



BEING RICH NOT A CRIME - LUNGU

...bonse tukabila ukulya bwino

By Mukosha Funga
It is not satanism to be wealthy, it is not being corrupt to be wealthy, bonse tukabila ukulya bwino (we all endeavour to become rich), President Edgar Lungu told Kabwe residents, Saturday.

And President Lungu has denounced violence, saying he has everything to lose should the country be

plunged into chaos. Speaking when he officially opened the Central Province PF conference, the Head of

State said it wasn't a sin to be rich, but called for decent and lawful wealth creation opportunities.

President Lungu began by warning moribund government institutions which were charged with

empowering the youth, saying he would reshuffle and retire some people if they didn't wake up. *To page 7*

Milupi censures Sean Tembo for insulting Sunday Chanda

By Zondiwe Mbewe
Opposition Alliance chairperson Charles Milupi

says he will counsel alliance spokesperson Sean Tembo to remind him that insulting

language may frustrate the efforts of the alliance to salvage Zambia from its destructive path.

Tembo was expelled from the Dynamic Analysis Zambia WhatsApp group, Thursday, after he smeared insults on PF media director Sunday Chanda. *To page 7*

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President Lungu (c) during his routine morning physical exercise with Police IG Kakoma Kanganja and Prison Service Commissioner Dr. Chileshe Chisela - Picture by Salim Henry



Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya (c) poses with the newly appointed Board of Directors for the National Health Insurance Management Board tasked with the responsibility to oversee the governance of the National Health Insurance Management Authority.

PF has made people realize MMD was better - Nakacinda

By Thomas Mulenga
The Felix Mutati led MMD faction's national secretary Raphael Nakacinda says since the PF came into office in 2011, people are able to compare and see that the former ruling party

performed better in many areas. And Nakacinda says his party will not campaign for the PF during by-elections because the ruling party hasn't invited them to do so. *To page 2*

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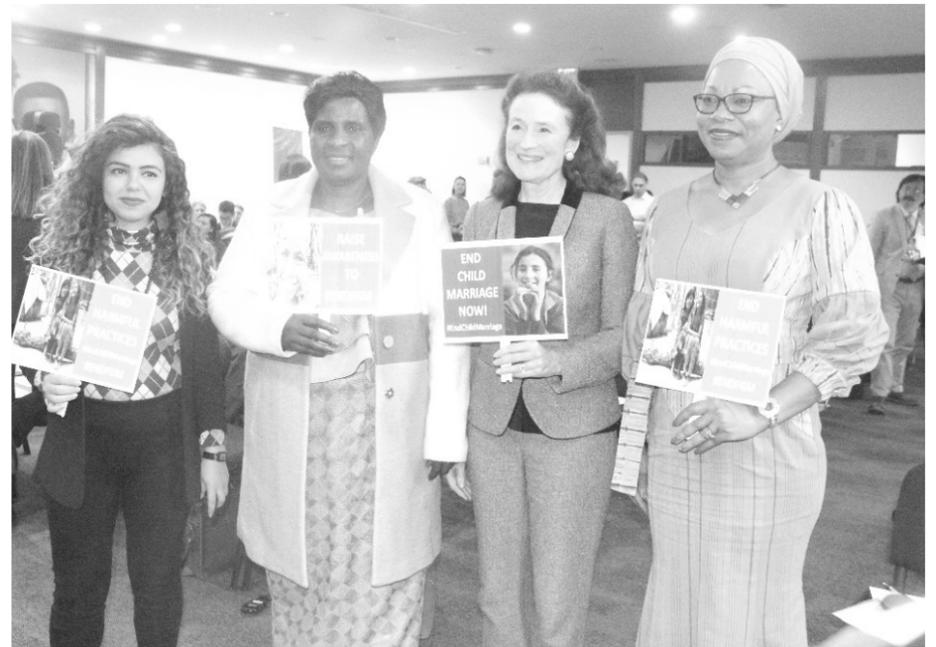
PF's actions contrary to Lungu's address on national values - Livune

By Mirriam Chabala

Katombola UPND member of parliament Derick Livune says President Edgar Lungu's address to Parliament on national values is in contrast with how the Patriotic Front behaves. In an interview, Livune observed PF officials did not exude the values and principles which President Lungu asked Zambians to adopt. "In his address, he does recognize the importance of the Church but the Patriotic Front government does not want to go to dialogue where the Church must take the lead. So that is the contrast. He's talking about the values in the country, but as I speak to you now, many farmers have not yet been paid their dues and these are people who get paid once in a year. After so much labour, they don't get their money for one year. Meanwhile, himself (President Lungu) and everybody else who are in employment are getting salaries every month. So where are our morals as leaders if we can fail to pay people who get paid once in a year?" Livune asked. Livune wondered how President Lungu could talk about corruption when some corruption-accused officials were still serving in government. "Where are the morals if issues of corruption cannot be given the seriousness they deserve? He spoke about not interfering with the investigating wings, but there is a contrast here, we have got people who are facing corruption charges but they are still operating in the government. Now where do you draw the line? A public officer who is being investigated against corruption but is still discharging public functions... it's only fair that those who are alleged to be corrupt and there's

a matter before them, they are sent on leave so that they can attend to their issues and once they are cleared, they can be reinstated. That way there will be some public confidence. Even people investigating them will have the power to investigate someone. How do you investigate a minister who is coming to court with a flag flying on his vehicle? It's not right," Livune argued. "So on the morals and the country's values, we must be calling also for the judiciary to be speeding up some of these cases, for example if a minister is appearing before the courts, there must be some speedy kind of attention to ensure that the public confidence is not diluted. When there is a problem of a public officer discharging functions as well as attending to allegation, public service delivery is compromise. Even the strength of a minister who is facing corruption charges allegations to address people... sometimes it may be issues to do with corruption in the ministries where they work from. Where does he get the strength to talk about corruption which he's accused of? So it's fair that those who have got allegations are asked to be on leave then others can act in those offices." Livune also called on the President to stop paying lip service to political violence. "So this issue of the address, yes he has fulfilled the constitutional mandate but the action within his cabinet, his colleagues leaves much to be desired. His party is associated with violence. Not too long ago in Sesheke there were violent activities and there are some pictures that have shown some of the government officials with the people that are said to be agents of violence. So

they must match what they say and do. In any case, President Lungu as an individual, he can stop the violence because the instruments of power support him to do so. If today he made a pronouncement that 'nobody will be spared, whoever is going to be involved in these violent activities, the law is going to visit such a person', there is no one who is going to go ahead and do violent activities when there is a Presidential decree. So we need a lot of action oriented activism in what we are saying, starting with the President himself and his cabinet, government officials and everyone," said Livune.



Gender Minister, Honourable Elizabeth Phiri (second from left) poses for a picture with delegates to the 63rd United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) side event dubbed: "Accelerating the elimination of harmful practices to reap the demographic dividend in Africa." Picture by WALLE SIMWAKA/ZAMBIA MISSION.

PF has made people realize MMD performed well - Nakacinda

By Thomas Mulenga

The Felix Mutati led MMD faction's national secretary Raphael Nakacinda says since the PF came into office in 2011, people are able to compare and see that the former ruling party performed better in many areas. And Nakacinda says his party will not campaign for the PF during by-elections because the ruling party hasn't invited them to do so. In an interview, Nakacinda, who is a nominated member of parliament, said he was confident that people would vote for the MMD back into government because of their good record. "Of course it is possible for people of Zambia to yet again

give the MMD an opportunity to serve them in government. Sometimes a gift is highly appreciated when it is taken away, and actually in many times that is the case. When we were in government for 20 years, there was a new generation of voters who had not experienced anything in contrast with the MMD, so they thought that maybe there was something better outside the MMD but I think now that we have had our colleagues in government since 2011, there is a definitely a point of reference and comparison. And I am sure the things they felt we had not done well, they have discovered that we were actually doing very well. The MMD is the talk of the Zambian people in so far as our time in government is concerned and I can confidently say in many sectors, we still stand out as second to none," Nakacinda said. He said the MMD was focusing on mobilizing the grassroots at the moment and it would be a

formidable force in any election. "President Mutati and all of us in the MMD were given a mandate of up to 5 years from 2016 to 2021. So when we go to the convention, it will be an elective one which means that all positions will be up for people to offer themselves. So even when it comes to issues of candidature and something like that, all those matters will be addressed at the next convention. The only thing I can say is that so far so good, we have not engaged ourselves in activities that drain resources and time at the expense of rebuilding the party. The MMD at the grassroots, the machinery is getting effectively lubricated and we are very confident that the day we are going to make a decision to participate in any by election or any future election, we will be a formidable force," Nakacinda said. And Nakacinda said the MMD would not campaign for PF in by-elections, despite being in an

alliance, because the ruling party had not requested them for help. "Our independent position as MMD is that at the moment we are focused on rebuilding the party and we made a policy decision not to participate in by-elections, and that position has not been reviewed. We have not worked together in any by-election with the Patriotic Front only because obviously we have not been requested to help. But obviously our members know that we are in an alliance, they have always found a way of assisting the PF in the campaigns. But you have not seen officially senior MMD leaders going on the podium because order requires that there is a request or invitation, and then we participate in a more orderly manner," said Nakacinda. "The working relationship with the PF is still cordial, there is nothing dramatic that has changed, we supported them in 2016 and we were able to achieve victory by way of having President Edgar Lungu go through in the first round without any difficult. And that we remain proud of and we are continuing to strengthen our political party just like the PF are also strengthening themselves. We are people who operate on principle, we resolved to work with the PF in 2016 and that status remains so up to today."

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

National Guidance and Religious Affairs Minister Reverend Godfridah Sumaili says as a Christian nation, Zambia needs to “actualize Christianity”. Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Michael Katambo says climate change is having a serious impact on the agriculture sector. The duo was reacting to President Edgar Lungu’s State of Nation address on national values, Friday. “The issues of national guidance, values and principles and ethics and also the issues surrounding the religion are always controversial, but we are a Christian nation and we have to be real as a Christian nation. The key thing is for us to actually actualize the Christianity that we are talking about,” Rev Sumaili said. “The government is in no way trying to control the church. The church is mature, it is able even to regulate itself but our emphasis is that we have to respect the word of God. Let us

We need to actualize our Christianity - Sumaili

not allow other things to come in but let us use the word of God as a standard. And also it is very important that we see sanity in the body of Christ that we do not permit those that are coming for economic reasons to run the show in as far as the body of Christ is concerned.” Rev Sumaili said she was impressed by the progress which Zambia had made in terms of raising awareness on the dangers of teen pregnancies. “As Ministry of National Guidance and Religious Affairs, we are elated with the progress that his Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu

has given to the nation. You know the nation has embarked on a transformation agenda and it is these values that will actually bring to realization that transformation. It is so encouraging to hear about the progress that we have made in terms of morality and ethics, there is a lot of awareness raising that has gone out there in the area of teen pregnancy and also defilements and in the area of patriotism and national unity. The president actually emphasized the importance of us loving our nation and being loyal to our nation, speaking good about our nation. He emphasized the need for us

to actually promote Zambian products,” said Rev Sumaili, in an interview with ZNBC. Meanwhile, Katambo says climate change is real and it is having a serious impact on the agriculture sector. “Climate change is real and it is really creating a serious impact on the agriculture sector. When farmers now start to apply the good agriculture practices like conservation farming, others they call it farming God’s way because these are the issues that our farmers want to apply. Then we will be able to enhance our food production, because you see national security is food security. So we need to apply these mitigating measures so that at least the agriculture sector will be able to thrive. That is why the President indicated in his speech on the application of values and principles that good agricultural practices on applying conservation farming we would be able to at least mitigate these effects of

climate change,” Katambo said. Katambo also bemoaned the drought that had hit most parts of Southern Province. “The issues of dam construction countrywide, we are already working with our corporating partners, we have cited in about 16 sites where also we are supposed to increase on the dam construction. This is because of the effects on the rain patterns where in other parts like in the Southern part of the country right now as we stand they are experiencing dry spells and droughts. Their crop is almost withering and almost completely dry. But you see once we have dams within the provinces that are mostly hit, then our farmers will be able to engage into other high value crops other than only be dependent on maize,” said Katambo. And Kasolo said a lot of amateur journalists were using the journalism profession to do wrong things. “I am glad that the President

has mentioned our ministry as a one that must take a lead there to find a way of disseminating information properly and accurately and most importantly to cut out as many as unprofessional news providers as we can. You know there is a very big difference between freedom of the press and bad journalism. We are not going to allow bad journalism to come and into play and for people to say ‘we know we have the freedom of the press and freedom of expression.’ There are limits and those limits must be applied and observed. The worst thing about information dissemination is that we have a lot of amateur journalists or shall I say citizen journalists who have not been trained at all as journalists and they take up the profession of journalism and do the wrong things,” said Kasolo. “Frustration is there yes in a big way especially when you find some of the media houses are actually encouraging dissension in the country, that they are encouraging people to rise against the government. That is very frustrating because it is wrong morally and it is wrong legally. So what we try to do is keep away from regulating the media but provide a regulatory framework within which the media can self regulate.”



UPND Kafue council chairperson candidate Beatrice Moonga Kayuni on a campaign with her supporters

Countries degenerate when church fails to counsel politicians - Mutati

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

MMD faction leader Felix Mutati says the Church and civil society have a responsibility to advise and correct the mistakes of the politicians to avoid degeneration into bad governance. Mutati, who is also ACCA Global Advocate, was guest

speaker at the International Conference on Internal Resource Mobilization and Stemming Illicit Financial Flows in Nairobi, Kenya. He said failure by the church and civil society to participate in governance would lead to political degeneration and all parties

will be deemed as accomplices. “Let me thank you Fr Chali for inviting me. And I think the church, NGOs and civil society in general, you have the responsibility, particularly to correct the mistakes of us politicians, the weaknesses that we have got and the sins that we commit. And if you don’t do that, if that results in bad economic management, bad governance, then invariably, you become accomplices. So you are in it with us and your motto should be that ‘don’t let government walk alone because when the economy tumbles, it affects all of us,” said Mutati. He also urged churches to help in creating a tax resource base and encouraged congregants to comply. He shared the country’s experiences in the Mining and manufacturing sectors and the resultant decisions that were effected after being in rush to sign development agreements such as free duty on imports and not paying tax on profit. And Fr Charles Chilufya, who is the Director Justice and Ecology office at the Jesuits Conference of Africa and Madagascar, said if African countries managed to collect enough money through taxes and avoid illicit tax evasion, there would be more of resources towards social and infrastructure development instead of relying on debts which in turn bled the economy. He said that his organisation picked on Mutati due to his credentials which include vast experience in politics, holding various ministerial positions and being the ACCA Global Advocate. This is according to a statement issued by Mutati’s media team, Sunday.

PMRC calls for enhanced private sector participation in youth empowerment

By Mirriam Chabala

The Policy Monitoring and Research Centre says the private sector has a key role to play in empowering the youth by complementing government’s efforts in order to make it sustainable. In a statement, PMRC executive director Bernadette Deka Zulu, observed that having a youthful population gave the country an opportunity to create tangible and sustainable development for itself by placing strong emphasis on youth empowerment for the future. “Many young women and girls in the world today are breaking barriers that previously made them vulnerable in the face of unequal opportunities and conservative society. Things have changed and many young people in the world today are taking the lead in science, leadership in the public and private sectors. The government [of Zambia] has created multiple policy frameworks aimed at addressing youth unemployment and encouraged increased participation of young people in the country’s economic development agenda. This is evident from the number of young women and men who have been given the platform to lead in government and the private sector. Despite these efforts, challenges remain with youth unemployment in Zambia estimated at about 10.5%, above

the national average unemployment of about 7.4%,” Zulu stated. “The private sector has a role to complement these efforts by introducing homegrown sustainable youth empowerment strategies for Zambia. Having a youthful population gives us a huge opportunity to create tangible and sustainable development for Zambia by placing strong emphasis on youth empowerment now and for the future. With approximately 75% of Zambia’s population under the age of 30 years, the country needs to reconfigure its strategies to harness this youthful generation and create opportunities for the future.” Zulu recommended strengthening labour regulations and skills development programmes in order to achieve better market matches. “This should include but not limited to skills training, education, expansion of education access with quality, especially for low income households. Zambia’s industry use of foreign skilled workers demonstrates further evidence of the shortage of well-trained nationals in some fields and provides an opportunity to re-double efforts to increase education coverage and quality. There is also a need to shift university programmes towards producing professionals who can meet the needs of industry...Improve

quality and technical and vocational education and training programmes by focusing on generating young entrepreneurs that are relevant to the times and industry needs. This should be focused on support to up skilling and skill training to support economic diversification into agribusiness, tourism and construction which provide opportunities for large numbers of young people to engage in non-farm work in both rural and urban areas,” Zulu stated. Zulu noted that Zambia also needed to redesign labour regulations in order to support growth of formal and informal jobs by easing the cost of compliance and encouraging the expansion of small businesses run by the youth. “The youth are also encouraged to show responsibility by utilizing funding resources based on their business plans to yield better outcomes for repayment and subsequent benefit for other youths because these loan facilities are designed to work as revolving funds. Non-payment of loans by youths presents a challenge for growing the base of young entrepreneurs and government must align its strategies to increase incubation support to businesses to create a generation of innovative entrepreneurs with unlimited potential to grow,” she stated. “Given the tenacity, brilliance and

innovation demonstrated by many Zambian youths is apt and befitting and clearly demonstrated by the abilities and milestones that have been scored by our youth in the agricultural and economic sectors, sport, media, mining, robotics innovation, leadership, film and music Industry and many others too numerous to mention. And this has been made possible by government efforts to deliberately create a conducive environment for the youth to thrive and giving leadership opportunities to young people that are serving as members of parliament and senior government officials and those leading in the private sector.” Meanwhile, Zulu said there was need for the Ministry of Youth and Sport to report on progress on youth empowerment projects. “In line with the government’s national youth policy and national action plan themed ‘towards skilled, enlightened, economically empowered and patriotic youth impacting positively on national development’, there is need to break more barriers through closer collaboration between the Ministry of Youth and Sport and relevant government agencies and stakeholders to report on progress and resolve challenges affecting the youth in the country,” stated Zulu.

By Mukosha Funga

Opposition National Restoration Party (NAREP) president Elias Chipimo Jr says the Patriotic Front government has plummeted to a new low by honouring Youngson Kalobo, the infamous former leader of a Copperbelt gang of black market copper traders popularly known as jerabos who died in 2015 aged 37. Many outraged Zambians including Chipimo took to Twitter, Friday, to condemn the move by government to honour Youngson posthumously. Recently, during commemorations of Youth Day on the Copperbelt, Kitwe District Commissioner Binwell Mpundu announced that government had honoured Kalobo, the younger brother to

PF has plummeted to a new low - Chipimo

Wusakile independent Member of Parliament Pavyuma Kalobo, for his contribution to youth empowerment. "Today, we handover a trophy to a gallant youth in the name of Youngson Kalobo for the contribution he had made to the emancipation of the young people in the district. The late Youngson Kalobo was very instrumental in bringing together this group of young people and through his Excellency, the President, there has been an empowerment to these young people we are calling small scale miners," said Mpundu during the ceremony before Copperbelt Permanent

Secretary Bright Nundwe handed over a trophy to the Kalobo family. Following the publication of the story, Zambians took to Twitter to denounce government's decision, which many described as insensitive and an insult to the women who fell victim to Youngson's terror. Academic and political commentator Dr Sishuwa Sishuwa ignited the discussion with a series of tweets, copied to President Edgar Lungu and senior Cabinet ministers, that soon went viral. "He (Youngson Kalobo) did some of the nastiest, reprehensible things. Women

were raped at will and all sorts of unspeakable crimes were committed by him and his armed gang, sometimes in full view of the State police. This is the man the Govt of #Zambia is honouring posthumously. Totally disgusting! He once disrupted a kitchen party of a young woman he sought to rape in Kitwe. Her boyfriend got a violent beating before she was raped. As usual, the police did nothing. This is the man the Govt of @realedgarlungu, @DoraSiliya, @VincentMwale, @HonMushimba is honouring! #Insane! He was the leader of small-scale miners known as Jerabos till his death, at 37.

The Govt deemed it fit to send a representative to his burial. Now they are honouring him posthumously for his work towards 'youth empowerment'. In the same week that President Lungu is giving a speech to Parliament on national values and principles, his government is hoisting a trophy for someone who did much to betray them, everything in the opposite direction. What message does the award send? Is it so hard for these people to see their breathtaking hypocrisy? Sometimes, to be sane in Zambia is to invite pain!" tweeted Dr Sishuwa. Soon afterwards, respected Lusaka lawyer and civil rights activist Linda Kasonde, Chipimo Jr, a prominent and popular Twitter user named Miss Bwalya and several other netizens re-tweeted his tweet or joined the condemnation. Chipimo linked government's decision to honor Kalobo to the upcoming by-election in Roan constituency, adding that the move demonstrated how lowly the ruling Patriotic Front had sunk. The NAREP leader tweeted; "One really has to ask: why would public officials posthumously honour someone like this? Could it be the looming by-election in Luanshya? Are there really no depths left for the PF to plummet to?" And 'Distant Relative', a Twitter user who goes by the handle LankyObserver, said Kalobo represented everything people shouldn't aspire to. "When your social value system plunges so low as to explore the very depths of human depravity and you elect mirrors of yourselves, that is what happens. We must come to a point where we care for the values we foster as a society.

They say not to accuse a person that isn't around to defend themselves, so will simply say Youngson represented everything we should neither aspire to nor glorify", Distant Relative tweeted. Youngson Ndawana, a Zambian academic and PhD student at Liverpool JohnMores University in the UK said the decision to award his namesake was a mockery to Zambia's values and genuine heroes. "How low does a country have to sink before it recovers its sense of nationhood and morality? When a nation honours thieves and thugs for political gain rather than value real heroes, such a nation is lost. This move is a mockery to #Zambia's values. It must be stopped!!", he tweeted. Others recalled with pain the terror that the honoured youth inflicted on their relations. "A trophy of honour to Youngson? Really? My young sister was one of Youngson's many victims of sexual assault and the damage that he inflicted on her is permanent. I support EL and PF, but their move to honour a criminal who inspired Tokota Boys and other gangs will make me reconsider. It is a grave insult to my sister and our family. I am very angry about this decision", tweeted Alfred Mubanga. Kalidas Bwalya decried the government's lack of sensitivity to women, tweeting "I cringed when I watched the news announcing that Youngson had been honoured... it really says a lot about how this govt views women or even what passes for 'empowerment'. Smh". Macnell Mufungwe wrote; "Because of this guy and his gang, the environment in Kitwe was always [that] of fear. These guys would do wrong at will and the law enforcement agencies would just watch!". "It's unbelievable that a government can honour a man who committed such terrible crimes. What is the meaning of honour, someone help me please", tweeted Douty Chibamba who added, "Those who were tormented by the criminal must watch their own government 'honouring' him. So, there is actually honour in crime!" Other netizens recalled that government had previously described Youngson's colleagues as scavengers and wondered why their leader was now being honoured. Dr Cleopas Sambo, based at Oxford University, wrote; "After 11 jerabos died at Black Mountain in June 2018, [Minister of Mines Richard] Musukwa repeatedly described the deceased & injured as 'scavengers.' 'If criminals or illegal people invade a mine site like they did at the black mountain surely that is not good cause for me to resign.' Today he's a hero? Why?" Sydney Sihubwa wondered what criterion was used to honour Youngson, tweeting "How then do they come up with names of who to honour? Is there a detailed explanation of what makes him deserve the honour? # Those in media, please help identify the selecting committee to give us data."



FIRST Quantum Minerals' programmes and projects advisor Gertrude Musunka (extreme right) makes a contribution during a Private Enterprise Programme (PEP) Zambia organised women's discussion programme at Neelkanth Sarovar Premiere Hotel on Thursday evening. On the far left is NATSAVE chief executive officer Mukwandi Chibesakunda - Picture by Andre-Knox Kaniki/SUMA SYSTEMS

PF cadres beat up councillor for "supporting Kambwili"

By Daniel Chansa in Luanshya

Patriotic Front cadres have beaten up their Ngebe ward councillor Fabian Siwale for allegedly not revealing who the NDC candidate in Roan Constituency was. The PF cadres believe that Siwale, whom they accuse of being former Roan member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili's close ally, knew who the NDC candidate was but did not tell the party structures. During a PF party meeting in Luanshya at Mpatamato secondary school, Saturday, the cadres pounced on Siwale and beat him up. Siwale confirmed the incident to News Diggers! and has since reported the matter to the police. "My fellow party cadres beat me up. I was attacked and beaten because the cadres say I did not reveal the name of NDC adopted candidate for Roan whom they thought is a threat. What they did was wrong and those allegations are wrong. How can I know a candidate from a party I don't belong to? I have reported to the police and a medical report was issued to me," said Siwale.

And according to a police report, Siwale suffered painful neck, ribs and general body pains. "Painful neck, left ribs and general body pains. Slaps and kicks were used to inflict the said injuries and pain," read the police report. And in an interview, Kambwili said the PF was worried because his candidate was very popular. "Yes, he was beaten and his clothes were torn. He has since gone to the hospital to get a medical report. It is because the boy (NDC candidate) is very popular. He was the chairman of the Mine Workers Union of Zambia and he was fired by the Chinese for speaking on behalf of the miners so they are so jittery and scared to the extent that they now even want to bribe people by telling that they are going to give them plots. How can a mayor be telling people that 'I am going to give you plots, vote for us, that is corruption of the worst kind and if we had a proper Anti Corruption Commission, that is an issue over which the mayor can be arrested and impeached," Kambwili said. Meanwhile, Kambwili said the PF was using the Black Mountain to mobilize

their party.

"Giving them a license as small scale miners is not a problem but the question is who are those youths mining there? It is just a PF organization. It is like they have taken an asset from the people and given it to the youth because no any other youth from any political party can be allowed there. So it is a PF thing. What we called for when we said give the youth the Black Mountain was to give the youth of Wusakile who had no jobs but what has happened is that they have given the PF youths, it is controlled by the PF youth chairman on the Copperbelt. So that is also another case of abuse of authority that you can get an asset and use it to mobilize a political party in a multi party political dispensation and that is not acceptable. They should have opened up the Black Mountain to all youths. This is typical of a government that has no plan for the people," he said. He said PF had been lying to the people about mining activities. "They want to lie to the people that they are going to open 28 shaft. And that they are going to give people the Black Mountain. It is all lies. I was

in a meeting where the Chinese told them that running 28 shaft is not economically viable and the Chinese have no plans whatsoever of opening the shaft...And for me, that is a good reason for government to ask them to abandon the mine so that the mine can be given to other investors but because PF has been corrupted by the Chinese, they can't take that action so this story of opening 28 shaft is fake, typical of them when there are elections and they want to mislead the people. And the Black Mountain, the Chinese have said the ore at Baluba is low grade so if they grab the Black Mountain from them and give it to the youths, then they will close Baluba Mine, that's what they have told them in straight terms," said Kambwili. "They have no plan whatsoever for the people of Roan. The people of Roan must know that what is important is the people of Roan, not the lives of these PF guys who have no plan for this country. How can the government be failing to pay salaries? You think that is a government worth its salt? They have nothing to tell the people of Roan and they will be taught a lesson."

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
 FDD president Edith Nawakwi says government should make it an offence for parents to keep children out of school. Reacting to President Edgar Lungu's State of Nation Address on the application of national values and principles, Nawakwi told ZNBC at Parliament building, Friday, that there was need for government to make it illegal for parents to keep their children out of school.

It should be illegal for parents to keep children out of school - Nawakwi

"I honestly believe that one of the solutions to resolving this issue is to make education a right. Our friends in Tanzania just here, President [John] Magufuli has decreed that no

child or school going age must be out of the classroom, it must be an offence for parents to keep children out of school. And I think we would be making some progress but we

cannot do that decree or make a legislation to that effect when in fact, those that are in grade seven we are pushing them out of education system, those that are in grade nine we are

throwing them out, those that are in grade 12 we are spitting them out to the streets. And even those that manage to go to the universities, you find them on the street. We need to invest

in education so that there must be a time in our life, in the life of this republic that education must be mandatory and must be available under universal education," Nawakwi said. "We need to show a price, if you are running for a price, you get determined. I think there is no excuse for us as a country at this level of growth of 54 years old for us not to push the value of educating a girl child into the heads of parents. When I was young, it was a choice of going to the field or going to school and I went to school because you are going to be a teacher, you are going to be a nurse." She said teen pregnancy was also another challenge which the country needed to address. "One of the major issues that we need to address as a country is teenage pregnancy and I am pleased that it's coming to the fore that this is a major problem that a country faces. And the question we need to ask ourselves is 'why is this scourge so rampant?' I think that we have to go to the basics. We have travelled some of us around the country, you can go to Chama South, you can go to Chinyinji, you will find young girls not in classrooms and I think that is the beginning of the problem. When we keep our children out of school, whether they are girls or boys, the boys are on the lake in areas where there is fishing like Western Province for example. When it is December, the children are cut off from any educational institution and then you wonder that our curriculum doesn't take account of the fact that during the rainy season, there are some parts of our country that are cut-off and our kids are not able to go to school," said Nawakwi.

Being rich is not a crime, *bonse tukabila ukulya bwino* - Lungu

By Mukosha Funga
 It is not satanism to be wealthy, it is not being corrupt to be wealthy, *bonse tukabila ukulya bwino* (we all endeavour to become rich), President Edgar Lungu told Kabwe residents, Saturday. And President Lungu has denounced violence, saying he has everything to lose should the country be plunged into chaos. Speaking when he officially opened the Central Province PF conference, the Head of State said it wasn't a sin to be rich, but called for decent and lawful wealth creation opportunities. President Lungu began by warning moribund government institutions which were charged with empowering the youth, saying he would reshuffle and retire some people if they didn't wake up. "Zambia has a huge and energetic potential for youth entrepreneurship which requires to be harnessed towards national development. We understand and accept that entrepreneurship is the future of Zambia and we see that as the very core of my heart and my vision for industrialisation.

Therefore, it is imperative that conditions must be created for the youth of Zambia to thrive as existing and upcoming entrepreneurs. We can never capitalise the economy without the involvement of the young entrepreneurs. I therefore wish to sound a warning to relevant bodies created to serve this objective to show cause why they should not be shaken up. Rhetoric must stop now and action must not only begin now but must be accelerated. Those who are charged to serve the objective of getting our youths into entrepreneurs should wake up. I know there are people who are paid for that purpose. I won't go into details but next time, when I discuss these issues, I may be reshuffling or retiring some people," President Lungu said. "No more of this *laissez-faire* attitude and rhetoric, we must do more for our people, especially the youth. We must do it now! I want to see action now. I therefore wish to take this opportunity to call for drastic measures to trigger young entrepreneurs to emerge." President Lungu said it was not being corrupt to be wealthy,

noting that "we all long for wealth". "Only the other day I was saying in Parliament that it is not being a satanist to be wealthy, it is not being corrupt to be wealthy but we must give jobs and opportunities for people to make money decently and in a lawful manner. Te sambu ukulya bwino, te bu satanist ukwikala bwino. Bonse efyo tu kabila (it is not a sin to eat good food, it is not satanism to live luxuriously, that is what we all long for). So what I am saying is that those of you who are charged with the responsibility of creating the environment which will see our youths emerge as entrepreneurs, please do so, or else," he said. And President Lungu denounced violence, saying he had everything to lose should the country be plunged into chaos. "I know we have some election in Itezhi tezhi and in Kabwe, what will see us through is discipline. I know we have elections here on the province, what will see us through is discipline. Therefore, those who will be successful in these elections and equally those who will not are expected to exhibit

the highest form of discipline. To who much is given, much is expected. Leadership in the party as well as leaders in government are expected to lead by example because no one individual is irreplaceable. I say to whom much is given, much is expected. This simply means that we have been given leadership of this country, therefore, we should protect this country. And I want to re-emphasise that there are those who don't care what happens to this country but I care, the PF cares," he said. "I gave that example which infuriated some people some time back, I said that King Solomon was approached by two women who were fighting over a child and one of the women said that they should cut the child into two so that they can share that child but the real mother said 'no, let her keep the child'. Those people who have invested in

violence have for nothing to lose but PF and Edgar Lungu have got everything to lose if the country is plunged into violence." President Lungu also warned that he would not hesitate to part ways with those who did not abide by the PF's founding principles. "A chain is only as strong as it's weakest link, no one is indispensable. I therefore will not hesitate to part company with anyone and anything that takes the party away from its founding ideals. Patriotic Front demands hard work, honesty, sacrifice and self reliance in all its activities in order to improve the living conditions and ensure better benefits to the people of Zambia," said President Lungu. Meanwhile, the Central Province structures endorsed President Lungu as their candidate for the 2021 elections.

PF are dunderheads - Mucheleka

By Thomas Mulenga
 UPND deputy secretary general says the Patriotic Front is practicing politics which are alien to Zambia in order to disadvantage the opposition because they are dunderheads. In an interview, Mucheleka charged that because the PF "had a terrible candidate in Bahati", they tried to kidnap UPND's "popular" candidate, Jerry Bwalya. "The PF have reduced the level of politics in this country to an extent of engaging themselves in something alien to this country, I don't know where they are getting these things from, are they really Zambians? Is this something that they have gotten from Malawi or somewhere? Because not even in Malawi do we hear of such nonsense; attempting to kidnap opposition candidates, to bribe and blackmail candidates," Mucheleka said. "It is strange, it is unZambian. We are aware in Mansa they have such a terrible candidate contesting on their ticket and they are admiring our popular candidate, hence they have been devising ways and means of hijacking him, they went to his mother's house, they have gone to his relatives in Bahati, threatening them...the same nonsense they were doing in Sesheke. They don't just learn, I don't know what type of people they are, they are dunderheads! It's not that we are insulting them but surely what kind of people are they who do such things for the sake of winning elections? Only dunderheads can do such things as inflicting pain on fellow Zambians. Surely in this time and era we should be

hiding our candidates and only unveil them during nominations?" Mucheleka said PF's poor leadership was denting Zambia's image. "Let us exercise civility, let's campaign freely. Ourselves with our alliance partners we are saying can our campaigns be based on issues, we don't want violence. The economy of this country is in shambles; look at the high poverty and corruption levels. Zambians are looking for men and women who can deliver this country from the hands of these fellows who have reduced this country to its lowest. Our image is in tartars everywhere in the world," Mucheleka said. Meanwhile, Mucheleka explained why the opposition alliance had decided to present a united front in Bahati and Roan. "We are supporting the NDC candidate Mr. Chishala and the reason is simple, an injury to one is an injury to all. In Roan we decided to stand in solidarity with the NDC, that seat belonged to Chishimba Kambwili and you are aware that he had fallen victim under the machinations of the PF in the same way that they have been doing all sorts of injustice on all of us, especially on our leader Hakainde Hichilema. And now what we have been going through has also been extended to NDC. When NDC is injured, UPND equally feel injured and for that reason we are standing together. Hence the decision that all opposition alliance member political parties will support NDC in Roan and that they will all support the UPND in Bahati," said Mucheleka.

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PART 16: THE PF GOVERNMENT PROMOTING NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES AS PER CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

By Hon Davies Mwila

INTRODUCTION

Under article 8 of the constitution, the people of Zambia committed themselves to upholding a defined set of national values and principles under the following themes:

- I. **Morality and ethics;**
- II. **Patriotism and national unity;**
- III. **Democracy and constitutionalism;**
- IV. **Human dignity, equity, social justice, equality and non-discrimination;**
- V. **Good governance and integrity; and**
- VI. **Sustainable development.**

In accordance with article 9, sub-article (2), the President of the Republic of Zambia is required by the constitution to revert to Parliament, once a year to report on progress made in the application of our national values and principles as above, It is in this regard that President Edgar Chagwa Lungu On Friday 15th March 2019 addressed Parliament and highlighted the progress the nation made in 2018 under each value and principle as enshrined in the constitution.

The following is an excerpt of President Lungu's address on Morality and Ethics:

MORALITY AND ETHICS

Morality and ethics are values that define what we, as a people, collectively believe to be right or wrong. In some instances, they may not necessarily be written down.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

I wish to report that we are making strides in promoting morality and ethics in our nation. In the area of gender based violence, which remains one of the critical moral issues of our time, we have intensified awareness programmes at every level of our society including our communities, schools, work places and places of worship.

This awareness resulted in increased reporting of gender based violence cases from 21,504 in 2017 to 22,073 in 2018.

We are addressing the consequences of gender based violence by providing moral, emotional, medical and legal support to victims.

To this effect, counselling and legal support was provided to 8,682 victims comprising 5,444 females and 3,238 males. I wish to commend all stakeholders who have joined hands with government in our fight against gender based violence.

To support victims and expeditiously dispose of gender-based violence cases, government has continued establishing one-stop centres and user-friendly fast-track courts. In 2017, we only had two fast track courts situated in Lusaka and Kabwe. At the end of 2018, four more courts were established and are operational in Chipata, Ndola, Livingstone and Mongu.

Government intends to establish more one-stop centres and fast-track courts. It is my hope that with time the incidences of gender based violence will be reduced. I urge our people to desist from engaging in gender based violence.

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Another area of concern has been alcohol and substance abuse, especially among our young people.

To curb alcohol and substance abuse, government, among other measures, undertook sensitisation of traditional and religious leaders where 235 chiefs and 180 religious leaders from all the ten provinces were sensitised on the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse. This was with the view to strengthening their role as agents of change. This programme will continue because traditional and religious leaders play a cardinal role in shaping the morals of our society. Further, government undertook 2,310 public awareness programmes in learning institutions, work places and community-based structures throughout the country. These programmes, which are also being supported by corporate entities, will continue.

CYBER CRIMES

We have an opportunity to use information and communication technologies to advance and propel our country to a higher level of development. It is of great concern, however, that others have chosen to use this versatile tool to commit cybercrimes that include financial malpractices, hate speech, falsehoods and character assassination. I, once again, implore all our citizens to be wary of the negative aspects of social media and use this medium responsibly.

On our part as government, I am glad to report that we are making progress in promoting responsible use of electronic platforms as well as safeguarding users on these platforms. The process of enacting the cyber security and cybercrimes bill and the data protection bill has reached an advanced stage. This will ensure that offenders are brought to book.

I urge this august house to support the bills which will be presented during this session of parliament.

DEFILEMENT

Our country is also challenged on the moral front by the incidences of defilement.

Defilement is an inhuman act that deprives victims of their right to live dignified lives. The scars from being defiled have lasting negative effects. In this regard, government and other stakeholders have taken steps to raise awareness in our communities. Further, government has provided for stiffer penalties to eliminate this vice. I implore families and communities to also take responsibility and speak out against this vice as well as help in the rehabilitation of victims.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

Teenage pregnancy continues to be a growing concern in our country. It undermines the rights of girls and compromises their opportunity to fully realise their potential. Government is, therefore, implementing measures to end teenage pregnancy. I commend the efforts of our cooperating partners, civil society, traditional leaders and religious organisations in this fight.

One such measure is the continued implementation of the adolescence health strategy. Through this strategy, 40 trainers of trainers were trained in adolescent health in 2018. Further, 504 peer educators drawn from all the ten provinces were trained. In addition, 1,309,150 adolescents were reached with health messages and various health and social services.

MORAL UPRIGHTNESS IN BUSINESS, WORK AND SOCIAL LIFE

Upholding moral uprightness and ethical conduct by all our people in business, work and social life is key to the development of this country.

During my address in March last year, I informed this house that government had developed codes of ethics to regulate the behaviour of public service officers.

I am pleased to report that this programme has continued and more public service institutions have developed their codes of ethics, which encompass such important values as loyalty, honesty and integrity. The institutions include the Zambia police service, the immigration department and the Zambia defence forces.

To promote ethical conduct and professionalism, a total of 3,100 officers from the Zambia police service and the immigration department and 1,351 teachers were sensitised on their respective codes of ethics in 2018. Further, 5,984 civil service employees were sensitised on the code of ethics for the public service. I wish to applaud all public service officers who are setting a good example in adhering to these codes of ethics.

To further uphold moral and ethical conduct, government has strengthened the office of the chaplaincy in the Zambia correctional service. All correctional facilities now have at least one qualified chaplain to provide spiritual guidance on moral and ethical issues to inmates and officers.

EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES

Examination malpractices have remained a concern to the nation and are retrogressive. Perpetrators of this crime should understand that there is no short-cut to genuine success. One of the ripple effects is that people get used to malpractice and apply it in other spheres of life, leading to a growing number of deceitful people in society. In addition, our institutions of learning will produce a sub-standard human resource that cannot effectively respond to the development needs of the country.

I am, therefore, pleased to inform this august house that government has put in place measures to bring this vice to an end.

THE MEDIA'S ROLE IN NATION BUILDING

I wish to draw the attention of this august house to the media. The media has a powerful role to play in building our nation which goes beyond informing, educating and entertaining. They have a major influence on the moral and ethical conduct of our people. I, therefore, wish to implore media houses to take a lead in promoting moral and ethical living among our people. They should be sensitive to their audience and ensure that their content is progressive and not destructive.

End of President Edgar Chagwa Lungu's Extract on Morality and Ethics.

CONCLUSION

President Edgar Chagwa Lungu and the Patriotic Front government are committed to leading the nation in upholding the observance of national values and morality as we work towards the attainment of the goals of the Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP) and vision 2030

The Author is Patriotic Front Secretary General

By Zondiwe Mbewe

Opposition Alliance chairperson Charles Milupi says he will counsel alliance spokesperson Sean Tembo to remind him that insulting language may frustrate the efforts of the alliance to salvage Zambia from its destructive path. Tembo was expelled from the Dynamic Analysis Zambia WhatsApp group, Thursday, after he smeared insults on PF media director Sunday Chanda. The fracas begun at 11:57 hours, Thursday when Tembo, who is leader of Patriots for Economic Progress (PeP) posted; "The Opposition Alliance is committed to remain united and deliver a better Zambia in 2021, through a landslide electoral victory. Those who wish ill to the Alliance will never prevail. A new and better Zambia is on the way." But Chanda laughed at Tembo's post, reminding him of remarks he had made before joining the alliance by posting screenshots from the PeP leader's Facebook page. Some of the screenshots read; "political parties uniting is like asking all wives in a polygamous marriage to unite on how best to please the man! It can't!", "Why does HH claim to be an economist and yet he has failed to produce an alternative national budget for 12 years" and "Supporting NDC is equivalent to buying second hand underwear. Certain things should just be bought brand new". Chanda then told Tembo that he was "flip flopping", adding that he had become HH's lapdog.

Milupi censures Sean Tembo for insulting Sunday

"Flip floppers hallucinating about wind of change...from pushing a wheelbarrow as Opposition leader to another Opposition leader's lapdog," Chanda said. Tembo did not respond to any of these until Chanda brought up allegations of fraud against him, allegedly committed in Botswana. "@Sunday Chanda it's good that PF gave you a job. Otherwise am sure your wife was getting tired of feeding you. No wonder your excitement to prove your worth to your paymasters. Whether you like it or not, the Opposition Alliance is here to stay. Am sure you're upset because of the technical knockout that we have given you for Roan and Bahati. You thought we are in disarray but we are rock solid. We are getting better every day. Believe that." Chanda insisted on demanding answers over the Botswana fraud allegations but Tembo did not address them, instead saying he was proud that he was one of the politicians whom the PF liked talking about. The back and forth continued until late in the afternoon, forcing NGOCC executive director Engwase Mwale to ask for civility. "Postings here are clearly devoid of civility and respect for each other and divergence of views. We

need to recognise that it is such frailties of minds that demean the very tenets of democracy that we are all meant to uphold on such forums. Admin if u are not careful such a progressive forum will degenerate into lowest levels of personal attacks that are clearly not of interest to a number of us. Let there be contestation of political ideologies here and not unprogressive political maiming which will not take our country anywhere...Such postings are energy usurping please," remarked Mwale. It seemed the argument had come to an end until Tembo posted a picture of a wanted person advert bearing his image which he accused Chanda of manufacturing, at 19:12 hours. "@Sunday Chanda I can see that just like you faked a Freemason certificate for President Hichilema, you have similarly faked an Interpol Wanted Person Alert for myself. I really pity your miserable existence in the quest to please your PF masters and make a living. And your children say they have a father? What a shame!," Tembo wrote. "If the PF was a tight thinking organization, they would realize that you @Sunday Chanda are a liability to the party." Chanda responded; "I see that you're psycho...clearly... stop dragging me in your

fraudulent activities." It was at this point that Tembo insulted Chanda, posting; "P*lo yako...ikulu ku left." Chanda responded, "Whatever that is...what evidence do you have that I manufactured that certificate? I'll not insult you Sean but clearly your conduct is that of a psychopath" Group members were stunned, expressed their displeasure and demanded that Tembo be removed from the group. Moments later, Tembo was removed from the group despite Chanda's request against that. Over an hour later, Tembo, through the group admin, apologized to Chanda and group members, asking to be reinstated but that was met with resistance. And in an interview with News Diggers, Milupi, who is alliance chairperson, said such language took so much away from the work which the opposition was doing. "There is need for us to be mature in outlook, but also to recognize that the enemy that is on the other side are desperate and as such, they will do everything to lure us into making us appear like

we are unreasonable and unworthy of the trust that the Zambians to put in us. There will be temptations, there will be traps set for us to fall into those traps and that us why, giving myself as an example, I have been insulted, I have been provoked and with my knowledge of English and other languages, I can insult as much as anybody else but that is not the way to react, it is about policies, it is about issues. Recently, the insults that I was getting from one of those officials in PF, I was being called a lunatic and all sorts of things but I cannot lure myself to a level where I equally file such language, that is not what I am in politics for," Milupi said. "I will speak to my fellow president in the Opposition Alliance by way of counseling that we don't benefit from these trades. And also one has to be very careful because social media has brought a level of information sharing that has not been there in the past and even as we share that, we have to understand that there are multitudes of other people, including our own children who also have access to what we say. If they see that type of language, it

diminishes their hope in us and it delays the time in which we will be given an opportunity to salvage this country. So I never ever support the use of vile, personal language." Milupi said it was the opposition's responsibility to resist the temptation to fall into the PF's trap. "Having said that, the ruling party have an even bigger responsibility because they claim that the majority of Zambians gave power to them to lead us so we would expect them to be a lot more civil in their approach, to have a little more integrity. So this issue of putting into the public domain false reports that say nothing but attempts to malign the other side, we in the opposition have suffered that. Not long ago one of our members had a letter authored for them against their knowledge to say that they are pulling out of the alliance and the language clearly was that of PF and it took an ambassador of this country to refute that. We are aware that our effectiveness as an opposition alliance is what is provoking the other side so we know that they will be doing these things but our responsibility is to make sure that we don't fall into their trap. So as chairperson, these are issues that I will pick up in the meetings to make our alliance partners aware that there will be temptations and we should do everything in our powers to avoid falling into this trap," said Milupi.

Musukwa dangles black mountain to Luanshya youths as Roan campaigns heats up

By Daniel Chansa

Mines Minister Richard Musukwa says as 'owner' and final authority on the slug dumps on the Copperbelt he will empower youths in Luanshya by allowing them to operate on the black mountains. And jerabos in Chingola held a mammoth procession to celebrate the assuring message from the PF leadership. Last week, Musukwa gave the provisional license to the Small Scale Miners popularly known as Jerabos to start mining at the slug dump in Chingola, in a move seen to drum up support for the PF candidate in the Roan Parliamentary by-election. During the filling in of nominations in Luanshya, Thursday, Musukwa said he was in charge of the slug dumps. "Ifwe nga ba PF, we believe in empowerment of the youths. In Chingola, we just gave the small scale miners the black mountain. I am in charge! I am the owner of the black mountain, so even here in Luanshya, I will give the black mountain to the youths," said Musukwa to the jubilating supporters. And in showing appreciation to President Lungu and Musukwa, the Jerabos on Saturday held solidarity march pass in Chingola. The Jerabos were led by Patriotic Front Copperbelt Youth Chairperson Don

Mungulube. Others present where Energy Minister who is also Nchanga member of parliament Matthews Nkhuwa and Chingola member of parliament Chali Chilombo. Mungulube asked the youths in the Province to work together and not allow the slug dump popularly known as 'black mountain' to bring division amongst them. "This dump has not been given to us so that we can start fighting one another, it has been given to us as an empowerment venture. Let's work together and ensure that all youths benefit, but this does not mean we operate haphazardly without putting in place systems and procedures to guide us all," Mungulube said. He called for discipline adding that the party would not hesitate to deal with youths who are in the habit of causing confusion which may affect operations at the site. Later, Small Scale Miners commander and Former Boxing champion Douglas Chilemba said youths will continue to support President Lungu. "As Small Scale Miners, we want to assure President Lungu of our unwavering support to him and the PF Party beyond 2021 because this government continues to empower youths," he said.



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On Friday evening, Mr Sean Tembo, the Opposition Alliance spokesperson wrote a very strong analysis of President Edgar Lungu's address made to Parliament earlier that day. Mr Tembo, who is also Patriots for Economic Progress (PeP) leader, described President Lungu as a shameless leader who has no moral right to preach national values and principles to citizens when he had failed to discipline his State House advisors who are known for insulting people.

Unfortunately, we cannot reproduce the exact content that Mr Tembo published on his Facebook page because we feel a dictatorship such as the Patriotic Front should not be dared in the manner that this opposition leader was attempting to do in his submission that the Head of State is mentally sick. Instead, we will restrict ourselves to his condemnation of the moral decay around the President.

Ironically though, a day before President Lungu's address to Parliament, Mr Tembo was involved in a brawl with PF media director Sunday Chanda, which resulted in his expulsion from the "Dynamic Analysis Zambia" WhatsApp group for using insulting language. After a protracted bitter exchange of words, Mr Tembo said to Mr Chanda "pol* yako ikulu ku left". To this message, members of the group reacted with disgust and

Sean Tembo is showing signs of a midlife crisis

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demanding that he must be expelled – and the group administrator removed him.

This came as a heartbreak to us because we have always considered Mr Tembo a very intelligent and wise, young politician. We have always felt that his articulation of issues is very clear to anyone who has time to read, and in our view, we did not see why it would be wrong for someone like the PeP president serving in government. But we were disappointed that evening.

We are now not sure whether this is the true character that Mr Tembo has been hiding from the public or he was perhaps under the influence of intoxication? Or could it be that he is dealing with drastic habit changes, mood swings and impulsive decision-making; which are all signs of a midlife crisis?

Whatever the case, this is a red light for good leadership. A wise leader doesn't lose his mind when provoked; a good leader doesn't insult back when insulted. Mr Tembo is showing dangerous characteristics for a 'doctor' who can heal our country.

At a time when Zambians are being called to critically examine public office seekers who would like to replace the Patriotic Front, someone in Mr Sean Tembo's position cannot afford to use such language on a public forum and get away with it. If Mr Tembo has any self-respect, why would he volunteer to lose it over a small political debate?

Everyone makes mistakes. We all fall short in our deeds. But it is what we say and do in realization of the mistakes that makes a difference. If Mr Tembo feels he cannot

apologise to Mr Chanda because the PF official also trades in insults, then he must apologise to the Zambian people who have been holding him in high esteem. If apologizing to the public is too costly for him, at least let him apologise to his own children who obviously have access to social media and can see the distasteful language from their father.

If he feels he owes no one an apology, then we will ask Zambians to introspect on such arrogance from someone who hasn't even been given State power yet. What more when they take charge of the instruments of power; when they become the commander-in-chief of the State apparatus?

Mr Tembo needs to prove that he is different from those who are governing us today. If the PeP president, himself, will refuse to apologise, we will conclude that he has

no shame and he indeed belongs to the same *manyozo* forwarding party which Zambians desire to kick out.

We are saying this because if we are to take the Opposition Alliance as a government in waiting, Mr Tembo's current position lands him the responsibility of being a shadow Cabinet Minister of Information. If he cannot withdraw his insults, it is only right that he steps down from his position as spokesperson of the pact. After all, that is what he demands from those who disgrace themselves in the Patriotic Front government.

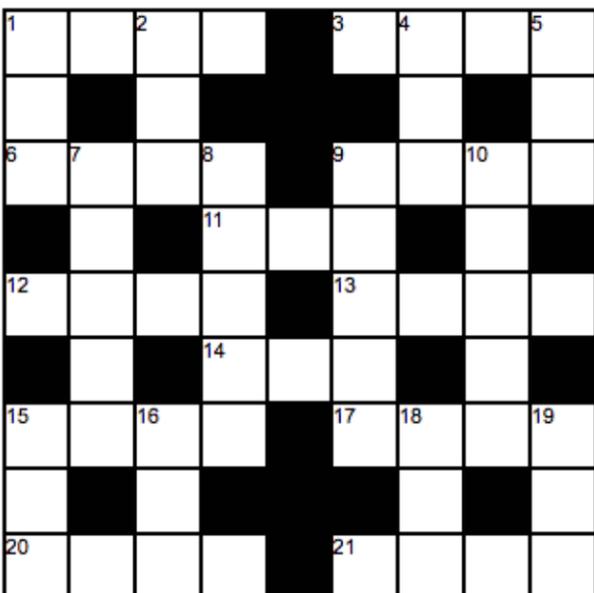
We also wish to remind our fellow citizens to wake up and be alive to characters such as Mr Tembo. Changing government leadership is one thing, changing the status quo of society is a totally different matter. It is possible to change

government by electing people who have the exact values as those have been voted out. Zambians must be very cautious to avoid that. Electing new leaders who have the same mentality is only good to the new office bearers who gain access to State coffers, but it leaves no benefits to the electorate and general population.

Zambia is at a stage where citizens cannot afford to make the same mistake again. It is critically important for everyone who will be eligible to exercise their civic duty in 2021 to study the behavior pattern of those who are promising to restore sanity in the country. We need to follow their debates and determine whether they are being sincere or they are here to play games with our lives.

People like Mr Sean Tembo need to be called out before they get too powerful. It is annoying to see the hypocrisy in his tongue, where he can be condemning the same things that he does. What better leadership can such a man bring to this country if he can see nothing wrong in naming his own organs to disparage his fellow man? *A Tembo chinjani, lekani nzelu zikulile pamozi na ndevu.*

Crossword puzzle 315

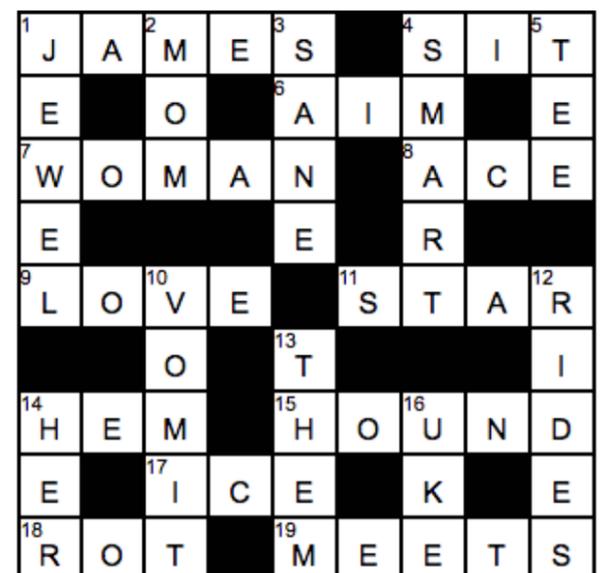


"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing."

- Albert Schweitzer

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Solutions to puzzle 314



Reader's feedback

Mutati on poor tax compliance in Africa

Editor,
 "If you think taxing the poor and struggling SME is a popular and functional strategy for governance, then better stay where you are, in opposition. Taxation has to a large extent only helped to keep the governing elite and a few civil servants comfortable. We need people who can think deeper. Beyond tax; beyond mere politicking; beyond the ordinary. Someone to create a manufacturing base; tackle trade deficits; value addition; spur employment creation, motivate both technological development and adaptations. You cannot talk tax when you talking about people who are barely surviving. If compliance is bad, think of the underlying causes. Average incomes are far below minimum meaningful living standards." – Hugo Chabala

"It's not the tax compliance issue, but also the mismanagement of the collected revenue that is the biggest issue we are facing as a country!" – Joseph Kawele

"In fact, what is worrying is what the taxes people pay is used for!" - Chezrone Katope

"African politicians; when in opposition, you worry a lot, but when in power you stay mute!" - Graton Mainza Sinjabu

"But you failed the Zambian people when you were in a pact and minister in the PF government!" – Issa Geloo



Lungu's "two shots" Parley speech

Editor,
 "If this speech was read out by either say Dr Kenneth D Kaunda or Levy P Mwanawasa it was going to catch the attention of citizens and convince foreign

investors to get involved in the Zambian economy. But President Edgar C Lungu has proved himself to be a national joker! This is more reason he has become the most despised president since 1964! The same Kampyongo he instructed to deal with perpetrators of violence at the wreath-laying during Youth Day on the same day was on a platform at the PF intra-party youth rally with Cosmo Mumba, Peter Chanda and other guys posing as opposition party presidents using hate speech concerning legitimate opposition political parties. President Lungu to-date has not censured his Minister of Home Affairs. Lawrence Sicalwe is still serving as Cabinet Minister of Traditional Affairs even after admitting distributing pornographic material meant to corrupt the morals of citizens." – Christopher Kalima

"His party is the one giving alcohol to young ones regardless of their age! They even give young men police uniforms to perpetuate violence. These are young men after being paid for their violence." – Rich Banda

"All that time to talk rubbish! What a way to start a year!" - Derricks K Kalasa

"Why doesn't the President know that in real life, the PF cadres are above the POA?" – Chola Mwale

"I think the President was way out of line: no connection with people." – Donn M Tutayi

"Alcohol is very cheap in Zambia! The government should heavily tax it to avoid a lot of indulgence!" – Bashi Kito

"Although things are hard, it's good to have a light moment." – Bruce Ngoma

ND's OPINION: A wife should be The President's most trusted advisor

Editor,
 "On point, Diggers! Our worst enemy is our upbringing. And as the saying goes: 'it is difficult to teach an old dog new tricks. We, the old generation women, were brought up to be subordinate to our spouses, to 'shipikisha' in all circumstances and we are also handing that out to our own daughters. The end result is a drawback in nearly all areas of human endeavour." – Grace Shankaya

"Very good write up! Those were my thoughts, too." – Jean Jean

"Just WOW. I hope they opt to listen; very free advice." – Oscar B S Mwanawina

"News Diggers! guys, you're great when it comes to write-ups! Keep up with your calling, guys!!!" – Timothy Mwali

Trevor Simumba's view on current crop of technocrats being cowards

Editor,
 "Not just cowards, but complicit in corruption!" – Ziya Theo

"I agree 100%!" - Noel Kalimamukwento

lose jobs without any formal inquiry process. Where fire trucks are inflated to an unreal value of US \$1m each and culprits still roam free!" - David M Mwanangombe

"Truth be told, the mediocrity obtaining is only because political cadres have been appointed to key institutions at the expense of professionals." – Mike Phiri

"The State has been captured because technocrats in the Executive, Judicial and Legislative wings of government allowed it to happen. A situation where criminals are subdued by law enforcement officers yet it is the officers that

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Britain's Prince Harry and his pregnant wife Meghan are to set up their own household, breaking away from the joint operation they shared with the Harry's elder brother William and his wife Kate, Buckingham Palace said on Thursday.

Harry and Meghan, known officially as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, have shared staff with William and Kate since their marriage in May last year. Queen Elizabeth has now agreed to allow them to set up a new base at Buckingham Palace this Spring.

Prince Harry and Meghan go it alone

"The Duke of Sussex currently has his own private office, which has been supporting the Duchess since the engagement of Their Royal Highnesses in November 2017," Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

"This long-planned move will ensure that permanent support arrangements for The Duke and Duchess's work are in place as they start their family and move

to their official residence at Frogmore Cottage."

British newspapers have reported since the end of last year that there had been a rift between the two couples, although there has been no public indication of any feud. Earlier this week, the foursome appeared on good terms when they appeared together at a Commonwealth Day service in London.

The change comes as former U.S. actress Meghan is due to give birth to her first child with the queen's grandson this Spring. The couple are also in the process of moving from a cottage in the grounds of Kensington Palace, where William and Kate live, to a new home on the royal family's Windsor Estate.

After their dazzling wedding

ceremony at Windsor Castle, the couple held the evening reception at Frogmore

House, part of a royal family residence since the 18th century. Their new home,

Frogmore Cottage, is on the grounds of the estate. *The Guardian*



Mother of Cantopop icon Anita Mui given HK\$250,000 to celebrate 95th birthday

The mother of Hong Kong pop diva Anita Mui has long argued that the Cantopop singer was not advised properly and did not fully understand the contents of her will.

In the will, Mui, who died in 2003 of cervical cancer at age 40, decreed that her money would go to a trust that would disburse HK\$70,000 (S\$12,000) monthly to her mother.

Mui's assets were said to be worth HK\$100 million and she also gave two properties to her best friend, fashion designer Eddie Lau.

Recently, her mother, Madam Tam Mei-kam, who had previously gone to court to contest the validity of the will, asked for more money to celebrate her 95th birthday.

A judge granted her wish and told the trust to give her HK\$250,000.

According to China Press, she threw a party, with guests filling up the seats at 20 tables.

They gave her a golden statue of the Goddess of Mercy and a golden peach, among other items.

Mui's will stipulates that after her mother dies, the money will go to the New Horizon Buddhist Association. *China Press*



Soil offered to Ethiopia jet families

Ethiopian Airlines has offered the relatives of 157 victims of last Sunday's Boeing 737 Max plane crash bags of scorched earth to bury in place of their loved ones, reports say.

Earth from the crash site is being made available for a planned service in Addis Ababa on Sunday, Reuters reports.

Families have been told it could take up to six months to identify remains.

Countries across the world grounded the 737 Max 8 and 9 aircraft after flight 302 crashed on 10 March.

Ethiopia's transport minister said on Saturday it may take "considerable time" for investigators to find the cause of the crash involving the new aeroplane.

"An investigation of such magnitude requires a careful analysis and considerable time to come up with something concrete," Dagmawit Moges told a press conference.

Relatives of the passengers killed in the incident are being encouraged to provide DNA samples either in Addis



Candles burn for victims at the scene of the Ethiopian Airlines crash days after the plane came down

Ababa or at any overseas offices of Ethiopian Airlines.

Death certificates are expected to be issued in two weeks.

Families mourning the victims are being offered a 1kg (2.2lbs) bag of charred soil to bury as part of Sunday's service in the Ethiopian capital, AP news agency reports.

"The soil came as it became impossible to identify bodies and hand over remains to family members," one family member reportedly said, adding: "We will not rest until we are given the real body or body parts of our loved ones." Passengers from more than 30 countries were on board the Ethiopian Airlines flight from Addis Ababa to Nairobi.

The Ethiopian investigation into the crash is being assisted by teams from around the world, including the US and France. The aircraft's flight data recorder (FDR) and cockpit voice recorder (CVR), or black boxes as they are often called, have been recovered and investigators are hoping they will shed light on the tragedy. *BBC*

Mushrooms may 'reduce the risk of mild brain decline

Eating mushrooms more than twice a week could prevent memory and language problems occurring in the over-60s, research from Singapore suggests.

A unique antioxidant present in mushrooms could have a protective effect on the brain, the study found.

The more mushrooms people ate, the better they performed in tests of thinking and processing.

But researchers said it was not possible to prove a direct link between the fungi and brain function.

The National University of Singapore study's findings were based on 663 Chinese adults, aged over 60, whose diet and lifestyle were tracked from 2011 to 2017.

Over the six-year study, the researchers found that eating mushrooms lowered the chances of mild cognitive impairment, so that roughly nine out of 100 people who ate more than two portions a week were diagnosed, compared



with 19 out of 100 among those who ate fewer than one portion. 'Encouraging' Mild cognitive impairment (MCI) can make people forgetful, affect their memory and cause problems with language, attention and locating objects in spaces - but the changes can be subtle.

It is not serious enough to be defined as dementia.

The participants in the study were asked how often they ate six different types of mushrooms: oyster, shiitake, white button, dried, golden and tinned.

Mushroom eaters performed better in brain tests and were

found to have faster processing speed - and this was particularly noticeable in those who ate more than two portions a week, or more than 300g (10.5oz).

"This correlation is surprising and encouraging," said assistant professor Lei Feng, the lead study author, from the university's

department of psychological medicine.

"It seems that a commonly available single ingredient could have a dramatic effect on cognitive decline.

"But we are talking about a combination of many factors - tea, green leafy vegetables, nuts and fish are also beneficial."

The researchers point to the fact that mushrooms are one of the richest dietary sources of ergothioneine - an antioxidant and anti-inflammatory which humans are unable to make on their own.

Mushrooms also contain other important nutrients and minerals such as vitamin D, selenium and spermidine, which protect neurons from damage.

But there is still a long way to go before evidence of a direct link can be established.

Diet and lifestyle factors

This study relied on self-reported information on mushroom intake and other dietary factors,

which may not be accurate, the researchers acknowledged.

Dr James Pickett, head of research at Alzheimer's Society, said: "There are lots of factors that contribute to the development of dementia and it's estimated that up to a third of cases could be prevented by changes in lifestyle, including diet. "Dementia is one of the top 10 causes of death, but people can take action to reduce their risk, so it's important that we base our advice on consistent evidence that's built up over multiple studies, and don't get carried away with the findings of any one single study.

"So while eating a diet full of fruit and vegetables, including mushrooms, is a great starting point, our best advice is to also cut down on sugar and salt, be physically active, drink in moderation and avoid smoking."

The study is published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*. *BBC*

By Abraham Kalito

Maestro United Zambia MUZA FC on Saturday shocked FAZ/MTN fanatics when they beat Napsa stars by a goal to nil to win their first game since promotion to the super division. Emmanuel Mwamba's goal in the 49th minute was enough to secure the much-needed win for the Mazabuka based

ZED Football Focus

side who are still at the bottom of the log in stream B. Elsewhere in stream A, the match between Kitwe United and Green Buffaloes was postponed due to a

vigorous thunderstorm. Kabwe Warriors beat Prison Leopards one goal to nil. Warriors scored through Clement Mundia found the back of the net in added time to secure maximum

points. The Kabwe super division side has been in superb form this month having beaten ZANACO and drawn to Zesco United FC. They are currently third in stream A

Still in stream A, Nakambala Leopards were held to a goalless draw by Red Arrows. And in stream B, Nkwazi FC beat Circuit city by three goals to nil to

claim three away points. Eric Chomba scored in the first half, five minutes from the interval to open the score board. Emmanuel Chibaula made it two nil at the hour mark before scoring another to make it three. Green Eagles also claimed all the three points after beating Lumwana Radiants by a goal to nil.



Reus sends Dortmund top with late winner in Berlin

Marco Reus admits Borussia Dortmund are struggling to pick up wins in the Bundesliga title race, even as his late goal sent them top by sealing Saturday's dramatic 3-2 victory at Hertha Berlin. Dortmund's win leaves them three points clear of defending champions Bayern Munich, who must bounce back from their Champions League exit to Liverpool by beating Mainz on Sunday.

Ivorian striker Salomon Kalou twice breached Dortmund's defence in a poor first half by the visitors, who have taken 12 points from a possible 21 in their last seven league games.

Danish midfielder Thomas Delaney and defender Dan-Axel Zagadou twice equalised for Dortmund before Reus' late strike at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

Hertha had defender Jordan Torunarigha and substitute striker Vedad Ibisevic sent off in the final few minutes of a bad-tempered match.

"The most important thing was the three points we took," Dortmund captain Reus told Sky.

"We dominated the second half and played better football the first.

"We're struggling to win, but that's the only way we'll get more confidence," he added, after Dortmund also needed two late goals to beat strugglers Stuttgart last weekend.

Kalou capitalised on a mistake by Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Burki with just four minutes gone to give Hertha the lead.

Delaney equalised by charging through a huge gap in midfield and firing home, his 14th-minute shot deflecting off Hertha defender Karim Rekik.

Kalou restored Hertha's lead

by drilling home a penalty after a Julian Weigl handball 10 minutes from the break. Dortmund drew level again when Zagadou, 19, headed home a Jadon Sancho corner two minutes after the break. With five minutes left, Torunarigha was sent off for a second yellow card after fouling Dortmund defender Achraf Hakimi, just before Delaney hit the crossbar. With time running out and Dortmund growing desperate after wasting a string of chances, Sancho supplied the cross for Reus to convert to claim the three points.

In the dramatic closing moments, Kalou's replacement Ibisevic was also dismissed for throwing the ball in the face of the Dortmund goalkeeper. **AFP**

Spence overpowers Garcia to retain IBF welterweight title



Errol Spence Jr. solidified his status as one of the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world with 12-round masterclass performance over challenger Mikey Garcia on Saturday.

The 29-year-old Spence easily beat Garcia by a unanimous decision to retain his International Boxing Federation title in a welterweight homecoming bout in front of 47,500 fans.

Spence dominated Garcia throughout with a stinging jab and a barrage of combinations and his hometown crowd at the AT&T Stadium in Dallas, Texas cheered wildly as he used his size and reach advantage to put on a boxing clinic. "My motivation was fighting in front of my hometown crowd," Spence said. "This is where I started it from a pup. From the amateurs all the way up.

"This is my core fan base. I felt good and

I wanted to put on a great performance." The fight was hyped as a showdown of two unbeaten boxers but it didn't turn out that way with one judge scoring it 120-107 for Spence. The other two had it 120-108 and 120-108.

Garcia never landed more than 10 punches in a single round. Spence landed 375 total punches to just 75 for Garcia, who was fighting for the first time as a welterweight after moving up two divisions.

Spence has been avoided by most of the top fighters in the division but this victory appears to have set up a future showdown with Filipino Manny Pacquiao.

Pacquiao appeared in the ring after the final bell and said he was willing to face the much younger Spence.

"I am looking at the winner of this fight. Spence wants to fight me," said Pacquiao.

"I am hoping to be back here, soon."

Spence said he also wants to fight Pacquiao. "He is a legend of the sport. It would be my honour to fight him next." Spence improved to 25-0 but failed to get the knockout he wanted against Garcia in his third defence as his KO streak was stopped at 11 fights. This is just the fourth time in his career that the former 2012 US Olympian didn't knock out his opponent.

"People said I couldn't box," said Spence. "You saw it today. I can box, I can move my head. I can do it if I want to."

Garcia, who was trying to win a title in his fifth different weight class, dropped to 39-1 with 30 KOs.

"He is the truth. He is for real. He came out with a game plan, kept his distance. I couldn't make adjustments," Garcia said. **AFP**

Africa Cup of Nations host Egypt bogged down in domestic football crisis

Little more than three months before it hosts the Africa Cup of Nations, Egyptian football has been plunged into its latest crisis with major clubs squabbling, games regularly called off and security services intervening amid ongoing safety concerns.

"This is the hardest season in the history of Egyptian football," Amer Hussein, chairman of the domestic league's competition committee which schedules matches, told AFP.

With leading top-flight clubs also involved in African and pan-Arab competitions, the knock-on effect on the domestic calendar has this year thrown the Egyptian league into disarray.

It does not augur well for June and July, when Egypt will host the Cup of Nations for the fifth time, with 24 teams participating for the first time in

an expanded format.

Egypt was chosen ahead of South Africa after Cameroon was stripped of its hosting duties by the Confederation of African Football. The tournament is due to take place during the searing Egyptian summer, from June 21 to July 19.

The domestic league is set to run on well beyond the end of the Cup of Nations, with the possibility of extended runs in international competitions for Cairo giants Al Ahly and Zamalek potentially making things even more complicated. The hasty preparations for the Cup of Nations have compounded the league's woes at a time when Ahly and Zamalek have been hitting out at organisers along with their new, Saudi-funded rival Pyramids FC.

"Tensions running high" - In February, Pyramids FC publicly

accused the federation of favouring their rivals. The club called the scheduling of fixtures an "injustice" to them and threatened to complain to FIFA.

Turki Al Sheikh, an influential Saudi businessman and a close political advisor to Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman, has bankrolled the club after buying it last summer.

He has completely rebranded it with an aggressive marketing campaign and gone on a signing spree, bringing in foreign players from the likes of Brazil and Syria.

Al-Ahly, Egypt's and Africa's most successful club, have even refused to comply with the packed domestic schedule. They implicitly hit out at Pyramids FC, saying they would not bow to "pressure from a certain party". "Tensions are running high and that

frightens football officials in Egypt with the Africa Cup of Nations around the corner," said Amir Abdel Halim of popular Egyptian football website Fil Goal.

He said football authorities were trying to contain the "anger of Ahly supporters", while also encouraging new "investments in Egyptian football embodied in Pyramids FC".

"No football without security" - In the face of this wave of postponements and growing fan impatience, Egypt's powerful security services have stepped in, in a country where football and politics have made for a lethal mix.

The country is still scarred by the deadly clashes which caused nearly 100 deaths on the sidelines of matches involving Ahly and Zamalek in 2012 and 2015 respectively. **AFP**

Bottas upstages Hamilton at Australian Grand Prix

Valtteri Bottas upstaged his Mercedes world champion team-mate Lewis Hamilton Sunday to win the season-opening Australian Formula One Grand Prix in a sizzling performance that he called his "best ever".

The flying Finn started second on the grid but got a jump on the polesitting Briton at the first corner and never looked back, scorching round the Albert Park circuit to take the chequered flag a massive 20.9 seconds ahead of Hamilton.

Red Bull's precocious Max Verstappen came third to join them on the podium after audaciously overtaking Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel midway through the race.

"How about that! Yes!" said Bottas over the team radio after also taking the new bonus point for the fastest lap.

"I don't know what just happened. I don't know what to say. It was definitely my best race ever," he said after. "I felt so good and the car was so good. Four-time world champion Vettel had to settle for fourth, trailing in 57.1 seconds behind Bottas. Ferrari partner Charles Leclerc was fifth, with Kevin Magnussen in a Haas sixth.

- Frustrated Hamilton - Bottas, whose last triumph was at the Abu Dhabi season finale in 2017, was overshadowed last year by Hamilton, failing

to win a race, hampered by mechanical problems and bad luck but was fast in qualifying and only narrowly edged out of pole position.

"In the beginning it was all about managing the race and building the gap," Bottas said. "I knew I could do it, I've done it before, it was about being at my best level."

Bottas, now in his third year with Mercedes, knows he must perform with promising Frenchman Esteban Ocon, 22, waiting in the wings as the team's reserve driver. He delivered in spades on Sunday for his fourth Grand Prix win in his 119th race.

"It's a good weekend for the team," said Hamilton. "Valtteri drove an incredible race today so he deserved it."



"We have some work to do, (but) it is more than we could have hoped for as a team."

Starting on soft tyres on a fine day, Bottas got an electric start and built a gap of 1.153 seconds

on Hamilton after the opening lap, with Vettel, Verstappen and Leclerc trailing in their

wake.

The gap kept growing, and when Vettel pitted on lap 14 to swap for medium tyres Mercedes called in five-time champion Hamilton soon after. Bottas stayed out, pumping out fastest laps, and when seven laps later he pitted he emerged more than 10 seconds ahead of his team-mate, who was clearly bemused.

"What was the reason for stopping so early?" Hamilton asked over the team radio, to be told it was to cover Vettel's early stop.

- Ecstatic Verstappen - With Bottas having an unsurmountable lead the battle was on for second, with Verstappen hounding Hamilton but unable to find a way through. **AFP**

Mutapa leaves Lumwana Radiants

Wolves shock 'poor' Man United to reach FA Cup semis

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer admitted Manchester United produced the poorest performance of his reign as Wolves sent them crashing

out of the FA Cup on Saturday with a 2-1 quarter-final win.

But United's interim manager was remarkably

upbeat despite his side's flat performance, saying they had plenty more to fight for as they aim for a top-four finish in the Premier

League and look forward to a Champions League last-eight tie against Barcelona.

United were well beaten by an eager Wolves side who

scored two goals in the space of six minutes in the second half through Raul Jimenez and Diogo Jota, with Marcus Rashford's injury-time effort a consolation.

Solskjaer had presided over a run of just two defeats in 18 games since replacing Jose Mourinho in December, progressing to the quarter-finals of the Champions League and the FA Cup.

But they now go into the international break with back-to-back defeats after losing to Arsenal last week, with Rashford's goal their only real chance of the game. "Today was the poorest performance we've had since I've been here," said Solskjaer.

"It was a big step backwards. There was a lack of urgency going forwards and a lack of forward passing and a lack of regains.

"We felt too comfortable in possession and we never put their keeper under pressure or their defenders under pressure." **AFP**

By Alex Chilumbwe

Lumwana Radiants has parted company with head coach Oswald Mutapa on mutual agreement.

In a pres statement, Radiants publicity secretary Gehano Ntaimo indicated that assistant coach Chewe Mulenga will take up responsibility of Head Coach and will be assisted by John Munkonje and goal keeper trainer Sailas Simunyola.

Meanwhile, Mutapa said to Goal Diggers! that he would need about a month before he could align himself with another coaching job.

"I will miss Lumwana but I don't have any link to another club so far. I will need about a month before I get back to football business but if a team expresses interest, I will make it known," said Mutapa.

Before Mutapa joined Lumwana Radiants in December, 2018, he coached at Lusaka Dynamos, Red Arrows and National Assembly football clubs in that order.

