows a decision by Australia to block Huawei and Chinese firm ZTE from providing 5G technology for the country's wireless networks on national security grounds. The US and UK have raised concerns with Huawei, and the firm has been scrutinised in Germany, Japan and Korea. Last week the Wall Street Journal reported that the US government has been trying to persuade wireless providers to avoid using equipment from Huawei. In the UK, a security committee report in July warned that it had "only limited assurance" that Huawei's telecoms gear posed no threat to national security. One country is standing by Huawei: Papua New Guinea said this week it would go ahead with an agreement for Huawei to build its internet infrastructure. The Pacific nation has seen a surge in investment from China over the past decade. What are the fears? Experts say foreign governments are increasingly worried about the risk of espionage by China, given the close ties between companies and the state.

Tom Uren, visiting fellow in the International Cyber Policy Centre at Australia's Strategic Policy Institute, said the Chinese government had "clearly demonstrated intent over many years to steal information". "The Chinese state has engaged in a lot of cyber and other espionage and intellectual property theft," he said. Links between firms and the government have fuelled concerns that China may attempt to "leverage state-linked companies to be able to enable their espionage operations", Mr Uren said. Those concerns were exacerbated by new laws introduced last year that required Chinese organisations assist in national intelligence efforts. The laws enable the Chinese state to compel people and possibly companies to assist if they needed it, Mr Uren said. The combination of new rules and a history of espionage have increased the perceived danger of using companies like Huawei and ZTE in critical national infrastructure. "It's hard to argue that they don't represent an elevated risk," Mr Uren added. **BBC**

Irish woman jailed for criminal damage to crisps

A woman has been jailed by the Irish courts for causing criminal damage to a €1.50 (£1.30) packet of crisps. Kathleen McDonagh, aged 25, opened some Pringles in a Tesco in the city of Cork before she had paid for them. The woman had been banned from the store, and told the court she opened the crisps so that security would be forced to let her pay for it. Instead, she was sentenced to two months in prison for damaging the product, which could no longer be sold. The judge was told that McDonagh had a series of previous convictions, including a number for theft or

criminal damage. The crisp damage in question took place nearly two years ago, on 27 December 2016, at the Mahon Point shopping centre in Cork, near McDonagh's home. In court, police said McDonagh had been banned from the store and was known to its staff when she took the tin of Pringles and headed to the self-checkout area. Security staff approached her to order her to leave the store when she popped the Pringles top and opened the foil seal. An inspector told the court that she said: "I opened it so you have to leave me pay for it". "It was not fit for resale with a loss

of €1.50," the officer told the judge, adding that although the woman wanted to buy the crisps, "she had no permission to be in the store." McDonagh's legal representation asked for leniency from the court, explaining that she was recently married and several months pregnant, and had entered a guilty plea. The judge, however, decided to impose a four-month prison sentence with two months suspended, noting that the accused had deliberately opened the product when asked to leave by security. He said that it was difficult to see her actions as anything but "smart Alec behaviour". **BBC**

Almost two-thirds of performers (63%) earned less than £5,000 from their profession in the last year, a survey suggests.

That's an improvement on the 77% figure from a similar 2014 survey of actors, musicians and dancers by recruitment firm The Mandy Network. But the latest survey found that half of the 3,000 members who responded took on unpaid roles every year.

And 60% had to take second jobs outside entertainment to make ends meet.

One in five had not had a paid job in the entertainment industry in the past six months, while just 13% took home more than £20,000 per year from performing, the survey found.

Annameka's story

Actress Annameka Porter-Sinclair told the BBC she graduated from the Brit School in south London in 2006 and got a job as a film runner as she thought it might be a "back door" into the

Two-thirds of actors earn less than £5000



industry. But she then found she was "pigeonholed [in production]... so that was a fail". Annameka then worked in a call centre and later in exhibition sales, which gave her the flexibility to go for auditions. "I got into this when I was 15, I'm 35 now, and I haven't given

up," she says. "I've changed my agent recently. I'm not ashamed because I love what I do but I don't have the things a normal adult would have at 35. The income is more at the level of a student/internship. "Every so often you get a commercial, which makes up a huge chunk of your income

for the year, but it's never consistent." Annameka has appeared in films including Payback Season (2012) and in TV campaigns for the likes Hovis, Heinz, Channel 4, EE and Tesco, along with her theatre work. She also says the industry is "a perfect breeding ground for

mental health issues". The report's findings also indicate that some people working in the industry have mental health problems, with

63% of women and 48% of men surveyed struggling with anxiety. It also found that 59% of women and 61% of men suffer from stress, while 37% of women and 36% of men say they have had depression. Annameka says: "Your family members and friends try to be supportive but you know they're questioning whether you're doing the right thing, they're doing normal jobs, while you're almost constantly unemployed and you have a passion that isn't fully ignited so you feel unfulfilled." **BBC**

Robert De Niro breaks silence on 'difficult' Grace Hightower split

Robert De Niro has broken his silence on reports that he's separating from Grace Hightower after more than 20 years of marriage.

This month multiple outlets reported that the two, who tied the knot in 1997, no longer live together and have gone their separate ways. While the actor has not specified their status, he is now speaking out about the "difficult but constructive" moment in their relationship.

"Grace and I have two beautiful children together. We are entering a period of transition in our relationship which is a difficult but constructive process," a representative for the actor told HuffPost in a statement. "I honor Grace as a wonderful mother and ask for privacy and respect from all as we proceed to develop our roles as partners in parenting."

De Niro and Hightower, a former flight attendant and hostess, share two children — Elliot, 20, and Helen, 6, who was welcomed via a surrogate. The Oscar winner has four other children from previous marriages.

The pair first met in 1987 while Hightower was working as a waitress in London's Mr. Chow restaurant, where De Niro was a customer, and they began dating shortly after.

They previously called it quits after two years of marriage, with the "Raging Bull" actor even filing for divorce. They later reconciled and renewed their vows in 2004. **Yahoo**



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Arsenal match switched to Kiev amid Ukraine security concerns

Arsenal's Europa League clash with Ukrainian side FC Vorskla was switched to Kiev from the city of Poltava by UEFA on Tuesday after the adoption of martial law in some areas of the country due to escalating political tension with Russia.

The match will now take place in the Ukrainian capital, more than 300 kilometres west of Poltava, at the original scheduled time of 1755 GMT on Thursday.

"UEFA's Emergency Panel has today taken the decision to relocate FC Vorskla's UEFA Europa League group stage match against Arsenal FC from the city of Poltava, following the introduction of martial law into certain regions in Ukraine," UEFA said in a statement.

"The match will now take place at the Olimpiyskiy Stadium in Kyiv on Thursday 29 November at 18.55CET."

European football's governing body said future games in the Ukraine, which hosted last season's Champions League final, could also be relocated.

"UEFA will continue to monitor and assess the security situation in Ukraine in the coming days before making any decision on potentially relocating other matches," the statement added.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on Tuesday warned of the threat of "full-scale war" and said Russia had sharply increased its military presence on their shared border as tensions escalate between the ex-Soviet neighbours. *AFP*



Tiger gets first hole-in-one in 20 years



You might remember Tiger Woods' hole-in-one in his professional debut at the Greater Milwaukee Open in 1996. You certainly remember the one he had in Phoenix the following year. The least known of his three PGA Tour aces came in 1998 at Castle Pines in the old International. That wasn't only his most recent hole-in-one in competition; it was his most recent hole-in-one, period. Until last week. Yes, the greatest player of his generation, arguably the greatest golfer to ever live, had not had a hole-in-one in two decades. But on Wednesday of last week, two days before losing to Phil Mickelson in The Match, Woods aced the 210-yard, par-3 second hole at Madison Club (La Quinta, Calif.) with a 5-iron. Woods recounted the story on Tuesday at the Hero World Challenge, telling reporters that he was playing alongside his son, Charlie, and Fred Couples. Woods said he was unable to see the ball go into the hole and was surprised to find it in the bottom of the cup. It was the 20th hole-in-one of his life, 20 years after No. 19. *Yahoo*

Ireland footballing icon Keane hangs up football boots

Irish football legend Robbie Keane brought the curtain down on over two decades as a player on Wednesday saying his career had exceeded all his hopes when he was a "football-mad boy growing up in Dublin".

The 38-year-old -- his country's record goalscorer on 68 well clear of Niall Quinn who is next with 21 -- is to focus on his new duties as assistant manager to new Ireland handler Mick McCarthy.

Keane, who replaces Roy Keane (no relation) in the role after the latter and manager Martin O'Neill were fired last week, captained Ireland for a decade.

"Today, after 23 wonderful years, I am formally announcing my retirement as a professional footballer," Keane said in a statement.

"From Crumlin United around the world to the likes of Milan, London and Los Angeles, I could never have imagined the path my football life would take. "It has exceeded all the hopes I had as a football-mad boy growing up in Dublin."

Keane, unlike his near namesake, enjoyed good relations with McCarthy in the latter's first spell in charge of the national side.

He was one of their stars at the 2002 World Cup -- which infamously saw their one world class player Roy Keane sent home after launching a tirade of abuse at McCarthy -- where the Irish went out on penalties in the last 16 to Spain.

Keane also enjoyed a highly successful, if peripatetic, club career which ended with a period as player/manager at Indian outfit ATK, in the season that finished in March.

In all, Keane scored 126 goals in 349 Premier League matches, 91 of them for Tottenham Hotspur, although he also had spells with Coventry, Leeds United and Liverpool in the elite league. *AFP*

Zambian teams in impressive CAF league start

By Alex Chilumbwe
Zambia's 2018 super league champions ZESCO United beat AS Sonidep of Niger 2-1 away from home on Tuesday evening in a 2018/2019 CAF Champions League first round, first leg tie played in Niamey. Sonidep being hosts did not take long to settle as compared to ZESCO, and enjoyed better possession with dull attacking action all thanks to ZESCO's prolific defender Jacob Banda. ZESCO however seemed more dangerous in front. As ZESCO settled, Lazarous Kambole shot over the bar after a round off of the goalkeeper inside the the 18 box. Before Sonidep defenders could recover from Kambole's scare, Jesse Were's shot got denied by the goalkeeper thereby disturbing the hosts' defence. But it remained goalless as the two teams went into break. Ghanaian striker Rahim

Osumanu scored from Enock Sabumukama's assist on his ZESCO debut in the 75th minute to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. The goal was followed by Sonidep's wasted chance by Amadou Mahamadou who blasted way over the bar. Sonidep however equalized through their substitute Koffi Dognon in the 78th minute, leaving matters levelled up before hardworking Lazarous Kambole found the back of the net in the 86th minute. ZESCO held on to the 2-1 lead up to full time. ZESCO United Coach George 'chicken' Lwandamina despite having won served Niger journalist drama as he refused to have an English interpreter during his post match interview. His argument was that he wanted to level up with Sonidep coach whose interview was not interpreted to English.

After minutes of liaising with one of his officials, Lwandamina agreed to have an interpreter. Back in Zambia, Green Eagles handed Young Buffaloes of eSwatini a 2-0 defeat at Independence stadium in Choma in the ZNS side's debut continental games. While the match was beautifully graced by fans, fans got graced by rains, but the soccer lovers endured until full time. Buffaloes created more chances in the first half

than Eagles but could not find the back of the net. The second half was equally a balance of attempts but got Eagles' Amity Shamenda red carded in his defending efforts. The ZNS side however stayed focused and managed to beat the visitors despite being one man down. The goals came from Edward Mwamba in the 61st minute and Jonathan Manongo in the 90th minute respectively.



ZESCO coach George Lwandamina

Buffaloes, Nkana bag 6 CAF points

By Alex Chilumbwe
Four Zambian football teams have recorded vital victories in their CAF Champions league and Continental football games with the latest two being Nkana and Green Buffaloes while ZESCO United and Green Eagles enjoyed their wins in the Tuesday diary of action.

Yesterday, Buffaloes hosted El Merreikh of Sudan to a 2-0 triumph at Nkoloma stadium while in Mozambique Nkana battled it out to a 2-1 victory against UD Songo. It was a goalless first half between the combatants and Merreikh as attacks from both sides went begging from long wide

range shots. Merreikh seemed at home with little panic in their defence and opted from a back build up to the goal. Buffaloes on the other hand displayed disciplined defending as they committed less fouls. The game transitioned into a vigorous one as both teams opted for individual effort to find the back of

the net. Friday Samu hyped the game after scoring in the 60th minute from a quite decent connection that emanated from the midfield. In the 73rd minute Steward Chikandiwa doubled the lead for the army side from a long shot that Merreikh defender failed to deflect away by an inch. A fast-paced game was adopted by the Sudanese side but could not result into a goal. The game ended 2-0. In Mozambique, Harrison Chisala gave Nkana the lead in the 34th minute and the Kitwe giants enjoyed a first half victory. The second half saw the Kalampa Boys defending more than they attacked. Nkana was also losing possession easily in the early minutes of the second half. Festus Mbewe, however, doubled Nkana's lead in 80th minute and maintained lead up to regulation time. El Merreikh's Sunday Awasa managed a consolation goal for his side in additional time. Nkana carried the day with a 2-1 victory.

MBA applauds floating Nyiwangu for prolific game

By Alex Chilumbwe
Midlands Basketball Association (MBA) president Maziko Phiri has applauded Ephraim Nyiwangu of Green Buffaloes B team for a first round record of 20 points as his lowest scoring rate in the midlands B league. Nyiwangu 22, is a shooting guard who begun his basketball journey in the Youth Basketball League (YBL) and has since escalated to the B league after only a season of youth basketball. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Phiri acknowledged potential that the youngster possessed and stressed the need to nurture him into a professional basketball player. "He is one of a kind and his game statistics are great. Imagine dropping 20 points on your bad day? And he does not

only score but has a great passing rate that gives him a lead in assists too. There are more than eight B teams and he is floating above every player. Now keep in mind that some senior national team regulars also play in the B league," exclaimed Phiri. And Nyiwangu said that he intended to keep the record soaring by

training even harder. "The struggle is real in Basketball because it is not well-paying. My passion and hard work keep me going because I'm very competitive. The game teaches me personal discipline too. I always want to win and help with individual effort whenever I can. We always play as a team and like that, we

have stayed on top of the table," he said. Buffaloes B team is on top of the table with 31 points while Huskies are second with 28 points. Their total number of baskets made in the played games is above 1,000 and have not commenced the third round of the league. The young combatants have only lost one game since

the start of the 2018 season and Nyiwangu hopes to keep it that way. "We have come too far to let go of the top position on the table. We work hard and we have literally become the safety net each time the senior team falls. We will keep shooting and defending until we make and break our own record in the B league," said Nyiwangu.

Mahogany flies Oriental boxing to Mansa

By Alex Chilumbwe
Oriental Quarries Boxing Promotions and Mahogany Air have partnered to do a feasibility study of Mansa to weigh if the town has the potential to host an international boxing tournament slated for the first quarter of 2019 in an attempt to familiarise Luapula residents with boxing stars in the country, as well as stimulating their interest in the sport. Speaking during a press conference in Lusaka yesterday,

Mahogany Air Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jim Belemu said the OQBP crew will fly in Mahogany to and from Mansa in order to grace Mansa residents a grand landing via a local airline. "We want this partnership to be on a long term basis because Oriental Quarries has a number of events lined up next year. It would also be a way of honouring the former World Boxing Council Bantamweight (WBC) champion Catherine Phiri just like she has flown the

Zambian flag high," said Belemu. And OQBP promotions manager Christopher Malunga assured Mahogany Air of accountability of all the resources that the airline had given the boxing stable. He added that the gesture expressed by the airline was a great way of not only honouring the boxers but motivating them too. "We will make sure that we are accountable for all the resources that the airline has blessed us with and we will also make sure that

we create a long term working relationship with them. Mansa people will have an opportunity to see Catherine Phiri and other boxers," said Malunga. Meanwhile, Catherine Phiri noted that the opportunity will give Mansa residents a platform to have a more direct contact with their role models. "It will be my first time in Mansa and I'm glad because I know there are girl children that need to hear from me about juggling sports and education," said Phiri.

Wenger admits he misses coaching

Arsene Wenger says he misses coaching amid links with the Bayern Munich role.

The Frenchman seemed set to retire from management at the end of last season, as he left Arsenal after 22 years in charge.

However, reports from around Europe claim that he is interested in the possibility of succeeding the beleaguered Niko Kovac at Bayern, with the Bavarian giants currently nine points off the pace in the Bundesliga.

And, speaking at Etoiles du sport, an annual meeting between young French sports stars and veterans of the game, he says you can "lose a lot of energy" being outside of football.

"I did not come here to talk about my future, but I still have dreams," said Wenger in Tignes. "It's not over.

"There are different ways to train. I can coach young people, but I still have the physical strength, I still want to do it, because I have acquired a lot of experience, so not sharing what we have learned with others makes life a bit less interesting. *Goal.com*



World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen (l) and challenger Fabiano Caruana drew all 12 games in classical time format in their title showdown - AFP

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Heavyweight greats tip Fury if Wilder bout goes distance

Former heavyweight champions Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield believe Tyson Fury can dethrone Deontay Wilder if Saturday's WBC championship fight goes the distance.

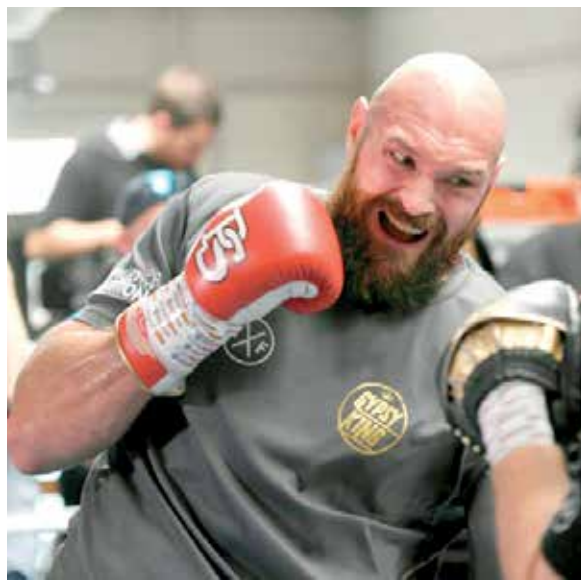
WBC heavyweight king Wilder takes on Britain's Fury at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Saturday in a battle of unbeaten fighters.

The high-stakes contest could ultimately pave the way for a money-spinning unification bout against Anthony Joshua, the WBA, IBF and WBO heavyweight champion.

While several former heavyweights believe Wilder possesses the punching power to force an early victory on Saturday, Lewis and Holyfield believe the odds will tilt in Fury's favour the longer the fight goes on.

"I think with Deontay's power, he might be able to end it early, but if Tyson can frustrate him and it goes the distance, then it could go his way," Holyfield said Tuesday.

"Tyson's always been the bigger fighter. In fighting Deontay it's the same case. If things get difficult, he's (Fury's) got more experience and a lot of tricks." *AFP*



By Alex Chilumbwe

Four Zambian football teams have recorded vital victories in their CAF Champions league and Continental football games with the latest two being Nkana and Green Buffaloes while ZESCO United and Green Eagles enjoyed their wins in the Tuesday diary of action.

Yesterday, Buffaloes hosted El Merreikh of Sudan to a 2-0 triumph at Nkoloma stadium while in Mozambique Nkana battled it out to a 2-1 victory against UD Songo.

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