



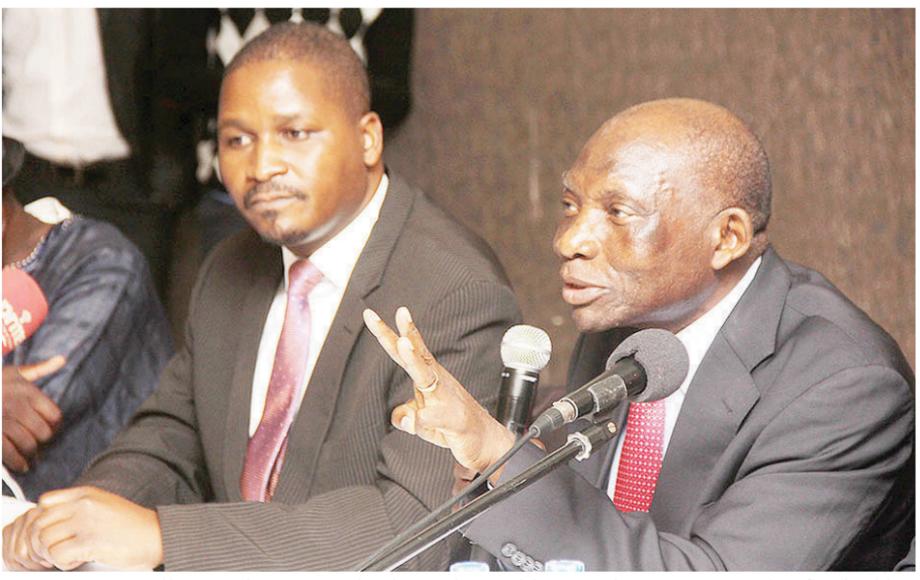
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Opposition Alliance chairman Charles Milupi addresses the press yesterday flanked by publicity chairman Sean Tembo - picture by Tenson Mkhala

## Opposition Alliance targets landslide 2021 election win

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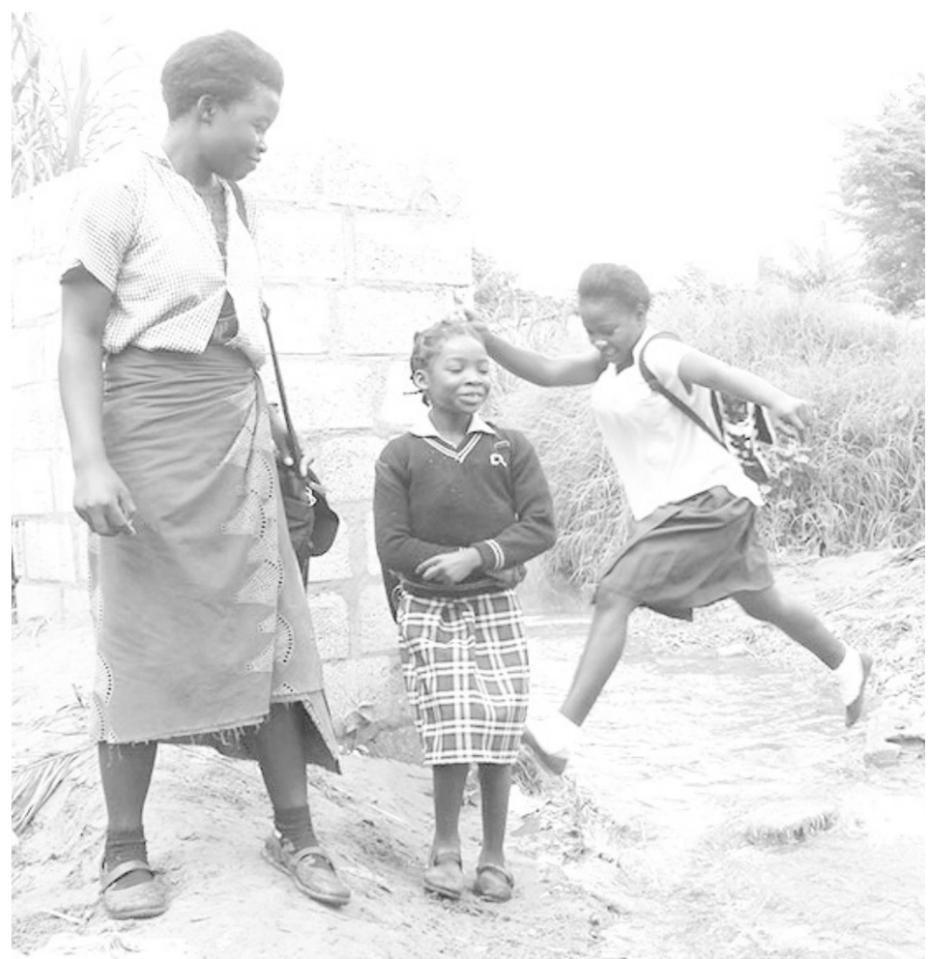
# Men shouldn't be shy to trade on markets, says Solwezi entrepreneur

By Claver Mutinta

A Solwezi-based entrepreneur says people, especially men, who avoid engaging in jobs they considered 'dirty' risk not achieving anything in life because that is where the money is. Rodgers Mwewa said everyone had equal opportunities to do any business of their choice, including trading at markets, and it was up to individuals to take up the challenge and make a difference. Speaking during a mentorship visit by a delegation of business development consultants in Solwezi, sponsored by Kansanshi Mining Plc, Mwewa noted that a change of mind-set was needed for people to seek fresh opportunities. "My advice to friends who are too shy to do business is that they shouldn't be shy because they will not do anything in life. I've never seen where it is written that women are the only ones who should trade at markets. My old friends can also have time to do business there," Mwewa said. Mwewa, the only man in a section of women traders at Kyawama market, said he took trading seriously because it was worthwhile. He noted that working among women was not an obstacle, but the practice made him admirable for his hard work. "This business gives me the

kind of profit, which will take me somewhere. I can't feel shy, because when women see me selling, they admire me. They say: 'this is a good man without shyness; selling beans and caterpillars.' If I feel shy, I'll end up doing other things that will lead me astray. It's better that I am trading and making money," Mwewa narrated. He said with knowledge gained from business workshops he would, in the next few years, open a wholesale shop alongside a retail shop. And Fortune World Investments Chairman Andrew Kafuta said Mwewa's mind-set was right for an entrepreneur;

and encouraged him to register his business. He said formalised business attracts more opportunities from established institutions, which enable quicker business growth. "Don't fear the taxes, ZRA will not take money more than what is desired by the law, but you'll have more horizon to cover, more leeway to do business with pleasure. I recommend that you follow all the laid down procedures then you'll not be pushed around. Registration will give you more initiatives to widen the scope of business," advised Kafuta. – Story courtesy of SUMA SYSTEMS.



Pupils from Lusaka's Chamba Valley School struggle to cross a stream in Ng'ombe Compound on January 19, 2019 - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

# FQM calls for education sector reforms to boost human capital

By Claver Mutinta

First Quantum Minerals (FQM) says Zambia needs an education system driven by innovation, creativity and integrity to build the country's human capital and achieve its various development goals. In an interview, Kansanshi Foundations Head of Education Dr Onward Mandebvu said Zambia needed an education system driven by innovation,

creativity and integrity as opposed to the current content-driven one, adding that perpetual under-funding of education contributed to poor quality of education in the country. He also appealed for meaningful funding to the education sector in Zambia as it is a critical component in the development agenda of any country. "We have no meaningful resources in primary

schools, no text books, inadequate classrooms, teachers of low quality in both content and methodology, and an education system that examines more for remembering than thinking and creativity. These issues have to change if the nation is going to build on development aspirations of sound human capital. Zambia will not get high-quality

education if we continue to do what we've always done," Dr Mandebvu said on the side-lines of a first-ever three-day National Education Conference co-hosted by the Ministries of Higher Education and General Education, and Envoys Zambia in Lusaka. He observed that Zambia did not have a national education system best suited to the realisation of a middle-

income country by 2030. "FQM has become a key player in the delivery of education in Zambia by contributing towards quality education. FQM is the only major private sector company represented in the education conference. We're supporting this conference by giving an employer's view of the education we need if the private sector is going to play its key role in checking the nation's key development aspiration. As FQM, our 'war cry' is: 'we're bolder, we're smarter, we're driven together,'" Dr Mandebvu said, who also called for an end to sponsorship of students who take teaching as the last resort after failing to meet the grade for other training pursuits. And he stressed that sponsoring of students to teacher training colleges or universities who have failed to go into other fields and are taking teaching as a profession of last choice should not be encouraged. "...If we continue to do that, we won't get an education that drives transformation. It's not a new phenomenon but if we continue along that route, we won't transform, develop and be part of global competitive world," observed Dr Mandebvu. – Story courtesy of SUMA SYSTEMS.

By Claver Mutinta in Solwezi

A Solwezi-based farmer has appealed to government to avail information on which countries in the region need maize so that farmers produce for export markets. Edward Makai, who is also an entrepreneur, suggested that government should put in place a mechanism to enable farmers and maize traders to access foreign markets and increase their returns without being labelled as smugglers. Makai made the proposal during a mentorship visit by Fortune World Investments (FWI), engaged by Kansanshi Mining Plc. "Government should make this a priority and sensitise farmers so that

# Link us to regional markets, Solwezi farmer pleads with govt

everybody will know that maize is on demand in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and potatoes and maize are on demand in Angola. As at now, we've no proper information. People are just cultivating to support families and not doing it to make money," Makai complained. He said demand for agricultural products in other countries was an indication that Zambian farmers should produce more for consumption and for export and bring money into the country. The former civil society leader said border trading spots had economic

importance as they attracted cosmopolitan customers from within and outside Zambia. "People take their maize to markets within Zambia near the Congo border because we don't have more buyers. Instead of selling one bag of maize at K70, they take it to the border where one bag is sold at K150 or K200, then you make more money there," he revealed. Makai, a participant at the Kansanshi Mining Pc-sponsored business development workshop, said the training helped him view farming as business. And FWI chairman

Andrew Kafuta said farmers needed to abide by the law and not engage in the smuggling of goods into neighbouring countries. Kafuta said farmers that felt victimised by law enforcement officers had the liberty to engage government and prove that they were not committing illegal acts. "So, as an association, you may lobby government to put in mechanisms to monitor the movement of goods and ensure that you're not going with a truck into foreign countries, but offloading your goods on the Zambian side," advised Kafuta,

adding that although individual farmers may not excel, they could easily make a breakthrough as an association. The objectives of the training and mentoring programme are to enable participants acquire knowledge for enterprise development; facilitate creation of employment by entrepreneurs or participants; come up with businesses that could be sustained beyond the life of the mine and create formalised businesses that could become possible suppliers. – Story courtesy of SUMA SYSTEMS.

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By Thomas Mulenga

The opposition alliance says it wants to win the 2021 presidential election with a landslide victory to ensure it exceeds the required 50 per cent plus one threshold. And the alliance has threatened to pull out of the Zambia Centre for Interparty Dialogue if it does not stop attacking the three Church mother bodies over the national dialogue process. In a statement read on behalf of other alliance members at a press briefing in Lusaka, Alliance Chairperson for Media and public relations Sean Tembo said the opposition alliance was

# Opposition Alliance targets landslide 2021 election win

targeting to scoop the 2021 presidential election with a landslide victory in order to avoid any unnecessary reruns. He also declared that he was personally ready to be led by any alliance member who would be adopted as presidential candidate at the 2021 polls. "I must say that the alliance

has made a lot of strides, we have been able to combine different competencies that each political party has and come 2021, we want to ensure that we win the elections not by a small margin where there can be room for debate or doubt, we want to win with a landslide! And I must mention

that it does not matter, which presidential candidate the alliance adopts, because each and every member of the opposition alliance is a credible member, and I personally will be comfortable to be led by President Milupi here as Republican President; I will be comfortable to be led by President Hakainde Hichilema as Republican President after 2021 or anyone else," Tembo, who was flanked by ADD president Charles Milupi, revealed. And Tembo, who is also Patriots for Economic Progress (PeP) president, complained that the ZCID was being used by the PF as they were funding the organisation. "It is apparent that the ZCID of yester-years is totally different from the ZCID of today. When the ZCID was initially formed, it derived its funding from the donor community, who allowed it to operate freely and independently, devoid of any encumbrances. However, with the passage of time, ZCID began to fail to account for donor funds and subsequently, the donors decided to cease their funding.

With no funding available to ZCID, the government through the Ministry of Justice decided to start funding ZCID through a monthly grant of approximately K100,000. However, the PF decided to take advantage of the fact that they determined the remuneration of the board members of the ZCID and begun to use their influence to dictate the control of ZCID and its board," Tembo narrated. Tembo also said the alliance was disappointed with the shunning of the dialogue launch by the Judiciary and Legislature, despite being invited by the three Church mother bodies. Meanwhile, Milupi, the alliance chairperson, argued that no single political party was capable of winning the crucial August, 2021, polls due to the introduction of the 50 per cent plus one threshold, hence the need to coalesce into a united front. "The reason some people are saying that small political parties are riding on the shoulders of the alliance is because they want to destabilise this formation so

that certain people can have an easy ride in 2021. If you look at the political landscape of Zambia today, with the 50% +1, in my view, there is no single political party at the moment that can out-rightly achieve that victory, even the PF. That's why you have the MMD of Mutati, alongside Cosmo Mumba, Danny Pule and others. So, when you see us come together, it is not because the so-called 'small political parties' have nothing to do, or they want to hide under somebody else, that's not the case," he said. "You have seen that certain people, since the creation of this alliance, their job description has changed from being PF media director to just attacking the alliance, which is very helpful. Because before then they were just attacking HH, now they are attacking Sean Tembo, Chipimo, Lukuku, Milupi, Kambwili and so on. We are sharing the burden, it doesn't bother us at all. The very fact that they are doing that, it means the weight is being felt on their shoulders," said Milupi.

## UNZA still ranked 2,500 out of 25,000 world universities - Prof Mwase

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

University of Zambia (UNZA) deputy vice chancellor Prof Enala Mwase says the institution has maintained its world ranking of 2,500 out of 25,000 other universities, but still seeks to do better. Speaking when she featured on ZNBC radio 4's The Platform programme, Tuesday, Prof Mwase explained that UNZA had maintained their ranking of 2,500 out of 25,000 universities globally. "As University of Zambia, we have maintained [our ranking] at about 2,500 if not less in the world and here we are talking about universities over 25,000! And in Zambia we are still ranking [as] number one. Of course, we are not impressed with that and we are working everyday to improve our image, our ranking and we do look at those issues that would put your image as a university up there. And of course as a university, the main core functions of course teaching, research and community service and all these things require quality. So, those are the issues that we are always working on," Prof Mwase said. She said examination malpractice was not only a university challenge but a national one. "If you enter an examination

room with material, which is related to what you are writing you are disqualified and expelled. And when you get expelled, there is no time limit, and all students are aware of this rule. So, it makes very sad reading to me that students, despite having that very clear regulation, they still go into examination classes with prohibited material. I wouldn't say this is a problem for the University of Zambia only, recently we saw what happened in grade seven [and] nine examinations, which had to be postponed because of the same," Prof Mwase said. She also said that accommodation still remained a great challenge for the university. "Accommodation really comes [as] an issue. At inception or in the early times of the University of Zambia, the infrastructure in terms of accommodation would only get about 3,600 [bed spaces] but now because of the demand of education we find that now we have to enrol up to 24,000 or so, meaning that accommodation is an issue. But then the private sector has come to assist with the mushrooming of boarding houses around. These have assisted [but] of course] the quality is something else, but they have assisted. So, this is

an ongoing challenge which we are finding solutions as we move," Prof Mwase said. "I agree that we need to have constant interaction with the students leadership. But for this new UNZASU that has been ushered in, we have already had a meeting and we think we should continue having meetings." She, however, added that UNZA had partially legalised squatting in order to lessen the university's accommodation challenges. "These are 18,000 [full time] students [against the bed space of 3, 600] So, here we are looking at the demand for education and I am not running away from the fact that, really, on infrastructure development, the University of Zambia, which is a government institution, has not done so well. But in the interim, we have sort of legalised a little bit of squatting. We have started a project where we are making some bunker beds so that we have at least four students in a room as opposed to two. It's already happening and so far we have already made about 300 bunker beds," explained Prof Mwase. Meanwhile, Prof Tembo said UNZA had opened up an Alumni branches in South Africa and in the USA for graduates to make contributions.

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By Mirriam Chabala

Former Secretary to Cabinet Dr Sketchley Sacika has observed that the country's political and education systems have failed to improve because political riffs have been allowed to define government's agenda. And Dr Sacika has called on Higher Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo to come up with carefully planned school programmes that can equip students with creativity, explaining that the biggest failure in the country's education system, especially at tertiary level, was failure to produce creative thinkers. In an interview with News Diggers, Dr Sacika noted that political cadres were busy

# Political riffs are driving govt's agenda - Dr Sacika

running government while educated people were more interested in winning elections as opposed to improving the country's political system. "For as long as I can remember, the Zambian government, starting with the UNIP government, has been carrying out educational reforms aimed at improving the education on offer to our children. Over the years we have been able to

increase with formal education. But we have sacrificed the quality for quantity and we have failed to equip our young stars with employable skills. As a result, the unemployment situation in our country among the youth is now a threat to the political stability of our country," Dr Sacika observed. "The biggest failure of our education system, especially at high levels, is that it is failing

to produce men and women with creative thinking skills. Our university and college students acquire knowledge, some of it quite so stricken, the arts and sciences. But they do not possess creative thinking skills. So their education ends at a bookish knowledge, which is useful only in securing employment on the labour market." He said for society to prosper, it needed people

of sound character. "The other failure is that our education system is not geared to producing young men and women of sound character. For society to prosper, it needs such people education should not only be about enabling a person to find a good job on the labour market. Educated people must be the standard bearers of the society, they should show the way. But alas! This is not happening in our country. Our educated people cannot even run simple State-owned enterprises. In politics, they have allowed the political riffs, the so-called 'party cadres' to define the agenda of politics and political life. Our educated people are more interested in winning the elections and not in improving our political systems. These are the challenges Nkandu Luo is facing, how do we create an education system

that will produce creative thinkers and men and women of sound character? Unless she can come up with a formula that will tackle these problems, all the education conferences Nkandu Luo is conducting are exercises in futility," Dr Sacika said. Meanwhile, Dr Sacika called on Prof Luo to come up with carefully planned school programmes that could equip students with creative skills. "Thinking creatively is an art which can be acquired through carefully planned school programmes. Traditional institutions such as 'Mukanda' for the boys and 'Sikenge' for the girls were useful in preparing young boys and girls for life adulthood. What are the modern substitutes of these institutions? These are the areas Nkandu Luo and her colleagues in the education system should be exploring. Education is not just about sitting in a classroom and receiving knowledge. Education is much wider than that. It also means experiencing, participating in real situations in life. That's what constitutes the totality of education," said Dr Sacika.



Fortune World Investments managing director Mukumbi Kafuta (seated) advises entrepreneur Kenny Mulenga (right) with his son Kenny on business diversification. - Picture by Claver Mutinta/SUMA SYSTEMS.

## Eastern Province will miss Chanda Kasolo - Ngoma

By Mirriam Chabala

A civil society activist in Eastern Province has described newly appointed Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Chanda Kasolo as a level headed, fearless and tactful person who cultivated good working relations with stakeholders during his stay in the province. Maxson Nkhoma, the former Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) Eastern Province Coordinator explained to News Diggers in his welcoming remarks of President Edgar Lungu's reshuffles at Permanent Secretary level that the Province had been robbed of a hardworking government official. "For government to arrive at such a decision of making such critical and yet important reshuffles the capacities of individuals that have been transferred must have been adequately assessed that they could best deliver in their newly transferred positions. We must commend the President for making these reshuffles as he tries to put together a formidable team that will spur timely delivery of development ahead of the 2021 general elections," Ngoma said. "On the other hand, as people of Eastern province, we feel robbed of our hardworking Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo who has since been transferred to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Mr Kasolo was level headed, impartial, fearless and tactful in approach during his stay as PS in the province. The out-going Eastern PS cultivated good and cordial working relations with various stakeholders in the province including chiefs, the media, civil society and the church mother bodies. Mr Kasolo becomes the longest serving Eastern province PS since the PF government formed government because of his open mind when engaged in various issues of public interest. It was good to see that his hard work has earned him a promotion to be PS at the Ministry of Information." Ngoma further welcomed the transfer of Luapula Province Permanent Secretary Buleti Nsemukila to Eastern province and called on all Easterners not to pull the new PS down but help him work for them just like he did for the people of Luapula.

## Church taunts ZCID as it pushes dialogue forward

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) secretary general Fr Emmanuel Chikoya says it is demeaning, disrespecting and an insult, for anyone to accuse the church of spearheading for national dialogue in order to receive envelopes. Speaking when he featured on Hot FM's Frank on Hot programme Tuesday, Fr Chikoya said the church does not rely on 100 per cent donor funding, like other institutions which when donor funding is taken away from them, they get incapacitated. He said the church was only fighting to secure peace for the nation where every system of governance should function fairly and without discrimination. "We don't want to be a rubber stamp, we don't want to be programmed according to somebody's agenda. That is where some of the discomforts begin to emerge and the misunderstandings begin to emerge. If you have noticed the narrative in the media and all those, you see hired agencies and individuals and they will say this, they will despise the church, they will insult and attack the church. For example there is an accusation that we are in it for money, we have been meeting since August and I could only see my daughter only once because we have been doing meetings late in the nights and with fuel that is allocated to me under CCZ," Fr Chikoya lamented. Fr Chikoya who represented the three church mother bodies said the church made its own

money and would not be paralysed if donor funding was withdrawn from its activities. "When we host a meeting, we will provide the refreshments and ZCCB does the same and EFZ does the same and now you hear somebody accusing us of that. That is an insult and that is demeaning the church and disrespecting the church. Again you are dealing with churches that are not like some of these entities such that if you remove their donors, they are dead and buried. For us like in the case of CCZ, talk of church House in town, we have properties around town in prime locations and they are being rented out. About 50 per cent of our funding is locally funded and so we are not a 100 per cent dependent organisation. And then we have infrastructure [like] David Livingstone College of Education, talk of Malcom Moffat. How do you accuse those bishops of being in it for envelopes? A K1,000? What is that?" Fr Chikoya exclaimed in apparent reference to the bickering between the church mother bodies and the Zambia Centre for Inter party Dialogue (ZCID), which has since pulled out of the talks. "What we want to see is a movement to positive peace where every system is functioning fairly and without discrimination. Negative peace means for example the law is not fairly applied like the Public Order Act for example. If there is need to protest, for others it is made so difficult and then other people can just

spontaneously just walk on the street and no one is arrested. And so yes you may have peace and when you depend on the police and security wings to maintain peace, just know that is a fragile peace. You need to be able to live in an environment where people actually appreciate and protect the peace that is ideal," Meanwhile Fr Chikoya said the agenda for the national dialogue would mainly be on issues bordering on political, cultural, social, religious and economic issues. "I think the issues that are a challenge from our perspective bolder on four issues; you have the governance and political issues. And these are going to be a priority because any issue that may have an implication in terms of needing to have some laws enacted or revised, you would need to be given priority. And then you have economic and social issues, you have cultural issues and religious issues. Those are the key issues, and phase one focuses on governance and political issues," said Fr Chikoya. "And in terms of what you would say 'what is our vision [or] what is our desire?' we desire a conversion of hearts and minds leading to a united, reconciled, and peaceful Zambia where all citizens freely participate in governance within a thriving social and economic environment. That is our desire. People have accused us of all kinds of agendas [but] if you want our agenda, this is our agenda and for this agenda we shall stand, we shall fight until we attain it."

**By Diggers Correspondent**  
Kansanshi Mining Plc has constructed and handed over more than 10 classrooms and 250 desks worth K2.35 million to the provincial administration in North-Western Province, with a call to keep the new facilities decongested. The new schools, which have been constructed under the Kansanshi Education Quality Improvement (KanEquip) Support Programme, were handed over to outgoing North-Western Province Permanent Secretary Ephraim Mateyo by Kansanshi Mining Plc Mine Manager Clayton Reeves. Reeves explained that the new classrooms, five at Mushitala Primary School and five at Mbonge Primary School, with 25 desks in each classroom were designed to decongest the present enrolment and not to increase capacity. "Increasing enrolment because of these new classrooms would defeat the very purpose for which they are being provided. The classrooms are aimed at decongesting the existing space. They should

# Kansanshi Mine pumps K2.35m into school projects for community

help the school to reduce the number of sessions that they run in a day, and thus, increase learning time in each session," Reeves said. "In our view, teacher-pupil contact time is now the most serious constraint facing the schools we support in their quest towards quality education. With increased contact time, teachers can carry out their work professionally with learners being taught through approaches that encourage learning through play, to innovate and be creative," he added. Reeves said there was an initiative that Kansanshi Mining Plc was running with the Ministry of General Education under which schools had agreed to achieve a pupil per class target of 40. And the provincial administration through Mateyo thanked Kansanshi

Mining Plc for its robust corporate social responsibility that had continued to positively impact lives in the province. Mateyo, who received the newly-constructed classrooms and desks built

for Mushitala and Mbonge schools in Solwezi, noted that Kansanshi Mining Plc had over the years embarked on an aggressive programme to build classrooms in various schools. The Permanent Secretary

pledged that his office would closely monitor the performance of the two schools. "Should the results look ordinary, we will only conclude that you have failed to fully utilise the rare support

you are being given today. We would like to unreservedly commend Kansanshi Mining Plc for this continued gesture. Today, these new classrooms at Mbonge and Mushitala are very special because they are coming as part of a comprehensive package aimed at contributing to the improvement of the quality of education," Mateyo said. - Story courtesy of SUMA SYSTEMS.



President Lungu (r) prays before swearing in four Permanent Secretaries at State House in Lusaka during the swearing in ceremony yesterday - Picture by Salim Henry

**By Thomas Mulenga**  
UPND deputy secretary general Patrick Mucheleka says the party has written to the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) notifying it that PF cadres were deployed to manage next month's Sesheke by-election. Speaking when he featured on 'the Peoples' Debate' programme on Pan African Radio, Monday, Mucheleka said the UPND would not accept anyone rigging elections in the country again. "We have written to the ECZ to notify them that some of the officials who were deployed to manage the Sesheke by-election were known PF cadres, and ECZ has assured us that they are going to investigate the matter. And for us in the UPND, we are saying that we shall not accept ECZ and the Zambia Police to continue violating the Electoral Act and disturb the people of Sesheke. We are not ready

to accept seeing the police failing to maintain law and order during elections. And that's why we went to meet the ECZ and tell them about the abuse of electoral process. After that meeting, we saw commissioner Ali Simwina travelling to Sesheke to go and see for himself what was happening on the ground," Mucheleka narrated. "We shall never again allow anyone in this country to rig elections! You have seen what's happening in Congo, you have seen what's happening in Zimbabwe and mind you, we are sitting in a very awkward position in that we are sitting in between the two countries. It's possible that the problems that are in the two countries can easily spill over in Zambia if we are not careful! The will of the people should be allowed to prevail in an election to avoid conflicts and this can only be done when elections are free,

# UPND writes ECZ over PF cadres' infiltration of Sesheke by-election

fair and acceptable to all parties. (Martin) Fayulu in Congo has declared himself as (Republican) President because of the disputed elections, and that's what we want to avoid in Zambia, already we had disputed elections in 2016." And Mucheleka said that the UPND was gearing up for the February 12 by-election despite continued breaches of the Electoral Act by the ruling party, who he alleged, are using government offices to campaign in Sesheke. "We are ready, our people are on the ground campaigning despite the challenges that they face mostly from the misbehaviour of the institutions that are charged with the responsibility of

running the affairs of this country, in terms of the electoral process as well as maintaining law and order. You have seen already what has been happening in Sesheke. Over the weekend there was a vehicle that was captured on video where number plates of vehicles

were changing from GRZ to Zambia Police, and obviously you can ask on how easy it is that the same vehicle can have two number plates and been used in Sesheke to dupe people. That's abuse of public resources and that is being done in the full view of the Zambia Police

itself and the Electoral Commission of Zambia and no action has been taken against the known culprits, the PF. However, we are very determined, that's our seat and we have been informed by our people on the ground that we shall surely return the seat," said Mucheleka.

## Ex N/WP PS convicted of corrupt practices

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
The Solwezi Magistrates' Court has convicted former North-Western Province Permanent Secretary Fabian Mumba for corrupt practices. Mumba was facing one count of wilful failure to comply with applicable procedures and guidelines relating to the procurement of works. According to a statement issued by Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) Public Relations Manager Timothy Moono, Mumba was jointly-charged with the then Procurement Manager at the Provincial Administration, Collins Kapapala, but the court, however, acquitted his co-accused. "Mr Mumba was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Commission in 2017 and was jointly-charged with the then Procurement Manager at the

Provincial Administration Collins Kapapala for one count of wilful failure to comply with applicable procedures and guidelines contrary to the laws of Zambia. Principle Resident Magistrate Davies Chibwili, however, acquitted Kapapala," stated Moono. "Particulars of the offence were that Mr. Mumba and Mr. Kapapala, on dates unknown but between January 1, 2011, and August 31, 2011, did wilfully fail to comply with applicable laws, procedures or guidelines relating to the procurement of works for the upgrading and maintenance of the Magrade Extension Road in Solwezi, which was awarded to Hillers Construction Company Limited, contrary to section 33(2) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act number 38 of 2010."

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# GENDER INEQUALITY AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*By Musanje Maggie Bukowa*

The last two decades or so has seen a number of women rights movements largely comprising of women rise up and demand for gender equality in all sectors of life from equal job opportunities to equal pay for equal work for women and men. While equal employment opportunities for women is slowly been recognized and respected as witnessed from the increase in the representation of women in fields that were traditionally considered male dominated, and from the demand to ensure that men and women get the same pay for the same work done. However, there is a type of gender inequality that is silent and yet its effects are loud.

Before the emergence of the women right's movement, women were traditionally confined to the kitchen. Providing for the family needs such as shelter, food and settling bills was a preserve of men while women stayed home to look after children and carry out domestic work.

In the 21st century, women have proved that they too can contribute to the family food basket just as good as men and in some cases, even do it better than men. Women are now taking up higher positions and are competing favorably with men at the work place. Educated and independent women have more than ever before, become so attractive and qualify to be called as 'marriage material' compared with the uneducated or dependent women. Men these days want to marry an educated woman who is capable for taking care of the family in their absence. They love the idea of women working and contributing to paying bills because this somewhat allows them to have some little extra money to spend on 'boys night out'. Men have no problem with equally sharing the bills with an 'independent and hardworking' woman but have problem with equally sharing home chores with her. At the mention of gender

equality in the house, religious and African theories spring up that seem to justify why men cannot share equal responsibilities. On average, women that engage in any formal or informal work for a wage are estimated to work more than their counter parts that are stay home wives. This is because after coming back from work, a woman is still expected to carry on with her domestic house chores as the man catches up with current affairs.

Most men profess to be feminists and advocate for gender equality until there is a mention of equal distribution of house chores between a man and a woman. Most men only help out in the house when the women are seemingly overburdened and not because they want to. If you are a strong woman who does not easily, show tiredness, well, all the house chores will be sticking around waiting for you as hubby watches football. Very few men would wash dishes or wash clothes for the family as the wife watches TV or reads a newspaper, something women do without murmuring.

According to a census conducted in 2010, women accounted for 50.8 percent while men accounted for 49.2 percent of the total population. Despite women accounting for more than half of the world's population, their economic contributions to nations does not reflect their numbers.

Universities in Zambia have more females than males and yet in the job market, there are more men that take up decision making positions while women take up lower positions.

In some cases, women deliberately shun taking up higher positions because doing so would be adding an extra burden to their already overloaded schedule. The unpaid for labor that women engage in at home affects their productivity levels at work. As a result, women's performance seems lower than that of their male colleagues. While men can afford to stay longer hours at working

meeting deadlines, women have to rush to pick up their children from school and prepare supper for the family. While the husband rests at night reenergizing for the following day, the woman has to stay up at night to nurse her infants. She has to wake up early in the morning to prepare the children for school. She goes for work worn out. As this is not enough, she throughout the day communicates with the maid on what should or should not be done at home for that particular day. The high stress that working wives have to contain does not only negatively affect their health, it also affects our country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This is because more than half of the population is not adequately contributing towards the country's tax base. This in turn affects the provision and delivery of services such as education, health and other social services.

A closer analysis of developed countries indicates very high gender equality rates. These are country's whose men and women almost equally share gender roles. On the contrary, patriarchal societies show high levels of gender inequality, gender based violence and low levels of development.

Maybe the answer that we seek to position Zambia as a developed country does not lie in donor funds or more commitment to global initiatives but lies in ensuring that women that make up more than half of the population adequately contribute to the economy. This can be done by equally sharing gender roles which includes the unconformable roles such as washing for the family not because she is sick, but because she gets tired as well. Next time before you complain about how broke we are as a country, ask yourself what you are doing to lift some unpaid labor load that your mother, sister, niece, girlfriend or wife is carrying so that she can have the time and energy to engage in activities of economic value. Because if she does not, we will not experience any real development.

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

UPND vice-president Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba says some parts of Zambia have been denied meaningful social and economic development owing to the PF government's discriminatory allocation of public resources.

And Mwamba says the UPND government shall not only grow the country's economy, but improve service delivery and ensure equity in resource allocation towards infrastructure development.

In the UPND's weekly newsletter to News Diggers! Mwamba charged that under the PF leadership, there is rampant discrimination in the allocation of national resources, noting that it was not a coincidence that opposition strongholds had the worst roads in the country.

"Anyone who has travelled the length and breadth of our country won't fail to be moved by the agony, the pain, the hunger that our people face. Countrymen and women, PF has killed service delivery! Everyone in the country faces the same adversities and needs the same services! Alas, this government has perfected the art of discrimination when it comes to allocation of resources. It is not a coincidence that opposition strongholds have the worst roads in the country!

## Opposition strongholds have the worst roads, infrastructure - GBM

Driving from Lusaka to Livingstone, to Mwinilunga, to Mongu is a nightmare! This is totally unacceptable and must be stopped, henceforth!" Mwamba demanded.

"Despite collecting so much money through toll gates, the PF government is misdirecting this money to non-priority areas like unnecessary trips abroad for PF party cadres; and dubious trips, such as the reported trip of 25 people to collect four secondhand fire tender."

Mwamba noted that although God had blessed citizens with a beautiful country, there was rampant discrimination in the allocation of national resources under the PF leadership.

"God has blessed us with a

beautiful country, which is abundantly endowed. There are unique opportunities in literally every part of the country. Any government is expected to facilitate the exploitation of such natural resources for the greater good of all citizens of this country. Just as all regions contribute to the national pool of resources, all provinces should also benefit from the national cake. There should be fairness in the distribution of resources across regions. Unfortunately, under the PF government, there is rampant discrimination in the allocation of national resources to regions," he added.

And Mwamba, the former Kasama Central PF lawmaker, observed that although the

UNIP government may have had their faults, they did the country proud in terms of unbiased infrastructure development.

"In a quest to address the inequities arising from the biased colonial development process, the immediate Independence government implemented interventions aimed at improving infrastructure and social service allocation across all regions. It was because of UNIP policies that regional referral hospitals were built in every province and first-level referral hospitals established in every district. Health centres and primary schools were constructed around the country, without discrimination," he recalled.

"Credit should be given where it is due! They may have had their faults, but the UNIP government did us proud in terms of unbiased infrastructure development in all parts of the country. They were definitely adequate for the challenges of the time then."

Meanwhile, Mwamba stated that once in government, UPND would grow the economy, generate enough resources and prudently spend those resources on priority areas.

"UPND government will grow the economy, generate enough resources and prudently spend these resources on priority areas, such as road construction and maintenance. A UPND government undertakes to

improve services delivery by doing the following: nurture and entrench a culture of extensive consultations and feasibility works before embarking on any public investment project, realizing the importance of infrastructure for sustained economic growth," he explained. Mwamba further pledged that a UPND administration would ensure equity in resource allocation towards infrastructure maintenance and development and also ensure that regions shared in these allocations.

"UPND will prepare and execute a comprehensive infrastructure development and maintenance plan; will ensure equity in resource allocation towards infrastructure maintenance and development and ensure that regions share in these allocations; and will appoint competent personnel to run parastatal companies, so as to improve effectiveness in service delivery and efficiency in operations," stated Mwamba.

"This is our resolve as a party to the people of Zambia across all regions. Ours shall be a national development agenda and this we shall achieve under the leadership of President Hakainde Hichilema working together with our hardworking people."

# Entrepreneurship is a gift to others

God blessed our first parents, Adam and Eve, and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Gen.1;28). This instruction is validated through the birth, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. The Bible says, 'For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.' (Col.1;16).

God is the Master creator. Think about anything from which we extract value today, God created. We sell these things for money and become wealthy in the process. Almost everywhere we sit or look around is incredible value: the land, fruits, fish, oil, diamonds, copper were all created by God. I have told people that God inserted a microchip in us so that we can create value for a living.' That is the subduing He instructed Adam and Eve. Over several generations before us, mankind has been enterprising, working hard to create that value. It is through entrepreneurship we serve Him and as a result, earn a living. Those who apply more effort and employ their creative capabilities make even more money. The Apostle Paul demonstrated that entrepreneurship is a gift given to all human beings, 'For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

Entrepreneurship serves three key purposes. First, it's a way of honouring God. The Bible says that we are made in His likeness. There is no way we can be made in God's likeness and yet possess

no creative power within us. God gave us the brains and all capabilities to create value through which He gets glorified. It is for this reason there is this interesting instruction for all Christians, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.' Col. 3'23-24.

Second, entrepreneurship helps us serve other people. This can be in many ways. First, the products and services we provide change lives. Everyone of us has been given a life passion through which we offer ourselves to the world as entrepreneurs. Entrepreneur and author Michael Gerber writes, 'The first question for an awakened Entrepreneur is, 'What good would this thing I am thinking of creating do for the one who buys it?' This is a very important question entrepreneurs ask themselves. I recently told a team of managers we were training from one commercial bank that we are not in business for money; we are in business to help people in companies perform with efficiency so that they succeed and after we have offered the service, we get paid for it because of the value we create.

Entrepreneurs do wonders everyday making life bearable for others. They create goods that provide incredible value; quality life through various pharmaceutical services; production and distribution of various foods; entertainment that opens our lungs so that we are refreshed and live longer. The list is too long for just a column. Entrepreneurs also serve people through jobs they create. My biggest celebration for starting Bridges

Limited is signing those salary cheques to various employees. It's exciting to start a business through which other people meet their own life goals. There is a third reason we are entrepreneurs: it supports systems that all other people can ride on. In other words, we do not only create valuable goods and services that benefit society, neither are entrepreneurs only focused on creating jobs. It is the entrepreneurs who oil the running of government. There is no functioning government system without a tax system. Taxes come from

***"It's exciting to start a business through which other people meet their own life goals."***

those who create value, the entrepreneurs. In other words, it is the entrepreneurs who ensure there are hospitals, schools, the police and army for our social wellbeing and security. It is the entire society that gets supported by entrepreneurs through taxes they pay. Countries that have a lot of entrepreneurs offer better quality of life than those that do not.

If you are an entrepreneur, enjoy this year with the knowledge that without you, society would not be successful. The more you succeed in your enterprise, the more society succeeds. You are a gift to mankind just as much as Jesus Christ is a gift to us for salvation.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Ngucha Energy Corporation Limited has sued NDC consultant Chishimba Kambwili in the Lusaka High Court, claiming damages of over K2 billion for alleging that the company belongs to President Edgar Lungu.

The company, which is further seeking damages for loss of business and an unreserved apology, vehemently argued that Kambwili's statement was false, malicious and only intended to spread hate and discord about the company for his own political gain. In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Tuesday, Ngucha Energy stated that it operated as a distributor of petroleum products and lubricants as well as retailer in the same products.

It stated that on December 4, 2018, Kambwili issued a false statement on Radio Phoenix's 'Let The People Talk' programme to the effect that Ngucha was a company belonging to President

## Ngucha Energy sues Kambwili, demands K2.2 bn for linking oil company to Lungu

Lungu. "Kambwili in justifying his statement stated that NGUCHA is made up of words from the name luNGU and CHAGwa, that is to say that NGU is from the name Lungu and Cha from Chagwa to make 'Ngucha,'" read the statement of claim. Ngucha Energy stated that Kambwili's statement was false, malicious and was only intended to spread hate and discord about the company for his own political gain, as Ngucha did not belong to President Lungu. It alleged that Kambwili did not bother to carry out due diligence by conducting a search at PACRA on the directors and shareholders of Ngucha. Ngucha Energy further stated that contrary to the

falsehoods asserted by Kambwili, the company was owned by two private persons, who were not in any way related to President Lungu and that they had no political inclinations whatsoever either to the PF or the Head of State. It stated that the company had been in existence as way back as 2010 even before the PF formed government and before President Lungu became member of parliament for Chawama constituency and subsequently as President. Ngucha Energy further stated that prior to its incorporation, there existed a sister company called Ngucha Enterprises Limited as far back as 2001, when President Lungu had not even been elected as member

of parliament. It stated that it wrote to Kambwili on December 13, 2018, to demand a retraction of the statement but the same had not been rendered. Ngucha Energy lamented that the falsehoods uttered by Kambwili had seriously injured the reputation and business standing of the company, and had adversely affected its normal business operations to the effect that government through the Ministry of Energy had cancelled a contract recently won through a public tender. "As a result of Kambwili's falsehood, the company has suffered loss and damage. Particulars of loss and damage; loss of income in the contract sum of US \$184,914,782.07, loss of business and damage to

reputation as the general public deem that the company is engaged in corrupt dealings," read the statement of claim. And in an affidavit in support of ex parte summons for an order of interim injunction, Ngucha Energy general manager Elias Kamundi, a Kenyan national, added that on November 22, 2018, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy informed the company on it being awarded a contract for the supply and delivery of 135,075m3 of diesel and 58,500m3 of unleaded petrol. He, however, disclosed that on January 11, this year, the said Permanent Secretary gave a notice of termination of contract for the supply and delivery of diesel and unleaded petrol between the

Ministry of Energy and the company. Ngucha Energy is now claiming damages for injurious falsehoods of its reputation and interests, damages for loss of income in the sum of US \$184,914,782.07 (K2,212,505,367.47), damages for loss of business in its retail filling stations and an injunction restraining Kambwili from further publicising the same or similar falsehoods in the future. It's further seeking for an unreserved apology through the electronic media and on the front page of the widely circulating print media, interest on the amounts to be found due, costs and any other relief the court may deem fit.

President Edgar Lungu on Monday announced government reshuffles at permanent secretary level, a move that saw at least four top officials lose their positions, several others transferred and a few promoted.

The highest paid civil servant Dr Roland Msiska has finally been asked to leave Cabinet Office this February, and banished to some little-known organization called Zambia Atomic Agency.

Other permanent secretaries like Michael Pwete for Chiefs and Traditional Affairs, Geoffrey Malama from Ministry of Information and Ephraim Mateyo from North Western Province, have quite simply been fired – or if one chooses to be diplomatic – their contract have not been renewed.

According to State House, this 'ongoing' reshuffle is meant to improve service delivery within the government. Some people have already started commending the President on his move and they believe that the replacements will bring renewed energy to the system. In a normal government, that would be the case. But in this particular Patriotic Front Government, things don't work like that.

Tough luck to those who have been kicked out; like they say, the President has the power to appoint and disappoint at any stage, and without giving a reason. But our commiserations go to those who will be getting new jobs and those who have been promoted. We

# Lungu says get the job but don't do it

## News Diggers! Ear to the ground

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are expressing sympathy to the new appointees because we know what "service delivery" means under this regime.

You see dear readers; many civil servants in this government have gotten in trouble with the appointing authority because they got things twisted between getting the job and doing their job. We have observed that, under President Lungu, getting the job and doing your job mean totally different things, and those who have grasp this silent rule have enjoyed their jobs. These 'clever' civil servants who are enjoying their jobs have discovered that getting the job done means your job will be lost very soon – so they have wisely chosen not to do their jobs. We have no special interest in those top government officials whose contracts have not been renewed, and we are not in any position to suggest that

they have been unfairly removed. To be honest, it was good riddance for some. But our focus is on those top government officials who are getting paid for not doing their jobs. For the purpose of clarity, we are going to cite a few examples.

Director of Public Prosecutions: Anyone who followed events leading to the scandalous appointment of Madam Lillian Shawa Siyuni as chief of the National Prosecutions Authority knows that she was employed so that she does not do her job. If we are wrong, how can Ms Siyuni explain her failure to prosecute the senior government officials who are named in the financial trends report, in the auditor general's report and those who are reported by the Anti Corruption Commission? The director of Public Prosecutions knows the criminals in this country,

the files are accumulating on her desk, but she has chosen not to do her job so that she can stay in the job.

Inspector General of Police: Everyone heard the recorded conversation between the President's spokesperson and Mr Kakoma Kanganja where the Inspector General was being ordered to do the opposite of his job. So the conduct of police officers should not shock anyone. How can the chief of police explain the fact that there is no single PF official in prison today despite the publicly available evidence showing their illegal grabbing of land, takeover of markets, bus stations and defying the public order Act? Is it possible that the only lawbreakers in this country are those who don't support PF? No doubt, Mr Kanganja was employed not to do his job.

Attorney General: Mr Likando Kalaluka's job is to carefully scrutinise

and evaluate government contracts to ensure that the State does not lose resources through dubious transactions that may have slipped through the tender procedures. Zambia right now is losing millions and billions of dollars through unscrupulously overpriced government tenders. Can State Counsel Kalaluka point at one contract which his legal opinion objected to; and if he does not agree with any of these alarming procurements, can he then explain what he is still doing in the midst of people who are rubbishing his guidance?

Examples are many, but the few highlighted above illustrate how unfairly Zambians are being governed. On the other hand, there are those who are in constant trouble for trying to do their jobs. When the Chief Justice of Zambia tried to intervene in a judicial misconduct

matter involving judge Sunday Nkonde, we saw PF surrogates warning her not to do her job, or face a forced removal from office.

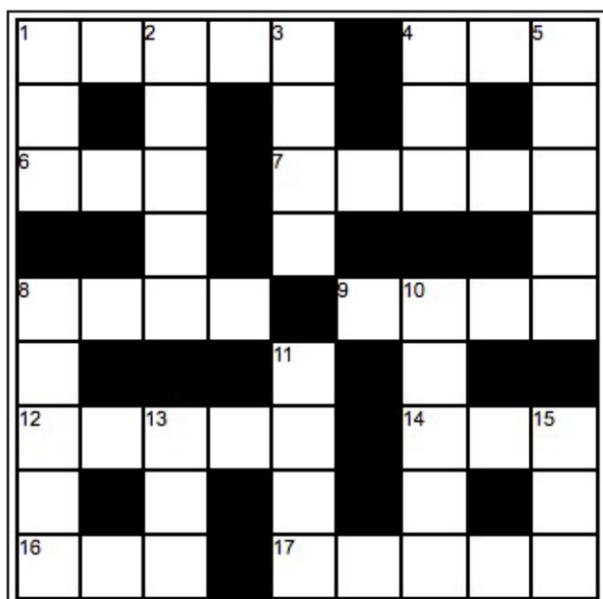
Another easy example we can give is that of the Director General at the Financial Intelligence Centre. We saw how Ms Mary Chirwa suffered in 2018 after her office released the 2017 financial trends report. Culprits jumped to their defence and unleashed all sorts of threats on her. In our view, the Director General of the Financial Intelligence Center faced persecution because she has been doing her job. What we don't know is, for how long she will be allowed to do her job before her job is 'done'.

It is clear that when you are offered a job in this government, President Lungu is practically saying, 'get the job, but don't do it!'

But we need to remind those top public servants who are enjoying their jobs in this unpatriotic fashion, that by default, they are also criminals and accomplices to crimes. Getting a salary for not doing your job is daylight robbery, and closing your eyes when crimes are being committed under your nose makes you an accomplice.

Anyway, days are numbered. A time will come when those who are getting paid for not doing their jobs will have to face those who will be employed to do their jobs; and we will be here to report the unfolding events...

### Crossword puzzle 278



*"Go as far as you can see and you will see further". - Zig Zigler*

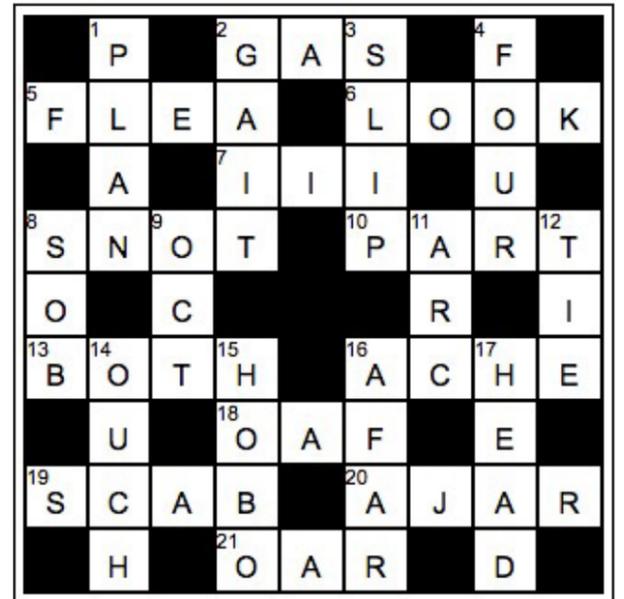
**Across**

- 1. Diamond surface
- 4. Tavern
- 6. Colour your hair
- 7. Eskimo house
- 8. Alert
- 9. Material from a tree
- 12. Result of excessive rainfall
- 14. Toll
- 16. Scoundrel
- 17. Less common

**Down**

- 1. In thing
- 2. Shout from a fan
- 3. Bit of kindling
- 4. Buddy
- 5. Worry
- 8. Communion offering
- 10. Buyer's proposal
- 11. Fragrance
- 13. No longer in vogue
- 15. Talent for music

### Solution to puzzle 277



# Reader's feedback

## Mwale's revelation on brainstorming Miles Sampa's free WiFi dream

Editor,  
 "Last time I checked, Sampa was saying there was a tender process in progress to select a WiFi provider. So, he was just lying after all." - Mike Phiri

"So, you are saying that Miles Sampa was speaking from without? Shame on him! He in short lied again to the people of Lusaka!" - Salim Nyendwa

"The problem with Miles' brain is that on the left side there's nothing, and on his right side, there's nothing left! Brainstorming? I thought he had a plan from the word go!" - Samuel Chibale

"Let him just sell his clothes so that the Wi-Fi project comes around! He promised

us. It's been long! He said within 90 days!" - Mapoma George Mataka

"There's nothing for free; someone, somehow, will be footing this bill." - Josephine Ngulube

"A wise minister. It is a polite way of saying that was a FOOLISH idea." - Levy Ngulube Sr.

## GBM on Esther to face possible prosecution for abusing public funds

Editor,

"The wife of the Israeli Prime Minister was convicted recently for her lavishness. It is sad that this lavishness is being done by a seemingly nice lady. She should listen to the public outcry." - Kwa Mwamba

"Let's have lessons learnt that the law shouldn't be broken with impunity. It shall definitely dawn on her one day..." - Maningi Dibili

"I feel for her after she leaves State House, these things will never be buried!" - Mathews W Ks

"Apart from Esther, Edgar Lungu's daughter Tasila will be prosecuted for having and spending huge sums of money, which are obviously from illicit sources." - Chivunda Samusungwa

"She is highly contributing to the down fall of PF!" - Namukolo Ikafa



### Diggers' OPINION: UPND's useless call for impeachment

Dear Editor,  
 "The message from the UPND does not resonate to the people. It lacks substance and mostly sent at long times. UPND must formulate a formidable media team with likes of Kalani Muchima and Mashila Kaseba. The so-called fixing team is childish. Harry Kalaba is packaging his message better than UPND yet they have been in opposition for long with vast experience. If UPND doesn't change its strategy and continues with the same 'forward, forward' slogan we shall end up with 'forward forever'." - Rhodes Chipengu

"Well said! UPND is a party with no clear agenda." - Richard Bweupe

"A government of tourists, for tourists, by tourists. She is starting to remind me of 'Gucci' Grace Mugabe and her extremely extravagant husband. Time to go shopping at Walmart because Shoprite is too cheap since they moved into that house on Independence Avenue, while waiting for their US \$20million new one to be built. Never mind the homeless street children, let them eat candy. What a joke!" - Pazu Shamboko

## 'Mutati deserves support fix the electoral system'

Editor,

"Whenever the former Minister of Finance speaks, I see a lot of sense. Yes, he's not an angel, but he tries. He tried by all means to stabilize our kwacha against major currencies. It's high time we support Hon. Mutati!" - Steve Mazuba

"Now you are talking, Felix! It's good that you have seen it from the other side." - Chiundule Wansimbi

"MMD have two so-called presidents, who is who? Fix that first!" - Teddy Sibalwa

"Please, Mutati start by fixing MMD; we have now gotten used to calling you as MMD-faction leader." - Robby LM

"Don't even go near that dialogue because you have failed to fix your problems in your MMD! How can you talk of fixing the nation's problem?" - Ernest Simwanza

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"Could these repeated prosecution threats from aspiring contenders for Presidency in an event that they got into office be an indication that the Judiciary will to some extent not be operating independently?" - Peter Chaluka

# Zimbabwe to probe violence by security forces in protests

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa said on Tuesday that misconduct by security forces reacting to protests over fuel price hikes would be investigated, but he added the increases were the right thing to do.

"Violence or misconduct by our security forces is unacceptable and a betrayal of the new Zimbabwe," Mnangagwa wrote on Twitter, in his first public comments since returning home from a trip to Russia and other former Soviet countries.

"Misconduct will be investigated. If required, heads will roll," Mnangagwa said, calling for a "national dialogue" over the protests. Police say three people died during violent demonstrations in Harare and Zimbabwe's second city Bulawayo last week, but human rights groups say evidence suggests at least a dozen were killed. Hundreds have been detained.

Zimbabwe's military was in the streets last week for the first time since post-election violence in August in which

six people were killed. This time, people reported being hunted down in their homes by security forces and severely beaten.

Mnangagwa says chaos and insubordination will not be tolerated and "if required, heads will roll".

He defends the dramatic fuel price increase that began the unrest.

Meanwhile, Ministers say the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) is using sharp fuel price increases as a pretext for violence.

But the MDC accuses the authorities of a brutal crackdown.

Mr Mnangagwa's announcement of a steep increase in the fuel price over a week ago led to angry protests in the capital, Harare, and the south-western city of Bulawayo.

Rights groups say at least 12 people have been killed but this has not been officially confirmed.

Mr Mnangagwa arrived back in Harare late on Monday night.

He condemned the

demonstrations, saying "everyone has the right to protest, but this was not a peaceful protest".

He accused protesters of "wanton violence and cynical destruction" and "looting police stations, stealing guns and uniforms".

Earlier, MDC leader Nelson Chamisa said many of the party's members had been detained including four MPs. He accused security forces of attacking families in their homes.

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, the umbrella group that called the protests, says its leader Japhet Moyo has also been arrested.

Mr Mnangagwa has said that any violence from the security forces will be investigated and punished.

His spokesman George Charamba had warned on Sunday that the security forces' actions were just "a foretaste of things to come".

"The MDC leadership has been consistently pushing out the message that they will use violent street action to overturn the results of



[last year's] ballot," he said. The opposition rejected a court ruling in August 2018 that confirmed that President Mnangagwa had defeated Mr Chamisa. Mr Chamisa told the

BBC that there was "no justification whatsoever of having soldiers with live ammunition, with guns, machine guns, AK47 on the streets, beating up citizens". "People are being approached

in their homes, they are being taken out of their homes with their families even if they are sleeping... a lot of people have been arrested for no apparent reason," he said. **News24**

## Uganda bans sports betting

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has ordered that no new licences should be issued to sports betting companies nor renewing of permits for the existing ones.

According to Minister of State for Finance, Mr David Bahati, the President gave the directive saying that gambling has diverted attention of the youth from hard work.

"We have received a directive from President Museveni to stop licensing sports betting, gaming and gambling companies. The President has now directed the board which has been regulating them. From now onwards, no new companies are going to be licensed. Those which are already registered, no renewal of licences when they expire," Mr Bahati revealed on Sunday during a church service in Rugarama Hill in western Kabale town.

Mr Bahati said church leaders who have been against sports betting can now praise the Lord because their prayers have been answered.

However, the Ministry of Finance spokesman, Mr Jim Mugunga, said he was unaware of the president's directive but added that he does not doubt it.

That's good news," Mr Mugunga said. *East African News Agency*

# France angered by Italy's Africa remarks

France has summoned Italy's ambassador after the Italian deputy prime minister accused the French of exploiting Africa and fuelling migration.

On Sunday, Luigi di Maio called on the European Union to impose sanctions on France for its policies in Africa.

He said France had "never stopped colonising tens of African states".

Italy's populist leadership has repeatedly clashed with France in recent months, on issues such as migration, protests and culture.

When France criticised Italy for not allowing rescue boats carrying migrants in the Mediterranean to dock, Italian officials responded by accusing France itself of refusing to accept migrants.

Right-wing Interior Minister Matteo Salvini this month declared that France was harbouring a number of "terrorists who have killed in Italy".

And coalition colleague Mr Di Maio, leader of the Five Star Movement (M5S) found common cause with France's "gilets jaunes" protesters, urging them not to give

up and offering them "the support you need".

He made his latest comments during a visit to central Italy at the weekend.

It came as the UN said about 170 migrants were feared drowned in two separate Mediterranean shipwrecks.

"The EU should impose sanctions on France and all countries like France that impoverish Africa and make these people leave, because Africans should be in Africa, not at the bottom of the Mediterranean," he said.

"If people are leaving today it's because European countries, France above all, have never stopped colonising dozens of African countries."

He said if it wasn't for Africa, France would rank 15th among world economies, not in the top six.

The Italian ambassador to France, Teresa Castaldo, was summoned to the foreign ministry in Paris on Monday.

French diplomatic sources quoted by Italian news agency Ansa called Mr Di Maio's remarks "hostile and without cause

given the partnership between France and Italy in the European Union".

But Mr Di Maio, who is also labour and economy minister, was unrepentant on Monday.

He accused France of manipulating the economies of African countries that use the CFA franc, a colonial-era currency backed by the French treasury.

"France is one of those countries that by printing money for 14 African states prevents their economic development and contributes to the fact that the refugees leave and then die in the sea or arrive on our coasts," he said.

"If Europe wants to be brave, it must have the courage to confront the issue of decolonisation in Africa."

France says the CFA franc is a guarantee of financial stability but others have attacked it as a colonial relic.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) says 4,216 migrants have crossed to Europe by sea in the first 16 days of 2019 - more than double the number arriving in the same period last year. **BBC**

Research suggests that loneliness can have a negative impact on your health, and may even be a cause of premature death.

Cherish your friends and cultivate a healthy social life – it's good for your health.

Loneliness may be more hazardous to your health than obesity, and a growing number of Americans are at risk, researchers report.

According to a Health24 article, loneliness goes hand

## Loneliness can kill more people than obesity

in hand with being chronically neurotic and depressed.

Not only is the effect on mental health dire, but loneliness also has a far-reaching effect on physical health. And it has an effect on sleep quality and the immune system, which may lead to chronic inflammation.

About 42.6 million American adults over age 45 are believed to suffer from chronic loneliness,

according to AARP.

"Being connected to others socially is widely considered a fundamental human need – crucial to both well-being and survival. Extreme examples show infants in custodial care who lack human contact fail to thrive and often die, and indeed, social isolation or solitary confinement has been used as a form of punishment,"

said Julianne Holt-Lunstad. She is a professor of psychology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. she added during a presentation Saturday at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA) in Washington, D.C.

"With an increasing ageing population, the effect on public health is only anticipated to increase. Indeed, many nations

around the world now suggest we are facing a 'loneliness epidemic'. The challenge we face now is what can be done about it," Holt-Lunstad said.

In South Africa older people are often isolated because they live behind locked doors, high fences and walls for fear of crime, says Johannesburg counsellor and social worker Liz Dooley.

Possible solutions, Holt-Lunstad

added, include getting doctors to screen patients for social isolation, and training schoolchildren in social skills. Older people should prepare for retirement socially as well as financially, she added, noting that many social ties are related to the workplace. Holt-Lunstad also suggested that community planners include spaces that encourage people to gather together, such as recreation centres and community gardens. **News24**

By Alex Chilumbwe

Sacked Green Buffaloes coach Bilton Musonda has kept a brave face after the army side football club management relieved him of his duties five days to the start of the 2019 Super Division. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Musonda who has guided the combatants to two consecutive continental football campaigns said that there was no bad blood with club management following his firing. "I have been relieved of my duties and there's and there will be no bad blood between me and club management. I'm glad that they trusted me enough to coach the boys and every memory made at Green Buffaloes will always be special to me. I now have to figure out my next step in coaching," he said. Musonda also said that no club has shown interest in his coaching duties yet saying it was too soon to tell. "I have not received any call asking me to visit a particular club and have talks related to my coaching career and job mainly because it is too soon. The news has not

# Bilton keeps brave face after Buffaloes sack him

widespread yet so I will be patient," Musonda said. While he was confirmed as Buffaloes coach in 2017, Musonda transformed the army side into an efficient super league title contender. However, the team's failure to find grip on top of the FAZ/MTN league table earned the combatants a mockery name of 'Title Pretenders'. "Soccer fans are very analytical and observant and they know exactly why they resorted to calling us 'title pretenders'. In both the 2017 and 2018 season, we had chances of staying on top of the table but we somehow always ended at either third or fourth place finish. We cannot blame fans for the mocking name," commented Musonda. Queried on what could be the future for Green Buffaloes this season, Musonda was still optimistic about his former

squad having the potential to win the transitional league and secure a continental football slot. "It is a formidable team that can win the league this season and I'm sure a good is going to be put in place. It always takes hard work, endurance and stayed focused on the set target. Buffaloes are a great team," summed Musonda. Meanwhile, no new coach has been unveiled while unconfirmed reports indicate that Charles Bwale

who coached the Under-20 national team during the Mopani sponsored COSAFA tournament in Kitwe, last year would take over. Two other officials that have been fired are Ernest Chisanga (Assistant coach) and Christopher Katongo (Team official). A new appointee on the technical bench, Dias Kakunta has since been unveiled while there has been no official communication on the new coach.



Arsenal defender Hector Bellerin reacts after picking up a knee injury against Chelsea on Saturday. AFP

# Ronaldo avoids jail but hit by hefty fine for tax fraud in Spain

Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo avoided jail on Tuesday but was ordered by a Spanish court to pay

3.57 million euros (\$4.1 million) for committing tax fraud when he was at Real Madrid.

The court sentenced him to a two-year jail sentence that it immediately reduced to a fine of 365,000 euros, which adds on to another penalty of 3.2 million euros, the sentence read.

A court spokesman said he did not know whether this would be added on to the 18.8 million euros that Ronaldo had agreed to pay Spain's taxman under a deal reached in June with the player's lawyers. Ronaldo, who last year joined Italian champions Juventus, returned to Madrid for the court appearance which lasted around 40 minutes as the deal was officially presented to the judge. "I am very well," the five-time Ballon d'Or winner told the crowd of reporters gathered outside of the court in northeastern Madrid as he left the hearing. He signed a few autographs before leaving in a black van.

The court refused the player's request to appear by video or to enter the building by car to avoid the spotlight.

Ronaldo, 33, smiled broadly as he arrived at the court dressed in black trousers, a black turtleneck and dark sunglasses, holding hands with his girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez.

Police officers escorted him.

He had played for Juventus on Monday night, missing a penalty as the Italian league leaders eased past bottom club Chievo 3-0.

- Offshore companies - Madrid prosecutors opened a probe into Ronaldo in June 2017 and he was questioned in July that same year.

"I have never hidden anything, nor have I had the intention of evading taxes," he told the court then, according to a statement from the sports agency which represents him, Gestifute.

Prosecutors accused him of having used companies in low-tax foreign jurisdictions -- notably the British Virgin Islands and Ireland -- to avoid paying the tax due in Spain on payments for his image rights between 2011 and 2014.

His lawyers argued there had been a difference in interpretation of what was and was not taxable in Spain, and deny any deliberate attempt to evade tax.

But under the deal between Spain's tax authorities and his lawyers, Ronaldo pleaded guilty to four counts of tax fraud. AFP



Kevin-Prince Boateng (C) is unveiled by Barcelona after joining the club on loan for the rest of the season

By Abraham Kalito

Zambia's international soccer star Stoppila Sunzu spent last Thursday evening in jail over alleged domestic violence involving his pregnant wife Gift, French media has reported. According to local newspapers, the Chipolopolo central defender who plays his professional football at French league 2 side FC Metz in Lorraine, is accused of having used violence on his wife, but the player said he was only attempting to bring to an end an altercation between his wife and another woman. He was released on Friday morning and only made the bench when his club lost 2-1 to Clermont at

# French Police arrest Stoppila Sunzu for GBV

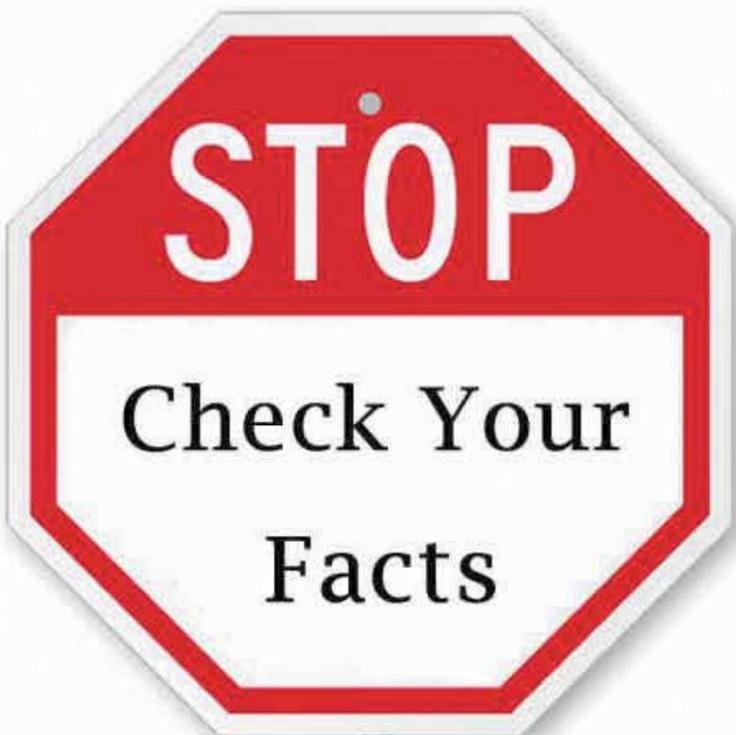
home on Friday night. "Somehow, the players are blaming him for the side's loss so he has a very important French Cup game against Monaco today (yesterday) and the club officials are not allowing him to talk to anyone so that he can focus on training, a source at the club told News Diggers, Tuesday. "After the game you should be able to interview him

and probably he can narrate what happened. But he is very fine and the issues with his wife have been resolved. I am sure you are aware that his wife is also Zambian. So maybe you can talk to her to find out what transpired." When contacted, Zambia's Ambassador to France Dr Christine Kaseba said her office was also making frantic efforts to reach the soccer player in order

to establish details of the incident, but said she was confident that he was fine despite spending a night in prison cells. In February 2017, the celebrated soccer star bought a latest Mercedes-Benz GLC AMG for his wife Gift, sending an instant "Sunzu challenge" on social media as fans applauded him for demonstrating his love materially.

His family organised a surprise event for Gift's gift at East Park mall where the black sports runner was parked and decorated with red ribbons before it was officially handed over to the lucky wife who immediately gave it a test drive. Sunzu is a 2012 Africa Cup of Nations champion and scored the winning goal against Ivory Coast in a final played in Gabon

# BUFFALOES APPOINT CHARLES BWALE



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Or via whatsapp on 0977708285
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*By Alex Chilumbwe*

Green Buffaloes have confirmed Charles Bwale as Biltone Musonda's replacement while Peter Mutale from Young Green Buffaloes technical bench has been appointed as his assistant.

Musonda was relieved of his duties as head coach of the army side on Monday after underwhelming performances when his team should have held off rivals to win the Super Division in both of his last two seasons

The outgoing Musonda however guided his former charges to a Barclays Cup triumph in 2015 and two CAF Confederations League campaigns after a notably long absence in continental football.

"I have been relieved of my duties and there's and there will be no bad blood between me and club management. I'm glad that they trusted me enough to coach the boys and every memory made at Green Buffaloes will always be special to me. I now have to figure out my next step in coaching," said Musonda when interviewed by Goal Diggers yesterday. Yesterday, Musonda bid fairwel to the combatants and wished them well in their future football endeavours.

