



# MUSENGE FOOLISH - KAMBWILI

## ...he wants money to buy tyres for his car

By Mukosha Funga

Chishimba Kambwili yesterday mocked National Democratic Congress (NDC) secretary general Mwenya Musenge, saying his desperate financial situation, that has pushed him to sell out to the Patriotic Front, can be seen from how finished the tyres on his car are.

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Mpika-Nakonde Road was yesterday washed away following heavy rains, thereby rendering road users on both ends cut off

By Joseph Mwenda

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Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini says the protest by PF cadres at Parliament last Thursday amounts to intimidation and they are liable for arrest and prosecution. In a ruling on several points of order raised by opposition members of parliament over the protest, Wednesday, Speaker Matibini said the protest was a breach of parliamentary privilege. “Honourable members, information supplied to my office by the National Assembly security department is that on the material day, at around 13:40 hours, about eight Rosa buses ferried people wearing Patriotic Front (PF) regalia to the main gate, the occupants disembarked and started advancing towards the main gate. Honourable members, owing to the large number of people that gathered at the gate, the left lane of the road was completely occupied by the protesters. As a result, vehicles entering and leaving the precincts of Parliament could only use the right lane. This obviously caused a disruption in the smooth flow of traffic in and out of the

Parliamentary precincts. The Zambia Police Service officers were on hand to manage the security situation outside the premises while National Assembly Parliamentary security officers concentrated on screening vehicles entering the precincts of the National Assembly,” Speaker Matibini said. “I am further informed that the police officers were reluctant to remove the cadres that had blocked the road as they feared that the already volatile situation, would escalate. Honourable members, I am further informed that there was no injury to any person or damage caused to any motor vehicle of a member of parliament, staff of the National Assembly or indeed any member of the public on the material day. Lastly, the cadres eventually left the main gate area around 14:40 hours, on their own accord. It is self-evident from the attire and the placards that the cadres were carrying that they were either Patriotic Front (PF) cadres or their sympathizers, who were apparently expressing their dissatisfaction with the conduct and outcome of

the Sesheke Parliamentary by-elections. Honourable members, I would like to state from the outset that Article 88 (1) of the Constitution of Zambia, Cap. 1 of the laws of Zambia, gives citizens the right to petition the National Assembly. It is couched in the following terms ‘A citizen may petition the National Assembly to initiate the enactment, amendment or repeal of legislation.’ He outlined the correct manner in which aggrieved parties were supposed to protest. “Further, standing order 160 (1) of the National Assembly of Zambia standing orders, 2016 allows citizens to petition the National Assembly on any subject matter that falls within its jurisdiction. Honourable members, where citizens seek to petition Parliament, there is a procedure provided for in standing order 160 (3) and (4) as follows: (3) A citizen who wishes to petition the Assembly... shall deliver or send to the office of the clerk, during normal working hours, a type-written letter or a completed form in Appendix I to these standing orders. (4) the letter

under paragraph 3 shall be addressed to the Speaker; ask the House to take action on a specified subject matter; be signed by a petitioner; be in English language; and have the full name of the petitioner; address and a day time telephone number,” he said. Speaker Matibini said police presence was enhanced at Parliament after he engaged Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja after the episode. “In the instant case, the preceding procedure was not followed at all. While no injury or damage to property was caused, I wish to state that the conduct of the PF cadres and their sympathisers at the main gate amounted to intimidation and harassment of members of parliament. The conduct in question was not only a breach to Parliamentary privilege but also an offense under the National Assembly (powers and privileges) Act, making the offenders liable to being arrested and prosecuted. Honourable members, on the material day, I engaged the Inspector General of the Zambia Police Service. During that engagement, I expressed concern about

the security of members of parliament and other persons entering the precincts of Parliament. The Inspector General assured me that the Zambia Police Service would keep vigil, around the precincts of Parliament, until the situation is normalised. It is for this reason that, since then, a high presence around the precincts of Parliament has been maintained,” he said. Speaker Matibini, however, said he had no jurisdiction to mete out punishment on the PF cadres because the application and enforcement of the Public Order Act falls under the domain of the Zambia Police Service. “The legal requirement for any person who intends to assemble or convene a public meeting, procession or demonstration to give the police at least seven days notice of the person’s intention to assemble or convene such meeting, procession or demonstration. In his point of order, Mr G G Nkombo, MP, asserted that the cadres in question gathered without notifying the police as required by section 5 (4) of the Public Order Act. He went on to assert that section 5 (4) of the Public Order Act requires a person who intends to hold a public

assembly to notify the police of the meeting at least seven days prior to the day of the meeting. To this end, I must hasten to add that the application and enforcement of the Public Order Act falls under the domain of the Zambia Police Service, while its interpretation is a preserve of the courts of law. Therefore, I have no jurisdiction in the administration or enforcement of the Public Order Act,” ruled Speaker Matibini. “As I conclude, let me say this, it is self-evident that the events of Thursday, 14th February, 2019, are upshot of the just ended by-election in Sesheke. It is common knowledge that the by-election was marred with violence. Therefore, incumbent, especially upon us assembled here in this August House to reflect deeply on violence that marred the just ended by-election. And collectively, make concerted efforts to forestall the recurrence such violence. Practicing violence is in our politicking is not a panacea. It is in fact said that violence breeds violence. We should, therefore, take collective responsibility for maintaining and cherishing peace, a value that Zambia has been renowned to guard jealously, time immemorial.”

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PF deputy Secretary General Mumbi Phiri says UPND president Hakainde Hichilema and his fellow opposition alliance leaders are behaving like malnourished paediatric children whose brains cannot function. Phiri was responding to the claim by the opposition alliance that President Edgar Lungu and his State House aids were running a militia in the country which was responsible for terrorising citizens. The opposition alliance also claimed that State House police attempted to assassinate Hichilema in Sesheke, but the ruling party deputy CEO has rubbished both claims “For me, I find it difficult to respond to gray haired men who are behaving like paediatric children. It is very disappointing, and if you saw the people who were on the panel, it is men only, did you see a woman? If anything, we saw Nalumango, Whitney Nalumango, their flower girl seated in the back seat. You can't have adults who are not thinking properly. Now some of them have even abandoned their political parties to come and join a political party which has been singing about taking the government to The Hague from 2016 up to date. When are they going to do that? I heard them, even mentioning innocent people. You can see the pettiness in these paediatric brains of these old men with small brains. It is very unfortunate,” Phiri charged. Asked to explain what kind of training the PF was subjecting it's youths to, Phiri said the ruling party had no militia. “We don't, that's why I am calling them paediatrics. And you know, when you have paediatric children, those who are healthy, it is even okay but these men are behaving like those paediatric children who have suffered malnutrition. If a child suffers malnutrition, even their capacity of thinking is reduced. Which militia are they talking about? There is

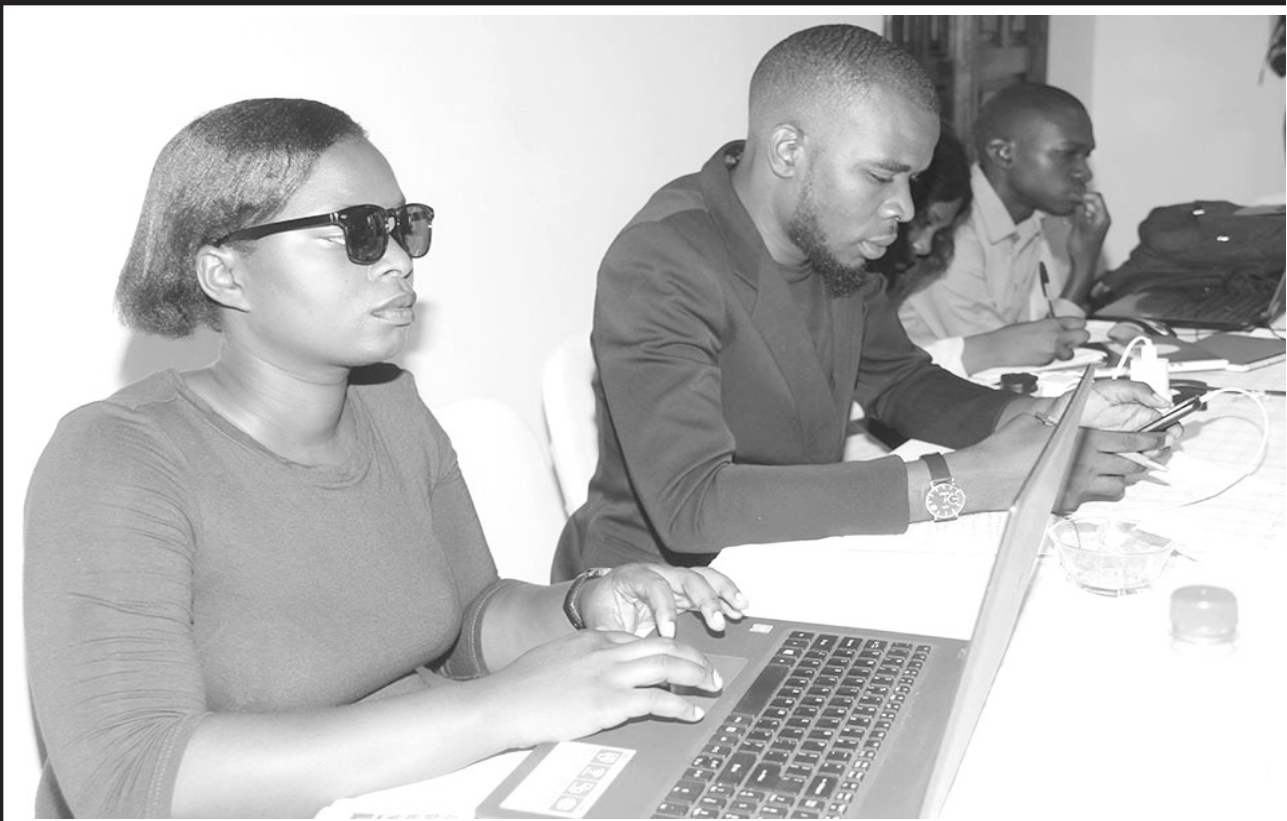
no militia. And those claims that State House police tried to assassinate HH; Imwe! Can you play with the government if they want to kill you? Who is HH? If the state wanted to do that, can you fight with government? He should thank God that we have a leadership, both in the PF and in the executive who are God fearing and they respect human life,” she said. “I am on record, and I even advised our members that stop talking about Mr Hakainde Hichilema because he is our easy target to defeat. Come 2021, he will lose pants down. Mark my words. Because he is a finished politician, in fact, he is not a politician, he is a technocrat. So how can we be scared of him? Somebody who doesn't add value to politics. Look at even his facial expression, does a politician look like that?” And Phiri said in petitioning the Sesheke parliamentary seat, the PF will rely on the declaration by the newly elected UPND member of parliament Romeo Kang'ombe, who said the elections were not free and fair because there was too much violence. “We have said that we are

petitioning that seat and that was valuable information which he gave us. We are going to present before the courts of

law because even the candidate himself acknowledges it, so we are not lying that there was violence, intimidation. He has

helped us because it is very difficult to prove witchcraft in the courts of law but it is coming from the mouth of the

candidate himself. He is also equally shocked that he won the election despite violence,” said Phiri.



Sipilisiwe Ncube from News Diggers! Newspaper and Alfred Mwansa from Diamond TV at the OSISA/News Diggers! media training workshop at Lusaka's Palmwood Lodge - Photo by Tenson Mkhala

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banks' average nominal lending rates, which edged up to 23.6 per cent by end of the fourth quarter of 2018, have constrained access to credit by the private sector. Data contained in the MPC statement shows that credit growth contracted by 0.9 per cent by the end of the fourth quarter of last year, compared to a growth of 14.3 per cent by September

30, 2018. BoZ governor Dr Denny Kalyalya explained during the latest Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) announcement in Lusaka, Wednesday, that the rising lending rates have negatively affected credit growth in the local economy during the fourth quarter of 2018 compared to the previous quarter, a situation which has even restricted

government's access to credit on the market. “Our upshot here is that, high lending rates continue to constrain the private sector's access to credit. Now, we see that credit growth [grew] by 1.3 per cent, which was down from 9.9 per cent [in the third quarter]; this is the contraction we are talking about,” Dr Kalyalya said. “If we step out of the government side of things, we see that credit contracted by 0.9 per cent [compared to a growth of 14.3 per cent in the previous quarter]. This, when you compare to 14.3 per cent, for us, as a Monetary Policy Committee, this is a concern and that's one of the reason why we felt that the [Monetary] Policy Rate shouldn't be adjusted upwards.” He revealed the extent of tightened liquidity on the local financial market as illustrated by government's limited access to credit during the last quarter of 2018. “Even to government, you see, credit fell to 3.3 per cent [in the fourth quarter

from 6.2 per cent in the preceding quarter] because liquidity conditions tightened almost by half! Now, when you look at the private sector directly; the contraction was 4.6 per cent from an increase of 19.2 per cent. That's a huge decline, which is a concern. This continued sluggish growth in credit to private enterprises remains a challenge to supporting strong private sector-led economic activity,” said Dr Kalyalya. BoZ data equally shows that growth in credit to households in the country fell to 2.3 per cent by the end of the last quarter of 2018 compared to 7.5 per cent during the third quarter up to September 30, representing almost a 70 per cent decline. The central bank maintained the MPR at 9.75 per cent, while also keeping the Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) at five per cent, for the fourth successive time since last February in a bid to induce lower interest rates and continue supporting economic growth.

# Economist denies illegally accessing UNZA data using Parley IP address

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
A 33-year-old economist has pleaded not guilty to two counts of unauthorized access of the University of Zambia (UNZA) data using an IP address domiciled at Parliament. In this matter, Andrew Mwewa, of Chilenje South, is facing two counts of unauthorized access or interfering with data contrary to Section 99 (1) of the Electronic Communications and Transaction Act no 21 of 2009 of the Laws of Zambia.

It is alleged that on various dates, Mwewa who was working as a driver at the University at that time, gained access to the system and used it to reduce students loans upon request for a fee. In count one, it is alleged that on July 31, 2017 in Lusaka, Mwewa intentionally accessed or interfered with data of the University of Zambia by using user name Inzara on IP address 197.220.196.54, without authority. And in count two, it is alleged that on January 26, 2019 in Lusaka, Mwewa

intentionally accessed or interfered with data of the University of Zambia by using IP 41.77.145.34 for Parliament without authority. When the matter came up for plea before magistrate Humphrey Chitalu, Wednesday, Mwewa denied both charges. He was later granted bail of K20,000 in his own recognizance with two working sureties bound in the like sum. The matter has since been adjourned to April 1, 2019, for commencement of trial.



# Dialogue has failed because PF is using divide and rule tactics - Telesphore

**By Mukosha Funga**

Archbishop Telesphore Mpundu says dialogue has failed because the Patriotic Front is using the divide and rule tactics. And Archbishop Mpundu says former UPND vice-president Dr Canisius Banda should find better ways of lobbying for a job from the ruling party instead of spreading hallucinations. Featured on Pan African Radio on January 9, this year, Banda claimed that Archbishop Mpundu was making the work of his successor Archbishop Alick Banda difficult because he had refused to surrender the diocese office. Dr Banda claimed that Archbishop Banda was renting a house in Kalingalinga because Archbishop Mpundu had refused to vacate the official residence for the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lusaka. But in this verbatim interview, Archbishop Mpundu regrets the ‘insults’ which have been poured on the church regarding national dialogue, saying had he still been in the ZCCB leadership, he would have advised the clergy to step aside and see how far the politicians could go on their own. The immediate past Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lusaka also adds that the Ministry of National Guidance, the National Day of Prayer and the National House of Prayer have brought confusion. Q. What do you think will happen in 2021 if this dialogue process fails to take place? A. This is a self-inflicted wound... it is us Zambians who hounded out the Commonwealth and now we are left on our own. And now they want to hound out the church. To me, it [the dialogue process] won't go anywhere. Our politicians don't know how to talk to each other. They will end up tearing each other to bits and what will happen in this country, we'll be a country so antagonised, so polarised. Just a little much can bring about a lot of violence in this country. It is the political players who are to blame and it is a self-inflicted wound. For me, if I had been in the ZCCB leadership, I would simply say 'let's wait and see what they can do'. If they come to us, we can say 'you are going to tell the people the insults that you were throwing at us are regrettable and you apologise, we can help'. Right from the word go, the executive had wanted the ZCID to lead this and right from the word go, the opposition political party leaders said they would not be there because they know those who were planted there were all supporting the executive. So they said they would feel unprotected if the Church was not there. We feel really bad. We want to help but they say 'no, you are inflicted with leprosy' but when we stay away, they say what is the church doing? Takuli ifisuma iyo (there is nothing good). These are the rewards of being a prophetic church and the executive is very good at

divide and rule. They divide us as churches and within churches, as individuals. I remember one time we had some kind of meeting with the church mother bodies but one of the members was not there and he was telling us he was on the way. And one of the functionaries said 'go and see what is happening'. Reverend Pukuta Mwanza was talking to people from the government in another room, at their own headquarters. So he came back and reported that this man is supposed to be here, to be with us so that we exchange notes, compare our experiences and this man is flirting with the PF top people. There came one dissenting voice here and another one, and they were very happy 'you see, Mpundu is on his own'. 'Divide et impera', those are the tactics of the Romans. They were very brutal people but they were also very clever. So they will go in one particular church and divide the leaders, they are even talking of a House of Prayer and we said 'no, we don't need it'. In fact, they were even talking about a Cathedral. But a Cathedral is a house of prayer, so who is going to be a bishop there? It is Lungu and his people. And who are conducting the prayers? It is the military and born again people, that prayer session does not start until the President comes, not a priest, not a pastor, it is the President pontificating like a pontifex maximus. We said no! If we have a national day of prayer, let us pray in our own churches like we used to do, every Sunday, before independence, all the churches, in their own way, prayed for the peace and development of this country. And then they get priests like... who go there pontificating. Those people are crazy and those are the people they want to use. And now there is a Minister of National Guidance and whatever and then you have our own evangelical pastors. Who is going to lead the prayers? Who is really the driving force? It is messy. We have this national day of prayer but it has been hijacked and there is a national tabernacle there, division between Catholics and CCZ, and ZCCB. Let us all say no to this national house of prayer. Who is going to be paying for it? How is it going to be built? Poor Zambia. Q. Do you agree with Dr Banda's remarks that the church does not have the mandate to lead the dialogue process? Dr Banda says the church is not needed in the dialogue process. But he doesn't know the background of this movement...we were asked to do this by the President and we took it up. Now that we took it up, they are saying we have hijacked the whole thing, it is not fair, you don't know where we have come from. It shows how confused this man is. I don't know who he consulted about that, we were not there to hijack the process, we were asked. And to say

that Bishop [Alick] Banda, fine man, is not functional anymore because he is renting a house in Kalingalinga and this will have an impact on the national dialogue, how do the two go together? Q. What was your reaction to Dr Banda's remarks that you are refusing to vacate the house where your successor is supposed to stay in? A. The concerns that were raised by Dr Canisius Banda that I am hanging around in a house where I am not supposed to be is a perfect fabrication because there has never been any official residence of the Archbishop of Lusaka at the Pope Square, to date. When the new one was appointed, we have a house that belongs to the Archdiocese of Lusaka in Ibex Hill and that's where he is staying. He is very comfortable in Ibex, he has never rented a house in Kalingalinga, never! Where did this man get all this information from? This is fantasy, a fabrication. I would have liked to meet Dr Canisius because how can he come up with fabrications? A man who is educated comes

up with fabrications, he is a laughing stock in our Catholic circles. Talks about the Vatican, he doesn't even know what the Vatican consists of but he goes on and on. It is very unfair. If we were not Catholic Christians, we would sue this man in court and make him pay but we just treat his pronouncements with the contempt they deserve. Q. Dr Banda seems to be building a perception that there is acrimony between yourself and your successor, is this a true reflection of reality? A. It is an imagination of this Dr Canisius Banda, where does he get that from? When a bishop is appointed, he is appointed by the Pope himself, not anybody else. This man was appointed to succeed me. I had been appointed by the Pope in 2004 to be the Archbishop of Lusaka. So the Pope decided upon my request, contrary to Kachepa, contrary to the so-called social media that I had been sacked or pressurised to retire, no. In 2003, I had already asked to retire early because already, at that time, I was 17 years as bishop. And I was told in 2004 to come

to Lusaka so that was probably saying they were not listening to what I was asking for, an early retirement. So I was taken up from Mpika to Lusaka. So on 21st November 2004, I was installed as Archbishop of Lusaka. I had been working from that time until I said 'enough is enough. This is the 47th year for me to be a priest. I was ordained in 1972. This is the 32nd year as bishop. So I said 'enough is enough' I don't have to wait until I am 75 to retire. Finally, my request was accepted and I was the happiest person. And you know, the very day I was installed as Archbishop of Lusaka, that was the very day I was appointed as bishop 32 years ago. Even if I didn't want to resign and they told me to resign, I would still have to go. When the Pope speaks, you obey. We are trained like soldiers. And after asking to retire all those years someone says I want to hang around? It doesn't make sense. So that kind of ill-feeling is not there, Archbishop Banda is someone who is a generation behind me and I would be

trying to prevent him to become bishop? It doesn't make sense. Q. Speaking of being punched, most times you speak, some politicians accuse you of belonging to a certain opposition political party. Does this bother you? A. I am used to that. I have been a politician longer than most politicians were born... As a church, standing for the truth, are we going to tailor make our statements in such a way that the sitting government is going to be dancing with joy receiving that? No. It is not everyday that when the church speaks prophetically, the government is going to receive that with dancing and singing. A prophetic voice is one that unsettles people, breaks their consciences, we are used to that. This is not new, I went to a UPND function and everyone was up in arms. I still have a copy of what I told those people, I went there as a guest speaker on political violence. Doesn't make me UPND. It just shows how naïve we are in our politics, stone age politics. I am not scared of that.



Participants at the official launch of the OSISA/News Diggers! media training workshop at Palmwood Lodge in Lusaka on February 19, 2019 - Photo by Tenson Mkhala

## Govt shortlists American, European, Chinese firms for Batoka Gorge scheme

**By Stuart Lisulo**

The Zambezi River Authority Council of Ministers has shortlisted three foreign developers for the Batoka George Hydro Electric Scheme. According to a joint statement released, Wednesday, by Ministry of Finance spokesperson Chileshe Kandeta and Ministry of Energy Director of Energy Arnold Simwaba, the three shortlisted firms were: a Consortium of General Electric of USA and Power Construction Corporation of China; Salini Impregilo of Italy and a joint venture comprising (i) Three Gorges Corporation (ii) China International and Water Electric

Corporation, and; (iii) China Gezhouba Group Company Limited. And in a joint communique delivered at the end of the meeting held, Wednesday, at the David Livingstone Hotel in Livingstone and read by Council of Minister's Chairman, who is also Minister of Energy Matthew Nkhwa, the Ministers stated that the project will be schemed on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) financing model and will not put any fiscal strain on either the Zambian and Zimbabwean government as no sovereign guarantees will be required. The Ministers stated that three preparatory studies which include, (i) engineering feasibility study;

(ii) environmental and social impact assessment and (iii) legal and financial transaction advisory services, will be completed by end of the first quarter of 2019. The Ministers also agreed that the request for proposals will be launched by April, 2019, while the final developer for the gorge will be appointed by September, 2019. The other members of the Zambian delegation were Attorney General Likando Kalaluka, Ministry of Finance Permanent Secretary for Economic Management and Finance Mukuli Chikuba and Ministry of Energy Permanent Secretary Brigadier General (Rtd) Emeldah Chola.



*By Mukosha Funga*  
NAREP president Elias Chipimo has urged members of parliament to vote on principle rather than on partisan lines when it comes to matters affecting majority Zambians. On Wednesday, Kapiri Mposhi UPND member of parliament Stanley Kakubo moved a private

# Chipimo condemns PF for shooting down motion to reinstate meal allowances

member’s motion in Parliament, that the House urges government to rescind its decision to abolish the payment of meal

allowances to students at public universities but it failed after 81 members of parliament voted against the motion, defeating

58 MPs who were in support. And Minister of General Education David Mabumba, who was acting Minister of Higher Education, said the motion was incompetent, inappropriate and was informed by a fraudulent intention to incite students against government. But in an interview with News Diggers! Thursday, Chipimo wished MPs could vote on principle. “The problem we have is that when you belong to a party, there are implications if you don’t follow the party line. That’s why we always respect people who break party lines, morality drives them, usually they will fall out of favour from that particular party. We pray that we will have more people that will stand up and vote on principle rather than just on partisan lines,” he said. Chipimo observed with the abolishment of meal allowances, many students from poor backgrounds would suffer. “Reality is that most of these young people do not have independent means and many of them come from backgrounds which without

that support, they will struggle. If they are going to struggle that means that their studies will suffer. A comprehensive scholarship is necessary. They (government) should not have prioritized this as an area for cost reduction if they have budget constraints. They should have prioritized these areas which are highly consumptive and not helping the country,” he said. “Those highly consumptive areas which are not helping the country are actually the areas where the ministers themselves are the biggest culprits. They spend a lot of money on travel, allowance, they are very wasteful in terms of their fuel, so these are the areas where they should have demonstrated leadership by saying ‘let’s try and have an overall reduction on waste in the civil service generally, we can tight our belts there and lead by an example as ministers then we can put in place a plan to how we will restructure the funding of students at tertiary institutions.” Chipimo said government should have at least given the students notice so that they prepare themselves before

carrying out that action. “And if there is a serous shortfall even after they put in place those measures, you then need to give notice, you give students adequate time so that they can start to prepare. And you hope that during that time, the economy has picked up [and] people have jobs,” he said. And on Mabumba’s remarks that Kakubo’s motion was incompetent, inappropriate and was informed by a fraudulent intention to incite students against government, Chipimo said the opposition should be given the right to champion issues on behalf of citizens because that’s their role in society. “We need to understand what the real issue is here. Whether students are incited or not, its not the issue. The issue is that, ‘should the students who are sponsored by the State continue to receive meal allowance?’ The problem is we try and make everything political. These are just real issues, the politicians champion them because other people don’t have a voice so they have to obviously work through the politicians. The PF itself rose to prominence on the back of pushing the agenda for the ordinary Zambians. All the opposition must be given the right to do exactly the same thing because that’s their role in society,” said Chipimo.



*Solwezi-based entrepreneur Edgar Mutanuka (right) and his friend Wilfred display some ducks for Fortune World Investments Limited managing director Mukumbi Kafuta (left) during a mentorship visit. According to Mutanuka, the duck rearing business is profitable given the high demand from Chinese consumers in the country – Picture courtesy of SUMA SYSTEMS*

# ‘Mental disorders are just like any illness’, says Psych Health Zambia

*By Mirriam Chabala*  
Globally, over 75 per cent of people living with mental illnesses, do not receive any form of treatment from healthcare facilities. This situation is even worse in Zambia, given that the country does not have enough mental health facilities and staff in this discipline. Evidence suggests that factors increasing the likelihood of treatment avoidance or delay before presenting care to mental patients include: lack of knowledge to identify features of mental illness; ignorance about how to access treatment; prejudice against people who have mental illness and the usual discrimination against people diagnosed with mental illness. Against this background, Psych Health Zambia, an institution that offers non-drug clinical services, capacity-building and research on mental health came into being to supplement the current health services being offered in the country.

Established in 2014 with a staff compliment of only two people at that time, Psych Health has offered various mental health services to a large section of the Zambian population and has now expanded to include 11 members of staff with expertise in psychology, medical sociology, health economics, public health, business management and law. News Diggers! caught up with the pioneers of Psych Health Zambia, who gave more details about what services the organization offers; what inspired this group of young people to come up such an initiative and how the response has been so far. Kayumba Chiwele Tambatamba is Psych Health’s Clinical Services Director and she explained how her organization operates and gave its difference from other mental facilities. “As opposed to Chainama Mental Hospital, which is a mental health institution where they provide rehabilitation and medication for mental patients, we are an

institution that’s offering non-drug psychotherapy services to people with mental disorders and even other situations that are on the social-end such as marriage counselling; couples counselling and stress in the work place; stress in life and learning disabilities. We also offer training to corporate companies, where we cover topics such as sexual harassment, stress in the work place and mental health in a work place...just different themes, depending on what the company specifies for their clientele. But basically, we deal with mental health as broad as you can think of it, all mental health disorders; we are able to treat, through psychotherapy,” Tambatamba explained. Bearing in mind that there is less awareness about mental health in Zambia, Tambatamba explained that Psych Health Zambia had initiated a programme dubbed ‘Tilitonse,’ where survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), who may have been psychologically defeated, are being

empowered through counselling. “There is definitely not enough awareness in Zambia about mental illnesses, that’s why we even came up with Tilitonse (meaning we are together), which our main aim is to increase awareness throughout the country, especially in those rural areas that may not have information. Then secondly, through the Tilitonse campaign, we are trying to also reduce the stigma that’s associated with mental health because a lot of people, when they hear mental health, they think it’s witchcraft or that there is Satanism involved. So, we want people to be aware and understand what causes mental illness; where it comes from; who can get a mental disorder; how it can be treated and where to get health care. Mental health is just like any illness, like when you have malaria, you go the doctor, so when you have mental illness, it’s the same way; it can be treated as well at the clinic or at the hospital. So, we are trying to make sure that these are available even in rural

areas so that people should know to say ‘if my daughter is showing such symptoms or behaving in a certain way, I can take them to so and so,” Tambatamba explained. Under the Tilitonse, Psych Health Zambia is working with media as much as possible, conducting outreach programmes in various communities where they are educating people about what mental health is. “We want people to understand that when they see a person picking dirt and things like that, this is one kind of disorder they may possibly have and this is what we may do to help them; just so they understand what causes mental illness. There are a lot of different types of mental illness and people don’t understand that; they simply use the word ‘mad’ but they don’t understand what types of disorders there are. So, we want to do as much as we can, through talk shows in schools and communities to help people understand what mental health is all about and how they can help people who are affected by it,” Tambatamba narrated. Asked what motivated her team to come up this initiative, Tambatamba said the institution was not only providing health care to mental patients, but had also provided jobs for the unemployed people. “Basically, we looked at the fact that in this whole country, we only have one mental institution, which is Chainama, and Chainama is responsible for all the 10 provinces that we have. We do have psychiatric units in some hospitals here and there, but they are small and they are not able to handle the capacity of the demand within all these provinces and towns so we decided to come up with this. But on top of that, there is also the aspect of unemployment, but by coming up with this, we are bridging the gap between youth unemployment and also the service delivery in mental institutions that is not meeting the needs of the people in our

country,” explained Tambatamba. And explaining how the journey of the provision of mental health services through Psych health has been, the institution’s Business Development Director Chewe Mulenga said the response had been overwhelming. He also said the institution was hoping to start performing even better once the Mental health Bill is passed by Parliament, hopefully during the current sitting. “The response has been overwhelming! We have had companies like the Copperbelt Energy; Zambia National Building Society; Lusaka Golf Club... who have approached us for training in specific sessions. So, the response has really been overwhelming. We’ve also had meetings with the Minister of Health (Dr Chitalu Chilufya) and he mentioned that he will be presenting the Mental Health Bill to Parliament this year and when that happens, it’s going to open even more doors. So, we are partnering with the Ministry of Health because even when we want to work in these communities, we want to take advantage of the community health centres since they are already established structures where we can be able to put our therapists for sustainable purposes,” explained Mulenga. “I think people are going to be enlightened because then, they will get to know more. So, if the Bill passes, then there are obviously going to be deliberate policies of how every hospital should have a person in charge of mental health like a therapist or someone that has the technical know-how so that if someone goes to the hospital, they do not just say ‘okay this is malaria’ or ‘we do not understand what this is’. So, that presents an opportunity even for us to say ‘can we at least be helping in training people and all that’ because the idea is, apart from raising awareness on mental health, we want to get into communities and train community leaders that they should be able to be counsellors.”

# I’ll take back Matero, Kaziya isn’t working - Sampa

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa says he will take back Matero constituency if incumbent member of parliament Lloyd Kaziya does not up his game by 2021. Sampa told News Diggers in an interview that the constituency had deteriorated since Kaziya took over. “If he does not pull up his socks, yes, [I will get back that seat from him]; if he does not improve his performance in the remaining two years. Instead of attacking and blaming me for his under-performance, it’s not too late to blame himself and improve his output,” Sampa said. Sampa, who has dragged his successor to court for defamation, said if he won the case, he would donate the money to Matero youths. “That was said two weeks ago when I was

giving the cleanest house award of K1,000 to a resident of Matero in Lilanda. I am only defending myself as the MP Kaziya attacked me first in the Vision Newspaper of December, 2018, when he said that he has failed to perform because Miles Sampa collects money from Matero stadium. So, I have taken him to court for defamation so he can prove, which money I get from Matero and who pays it to me. I have spent huge cash in Matero [in the] last 7 years and for one to accuse me of getting money where I have spent a lot of it, I want them to prove to me and the court dates and amounts that I got from Matero stadium. If I win this case and awarded damages, I will donate all the money to youths of Matero to continue with the metro concept of empowerment,” Sampa said. Sampa said even the local football teams,

which he helped move from lower divisions to the FAZ Premier League, had been relegated under Kaziya’s watch. “Yes, and this can be proved via local football teams. When I became MP in 2011, I found the local team Lusaka Tigers in Division 2. Within 3 years, as patron of the team, we got it promoted to Division One and to FAZ Premier League! When he (Kaziya) took over as MP, he has seen or observed Tigers been relegated each year he has been MP from [the] Premier League to now Division 2. I don’t think he has ever gone to watch Tigers play at the same Matero stadium that he is making malicious accusations against me! I may run the risk of blowing my own trumpet if I say I performed better than him. I ask you to ask independent residents of Matero to answer that question,” said Sampa.





# Higher Education !

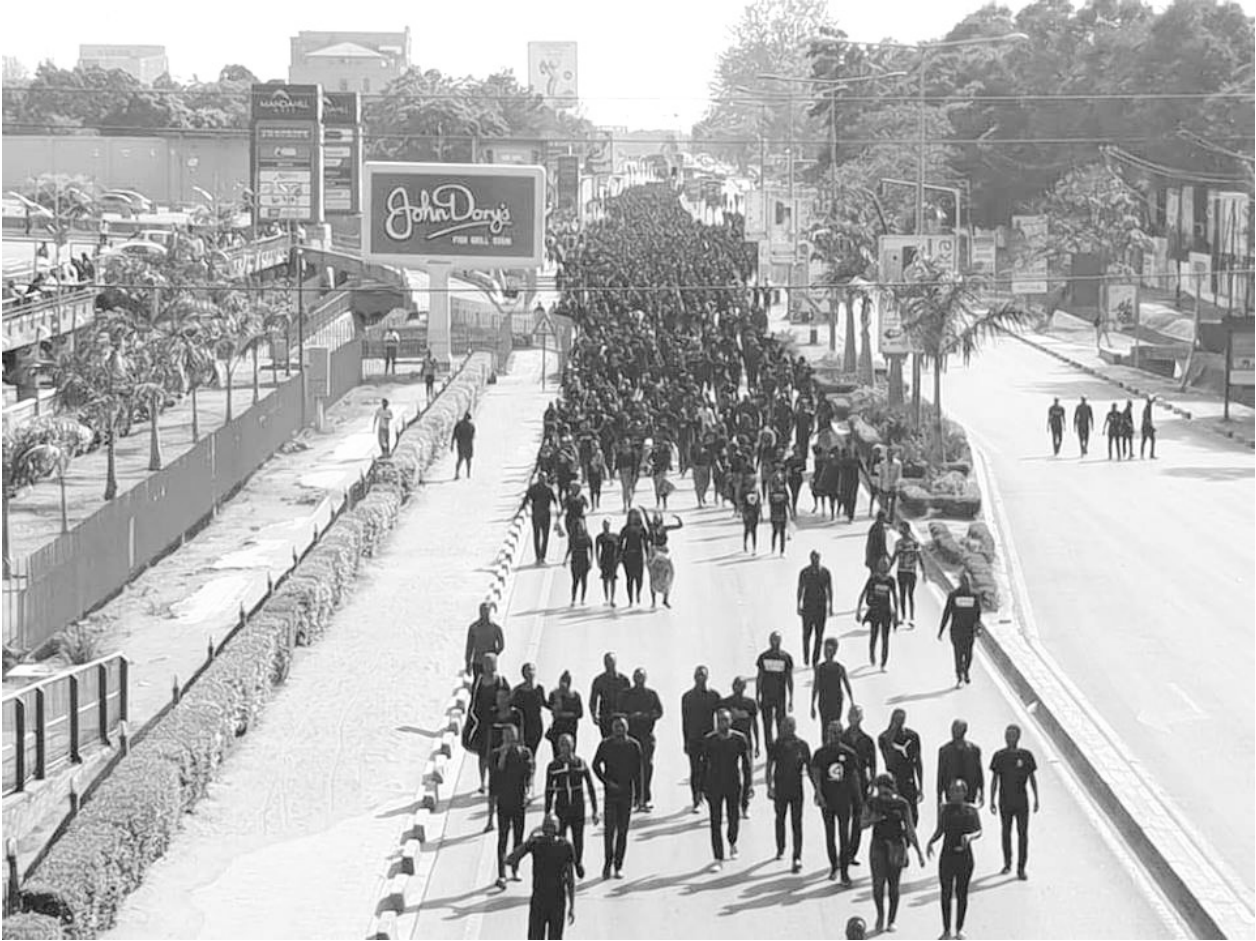
By Andyford Mayele Banda

To start with, if you belong to a group where you are programmed to agree 99% of the time to something whether it's right or wrong, and it is clear you are only doing so in order to continue enjoying some privileges, just know that you are on a destructive path. That's the current state of the ruling Patriotic Front led parliament. They must have some fear in them and the adage, "Don't be afraid of being different; be afraid of being the same as everyone else" doesn't apply them. Borrowing the words used by British High Commissioner Fergus Cochrane-Dyett when he extolled News Diggers for their work, that it's not a 'Yes bwana' newspaper, we can confidently say unfortunately that the opposite is true for the ruling PF parliamentarians. The ruling PF parliamentarians are 'YES BWANA' type of MPs. Unfortunately, their allegiance is not to the people that elected them but to the party. This is what happened just the other day when 81 PF MPs decided to vote against a motion to rescind government's decision to abolish meal allowances defeating the opposition who were in support.

I would have expected this motion to have been an emotional issue for some members of parliament on the PF bench who deep down their hearts know that had it not been for government bursaries and the same meal allowances, they wouldn't have advanced their education. These are the same members who were demonstrating at UNZA or CBU when meal allowances are delayed but today because they don't want to give a chance to the next person are the first people to shoot down such a motion. It is not clear whether the same Higher Education Minister Prof. Nkandu Luo is a product of bursaries and meal allowances. This could explain her lack of understanding and the reason why she has presided over some of the most turbulent period for public learning institutions from UNZA, CBU and Nkwame Kuruma, just to mention a few.

On the other hand, this government must just be honest with itself. They are dead broke and the justification on the abolishment of meal allowances cannot suffice. The justification was that they wanted to expand the bursary program to cutter for more students in public universities and yet they have already failed to accommodate for a lot of students. The abolishment of the meal allowances is just one among many casualties to come due to the fact that the government has no money. According to <https://www.unza.zm/international/?p=history>, in October 1965, President Kenneth D. Kaunda gave the assent to Act no. 66 of the 1965 which gave birth to the University of Zambia in 1966. Over time, the university of Zambia has re-invented itself in several ways in response to the changing circumstances and challenges that the institution and the nation faces, starting in the mid-1980s. The first way in which the university was re-invented in the mid-1980s was with regard to the change of policy by the government when it introduced the payment of meal allowances directly to students. Previously, since its inception, all admitted Zambian students were automatically put on government bursary which covered tuition, accommodation in the university halls of Residences, book allowances that were deposited into the university bookshop, meal allowances, which were paid to the university, and students took their meals from the university dining halls, and a small stipend for upkeep. In addition to these facilities, students were provided with all the bedding requirements in the halls of residence. Thus, students did not have to bring their own personal beddings.

However, as a result of the 1980s challenges of the economic



melt-down of the Zambian economy, the government faced challenges in remitting funds to the university to meet the obligations of the bursary system. Consequently, the university began to face challenges in providing meal allowances to students resulting in several class boycotts. In response to this challenge the university administration proposed to government that the Bursaries Committee pay the meal allowances directly to the students and students would then buy their meals from the dining halls through cash payments. This request was implemented and students on government bursary were paid their meal allowances directly and were expected to then pay for their meals when they went to the dining halls for meals. It is clear that all these challenges that happened in the UNIP era were as a result of lack of adequate financial provision and planning to fund public universities. No government current or previous has put in place proper financing structures for public universities. Hence, we see all these disruptions. This is what the PAC will do differently. We shall ensure proper financing structures are put in place to avoid disruptions. The PAC government will channel selected guaranteed government revenue for the purpose of financing public universities. Education will be a priority under the PAC government as we understand that we need to invest in our future leaders-something the PF doesn't understand. The PAC will ensure prudent management of government resources in order for key sectors not to suffer consequences of abuse of funds as the case under the current administration.

The challenges being faced by public universities has been as a result of lack of long term planning on successive governments. This will change under the PAC government. The PAC government will ensure that universities start generating revenues in various sectors. The PAC government will create business opportunities for all public universities. They will have to create units that will solely focus on running profit making ventures in order to supplement government support. We shall also get into sustainable partnerships with the private sector in

order for them to support universities through corporate social responsibility.

Funding for public universities is a challenge because of the government's self-inflicted problems. Had the government been prudent in its management of resources, we wouldn't have seen a desperate ambush on key sectors such as education. Just imagine the wastefulness in buying 42 fire trucks at \$1,000,000 each, the purchase of ambulances at about \$270,000 as opposed to \$70,000, the mismanagement of mukula revenue, the mismanagement of social cash transfer, the overpriced projects such as buildings, tollgates, roads etc. These, plus the unnecessary expenditure such as presidential trips, first lady trips etc., are the reasons why the country is crawling. If management of all of these was prudent, it would have saved the country the much needed money and would have assiduously avoided unnecessary casualties in key sectors.

Ghana has decided to channel much of the discovered oil revenues towards ensuring that many of its people have access to education. President Nana Akufo-Addo announced this right here in Zambia when he was on a state visit. Instead of cutting funding, people who understand the importance of educating our population are doing the right thing by investing more money in the education sector. When we discovered mukula, all these people with connections got excited and scampered everywhere as it was time for them get rich dubiously instead of taking advantage of that mukula revenue to sort out key challenges such as public universities or health. Just because the PF government has failed to provide job opportunities for the learned masses and now finding them jobs as maids and drivers in Dubai, should not be the reason why we should not educate future generations. Posterity will judge us harshly if we don't effect change now.

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Chishimba Kambwili yesterday mocked National Democratic Congress (NDC) secretary general Mwenya Musenge, saying his desperate financial situation, that has pushed him to sell out to the Patriotic Front, can be seen from how finished the tyres on his car are.

And NDC national youth chairman Charles Kabwita said Musenge acted foolishly by deciding to expel a consultant from the opposition party, adding that the youths in the party would stand firm behind Kambwili.

Yesterday, Musenge announced on UNZA Radio that he had expelled Kambwili because he was putting the name of the party into ridicule.

But Kambwili said Musenge had started a war without understanding the consequences of his actions.

Speaking to journalists outside the Lusaka Magistrates' Court, Thursday, Kambwili said a secretary general cannot fire the leader of the organisation.

"We don't discuss internal political party matters in the press. Where I am standing, no one has served me a letter of expulsion, so why should we discuss internal matters in the press? Anybody who goes to discuss internal party matters to the press is foolish. Away from the NDC, have you ever seen a situation where a secretary general of an organisation, not NDC or PF, can expel a leader? What a joke?" he said.

And in an exclusive interview with News Diggers later, Kambwili said Musenge had been struggling financially, to an extent that he was failing to buy tyres for his vehicle.

"Jesus was sold by one of his disciples. Joseph in the Bible was sold by his own brothers so I cannot get surprised that a close friend can do something like that. Money is the source of all evil. My brother's tyres on the vehicle are finished. Go and see his vehicle, the tyres are finished!

# Musenge is foolish, says CK and NDC youths back him

He needs to buy tyres on his vehicle," Kambwili said as he tried to control his laughter at the NDC secretary general.

"Call him, go and see the tyres on the vehicle. If he cannot even buy tyres, you know what is happening to him financially. So I can only laugh at him and say mulekosa (you should learn to be strong). Politics are not for the faint hearted, politics is for men who can withstand the storm (...laughing). Not nga wapyafye ati balampelako K2, nala chita suspend consultant (not when you get broke you ask for K2 and say I will expel the consultant... laughs)."

He said PF deputy director general Mumbi Phiri had been holding discussions with Musenge.

"In fact this issue of expelling Chishimba Kambwili was being discussed in PF blogs last night because they all knew what they had sent Mwenya Musenge to do. But I still remain consultant for the NDC and member of parliament for Roan. Mumwebefye ayepoka indalama ishama tayela ku State House (just tell him to go and get money for his tyres at State House. We know that Mwenya Musenge has been meeting Mumbi Phiri for a long time. They have been planning to destroy NDC but NDC is bigger than Mwenya Musenge, it is bigger than any individual. It cannot be destroyed by one person. We saw this before, remember Saviour Chishimba went and put an injunction to go and restrain Mr Sata from filing his nomination. We have seen such in the past and I think my dear brother Mwenya Musenge is just wasting his time and disgracing himself," he said.

"Asked if he was stranded since Musenge's name appeared on the party's registration certificate, Kambwili laughed and said, "That is a big joke. Among those who registered MMD was Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika, they are no longer in MMD. When a political party is registered, it is registered for the members, not for an individual. Musenge is only one of the 10 who appear on the registration of NDC. So he doesn't have that power as an individual to do what he wants. The party belongs to the members and not those 10 who went to register." he warned that Musenge had started a war that was going to have consequences.

"Tell him that he has no authority whatsoever and if that's what PF is banking on now that 'no, NDC is destroyed so we have no contest', wrong bet. I can only tell Mwenya Musenge that in life, when you are starting a war, assess the risk, asses the consequences. He was just someone who was on the papers but that doesn't mean the party belongs to him. There is a Central Committee and the Central Committee will seat tomorrow to decide on Mwenya Musenge's conduct and behaviour."

And Kambwili expressed shock that Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya could threaten him with an arrest over

his altercation with an Indian who was operating a compactor. "Dora Siliya had a briefing yesterday where she indicated that I might be arrested, I might face criminal charges over that ordeal with the compactor driver. I am extremely disappointed. This country cannot continue on a trajectory where politicians keep directing the police to do wrong things. By virtue of the fact that Siliya said I might be arrested, she was giving indirect instructions to the police. And what surprises me is they don't even know how the whole thing started and they just rush to saying I abused that Indian guy," he said.

"What transpired is that we were moving on that road and all of a sudden, that compactor came on the road, almost hitting us. I didn't even know who was driving so I reversed to go and talk to the person to drive properly and only to find it was a foreigner. So I asked 'why are you driving so carelessly and do you even have a permit to operate this machine? Then he started laughing and I said 'you cannot laugh, this is a matter of life and death, you could have killed us if my driver wasn't careful. And because he was laughing and not taking us seriously, I told him 'then you can go back to your country, you can't

come and try and kill Zambians in their own country' And as I was coming, I said, that's the problem with this government, allowing someone from India to come and operate a compactor and yet Zambians have got no jobs." Kambwili said he was used to being arrested.

"Instead of arresting that Indian who wanted to kill us, Siliya is giving an instruction that I should be arrested, I think this country needs to be brought to normalcy. How many people have complained about bringing foreign people to work in this country? For me to complain it becomes an offence? Where's freedom of expression? I know what they are planning and I am ready. I am now used to being arrested on trumped up charges. Even on this one, come and arrest me, I will go to court and explain".

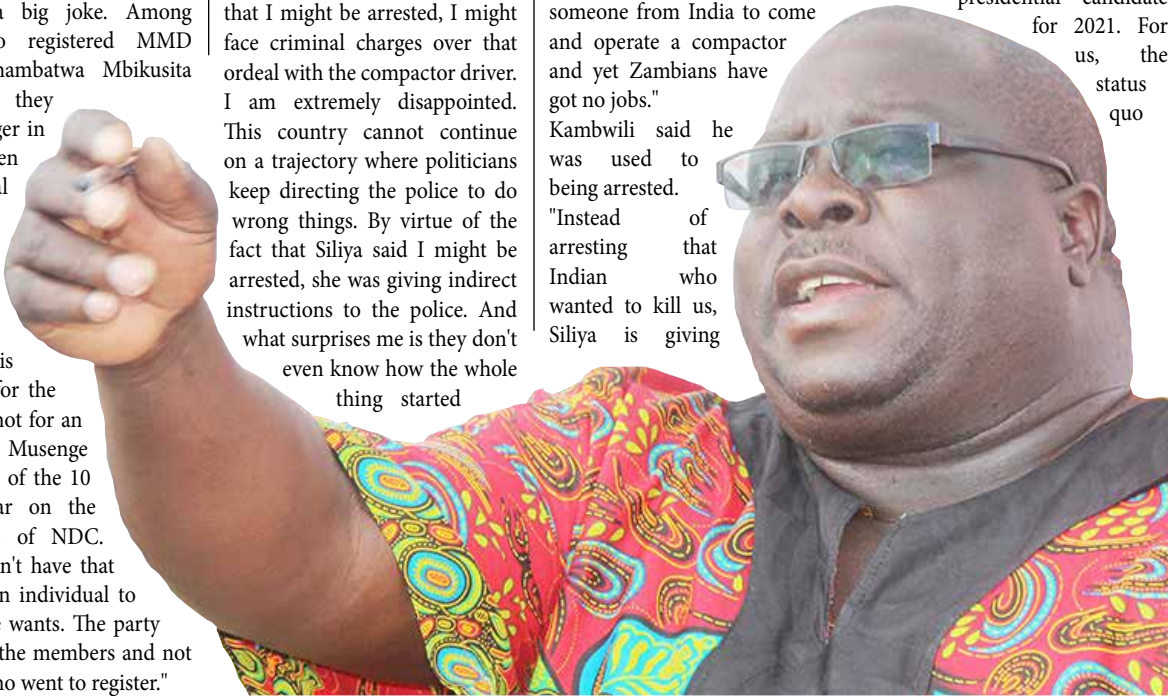
Meanwhile, NDC vice-president Joseph Akafumba told a media briefing at the party secretariat that Musenge spoke as a lone voice and the central committee would decide what to do about his actions today.

And NDC youths have renounced Musenge, saying the party Secretary General is a sell out who is not representing the views of the majority.

Youth chairperson Charles Kabwita told News Diggers in a separate interview that Musenge acted foolishly.

"Musenge has been bought by the PF. As youths in NDC, we remain steadfast and offer solidarity to our party consultant and our sole presidential candidate for 2021. For us, the status quo remains that Honorable Chishimba Kambwili is our party consultant and Honorable Mwenya Musenge is not representing the NDC as he has not held any meeting with the members of the central committee to champion his schemes. We wish to warn 'dishonourable' Musenge to stop misleading himself and the public," said Kabwita.

"What Mwenya Musenge has done is foolish and only those who are foolish can fall for what he is trying to do. And by the way my name also appears on the registration documents for NDC. Dishonorable Musenge is there, I am also there and many other faithful NDC members, so it's not his party."



# Sesheke cops were fired for participating in partisan politics, explains Kampyongo

*By Thomas Mulenga*

Minister of Home Affairs Steven Kampyongo says the violence which characterised the Sesheke Parliamentary by-election was caused by UPND supporters and failure by the Police to act professionally.

And Kampyongo says government disciplined the four Sesheke police officers for being involved in partisan politics during the by-election.

Meanwhile, Kampyongo has advised members of parliament to notify police when visiting their constituencies for their own safety.

In a ministerial statement to Parliament, Thursday, Kampyongo said investigations were ongoing to fish out all police officers who involve themselves in partisan politics.

"The incidences of violence recorded during the by elections were dominant in Sesheke as they accounted for 83 percent of the total cases recorded. The violence recorded in Sesheke was caused by members of the opposition UPND who were close to the candidate while some supporters of the PF are responsible for the violence in Mukomba ward of Lundazi. In

Isoka, Lundazi and Chililabombwe, effective, professional and ethical policing, prevented the isolated cases of violence from getting out of control. In Sesheke, however, neglect of duty by those responsible for protection of lives and property and maintenance of law and order, coupled with polarised political environment and fear, resulted in violent incidences getting out of control. In poor policing in Sesheke was evident by failure by the police to follow up serious criminal incidents including a case of arson in which a house was set on fire, resulting in the loss of property and the house itself. The police failed to follow up any of the criminal cases that were reported to them by taking action," Kampyongo said.

And Kampyongo said government would not allow police officers to be partisan, hence the firing of the four police officers in Sesheke.

"My government is also committed to ensuring that the Zambia Police Service continues to be professional and ethical at all times, and dedicated to the preservation of public security at all times. Police officers

who are politically inclined would therefore not be allowed to remain in the Zambia Police service. In the Sesheke incidence, the Police Service Commission has since disciplined four officers for unprofessional conduct. In this regard, it should be noted that my government has always condemned the involvement of police officers in politics. Accordingly, officers who breach the professional and ethical code cannot remain in the service as allowing politicians in the service could destroy it and undermine the security of the nation," Kampyongo said.

"The Police Service Commission is still investigating to see if apart from those officers who have already been disciplined, there could be others. And they have assured me that they will do everything possible to ensure that the police perform their duties professionally and above board, and we are not going to tolerate those who are inclined, either to the PF or indeed UPND, or any other party. There will be no room for partisan politics in the Police Service and so we shall continue to make sure that we

monitor that. And in the forthcoming Bahat by-election, the police will work closely with the region division there to ensure that everything is done to effectively police the by-elections there."

And in response to a follow up question by Katombola UPND MP Derick Livune, who wanted to find out if he was not conflicted by being minister of Home Affairs and PF national youth chairperson, Kampyongo said there was no conflict of interest in his duties.

He, however, said he was not happy, as national youth chair, with the way Police beat up PF cadres in Sesheke.

"I want to tell you that even the youths that I lead, understands me very well when it comes to lawlessness and there is no conflict of interest at, because if a youth breaks the law, everybody including us here are subjected to the same laws. Even the youths my youths know that I don't stand with them when they commit wrong acts and I can share with you that I could have been the first to condemn my youths who were brutalised if indeed they were arrested and charged. But

certainly, I felt for them as their leader looking at them with the cuts that they had, just like I would feel for the youths of UPND," Kampyongo said.

Kampyongo advised members of parliament to notify police when visiting their constituencies for their own safety.

"Mr Speaker allow me also to address the point of order by Honorable Elijah Muchima, MP for Ikelengi on his harassment by security officers during his visit to his constituency. This occurred on the 25th January in Ikelengi constituency and the matter was resolved amicably and I can confirm that the Honourable MP called me on phone and I called the commissioner of the division for Northwestern to intervene in the matter to ensure that the MP was accorded the due respect. I wish to inform this house that MPs are at liberty to visit their constituencies, however, to enhance personal safety, MPs should only notify the Police when touring their constituencies. The notification is for the information of the local police command in case of any eventualities," said Kampyongo.



We have noticed that those in government are finding it very easy to fool people into believing that mining companies are, without any reason, resisting to accept the mining tax increase brought about in the 2019 budget. With that argument, it can be understood why Copperbelt residents are showing their anger to their employers, vowing that they will not accept any retrenchment plans.

But the people of Zambia, especially those who earn their livelihoods from the mines on the Copperbelt, must understand this argument from both sides of the coin. Before they raise their axes to assault their employers, they must first understand what is giving mining companies the impetus to resist another mining tax policy change.

Technocrats say that the mining tax increase itself is marginal in real terms. But two things are cardinal to understand. First of all, we must admit that there is a lot of ill-motivated investment in the mining sector. It is true that foreigners are coming into this country with plans to dig holes and take out minerals without leaving anything tangible to the country.

The 2019 mining fiscal regime, which took effect last month, has seen an increase in mineral royalty rates by 1.5 percentage points at all levels of the sliding scale.

It also introduced import duties of five per cent on copper and cobalt, while also hiking export duty on precious stones and gemstones to a rate of 15 per cent, a situation that had previously prompted mining companies to threaten job cuts, while compelling Konkola Copper Mines (KCM)

# It's not the increase, mines are rejecting tax inconsistencies

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to downsize its Nchanga Smelter operations last month due to low availability of concentrates.

It is not in doubt that there is lack of transparency on the part of investors. Mining companies are not clean in their dealings. They may claim to be victims, but they are not innocent. There is a serious lack of full tax compliance from mining firms, through creative accounting and undervaluing tactics, which are depriving government the much-needed revenue.

But we feel government is allowing this to happen because its own house is not in order. If the government doesn't have its house in order, there is no way it can succeed to put the mining house in order. For many years, this PF government has failed to have a comprehensive

and long-term tax policy for the mining sector. This has exposed ineptitude and lack of expertise in tax policy framing and tax administration in government. What has made this mess more difficult to clean is that government has retired a lot of professional technocrats in the past few years. They have scandalized experts who understand the mining sector challenges, because they don't want to be told the truth when they make a mistake.

Given the low trust levels in government by stakeholders, many people now believe that there is concealed private interest among those who walk the corridors of power to facilitate for a Chinese takeover of key mines. This message rings loud and clear through various

media commentaries from government officials to the effect that mines can pack and go. Government proxies, including the Economics Association of Zambia (EAZ), have also echoed this message.

How do you say to mining companies that 'you can pack and go', and at the same time claim to be promoting a suitable climate for investment? This is what gives credence to even the unpopular positions taken by people like Hakainde Hichilema who seem to be siding with the mines' position on the new tax regime. His argument is that this government doesn't know what it is doing because it has no long-term plan for investment protection. It's hard to disagree with Mr Hichilema because, indeed, this government is

changing mine taxes like underwear.

This is the point that the Zambia Chamber of Mines has been stressing. From an investment point of view, inconsistent mining taxes are more injurious on a business than higher, but stable policy. It is not only costly to plan on a mine tax that can change with the firing and hiring of a Finance Minister, but it also repels prospective investors.

We are not sure if people have realised that just recently, mining companies were coerced at 'gunpoint' to drop their intentions to lay off staff. The government was even issuing statements, through the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of mining companies that there would be no retrenchments. It never happens like that! How

can the Minister make a commitment on behalf of the investor, as if she is the one who pays salaries to the miners?

Kansanshi Mining Plc and the Kalumbila Minerals Limited were visited by various wings of government; including Police, ZRA, Labour Commissioner, for over 10 days with even threats of arrests to mine directors! Should we go that far for an issue that is basically an investment matter that requires sitting on the table to discuss and negotiate using financial statements and other records in the hands of government?

ZCCM-IH sits on these boards and knows too well how much mining companies make! Now, mining companies are on queue sending messages that border on public relations: that they are here to stay and won't lay off staff when they know too well that they are injured for prospective earnings, primarily due to import duties on copper concentrates.

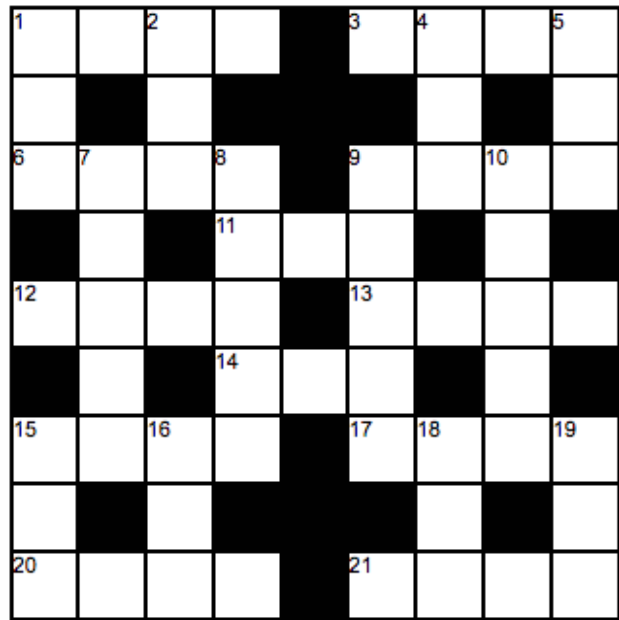
Just in January, government is believed to have lost about US\$10 million in revenues because of low output due to concentrate duties. This may explain the inconsistencies in messages among the Minister of Finance, Minister of Mines and the fired ZCCM-IH boss, Dr Pius Kasolo.

Our point is that, before Zambians get misled on this issue and turn their anger on people who mean well for them, they must first appreciate what has been happening in the background. Once they understand the full picture, they will have good argument points against their employers.

Crossword puzzle 299

*"The power to tax is the power to destroy."*  
- John Marshall

Solutions to puzzle 298



- Across
1. Steak meat  
3. Loving  
6. Pronto  
9. One-pot dinner  
11. Unrefined  
12. Molten rock  
13. Not odd  
14. Swab the deck  
15. Hop along happily  
17. Santa's bagful  
20. Bump into  
21. Adolescent
- Down
1. Large passenger vehicle  
2. Baseball stat.  
4. Frequently  
5. Condensed moisture  
7. Show gratitude to  
8. Vagabond  
9. Won all games in a series  
10. Adversary  
15. Result of addition  
16. Summer cooler  
18. Run a deficit  
19. It rises and sets





# Reader's feedback

## UPND MPs' continued walk-outs on Chitotela in Parley

Editor,  
Chitotela was fired by president Sata for corruption, but later hired by the current President." – Mumba Chomba

"The correct procedure is that Chitotela must be relieved of his ministerial portfolio and remain an ordinary MP, or resign as Minister in his personal capacity. Shame!" – Victor Sumbwa Mulife

"The UPND MPs are very much in order whether one likes it or not!" – Moses Kabwatha

"I think it's in order to shame those pretending to ignore corruption!" – Joshua Mweetwa Mweeka

"Very much in order! How do you sit and listen to the alleged thief??? As if you are not normal?" – Urwyler Kalota

"Even me, I switch off my TV when I see him talking as a Minister!" – Gladwel Sham

"Let's not forget that

## 'Katuta's advice to UPND to boycott Bahati by-election should be ignored'

Editor,  
"Given Katuta is too weak to be an MP! Why should she advise the opposition

to boycott the Bahati by-election? Under dictator Edgar Lungu's rule, opposition MPs and other leaders and critics should not expect an easy life! Given Katuta should ask her leader Edith Nawakwi what she endured during the Frederick Chiluba 3rd term bid chaos!" – Chivunda Samusungwa

"Hello, Madam MP, this is exactly what PF wants: intimidate everyone into submission and then come out laughing on top of their voices that they are 'popular'. This is your country, too, so defend it!" – Bashi Meghan



## IG's replacement of fired Sesheke cops

Editor,  
"It should have been himself being demoted and replaced by the more educated Wakunguma, who would then have deployed Kanganja to Shang'ombo." – Sarah Musongole

"Animal Farm kind of running a country. Come 2021, we are firing Kanganja and his PF thieves via the ballot!" – Holyfield Bashi-Tasheni Mumba

"Even when you are going in those promotions, be aware that, one or all of you, are next. Let that always ring in your minds as no one is safe because of the PF cadres!" – Wachila Kazundulu

"We will defend ourselves by any means possible from any PF violence! No one has a monopoly to violence." – Wanosha Wanosha

"PF is inflicting fear in the nation. We should not go by their threats because Zambia is a democratic nation!" – Likezo Masuwa

"I think we should not be afraid of them! If it means to carry weapon, let it be because we cannot have first-class citizens and second-class when we are all Zambians! As UPND, let's participate in the forthcoming parliamentary by-election without fear!" – Riebeck Moyo

## NDC's firing of 'consultant' Kambwili

Dear Editor,  
"NDC consultant fired? Waiting to hear Kambwili's response on his dismissal both from PF and NDC!" – Christopher Phiri

"So, in short the party has been dissolved?! How do you fire the founder & defect to PF?!" – Lwando Grayane Lwando

"Serves him right!" – Douglas Simonda

"Now, Kambwili has remained without wheels on stones; can't be pushed anywhere politics!" – Kenneth Ngulube

"The man is now on the no man's land! He is not PF nor NDC." – Peter Chaluka

"Despite his big mouth, Kambwili was the face of NDC." – Kabaso Mulenga

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

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"Allowing PF to go unopposed will make them believe that violence is their master key. I want to hear from Oasis Forum, the Church, the donor community & all the Zambians of goodwill condemn this dastardly, cowardly spectre of violence perpetrated by PF! Zambia is bigger than PF & UPND put together." – Haggai Gondwe



Bats don't only carry the deadly Ebola virus, but are also a reservoir for a new type of influenza virus. These newly discovered flu viruses could potentially also attack the cells of humans and livestock, researchers at the University of Zurich have now shown.

Seasonal outbreaks of the flu are caused by influenza viruses that can only infect people. Influenza types that circulate in birds or pigs are normally not a threat to humans. However, in rare cases an avian or pig virus can pass on to humans -- a process called zoonotic transmission -- which at worst can lead to a global influenza pandemic with numerous serious illnesses and deaths.

Bats as a reservoir for dangerous viruses

# Bat influenza viruses could infect humans

About six years ago, a new kind of influenza virus was discovered in bats in South America. The flying mammals have been the focus of virologists for a long time already. This is because they carry many different kinds of viruses, including lethal ones such as the Ebola virus. However, it has previously been unclear whether bat influenza viruses also present a threat to humans. An international research team led by the University of Zurich (UZH) has now discovered that

these new influenza viruses have the potential to also infect humans and livestock. Global search for "entry gate" Previously known influenza viruses bind to host cells via sialic acids. These groups of chemicals can be found on the surface of almost all human cells and in various animals. This is one of the reasons why influenza viruses can infect species that are very different from one another, such as ducks, chickens, pigs and humans. Unlike these viruses,

the bat influenza viruses don't bind to sialic acids, which is why several research teams all over the world started searching for the receptor through which they enter human cells. Bat viruses use MHC-II molecule to enter cell Silke Stertz and her team at the Institute of Medical Virology at UZH have now been able to identify this "entry gate." "The influenza viruses use MHC-II molecules to enter the host cell," says the head of the study. These

protein complexes are normally located on the surface of certain immune cells, and their role is to distinguish between the body's own cells and structures and those that are foreign. A few other virus types also enter cells in this way. Potential risk for humans and livestock "What surprised us is that bat influenza viruses can not only use the MHC-II complexes of human cells, but also those of chickens, pigs, mice and several bat species," explains UZH PhD candidate Umut Karakus, first

author of the study. The influenza viruses of bats thus have the potential to infect both humans as well as livestock, at least at the level of entering cells. "Such an infection has not yet been observed. However, our findings show that the viruses generally have this zoonotic potential," adds Silke Stertz. This is reason enough for the UZH virologist to continue researching the potentially dangerous viruses, not least since due to migration and travel the problem is not restricted to South America. *Science Daily*



A picture shows the headquarters of the Nigerian Central Bank where electoral material is kept by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) as the country gears up for the rescheduled general elections in Abuja, on February 20, 2019. Nigeria's presidential and parliamentary election has been rescheduled for February 23, 2019, following the postponement of the orinial poll on February 16.

## Jussie Smollett charged with filing a false report - police

Chicago police say that US actor Jussie Smollett has been charged with filing a false police report. The Empire star had said he was subjected to a homophobic and racist physical attack by two men in January. Doubt was later cast on his account after US media reported that police believed he may have paid two Nigerian brothers to stage the attack. Mr Smollett's lawyers said they would "conduct a thorough investigation and mount an aggressive defence". On Wednesday a police spokesman said felony criminal charges had been approved against the actor. Mr Smollett had been charged for "disorderly conduct / filing a false police report", the spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi, said in a tweet. "Detectives will make contact with his legal team to negotiate a reasonable surrender for his arrest." Lawyers Todd Pugh and Victor Henderson, who are representing the actor, said in a statement: "Like any other citizen, Mr Smollett enjoys the presumption of innocence, particularly when there has been an investigation like this one where information, both true and false, has been repeatedly leaked." They had previously said that Mr Smollett had "been further victimised by claims... that Jussie played a role in his own attack. Nothing is further from the truth."BBC

On death row in Malawi, Byson Kaula was nearly executed three times - but on each occasion the hangman stopped work before hanging all the prisoners on his list. So he survived... until the country stopped executing people altogether.

Byson Kaula says jealous neighbours were responsible for him being found guilty of murder. It was 1992 and murder in those days carried a mandatory death sentence.

Brought up in a small village in southern Malawi, Byson had made enough money working in the gas industry in Johannesburg, South Africa, to return home and buy land. He employed five people and grew fruit, wheat, maize, and cassava.

"That is when my sad times began," he says.

Neighbours attacked one of his employees, Byson says, leaving him badly injured. The man couldn't walk without assistance, and while helping him get to the toilet - navigating steps that were slippery after heavy rain - Byson fell and dropped him. The man died later in hospital, and Byson - then in his 40s - was charged with murder.

In court, Byson's neighbours testified against him. His mother, Lucy, sitting at the back of the courtroom, couldn't hear the sentence being read

# 'The hangman was too tired to hang me – three times'

out and had to ask what was happening. When she was told he had been sentenced to death, "tears rolled from my eyes down my chest," she says.

This was towards the end of the totalitarian government of Hastings Banda, which had controlled the country since 1964. Byson vividly remembers the horror of waiting for his turn at what he calls "the killing machine". "When I was told: 'You can go now to the condemned section waiting for your time to be hanged' - oh, I felt as if I was already dead."

At that time, there was just one executioner - a South African who travelled between several countries in the region, carrying out hangings. When he arrived in Malawi, once every couple of months, the prisoners on death row knew that time, for some of them, had run out.

One day Byson remembers being told that his name was on the list of 21 people to be hanged within hours. A guard told him that executions would begin at 1300 and that he should "just start praying".

They continued until 1500, when the executioner stopped work. But he had not reached the end of the list. Three people, including Byson, would have to wait until he returned.

"He was the only one operating that machine. And on that day, I understand he said: 'No it's too much, I'll come again next month,'" Byson says.

The same thing happened twice more, Byson says. The list was drawn up, but the hangman didn't finish it - and each time, by chance, Byson was among those left alive at the end of the day. On the third occasion, all the prisoners on the list were executed except him, he says.

In a way he was lucky, but the experience took its toll on him and he attempted suicide twice - only to survive this too.

After the establishment of multi-party democracy in Malawi in 1994, all executions came to a halt. The death sentence is still given out, even today, but no president has signed a death warrant for 25 years. Prisoners either languish on death row for years or have

their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

In time, Byson was moved from death row to the main part of Zomba Central Prison, and it looked as though he would spend the rest of his life there. He became heavily involved in the prison education programme, both studying and teaching. But he had no hope of ever being released.

Then, in 2007, roughly a quarter of a century after Byson was jailed, a historic case changed everything. A drug user who admitted killing his stepson, but argued that he had been temporarily insane, went to court to challenge the mandatory death sentence for murder. He argued that this breached the right to a fair trial, and the right to protection from "inhuman and degrading treatment" - both guaranteed by Malawi's constitution - and the court agreed. In some cases of murder the perpetrator was more culpable than others, it ruled, and there should therefore be different levels of punishment.

This meant that all mandatory death sentences had to be

reviewed.

Of nearly 170 prisoners eligible for resentencing, 139 have so far been released. According to the legal charity Reprieve, many had mental health problems or were intellectually disabled. More than half of those entitled to a new hearing turned out to have no court record at all - it was unclear why they were even in prison.

When lawyers said that they wanted to take Byson back to court he initially resisted, as he had been so terrified by his by his first experience. But he gave in, and when the judge told him he was free to leave immediately, he was stunned.

"The prison warders said can you get out of the accused box. But I couldn't stand up. I was just shivering, all my body was so weak... It was just as if I was dreaming. I could not believe what the judge had said."

Byson wasn't the only person whose life had been changed by his sentence. His mother Lucy had visited every year during his incarceration. She would save her earnings from

a year's work farming cotton to make the journey to the prison in Zomba, bringing Byson as many provisions as she could carry.

On the day of Byson's resentencing, she wasn't there, but her younger son was. When he rang to tell her the news, she took a while to believe what he was saying. Then, she says, she "jumped around like a lamb - a young lamb... my heart was filled with joy".

Byson was taken to a halfway house to help him learn new skills and make the transition back to normal life. Already in his 60s, he was the oldest person they'd ever had there.

He now goes back as a volunteer at weekends, to advise other ex-prisoners who are going through the same experience.

The land Byson used to farm is now overgrown. His wife died during the long years he was in prison and his six children have grown up and moved away.

He lives alone, but takes good care of his mother, now in her 80s.

"During my imprisonment, all I was worrying about was my mother... Being her first-born, I would do everything possible for her. Now that I'm back, I don't let her go farming or do hard jobs. I have got other people to do the jobs for her. She doesn't go to the field. I do it myself."

His next project is to build her a new brick house.BBC



# Man City must learn from Schalke scare - Guardiola

Pep Guardiola says Manchester City will not challenge for this season's Champions League title unless they learn from their dramatic 3-2 win at Schalke with 10 men on Wednesday. "We will not go far in this competition unless we improve," said City manager Guardiola.

"At the end, the quality of (Leroy) Sane and (Raheem) Sterling made the difference. "The result is incredibly good, but we gave the first two penalties away and the red card, so we are not ready to fight for the Champions

League."

City were in real trouble at 2-1 down with 22 minutes left when Nicolas Otamendi was sent off before goals by Leroy Sane and Raheem Sterling in the last five minutes swung the last 16 tie back in their favour. Schalke led at the break as the video assistant referee (VAR) twice intervened to award penalties, both converted by Nabil Bentaleb, cancelling out Sergio Aguerro's opener in Gelsenkirchen.

Sane, who came on for the last 12 minutes, drilled home a stunning free-kick to

equalise and was delighted to score against his old club having joined City from Schalke in 2016.

"I wanted to shoot from that

position as I have already scored from there and the goal gave us confidence, which set us up to win," said the Germany international.

"We did not get start well, but I'm glad we won and getting three goals away is good." City still have some work to do in the return leg on March 12 with Fernandinho, who was booked when conceding the second spot-kick, and Otamendi both suspended.

AFP

# PSG terminate Diarra deal

Lassana Diarra is a free agent after coming to an agreement with Paris Saint-Germain to end his contract early. Diarra was a surprise signing for PSG last January and made 10 appearances as Unai Emery's side romped to the Ligue 1 title.

But under Emery's successor Thomas Tuchel he has played a minimal role, with only three league appearances this term. Diarra's contract was set to expire at the end of the season but the former France international was let go on Thursday.

"The club thanks Lassana for his professionalism throughout his time at Paris Saint-Germain and wishes him well for the next steps in his career," said a brief PSG statement.

Diarra, whose former clubs include Chelsea, Real Madrid and Marseille, will be 34 in March.

PSG added to their midfield options in the January transfer window as Argentina international Leandro Paredes joined from Zenit.

However, they failed to convince Everton to sell Idrissa Gueye despite a series of bids and Adrien Rabiot is not being considered for selection due to a contract standoff.

While moving to make Diarra part of their past, PSG have also made an announcement regarding future plans.

The Ligue 1 champions have signed a multi-year sponsorship with hotel group Accor, which will become the club's principal sponsor.

ALL, a new loyalty scheme from the company, will be the brand displayed on the front of PSG's shirts from the 2019-20 season, replacing Dubai-based airline Fly Emirates.

Accor Group chairman and chief executive officer Sebastien Bazin is a former chairman of PSG, who are on track to easily defend their Ligue 1 title and lead Manchester United 2-0 in their Champions League last-16 tie.

Thursday's announcement may be viewed as Qatar-owned PSG pivoting away from the United Arab Emirates, with the two countries involved in an ongoing diplomatic standoff.

PSG's finances are again being assessed by UEFA's Club Financial Control Body, with the club furiously denying reports in December they could be forced to sell Neymar or Kylian Mbappe to raise funds and avoid Financial Fair Play sanctions.

Goal.com

# Some foreign based players don't get game time: Bilton explains U23 selection

*By Alex Chilumbwe*

Under-23 national team assistant coach Bilton Musonda says not all players abroad deserve a national team call.

Speaking to Goal Diggers! Musonda revealed that some football blogs were priming foreign-based players that could be possible Under-23 call-ups but stressed that the association and coaches did not sideline any player abroad who was capable of commanding game time either regularly and irregularly.

"Some football blogs and individuals

are priming players abroad that can be possible call-ups for Under-23 camp and some even call to ask why we have not considered a particular foreign-based player. The truth is that some of them do not even have game time while others are even loaned to much lower divisions in Europe. Surely we have local ones in our leagues that are doing way better and commanding game time," he said.

Musonda who is a former Green Buffaloes coach also appealed to soccer fans to express confidence in coaches that are assigned with

national duty adding that it goes a long way in motivating those charged with duty.

"I wish fans could trust us more and express confidence in us. They really should trust our judgement and allow us to do the work with free minds. Of courwe we also need advice but not telling us what to do. We monitor players that are abroad and there isn't anyone we do not like," said Musonda.

The Under-23 national team is currently in camp, shaping up for an AfCON qualifier game against the junior flames of Malawi on 20 March.

# Naomi Osaka's emotional literacy could transform sport's discussion of mental health

Painfully shy and with a mouth that moves so little it's as if she's impersonating a ventriloquist, Naomi Osaka is an unlikely advocate. In fact were it up to her, Osaka would probably eschew her media commitments and luxuriate in playing her favourite video games instead.

Yet over the last year, Osaka, the No. 1 ranked tennis player who in press conferences can make a rabbit looking at headlights appear positively self-assured, has become a beacon for emotional literacy and mental health awareness. Judged by the numbers alone, the last 12 months has been a halcyon period for the Japanese Osaka, who grew up in America and has a Haitian father. Flying up the rankings from No. 72 to the top spot and picking up two grand slams along the way, Osaka, still only 21, is ostensibly living the dream.

Osaka has found the journey difficult, however, and has been startlingly open in describing her struggles - especially over the last week in the wake of her shock split from coach Sascha Bajin. Having first of all explained that she ended the hugely successful partnership with Bajin because "I wouldn't put success over my happiness",



Osaka expanded on the theme after losing to Kristina Mladenovic in Dubai on Tuesday. Asked if she could block out the noise around her coaching split, Osaka responded. "I couldn't. That's the result. This match is the result of that.

"See, it's a little bit hard because I feel like people are

staring at me, and not like in a good way." As she began to cry, Osaka added: "I don't think I necessarily understand what position I'm in, in a way, because last year I wasn't even anywhere close to this ranking. People didn't pay attention to me. That's something that I'm comfortable with."

Such candidness tends to be

the rule rather than exception for Osaka. Just a couple of days after defeating Serena Williams in that frazzling US Open final in September, Osaka said of the mental health challenges facing elite athletes: "You can easily get depressed. You think your whole world is over." Last April, having recently won

her biggest title to date at Indian Wells, Osaka revealed: "Yesterday I woke up and I was really depressed, but I don't know why. Like, I'm so sad right now."

Admissions like these are uncomfortable but potentially game-changing. Tennis has always had an awkward relationship with mental

health, with players typically suppressing their concerns until it is too late. Andre Agassi is a salient example of this trend, opting to stay quiet until revealing all in his explosive autobiography Open where he compared the life of a tennis player to "solitary confinement". A Telegraph investigation last year meanwhile revealed that Agassi was far from alone in struggling to cope with the demands of tour life.

But seeing a player of Osaka's standing speak with such honesty about her mental health will help normalise the discussion among tennis players and other athletes, as well as the legion of fans who idolise her. It may also reframe the view of players like Nick Kyrgios, whose difficulties have tended to be viewed primarily as a result of indolence rather than something more deep-rooted.

The former view of Kyrgios may be accurate, but the more players like Osaka open up, the more they will be viewed as human beings rather than racket-wielding automatons.

When asked last year what tips Osaka would give to young athletes, she responded: "The only advice is, don't look up to me." The reality is that they could do far, far worse.

Yahoo





Atletico Madrid's centre half José Giménez breaks Juventus' solid defence with a 78th minute strike in the first leg of their last 16 Champions League tie. Atletico won 2-0

Three Lyon players were burgled while their club was playing Barcelona in the Champions League, continuing a recent pattern for players and officials at big French clubs. Police said they were called at 0045 on Wednesday morning to the home of attacker Memphis Depay, in the Lyon suburb of Ecully. Thieves had forced a window and took

# Three Lyon players become latest victims of game-time burglaries

goods, mostly fashion items, of an unspecified value. Depay had already been burgled last September, while Lyon were playing Nice. On

that occasion property worth more than one million euros was taken. Midfielders Lucas Tousart and Pape Cheikh Diop,

who both came off the Lyon bench in the second half of the goalless draw, returned to their homes in the suburbs to the same unpleasant surprise.

Thieves broke down a basement door at Tousart's home in Chaponost and took a bag and "multimedia". There were also signs that thieves

tried to break into his car, said the local gendarmerie. Burglars broke in through Cheikh's terrace in Limonest and stole jewels and branded clothing. Officials and players in Marseille and Paris have also been the targets during games in recent months. The home of Marseille president Jacques-Henri Eyraud was robbed during the night of February 8 while he was in Dijon watching the team in Ligue 1. Forward Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting's house was broken into twice: once while PSG were playing in November and again in December by burglars who fled when they set off the alarm. PSG captain Thiago Silva was burgled in December while playing at the Parc des Princes. In December 2017, the Paris apartment of then-PSG coach Unai Emery was robbed as his team played Strasbourg. **AFP**

# FAZ DELIVER ON KIT PROMISE TO CLUBS

By Alex Chilumbwe

FAZ vice president Rix Mweemba and association General Secretary Adrian Kashala concluded the North Western provincial conference yesterday, with the handover of kit and footballs, as well as a K5,000 token to Division II and III clubs. The conference kicked off on Wednesday and the handover of the items were part of association President Andrew Kamanga's pledge to lower division clubs to provide them with kit and equipment support for 2019. Vice president Rix Mweemba confirmed in a statement that 32 provincial clubs received their annual allocation of kit and footballs. He also said that clubs without bank accounts will have to regularize their status before receiving their K5,000

entitlements. "So far four provinces have received their allocations with six more lined to receive their share in the next few days," Mweemba said. "The equipment support is largely meant to help lower division clubs that are sometimes sponsored by individuals with lean resources. Division One clubs have been excluded as they will be covered by the sponsorship package from Eden University," said Mweemba. During the provincial conferences, FAZ delegates also select four representatives to the April 13, 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The next conference will be in Eastern Province over the weekend. So far conferences have been held in Luapula, Northern, Muchinga and North Western Province.

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