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IG Kakoma Kanganja and Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo watch officers perform practical drills (r) during Police Day yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala



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# Investors will be the only foreigners owning land under new policy - Kapata

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Jean Kapata says the proposal in the new draft National Land Policy is that no chief in Zambia will be allowed to give out land without having signatures from 50 per cent of their sub-chiefs. And Kapata says once the land policy is in place, the only foreigners that will own land in the country are investors. She was speaking in Parliament, Friday, during the questions for oral answer. Asked by Bwana Mkubwa PF member of parliament Dr Jonas Chanda whether the Chiefs' Indaba on the draft National Land Policy had officially submitted its recommendations to government; and when the Policy would be finalised, Kapata said the Chiefs' Indaba officially submitted its recommendation to government on August 28, last year. She said her ministry considered the comments and recommendations which

were made by the Chiefs' Indaba and that the response had since been submitted to the House of Chiefs. And Kapata added that her ministry anticipated to finalise the National Land Policy in the third quarter of this year. "The incorporation of the recommendation into the draft National Land Policy will only be done following further dialogue with the House of Chiefs. My ministry anticipates to finalise the National Land Policy in the third quarter of 2019. In order to achieve this, the ministry will reconstitute the technical committee which will finalise editing of the document and will provide the guidance on the decision points that will be agreed upon for inclusion into the revision of the draft National Land Policy," she said. Kapata said once the Land Policy was put in place, most of the land problems would be dealt with. Asked by Kanchibiya PF member of parliament Martin Malama whether there were

considerations in the draft National Land Policy to ensure that land was not sold rampantly to foreigners, Kapata said once the land policy was in place, the only foreigners that would own land in Zambia were investors. "In the draft policy, yes there is a clause which restricts land to be owned by foreigners. The foreigners that are going to own land when the policy is in place are those that are coming in as investors. When we talk about investment, these are the people that we will see that their investment is viable and land will be given for 25 years. If the business that they are doing is viable, then it can be renewed," she said. Choma Central UPND member of parliament Cornelius Mweetwa then asked, "Most of the land that these chiefs superintend in many areas of the country has already been alienated to private individuals. We now have chiefs on paper who have no land because they have sold it off. Are you not

considering to reintroduce the promotion of farming blocks which will provide an organised way of making land available for those who want to go into commercial farming, to access land which they can be able to use and own on title unlike going on customary land and get title dubiously?" In response, Kapata said the proposal in the new draft policy was that no chief would be allowed to give out land without 50 percent signatures from sub-chiefs. "First of all, the proposal in the new draft policy is that no chief will be allowed to give out land without 50 percent signatures of the sub-chiefs. Because in the past, it has been the chief that gives land without consultation with other sub-chiefs. Yes we have two types of title, we have the one that we give at the Ministry of Lands which is about 99 years tenure, also we are going to have one that is going to be issued by traditional leaders which will also go on for 99 years," she said.

Further asked by Mazabuka Central UPND member of parliament Garry Nkombo when her ministry would finally close the process of drafting the National Land Policy, Kapata said when her ministry meets the House of Chiefs this time around, it would be a final meeting.

"This time around when we meet the House of Chiefs, it will be a final meeting amongst ourselves and ourselves because we have done enough consultation and whatever they have brought on board, we have actually taken most of them on board," said Kapata.

## Garbage collector in court for stealing fire extinguisher from lodge

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A 29-year-old garbage collector of Lusaka's Chanda Compound has been dragged to court for allegedly stealing a fire extinguisher, six doormats, a teapot, cups and other items all valued at K2,300, from Dover lodge. This is a matter in which Kelly Chulu is facing one count of breaking into a building and committing a felony. Particulars of the offence are that on February 15, this year, in Lusaka, Chulu jointly and whilst acting together with other persons unknown did break and enter into Dover lodge and stole a fire extinguisher, six doormats, a teapot, two cups, kettle, a pair of trousers and two containers, all together valued at K2,300. Chulu will take plea soon.

By Mirriam Chabala

Works and Supply Minister Mutotwe Kafwaya says President Edgar Lungu will not accept any excuse for the Electoral Commission of Zambia to print 2021 general elections' ballot papers outside the country. And Kafwaya says it is almost impossible to record zero cases of government vehicle abuse by public officers because some people are just too attuned to doing wrong despite consequences. Speaking when he appeared on Sunday interview, Kafwaya feared that President Lungu would not condone failure by his ministry to print the 2021 general election

# Lungu won't tolerate me if I print ballots abroad - Kafwaya

ballot papers locally, after all the pronouncements and commitments made. "The President may not tolerate me if I fail to print ballot papers [locally] in 2021, because he himself understands very clearly how much it costs the country to take delegations abroad for purposes of accessing the printing systems there and

then going to verify all of those things, transportations of ballot papers and above that, the actual purchase cost. The President wants government to cut that cost substantially so that we get gains from the process. Now, I am on record to say that we are not ready now to print pilot ballot papers but in due course, we will be able to do that. So if

we have an opportunity for a by-election, we are ready [to do the pilot ballot paper printing], which I think won't be late from now given what we are doing. But from where we stand now, we are not ready to do that because we haven't done what is necessary for us to be able to do that. But give us a few months, we should be able to develop

that capacity to be able to do a pilot," Kafwaya said. "And just in case we are not able to do the pilot because there may be no by-elections at the time when we will get ready, we will do demonstrations and will invite the media, we will invite all stakeholders to come and see how we would have developed that capacity and to come and gain confidence from the Zambian public. I don't want to put a time line to that but in the mid of this year or towards the end of this year, I will be coming with more definite information and I think I will be inviting stakeholders to come and see the progress we would have made." Meanwhile, Kafwaya regretted that public officers had continued abusing government vehicles. "Many people have been cited in the Auditor General's report, some of the people

taken to court and jailed for corruption but corruption still continues. So abuse of government motor vehicles is just like corruption, it's undesirable, nobody wants it. But no matter how much you publicise it, there is going to be people who are just attuned to doing the wrong things. Every time we have gone out to monitor, we have found some people abusing government vehicles, it is a big problem. My message has always been very clear. I have always said, these resources are not for us as public servants, they are resources for the Zambian people, they are the ones who pay the taxes that we use to buy these resources in order for us to use them in serving the Zambians people. So they are not for self service, and this is why we are not saying this is the Director so let them go, no! If you are a Director, you are directing public service and not self service," said Kafwaya. The Minister who is also ruling PF's representative for the Lunte Parliamentary constituency disclosed that most government buildings were not well maintained due to lack of adequate financial resources.

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Former State House chief policy analyst in the Levy Mwanawasa's administration, Jack Kalala, says the Patriotic Front has gone too far with its autocratic way of governance. And NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili says he will engage his alliance partners to mobilise a marching protest against the government's decision to suspend the broadcasting licence for Prime TV. The Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) yesterday announced a 30-day suspension of the private stations' licence for unprofessional conduct, causing an instant public outrage. Commenting on the development, Kalala said it was regrettable that President Lungu's government was only tolerating media that sings praises. "This is not the kind of leadership that we had during our time in State House. We allowed the Newspapers [or] the media to operate freely. For your own information, President Mwanawasa preferred to read The Post newspaper which was critical of government than Daily Mail and Times [of Zambia] because it's from the criticism that we learnt were we were going

# PF has gone too far, *Prime TV* 'closure' spells dictatorship - Kalala

wrong to be able to correct and do the right thing. But these people want to be praised all the time, it's not right for the country." "Leave Prime TV alone. IBA should not be dancing to the tune of Davies Mwila, PF is a political party. This prime TV is an independent institution, it's a company on its own and the people who have formed that company have got the right to operate as they want, of course within the law. You can not accuse them of being biased, what about ZNBC? We pay levies to ZNBC but they don't cover the opposition, but have they suspended ZNBC? Not at all. Times of Zambia, have they suspended their licence? What about Daily Mail? They have seen that people are not listening to ZNBC and they are not reading the Times of Zambia and Daily mail. So PF wants to take over control of all the media in Zambia which is not fair to the people of Zambia." Kalala said the PF had gone too far with its dictatorship, warning those in government to

remember that they would not stay in power for ever. "The PF have gone too far. They closed down The Post because they did not like what it was publishing, which is wrong. And now they want also to close Prime TV and close every other media that is not towing their line. That is wrong. It's paining us. When I was in State House I did not like everything that The Post published, but I would write a response which they would publish, we never saw the need to close The Post. It's the same with Prime TV, those in State House cannot use IBA to close down media that they don't like. This is total autocracy, it is unacceptable," he said. "It is not for PF to insist that they should remain in power no, they should let the people decide on their own and the only way they can let the people decide is by allowing other political players to freely operate. And the media is key to that process. ZNBC should cover all the political parties both the opposition and the ruling

party equally like they do in UK. In Zambia we pay levy, the people who belong to the opposition pay levy to ZNBC, and so they are entitled to be covered. So what the PF should do is to be democratic. Being democratic means accepting that they are not going to be in power forever." He regretted helping the PF to form government in 2011, saying the party has turned Zambia into a dictatorship. "We didn't expect MMD to remain forever in power. In fact, I even helped to campaign for PF in 2011. George Chellah can confirm, I received Mr Sata in Lufwanyama. [This] is not the same PF that I helped to get to power, It's totally different. It has become autocratic and it is wrong. They want to be the only party to rule, no. Sometimes we even feel guilty that we removed UNIP [from power]? because today President Lungu wouldn't have been in power. Why should he not allow other people to become presidents?" asked Kalala. "If Rupiah Banda had behaved the way Lungu is behaving, I don't think PF would have won the elections in 2011. They wouldn't have formed government. But he allowed [and] gave freedom to the political parties to operate the way they wanted."

Meanwhile Kambwili said the opposition alliance would soon be applying for a permit to conduct a demonstration against the suspension of Prime TV licence. "This will not be allowed and it will be met with maximum resistance. I will be talking to the alliance partners so that we can apply for a permit to demonstrate against the closure of Prime TV. So we are asking the Independence Broadcasting Authority and, of course, the government to rescind their decision of suspending the license for Prime TV. And if you have followed the chronological order in which these things have been happening, look at the ZNBC coverage, it has been so biased to the extent that there has been a lot of misleading statements that come from ZNBC on both national issues and on issues concerning the opposition. IBA has never taken any action against ZNBC, when you watch ZNBC from beginning to end, it's all either government officials or PF cadres. Whenever the opposition has a rally, ZNBC will never cover them," Kambwili said. He warned PF to stop intimidating and interfering with operations of private media. "Mwila first and foremost chased the Prime TV

journalists but where was IBA to defend Prime TV journalists? PF must stop interfering with these professional institutions because this is clearly an indication that from the anger that Mwila showed against the Prime TV, they were only waiting for an opportunity where they could actually pounce on Prime TV and what has happened is unfortunate. If President Edgar Lungu means well and he is a leader of this country who wants to leave a legacy, let him direct the ministry of Information and IBA to immediately lift the suspension of Prime TV. The media is a fourth estate and the citizens of this country are entitled to information of what is happening in the country," said Kambwili. "Intimidating the media in that way is retrogressive. Those should be politics of the 70s. So we stand with Prime TV and we are going to do everything within our means to try and help Prime TV have their license ban lifted. And I think the best way is to have a peaceful demonstration from town all the way up to Mass Media complex and present a petition to the IBA managing director. And the PF government must be ashamed for this decision that they have taken," said Kambwili.



Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo greets Commissioner of police In-Charge of Administrations Lillian Kamukoshi at the Zambia Police Day celebrations at Heroes Stadium in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## Abolishing meal allowances will deprive many their right to education - JCTR

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) says government should enhance recovery of student loans in order to scale up instead of abolishing meal allowances. In a statement, JCTR stated that the removal of meal allowances for university students may deprive beneficiaries of affording the basic necessities which could in turn infringe on their right to a dignified life. "The fact that student bursaries have been turned into loans to students negates the need to abolish meal allowances as they are subject to recovery. What Government needs to do is to enhance recovery of student loans/bursaries in order to allow for scaling up of bursaries and increase the scheme beneficiaries. While JCTR agrees to the need to scale up bursaries to other public universities, we object to abolishing meal allowances which essentially is denying some students an opportunity

to receive tertiary education. This move is not progressive because it promotes inequality in our society as students from poor families are not allowed to receive tertiary education which is key to addressing the malaise of inequality. The removal of meal allowances may deprive students of affording the basic necessities and may infringe on their right to a dignified life," JCTR stated. JCTR urged government to improve the bursary management system so that deserving and vulnerable students benefitted from the loan scheme. "JCTR urges the government to improve the bursary management system so that only deserving and vulnerable students are the ones to benefit from the loan scheme. As a country we should be talking about increasing meal allowances for our students to enable them meet the high cost of living. Further, JCTR urges the Government to cut down on unnecessary spending in other areas such as foreign

travel of government officials and move those resources to education instead. JCTR also decries the abrupt and unilateral manner in which the decision to abolish meal allowances was made. We therefore call for a transparent and consultative process to precede such announcements," stated JCTR. "With the high cost of education, bursaries provide an opportunity for many people to earn an education. Without assistance from an outside source, students may have trouble paying for the degree they need in order to enter the workforce and become a contributing member of society. Provision and enhancing access to education is an investment and not a cost, this has been proved by countries like Japan and China that have educated their citizenry into prosperity. This provides enough evidence that education improves the economy as educated people are more productive and less dependent on provision of public goods."

## ACC nabs NHA director

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Anti-Corruption Commission has arrested a director of finance at the National Housing Authority, Charles Chewe, for failing to follow laid down procedure. In a statement, Monday, ACC public relations manager Timothy Moono stated that Chewe allegedly awarded a contract to a debt collector without following procedure. "The Anti-Corruption Commission has arrested a Director at the National Housing Authority (NHA) for failing to follow applicable laid down procedure. Charles Chewe (54), a Director of Finance at NHA has been charged with one (1) count of Wilful Failure to Follow Applicable Laid Down

Procurement Procedures or Guidelines contrary to Section 34 (2) (b) as read with Section 41 of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012," stated Moono. "Details of the offence are that on dates unknown but between 1st January 2012 and 31st December 2012 in Lusaka, Chewe, being a person employed in the Public Service by the National Housing Authority as Director of Finance did award a contract to Mr. Blackson Zulu, a Debt Collector without following applicable laid down procurement procedures or guidelines, pa transaction which concerns the National Housing Authority, a public body. Chewe has been released on bond and will appear in court soon."



**By Thomas Mulenga**  
PF youths have warned ruling party members of parliament who are positioning themselves to challenge President Edgar Lungu for the 2021 candidacy to back down and shelve their ambitions. Speaking during a PF interactive forum, Sunday, PF Copperbelt youth Chairperson Don Mungulube, who read

# Stop positioning yourselves, Lungu is our 2021 candidate, PF youths warn MPs

the resolution on behalf of all PF Provincial youth chairmen who recently met in Lusaka, said PF youths had resolved that President Lungu was the sole candidate

in 2021, whether other party members agreed or not. "I want to take this opportunity to announce the resolution that we made yesterday when

we met with the national executive. We decided to endorse His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu as our candidate for 2021. This follows the case that was before

the Constitutional Court where His Excellency the humble President was cleared and it's on record that he is eligible to stand," Mungulube said. "I want to take this opportunity as well to advise our MPs countrywide that this is a youth resolution and because we have made this resolution, we love them so much and we are going to protect them, but let them manage their ambitions very well. As youths for PF, we are resolved and we have agreed that we are going with ECL in 2021, whether you like it or not, it's 'Dinda 2021 under ECL.'" Mungulube also warned individuals who were positioning themselves to take over from PF MPs in 2021, to stop campaigning as they were disturbing the incumbent MPs from working. "Let me warn all those that are trying to destabilise our hardworking MPs, who are going round, giving whatever they have to give in the name of helping but they have got hidden agenda, wanting

to takeover from the already elected MPs, we are not going to allow that," Mungulube said. Mungulube said the PF national executive had instructed all youth leaders in the PF to stop ferrying cadres to places where there are by-elections. "We will have a by-election on the Copperbelt, caused by someone who used to be one of our own, we call him 'paci fentelo', we resolved that we are not going to allow the movement of youths from one point to another in the name of campaigns. This is the resolution of all youths in Zambia that means anyone who will be found moving from one point to another, they are supposed to have from where they are coming and where they are going or else they are not going to be entertained. We were advised to take stock of youths by the national executive and maintain order, because this is a peaceful party that is led by a God fearing leaders in the name of ECL," said Mungulube.

## Opposition playing double standards on corruption - Sunday

**By Thomas Mulenga**  
PF Media director Sunday Chanda says UPND is playing double standards by demanding that President Edgar Lungu fires corruption-accused Minister of Infrastructure Development Ronald Chitotela when they had failed to discipline two of their MPs who are equally accused of theft. Speaking at a PF interactive forum, Sunday, Chanda said wondered why the UPND was not treating its theft-accused MPs like lepers. "The move by the UPND MPs to continue walking out on our Minister of Infrastructure Honourable Chitotela, is a clear demonstration of the double standards that are characterizing the UPND. You

know very well that two UPND MPs have been arrested for corruption and theft. The UPND has not treated those two MPs as political lepers, they continue to embrace them and look at them as honourable MPs. The same law that says that the UPND MPs who have been arrested are innocent until proven guilty, is the same law that President Lungu used to say Honourable Chitotela was innocent until proven guilty. So if the UPND was serious with the fight against corruption and if they were moralists as they want us to believe, they would have advised their MPs to relinquish their seats, but the clear demonstration of double standards by the UPND is something we

can laugh at," Chanda said. And Chanda refuted claims by the opposition alliance that the fake article attributed to hospitalised Peoples' Party leader Mike Mulongoti was authored by the PF. "We have seen that the so-called opposition alliance is saying the article purportedly written by Mr Mike Mulongoti was authored by the PF, it was not. The article looked authentic and was almost easy to believe, we condemn whoever authored it and made it available on Social Media. We have been made aware that Honourable Mulongoti is still receiving treatment in South Africa and he continues to be in our prayers. As the PF, we wish him all the best," said Chanda.

# Former Miss Zambia loses job over criminal proceedings

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
Former Miss Zambia Cynthia Chikwanda's lawyer James Mataliro has told the Lusaka Magistrates' Court that his client has lost her job at a named company due to the current court proceedings. This is a matter in which Chikwanda, who was crowned Miss Zambia in 1999, and a Zimbabwean national, Benjamin Chitunhu, are facing two counts of destroying evidence and being in possession of property believed to have been stolen. Particulars of the offence in the first count allege that on January 24, this year, Chikwanda and Chitunhu working with other persons unknown had in their possession assorted parts of a motor vehicle registration number ALJ 8125.

In the second count, Chikwanda is charged with destroying evidence contrary to section 111 of the penal code chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. Particulars of the offence allege that between January 23 and 24, this year, Chikwanda knowingly and willfully destroyed assorted parts of a motor vehicle registration number ALJ 8125, which were to be required in evidence in court. The duo is also appearing in two other courts on similar charges. Chikwanda is on bail while her co-accused is still in police custody due to failure to comply with bail conditions. And when the matter came up for commencement of trial before magistrate Kate Sakwanda, Monday, the State applied for an adjournment

saying the second accused, Chitunhu, and the witnesses were not before court. However, defence lawyer, Mataliro, strongly objected to the application for an adjournment as the State didn't give reasons as to why the accused was not brought to court. Mataliro said his clients freedoms had been curtailed, adding that Chikwanda had already lost her job. He further said that failure by the State to bring the second accused person to court was contemptuous because the court had previously ordered that the accused persons should appear at 09:00 hours on Monday. He urged the court to frown upon such conduct. Mataliro prayed that if the State was unable to bring the accused to court, then the court should discharge

the accused persons as it was clear that the State was not ready to proceed. "We strongly object the application for an adjournment and pray that this court orders the State to bring A2 before this court today. If they are unable to do that, we pray that this court discharges the accused persons. If the State organises themselves and become ready to prosecute their offences they can do, as for now it's clear that the State is not ready," he said. In reply, the State insisted that the court should adjourn the matter, saying adjournments were a discretion of the court. In her ruling, magistrate Sakwanda adjourned the matter to April 18, 2019 for possible commencement of trial. She further advised the accused lawyer to talk to the State to consolidate



the matters as the accused were facing similar charges in other courts. "Talk to the State to

consolidate the matters. If that's not possible we will proceed [with trial]," said magistrate Sakwanda.



# Kampyongo implores police to go for cyber criminals

By Mirriam Chabala

Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo has asked the Zambia Police Service to enhance their efforts in curbing crimes associated with abuse of Information and Communication Technologies such as social media. And Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja says the Police Command is working towards repositioning the Zambia Police Service to make it more responsive for enhanced public order and safety, in line with the service's many national aspirations. Speaking when he officiated at the Zambia Police Day commemorations in Lusaka, Monday, Kampyongo noted that it had become order of the day for people to concoct stories which were a threat to national security. Kampyongo expressed worry that institutions of governance were threatened and said it was important for the Ministry of Home Affairs to team up with the Ministry of Transport and Communications in ensuring that citizens were protected from cyber criminals. "While my government is working tirelessly to support the law enforcement officers, as minister responsible for internal security, I would like more effort being devoted to curbing crimes associated to abuse of the Information and Communication Technologies, including social media and organised crime. It has become order of the day that people without reasoning and with all the impunity can wake up and concoct stories which are a threat to national security. The institutions of governance are threatened and so it's important that we team up as we have with the Ministry of transport and Communications in ensuring that we protect our citizens from these cyber criminals," Kampyongo said. The minister also implored the officers to observe professionalism at all times.

"Inspector of General of Police, I wish to urge you to ensure that even in our quest to protect constitutional order and national security, discipline and professionalism are enhanced in the service. I hope this will be supplemented by the pronouncements you made of restructuring the service to make it effective. Discipline and professionalism are fundamental reasons the bar of responsibility is set so high and also accounts for the effective functioning of the service, and ultimately the Ministry of Home Affairs. You will all agree with me that besides having policing strategies such as community policing, members of the public demand efficiency and impeccable conduct from you our men and women in uniform," he said. "I know that the Command is equal to the task and is working towards addressing these issues. As Minister responsible for Home Affairs, I know better than anyone else the work which you our dear officers do. I am aware that the work you do entails great risks, yet you are ever ready to respond to difficult and unexpected crime situations at any time. This in itself is an act of courage and selflessness. Police officers are, therefore, our everyday heroes and herons. The police day is therefore the day on which we acknowledge your sacrifices and hard work." He further assured the service of government's commitment to improving conditions of the Police officers. "My government remains committed to supporting the noble work of the police. This has clearly been demonstrated by the various programmes that we are implementing and the Inspector General did mention some of the programmes which this committed government is undertaking. The construction of decent offices

and housing units is a case in point because we know how difficult it has been for you our dear officers when it comes to accommodation," said Kampyongo. Kampyongo also promoted Woman Constable Mapani of Paramilitary Battalion to the rank of Sergeant in commemoration of Police Day and Women's Day celebrations. Speaking at the same event, Kanganja disclosed that the Police Command was working towards

repositioning the Zambia Police Service to make it more responsive for enhanced public order and safety. "Being mindful of the many national aspirations, my Command is working towards the repositioning of the Zambia Police Service to make it more responsive for enhanced public order and safety. We will soon be launching our strategic plan, which is a precursor to the restructuring of the service. This will involve a

comprehensive review of our organizational structure in order to create and upgrade some positions and generally expand the police establishment. Additionally, we are enhancing community policing by encouraging the active participation of various stakeholders, so as to ensure that no one is left behind in the promotion of public order and safety," said Kanganja. During this year's police day commemorations, 2,006 officers were honoured

with medals for exhibiting dedication to duty. The medals were in four categories including: distinguished medals; meritorious medals; bravery medals; and long service medals awarded to two, 32, 52 and 1920 officers respectively across the country. This year's Police Day was commemorated under the theme; "Police and Community – working Together to Promote Public Order and Safety for a Smart and Prosperous Zambia".

## Govt shuts down *Prime TV* for "unprofessional conduct"

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

The Independence Broadcasting Authority (IBA) has with immediate effect suspended broadcasting license for Prime Television and Valley Fm in Nyimba for 30 days and 60 days respectively. IBA director general Josphine Mapoma announced the suspension at a media briefing in Lusaka, Monday. She said Prime TV's licence had been suspended for 30 days for exhibiting unprofessional elements in its broadcasting through unbalanced coverage, opinionated news, materials likely to incite violence, and use of derogatory language. "The other station that has been suspended is Prime Television. The suspension is for 30 days. The Board found that the station has exhibited unprofessional elements in its broadcasting through unbalanced coverage, opinionated news, materials likely to incite violence and use of derogatory language. The station was not only in breach of the IBA Act, but also of their own guidelines that include; (a) Duty to remain balanced, fair and impartial in their coverage; (b) Strive to give equal access

by not discriminating against any political party before, during and after elections; (c) Ensure factual and accurate reporting of all news coverage; (d) Endeavour to be responsible and avoid reports that will incite violence; (e) Not hesitate to correct erroneous reports; (f) Promptly provide for the right to reply and; (g) Avoid inclusion of opinions and emotions in their news stories," she said. And Mapoma said the Authority suspended the licence for Valley FM in Nyimba district of Eastern Province for 60 days for unprofessional conduct. "The Board has suspended two stations. Valley fm of Nyimba has been suspended for 60 days due to unprofessional conduct. The unprofessionalism was manifested by their failure to moderate and balance a discussion programme. During the suspension, the station is expected to develop an Editorial policy and recruit trained journalists. The station should also conduct training for the Board, Management and staff on Corporate Governance and ethical broadcasting. In addition, Valley FM should air a public apology to Chief

Ndake for the embarrassment suffered due to the station's broadcast, which featured an impersonator that misguided listeners. The station must also develop complaints procedures for receiving and addressing complaints," Mapoma said. Mapoma said during the suspension, the affected TV station was expected to conduct in-house training on basic journalism ethics and news script writing. "During the suspension period, Prime Television is expected to conduct in-house training on basic journalism ethics and news script writing. You may wish to know that both Valley FM and Prime television were given an opportunity to be heard and their suspensions are pursuant to Section 29 (1) (k) of the IBA Amendment Act (2010) which provides, "The Board may suspend a broadcast licence if it consider it appropriate in the circumstances of the case to do so. In the case of Prime TV, the suspension is also pursuant to Section 29 (1) (i) of the IBA amendment Act which provides "The Board may suspend the licence if the broadcasting licensee has failed in spite of

written notice to comply with the conditions of the broadcasting licence. Prime TV was in April 2018 strongly reprimanded by the Authority over similar type of broadcast," Mapoma said. And IBA has revoked the licences for Ngoma radio of Luanshya and Kafue radio for non-payment of the initial licence fees as well as subsequent annual operating fees. Meanwhile asked if the decision to suspend the two licences was politically motivated, Information and Broadcasting Services Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo said he would have resigned if that was the case. "May I just also clarify that the complaints can also be against the national carrier ZNBC, the don't escape that. So don't think that you can only complain against Prime TV alone, no. ZNBC too you can complain [about it] both radio and television. For instance if I had pressure from the ruling party, I would resign. For us it's a professional operation. I can assure you the public who or what anyone alleges we do business in accordance with the mandate we are given," Kasolo said. And Kasolo said the crimes committed against the IBA Act by the two affected broadcasters were sufficient enough for their licences to be withdrawn. He explained that the Authority did not rush to permanently withdrawing the licences because it wanted to give them chance to correct their mistakes. "And I can tell you that for the two whose licences have been suspended, we could have withdrawn the licences but we just sat and consulted the general public to find out how far we should go. We even included Royal Highnesses in this. So we have been very reasonable in what we have done. The crimes committed against the IBA act was sufficient for us to withdraw the license permanent for those two [but] we haven't, we gave them chance because we are here to build a diversified media fraternity and we will stick to that. And this exercise that has been there for that past two to three months that I have been the chairman for the IBA, it will teach a lot of our friends in the media fraternity that we are going to be very strict and follow the IBA Act. And for me it is nothing to do with politics. Please forget about the political angle," said Kasolo.

## PF must make unpopular decisions to avoid imminent economic doom - Hamududu

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

Party of National Unity (PNU) leader Highvie Hamududu says there is an urgent need for government to find drastic measures to address the worsening economic situation as well as the deteriorating delivery of public service. In a statement, said the PF government must not fear but should make bold decisions to stem the negative economic tides of the country's economy. "It must now be very clear to government and the country as a whole that the economy is getting bad and that bold and drastic measures need to be undertaken now to avoid further deterioration. The worsening economic situation and the attendant deterioration in public service delivery is an urgent matter, as the situation should not be allowed to deteriorate beyond this. The Patriotic Front

government must take a very serious second look at the economy and ask themselves whether they are doing enough to correct the worsening situation. The economy needs substantial injection of fresh money and the government must not fear to make unpopular, but bold decisions to stem the negative economic tide. This is extremely urgent," Hamududu stated. Hamududu further stated the need for government to create an enabling environment for the private sector, both local and international to pour fresh money into the economy. He anticipated that allowing the private sector to invest into the economy could attract at least US\$3 billion fresh investment within one fiscal year through public private partnerships. "Viable options to correct the state of affairs are available. Zambia's economy is in a very advantageous

position for recovery, but bold and unpopular decisions have to be made now while the advantages still exist. We must not make the mistake of our Zimbabwean brothers and sisters who cheered on populist economic decisions until the economy went into a crisis. Our country is a free market economy and we must by now have clearly understood what works for us as we have done it before. Our experience in the economic distress of the 1990s taught us valuable lessons of how to revive a sickening economy, and it is that partnering with the private sector both local and international gives us the best leverage for economic stabilisation and growth," Hamududu stated. "So let government create the environment and robust offer for the private sector, both local and international to pour fresh money into the economy. The

economy can easily attract at least USD 3 billion fresh money into the economy within this fiscal year through a holistic public private partnerships in all our sectors of the economy. Currently, government has no money, but living on hand to mouth and macroeconomic stability is at the mercy of external factors which if they turned adverse would spell doom of untold consequences on our economy." Meanwhile Hamududu noted that the country's economy was dying from within hence the need to seriously address its challenges. "The general affinity to national assets as souvenirs and not as a means to practically grow the economy and improve the real welfare of our people must begin to be seriously questioned, as the basis is flawed against empirical evidence. The Patriotic front Government must take

the issue of the economy and service delivery seriously. The businesses are feeling the effects of the general macro-economic deterioration and general population is going through biting economic circumstances. The buying power among Zambians is getting too low for their comfort and to support businesses, and the attendant employment creation drive. Simply put the economy is dying from within," said Hamududu. "No money in people's pockets and cash strapped businesses has become the order of the day. To make matters worse, we have a serious partial drought this year resulting in massive crop failure. The economy needs a well crafted, robust and holistic stimulus package through, firstly injection of fresh money, secondly improved service delivery and thirdly holistic and practical inclusiveness."



# UNPD Will Give the Public Media Back to the People – Part I

ON SATURDAY 23rd February 2019 the whole of Africa, and perhaps other parts of the world, witnessed the national launch of the manifesto of the Democratic Alliance, the main opposition political party of South Africa. This was made possible courtesy of live radio and television (TV) coverage by the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), the national broadcaster, which is funded by the public, the same way our own Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) is funded and organized.

The Democratic Alliance's (DA) manifesto launch was not the only such activity of the opposition party in South Africa covered by the SABC in this manner. On 2nd February 2019, the national broadcaster covered the launch of the manifesto of another opposition political, the Economic Freedom Front (EFF). Both of these activities were covered live for the entire duration of the programme – two and half hours in the case of the DA's launch last Saturday. The other smaller parties who could not be covered live were nonetheless reported about through news clips on both television and radio. Yet these were not the only activities of the opposition that the SABC has covered of the opposition and certainly not because it is an election year and the date of the elections – 8th May 2019 – was announced by State President Cyril Ramaphosa during his state of the nation address in Parliament on 7th February 2019. The SABC has covered the opposition and other interest groups on other occasions outside of the campaign period. For instance, the EFF was again given full live coverage when they were celebrating their 5th Anniversary on 28th July 2018. The Communist Party enjoyed full coverage also when they were conducting their policy conference on 7th July 2018.

The opposition has routinely been given equal, if not more, coverage during Parliamentary sittings. And make no mistake, all the opposition parties and

interest groups covered by SABC are the fiercest critics of the Government of the day. On each of these occasions they took turns to condemn the ruling African National Congress (ANC) from all angles, especially on corruption. In the times of former President Jacob Zuma they would use the SABC platform to denounce his alleged involvement in corruption under the infamous 'state capture' antics and would fiercely call for his resignation. And today, thanks to all the sustained coverage of national issues and all the players equally by the SABC and the other media, the South African nation is rooting out corruption through a range of measures, not least the Zondo Commission of Inquiry on State Capture. As we write, a number of individuals and institutions connected to the plunder of national resources have been brought to account and resources recovered during the cleaning up exercise. This is success for the media and the nation at large! It is what all media, including ZNBC and other publicly-funded media, should strive for. This is what is truly NATIONAL INTEREST.

So, why and how has the SABC, as should ZNBC, been giving equal coverage and prominence to the opposition and other interest groups? The reasons can be categorized into two: 1. National (constitutional) responsibility; and, 2. Professional standards. Under the first reason, SABC, like ZNBC ought to, is practicing the ethos or principles of Public Service Broadcasting (PSB), which all Southern African Development Community (SADC) Member States and national broadcasters signed up to under the famous Windhoek Declaration in 2002 and the African Charter of Broadcasting, organized under the auspices of the African Union (AU). The PSB principles are 'domesticated' and outlined – in broad terms – in national constitutions. These principles are further customized during elections – under the Electoral Act (nationally) and the SADC and AU protocols – specifically on how media

should cover elections in a manner that is accepted by all parties as being free, fair, equal, objective, balanced, inclusive, etc. Under the second reason, SABC, as ZNBC ought to, is practicing the basic principles of journalism – fairness, objectivity, balance, impartiality, truthfulness, giving a voice to all citizens and protection of the public or national interest (not just the interest of a few elites, whether ruling or otherwise). These are basic principles taught in any journalism school and the standards by which the media are judged world-wide.

So, why does ZNBC and other Zambian public media fail to live up to the above principles? The answers are common knowledge: lack of political will and PF's political interference in the affairs of these institutions, done conveniently to suit their interests. The PF would not like to see a vibrant public media that is capable of investigating and highlighting their corrupt deeds and failures or indeed a media that gives voices to every citizen to speak out on these vices. Unfortunately, the media too have succumbed to these machinations at the expense their professional obligations. Yet their South African colleagues have been able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the masses to provide 'public interest' coverage. They have fought back against any attempts by the ruling party to control them.

The UPND in government will give ZNBC and other public media back to the owners – the PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA WHO FUND IT. It will amend the ZNBC Act and the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act of 2010 and revert to their original (2002) versions as signed by the gallant corruption fighter – Levy Patrick Mwanawasa. It will also bring the Freedom of Information Bill to Parliament for immediate rectification within the first 100 days. The UPND will run a government that does not see the media as an enemy of the people but will instead reward them with the freedoms as enshrined in the Constitution.

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# Cultivate strategic alliances

Nowadays, businesses also develop by developing strategic alliances. The best befitting analogy about the importance of strategic alliances in business is best summed up through a figurative story of my colleague who stirred her shortcomings to attain a life personal dream. The young lady was not endowed with natural beauty. At the prime of her age in the mid 1990's, she attracted no suitor locally, not even the worst drunkard in town. Men generally have an idea of beauty. Some want a complete picture of a woman possessing the right height, fair complexion, geologically structured body, an African waist and to some extent, the right intellect. The lady was grossly deficient in these features, except for the intellect. She was the complete opposite of what has been described above. I was generally comfortable with her because she aroused no speculative thoughts by the public. In fact, even my pastor would not adjust his sermon if he saw me with her. Most of my colleagues actually took her as a fellow man. Some years later, the lady developed an effective personal strategy to get a man of her dream. She befriended a visiting white man from German. Though there was possibly no intimate relationship between the two, she gave a signal that the two were having an affair. She changed her dress style, developed a new level of confidence, and made sure she was in close company with this new found fellow at all functions. Men's perception about this lady suddenly changed. We all wondered what it was that this white man could see which we

had not seen. As soon as this German fellow went back to his country, a number of men crashed over her. The interest in her was induced by a superior design of strategy that raised greater interest by those who had a low opinion of her. Today, my "ugly" friend is happily married with two beautiful children and I am sure that the husband keeps discovering new beautiful features about her. In stock market terms, her behaviour is called the "signalling effect." It simply means developing strategic alliances that would change market perception so that the share price can rise. I have participated in many business strategy workshops in which a number of questions were asked about how one of the companies I had worked for turned its image from the most hopeless government owned entity to one which even large international companies wanted to associate with. "As far as we are concerned, that company was dead and buried," some managers would say and ask, "we saw the institution as one without a future and hope for survival. Suddenly, we see it doing extremely well and regaining the market share. What was your strategy?" The transformation of the company is a well documented story. It can be summed up in the two words, "strategic alliances." We knew that by 2002, the company had very few clients, most of them hanging on with the anticipation that the future would change. It was literally impossible to market the

corporation given that it was a state-owned enterprise in an environment where potential clients wanted to associate with one of their kind. But there was something that the corporation had which the other competitors did not have in abundance; the assets and resources. In using the SWOT analysis, we were able to focus on our strengths and used these to remarket the company. We decided to use the little resources to boost the image by first settling outstanding liabilities. Every such debt liquidation gesture was made public. We then realised that while many blue-chip companies did not want to do business with the corporation by virtue of it being a parastatal enterprise, they still wanted to access our pension funds for investment. We stood still and decided that this would be an opportunity to win back the most potential clients. If we financed a business, we expected some reciprocal gesture. There is no law that prohibits this kind of arrangement. We used the resources in our hands to develop the most effective strategic alliances that would help us build our business. Four years later, we had developed strong alliances with the big companies in the country. The internal restructuring processes were aimed at repositioning the company in a very dynamic market. We strongly believed that within a few years, the company would attain the highest levels of efficiency in the market. (This is an extract for my book, Business Values for Our Time).

## Comments on Current Affairs in Zambia

### *Ompie Nkumbula Liebenthal, former MP for Namwala and of the Pan-African Parliament*

Political Violence. As a senior citizen who grew up in the pre-independence era, I did not think I would see as much political violence in 2018/2019 as I saw in 1962/1964 between UNIP and ANC. In the 1960s, these political opponents were hacking each other. Even within UNIP itself, intra-party factions were petrol bombing each other. I witnessed high profile UNIP people in our house in Lusaka after they had been petrol bombed by fellow party members.

Fast forward to today, over 50 years later, little appears to have changed, political parties are still ostensibly fighting each other and violence remains a staple of the country's politics. What's even more disturbing, we now have police officers who, instead of protecting people and maintaining peace, are in the forefront of fermenting violence. It seems quite clear that we as a nation have not learned our lessons from the past and are returning to a dangerous path.

Since there is talk of national dialogue aimed at steering the country in a better direction, here are some of the issues that should be tabled:--

a. Eliminate By-Elections. Given that by-elections precipitate a great deal of political violence and also cost the government and opposition coffers significant expenditure, I recommend that we change the Constitution to stop by-elections altogether at both the national and local levels. Instead of by-elections, parties can pick replacement officials as is the system in other countries including in the United States.

a. This will also help create a peaceful

environment for the country. We are tired of antagonism all the time. When the country matures politically, we can always re-consider this issue. We have to do what is actually good for Zambia based on our experience, not blindly follow a model. Just because a by-election system works in the UK and other countries, doesn't mean that it necessarily works for us. We know the ills of by-elections, so why continue having them?

b. It will also give a break to the Zambian voter who is tired of being harassed, beaten and distracted during by-elections.

c. Political violence also puts off a lot of people whom we actually need to be involved in politics and civics. We are missing out on key leaders because of our refusal to address the prevalence of political violence.

d. Finally, this amendment would deter politicians from crossing over to other parties in local councils if they are not allowed to stand during that term. On the national level, it may not be entirely clear how using a replacement rule instead of a by-election will play out, but the crucial objective of peace is a sufficient enough justification to at least try a new system.

2. Electoral Reforms. A system of empowering women in 2021 is long overdue. Reserved seats for women, affirmative action for women, and quotas for women are all a must. All this has been suggested before but because of lack of political will, nothing has been done even though Zambia is a signatory to various protocols including the African Union Protocol of having 50% women in decision-

making positions (meaning Parliament, local government, civil service, and the private sector).

We are soon approaching 8th March, which is Women's Day. What have women been marching for all these years? To have fun? Women have to be respected by being given power in decision-making positions. Zambia is far behind such countries as Rwanda, Tanzania and South Africa in this gender equality arena and yet nothing is being done by the government to correct it. There is plenty of grandstanding and empty promises year in and year out, but no action to speak of.

3. Undemocratic tendencies.

a. We have to move away from the strong man (at the moment, and maybe in future strong woman) syndrome, where those who are sworn to protect the law and the Constitution are unfortunately often at the forefront of breaking the law. Our system is designed to have three branches of government and there are checks and balances amongst them so that no one branch is too powerful. Sadly, these checks and balances are not working and this undermines democracy.

b. Why is debt contraction not given to Parliament for approval when the Constitution requires it to be? We don't want to find ourselves in the same situation which we were in before HIPC completion. Is anyone going to forgive our debt the way it was forgiven before? No. HIPC was part of a global movement which took a long time to come to fruition and it

ended up reducing our debt from approximately \$7 billion to about \$500 million. Incurring debt without Parliament's authorization seems to be something occurring with impunity. Transparency in debt contraction is a must and to continue without it undercuts the will of the people.

c. We need to enable the Judiciary, the Electoral Commission, Parliament, the police, the ACC, the DEC etc. who are supposed to be independent, truly become that without the interference by the Presidency that has been prevalent in our country's history.

d. We must protect the independence of the media so that it is left to do its job properly. Recently the Secretary General of the Patriotic Front Party, interfered with reporters from Prime Media reporting the news by chasing them away. How can we have an informed society and disseminate information without an independent media?

e. The language of intimidating voters has no room in a democracy. Certain leaders talk about development going to those who vote for them. This is undemocratic and it is wrong. Whether people voted for the ruling party or not, they should see development. The taxes which government uses for development are collected from everybody, not only the ruling party.

These are just a few suggestions that should be a part of the national dialogue. Surely we are intelligent enough not to continue to repeat the mistakes of the past.

17th February, 2019

Different versions of stories have been told about how President Edgar Lungu has mortgaged his Presidency to those who helped him become Head of State. Those who walk the corridors of power say Mr Lungu is a rubber stamp President who has little say on how the country should be governed. They say the real presidents who call the shots are individuals whom Zambians did not vote for.

We are told that there are criminal elements who hide in President Lungu's thin shadow during the day, but come out under the cover of night when citizens are asleep, to cause various atrocities. They have hijacked the Executive; and are using Mr Lungu's name, they win government tenders, control state institutions and settle scores with perceived enemies in the civil service.

We are not being malicious by making this observation; indeed, anyone who has eyes can see what we are seeing and those with ears have heard what we are talking about. It is no longer a secret that we are being governed by more than one President.

In this country so far, we have seen State House advisors don presidential powers and speak like they are the President; we have seen lawyers from private law firms execute criminal operations in the name of Mr Lungu; we have seen business houses that hold their own 'Cabinet meetings' and make decisions on behalf of the Head of State. These are the real presidents who are controlling the political,

# Those around Lungu don't love him, they just love his power

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economic and social lifecycle of our country.

Unfortunately, President Lungu has failed to defeat this narrative! He has failed to convince those who voted for him that he is a man of his own. What is worse is that this doesn't seem to bother our Head of State at all. It appears this public perception makes him proud that he is a generous man who is not stingy with presidential powers.

We feel pity for President Lungu because he doesn't realize how this is hurting Zambians. There is no country on earth where citizens can be happy to have a figurehead for a leader. A President who can't stand his ground and weed out bad elements within his inner circle doesn't deserve to stay

in power, because that is tantamount to fraud and betrayal.

Keeping such a president in power is dangerous because he does not act in the interest of citizens, but the bourgeoisie who own the majority of the country's wealth. It is hard for such a leader to see the people's sufferings because he wines and dines with the elites who are glued to his throne like leeches on a fisherman's skin. Such a leader becomes a puppet of the rich, and ignores the cries of the poor.

Sadly, when the impossible happens and the long forgotten population takes away its people-power, criminal elements turn against their 'puppet'. Because they are parasitical in nature, they stay far away from a crumbling regime,

while pursuing fresh opportunities in the new government. Those who usurp power through State capture are never there to answer at the time of reckoning.

This is what we see happening to President Lungu. When the people of Zambia rise to say 'enough is enough', there will be no one standing with him in his downfall. The criminal elements who are renting his presidential power will run away; State House aides will turn into State witnesses and the bourgeoisies will not waste their money defending a profitless 'former president'.

Time is now for Mr Lungu to realize that Zambians voted for only one President and that president will be answerable for

everything that is done in his name. Citizens will not accept any excuse from Mr Lungu because they gave him the five-year 'intellectual property rights' to the Republican Presidency, and no one else is allowed to use his name without his authority. The President will not be allowed to point at anyone else because everything is happening under his leadership.

The unprecedented levels of corruption are a reflection of a Lungu Presidency; the violence and breakdown of rule of law portray a Lungu Presidency; the fall of democracy manifests a Lungu Presidency; and the economic downturn all speak of a Lungu leadership. None of this can be attributed to those who are renting

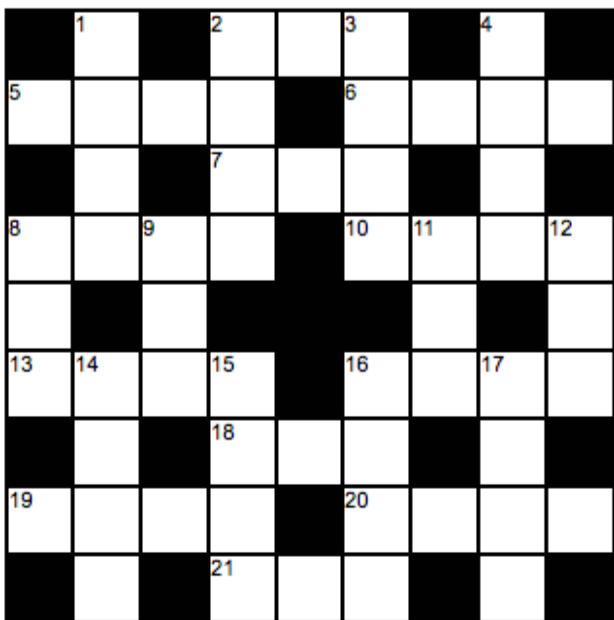
Presidential powers; it is President Lungu's fault because he is the one who was elected into State House.

Our message to the President is that he must open his eyes and see what others before him learnt the hard way. Those who are on his right and left don't love Edgar Lungu, they simply love his power. If the President wants to test their love for him, let him suggest to them that he wants to step down; he will see how angry they will be with him! None of those who surround President Lungu can allow him to resign because his power is their power.

These bad elements pretend to be best friends with the Head of State, drinking what he drinks and eating what he eats. But without his presidential power, Edgar Lungu is not their friend; they have nothing in common. In fact, he is not their class, so they cannot drink together if he left State House. After they are done using his presidential powers, and regime change comes knocking, they will dump Mr Lungu, leaving him toiling in court with unexplained wealth.

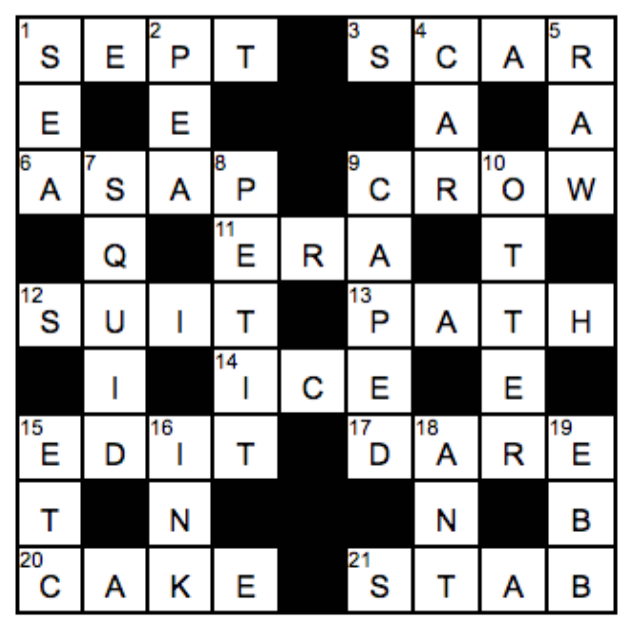
If President Lungu wants to have a peaceful retirement, he must evaluate each and every friendship inside and outside State House. Let him interrogate the motive behind his 'friends' who want him to commission illicit government transactions. Mr Lungu may have succeeded to become President without a vision, but he will not survive his retirement without a plan. We rest our case!

## Crossword puzzle 306 *Let decisions be coupled with actions for them to be worthwhile* Solutions to puzzle 305



*Let decisions be coupled with actions for them to be worthwhile*  
- Joseph Mwenya

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| <b>Across</b>           | <b>Down</b>               |
| 2. Ewe's mate           | 1. Flutter                |
| 5. Leave in a hurry     | 2. Lease                  |
| 6. Carve into           | 3. Deli offering          |
| 7. Hoops org.           | 4. Scheme to trick        |
| 8. Minor argument       | 8. Like a fox             |
| 10. Not wild            | 9. Tire filler            |
| 13. Tall tale           | 11. Rainbow shape         |
| 16. Picket line crosser | 12. Receding tide         |
| 18. Type of tree        | 14. Curved part of a foot |
| 19. Yearn for           | 15. Necessity             |
| 20. Nothing but         | 16. Smoke and fog         |
| 21. Hound               | 17. Up to the task        |





# Reader's feedback

## FIFA's revelation on Mwamelo's involvement in soccer betting scheme

Dear Editor,

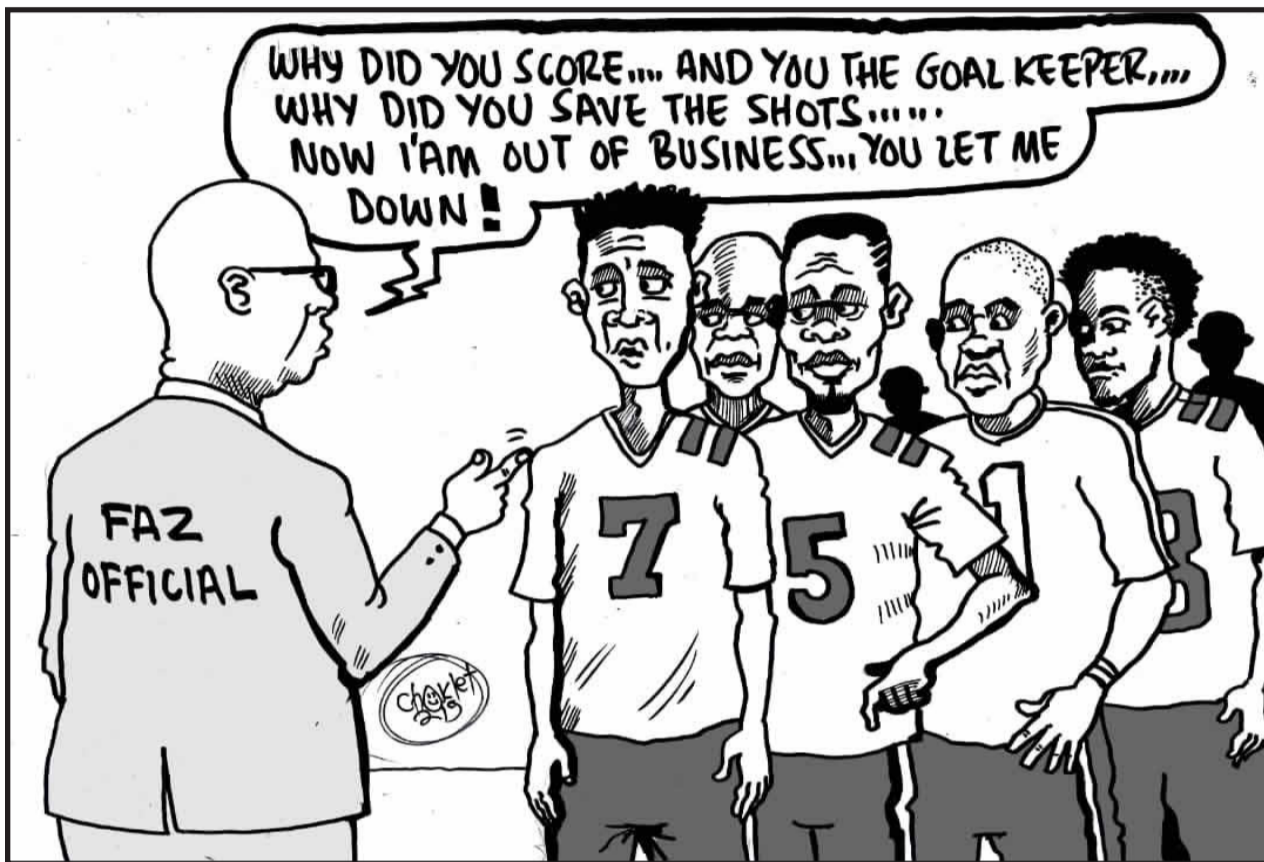
This Boniface also! Us, the soccer fans, are busy shouting at the top of our voices to get our boys win the game and you instruct them to lose? No wonder our ranking is bad! ACC, since Chitotela will be difficult to handle, here is easy meat for your already sharpened teeth. You see, you cannot say this is not corruption; government spends a lot of money on soccer just to unite us and live longer by being happy and away from politics even for a short while." - Solomon H. Phiri

"ACC should arrest the chap since the evidence is available with FIFA!" - Bryce Gift

"Sometimes, we, as soccer fans, are left with heartaches because Chipolopolo keeps losing game after game! Kanshi, some chap is getting paid for the losses??? Awe sure, ba FAZ!" - Mofya Mfungo

"Explains why we failed to defend AfCON and have never been able to qualify to AfCON since then." - Michael Charles Daka

"FIFA should also investigate how Zambia has failed to qualify to AfCON for two times in a row!" - Norman Ngosa



## ND's OPINION on Kampyongo calling Sesheke cops guilty without trial

Editor,

"News Diggers! keep on digging deeper. The nation is behind you!" - Khumalo Ntombi

"I am loving News Diggers! This is very good and hope you will continue giving an unbiased reporting and analysing pertinent issues in the most sober manner. Keep it up!" - Senior Met

"That is the problem of appointing cadres/kaponyas in Ministerial positions who do not understand the law, order and Constitution." - Phillimon Mfula

"The Ministry of Home Affairs needs to be led by a qualified lawyer as opposed to have someone from the street." - Ceteris Paribus

"When a frog is in the pond, it doesn't realize that one day, the pond will dry up! No one will be in power forever." - Muunta Munkombwe

"One thing I fail to understand about this PF is the way they do things. What does it mean to retire someone in 'national interest?' From my little understanding, it means that the said person will stop working from that field and will be transferred to another field or Ministry. That person will receive the full retirement package. If you retire someone based on incompetence, then it's not retiring in 'national interest' but PUBLIC interest. And when you retire someone in PUBLIC interest, then he/she is not entitled to a retirement package! Does it mean that government doesn't understand the difference between retirement in national interest and retirement in public interest?" - Jeven Munwanwa

## MPs' consensus to end political violence

Editor,

"But ending political violence can only succeed with much-awaited national dialogue." - Chanda Emmanuel

"Violence can only end if police are empowered to arrest anyone involved in violent activities regardless political affiliation. Cadres have become too powerful! Lip service is also not wanted, only action is needed." - Newton Kapambwe

"Using what modalities!!!? We've heard such cheap talk before!" - Chibi Kala

"Cadres must be the ones to agree to end violence first!" - Zingani Yorbium Chifuto Sakala

"Tired. Enough of lip service!" - Kashela Chibinda, but a good thing at the end of the day. Continue uniting for the sake of mother Zambia." - Mike Phiri

## Mushimba's blocking, then unblocking of critics on Twitter over SA medical expenses

Editor,

"The most important question should be: where did he get the money?" - Kennedy S. Malama

"Let him show us the receipts! He is lying! He didn't pay from his pocket!" - Lyrical Soulz

"Let him show the public the receipts!" - Simon Phiri

"The major issue for me is the Minister has passed a vote of no confidence in our medical facilities. Being a taxpayer, will the Minister evacuate every patient to South Africa from now onwards? Because the money he claims to be his, is the salary he gets to make things better for every citizen!" - Hamusonde Maswau

"Why did he opt to block critics instead of just posting receipts proving he paid for himself? In any case, that's not what Dora Siliya told us before Mushimba left, and after his return, her explanation is that it's not only ministers government evaluates abroad, but also ordinary people!" - Chisala Nkandu

"Then why did he block people on Twitter who asked him about it if he really paid himself? Comedy of errors giving themselves away easily!" - Chaka Kelly

"As a national leader, why does he not have confidence in our own facilities, which Dr Chitalu Chilufya has claimed that they are now 'medical tourism centres?'" - Vijumo Longwe

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# Turtles and tortoises found wrapped in tape

Philippine police have seized more than 1,500 live turtles and tortoises found wrapped in duct tape at Manila airport. The reptiles, found in four unclaimed pieces of luggage, could have sold for more than 4.5 million pesos (£60,000; \$86,631). Police believe the bags were abandoned after the carrier found out about the harsh penalties for illegal wildlife trafficking.

If caught, they could face two years in jail and a fine of up to 200,000 pesos.

A total of 1,529 turtles and tortoises of different species were found in four pieces of unclaimed luggage in the arrivals area of Ninoy Aquino International Airport on Sunday.

Some of the animals were of the Sulcata Tortoise species - which are recognised as vulnerable on the IUCN's Red

list of Threatened species. The Red-eared Slider turtle was also among the reptiles found. The Bureau of Customs said the reptiles were left behind by a Filipino passenger who was onboard a Philippine Airlines flight from Hong Kong.

It said the passenger could have abandoned the luggage after they were "informed of the vigilance... against illegal wildlife trade and its penalties". The animals have now been

handed over to the Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit.

Turtles and tortoises are often kept as exotic pets, but are sometimes also used as a form of traditional medicine or served as a delicacy across

parts of Asia.

Their meat is considered by some to be an aphrodisiac, while the bones are powdered for use in medicine.

Tortoises are land animals while turtles can be aquatic or

terrestrial.

Last week, 3,300 pig-nosed turtles were smuggled into Malaysia by boat - though this attempt was intercepted by Malaysia's maritime agency. **BBC**



## Amazon withdraws painted children's drinking tumblers

Amazon has withdrawn from sale a set of painted Disney character children's drinking glasses amid safety fears

The paint used contains the toxic metal cadmium which is associated with a risk of damage to kidneys and bones and may lead to cancer, according to the NHS.

However, provided safety standards are met, the use of paint containing cadmium is permitted on glassware. In the withdrawn Amazon glasses cadmium was found close to the rim where the risk of ingesting it was highest.

Dr Andrew Turner of the University of Plymouth analysed the decorated children's tumblers and said he would personally not wish to use them on a long term basis.

Amazon said in a statement that "all sellers must follow our selling guidelines and those who don't will be subject to action including potential removal of their account".

The Amazon glasses were produced under license from Disney by a company called Half Moon Bay which said it was "investigating this product and its manufacture in light of the reported findings of Plymouth University".

Dr Turner said: "I would refrain from giving these to young children and I think I would refrain from using them myself as well"

Other glasses sold by Tesco and Plymouth-based The Range were found to have paint containing lead and

cadmium, but the paint was further away from the rim, where the risk was deemed to be lower.

Dr Turner, who has tested a wide range of painted glasses, said: "We get these two chemicals in most of the glassware that we test."

Tesco said all of its drinking glasses complied with EU and UK safety standards and those examined by Dr Turner had also been independently tested "to show compliance" with a voluntary standard on lead and cadmium.

Neither of these substances are banned from being used in paint on glassware.

Rayware, which supplies the glasses tested from The Range, said the glasses passed EU and UK safety standards.

The Range said it had removed the product from sale as a precaution while further investigations were carried out.

Expert Dr Caroline Taylor from the University of Bristol said ingesting lead could lead to behavioural problems and lower IQs in children.

"I feel that there's no need for this kind of paint to be on glasses so why are we taking unnecessary risks," she said.

The FSA said in a statement that anyone who suspected "something deficient with their glassware" could report it to Trading Standards at their local authority or Citizen's Advice.

Trading Standards would then investigate and report any concerns to the FSA. **BBC**



## Huawei sues Canada authorities over arrest



The chief financial officer of China's tech giant Huawei is suing Canada over her arrest at the request of the US.

Meng Wanzhou was held in December at Vancouver airport on suspicion of fraud and breaching US sanctions on Iran. On Friday Ms Meng filed a civil claim against Canada's government, border agency and police for "serious breaches" of her civil rights.

It came on the same day that Canada officially launched Meng

Wanzhou's extradition process to the US.

China has attacked Ms Meng's arrest and the extradition process as a "political incident". She denies all the charges against her. What does Ms Meng's lawsuit say? Ms Meng's claim - filed in British Columbia's Supreme Court on Friday - seeks damages against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the federal government for allegedly breaching her civil rights under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

She says CBSA officers held, searched and questioned her at the airport under false pretences before she was arrested by the RCMP.

Her detention was "unlawful" and "arbitrary", the suit says, and officers "intentionally failed to advise her of the true reasons for her detention, her right to counsel, and her right to silence". Where are we in the extradition process?

Ms Meng, 47, will next appear in court on Wednesday, when it will be confirmed that Canada has issued a legal writ over her extradition to the US. A date for an extradition hearing will be set. But this is still the early stages. A judge must authorise her committal for extradition and the justice minister would then decide whether to surrender her to the US.

There will be chances for appeal and some cases have dragged on

for years.

1 December: Ms Meng, the daughter of Huawei's founder, is arrested while changing planes at Vancouver airport

7 December: Ms Meng first appears in court in Vancouver, where it is revealed she is accused of breaking US sanctions on Iran. China demands her release

10 December: Canadian citizens Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor are arrested in China

11 December: Ms Meng is released on bail

28 January: US formally charges Ms Meng with fraud and Huawei with circumventing US sanctions on Iran and stealing technology from T Mobile

2 March: Canada says Ms Meng's extradition can move forward but the process is expected to be long. The arrest has seriously strained relations between China, and the US and Canada.

Beijing says it is an "abuse of the bilateral extradition treaty" between Canada and the US, and has expressed its "resolute opposition" and "strong dissatisfaction" with the proceedings.

China also says the accusations against Huawei, the world's second biggest smartphone maker by volume, are a "witch-hunt".

Two Canadian citizens are thought to have been detained in China in retaliation for the arrest. China and the US are also engaged in tough trade negotiations to end a major tariff dispute. **BBC**

## Banned lesbian love story Rafiki wins award

Africa's largest film festival has awarded a Kenyan actress for her depiction of a lesbian character in a film that is banned in her own country.

Fespaco film festival in Burkina Faso gave Samantha Mugatsia the best actress award for her lead role in the film Rafiki.

The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) banned the film last year for "promoting lesbianism".

Homosexuality is illegal in Kenya - a legacy of British colonial-era rule.

Gay sex is punishable by 14 years in Kenya but the country's High Court is due to rule on whether to strike down the ban in May.

KFCB had previously warned that anyone found in possession of the film would be in breach of the law.

Rafiki, which means "friend" in Swahili, traces a coming-of-age love story between two young women who meet and fall in love. Their romance unfolds against a backdrop of homophobia and despite their families being on opposing sides of the political divide.

The film is based on Jambula Tree, a prize-winning short story by Ugandan writer Monica Arac de Nyeko.

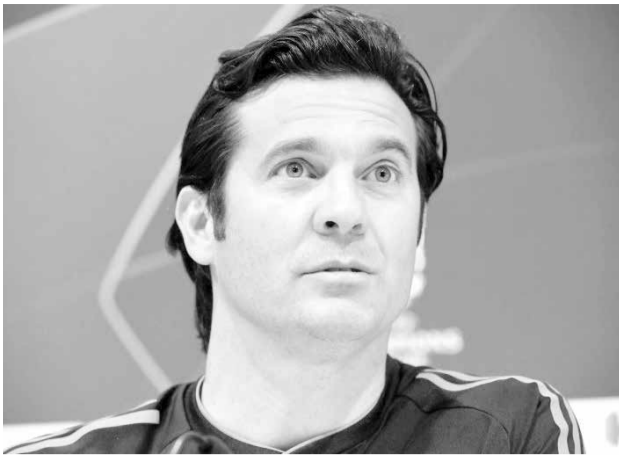
Reacting to the lead actress's win, the film's director Wanuri Kahiu tweeted: The oldest

African film festival acknowledged a queer character... So proud! Queerness cannot be silenced!"

The best actor award went to Marc Zinga for his part in The Mercy of the Jungle, in which he plays a soldier lost in the jungle in wartime Democratic Republic of Congo. The director of that film, Rwandan Joel Karekezi, won the top prize of the film festival, known as the golden stallion of Yennenga.

Fespaco, the acronym in French of the Pan-African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. **BBC**





# Ask Julia Roberts who should coach Real, Solari tells journalist

Real Madrid "has always been more courted than Julia Roberts", said coach Santiago Solari on Monday about rumours of a possible return of Jose Mourinho. Solari took over earlier this season and has a contract until 2021, but has just lost two Clasicos at home. He was speaking at a press conference ahead of Tuesday's meeting with Ajax at the Bernabeu in the Champions League, a competition Real have won the last three years and is the club's only hope of a trophy this season. Mourinho managed Real for three stormy seasons from 2010 to 2013. Over the weekend he was a guest pundit on Qatar-based beIN Sport where he analysed Real's latest loss to Barcelona. "Return to a club that I have been before?" said Mourinho, who had two stints at Chelsea and was fired by Manchester United in December. "If I think the right club, the right structure, the right ambitions, I will have no problem at all." "I think it's really a reason of pride when a club where you worked before wants you back," said Mourinho. Solari responded with a joke about Roberts at his press conference on Monday. When asked whether the actress would prefer himself or Mourinho, the Argentine smiled. "Good question," he said. "You should ask her." Luka Modric, the veteran midfielder who joined Real before Mourinho's last season at the club, also spoke to the press and was more interested in talking about strikers than actresses or coaches. *AFP*

## I wasn't fired, I resigned, Zambian football too political - Sven

**By Abraham Kalito**  
Outgoing National team coach Sven Vendenbroeck says he had resigned as national team coach prior to the announcement by the Football Association of Zambia that his contract would not be renewed. And Vendenbroeck says the football fraternity in the country is too political, divided and with numerous irresponsible individuals who are only interested in protecting their jobs. Speaking in an exclusive interview with BBC's Kennedy Gondwe, Vendenbroeck said he decided to resign in December and informed FAZ about the decision adding that he was thus surprised and disappointed when the association announced that they would not 'renew' his contract. "Well the intention was already spread out in December two weeks after the Mozambique game. And indeed, I said before new year that my intention was to extend, I think also the president spread out his words in media towards myself that the intention was to continue but, after two months and you don't have an official feedback, that's one. The second problem was my assistant is not paid from day one until now, so making my bench for the future was also a problem we also could not agree on who could be the local assistant. Yes, and that's

the disagreement that we have. But you could feel that the environment proposed different people than what I would have loved to have. So, I would have loved a full time assistant not linked to a club, and I preferred to keep the one I had from the start. So, all these small things, you feel like maybe my ambition and their ambition is not running parallel," he said. "And that's why I already clearly communicated to the president, I think ten days before they made the press release that it was better to not continue and extend the contract. I said it even on February 14 that I would resign. That the situation was not running parallel, so it was better to stop immediately. Their answer came that because the president was outside the country that we would have a formal meeting were we could deal with my issues and I think three, four days later after the weekend when he came back from duties abroad we had a formal meeting and we agreed as adults to continue until the end of the contract to deal with the Namibia game as good as possible. So, I was surprised and a bit disappointed when the press release of the federation came saying that they would not renew my contract. It's a bit upside down. I had resigned. I take responsibility but I think not everything was done in a good way as much as possible to allow us to operate better

and deliver results." And Vendenbroeck says the football fraternity in the country is too political, divided and with numerous irresponsible individuals who are only interested in protecting their jobs. "For me it was positive. I have to admit that the country is good. The lifestyle is all good. The roads and the facilities are much better than the average on the continent. I would have loved to travel and explore the country, but I didn't have time for that. So maybe I will do so after my work is done. I can have a few days. On the football side it was tough especially because the landscape and the environment is quite divided. Well it's a delicate situation. It's very political, it's based on status, on self-protection.

People Not too much on responsibilities. So yeah, I hope you just have to manage a lot of things, and not to make too much noise and still manage to get what you want. Yeah, it's a very tough situation, where as a coach it was tough to find me way through, to find balance in doing my job," he said. "Many questions that I asked to the federation were not answered and i think it was because if they say no it can come back to them so job protection sometimes. I understand these people, it's a had economical situation so you want to survive yourself, but it stops development in football. Development in football stops. I think it was not starting to get wrong during my period. I think also the results of the qualification

of the world cup Russia hid a bit of issue that were already popping up in football. When you come in you don't have any notice of what is going on so." He said the problems in Zambia's football started before he arrived on the scene and was unfortunate to have inherited a malfunctioning system. "After a while, after a week maybe month you discover what is underneath. And I don't want to use it as an excuse to not qualify because the target was obvious, and we didn't deliver the qualification. But many things and I think the Chinese have a very good expression, whether always drops from above to down, that the influence from outside had an impact on what was happening on the field."

## Buffaloes re-appoints Bilton Musonda

**By Abraham Kalito**  
Green Bufaloes FC has re-appointed former coach Bilton Musonda barely three months after he was sacked. Musonda confirmed in an interview that a statement has been issued by the football club board of directors but he has not been officially communicated to. "Right now what I can say is that I am with the U23 national side and we are

training. I have seen the statement where they have recalled me but I have not been communicated to. So right now what I know is that there is a statement where I am being recalled but I haven't been communicated to, you know how the soldiers run their business. Otherwise I would love to go back to

the club where I started from. I have a connection with that club and I would be glad to return there but for now we will wait and see what will happen with that statement," he said. Musonda was sacked in January and replaced by Charles Bwale who dragged the super division side into the relegation zone.

Buffaloes are currently in the 8th position below Mufulira Wonderers and battling relegation. It is one of the worst performances by Buffaloes in the super division. Both Mufulira Wonderers and Greens Buffaloes are on five points from five games but Wonderers is ahead courtesy of goal difference.

# Mufulira Wonderers suspends Chinama

**By Abraham Kalito**  
Mufulira Wonderers FC has suspended head coach Justin Chinama and appointed his assistant Alan Kamwanga to manage the team on an interim basis. Chinama's suspension follows a trail of poor results at the club where the super league side has won one match, drawn two and lost two. Wonderers is currently one point above the relegation zone. Chinama was appointed Mufulira Wonderers coach in August 2017 and replaced Wilson Mwale who was fired for a similar reason. "This letter serves to inform you that you have been suspended effective 4th March 2019 until further notice for unsatisfactory work performance and insubordination. The team's performance in last four games has been below acceptable levels and lacks direction. Further you have repeatedly ignored my advice on team composition. The team that

was used in our game against Nakambala was not the line up that was agreed upon at the discussion I had with you This amounts to insubordination. Accordingly, you are hereby formally charged for unsatisfactory work performance and insubordination. You are free to exculpate yourself within four days from date of this letter. Please note that you will not be paid for the days that you will remain on suspension. We thank you for the services rendered to the club, read the statement. Mufulira Wonderers was promoted to the super division side in 2018 from division one. The team has been failing to score from clear chances created in all the matches played so far. The Football Association of Zambia has divided the super division into two stream which have made the competition stiff.



Pascal Siakam #43 of the Toronto Raptors shoots over during the Toronto Raptors vs Portland Trail Blazers NBA regular season game at Scotiabank Arena on March 1, 2019, in Toronto, Canada



Pep Guardiola says Manchester City are playing "much better" than during last year's record-breaking campaign and his players should not be regarded as losers even if Liverpool pip them to the Premier League title.

### Man City 'much better' than last year, says Guardiola

City are favourites to retain their crown after Saturday's 1-0 win at Bournemouth and Sunday's goalless Merseyside derby left them a point ahead of Jurgen Klopp's Reds with

nine matches remaining. "In the way we play, we play much, much better (than last season)," Guardiola said. "Everybody knows exactly what we have to do, everybody

helps each other. And when this happens, we can compete and if we lose, we lose, but no regrets.

"I know in our society just the first one has the credit and the second one is an absolute loser. But it is impossible to feel that about my players, it's impossible."

City smashed a host of records on the way to becoming champions in 2017/18, including amassing 100 points and scoring 106 goals.

Despite failing to replicate that level of dominance this

term, they have overturned a seven-point deficit in recent months to wrestle top spot from Liverpool.

Victory at Bournemouth was their fifth in a row in the league and secured with 82 percent possession and by preventing the hosts from registering a shot at goal.

Guardiola admits his team could easily have fallen out of title contention and feels their current position is even more remarkable because a League Cup success and progress to the FA Cup quarter-finals has

resulted in a far busier fixture schedule than Liverpool.

"Of course we want to win the Premier League, I feel the players show me every single day they want to win it," he said.

"But we have played nine or 10 games more than Liverpool. It's a lot of minutes in our legs in all competitions.

"In spite of that, still we are there and that's why I'm happy. I would prefer it to be like last season's position -- to be 12 points in front -- but that is an exceptional situation." AFP



Russell Westbrook #0 of the Oklahoma City Thunder dunks the ball against the San Antonio Spurs on March 2, 2019 at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas



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