



# The tyrant is acting, says HH as... POLICE SQUEEZE KAMBWILI

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**Top:** Chishimba Kambwili arrives at Lusaka Central Police with NDC vice-president Joseph Akafumba. **Above:** Police officers block Kambwili's children and Hakainde Hichilema from accessing the interrogation room yesterday. **Above right:** Kambwili's wife Carol

## Lusaka bus conductor in court for stealing 'Hungry Lion' chips

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 17-year-old bus conductor of Lusaka's Kaunda Square Stage Two has been dragged to court for allegedly stealing a pack of Hungry Lion chips, cellphone, pair of headsets and K450 cash, among other properties, all valued at K2,410.

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# Amos’ arrogance setting him up for horrible downfall - Kambwili

**By Thomas Mulenga**  
NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili says Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Amos Chanda’s insults on members of the opposition alliance had the blessings of President Edgar Lungu since the Head of State has not reprimanded him. Speaking when he featured on Muvi TV’s assignment Program, Sunday, Kambwili said some of the opposition alliance members were old enough to be Chanda’s parents, hence it was an insult of the worst kind for him to compare their brains to that of a rat. “I will not dwell on what Amos Chanda said, but I can only say that Amos Chanda is drunk with unknown powers, swimming in wrong waters

under very big jackets. That arrogance he has will lead him into disaster. When you have got power, when you are enjoying power, you must know that power is sweet but it must be checked. The arrogance that the young man is exhibiting is leading him to a very bad downfall, because political power is not in perpetuity,” Kambwili said. “That office has been held by men of integrity who were very civil in their language and by the way, when you are the spokesperson of the president, whatever you say, if you insult, you are insulting on behalf of the President. If I were President Edgar Lungu, Amos Chanda could have been fire a long time ago. But birds of the same furthers flock together, it simply means all the insults,

all the arrogance is coming from President Edgar Lungu. Because if it was not coming from him, he could have disassociated himself from that or just verbally warning him that can you be civil in your language, but the young man has become so pompous to the extent that you can’t believe when he talks that he is only a civil servant, you think he is the President himself.” He advised Chanda to tone down. “And my advice to Amos is to tone down, that’s exactly how Richard Sakala was, you know where he ended up, Chimbokaila. Amos my young brother, if you are listening to me, I used to know you as a very humble young man, but you have disappointed me after been given some responsibility

at State House, you think State House is above the law. There is no institution in this country that is above the law, have respect for other people. To describe people as having brains of a rat is an insult of the worst kind, look at the people who are in the alliance, some of them are big enough to be his father, honourable [Charles] Milupi for instance. Can you go and say he has got a brain of a rat? Young man, tone down,” Kambwili said. And Kambwili insisted that President Lungu’s refusal to fire Housing and Infrastructure Minister Ronald Chitotela on the basis that he had not been found guilty of corruption was illogical. “Was I found guilty? Was Emerine Kabanshi found guilty? You cannot have two rules for two, three

sets of people, you must be consistent. And it’s just a trend all over the world, if a minister has been arrested by the Anti-Corruption Commission, that minister must relinquish his position, all over the world! We have only seen it here in Zambia that a minister can be coming from the office, jump into a flagged vehicle, go to court using tax payer’s money, come back in the afternoon, and attend to government business. That is a failed attempt to fight corruption, people will not take us seriously that a sitting minister is facing corruption charges in court and the president says I cannot fire him until he is proven guilty, that creates a lot of suspicion and that obviously twins well with my saying that President Edgar Lungu is a corrupt person,” Kambwili said. Meanwhile, Kambwili explained why he wanted to become Head of State. “I have been carried in political buses, first it was Dr [Kenneth] Kaunda, I jumped on, then came another political driver Fredrick Chiluba, I jumped on, RB.....and now the driver is President Edgar Lungu. Now I want to be the driver so that I can implement my ideas. You must know that Zambian Politics are President driven and when you have a president who is not thinking, then everything will go wrong. The people of Zambia elected president Lungu to form a government of men and women who are going to help him deliver to the expectations on Zambians based on his ideas, so if things are not working, you want to go and blame Jesus Christ? You have to blame the leader! Lungu is a tyrant who just

want to arrest opposition leaders, he is a failure because poverty has escalated than ever before,” Kambwili said. Meanwhile, Kambwili insisted that the Indian compactor driver almost killed him and argued that sentiments by Zambia’s High Commissioner to India Judith Kapijimpanga that he was not the right person to speak against foreigners, as his wife was also working in a foreign country, were mere political rhetoric as his wife was a professional working in a country with a shortage of nurses. “That was just a political rhetoric. Is there a better way when you are almost being killed? I have seen that my reaction may have been harsh but that was due to the circumstance that the man almost killed us. But what I said is we cannot allow people from outside to come and do such jobs in a country with 70% unemployment rate. Judith Kapijimpanga said I should be the last person to talk about that because my wife works in a foreign country. My wife is a professional, she is a nurse and England has a critical shortage of nurses, we don’t have a shortage of labourers in this country, to the contrary we have a critical shortage of jobs. And by the way, it was not about Indians, people want to say that Kambwili is a racist, I am not and I will never be. At my own company, my business development manager is an Indian, an expatriate. At my own company, my site manager is a Boer for South Africa, I am not a racist but you cannot bring labourers to come and take the jobs that should be done by Zambians,” said Kambwili.

## HH betrayed me in the highest way, says Maj Kachingwe

**By Mirriam Chabala**  
Major Richard Kachingwe says he will continue to participate in the political arena amongst men and women of goodwill and not people like Hakainde Hichilema who decide to discuss the personal affairs of other people behind their backs. Major Kachingwe who is former MMD national secretary announced, Sunday, that he had ceased to be a supporter of the opposition UPND, claiming he had been betrayed by the party leadership after his son’s name appeared on the list of those accused of being part of the PF militia reported to the ICC. In an interview with News Diggers, Monday, Kachingwe explained that he decided to ditch the UPND because he chose to side with his son who had been wrongly-accused. “This is a man I worked with. But he decided to go and discuss my son’s issues away from me, without even telling me. He went to discuss with the Alliance partners, which is unethical! It’s just normal practice that when you work [with] somebody and something comes to you, if you are a boss, you should call that person and ask them: ‘is this you?’ And then you find a solution. But for him (HH), he did not even talk to me, then he

goes and starts discussing my son with the Alliance partners, I thought that was unethical and a betrayal! That is just my line of thought. If you were my junior, I work with you and then I come across something about you, then I go and have a meeting over your son somewhere else, that is not correct. It means I have betrayed your confidence, it’s betrayal of highest calibre!” Maj Kachingwe lamented. “I was his advisor. So, the best thing he should have done was just to pick up his phone and ask me. I have been national secretary myself, if I find any of my juniors like provincial chairmen wanting, I used to call them and ask: ‘what is this?’ before I go to the (party) president. Sometimes, things were not even going to the president, we would iron them out right then and there. Now him, he decided to go and hold a ‘Kangaroo court’ for my son with his Alliance partners. I think that is betrayal, and at that level of leadership, for me, it’s uncalled for. This is just like in marriage, you don’t go out to broadcast what has gone wrong in the house before you talk to each other. You talk to each other first, if you can’t find a solution in-house, that’s when you call the relatives

to counsel you. So, for me, what he did was wrong and at best, he should have just said: ‘sorry Major, I transgressed.’” Maj Kachingwe charged that Hichilema had put his life and that of his son in danger. “As for the legal action, it is up to Mpangwe to take legal action. I took my decision as a parent to defend him because I know that he’s not a riffraff, he’s an intellectual and he doesn’t participate in such things. He’s PF, I know, but they use him as an intellectual not as a stone-thrower and he doesn’t even know how to hold a gun. So, the best course of action for Mr Hakainde, if he came across that name, he should have called me. But he has simply passed a

vote of no confidence in me, he doesn’t trust me and he does not only endanger the life of my son, it endangers even my life. How will his cadres perceive me?” Maj Kachingwe wondered. He reiterated that he would not trade his obligation as a father for a position in the UPND. “If your boss can’t trust you and he tries your son like that... blood is thicker than water! That is my offspring, that is my son. I cannot sacrifice him because of politics, I can’t! But I am still in active politics. Just like I said in my [resignation] statement, I will work with men and women of good will, who will work for the common good of Zambia and Zambians,” said Maj Kachingwe.

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remembers an event that did not take place, surely, is a lunatic! They are hearing voices, psychotic voices from somewhere. If an event did not take place and you insist, as Milupi is insisting that I am a suspect, well, I don't have any better description of such a person. If you can hear voices when people ain't talking, surely you must see a doctor. So, if, as I have seen in the last few days that Milupi is insisting and some of his friends like Sean Tembo, well, it's not a joking matter, those individuals must see a doctor. I am not a psychiatric, but I strongly feel for them," Chanda said.

"All my life, I have never been to Sesheke! So, how can Milupi remember me being in Sesheke and what do you describe his state of mind if he insists I was in Sesheke? I have never been. During the campaigns I was in Cape Town at the Mining Indaba. If there is one by-election where I have played no role because I was on assignment abroad, it was in Sesheke. How can Milupi remember me commanding a militia in a district where I have not been? These phones are recorded, so can he produce a phone record of Amos Chanda from Cape Town issuing instructions to a militia group?

I do not know the existence of a militia, but suppose it exists, can he, if he insists he saw me in Sesheke, produce evidence? I sympathise with him because I know the state of mind of a person who remembers an event that didn't take place." Chanda said the President was equally disturbed by the accusations coming from the Opposition Alliance. "The President was extremely irritated at the behaviour of people who first want to destroy the country before they can rule it. He understood the situation as cheap politicking, but he understood the seriousness of it because they

put it in the international media to create instability and doubt in the international market that this is a country where there is human rights abuses, crimes against humanity. Therefore, perhaps they thought they would achieve what they have achieved just in the months before where they have lied about the sale of Zesco... just creating doubt in the minds of the financial market and foreign direct investors. That is the ultimate objective and if it weren't so serious, we wouldn't be wasting time on that. But they are bluffs, they themselves cannot invite the ICC, but we have

invited them," Chanda said. And commenting on Maj Richard Kachingwe's decision to ditch the UPND, Chanda said it was disappointing that HH and his UPND could malign their confidant. "Mr Kachingwe is a very well-known campaigner and confidant of Mr Hichilema. I can feel the pain of Maj Kachingwe that his son is being accused and whilst these people think it's a joke, there is the damage and malice that is being put in the international media about innocent people. So, all I can say is, despite his political affiliation, I think he knows this is where the nonsense stops and I think he has moved to defend his son. I know the young man, he's a computer analyst. He does numbers for us. But if that's what's annoying the UPND, well, anybody within the party reaches out to him. If I can't [do] some calculations in State House and I think he has that skill, I can call and say 'can you look at this', that's how I know him. So, I can feel for Maj Kachingwe," he said. Chanda also insisted that the Head of State would not dialogue with criminals in the opposition. "If you want to dialogue with all criminals, suppose you take a bottle of water and for some reason, for some other things you took yesterday, your intestines turn up, won't you accuse us directly of poisoning? Those are the difficulties; they are saying they won't dialogue with the people that want to kill them. If they want to kill you in eight towers, what about when you are in one room and anything happens? Look, a roof can come down anytime by accident, you can fall on the floor... Those accusations will just come," he argued. Meanwhile, Chanda assured that the Ministry of Home Affairs would help curb political violence, especially ahead of the Bahati parliamentary by-election. "The Minister of Home Affairs is under very strict instructions from the President to tolerate no form of violence whatsoever. Because of his temptation by people to create violence and then blaming it on other people, the instruction is even greater to him to ensure that the whole country is peaceful. But particularly in election times where people are using an opportunity to fund trouble. So, any violence from any quarters will not be tolerated and I am sure that is why Hon Kampyongo decided that even violence from the police will not be tolerated," said Chanda.



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# Zambians should choose only credible leaders in 2021 – East MMD

By Zindikilani Banda in Sinda

Eastern Province MMD youth vice publicity secretary Davison Tembo has called on Zambians to analyse leaders wisely and make the right choice at the next general elections. In an interview, Tembo observed that the nation was poorly governed because only a few privileged Zambians were benefiting at the expense of ordinary majority Zambians. “Things are not okay and this is the reason why we always say people should not be carried away by handouts given during campaigns, but they have to make informed decisions and credible choices over leadership to avoid messing up the nation,” Tembo advised. He emphasised that

it was not difficult to identify true people with genuine leadership skills from fake leaders. “Always, I say tiyeni tizona kuti kodi munthu amene tilusankha alibwanji. Bvuto niyakuti anthu aona monga munthu yemwe alikupeleka zinthu monga zitenje, ndalama ndiye msogoleri weni weni (I always advise people to make informed choices when choosing leaders, but the problem is that voters think whoever gives them materials like chitenge) they forget that you can’t eat chitenge. People need sustainable programmes, not handouts” he said. Tembo cited the failed electronic voucher system as an illustration of the PF government’s incompetence.

And he also expressed sadness on the Police Service Commission’s decision to fire the four Sesheke police officers last week, warning that their potential replacements may not be as professional as their predecessors. “That is too bad! The PF government is not aware that a cadre can disappoint them, but not a civil servant. If there is support they can count on, it’s from civil servants. But if they now mistreat them, then who will stand by their side? Those cadres they defend, tomorrow they will run away from them. Now a cadre has no permanent family, but those civil servants are trained, trusted and are kept to defend the nation,” observed

Tembo, who added that once the MMD formed government again, it servants regardless of would embrace all civil ethnicity.

## StanChart raises personal loan limits to K450,000

By Stuart Lisulo

Standard Chartered Bank Zambia has allowed personal and priority customers to borrow up to K450,000, making it the highest personal loan threshold under that category in the country, company data shows. In a statement availed by StanChart head of corporate affairs Christine Matambo, Monday, StanChart raised its personal loan limit up to K450,000. “It is the first commercial bank to increase personal loan limits to this level, giving clients greater opportunity to finance their needs and aspirations. The move also widens access to finance and the amount of personal financing available to Zambians. Through the bank’s new personal loan offer, clients can also top-up their existing loans, consolidate

loans, make balance transfers from any bank in Zambia to Standard Chartered Bank, and benefit from favourable re-financing at competitive interest rates, amongst others,” stated Matambo. “Standard Chartered has pioneered several ‘firsts’ on the market, especially in the digital banking space. This year, the bank announced that it is investing over US \$850,000 to enhance its digital proposition in Zambia. Furthermore, the bank recently announced its 2018 financial results, which saw it lead the market as the most profitable commercial bank in Zambia.” Last year, StanChart earned a net profit after tax of over K267 million, beating the competition for the highly-vetted number one position in the market in terms of profitability, according to company data.

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# Police squeeze Kambwili, deny him bond, as opposition cry foul

International Airport where he allegedly breached airport security as he went to welcome his UK-based wife on Sunday. Meanwhile, UPND leader

Haka inde Hichilema has charged that Zambia has a tyrant in office, adding that it’s time that citizens took a democratic decision in unity of purpose

to deliver themselves from the brutality and economic malaise. Kambwili was charged with showing hatred, ridicule or contempt for a of a different race, in relation to the viral social media video in which he was filmed having an altercation with an indian who was operating road compactor last week. Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata-Katongo confirmed the arrest, as Kambwili’s lawyer disclosed to News Diggers! that the Roan PF rebel member of parliament had been denied bond. “Police in Lusaka have arrested and charged Hon Chishimba Kambwili with Expression or showing Hatred ridicule or contempt for persons because of race, tribe or place of Origin or colour contrary to section 70 of the Penal Code, Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia. He is currently detained in police custody,” police spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo said in a statement. Shortly after his initial arrest, Kambwili was arrested again, while still in police custody and charged with failure to obey lawful orders contrary to section 127 of the Penal code. When the embattled political heavyweight arrived at Lusaka Central Police station, he was flanked by his wife Carol, NDC vice-president Joseph Akafumba, Opposition Alliance partners led by Hichilema, who included Elias Chipimo, Sean Tembo, Nason Msoni, Fresher Siwale, Sylvia Masebo and others. Speaking after his arrest, the UPND leader urged Zambians to now believe that there was a tyrant in office. “We as Zambians must know that we have a tyrant in office. These are the actions of

leadership of tyranny. We have said it for a long time [but ] there are Zambians who didn’t believe it, now you should believe it. History has taught us something, that leaders and parties like this who go in office to work against citizens, do not stay in office long because once people have taken a decision that this is the group of people in the name of PF who are looking after themselves and not the interest of people, they will take a decision to rest such leaders,” he said. Hichilema said Zambians should take a democratic decision in unity of purpose and deliver themselves from the brutality, economic malaise and unemployment under the ruling government. “I’m saying to the people of Zambia, do not be afraid. Do not fear, what you see is a necessary process for us to gain strength, for us to work together in unity of purpose as we have done before to take out the one party state in 1991. I think this is yet another time citizens must take a democratic decision in unity of purpose to deliver themselves from brutality, economic malaise, unemployment. I ask the people of Zambia to be even more united now than ever before. We are demonstrating unity ourselves as your servants, leaders of political parties, that must permeate downwards to yourselves,” he said. Meanwhile, NAREP president Chipimo observed that the police should have granted Kambwili police bond because he was not a flight risk. He equally urged Zambians to stand up against the dictatorship under the PF government. “As the police they should have exercised his rights to be released. At the very least they

should have allowed him to go to court so that we could apply for bail and he would be released today. He is not a flight risk. This is clearly being done to punish him for political reasons. We are standing in solidarity with him, we are not going anywhere until this matter is fully resolved. Even the people that are gathered here are seeing the abuse that is taking place, the double standards that have been applied consistently by the PF administration. We have never had it this bad before and as one voice we must stand up as the people of this nation against this kind of tyranny,” Chipimo said. “They have already destroyed this economy and now they are trying to use other means to silence and intimidate us, they will not succeed. They can succeed for a day but I can tell you, the Tsunami is coming.” And PeP leader Sean Tembo hoped that the police would honour their promise of taking Kambwili to court today. “The police decided to deny our colleague bond and on that basis they have decided to incarcerate him. They have promised that they will be taking him to court tomorrow (today) first thing in the morning. We are hopeful that they are going to honour their promise,” he said. Meanwhile, KKIA police are reportedly looking for Kambwili at the time when he was first being arrested, on allegations that he breached airport security. Kambwili who had gone to welcome his UK-based wife on Sunday at 09:45 am, apparently crossed the airport cordon at the international arrivals terminal, walked up to the baggage carousel where he was captured on CCTV hugging her, and proceeded to exit the airport building.

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# PF, UPND must stop ferrying cadres to by-election areas - Kampyongo

**By Mirriam Chabala**  
Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo says the importation of cadres to areas where elections are taking place is the root cause of political violence. And Kampyongo says the Police Service Commission decided to dismiss officers who beat up PF cadres in the February 12 Sesheke parliamentary by-election after considering factors, such as the availability of Zambians that are willing to serve the country with diligence. Appearing on ZNBC's Sunday Interview programme, Kampyongo said there were a number of reasons for the ongoing political violence including; desperation - where political parties wanted to show that they were still strong in a given area; lack of tolerance and above all, importation of cadres. "Importation of cadres is one of the reasons. But it's not apportioned, you can't blame one party. The UPND also had a huge contingent of youths, I am sure you must have seen the pictures that are circulating. So, this is one of the issues that we need to acknowledge and deal with. On our part as PF, we have been discussing with the Secretary General and the President himself, and I can share with you that, collectively, we are saying that no youth should be in an area where elections are taking place without my consent or the consent of the youth leadership in that particular area," he said. "But, of course, sometimes you get youths to go and render support, so these are things that we just need to deal with. It shouldn't just be the Patriotic Front, it should be the UPND, it should be any other party that could be participating in a by-election. There could be numbers that could be allowed like those that go to campaign in structures and all, but most importantly, it's important that the locals themselves... like in the upcoming by-elections in Bahati, we have the manpower in Luapula Province, starting from the province and going to the district and constituencies, enough youths." And Kampyongo argued that the fired Sesheke cops were dismissed from work after a number of factors were considered. "After what transpired in

Sesheke, the Police Service Commission was made to get onto the ground just to [look] at the reports that were on the ground because most of the reports that I spoke on in my earlier statement were the cases that were reported. For instance, how can you say someone's house has been gutted, properties destroyed and suspects are probably known, then you don't effect an arrest, what do you expect of such characters? They will continue with impunity.

People report cases of assault, then you don't effect an arrest, you expect that maybe after the elections that's when we are going to effect an arrest, what kind of policing is that? People are arrested, UPND cadres are arrested, put in police custody, then their colleagues should come and rescue them violently and the police are not doing anything about that?" kampyongo asked. "So, these are issues that the Police Service Commission focused on

and zeroed in and in their own understanding, they discovered that those officers were ground commanders. Those were ground commanders and when there are by-elections in an area like that, the ones that take lead are the local police because they know their area very well. So, that's where the Police Service Commission started from. But, of course, there was one constable who was just indisciplined, and him, I witnessed myself. This is a fellow

who, with impunity started flashing the party symbol of the UPND and crossing the road! So, the Commission looked into these things and made a decision to dismiss the officers." Kampyongo insisted that government would not entertain lawless officers to continue servicing the police service when there were diligent citizens who were willing to serve the country with integrity. "I would have felt the same way if that brutality was meted on a UPND

person, as long as they are Zambians. You don't react to people with that amount of force, that was not just justifiable! If you look at the number of people that line up when the police [are] recruiting, you could see how many people are willing to come and serve in the Zambia Police Service. Therefore, we are not going to accept to have people who just want to put on uniform and get carried away and forget their mandate," cautioned Kampyongo



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# Artistes pull out of Vespers’ remembrance vigil in protest of Luo’s presence

**By Mukosha Funga**  
Voice of Vespers, a movement to advocate for justice for Vespers Shimunzhila, has pulled out of her remembrance vigil after outrage from many Zambians who are unhappy with the inclusion of Minister of Higher Education Professor Nkandu Luo and her Ministry of Religious Affairs counterpart Reverend Godfridah Sumaili, among the keynote speakers. A Human Rights Commission report on events of October 4, 2018 at UNZA, concluded

that Vespers suffocated to death after police caused a fire by firing tear gas in her room. This was during protests by students who were demanding payment of their meal allowances. The HRC recommended the prosecution of officers involved in the operation but a state-instigated inquest is still on-going in the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court. Now circulating on social media is a flier about the remembrance vigil dubbed ‘Special Tribute to Vespers: The National Together We Remember Vigil’ organised by

Pillars of Peace Zambia. According to the flier, the event, at which a number of local artists such as Mampi, B-Flow, Wezi and Kantu are set to perform, is slated for 28 February, 2019 at UNZA. Among the advertised main speakers are Prof Luo, Rev Sumaili, former Chief Justice of Zambia Lombe Chibesakunda and UNZA Vice-Chancellor Professor Luke Mumba. On learning of the presence of ministers at the forthcoming event, some outspoken Zambian netizens took to Twitter, Friday, to

condemn the move. Following this outrage, Voice of Vespers tweeted; “We will not be participating in this event because the organizers have not shared with us the reasons for inviting the officials who will be speaking. We would have been comfortable to participate if the speakers were coming to announce how justice for Vespers will be served.” Musician B Flow, also pulled out of the event saying he accepted the invitation before knowing who the speakers were. “I wish to notify my

fans that I will not be participating in this event until the organizers explain to me the rationale behind the selection of speakers. I accepted the invitation before the poster was designed. My performance was going to be pro bono and in honor of Vespers,” tweeted B Flow. “I’m available to participate if the speakers have been invited specifically to announce the results of the investigations and to accept the responsibility of compensating Vespers’ family. I have reached

out to the organizers but they have not picked my calls or given feedback.” Meanwhile, Wezi said she had listened to public outcry and would not perform at the event. “My grandma says it’s wise to listen.. the reasoning from everyone here has made me understand the implications of performing here and having said that, we shall continue to do activism work for Vespers without compromising in anyway. With that said, I will NOT be performing here,” tweeted Wezi.

**By Thomas Mulenga**  
The Opposition Alliance has vowed not to be part of the Constitution amendment process without the national dialogue process. And UPND president Hakainde Hichilema says the party has instructed its members of parliament not to support the motion to amend the Constitution scheduled to be presented to Parliament by Minister of Justice Given Lubinda. Meanwhile, NDC consultant Chishimba Kambwili says he will not support the Constitution amendment motion together with UPND and independent MPs. Speaking at the Opposition Alliance press briefing, Monday, Hichilema charged that the PF wanted to manipulate the Republican Constitution for their own benefit like they did in 2015. “One party whether it is in office or not, can’t use Parliament as the decider for the peoples’ Constitution because we know the mentality of the PF; they rush these things to Parliament. The Constitution must be derived by the people for themselves. And we believe as my colleague (Kambwili) has said that, dialogue presents that consensus-building opportunity,

## Opposition Alliance refuse to support Constitution amendment without dialogue

but they are dodging the dialogue process to avoid the consensus of the people so that they can manipulate the Constitution using Parliament! Has this happened before? Yes, it did. In 2015 going into 2016, the PF went and tabled a Constitution Amendment Bill and many of us argued that it was good to amend the Constitution, we were naïve, PF went ahead, manipulated the process and we ended up with the Constitution we have today, which is a total mess!” said Hichilema. Meanwhile, Kambwili alleged that the PF wanted to spend K2 million to manipulate the Constitution so that they could remain in power. He equally insisted that the Opposition Alliance was not going to support the Constitution amendment without the dialogue process. “You may be aware that on Friday, the Ministry of Justice came to Parliament and announced that they intend to go ahead with

the Constitution amendment process without first having gone to the national dialogue. We agreed as all stakeholders that the amendments to the Constitution and the amendment to the Public Order Act would be issues that would be tabled at the national dialogue. But you members of the press and the country may wish to know that PF has tried by all means to sabotage the national dialogue and the reason for sabotaging the national dialogue is for them to do what they want to do now because they don’t want those issues to be discussed in the national dialogue where we can agree to disagree on certain provisions in the Constitution. Now, they want to take a route where they are going to spend K2 million of tax payers’ money. Because if we meet at the national dialogue, all stakeholders will be there, will go through the amendment of the Constitution, article by article, we agree to disagree so that when it goes to Parliament, there should

be no any debate whatsoever, but to merely implement what will be agreed at the national dialogue,” Kambwili said. Kambwili, who is also Roan PF member of parliament, insisted he was not going to support the Constitution amendment motion together with UPND and independent MPs. “But PF wants to manipulate the Constitution by bringing in certain issues that will favour their stay in power, in the Constitution. But as an Alliance, we are saying we are not prepared to participate in PF and Lubinda’s proposed road map until the issues are brought to the national

dialogue. What we are calling PF upon is that let them put their house in order and make sure that the dialogue is held before the Constitution amendment process. And I want to warn the PF, I want to warn President Edgar Lungu and Minister of Justice that the Constitution is not like any other law that you need simple majority, you need two thirds to pass the amendments to the Constitution! Meaning, therefore, that if we are not going to participate, then there will be no amendment that they are proposing because they don’t have the two thirds majority,” argued Kambwili.

“So, if they are reasonable enough, let us talk. Let us go to the national dialogue, without dialogue, stop wasting money on that Constitution process! It will not see the light of the day unless they want to be arrogant and just for the purpose of spending money unnecessarily, let them go ahead, but they must know that we will not be part and parcel of their trickery or crookedness where they want everything to be done their own way! This country belongs to all of us, and the (Republican) Constitution is not the constitution of the PF, it’s not the Constitution of Parliament; it’s not the constitution of NGOs; it’s the Constitution of all Zambians and, therefore, we must do the right thing. If you want you can go ahead and pass that Constitution, it will be called ‘PF-Lubinda constitution!’”

## Sampa orders removal of Hybrid Chicken statue at Chainama


**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa has directed Hybrid Poultry Farming

to remove its chicken statue from the Chainama roundabout within the next two weeks, saying it was not conforming to the council standards. In a letter addressed to Hybrid Poultry Farming Country Director Huw Morris, Monday, Sampa ordered the company to remove its chicken statute from inside the Chainama roundabout and place it either on the road leading to Hybrid or in the Chamba Valley area. He explained that the policy at Lusaka City Council (LCC) was that roundabouts in Lusaka should be simple with green grass and a fountain or national hero statue in the middle, adding that any other form of advertising should be placed outside the roundabout, not inside.

“Further to my letter of enquiry and consequent meeting we had in my office last week, I wish to reiterate as follows: (i) Our current policy on all roundabouts in the city is to have them simple, green with grass and a fountain or national hero statue in the middle. (ii) All billboards or any other form of advertising can be placed outside the roundabout and not inside. (iii) I, therefore, instruct that the Hybrid chicken statue be removed from the inside of the Chainama roundabout within the next two weeks. (iv) The chicken statue can be placed outside on the road leading to Hybrid or Chamba Valley area. We anticipate and thank you in advance for helping us keep Lusaka clean and uniform,” stated Sampa.


## Lusaka bus conductor in court for stealing ‘Hungry Lion’

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
A 17-year-old bus conductor of Lusaka’s Kaunda Square Stage Two has been dragged to court for allegedly stealing a pack of Hungry Lion chips, cellphone, pair of headsets and K450 cash, among other properties, all valued at K2,410. The juvenile offender, who is charged with one count of aggravated robbery contrary Section 294 (2) of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the laws of Zambia, is alleged to have stolen the said items, while armed with a screw driver. Particulars of the offence allege that on January 9, 2019, in Lusaka, the juvenile, while working together with others unknown and armed with a screwdriver, stole one Venus cellphone, a pair of headsets, an iPhone wrist watch, one pack of Hungry Lion chips and K450 cash, all together valued at K2,410, property of Gunduzani Banda. It is alleged that immediately before or after stealing, the juvenile used or threatened to use actual violence in order to obtain the said items or overcome resistance for them to be stolen. The matter was allocated to Lusaka Magistrate Ruth Kapulo, on Monday in the absence of the accused. The juvenile offender, however, is expected to appear for explanation of the charge before the matter can be committed to the High Court. Meanwhile, a 37-year-old security guard of Kalikiliki Compound has appeared in the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court for defiling a minor. In this case, Ndumba Kayombo is charged with defilement of a child contrary to section 138 (1) of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the laws of Zambia. It is alleged that on December 18, last year in Lusaka, Kayombo had unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 16. The matter has been allocated to Magistrate Faides Hamaundu.



# Talking Business with Chibamba Kanyama

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# Entrepreneurs stick to principles

One of the most successful football managers in the English Football Premiership League, Mr. Arsene Wenger, became notorious for standing by his principles even when stakeholders appeared to be losing faith in him. He maintained his faith in young players and still believed that even when things might not be going his way temporarily, the future held well to his goals. Even when his team got under so much attack in a game, he would still insist the players did not compromise the game plan which was about fluidity and lustrous passing.

Entrepreneurs should have faith in the systems they use. Many entrepreneurs I have counseled know me for some important questions I ask them. “What is your business focus? What has worked for you all these years and what principles will help you do your business?”

If you have been in business for some time, you must stand by systems and values that have worked for you. To some, they will maintain their ethical conduct at all times. To others, they will always tell the truth even when doing so may deny them an opportunity to make huge money.

One businessman had an opportunity to sell his property at five times the price of the market value to some non-discerning Chinese investors. He had an opportunity to exploit them and make a fortune in an instant. But he chose to go for the market value. As far as he was concerned, he has remained in business because of a strong reputation of trust in the marketplace.

Telling the truth at all times has worked very well

for him. His personal philosophy is that deceit will always be uncovered and once the market discovers your insincerity, everyone will avoid you. Every entrepreneur will always need to go back to the drawing board when things get chaotic. This is the time to revisit your mission and value statements. We all know about very important brands. Brands are in businesses, in products and personalities. Predictable values produce brands. It is difficult to build a brand name. It takes many years of consistency. All brands once upon a time faced challenges. But it was during the time of difficult and testing encounters that they became brands.

Mr. Nelson R. Mandela, for instance, has become an international brand, an icon, not because he became president of South Africa but because he remained consistent to his values when faced with serious challenges.

There are many entrepreneurs who have sent strong signals of hard work, responsibility, honest dealings and fairness to the marketplace. The marketplace will treat them as such. Unfortunately, there come moments when certain business packages come with sweeteners and they abandon their principle just to polish up their books. That becomes the genesis of never ending financial problems.

Business is not for the inconsistent. You must take action in the face of significant obstacles and challenges. It has been proved that consistent entrepreneurs always take persistent actions. They can switch to an alternative strategy to meet a challenge or obstacle but all this will be done within defined

boundaries. Just like in football where you can switch from a three-two-four to a four-three-three formation, you can also strategically redesign your business. Entrepreneurs further take personal responsibility for the performance necessary to achieve goals and objectives. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) manual on entrepreneurship states the following about entrepreneurs, “The motive for achievement is a need that makes people accomplish great things. They love challenges. They want to drive themselves so that they are capable of doing what they aim to do. The desire to achieve is evident in all aspects of their personal and professional life. Entrepreneurs love the freedom and independence of being their own boss. Entrepreneurs have to be free to pursue their own ideas and follow their own road. They are the movers and shakers, the people who make things happen.”

In order to develop a level of consistency, you will require mentors to encourage you through tough times. A colleague said to me, “the people who are closest to us determine our level of success.” There will always be people who admire your principles.

I have seen that in sport, the players and athletes get even more motivated to rise against the strongest challenges when they hear that voice that urges them to persevere. When things are tough, entrepreneurs do not consult those who tell them to throw in the towel. Entrepreneurship is not cheap and it is not for the feeble minded. *(This is an excerpt from my book ‘Business Values for Our Time’ undergoing second edition).*

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**

Eastern Province PF chairperson Andrew Lubusha has expelled two senior party officials in Petauke for allegedly breaching the party's constitution.

And among those expelled from the party are Lubusha's only challenger Elias Daka (Eliboma) in the upcoming PF intra-party elections for Eastern Province and Emmanuel (Jay Jay) Banda, the parliamentary contender who seeks to unseat Information Minister Dora Siliya as Petauke Central MP in 2021.

Those expelled have expressed shock at the party's decision, saying they had never been subjected to any disciplinary procedure as stipulated in the party's constitution.

Lubusha explained that the decision to expel the duo was made by the Central Committee, and that he was just implementing the instruction from his boss, PF Secretary General Davies Mwila.

According to the expulsion letters dated February 20, 2019, and signed by Lubusha, Emmanuel Banda, who is also 2016 Petauke Central Independent losing member of parliament, has been expelled for distributing PF branded bicycles to ward officials without party authority, among other charges.

“You were distributing PF branded bicycles to PF

# East PF in uproar as chairman expels Petauke's Eliboma, Jay Jay

ward officials in Petauke without authority from the Secretariat; and the sitting member of parliament for Petauke Central Hon Dora Siliya MP complained that you have been campaigning in her constituency before the declaration of campaigns, therefore, you went against the party! These actions above violate regulation 29 of the party constitution on: breach of the rules of the party; acting in a manner likely to bring the name of the party into public ridicule; spreading false information to any organ of the party or any of its officials to deceive or misled; and acting disrespectfully towards the party or any of its officials,” stated Lubusha in the expulsion letter.

Lubusha stated that Daka was expelled for allegedly deceiving Musanzala constituency members that their incumbent lawmaker Peter Daka had died, when in fact not.

“You have been undermining the incumbent member of parliament for Musanzala, Hon Peter Daka, which is against

party guidelines; you have been in possession and distribution of Patriotic Front branded materials without authority from the Secretariat; the sitting member of parliament for Musanzala, Hon Peter Daka complained of your unfair conduct where you cheated people in the constituency that he had died. It is also noted that you immediately staged campaigns for Musanzala, a move that has drastically disturbed Hon Peter Daka's well-being,” charged Lubusha.

Lubusha has since advised the expelled officials to appeal to the Central Committee if they felt unsatisfied.

“I received written instructions, rather guidance, from my immediate boss, the Secretary General, and I executed the instructions in line with the party constitution. We have clearly indicated that we are acting on instructions from our able Secretary General of the mighty Patriotic Front. Hon Jay Banda take note that the party has disciplined both you and one Mr Elias Daka and even if it came as written instruction

from my immediate supervisor, I am automatically part of all decisions of the party by virtue of being a member of Central Committee, therefore, it is collective. I am simply a bearer of such a decision, but it is a decision of the party, hence, we are all part of it. You may wish to appeal to the Central Committee,” Lubusha stated.

But party member Chinganyama Kasalika has petitioned the party seeking the dissolution of the Lubusha-led executive.

“I write to your good office, sir, to seek for the dissolution of the Andrew Lubusha-led executive committee. Sir, you may wish to know that stakeholders of the Patriotic Front in Eastern Province are calling for the immediate dissolution of the party executive committee led by Andrew Lubusha as we await to conduct fresh elections. That all members and supporters of our great party restate their unflinching support for President Edgar Lungu and assure him of a harvest of votes from Eastern Province in the 2021 general elections,” stated

Kasalika in his appeal letter addressed to Davies Mwila.

Kasalika revealed that the ruling party was divided in the region.

“Sir, for all intents and purposes, the party is not united and so I hereby implore you to take charge of the challenges facing the party and deal with them decisively. Sir, we seem often to ignore essential elements in the growth of our party PF, namely internal structures. Sir, note that there is no interdependence between the party and the general membership. In Eastern Province, we have failed to promote the party's adherence not only to democratic goals and activities, but also to democratic internal structures, which is now posing as a serious challenge to the growth of the party amid intimidation and vindictiveness,” Kasalika warned.

"Lastly, sir, I want to state that internal democracy must be mandatory and our leaders should allow room for divergent views. We are a (ruling) party and not in

opposition. The current state of affairs in Eastern Province is a sorry sight and if left unchecked, we risk losing a lot of members silently and the possibility of us tasting our own medicine of 'Donchi Kubeba' is highly imminent."

Another member Chinga Kasalika noted that the lack of internal democracy in the province remained a threat to peace in the party.

“Sadly, Eastern Province leadership has cultivated a culture of intolerance to debate and dissent from members. These features are stifling debate of important issues and policies. Thus, bad decisions like expulsions of members cannot be checked within the party before becoming public policy since lower-ranking members are only important during elections, and the general membership in Eastern Province is every day being deprived of an opportunity to influence party policies. Our provincial team has become insanely and selfishly unresponsive to the members' needs,” observed Chinga.

# Manyozo forwarding party

We have stated in the past that the UPND in power will not have any better language than what we are hearing from the ruling Patriotic Front today. It appears that when PF officials insult the UPND, the biggest opposition party feels obliged to retaliate with the same measure of vulgar language, if not worse.

But our concern today is the party that is controlling the affairs in the Republic of Zambia, the party that is setting the agenda for discourse – the Patriotic Front and its government leadership. These people do not care what citizens think about them nowadays. If someone in the opposition accuses them of theft, abuse of power or general bad governance, that individual will get a cocktail of insults from all directions.

Why is the PF and its leadership in government so talented at insults? Is there really no other way that two opposition political views can be settled without removing one another’s human dignity? How can educated human beings, entrusted with the power and responsibility to lead 17 million other citizens, find it easy to insult those they are leading? How can government leaders in a Christian nation refer to other humans as dogs, pigs or goats?

We have a deputy secretary general of the governing party charging that those who are questioning the style of governance in Zambia have malnourished paediatric brains! Is that acceptable in a Christian nation? Making a mockery of those suffering children

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who are malnourished because top government leaders are stealing money meant for their drugs and nutrition?

Then a day later, we have a top State House official saying the Republican President will not waste time to sit and dialogue with opposition political leaders who have brains the size of a rat! Can this be acceptable in a Christian nation? Where are we going as a country? Are we providing exemplary leadership to human beings or we are leading other creatures that have no use being alive?

Like we have said, the opposition, especially the UPND, have responded to insults with insults, which is very unfortunate, but our concern is that the PF and its government leadership has completely destroyed its moral conscience to stop the culture of political insults. They cannot stop the rot because they are the pioneers of foul language. It means this situation will only get worse as we go towards 2021.

We can’t believe that this is happening under the leadership of a President who ascended to power under the guise of being humble and God-fearing. It is a mockery to imagine

that these insults are being spearheaded by a government that has created a Ministry of Religious Affairs and National Guidance, a regime that has declared a Day of National Prayer, Fasting and Reconciliation; a leadership that has put up the so-called New Tabernacle National House of Prayer.

For sure, no one can fool God, so who are these people fooling? When they proclaim the Gospel, speak in tongues and bow down their heads in prayer before their Cabinet meetings, who are they fooling? This a very unfortunate style of leadership; and it is overflowing from State House, through Cabinet, all the way to the junior members of the ruling party.

We have reproduced a few lines from the past to show our leaders that citizens don’t forget what is coming out of their mouths. These are remarks from the PF and its government, provoked by criticism on bad governance. Are these leaders befitting to be in charge of a Christian nation?

MUMBI PHIRI to Charles Milupi: “The UPND has been singing about taking President Lungu to

The Hague from 2016 up to-date. When are they going to do that? You can see the pettiness in these paediatric brains of these old men with small brains. 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.”

SUNDAY CHANDA to Opposition Alliance: The leaders of political parties who recently met at a hotel in Lusaka fit the bill of both terms quite nicely. Chishimba Kambwili, Elias Chipimo, Mike Mulongoti, Charles Milupi, Sean Tembo, and other tag-alongs, all have one thing in common: they are Hichilema’s useful “obliGOATary” idiots! They represent the cast of a slapstick comedy that portrays a nearly extinct Billy Goat misleading other goats.”

AMOS CHANDA to Chishimba Kambwili: You have taken me to court thinking you can bully me and I have responded using civil action. Why not wait for the process before you can open your

dirty mouth? That’s the reasoning of a buffoon like you that you see others through your dirty eyes... I’m here whether you like it or not. When time to go comes, and it will definitely come, I will proceed to do something else. I am not as limited as you are, stinky stupid fool! Keep your dirty vengeance-filled mouth shut and focus on your health challenges that now seem to have migrated to your big, but empty head. You rabid dog, can you find any other way of dying than dragging me into your self-inflicted problems.”

PRESIDENT EDGAR LUNGU to Opposition: “I am appealing to police to take charge of peace and order and wherever elections are taking place. Sort out the fool before it brings war. I am challenging police to take control of the situation by sorting out foolish people who want to bring anarchy. They are ashamed of their losses in recent by-elections and these fools know they are losing the next election, so they want to disrupt the electoral process.

JEAN KAPATA to UPND in Parliament: “Elo beshile nabafwala nefya black (they [UPND] even came here dressed in black),

get out! Nabafwala nefya black kwati balewamya (they are even dressed in black like they are doing the right thing) [How can you be] politicking when someone has lost a child? Ata bane [more insults], one day members tukaiponone one by one, tukamone uwakosa ninani (one day we should beat each other up as members of parliament so that we see who is stronger). Ala imwe baice! Fi satanist (you little kids, [you are just] satanists).”

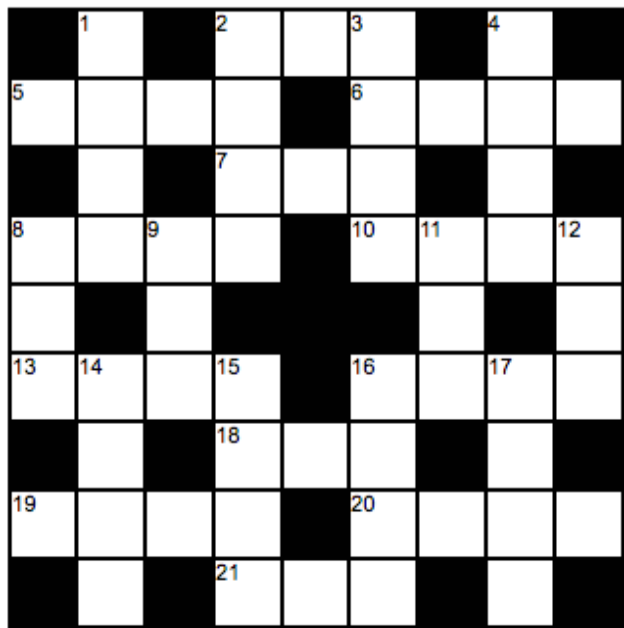
DAVIES MWILA on Kambwili’s beating at Parliament: “What happened at Parliament was normal, yes, Kambwili will be beaten because he is a fool! I am telling you as PF Secretary General that if Kambwili thinks that he can continue provoking others he will be beaten! You quote me the way I have told you. If he thinks he can provoke people even in Cairo Road, he will be beaten! Kambwili is just like a mad dog. How would you feel if someone was calling you a thief when you are not? Tell Kambwili that if he continues to insult people they will continue beating him because he is a stupid politician!”

If these bitter sentiments were coming from those who have fruitlessly struggled to form government, we would understand the frustration. But the above named members of the “Manyozo Forwarding Party” have no survival struggles. They eat well, they have plenty of money, they can afford holidays and any type of alcohol that their throats crave. So, why are they insulting in this matter? Surely, Zambia needs deliverance!

Crossword puzzle 301

“Always keep a part of your mind empty, so you can go there to rest.”

Solutions to puzzle 300



Across

2. Not quite right  
5. Quick cut  
6. Water drops  
7. Greek H  
8. Whirl  
10. Operates  
13. Chat  
16. Filter  
18. Pen filler  
19. Filth  
20. Capri, for one  
21. Final; finish

Down

1. Break abruptly  
2. Not shut  
3. Munich Mrs.  
4. Purplish red  
8. Used a chair  
9. Sick  
11. Slide down snowy slope  
12. Take a seat  
14. Fighting force  
15. Flies in the wind  
16. Lose taction  
17. Tripped and \_\_\_\_



# Reader's feedback

## Archbishop Mpundu's analysis on Lungu's stance on corruption

Editor,

"My beloved Archbishop Mpundu says things as they are. He doesn't live to please politicians. He has always been like this. Long live your grace!" – Josef Banda

"I like Archbishop Mpundu. Long live your grace." - Lazarus Sichamba

"I really love this man!" - Raphael Mwansa Kabuswe

"Archbishop Mpundu is right on Lungu. Lungu still have a Chawama behaviour yabu kaponya. Language yamu komboni!" – Nomsa Mwamba

"What the Archbishop is saying is true. In fact, he could have added and said the current government is like a den of robbers!" – King Wisdom Sinkala

"We know those who are happy with the public

theft will call Bishop Mpundu all sorts of names. But the truth has to be told, how do you explain the scraping off of the meal allowances for students at UNZA and fail to fire a thief? And if you can't fire a thief, they say 'birds of the same feathers flock together.' This tells us that the President has legalized corruption and is part of it. Full stop!" - Mofi Kaseketi

## Amos' description of the opposition who have "brains the size of a rat"

Dear Editor,

"Insolence, sarcasm and arrogance

identify Amos Chanda. I don't know how those he speaks for and defend feel about it. But clearly, they enjoy his offensive language. There is no HUMANITY in Amos Chanda's language. It's a pity really." - Matakala Musialela

"Take it easy, Amos. You will reap what you are sowing!" - Elias Chipeta

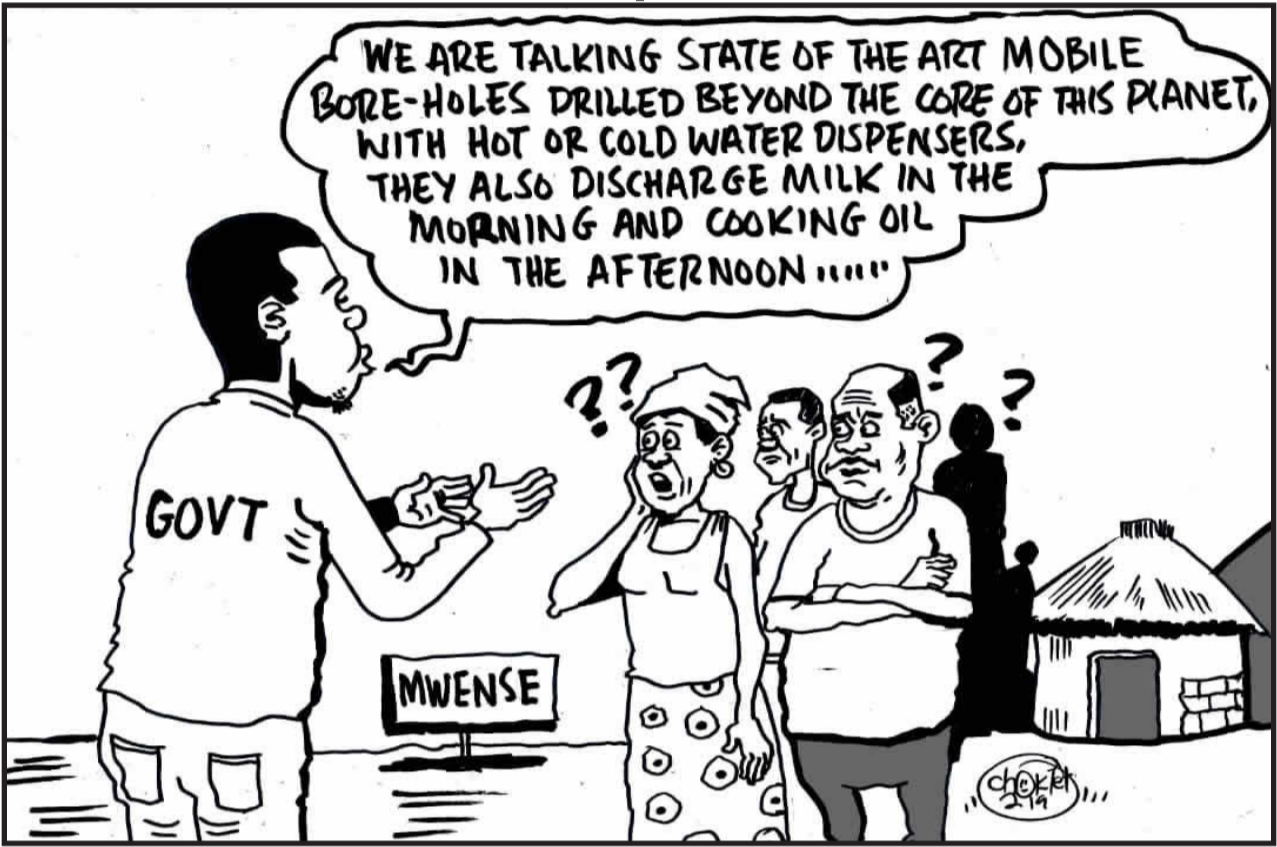
"What really annoys me is to witness my tax I pay to the government ending up making people too arrogant and too ignorant to know how to be in positions that require cool headedness." - Sylvester Moomba

"I now understand why Mr Lungu is failing to govern! Such arrogance and insolence from a presidential aid? Shame!" - Yvonne Hakayuni Mulenga

"It's careless and reckless talk like this that has brought us to where we are. Respect is very important in the political arena." - Muma Chomba

"These spokesmen are drunk with State power. They will end up badly!" - Greg Thomas Sankara Kabombo

"Only something true hurts! They could be some truth, which is so worrying for this guy to come out like this..." - Maluba Kaheko



## 'Police should issue call-out for PF cadres who besieged Parley!'

Editor,

"The police have evidence enough, let them as well issue call outs to those PF cadres and arrest them than issuing innocent Zambians call-outs at night even before getting hold of the same video??? Why should Dora Siliya act as IG? Animal farm!" - Mpundu Musonda

"The problem with our Zambia Police; they always twist the law in order to suit their actions. This is shameful..." - Chikumbe Jonathan

"Those PF cadres are supposed to be prosecuted because they didn't follow the law..." - Katachi Katachi

"Matibini is playing with Pamaka, you are treading on a live wire! We have laws to follow, the thugs were there at the Parliament gate and blocked the road in the presence of the police who are literally numb and dumb watched helplessly the happenings, scared of touching the thugs!" - David Mandona

## Chitotela's sympathisers' threats to petrol-bomb ND's offices

Editor,

"ND! has exhibited great courage and bravery in this era of cadre thuggery, cadre lawlessness, and it is inconceivable that any sane person can threaten them for exposing evil. I join all who are condemning the evil ones that are threatening ND!" – Mike Phiri

"Well said, ba News Diggers! Continue pushing forward for the people's well-balanced information." - Orphen Kys

"You shall triumph over evils of this nation and Africa at large." – Brighton B. Banda

"This is what happens in a country where corruption is tolerated. Only a few individuals enjoy the country's resources. Such foolishness of Chitotela's sympathisers should be condemned in its strongest terms by well-meaning Zambians!" – Rodgers Banda

"When the system is rotten this is the result..." - Donn M Tutayi

"This is the problem with corrupt leaders; they are only generous enough to sponsor saboteurs and terrorists." - Midibo Dibo

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Nigeria’s elections took place in a generally peaceful environment, the head of the African Union observer mission said on Monday, in his first public comments about the delayed presidential poll on Saturday.

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As many as 39 people have been killed in election violence, civil society groups said on Sunday. Analysts say the poll pitting President Muhammadu Buhari against businessman Atiku Abubakar will be Nigeria’s tightest since the end of military rule in 1999.

At stake is the leadership of Africa’s top oil producer, a country with the continent’s biggest economy whose decade-long battle with Islamist militants concentrated in the northeast makes it central to regional stability.

Early results were expected to trickle in on Monday, but it was unclear when a winner would be

# Nigeria poll peaceful, notes AU Observers

declared.

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The Situation Room - which represents more than 70 civil society groups - reported 39 deaths

after Saturday’s vote.

In previous elections, the death toll has been higher, but most unrest typically occurs after results are announced.

“Since beginning of campaigns in Oct 2018, more than 260 politically motivated deaths,” Clement Nwankwo, convener of the Situation Room, which had 9,000 observers, told reporters.

Ballots are being counted in Nigeria’s closely fought general election, although voting was extended to a second day on Sunday in some areas.

Due to logistical problems and some cases of violence, polls have been put back to a later date in other areas.

President Muhammadu Buhari, 76, is seeking a second term. His main challenger is former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar, 72.

The election had been due last week

but was delayed at the last minute.

Whoever wins in Africa’s most populous nation and largest economy will have to address power shortages, corruption,

security threats, and an economic slowdown.

President Buhari cast his ballot in his hometown of Daura in the northern state of Katsina. Asked if he would congratulate his rival if he lost, he said: “I will congratulate myself.

Most of the country was calm but there were reports of attacks by the Boko Haram Islamist militant group in the north, and voter intimidation and attempts to steal ballot boxes from some polling stations, especially in the southern states of Rivers, Lagos and Anambra.*Reuters*

## 10 hiccup remedies that actually work

At one time or another, you’ve had the hiccups and likely have desperately tried to get rid of them. And sometimes, they last longer than you want because none of the home remedies seem to actually work. Unfortunately, there is no official cure for the hiccups that works for everyone. Hiccups remain a mystery in the science community - both their cause and their cure. However, research speculates several evidence-based remedies for the hiccups, and INSIDER gathered a few that have been shown to work.

Pop your ears

If you have ever tried to pop your ears, you likely have performed the Valsalva manoeuvre. It’s the act of exhaling while also pinching your nose and keeping your mouth closed. And while yes you can use it to pop your ears, it’s also a very useful technique for getting rid of the hiccups. Research suggests that this manoeuvre can interrupt the hiccup reflex.

It must be maintained for about 10 to 15 seconds. Just be careful not to do it too forcefully, and don’t keep repeating this method if it doesn’t work, Brett Comer, an ear, nose, and throat doctor, and surgeon at the University of Kentucky told Tonic.

“The key is the interruption of the vagus nerve,” Conrad told INSIDER. “The vagus nerve, also known as cranial nerve X, causes the diaphragm to contract, making you hiccup.”

To interrupt the signal temporarily, place an ice cube on the back of your neck, right where you find the top protruding bone. At the same time, place another cube two inches below your jaw for 30 seconds. This temporary interruption of the nerve flow will stop the signal for your body to hiccup, Conrad explained. Swallow a spoonful of sugar

Per Mary Poppins’ prescription to help the medicine go down, swallowing a spoonful of sugar may also help to get rid of your hiccups. A 1971 study found that a teaspoon of sugar cured the hiccups for 19 out

of 20 patients.

The hypothesis for why it works has to do with how the sugar affects the vagus nerve, connecting your brain and stomach. The sugar irritates the back of the throat, and in turn, interrupts the spasms.

Bite on a lemon with bitters

Oddly enough, this hiccup remedy was well-known amongst bartenders first before being passed on to the science community. The remedy involves eating or chewing on a lemon wedge topped with a few drops of bitters.

Dr. Jay Howard Herman and bartender David S. Nolan experimented with this cure and found that 14 out 16 patients got rid of their hiccups in less than a minute. Their study was later published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Breathe into a paper bagw

Another physical manoeuvre you can try is to pull your knees up to your chest. Hold or hug them there and then release to repeat this process. In doing so, it helps to relieve pressure on the diaphragm, Dr. Nesheiwat told INSIDER.

One of the most unusual remedies is a rectal massage For a more serious case of the hiccups, also known as chronic hiccups, there is the digital rectal massage method. A tube is inserted in the rectum and moves in a slow, circular motion. Seven out of seven patients were cured of their hiccups using this method.

The theory behind why it works is because the massage stimulates the nerves present in the rectum, which leads to the termination of hiccups.

Medications can also help with hiccups

Most of the time, hiccups go away on their own without medical treatment. However, if your hiccups persist longer than 48 hours, you should see a doctor, according to Dr. Nesheiwat. Long-term hiccups could be a sign of an underlying medical condition and may require medication to treat long-term hiccups.*News24*

## Trevor Noah fools the Oscars audience with fake Xhosa

Trevor Noah took to the Oscars 2019 stage to present one of the Best Picture nominees, Black Panther on Sunday night.

The South African-born comedian joked about people continuously greeting him with “Wakanda Forever” as well as about the fact that people think it is a real place.

What stood out most however, is when Trevor spoke some Xhosa on stage. “Abelungu abazi ubu ndiyaxoka’ which means, ‘In times like these, we are stronger when we fight together than when we try to fight apart,’” Trevor told the



audience.

However, Twitter users familiar with the language were quick to point out that the ‘The Daily Show’ host was

totally fooling his American audience.

What Trevor actually said is: “White people don’t know I’m lying.”*News24*

# Botswana elephant poaching ‘no hoax’

One of the last elephant sanctuaries in Africa has “a significant elephant-poaching problem”, according to the final results of an aerial wildlife survey in Botswana seen by the BBC.

Elephants Without Borders, which conducted the four-yearly survey with the government, said there was a six-fold increase in the number of “fresh” or “recent” elephant carcasses in northern Botswana amid “obvious signs” of poaching.

Mike Chase, the scientist who carried out the survey, sparked a fierce debate in the country when he went public half-way through his study in August last year with accusations there was a poaching problem and alleging the authorities were ignoring him.

He told the BBC at the time that while flying over northern Botswana, he had discovered 87 recently killed elephants in one “hotspot” area - a number now revised to 88 - and 128 overall.

The government called his figures “false and misleading” and criticised “unsubstantiated and sensational media reports”.

He received death threats and has since had one of his two research licences suspended by the government.

President Mokgweetsi Masisi at the time described the allegations

as the “biggest hoax of the 21st Century” and denied there had been a spike in poaching in the country.

But the final report identifies four poaching hotspots, provides photographic evidence from ground surveys and has been peer-reviewed by nine international elephant experts.

“The response from... various people was to try and deny or whitewash - label me a traitor and a liar - without having actually verified the evidence we bore witness to,” said Mr Chase.

The government didn’t respond to the BBC’s request for an interview about the final report, but issued a statement criticising the methods used in carrying out the survey.

The statement from Thato Raphaka, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism, said it was “regrettable” the report showed an “astounding number of pictures of dead elephants”.

It was critical of some of the scientific details in the report and requested the raw data to be submitted to the elephant specialist group at the International Union for Conservation of Nature for further independent review.



Otisitwe Tiroyamodimo, the director of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, said the government acknowledged there was a poaching problem.

“Nobody can deny that elephants are being killed in Botswana,” but those reported by Mr Chase had mainly died “from natural causes and retaliatory killings.”

“We went there and we couldn’t find the 87 carcasses,” said Mr Tiroyamodimo.

President Masisi was vice-president until April 2018, when then-President Ian Khama handed power over to his deputy. Since then the two men have fallen out.

The new president has his own vision on a number of issues, among them conservation, and has reversed some of the previous policies.

Hunting was banned under President Khama and Botswana was known for a zero-tolerance approach to poachers.

It was reported that in 2015 alone 30 Namibians, 22 Zimbabweans and an unknown number of Zambians were shot on suspicion of poaching.

Elephants can be very destructive when they encroach on to farmland and move through villages - destroying crops and sometimes killing people. Many

rural communities believe the number of elephants is increasing, even though there is no evidence of this from scientific surveys.

But their “range” - how far the elephants travel - is expanding for a number of different reasons and that is increasing conflict between wildlife and humans. Many people believe this worsened after hunting was banned in 2013, and want it to be re-introduced.

The government has to balance lifting the hunting ban to win votes against the impact it may have on Botswana’s international reputation as a luxury safari destination.

President Masisi removed “weapons of war” from the national parks’ small anti-poaching unit, saying they were illegal for non-military officers.

A consultation he initiated has just recommended that the hunting ban be lifted and that elephants be culled and their meat canned for pet food.

Botswana is also now backing regional efforts to lift a ban on the ivory trade.

The two men are locked in a political feud ahead of a party congress which will choose a new leader, with national elections due later in the year.

Mr Chase has a close relationship with the former president, so the timing of his allegations has been seen by some as a political attack on the new president - even if the final report provides evidence that poaching was going on before Mr Masisi took office.

Botswana attracts high-end tourists from across the world because of its international reputation for successful conservation.

But with the continuing political storm - and a dependency on government permits to run high-end safaris - few of the big safari operators would comment on how big a problem poaching has become.*BBC*

# Kepa has left Sarri in a fragile situation at Chelsea - Mourinho

Maurizio Sarri has been left in a fragile situation at Chelsea after Kepa Arrizabalaga's act of defiance in their League Cup final defeat against Manchester City, according to Jose Mourinho. The club's £70 million (\$91m) record-breaking signing refused to be substituted for Willy Caballero in extra-time, despite pulling up twice with a physical issue towards the end of the contest. When his number came up, Kepa reacted by waving away Cabellero and insisting he was fine to continue , which sent Sarri into a fit of rage on the touchline. The Blues boss angrily threw down a drinks bottle before storming towards the tunnel, but he ultimately stopped short of leaving the ground in extraordinary scenes at Wembley. With the scores locked at 0-0, the game was decided on penalty kicks and Kepa failed to cover himself in glory, allowing a tame Sergio Aguero effort to slip under his gloves. He did manage to save from Leroy Sane thereafter, but City eventually won the shootout 4-3 , with Raheem Sterling thundering home the winner to capitalise on a David Luiz miss. Mourinho offered his take on the Kepa incident in the wake of the match on DAZN , revealing he has never experienced anything like it as a manager himself. The former Manchester United and Chelsea coach also admitted he now fears for Sarri's position at Stamford Bridge, as he stated: "Luckily I never had to live through anything like this. "I think on the one hand the goalkeeper wants to show his personality, his confidence and wants to say 'I'm here, I want to go to penalties and

save them, and I am here with the confidence that I will go and do it'. And this is what I like. "But then I don't really like that he [Kepa] leaves the manager, the coaches and everyone else in a very fragile situation, also including one of his own team-mates who was ready to enter the pitch. "Eventually we saw how he [Caballero] was thrown into a mess that he wasn't really part of. "It saddens me because it's a really complicated situation." Next up for the Blues is a huge Premier League clash against Tottenham at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, before another London derby against Fulham four days later. Chelsea are currently sixth in the Premier League and three points behind fourth-placed Arsenal, with a game in hand. Kepa is not expected to face any disciplinary action for his outburst against City, but it remains to be seen whether or not he will retain his place in Sarri's starting line-up against Spurs. **Goal**



# Sunzu flaunts again

**By Abraham Kalito**  
French based Zambian defender Stophila Sunzu once again flaunted some class earlier in the week after he posted a picture of his latest car, the Range Rover Evoque 2018. Sunzu who recently was at the helm of controversy when he was arrested for violence against his wife, is at it again. He has apparently embarked on an exhibition of his latest car acquisitions prompting young male Zambians to follow suit.

It is not the first time that the 29-year-old footballer has showed off his latest car. More than two years ago the celebrated Chipolopolo star surprised his wife, Gift, with a Mercedes Benz GLE 350, as a Valentines, as well as a thank you gift for giving birth to a baby boy. The Benz was presented to Gift by Sunzu's friends at one of the country's prestigious shopping mall, East park mall, in full view of members of the

public. Onlookers took time to admire the brand-new machine, wishing someone could buy them one. This time however, Sunzu stood majestically in front of the Range Rover Evoque which could cost majority of Zambians a fortune to purchase. He scored Zambia's winning goal in the penalty shoot-out during the 2012 Africa cup of Nations finals against Ivory Coast in Gabon.

# We won't renew Sven's Contract - FAZ



**By Abraham Kalito**  
Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) has announced that the association will not renew National team coach Sven Vandenbroek's contract which ends next month. In a statement, FAZ further appointed Green Eagles coach Aggrey Chiyengi as the 1st Assistant Coach and ZANACO coach Numba Mumamba as second assistant coach to the national team. The association arrived at the decision following

a meeting held over the weekend. Vandenbroek's last assignment as Zambia national team coach will be the AfCON 2019 Group K game, between Zambia and Namibia to be played on March 23. "The Football Association of Zambia wishes to announce the appointment of Aggrey Chiyangi as the 1st Assistant Coach and Mr Numba Mumamba as second assistant coach to national team head coach Mr Sven Vandenbroek, who

took over from Wedson Nyirenda in July 2018 with a specific assignment to qualify the Zambia national team to AfCON. We further wish to advise that Mr Sven's contract comes to an end in March 2019 and will NOT be renewed. Mr Chintu Kampamba has been dropped from the national team technical bench," read the statement. "The non-renewal of Mr Vandenbroek's contract and the appointment of Mr Chiyangi and Mr Mumamba to the national team technical bench follows a meeting held by the FAZ executive committee this weekend. As an Association we continue to pursue the enhancement of football development by recognizing and promoting young talent and building football administration across the country. We continue with preparations towards the Under 23 2019 AfCON Qualifier that will set Zambia on the path for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Mr Vandenbroek's last assignment as Zambia national team coach will be the AFCON 2019 Group K game, between Zambia and Namibia to be played on March 23, at which we expect nothing but a resounding win over Namibia," he said.

# Trial of former Barca boss Rosell kicks off

Former Barcelona president Sandro Rosell went on trial Monday in Madrid for money laundering, Spain's National Court said. Rosell, his wife and four others are accused of "large-scale money laundering" of at least 19.9 million euros (\$23 million) since 2006 relating to television rights and sponsorship in Brazil. The 54-year-old was due to take the stand on Monday or Tuesday. By early afternoon on Monday, he had still not spoken as the court examined procedural issues. Prosecutors at the Madrid-based National Court have called for the ex-Barca boss to be jailed for 11 years and fined 59 million euros. The Rosells are accused of hiding money illegally obtained by Ricardo Teixeira, the former head of the Brazilian Football Confederation. Rosell, who has been in pre-trial custody since May 2017, had previously lived and worked in Brazil, where he forged business links. The case centres on a deal signed by Teixeira in 2006 with a company based in the Cayman

Islands for the television rights to 24 Brazil friendly matches. Altogether, Rosell and his wife allegedly received close to 15 million euros in their accounts as part of the deal. They pocketed 6.6 million euros with 8.4 million destined for Teixeira, prosecutors say. Teixeira has been indicted by US Justice Department prosecutors investigating the FIFA corruption scandal. Rosell is also suspected of having received some five million euros illicitly as part of Nike's sponsorship deal with the Brazilian team. He is also accused of setting up a "criminal organisation" along with his wife and the four others. He resigned as Barcelona president in 2014 over the murky transfer dealings that brought Brazilian striker Neymar to the club from Santos. He was later cleared of all charges in connection with an alleged tax fraud case over the transfer following an agreement with prosecutors. **AFP**



### Al Hilal eye home win

By Abraham Kalito

Sudanese premier league side Al Hilal coach Nabil Kouki has vowed to collect maximum points when the team faces Confederations cup opponents ZESCO united on 3rd March.

Kouki boasted that his side managed to hold the Zambian champions despite having one man down and that the team would work towards collecting maximum points at home.

"Yes, this Sudanese team is a team that I know very well. I know that they are talented. And then secondly, I know that they started losing confidence because most of the games away we were not winning which has really affected the team. I also have to say that ZESCO is not an easy team. It's a tough team. We managed to defend very well against them, and we scored but unfortunately, we couldn't hold on to the lead and they managed to score back and equalised. But overall, we managed the game very well. It will mean less however if we don't score at home. So, we are looking forward to collecting maximum points at home," he said. Meanwhile ZESCO coach George Lwandamina justified that his side conceded during the substitution period saying the team missed a chance to collect maximum points.

"It's not always that when you have numbers you can win the game. It's a game that we controlled. And when we had injuries that's when we conceded. It was unforeseen circumstance when we were just making the substitute. It was the only situation at that particular time and that was the only chance or threat that they created on our goal. It wasn't an easy game. But we still tried to break but we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net. In the first half we missed an opportunity to get the lead," Lwandamina said.



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