



# THERE'RE PROBLEMS



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By Julia Malunga

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to and I am very confident that the Zambian people will give us a vote notwithstanding the

challenges we might go through at any point in time," Chama said.

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President Edgar Lungu (l) speaks during the 1st Extraordinary Inter-Sessional Summit of Heads of State and Governments of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) at State House in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Salim Henry

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KABWE Central PF member of parliament Tutwa Ngulube says Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) calling for the rejection of Constitution Amendment Bill Number 10 do not have valid reasons.

In an interview, Ngulube asked the consortium of CSOs still pushing for parliamentarians to reject Bill 10 to respect government’s position the Bill because they represented the people of Zambia.

## MPs will proceed to enact Bill 10, Tutwa tells CSOs

“The reasons they gave are invalid. For us, we feel we do not represent CSOs, we represent the electorate that vote for us. So, we will listen more to the people who vote for us and not people who are paid by donors to destabilize the constitution-making process. Some of those CSOs are making

noise to continue getting paid from the detractors of democracy in Zambia. The constitution-making process is not an urgent situation, it started in 2017 and the country and people are aware of the history. People have gone round the country and it has been through all the processes; it is not like it has just started now. Our Constitution has a lot of problems and everybody is agreeable to that, even the CSOs, themselves. So, why should we fail to amend the Constitution? So, just like the opposition, the NGOs are being hypocritical because on one hand, they are rejecting the Constitution, yet they are busy practicing what they are rejecting. For example, the issue of coalition government, they are rejecting it, but they are forming alliances,” Ngulube argued.

He vowed that the ruling party would not give up until Bill 10 was eventually enacted into law.

“If the Bill does not pass, there is a second chance; we will wait for another session because if it fails to go through, it cannot be brought again in the same session. So, we will have to wait for another session, which is next year after elections, we have to try again. Let the

CSOs wait for us to do the correct thing because the people of Zambia elected the Patriotic Front to govern. They did not elect the CSOs so they should respect our position!” said Ngulube, who is also deputy parliamentary chief whip.

A consortium of CSOs, which included Chapter One Foundation and ActionAid Zambia, among five others, urged members of parliament to choose and embrace public service by rejecting the controversial Bill when Parliament resumed sitting next Tuesday. “Parliament resumes its sittings on 9th June, 2020, and with it the threat of the enactment of the Constitution Amendment Bill No. 10 of 2019 looms once more. Once again, the mettle of our members of parliament will be tested; will they side with the people of Zambia? We recognize that many Zambians may not realize what is at stake if Bill 10 is enacted. Why does it matter that our Constitution is being amended? How will it affect ordinary Zambians? The Constitution of any country is a social contract binding all the citizens of that country as to how they choose to be governed. Everybody in the country, including the most powerful among us, are bound by the Constitution. The Constitution limits the powers of those whom we choose to govern our country,” the statement read in part.

## Zesco, KCM sue CEC for restricting power supply

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

ZESCO Limited and Konkola Copper Mines Plc (in liquidation) have sued the Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC) in the Lusaka High Court seeking a declaration that the latter’s action to restrict power supply to KCM contravenes the law.

Zesco and KCM are further seeking an order of injunction restraining the CEC by itself, its directors, officers or agents from interfering in the Time Sheet Agreement between the Plaintiffs through restricting KCM from receiving supply from Zesco, pending determination of the matter, among other claims.

In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Wednesday, Zesco stated that it entered into a Bulk Supply Agreement (BSA) with CEC on November 21, 1997, which expired and lapsed on March 31, this year.

It added that the BSA had not been renewed. KCM, on the other hand, stated that it entered into a Power Supply Agreement (PSA) with CEC around March 2000 and expired on March 31, 2020.

“By letter of Intent dated April 17, 2020, KCM and CEC agreed to extend the PSA up to May 31, 2020. KCM will further aver that it owns mining operations at its Nkana, Konkola and Nchanga Integrated Business Units (IBUs), which requires stable and bulk electricity supply for the operations of the said mines and is interconnected to CEC network,” read the statement of claim.

“It was a term and condition of the said PSA that CEC would supply and KCM would pay for the power so supplied. CEC’s loss of its preferential status as bulk off-taker of Zesco’s electricity affected CEC’s capacity to ensure stable and bulk electricity supply to KCM.”

KCM stated that in an effort to ensure stable and reliable power for its operations, it executed a binding Term Sheet with Zesco on May 22, this year, effective June 1, 2020.

The plaintiffs explained that the execution of the Term Sheet relied on Zesco supplying power to KCM using CEC’s transmission and distribution lines.

Zesco and KCM stated that the Minister of Energy in performing the functions of his office did on May 29, this year, promulgate The Electricity Act (Common Carrier) (Declaration) Regulations, Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2020 (S.I.), which in effect declared CEC’s transmission and distributions lines as Common Carriers.*Story Continues on P7*

## FRA’s K110 maize price will hurt farmers – CTPD

*By Natasha Sakala*

THE Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) says the Food Reserve Agency’s (FRA) low maize purchasing price is detrimental to rural growth as it will erode opportunities meant to enhance rural income disbursements.

In a statement, Wednesday, CTPD senior researcher Dr Simon Manda observed that the FRA’s maize purchase price set at K110 per 50Kg bag would discourage small-scale farmers and other rural producers from engaging in agriculture.

“CTPD has observed with great concern that the recently-announced purchasing price of grain by the Food Reserve Agency are not cost reflective and can hurt farmers. CTPD also notes that the current prices only highlight historic controversies associated with State intervention in agriculture. We further note that these prices will not help to stimulate rural growth as it will erode opportunities meant to enhance rural income disbursements necessary for driving an agricultural transition, poverty reduction, commercialization and value addition. Therefore, we think that these prices will discourage small-scale farmers and other rural producers to engage in agriculture,” Dr Manda stated.

“CTPD advised that if care is not exercised, the country risks failing to produce a stream of empowered rural producers capable of commercializing and even transitioning into diversified economic and livelihood avenues. In addition, such low purchasing prices has the potential of depressing private sector actors, who would even push their buying prices further down, undercutting what has been announced by the FRA, especially that the institution is associated with persisted delays in paying farmers.”

He further stated that with the growing public external debt, estimated at US \$11.2 billion, could mean that payment towards procurement of strategic reserves might take longer than the five to six month delays which were the standard in recent years.

Dr Manda, therefore, suggested that government should emulate how neighbouring countries limited the State’s role in crop marketing to stimulate higher market commodity prices.

“Regional experiences, such as from Tanzania, have shown that it is possible to limit the extent of State intervention and stimulate private sector actors to provide competitive prices even better than is provided by our government. The difference has been that our friends have been bold enough to carefully think through benefits of private sector engagement in agriculture. Such efforts have seen cost reflective prices prevail, thereby, expanding opportunities for local producers,” he stated.

And he urged government to consider allocating part of the K10 billion stimulus package to the purchasing of grain by the FRA to ensure timely payments.

“In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to ensure availability of funds for the most vulnerable groups, CTPD urges government to consider allocating part of the K10 billion stimulus package recently announced by the Bank of Zambia to support procurement of grain by FRA as this will be critical in ensuring that our local farmers get their payments on the spot should they opt to sell their grain to the Agency. This will go a long way in protecting small-scale producers from the harsh economic hardships the country is currently going through,” stated Dr Manda.

*By Natasha Sakala*

THE Copperbelt Energy Corporation Plc (CEC) says government’s move to declare its distribution and transmission assets as common carriers amounts to expropriation as the company is on the brink of defaulting on all its loans borrowed from international lenders.

In a statement, Tuesday, company corporate communication senior manager Chama Nsabika lamented that with Energy Minister Mathew Nkhwa’s issuance of Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 57 of 2020, CEC was at the brink of defaulting on all its loans.

“CEC notes the following significant events leading to the issuance by the GRZ of SI 57: 1) 8 May, 2020 - CEC institutes measures to recover debt from KCM, which has now grown to about US \$144 million 2)

13 May, 2020 - KCM admits its indebtedness to CEC 3) 26 May, 2020 - Zesco requests use of the CEC transmission network to supply power to its new unknown client on the Copperbelt and requests for a meeting in the first week of June 2020 4) 28 May, 2020 - CEC acknowledges the Zesco request, stating that it stands ready to start negotiations as long as the customer involved has no valid agreement with CEC and does not owe CEC money 5) 28 May, 2020 - the Minister of Energy writes to CEC asking the Company to give path to Zesco to supply power to KCM 6) 29 May, 2020 - GRZ through the Minister of Energy promulgates SI 57 declaring CEC infrastructure Common Carrier 7) 31 May, 2020 - ERB writes CEC setting a wheeling tariff equivalent to about 30 per cent of CEC’s current network tariff (current

tariff charged for using the CEC network);” Nsabika stated.

“CEC has become aware of SI 57 issued by the Minister of Energy, Honourable Mathew Nkhwa, declaring all of CEC’s distribution and transmission lines as Common Carrier. From the above events, it is abundantly clear that the GRZ has for all intents and purposes taken steps that amount to expropriation of the CEC infrastructure and CEC is now on the brink of defaulting on all its loans borrowed from international lenders. GRZ’s actions have the full effect of taking away CEC’s commercial and property rights, and completely inhibiting the company from taking viable business decisions, including enforcing its legal and commercial rights in the best interest of the business.”

She added that the

declaration came just hours before the expiry of CEC’s Power Supply Agreement (PSA) with Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) Plc and the failed negotiations for the renewal of the Bulk Supply Agreement (BSA) with Zesco, both government-controlled institutions.

“This declaration came just hours before the expiry of CEC’s PSA with KCM, which took effect at midnight on 31 May, 2020, and in the wider context of the failed negotiations for the renewal of the BSA between CEC and Zesco, which lapsed on 31 March, 2020. Both KCM and Zesco are, as of now, effectively controlled by the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ),” she stated.

But Nsabika announced that CEC was currently engaging government in dialogue with the hope of restoring the company’s commercial and property rights.

“CEC takes this opportunity to advise all its investors of these actions from the GRZ that are highly detrimental to the well-being of the business and its ability to continue as a going concern. Investors are notified that CEC will, in the time being, engage in dialogue with the GRZ in the hope of obtaining an amicable and equitable outcome targeted at restoring the company’s commercial and property rights. CEC will keep all its investors fully updated,” stated Nsabika.

## I’m confident Zambians will vote for PF again despite problems - Chama

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know where we have come from; they know where the nation has come from and where we have taken it to and I am very confident that the Zambian people will give us a vote notwithstanding the challenges we might go through at any point in time,” Chama said.

“Zambians have gone through a number of challenges; you can trace it back to UNIP, there were challenges. In MMD, there were a number of challenges, even during our time, there will also be challenges anywhere. And globally for that matter, especially during this COVID-19, it has even

worsened the challenges we are encountering as a country, but we will surpass and overcome these challenges as a nation together as long we work together so that we can transform our nation and build a strong Zambia and a strong party.”

And Chama said only love and forgiveness would grow the PF.

“You know, I am a chola boy (assistant) to the national chairperson; I will sit down and consult my boss so that I can be able to take over from where he has been operating from and see how I can supplement the good

works he has been doing. And also to make sure that we, collectively, see how we can grow the party and basically bring love, healing and forgiveness because it is only love and forgiveness that can grow the party so that we bring unity,” said Chama.

President Edgar Lungu appointed Chama as PF deputy national chairperson, together with Gender Minister Elizabeth Phiri, Tuesday, as member of the central committee and chairperson for industries, respectively.

Chama previously served PF as its secretary general.

WHO IS LILYPECK INTERNATIONAL, DUBAI?

US\$ 288 MILLION LOAN

Source: Ministry of Finance Economic Mid 2019 Report

Why was it an unsolicited loan?

Why was it single source procurement?

Why did Ministry of Finance sign the loan contract?

Why did Ministry of Health obtain single source contract?

Who are the local facilitators?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



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*By Ulande Nkomesha*

LUSAKA Province Minister Bowman Lusambo says Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa has the mandate to work for the people of Lusaka Province.

And Lusambo has given gospel artist Chisenga Mumbi, popularly known as Kings Malembe Malembe, dance-hall artist Brian Bwembya popularly known as B-Flow and Photographer Chella Tukuta a 24-hour ultimatum to apologize for “demeaning the Presidency on social media.”

Speaking on Hot FM Breakfast show, Wednesday, Lusambo encouraged Sampa to continue working hard.

“I want to salute Mayor Miles Sampa and I want to encourage him to continue working hard he is working for the people of Zambia, he is working for His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu,” Lusambo said.

When asked why Lusambo was emphasizing that Sampa should continue working hard

# Sampa has the mandate to do what he is doing – Lusambo

after he was made to apologize for closing down some Chinese owned businesses, Lusambo said the mayor had the mandate to work for the people of Lusaka District and he knew his boundaries.

“Forget about those things, Miles has the mandate to work for the people of Lusaka district, he has the mandate to execute his duties. We are talking about Miles Sampa...he is my Mayor in Lusaka District under Lusaka Province. I am directing my Mayor to make sure that he puts his house in order, let him move in his town. Miles Sampa, we are not going to let him if this lawlessness will continue in Lusaka district

those are the people who are directly involved in the running of bars, restaurants and nightclubs and they know exactly the licences which they give to these people. So for me as a Minister, I know that Miles Sampa will work according to the way we work in Lusaka Province according to the Constitution of Zambia and he has to know his boundary and I have seen him knowing his boundary,” Lusambo said.

“So, for me, I want him to continue working. If Miles is making a mistake, which means the technocrats are misleading him. So I want those technocrats at Lusaka City Council to make sure that they work hand in hand with Miles Sampa. If Miles Sampa is making a mistake, then he is being mislead by



his technocrats because Miles Sampa is a seasoned politician and I can assure you that Miles Sampa understands his work, he understands his boundaries. And Miles Sampa, constitutionally, he has the mandate to report to me [and say] ‘Minister there is this how are we going to handle these issues?’. We want the Lusaka City Council to pull up their socks and move in and control the situation in these nightclubs.”

And Lusambo warned Kings Malembe Malembe, B Flow and Tukuta to apologize and stop demeaning the Presidency on social media.

The trio had taken to social media show their displeasure on various governance issues including corruption and perceived government’s preferential treatment towards foreigners over locals.

But during a briefing, Wednesday, Lusambo said the trio were displaying the highest form of stupidity which should not be allowed in Zambia.

“I want to urge Kings Malembe Malembe, I want to urge the cameraman, I don’t know what the name is, I want to urge B-Flow and his team that can you desist from bringing the name of the country and the name of the government into disrupt. This is stupidity at its highest level. We are not going to allow this here in Lusaka Province. I

want to urge Kings Malembe Malembe that I am giving him 24 hours to apologize to the President for releasing those stinking nonsense directing the Office of the President. Let him withdraw those statements and let him withdraw now!” Lusambo exclaimed.

“I am urging these other young boys to stop this misbehaving. You just wake up in the morning we don’t even know where you were and start talking about the President, you start talking about Ministers. What do you know about governance? Where have you governed before? What do you know about gold issues? Don’t misbehave! Make sure that you do things in the right way. As Minister for Lusaka Province, I can assure these boys that they are too naked to misbehave! Let them know their boundaries!”

Lusambo said he was aware that some of the youths were paid by the opposition to demean President Lungu.

“The President has more than 40 ministers, 10 provincial ministers, 30 line ministers; the President has other advisors as well. It is now a fashion to some of these disgruntled youths to advise the President using social media, not in Lusaka Province, that is lawlessness! You can’t start demeaning the Office of the President with impunity, and for us who

have trust in His Excellency Edgar Chagwa Lungu, we are not going to sit and relax and enjoy the nonsense especially here in Lusaka Province. I can assure you that we know some of this disgruntled youths have been paid by opposition parties to bring the name of the President, the name of the government, into disrupt. We have all the information and we want to urge you that can you eat that money quietly and stop this nonsense. We are not going to allow this lawlessness to continue,” said Lusambo.

But by press time, B-Flow and Tukuta had stuck by their remarks, insisting that all Zambians had the right to express themselves.

Kings Malembe Malembe, however, apologized within a few hours of Lusambo’s warning.

In a video also posted on social media, Kings said he should have used a better channel to air his grievances especially since he had an “all access” pass to State House.

“This goes to the President and the first family. That video I spoke about a lot of things. Inside, there a lot of things and the video was just cut. What was meant to benefit some people, it was edited and so they had throw it there. Mama, forgive me and daddy, forgive me, I am a son in the house. People are calling me that I could have used a good forum, ‘you are already in the house you could have called and advised’. So, for using that fora mama, daddy forgive me. I know I should have just called you despite it was just a cropped video, I was reporting what people are saying in the Copperbelt, what people are saying everywhere and what people are saying about the gold mine,” said Kings.

“So, mummy and daddy, His Excellency, please forgive for that cropped video ba fumishe fwe kabo despite ifi suma fyo se twaliladile (they removed and edited just a small part and left out the good things I said) and what benefited people. Thank you so very much and I know a lot of people want to watch this video. God bless you so much. I extend my apology to my President and first family for obviously using a wrong forum to discuss such big things yet I am in the house. I got access to enter State House any time I want and discuss things with the President. For discussing such things on Facebook, some people it sounds like cowardliness or anything but I think I am just obliged to do that. I am the first person who should protect the Presidency. Mama and daddy forgive me, Mr President forgive me, this is your son Kings, I love you all.”

# Harrington seeks to renew judicial review application on Forest 27

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*

WILLIAM Harrington has applied for leave of the Lusaka High Court to renew an application for judicial review before the Court of Appeal against the deputy chief justice’s decision to refuse to establish a Tribunal to probe Lands Minister Jean Kapata.

In April this year, the Lusaka High Court dismissed an application by Harrington, who is former Environment and Natural Resources Minister and environmentalist Robert Chimambo, seeking leave to challenge the Deputy Chief Justice’s refusal to appoint a tribunal to investigate Kapata’s conduct over allocation of plots at Forest Reserve No 27.

Lusaka High Court judge Catherine Phiri dismissed the application for leave to apply for judicial review as it fell way below the standard required by the rules.

However, Harrington and Chimambo have now applied for leave to renew the

said application before the Court of Appeal.

According to an affidavit in support of ex-parte summons for leave to renew application for judicial review filed in the Lusaka High Court, Harrington stated that upon perusal of the said ruling of the court and advice of his counsel, he now desired that the matter be heard by the Court of Appeal.

“I have been advised by counsel on record and verily believe the same to be true that the proper procedure when denied leave to commence Judicial Review proceedings is to renew the said application before the Court of Appeal. This is a fit and proper case for this honourable Court to exercise its inherent powers to grant the applicants leave to renew the application before the Court of Appeal as we desire to be heard on the merits on a matter we consider to be of serious national importance and good governance,” read the affidavit.

# Lungu solicits debt relief

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PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu is soliciting cancellation or debt relief amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking during a press briefing at State House, President Lungu’s Special Assistant for Press and Public Relations Isaac Chipampe announced that Head of State called for mobilization of resources from local and international community.

“President Edgar Chagwa Lungu President

of the Republic of Zambia has made an intervention statement at the first ever virtual extraordinary intersessional Summit of the Heads of States and government of the organization of African Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS). The President who was speaking at State House today said the COVID-19 pandemic has caused massive disruptions to lives worldwide like other all OACPS member states,

Zambia has not be spared recording 1062 cases and seven deaths reported as at 28th May,2020,” Chipampe told journalists.

“But the President has also made some interventions and recommendations. Some of the recommendations that President has made include; soliciting for debt relief or cancelation for all OACPS member states, establishing of a virtue platform for sharing best

practices and measures on the fight against COVID-19. Enhancing research and local development of vaccination and cure of COVID-19. Adequately mobilizing resources from local and international community and lastly directing our respective Ambassadors and representatives in Brussels to lobby for enhanced support from the European Union.”

Chipampe said the leaders that attended the summit condemned the killing of George Floyd and called for an end to racism.

“The virtual summit was attended by President Cyril Ramaphosa, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley of Barbados, Prime Minister Kausea Natano from Tuvalu, Prime minister of Papua James Marape. President of Gambia Adama Barrow, Prime minister of Fiji Frank Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Jamaica Andrew Holness. President of the Congo Brazzaville Denis Nguesso. President of the

Republic of Seychelles Danny Faure, President of Guinea Bissau Umaro Embalo,” said Chipampe.

“And also, there were cooperating partners who attended the virtual summit who include; the United Nations secretary general Antonio Guterres, President of the European Council His Excellency Charles Michel. President of the European Commission Ursula Von der Leyen, President of the republic of France Emmanuel Macron, Prime minister of Norway Erna Solberg. Prime minister of Canada Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister of Australia Scot Morrison. At the same summit, the leaders condemned the killing of George Floyd in the United States of America and are unified that racism should come to an end. The leaders as well agreed that to defeat COVID-19 there is need for solidarity by the whole world the meeting was chaired by the President of Kenya Uhuru Kenyatta.”



*By Ulande Nkomesha*  
UPND spokesperson Charles Kakoma says President Edgar Lungu's decision not to suspend ministers being investigated for corruption has made it hard to fight the vice.

And Alliance for Community Action (ACA) executive director Laura Miti says President Lungu has a disturbing relationship with corruption and corruption-accused people.

In an interview, Kakoma said high-ranking government officials such as corruption-accused Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya, should be relieved of their duties when being investigated of corruption because their grip on power interfered with the whole investigation process.

“President Edgar Lungu is setting a bad precedent as he is seen to be protecting people that have corruption allegations. The expectation from the right-thinking members of society is that, when people are facing these allegations, the best way for them is to step aside to allow for investigations to be carried out without interference. These ministers yield a lot of power and influence and it is not easy for civil servants to start investigating a sitting minister. So, the best way was for these ministers to step aside to allow for investigations

# Lungu’s refusal to drop Chilufya makes it difficult to fight corruption – Kakoma

to be completed. If they are prosecuted and the courts acquit them, they can be re-appointed. But to have a sitting minister facing corruption charges and still in office,

because civil servants have to go and interview; ACC people are also public officers. They have no job security in their positions and they also fear that they might step on toes of those in the corridors of power and they will get fired,” Kakoma observed.

“Ministers yield a lot of power; they have potential to interfere with witnesses. They can abuse their office to interfere with witnesses. That is why we have a long history, starting from the Kaunda (Kenneth) days when a minister was under

investigation, Kaunda used to fire them. That is what we got used to as a normal way of governing ourselves. But this has now been changed by Edgar Lungu and the PF government.”

He said President Lungu’s actions credence to the belief that PF leaders were above the law.

“That is what is giving credence to the belief that PF leaders and ministers are above the law; even if they are engaging in corruption, there is nothing that can happen to them. So, we still believe that Edgar Lungu should release Dr. Chitalu Chilufya of his duties as minister and allow due process to take its course and be concluded. If he still loves him and he is acquitted, he will bring him back. But to allow him to still be in office is sending a very bad precedent in the fight against corruption. It is actually defeating the fight against corruption by such an action. It is making it difficult for us, as a nation, to fight corruption; it is making it difficult, even for the ACC to freely investigate the Minister. President Lungu’s actions are making difficult for the country to fight corruption. So, let Lungu do the right thing,” urged Kakoma.

And Miti said that President Lungu had proven to tolerate corruption.

“President Lungu has shown repeatedly that he has a very high tolerance for corruption and the corrupt. He continually vocalises his frustration with public expectation that he should relieve ministers that are under investigation for corruption of their duties, to prevent undue influence or intimidation of investigators that such a senior individual can have. The President remarkably finds this expectation that a minister accused of grand corruption cannot arrive at his investigations in an official car with a flag confusing. When he speaks, he sounds as though the public is asking for the impossible. That the President and the Presidency is more likely to speak up in defence of individuals accused of corruption, and his failure, for example, to support a simple lifestyle audit on officials, who have become exponentially and inexplicably rich while serving in his administration, is the reason why corruption has become endemic in the country,” said Miti.

“It is under President Lungu that the Financial Intelligence Centre Board that had won worldwide commendation for the professionalism; the Centre was dismantled with the chair momentarily replaced by a most unsavoury individual. The simple conclusion any observer will have is that President Lungu has a very disturbing relationship with corruption and the corrupt.”



*President Edgar Chagwa Lungu (left) speaks during the 1st Extraordinary Inter-Sessional Summit of Heads of State and Governments of the Organisation of African ,Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) at State House in Lusaka on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Picture by: Salim Henry/ State House*

## Sturdy’s wrong to be dismissive of his links to Zingman - TIZ

*By Julia Malunga*  
MINISTRY of Defence Permanent Secretary Sturdy Mwale is accountable to the public and he is wrong to be dismissive of queries regarding published photographs exposing his links with questionable characters, says Transparency International Zambia (TI-Z) president

Rueben Lifuka.

On Monday, Mwale said he did not need to dig deeper into understanding the questionable character of people he was found with and that there was nothing wrong with him taking pictures with Belarusian businessman Alexander Zingman.

But responding to a press query, Lifuka insisted that government had an obligation to appraise the general public on the story behind its interactions with the international business community.

“Public officials like PS Mwale are accountable to the general public and it is wrong, therefore, for him to be dismissive of queries from the media regarding the photographs recently published. Like we have previously stated, government has an obligation to appraise the general public on the story behind its interactions with the international business community. On numerous occasions, government has publicly announced the visit of international companies that would like to do business with the Zambian people and we do not see why this particular visit(s) should be an exception. The government should not wait for media exposes before availing information to the public on such engagements. Again, we reiterate, clear and unvarnished truth is needed on these and any other business arrangements that Zambia has entered into with the Belarusian company or any other for that matter,” Lifuka stated.

“This is the best way to avoid speculation and innuendos of any unsavoury conduct on behalf of all those involved. We want to remind PS Mwale and all others occupying public office that yours is a daily requirement to serve with distinction and honour at all time, and the general public will make no apologies for holding you to the highest standards

of professionalism and integrity. You are not doing the Zambian people a favour for serving in this position, instead, you should consider it a great honour for having been appointed from among many other equally or better qualified persons to serve the interests of this and future generations of Zambians.”

Lifuka said individuals who were privileged to occupy public office should refrain from abusing their temporal power for private gain.

“TIZ has read the statement made by the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Defence – Mr Sturdy Mwale – with a sense of trepidation at the casual and flippant manner that he made his response to a press query without any regard to the possible chaos that would befall this country if all those serving in public service, including those in sensitive positions in public procurement, equally adopted this same carefree attitude. We wish to react to this statement as follows: both elected and appointed public officials like PS Mwale discharge their functions not for themselves or their appointing authority, but on behalf of the Zambian people,” Lifuka added.

“These are positions of trust and everything possible should be done not to betray the public trust for any reason whatsoever. Individuals who are privileged to occupy these positions should refrain from abusing the power and authority clothed in these offices for private gain. Abuse of office is broad in its definition and includes trading or peddling in influence, cronyism and patronage, among others. We have no cause to doubt that PS Mwale fully understands the sensitive and strategic portfolio that he occupies and the enormous expectations of the public that controlling officers like him, will discharge their functions with dignity, decorum and to the highest standards of personal and professional

integrity.”

He noted that Mwale was free to choose whoever he wanted to associate with, but not at the expense of discharging public functions and expectations.

“While PS Mwale can be at large in choosing whoever he wants to associate with in his personal life, he has no such latitude when it comes to discharging public functions and the expectation is that he will at all times satisfy himself that those that he comes into contact with, have no ulterior motive to serve other than public interests. The company that the PS Mwale keeps – both in his private and professional life – are proxy indicators of his integrity outlook. It is our understanding that PS Mwale is equally subject to the Government’s Code of Ethics for the Public Service and in that document, integrity is defined as ‘putting the obligations of the Public Service above one’s personal interests, and conducting oneself in a manner that is beyond reproach.’ Further, the Code of Ethics is instructive as it behoves those in public service to discharge their functions with honesty and avoid situations in which their private interests conflict, or might reasonably be perceived to conflict, with the impartial fulfilment of their official duties and the public interest,” he added.

Lifuka, however, welcomed Mwale’s openness to be subjected to a lifestyle audit.

“We want to thank PS Mwale for his openness to subject himself to a lifestyle audit and it is our desire that all public officials, including the ZAF Commander, will be as responsive to the audit as the PS. It now remains up to the relevant authorities, including Financial Intelligence Centre, DEC and ACC to take PS Mwale on his offer and urgently conduct the lifestyle audit – this should set a standard for other officials to follow,” stated Lifuka.

## PF finally delivers KBF’s expulsion letter

*By Julia Malunga*  
PATRIOTIC Front deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri says Lusaka lawyer Kelvin Bwalya Fube has finally been served with an expulsion letter from the party.

But KBF has urged his supporters across the country and within the party to remain calm, promising to make a comprehensive comment after mourning his sister.

Speaking after she delivered the letter, Phiri said Fube was free to apply to re-join PF.

“It is not that this is the first time my brother Kelvin Fube has been served with this letter. He was claiming that the people who took this letter to his office didn’t receive it because it was not stamped. We served him when the decision was made and I am here with my director and that is why I had to take it today, I went and as you can see, the letter is stamped. They have received it. If he wants to re-apply to re-join PF, he is welcome. He can be brought back in the party even within a month and continue with what he has been doing with the party,” said Phiri.

But in an audio statement sent to News Diggers, KBF, who confirmed that his office had finally received the expulsion letter, asked his supporters to remain calm.

“I want to confirm that today the 3rd of June 2020 my office at KBF and Partners along Bwinjifumu Road in Lusaka has been served with a letter purported to have expelled me from the party PF dated the 6th of June 2019. As many of you would know, I lost my sister Patricia Bwalya last week and we only put her to rest over the weekend, last weekend. So for those that are looking for my reaction, I am still in mourning. Politics aside, I am an African man, well cultured and well raised. My parents did not raise a fool. So the fact that this letter has been served at my office will not necessitate a reaction from me when I am still in mourning. I regret to advise that I will not dignify such actions when I am still in mourning. So as far as I am concerned, when the time is right I will respond,” said KBF.

“I urge all my supporters across the country and within the Patriotic Front to remain calm and collected, remain united and know that they still have me Kelvin Fube Bwalya, the game changer, alive. I am mourning now, I will not be mourning forever so my response will come when I am ready. Please namipapata mwikale shilili, mwikale abaikatana, mwikale mumutende ifya kulanda landa limo limo tafyawama iyo especially nga ulipachililo so eicho bamunyunane naitwikale until the time is right to respond (I beg that be still, remain united, remain in peace. Talking too much isn’t always pleasant especially when you are mourning. So I urge you to be patient.) I am not one of those politicians that get excited and start reacting to information simply because somebody wants me to respond, no.”



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# THE HEALTH SECTOR UNDER THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS PARTY

A HEALTHY population is a productive one. As such, it is paramount that citizens have access to affordable, good quality health services which is every person’s right. The health system is facing many challenges; our statistics are disheartening as compared to other countries: for instance, the average life expectancy, maternal mortality rate and deaths from preventable diseases.

Additional challenges facing our health sector include: the often-unpleasant state of our clinics, government hospitals and community health centres which are riddled with shortages of staff, state of the art equipment and medication; health professionals, and tools necessary for preventing and controlling communicable and non-communicable diseases. The following are the reforms we shall undertake:

As much as better remuneration is critical for health workers, we recognize that it alone, can not allow us to retain public service workers unless other working conditions of service are improved, such as level of stuffing, working aids, technologically advanced equipment and tools that enhance treatment and clinical care.

We shall reduce the ratios of health care workers to the number of patients to international acceptable standards.

As NDC we shall be raising public sector salaries that shall be attractive and competitive on the labour market per annum and commensurate with the prevailing inflation rates. This shall motivate the private sector to raise remuneration.

The NDC shall bridge the gap among the Health sector, academia and the private sector. We shall turn all provincial hospitals into university teaching hospitals, housing medical universities

for all disciplines under the health sector.

We shall also ensure the use of biotechnology in prevention, management, and treatment of diseases. Introduce Intelligence and robotics into the health sector.

We shall ensure that each district has at least two (2), level three District Hospitals run by the government and each ward a clinic with a mortuary, operating theatre, laboratory and well stocked pharmacy department that shall be run by the Local Government Authority.

We shall review the National health insurance schemes in public interest.

The NDC shall decentralize powers and health functions to local governments hospitals. We shall also support their effort to access international medical grants such as the Global Fund to fight the scourge of HIV and AIDS, TB, malaria and other communicable diseases.

For the treatment of HIV and AIDS, we shall ensure that Zambia adopts the fourth-generation drugs.

Discourage medical personnel to be appointed to non-medical positions in government and the Private sector.

Undertake country wide training of traditional birth attendants in order to reduce child maternal death.

With increased output of medical doctors and all health personnel we shall separate private medical practice from government medical practice so that doctors running private clinics have no part in government services except for referral purposes.

Encourage and provide financing research and development of our local herbs which have a history of healing our people into medical products through scientifically proven clinical trials.

Provide for alternative sources of energy for power and water in all health centres.

PEOPLE LEAVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, DEMENTIA (LOSS OF MEMORY), DELIRIUM AND SPECIAL NEEDS.

Mental health refers to the cognitive, behavioral and emotional well-being.

Increased attention by government researchers and journal globally is therefore essential. In 2013 members of the states of the different countries of the world health organization assembly committed to comprehensive mental health action plan, in which they pledged among other nations targets to increase several coverage for several mental health disorders by 20% by 2020 and reduce suicide rate, substance abuse and schizophrenic rate by 10%

The third goal was of the sustainable development goal adopted by all worlds’ government in 2016. Include, commitment to improve mental health and prevent and treat substance abuse disorder.

In central Africa Zambia has the largest proportion of the burden of the mental health problem, this is because Zambian government has not taken mental health as the one of the major concern seriously.

Approximately over 65% of the youths are living with the mental problems due to high uncontrollable consumption of alcohol and other substance abuse like MARIJUANA and TOBBACO.

The government of Zambian has shown no seriousness to fight mental health more especially among the youths.

Extensively, dementia (loss of memory) and delirium in aged citizen of Zambia is also another mental health concern that the government of Zambia has failed to meet since 2014 Of the WHO assembly more especially by the poor community and remote areas.

Just within the city of Lusaka itself there are more than 10,000 people living with typical schizophrenic condition

and psychosis and Zambia with the population of close to 17million has only one mental health hospital (chainama hills hospital) that has only one female ward (ward C) with the bed spaces of about 50, it has also general male ward (ward B) with the bed spaces of not more than 100, the only one substance induced patients ward (ward E), then also has ward F where they keep institutionalized patient and then it has forensic ward in chainama east.This shows that Zambia cannot even more than 1000 patients at a goal and it shows how uncaring government is when it comes to mental health.

As NDC we will ensure that each district hospital has staff that are trained in requisite courses and training involvingcare of mental health patients and patients with spacial needs.

All University teaching hospitals shall house training for courses and specialisation in mental health training.

We will ensure that we introduce mental health courses in all the Health Colleges including nursing schools.

We will build atleast one mental health hospital in all the ten provinces and introduce mental health department department in all faith based and mission hospitals via a collaborative venture.

So as the NDC, we will expand hospitals to accommodate the people living with mental problems since their have the right to life just like any other citizens or build in all ten provinces at least one mental hospital because chainama itself cant accommodate all the patients we see round the street.

Mental health its important because it’s the vital part of your life and your thoughts , emotion and behavior. Being health emotionally can promote productivity and effectives in activities like work, school or care giving.

*By Ulande Nkomesha*  
PF media director Sunday Chanda says National Democratic Congress (NDC) president Chishimba Kambwili’s “wild remarks” on President Edgar Lungu’s trip to North-Western Province is an indication the he misses being in the ruling party.

Commenting on Kambwili’s remarks following President Lungu’s trip to North-Western Province where the former charged that the Head of State was using COVID-19 as an excuse to ban political parties from mobilizing while the PF officials were freely meeting party structures, Chanda argued that Kambwili’s utterances proved that he missed his former party.

Chanda, however, said that the PF remained a suitable home for Kambwili despite his continued criticism of the Head of State.

“Sometimes, when you have a prodigal brother making all these wild statements it could be an indication that he is missing home, that is another way of looking at it. So, our message to our brother: the doors are wide open. The day that Honourable Kambwili will decide on coming back to the PF, he can be rest assured that he will find a home. This was the first trip that the President was making after a long time, and this trip has come under the new normal. There is no one stopping [them] for as long as there is compliance to public health procedures and guidance that has been given,” Chanda argued.

“The issue should be that our colleagues comply. We have seen schools gradually re-opening; we have seen churches beginning to gather again with adherence to public health guidelines of the new normal. His Excellency was invited to North-Western Province and he was invited to witness the aquaculture in Mwinilunga and he also needed to inspect the developmental projects in the area, but also for a very

# Kambwili just misses PF - Sunday

strong word for membership in North-Western Province. We all know what the party officials got themselves into in North-Western Province; the illegal mining of gold, and we know that arrests have been made to that effect. And the President has a duty to speak to his members and officials that he is not going to allow any member of the party to commit illegalities in the name of the party.”

He urged Kambwili not to be used by the UPND, adding that the NDC was like a province of the PF, which made it easy for most NDC members to re-join the ruling party.

“What is clear is that the UPND structures in North-Western Province are melting away; the UPND structures in Western Province are melting away! We have no option but to co-exist with our colleagues in the opposition and our failure to contextualize and focus on real issues. Honourable Kambwili knows that the kisses that he is getting from the UPND is fake! He knows that for a fact. He knows that the UPND are going to use him and dump him; he won’t be the first one unless he wants to fall for the UPND vice-president... he will be number what? You have a party that changes vice-presidents like underwear; how many vice-presidents has Mr Hakainde Hichilema had? And what will be so special for our brother Chishimba Kambwili to accept that UPND vice-presidency? How long

is it going to last? We want to believe that he is intelligent enough to read through the intention behind the ‘Judas Iscariot kind-of-kisses’ he is getting from the UPND,” said Chanda.

“He knows very well if there is place he can call home, it is not the NDC; the NDC is an off-shoot of the PF. He knows very well that with an exemption of some hot heads in the NDC who come from the other political parties some of them used to be in UPND and they insulted UPND and now that they are with him, they want to kiss back UPND. The NDC, we will define it as a province of the Patriotic Front; it is an off-shoot of the Patriotic Front. That is the more reason why the most natural place for any NDC official to drift back to the PF. We have seen resignations from NDC, whoever has resigned from NDC, today, goes back to the Patriotic Front. They don’t go to UPND, they go back to the PF because this is their home.”

Aside from charging that President Lungu was using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to ban parties from mobilizing, Kambwili, the former Roan PF member of parliament, also complained that the Head of State’s action showed that COVID-19 was a hoax in the country because President Lungu was not following government’s health guidelines, which included social distancing.



A Kabulonga Basic School teacher checks the temperature of grade nine and seven pupils - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

## From P2

The plaintiffs further stated that on June 1, this year, CEC communicated by notice issued to the public that it would restrict and switch off the supply of power to KCM at some of the delivery points.

They added that CEC effected that by restricting supply to KCM’s delivery points.

“KCM will aver that the above actions by CEC negatively disrupted its operations by reducing the firm capacity to critical and sensitive installations, such as the New Nchanga Concentrator Plant; Nchanga Underground Operations; the New Nchanga Smelter Furnace; the Konkola Concentrator Plant; Nkana Refinery and other critical installations like the Kafue Water Pump Station supplying water to the entire Nchanga Plant and the entire community within the vicinity of KCM,” read the statement of claim.

“Zesco will aver that CEC was made aware of the

# Zesco, KCM sue CEC for restricting power supply



binding Term Sheet between it and KCM.”

KCM lamented that the disruption of supply of power to its facilities by CEC would result in irreparable injury, including but not limited to, the flooding of its mines.

The plaintiffs are now seeking an order or declaration that the action by CEC to unilaterally restrict power supply to KCM contravenes the law

as promulgated under the Electricity Act (Common Carrier) (Declaration) Regulations Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2020.

Zesco and KCM are further seeking an order restraining CEC from effecting or taking steps to take out any supply units, lines or delivery points to KCM as they are Common Carriers as declared under S.I. No. 57 of 2020.

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We don't want to be carried away by the technical legal jargon from government ministries. This development of government declaring all of Copperbelt Energy Corporation's power infrastructure as "common carrier" looks like nationalisation and we have not found any explanation that dismisses this fact. It would make sense to us if Zesco transmission and distribution lines were declared common carrier because that is public infrastructure.

It appears to us that the government is just ashamed to use the word nationalisation because it does not present a positive image. Nationalisation is considered a dirty word, so they don't want to use it, that's why they have come up with a Statutory Instrument to legalise this move, which is otherwise illegal. And this is clearly something they orchestrated long before by couching it in law with the enactment of the Electricity Act of 2019 which is the enabling Act for the SI. They knew and decided the power supply contract between CEC and Zesco would not be renewed. In fact, they must have had reached this decision way before CDC made an offer to buy shares in CEC in 2018. That could be the only reason they refused, causing that transaction to fall through.

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# The 'nationalisation' of CEC will hurt economy

of nationalising CEC, but they are using words like common carrier. They have nationalised Horizon School, but they used the words compulsory acquisition. They have nationalised Konkola Copper Mines, but they used the words provisional liquidation. These people are nationalising private assets right in front of the public's eye and they are getting away with it. This is unacceptable! Government can't just wake up to grab a company's assets and declare them open for public usage.

What this means is that under this government, you can wake up one morning and find your car has been declared free for public use. This is worse than dictatorship, it didn't happen even in Gaddafi's Libya. With this action, the PF has now threatened the very existence of human rights and human life, let alone the security of

owning and investing in property.

This is very bad for the economy. The arbitrary takeover of CEC's power infrastructure by government will no doubt worsen the already existing apprehension that credible investors have about doing business in Zambia. This is especially bad because the energy sector is one area that should be attracting investment instead of scaring away investors.

And Zambians should not be deceived into thinking that this is an isolated incident that only affects the Copperbelt Energy Corporation. If the PF can do this to CEC, they can do it to any other company. If they can do this to any company, they can do this to any individual. In principle, they can take away human rights and human life as they wish. The abrogation

of property rights that the government has committed on CEC is so grave and has far-reaching economic consequences.

Now, the law is clear about the arbitrary takeover of private property. Where the government decides that a particular asset must be surrendered to the State, there must be adequate compensation. This is enshrined in the Republican Constitution. You cannot have a group of people, with vested interest for that matter, sit in a room and make such arbitrary decisions.

The PF said they didn't want to see loss of employment at CEC following the expiry of the Bulk Power Supply Agreement with Zesco. They constituted a team headed by Margaret Mwanakatwe to help CEC remain viable for the protection of jobs. That's what Secretary General Davies Mwila said in February. Is

this the help they were talking about? How does grabbing CEC infrastructure help this private company? CEC power transmission lines have been declared public now, their liberty to dictate the price for any company that wants to use their infrastructure has been stripped away and given to the Energy Regulation Board. So, if the Energy Regulation Board dictates terms that are unfavourable to CEC and all the mines switch to Zesco, what will remain of CEC? This is surely the most painful help that one can ever get.

But there is something else that we see in all this. What we see here is government trying to reboot Zesco. As things stand, Zesco is so broke that they will not play a significant role in the upcoming elections, as they always do. They won't manage to fund the ruling party, to provide transport to the cadres for campaign

rallies and to ferry voters to polling stations. Government desperately wants to resuscitate Zesco so that they can continue providing financial support to the party in power, but it is incapable. The tariff increase has failed to stabilise their operations, but now they have found a new financial boost from the mines by taking over CEC customers.

The argument from government is simply that power transmission lines are such strategic infrastructure that you cannot have every investor in the sector building their own power lines. They give an example that it is not possible for everyone who owns a plane to have their own airport. But how many farmers in Mkushi have their own airstrips? Can government go and grab that land and turn that facility into a public asset without compensation?

This band-aid solution to the KCM and Zesco problem is unsustainable. Zesco is already struggling to satisfy the needs of its current customer base, so how will they manage to survive with a non-paying KCM? And this KCM has been the biggest consumer of CEC's energy and will continue to be Zesco's biggest consumer, which should follow that they will be Zesco's biggest debtor, unless they have been offered a give-away tariff simply to undercut CEC.

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*“Even with fasting and prayers you still need wisdom. At the root of every great accomplishment is wisdom. In all your getting get wisdom first.”*  
- Patience Johnson

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1. Memorable period of time

4. Launch site

6. Fault

7. English network

9. Playing card above King

11. Hardly any

13. Cereal dish

14. Greek letter

15. Japanese currency

17. Lemon or lime suffix

19. Definite article

21. Brainstorm

22. \_\_\_ good deed

23. Big galoot

Down

1. Diminish

2. Beginning of alphabet

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4. Round green vegetable

5. Deer mom

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# Readers' Feedback

## ND! Opinion: Now that we know Zingman, we need a lifestyle audit for Lt Gen Muma, Sturdy Mwale

Editor,

“This is a good writeup, an eye opener. Zambians must be careful, we’re leading a deadly path because of some few cartels. What happened in South Africa under Zuma is exactly our path, but ours might not end well. We’re slowly creating a beast from fake news, brainless bootlickers, corrupt and tribal politicians and drug lords. The most painful thing is that the majority citizens are either ignorant or unaware of the happenings”. - McElvis Sims

“When will Zambians open their eyes and see that PF is nothing but a corruption syndicate. There is a reason why Lungu does not have an upright or uncompromised minister at the moment. That is the sign. The stench of corruption is almost suffocating the nation and the idea that statehouse is not involved is totally ridiculous. Those who have farted have no idea how discomfoting this stench is to ordinary citizens”. - Richard Waga

“These are the people that will be sponsoring violence during elections for fear of going to jail after ejection

from power”. - Jombo Sapato


“So if ZAF is always siding with the few elite in the ruling circle to rob the country of its wealth, when do we get the likes of General Chiwenga to stand up for the masses? Or maybe our Zambia Army is still too comfortable in their mess? Or they have also been compromised?” - Solomon H Phiri

“This is very good Investigative journalism from News Diggers. Please investigate also on the correct debt Zambia owes because “boza” is too much in our government. “Zambia

ubutala bwachipuba..elo twasebana”...it’s free for all... Ubomba mwibala alya mwibala nombalelelila pamo nembuto. Ati Our humble leader!” - Emmalito Lias

“Well done News Diggers! This is excellent investigative journalism, and not slander”. - Musonda Chibamba

“Because there’s no way we can have every commander replaced; Eric Chimese, Paul Mihova and the ZNS guy and still the new ones are committing simillar crimes, No no no these guys are just scape goats(Hazazels)”. - Abel Chimfwembe Chanda



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## Mumbi on 'lies' that cost her friendship with HH

Editor,

“It’s not lies that have cost you your friendship with #Bally it’s your mouth!” - Kwama Nawa

“Wow.... So the things I saw you say on TV were lies!”- John W Kabwe

“You’re a tribalist don’t think we have forgotten”. - Emmanuel Fulawulu

“Kikikikikikikiki, loud mouth Mumbi Phiri is at it again”. - Mutinta

Mulonda

“Stop lying kaili”. - Muzumbwe Hakwaambwa

“What does she want?” - Choolwe Mulenga

“Don’t regret your actions and choices mama, you did what you had to do to eat. Plus Bally is actually very well off and I’m pretty sure he isn’t losing any sleep over not being friends with you”. - Jaide Travis Zayden

## Lungu’s warning to PF that Zambians will get fed up of PF if thugs dominate party

Dear editor,

“Some of us where fed up when we jus heard you where becoming president, we knew you couldn’t handle such a position and we where insulted when we told people that those presidential shoes where too big for you. Well we’re vindicated and we have no time to start saying I told you so”. - Frank Mbewe

“PF was a very disciplined political party under the leadership of the late MCS, he could fire even his best and close friend if found wanting. Ask Wynter Kabimba, Given Lubinda and others, they’ll tell you!” - Honourable Simunji Simunji

“Yama personally since 2017 I have been fed up. I even feel ashamed to have woken up early to cast my vote. I have a lot to say but ZICTA and the funny law of fimo fimo”. - Kwa Mwamba

“It’s a little too late Presido. We have moved on”. - Paul Jones Es

“People are already fed up for giving away their gold to Sudanese, FIC report, firetenders, 5million dollar wastage to a French company for debt consultation, unproductive bill 10 etc plus killing the maize farmer by offering K110/50kg bag. Come 2021. 2011 Rupiah Wept”. - Robham Mushota

“They are already fed up sir you took too much bed rest for 2 solid months. More than 60% of PF leadership are thugs and even that “central committee” do you really know them?” - Josh Godwin Musuku

“This statement is like a husband just waiting for the divorce to be finalized after being caught cheating. Anyway, welcome to the weldi”. - Mukasha Mulenga

## Inflation hits 16.6%

Dear editor,

“And someone says the PF is doing fine. Everything has gotten out of hand. Average price of a loaf of bread is now K15, a five litres of cooking oil is now not less than K150. Almost all food items in chain stores, super markets and other open markets have gone beyond the reach of most Zambians. This is the same PF that is fighting to retain power in 2021 polls. Zambians especially the youth must be careful, all must wake up. Come 2021 elections, lets resolve to kick out the PF. We can’t affort another five years of economic agony. Lets change government come 2021”. - Chanda Pochoko

“In all honesty my personal basket of goods has gone up significantly more than the figure reported. For me and my family things are much harder than what is reported”. - Nasho Sombe

“Our government please do something we are suffering”. - Thomas Matutu

“I think the true figure has a “1” at the beginning”. - Thomas Sankara

“My salary in dollar terms reduced by 50% from roughly \$400 to \$200.... And in that period, basic goods I need to survive went up by 100% in most cases. now my question is why should I vote for PF when they are dragging me down into poverty?” - Maimbolwa Kamanga



NEW assessments, new measures, highlights: an update on the latest developments in the Covid-19 pandemic.

- France finds its cafes -  
In France, cafes, restaurants, colleges and high schools have reopened in most of the country, with strict sanitary rules. But only the terraces were able to reopen in the orange zone, the most affected by the virus: the Paris region, Guyana and Mayotte.

All French people can now travel more than 100 km from home. Beaches, museums, monuments or theaters can also reopen, except in the orange zone.

- More than 379,000 dead -

The pandemic has killed at least 379,585 people worldwide since its onset in December in China, according to a report compiled by AFP from official sources Tuesday at 12:30 GMT.

The United States is the most affected country with 106,180 deaths. This is followed by the United Kingdom with 39,369 deaths,

# Update on the pandemic in the world

Italy (33,530), Brazil (31,199) and France (28,940).

In Mexico, the coronavirus killed more than 10,000 people and Russia passed Tuesday the milestone of 5,000 deaths.

- United Kingdom: 48,000 dead attributed to Covid-19 -

More than 48,000 people have died in the United Kingdom with a suspected or proven cause of the new coronavirus, according to figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (ONS) establishing a heavier toll than that of health authorities.

- "Abyssal losses" -

The world economy is facing "abysmal losses" and the recovery will be hampered by the lack of funds to repair the damage caused by the pandemic, warned World Bank President David Malpass, whose institution has already disbursed \$ 160 billion in emergency aid to over 100

states.

- Affected growth -  
Russia unveiled Tuesday a recovery plan estimated at 65 billion euros to achieve sustainable growth in late 2021.

In France, the government is forecasting a deep recession this year, with a historic gross domestic product (GDP) drop of 11%.

- Maduro-Guaido Agreement -

The government of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and opposition leader Juan Guaido have reached an agreement to jointly search for funds to fight the coronavirus in Venezuela.

- Containment issues -

South African justice has ordered the government to review certain measures decided within the framework of containment, considering that they violated the

freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

In Nicaragua, while patients overwhelm hospitals, doctors called for voluntary confinement in the face of "denial" from the authorities.

The authorities of the Bolivian cities of La Paz and El Alto will mark the houses of patients with coronavirus who refuse to confine themselves with signs, given the numerous violations of sanitary measures by contaminated people.

- Air bridges? -

British government is considering establishing air bridges with certain countries, which would make it possible to avoid many travelers entering the United Kingdom from observing the quarantine, dreaded by the professionals of tourism

- Back to the beach in Rio -

Rio de Janeiro applied the first measures of a gradual return to activity plan on Tuesday, while Brazil is still in an ascending phase of the pandemic. Religious ceremonies can resume and individual water sports are again allowed on the beaches.

- Senegal: postponed return to school .BBC

# Pope speaks out on the 'sin of racism'



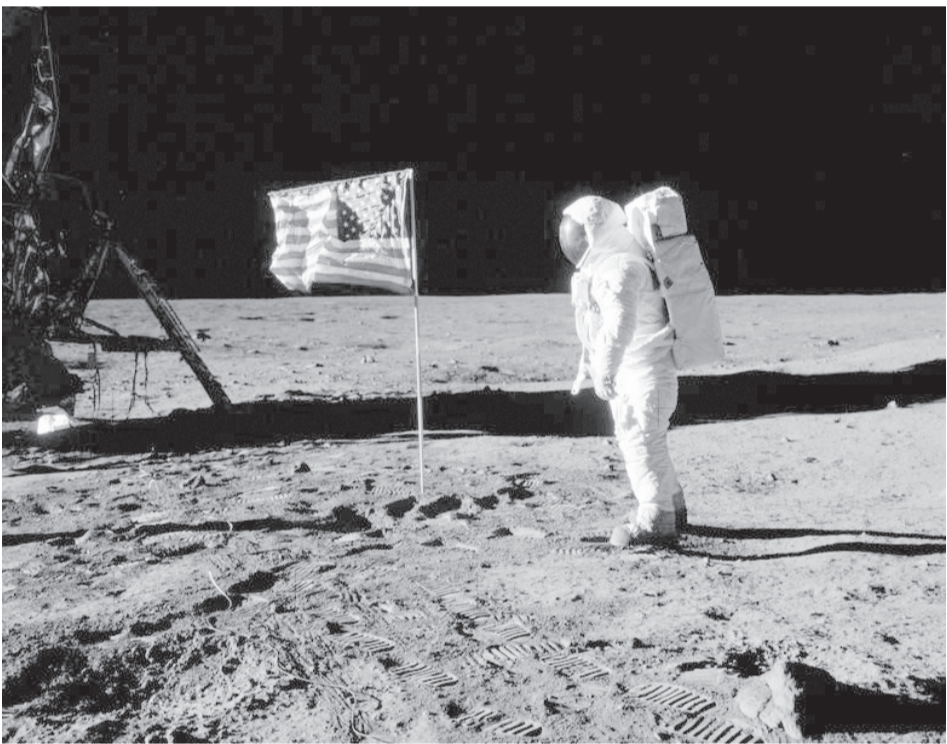
POPE Francis has spoken out against the killing of George Floyd.

"Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd," the Pope said from the Vatican.

He added that he was praying for "repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism".

"My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life," he added.

"At the same time, we have to recognise that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost."BBC



Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, lunar module pilot for Apollo 11, poses beside the deployed U.S. flag during an extravehicular activity (EVA) on the moon, July 20, 1969. Neil Armstrong/NASA

# SA court rules lockdown restrictions 'irrational'

A South African court has found some coronavirus lockdown regulations imposed by the government "unconstitutional and invalid". The judge picked out rules around funerals, informal workers and amount of exercise as "irrational".

The government was given 14 days to overhaul the regulations.

South Africa initially had some of the world's most restrictive lockdown measures. The country has 35,812 confirmed cases and 755 deaths.

The case was filed by the Liberty Fighters Network and the Hola Bona Renaissance Foundation.

What did the judge say?

The high court in the capital, Pretoria, ruled that the regulations were not connected to slowing the rate of infection or limiting its spread.

"The regulations... in a substantial number of instances are not rationally connected to the objectives of slowing the rate of infection or limiting the spread thereof," the written judgement read.

Judge Norman Davis argued it was wrong to allow people to travel to attend funerals but not to earn their livelihoods by street trading, as many South Africans do.

The government said it will review the regulations but in the meantime the current lockdown regulations will apply.

Police have opened almost 230,000 cases for violating lockdown regulations since the beginning of lockdown on 26 March, according to the Police Minister Bheki Cele.

Contraventions have included breaches of the ban on alcohol and cigarette trade, failure to stay at home and gathering illegally.

On Wednesday Health Minister Zweli Mkhize warned on state TV that coronavirus was a bigger threat now than at the start of the lockdown, and he called on people to remain vigilant as cases continue to rise.

What are the implications of the ruling?

By Nomsa Maseko, BBC News, Johannesburg

The South African government has been criticised over some its lockdown

regulations, many describing them as bizarre and arbitrary because it banned things like the sale of cooked food, tobacco products, alcohol and even prescribed what items of clothing people were allowed to buy.

At one point during level four of the lockdown, short-sleeved T-shirts became contraband as retailers were not allowed to sell them.

This ruling has serious implications about those who were imprisoned or fined for not complying with lockdown regulations. Will the fines stay in place or will they be overturned by the courts?

While all of this plays out, South Africa is gearing up for confusion or even people outright ignoring lockdown rules - some local media are not making it clear that the government has two weeks to rectify the regulations.

There is also a possibility that the government will appeal against the court ruling.

Meanwhile, the opposition Democratic Alliance is also taking the government to the constitutional court, arguing that the Disaster Management Act legislation which governs South Africa's lockdown be ruled unconstitutional.

South Africa has eased its lockdown restrictions and this week alcohol sales resumed following a two-month ban - but only for home consumption.

But all sales of cigarettes remain outlawed.

Gatherings, except for work, religious ceremonies and funerals, are still banned.

Travel between provinces is also prohibited, and international flights are cancelled except for those repatriating citizens.BBC

# Ibuprofen tested as a treatment

SCIENTISTS are running a trial to see if ibuprofen can help hospital patients who are sick with coronavirus.

The team from London's Guy's and St Thomas' hospital and King's College believe the drug, which is an anti-inflammatory as well as a painkiller, could treat breathing difficulties.

They hope the low-cost

treatment can keep patients off ventilators.

In the trial, called Liberate, half of the patients will receive ibuprofen in addition to usual care.

The trial will use a special formulation of ibuprofen rather than the regular tablets that people might usually buy. Some people already take this lipid capsule form of the drug

for conditions like arthritis.

Studies in animals suggest it might treat acute respiratory distress syndrome - one of the complications of severe coronavirus.

Prof Mitul Mehta, one of the team at King's College London, said: "We need to do a trial to show that the evidence actually matches what we expect to happen."



# Simeone’s assistant Burgos to leave Atletico

DIEGO Simeone’s long-time assistant German Burgos confirmed on Wednesday he will leave Atletico Madrid at the end of the season to pursue a career as a head coach. Known for his tough approach and imposing demeanour, Burgos’ departure will be keenly felt by Simeone, whose own position at Atletico has come under scrutiny in recent years. After leading the team to a momentous La Liga triumph in 2014, Atleti



Atletico Madrid assistant coach German Burgos is leaving the club at the end of the season

have finished more than 10 points behind champions Barcelona in each of the last two seasons. This term, they sit sixth in the table, albeit having knocked Liverpool out of the Champions League last 16 in March. The charismatic Burgos followed Simeone when he took charge of Atletico in 2011 after the pair had previously worked together at Argentinian club Racing. “He is a friend. We understand each other with signs, with looks, with head butts,” Burgos said, in a video posted by Atletico Madrid entitled “Atleticos, German Burgos wants to tell us something”. “There are two specific events (I remember),” Burgos added. “The hug we gave each other when we won La Liga and the last one we gave ourselves in the changing room at Anfield.” Burgos has not revealed his next club but suggested he could one day return to Atletico Madrid, for whom he also made 63 appearances as a goalkeeper. “This is see you later, not goodbye,” he said. “Time will tell if we will see each other again.” *AFP*

## Sancho, Hakimi, McKennie & Thuram avoid punishment from DFB for George Floyd tributes

JADON SANCHO, Achraf Hakimi, Marcus Thuram and Weston McKennie have all avoided punishment from the DFB for their tributes to George Floyd in the last round of Bundesliga matches. Mass protests erupted in the United States after Floyd died while in the custody of police officers in Minnesota last week. There has been a strong reaction to the news in the football world too, with a number of stars in the German top-flight showing their support for the Black Lives Matter movement. Thuram led the tributes when he took a knee after finding the net in Borussia Monchengladbach’s win against Union Berlin on Sunday, before Sancho and Hakimi both celebrated scoring during Borussia Dortmund’s 6-1 victory over Paderborn by revealing t-shirts displaying the message “Justice for George Floyd”.

The day before, Schalke midfielder McKennie wore an armband with the same words written upon it during the club’s 1-0 loss to Werder Bremen. The DFB promised to examine all four tributes, and have now absolved the four players in question of any wrongdoing, while outlining plans to commemorate Floyd’s death in upcoming fixtures. An official statement released on Wednesday reads: “The DFB Control Committee will not initiate proceedings against Hakimi, Sancho, McKennie & Thuram. “The committee also intends to maintain this line in new anti-racism campaigns to mark the death of George Floyd on the coming match days.” Sancho hit the first hat-trick of his professional career against Paderborn, but admitted post-match that the moment was “bitter-sweet” due to the racial tension in the US. He wrote on Twitter: “We have to come together as one & fight for justice. We are stronger together!” The Bundesliga returned on May 18 following the coronavirus-enforced break in the season, and the English Premier League is scheduled to follow suit on June 17. Top-flight officials have already made it clear that any players seen delivering their own anti-racism messages on the pitch will avoid suspension, with a number of clubs taking to social media in a show of unity with those affected by Floyd’s death. Manchester United duo Marcus Rashford and Paul Pogba have both used their platforms to speak out on the issue, while Liverpool and Chelsea players posted images of their respective squads taking a knee in training sessions at the start of the week. *GOAL*



## ‘Aubameyang is too good for Arsenal’ - Gunners facing Luis Suarez-style transfer headache, says Carragher

PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG is “too good for Arsenal” and the Gunners face a tough decision on whether to sell the striker at the end of the season or risk losing him for free in 2021, according to Jamie Carragher. Aubameyang, Arsenal’s captain, has been with the club since 2018, taking in 97 appearances, scoring 61 goals and laying on a further 13 assists for his north London team-mates. The France-born Gabon international is entering the final year of his contract at the Emirates, however, and several of Europe’s biggest clubs have been credited with an interest in the man who guarantees goals at the highest level. With Aubameyang turning 31 midway through June, it could be that the fearsome forward will look for one last adventure at a top side before hanging up his boots, leaving Arsenal with a difficult decision to make come the end of the 2019-20 season. Former Liverpool defender Carragher believes that Arsenal are in a similar situation to his old club, who saw Luis Suarez leave Anfield for Barcelona in 2014. “Towards the end of my career [Liverpool] were in this situation quite a lot where you’re just missing out on the top four,” Carragher told Sky Sports of the decision facing Mikel Arteta and the Gunners board. United have also been tipped to test Leverkusen’s resolve by launching a bid when the market reopens. Daum has witnessed the Germany international’s ability up close at BayArena, and sees similarities between the midfielder and Zidane, who earned a place among the greats at Santiago Bernabeu and also won the World Cup with France at the height of his playing career. “Everyone is asking about Kai Havertz,” the Leverkusen number two told talkSPORT. “If you see him play, it tells you everything. “For me, he has the elegance of Zidane. If you see his movement, he’s very elegant, he’s always calm, he has great passing ability. “What a lot of people don’t see, because we watch him every day, is that he’s pretty fast. That’s a big bonus. *GOAL*

## Havertz has the elegance of Zidane



KAI HAVERTZ “has the elegance” of Real Madrid legend Zinedine Zidane, according to Bayer Leverkusen assistant coach Marcel Daum. Havertz has enjoyed a meteoric rise to prominence in the Bundesliga over the last couple of seasons, attracting attention from a whole host of top European clubs in the process. The 20-year-old has 15 goals and eight assists to his name from 38 appearances in all competitions for Leverkusen in 2019-20, and is reportedly being valued as high as £90 million (\$113m) ahead of the summer transfer window. Madrid, Bayern Munich and Liverpool have all been linked with Havertz in recent months, and Manchester

# SANCHO AVOIDS DFB PUNISHMENT

GERMAN football authorities have decided against reprimanding the four players who have shown their solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

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## Auba too good for Arsenal - Carragher

...With the Gabon international entering the final year of his Emirates deal, Mikel Arteta and Co. have a big call to make come the end of the season. *Story page 11*



Achraf Hakimi, Marcus Thuram, Jadon Sancho show solidarity to the BLACKLIVESMATTER movement

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## FM TRAVELLERS

Just arrived is a 32 seater luxury business class coach that includes a coffee making machine and a toilet inside with an excellent aircon facility. The business bus has been scheduled to depart from both Lusaka and Livingstone at 08:00 from Monday to Friday and Saturday Sunday it will be scheduled at the same time from Lusaka to Kitwe.





