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Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya endorses President Edgar Lungu's 2021 candidacy shortly after he appeared at the Lusaka Magistrates' Court yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala. Story page 2

DORA SPEAKS OUT

Corruption has become a tool for fighting political opponents

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

CHIEF Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya says a lot of money is being wasted because corruption is now being used as a tool to fight opponents, which is sad.

And Siliya says politicians should not dare the state because the police are there to protect the President and anything can happen in the process.

Meanwhile, Siliya says because of bad leadership, the UPND fails to differentiate between leadership and bad manners.

Speaking when she featured on Diamond TV's COSTA, Thursday, Siliya, who is also Information and Broadcasting Services Minister, said she would like Director of Public Prosecutions Lilian Siyuni to tell

the nation how much money had been wasted on fighting political corruption.

"You are presumed innocent until proven guilty and the law applies to all of us, it is not just for ministers. And I would like the DPP to tell us how much money has been wasted on fighting political corruption, because corruption now is demeaned as a

political tool to fight opponents and it is quite sad," Siliya said.

"The Anti-Corruption has never failed to deal with its agenda of fighting corruption, and in this country, nobody has been spared including presidents. Where there is corruption, let us allow the Anti-Corruption Commission to do its work professionally." Story page 7

Police speed traps are back - RTSA

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

ROAD Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) chief executive officer Gladwell Banda says the Zambia Police is back with their speed traps on the roads after the termination of the contract with Intelligence Mobility Solutions (IMS) that installed speed cameras.

Speaking when he featured on the Hot FM breakfast show, Thursday, Banda said it would be irresponsible for motorists to overspeed following the removal of speed cameras by IMS because the police were back with their speed traps.

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State House will deal with false postings on Lungu's page internally - Chipampe

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By Ulande Nkomesha

SPEAKER of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini has failed to find UPND secretary general Stephen Katuka with a case to answer in a complaint where he was accused of threatening two UPND MPs against performing their duties in Parliament.

Dr Matibini was ruling on a point of order raised by Kanchibiya PF member of parliament Martin Malama on December 5, 2019, who wanted to find out whether Katuka breached parliamentary privileges when he was quoted in the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper warning two UPND MPs that the party would deal with them because they did not walk out of Parliament as expected when Constitution Amendment Bill Number 10 of 2019 was tabled.

Dr Matibini said he failed to find Katuka with a case to answer as there was no substantial evidence that he uttered those remarks.

“Honourable members may wish to note that the point of order is based on an article that was published in the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper on Thursday, December 5, 2019, under the caption I quote: ‘MP dares UPND to discipline him.’ Thus, in line with parliamentary procedure and in accordance with natural justice, the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly wrote to both Mr S. Katuka and the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper requesting them to confirm whether or not the statements alleged to have been made by Mr S. Katuka in the article were correctly attributed to him. The managing director of the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper

There was no evidence to show Katuka breached Parley rules – Matibini

confirmed that the alleged statement was correctly attributed by Mr S. Katuka as reported by Mr Steven Mvula, senior reporter, who talked to Mr Katuka in a telephone interview on the 4th December, 2019,” Dr Matibini said.

“In his response, Mr Katuka indicated that his party had a clear position about not interfering with the manner in which its members conducted themselves during parliamentary business. He further submitted that the party had also a clear position regarding certain Bills presented to Parliament without usurping the powers of Parliament. He also noted that he was a former senior parliamentarian, who had served the Zambian Parliament for the period of 10 years. Mr S. Katuka concluded by saying that the article in the Zambia Daily Mail was a misinterpretation of his interview with the newspaper.”

Dr Matibini stated that the failure for the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper to provide the recording of the interview constrained him from holding Katuka culpable of threatening the members of parliament.

“Honorable members, it is self-evident from the foregoing that the responses by the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper and Mr Katuka are conflicted. In order to

resolve these conflicts of versions, the Officer of the Clerk wrote to the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper requesting for the copy of the recording of the interview with Mr Katuka. In response, the Zambia Daily

Mail newspaper informed the National Assembly, through the Office of the Clerk that the recording had been inadvertently deleted, but still maintained that the article was factual. Honourable members, Since

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

CORRUPTION-ACCUSED Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya yesterday failed to take plea in a case he is facing charges of possession of properties suspected to be proceeds of crime due to confusion caused by a horde of PF cadres.

Chief Resident Magistrate Lameck Mwale adjourned the matter to July 16 after the PF cadres attempted to force their way into the courtroom where the proceedings were to take place.

After his case was called when the matter came up before magistrate Mwale around 09:00 hours, Thursday, Dr Chilufya went into the accused dock.

However, before any progress was made, there was commotion as PF cadres tried to force themselves into the courtroom, defying the COVID-19 guidelines which allow only a few people at a time in the courtroom.

The cadres managed to overpower judiciary security officers and a few police officers who were trying to enforce order.

This made it difficult for magistrate Mwale to continue with the matter, prompting him to invite the State prosecutors and the defence team to meet him in chambers where the matter was adjourned to July 16, this year for possible plea, to allow for tightening up of security.

After the case was adjourned, some cadres started chanting slogans after Dr Chilufya, his lawyers and sympathisers walked out of the courtroom.

Dr Chitalu was accompanied by his wife, Dr Mutinta Mudenda, members of parliament and other senior PF officials.

Outside the courtroom, Dr Chilufya pointed at a banner endorsing President Lungu’s 2021 candidature and nodded

the point of order was based on a statement allegedly made by Mr Katuka, which the newspaper alleges was obtained through an interview and the said interview cannot be accessed, in order to verify whether or not the statement was correctly attributed to Mr Katuka,” said Dr Matibini.

“It was difficult to arrive at a firm conclusion that the article was accurately attributed to Mr Katuka. Moreover, Mr Katuka alleged that the article was a misinterpretation of his interview with the newspaper. The recording

of the interview, whether audio or video, would have certainly supplied conclusive evidence, not only that Mr Katuka was interviewed by the Daily Mail newspaper, but would have also established the context of the interview. In the absence of such independent and cogent evidence proving that, indeed, Mr Katuka made the statement, I am constrained in holding Mr Katuka culpable of threatening the honourable members as alleged. Consequently, I am unable also to conclude that Mr Katuka breached the members privilege.”

used to purchase 2,000 shares in Samfya Marines and and Tourism Services Limited from Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited, property suspected of being proceeds of crime.

In the third count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on an unknown date but between January 1, 2018 and December 30, 2019 possessed K3,000,000 which was used to purchase Lot No. 365/366 also known as Spark Guest House situated in Mansa district of Luapula Property, property reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime.

In the last count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on a date unknown but between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 in Lusaka possessed US\$52,000 which was used to purchase a passenger boat also known as Transport 32 from Smart Own FZE of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, property reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime.

We’ll not apologize for booing Lungu, it’s not an offence to express displeasure – UPND

By Julia Malunga

UPND spokesperson Charles Kakoma says President Edgar Lungu should address Zambians’ concerns or risk being booed until he is voted out of power next year.

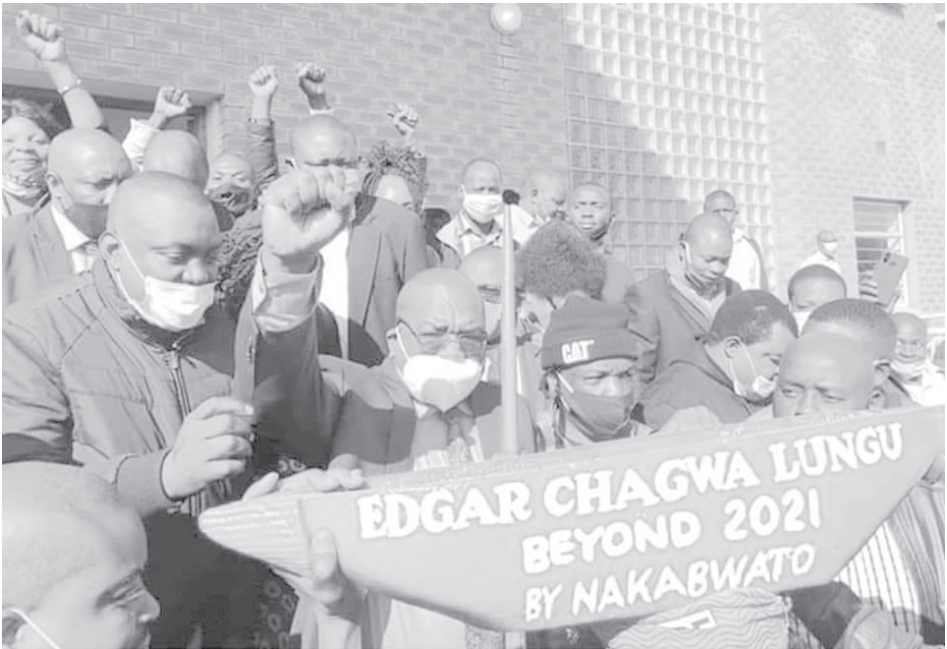
In an interview, Kakoma said booing the Head of State was not a criminal offence, and that the party would not apologize for the conduct of Monze residents.

“What President Lungu needs to do is to address the concerns of the people that are booing him, that is going to provide him relief. But to expect the UPND to apologize for people expressing their displeasure is not the solution. For as long as the youths remain unemployed, and he is not providing them with the jobs, they will continue to boo him! For as long as the farmers fail to get their inputs and pay them on time, they will continue to boo him; for as long as people remain in poverty failing to have three meals a day; for as long as people

fail to send their children to school; for as long as students at the university fail to get their allowance, they will continue to boo him! So, the bottom line is that he must address the concerns of the people that are unhappy with his governance. If he does nothing and expects to demand apologies from UPND, the booing will continue until 2021 when they vote him out,” said Kakoma.

“What happened in Monze should be expected to happen in many other places in Zambia where he will be going. In any case, booing is a form of expression, which is guaranteed even under the (Amended) Constitution. Somebody can express themselves by talking or raising a symbol or by booing. It is not a criminal offence. If someone cannot have an audience with the President, and the only way they can attract his attention is to boo him, they will boo him! Take note that the people that booed him are not UPND, it is

residents of Monze. Residents of Monze belong to different political parties, some don’t even belong to any political party. They felt suffocated by the presence of the police, who camped there for more than two days and restricting their freedoms and in the process tearing down UPND posters and regalia.”



Ministry of Tourism staffer catches COVID-19

By Diggers Reporter

TOURISM and Arts Permanent Secretary Dr Auxilia Ponga has called on members of staff at the Ministry to strictly adhere to health guidelines following the diagnosis of one positive case of COVID-19 recorded at the Ministry.

In a statement availed by Tourism Ministry Public Relations Officer Sakabilo Kalembe, Thursday, Dr Ponga called on all members of staff to exercise maximum vigilance following the discovery of one COVID-19 positive case at the Ministry.

“Dr Auxilia Ponga has called on members of staff at the Ministry to strictly adhere to health guidelines stipulated by

the Ministry of Health following a case of COVID-19 recorded at the Ministry. In view of the case that was confirmed yesterday (Wednesday), the PS has asked members of staff that had been working closely with the victim to stay home for self-quarantine and ensure that they wear face masks, hand sanitize and observe social distance. Currently, the Ministry is working with the Ministry of Health to fumigate Kwacha House and ensure that all members of staff are safe from COVID-19 as they return for work,” revealed Kalembe.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world from business as usual to

what is now being called the ‘New Normal.’ The velocity with which the Coronavirus spread and its impact has been severe and has caught most governments, businesses and communities by surprise.”

Zambia has recorded 324 new COVID-19 cases and 18 deaths in the last 11 days, bringing the total number of cumulative deaths to 42, while there has been a total of 1,412 recoveries from the time the pandemic started, according to official Ministry of Health data.

From inception, Zambia has recorded a total of 1,895 cases, a total of 42 deaths and 1,412 recoveries, while 153 people recovered in the last 11 days.

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He warned that he would personally break their legs the next time that case is called.

“I shudder to think really, do these cadres want to be police officers? Us we should go in the villages where we came from? Some of us came

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from the villages, do they want me to go to the village where I should become a DIG or do they want me to be in Zambia, Lusaka to direct operations? Do they want the Inspector General of Police to go back to Mwinilunga and then start working from there and then they take over the country as party police officers? This is rubbish! I don’t think we should entertain this kind of a sense. It is unacceptable, it brings problems and that is why I am saying if exactly that is the way they will think that police officers are powerless, 2021, Zambia will be ungovernable,” Kapeso said.

“Next adjournment, I will be there as DIG operations, let me see any political cadre come nkaba fumya amolu (I break their legs). Loud and clear, without fear! I will be there personally as DIG operations. We’ll need to bring sanity in this country. There is no one

who is above the law. There is no where where the law says ‘yes, cadres must do whatever they want’, no my friend, I am paid to arrest. Even if I disable you, I will be paid for disabling you. I will follow it up with Nelson Phiri, Commissioner in charge of Lusaka when that case is coming up again [and] I will be there with my team, [the] crack squad.”

He said the cadres were de-campaigning the ruling party.

“I can assure [you] that, the way we have started, there is nothing that stops us from inviting the leadership of the PF. The way they are saying that at court, I am aware I read the story on social media when honourable Dr Chilufya went to court but I didn’t know the circumstances that even the court proceedings could not go ahead because of caderism. I mean, what nonsense is that? Who is in charge of security?

Let them apply to go to Lilayi Paramilitary if they want to wear our uniforms. That is why I am saying there is nothing that stops us from calling the leadership of the PF because if they begin to send a message like that, what about their colleagues in the opposition?” Kapeso asked.

“We have to treat people in the same way, not differently. If a cadre from PF misbehaves, he or she must be arrested! If it is to whip them, we must whip them in the knees. If they don’t accept, they must be arrested. I have heard the President mention this, challenging the police, ‘me I am the President of the Republic of Zambia, do you expect me to come and tell you when to arrest and where to arrest?’ This is a lesson we know that if they have behaved like this, are we going to continue to allow them to behave like this? In fact, they are de-campaigning

themselves as a political party because they have no respect for the police.”

Kapeso said Dr Chilufya had been given a chance to exonerate himself and there was no need to cause commotion at court.

“How do they want Dr Chilufya to be exonerated? How do you want your candidate to be exonerated? Because this is the opportunity that he has been given so that both for and against stories can be given, the evidence can be given in court. He is given a chance to say what he has and inside the courts, it is like a mortuary, they ‘say silence in court’. Maybe some of the boys that the PF are using are simply brainless because you can’t go to the court and ensure that the magistrate sitting trying to see the case against your client, against your Minister, against your candidate, they want to say ‘yes sir we want to hear

what happened and what did not happen’, then you say ‘no no’ in a court of law, making noise,” he said.

And Kapeso said the country will be ungovernable if politicians continue to threaten people not to move to certain parts of the country.

“If we allowed that language to infiltrate the entire country, Zambia will be ungovernable. If we allowed that political language to be the order of the day, that people would not allow politicians in their own spectrums, in their own colours, in their own shades, they can’t go to one particular place, my challenge is that I want to throw this to their leadership, how do they want their people to behave? You shouldn’t leave this to the police, police cannot regulate the political conduct of party cadres because these party cadres have someone who they look up to,” Kapeso said.

Meanwhile, Kapeso warned that next time UPND cadres booed the President, police would take action because authority needs to be respected.

“Don’t ever equate the movement of a Republican President to a political party president. Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu calls for a capital P, President of the Republic of Zambia. Other political leaders tuma small p, tu nono (it’s written with a small p). Ni chairman fye (That is just the same as chairman) of that political party but we should ensure that Lesa nga ali ku suminishe ati uka teka (if God has set that one day you will be President), you don’t need to become so violent, you don’t need to become so disrespectful to authority. Because even God, he expects you to respect authority. How can you be arguing sure? We voted in 2016, next year it is 2021 people are still talking politics about leadership? You can’t behave like that. Let us grow up! You are the people that provoke the police because of this undue behaviour. We are warning them that next time they do that, anything that will happen they should not blame the police because we are warning them in advance here,” said Kapeso.

By Mirriam Chabala
PARLIAMENT has adopted the report of the Select Committee appointed to scrutinise the Presidential appointment of Reverend Agnes Chongo to serve as a Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

And leader of the opposition in the House Jack Mwiimbu, who is also Monze central UPND member of parliament, has advised the would-be Commissioner to take note of the grievances coming from people as a result of the state failing to give them a listening ear.

Debating the motion to adopt the select Committee report which was moved by Chinsali PF member of parliament Kalalwe Mukosa and seconded by his Chiengi Counterpart Given Katuta, Wednesday, Mwiimbu noted that many Zambians were aggrieved currently due to the unfair application of the law in the country.

He also said the national broadcaster, ZNBC, was being used by those in government as an instrument to spread hate speech, warning that this could cause strife in the country.

“Mr Speaker, I would like to confess that I have had no interaction with the nominee and I will therefore not comment much on her qualifications pertaining to this particular appointment. However, I would like to comment on the role she will play when the house ratifies her as Commissioner for the Human Rights Commission. Mr Speaker, of late, as a country, we have witnessed gross violation of the rights of individuals in this country and members of the public have been complaining to the authorities to ensure that the rights of individuals are protected,” Mwiimbu said. “Mr Speaker, I would like to implore the Commissioner who is going to be appointed or ratified to take note of the following: members of the

public in Zambia have been complaining that the rights of individuals to associate have been violated by those in government. Even in situations where members of the public have complied with Public Order Act by duly notifying the police pertaining to their right to demonstrate or speak freely in public, these rights have been denied.”

He said appeals to the Minister of Home Affairs over the denial of rights to free assembly and association have never been responded to.

“The appeals have been falling on deaf ears. It therefore follows that the rights of these individuals, Mr Speaker, who follow the due processes have been violated with impunity by those in authority. Mr Speaker, in Monze, the members of the public have been notifying the police to demonstrate but they have been denied permission to do so. And when they are denied their rights to demonstrate, all that they have to do is to exercise other democratic rights of booing those who do not confer them the right, that’s what happens. When you do not accord members of the public their rights, they resort to extreme measures, that’s what happens,” Mwiimbu said.

He emphasized that Rev Chongo needed to take note of the complaints that were coming from members of the public and ensure that they were acted upon.

“Members of the public are aggrieved that those who follow the law wanting to demonstrate and air their grievances are being denied the right to demonstrate. But on the other hand, members of the PF who do not follow the laid down procedures are allowed to demonstrate, take to the streets at any time they want. Journalists in this country are complaining that their right to broadcast freely and air programmes on radio without fear are being frustrated. Would

Parley adopts report on Chongo’s appointment as HRC commissioner

be Commissioner, please take note that occasions and incidences that are unprecedented in this country have occurred in the last one month where unruly cadres go and attack a radio station and attack the broadcasters and attack a voice [of HH]. They continued attacking the voice in Muchinga, Chipata, Mwinilunga. Cadres have been attacking and damaging these radio stations contrary to what is obtaining under the laws and the protection of human rights under the Bill of Rights. As she assumes this responsibility, please take note of the complaints of the public,” Mwiimbu said.

He further said the PF government was using ZNBC to promote hate speech in the country.

“Please take note that ZNBC of late has become an instrument that is being used to promote hate speech in this country. If we are not careful, as we respect human rights, we shall cause strife in this country by irresponsible behaviour of certain journalists and those who are in authority. The rights of individuals in this country, Mr Speaker, should be protected, that is why we have the Bill of Rights. We call upon her and her colleagues to stand firm and protect the rights of every Zambian irrespective of where they hail from, irrespective of tribe or ethnicity. We all look forward to the Human Rights Commission to protect us, but unfortunately, it has no teeth to bite and that is why we have always been urging that the Human Rights Commission be given powers to prosecute those who are offending the Bill of Rights,” said Mwiimbu. Contributing to the debate, Justice Minister Given Lubinda expressed confidence that Reverend Chongo would

ensure that people’s freedoms of speech were guaranteed within the confines of the law.

“Sir, I would like to join the leader of opposition in talking about what is expected of Commissioner Chongo Phiri when she is ratified by the house to serve as a Commissioner for the Human Rights Commission. Having interacted with the nominee for a number of years and having worked closely with her, I want to say the following about her and her contribution to Human Rights Commission: I want to assure the house that the nominee whom I have interacted with on many occasions promised the appointing authority that she will continue to appeal to Zambians to support the enhancement of the Bill of Rights. She will also continue to be among the men and

women of Zambia who will foster debate on national issues using the right fora, that is what she will do at the Human Rights Commission,” said Lubinda.

“She will encourage citizens to speak when the right fora is provided to them and discourage those who use other avenues to debate national issues. Sir, I want to assure the House that Reverend Chongo is going to an institution which will call to order [and] encourage free progressive intellectual discourse and discourage hypocrisy and inconsistencies where they only see their argument and not the views of others. She will call such people to order at the Human Rights Commission, knowing that this is the call of everybody who wants to promote human rights.”

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ROAD Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) chief executive officer Gladwell Banda says the Zambia Police is back with their speed traps on the roads after the termination of the contract with Intelligence Mobility Solutions (IMS) that installed speed cameras.

Speaking when he featured on the Hot FM breakfast show, Thursday, Banda said it would be irresponsible for motorists to overspeed following the removal of speed cameras by IMS because the police were back with their speed traps.

“Publicity from the RTSA will get through to that to make sure that whilst the cameras for the IMS are out, we have got our colleagues that we work with, the Zambia Police cameras are on, the ones that come on the road to monitor the speed. We know that these cameras have been out but for people to think that they can overspeed is a huge cost to human life. They should abide by the law. But our colleagues, the Zambia Police, are back with the cameras on the road,” Banda said.

He, however, refused to answer any questions relating to why the IMS contract was terminated

saying that the public would be informed in due course.

“The contract was operating last year 2019 and looking at the deliverables of the project in terms of the technical issues and the financial issues, it was seen that we needed to have a comprehensive discussion so that we can have a situation where it’s a win-win concession between the concessionaire and the government. A comprehensive statement will come out soon for the public to know. It’s a matter which has got huge public interest. So, the cameras are not on the road until a time when there will be a comprehensive statement from government. This is a period where we need to wait until it comes out to the public domain on the issue of the contract. But currently, the discussions on the issue of the cameras are ongoing,” Banda said.

And asked if the termination of the contract had anything to do with corruption, Banda said: “As I stated earlier, the matter has got huge public concern. I am not going to comment on that because as you know our dear colleagues in the media, this is a matter that is in court. I am not going to comment until we get the issues right.”

By Mirriam Chabala

I LOVE this party a lot but if they want us to destroy the party, we can destroy it, says 2021 presidential aspirant Kelvin Fube Bwalya (KBF).

And KBF says PF officials are overreacting to the Monze incident because booing the Head of State is not a crime but an expression of anger or displeasure.

Speaking when he featured on Hot FM's Hot Seat programme, Thursday, KBF said he had not accepted his expulsion from the Patriotic Front because the current central committee was illegitimate.

KBF also insisted that he was vying for the PF presidency because there is a vacancy since President Lungu's term as party president expired in 2019.

"Iyi expulsion yabufibi naliikana (this expulsion is fake, I won't accept it). But if we don't agree with what I am saying and they (PF members) force me to go to court, we will be embarrassing the party. These are things we can discuss in-house. My expulsion letter was

KBF threatens to destroy PF if leaders fail to reason

signed by the central committee which I think has no jurisdiction to expel me, they have no power to do what they did. And doing what they did, they are basically breaking the PF constitution and they are breaking the law as it were. The PF constitution is very clear as to how someone becomes a member of the central committee; a member of the central committee is elected at the general conference. The last time we had a general conference was in 2011 when the late President Sata was alive. From that time, we've never had a general conference. So the central committee doesn't have a mandate to expel me. There is no central committee in the PF technically," KBF said.

KBF said he was giving PF time to think before he could take action, threatening that he would destroy the party if that's what the members wanted.

"Going to court is going to be more embarrassing for the party, so I have been giving them time to think. Have you ever seen an ordinary member being served an expulsion letter by the secretary general of the party? She (Mumbi Phiri) calls me a nonentity but she dares to come to my office to serve me a letter. She knows who I am in this party. She knows what I am capable of doing. So she mustn't play, she knows exactly what I can do. I don't want a fight, I want us to think and resolve this matter properly. I am giving them time to think, I am giving them time to reason...I have been putting money in this party, I have been putting energy and time into this party, do they pay me? They don't!

What have I gained from PF? Not one government contract, not one piece of corruption, not one appointment I can say is worth naming. So as far as I am concerned, I have been building something for them. But they don't seem to understand that this party has got a foundation and if they've failed to lead, they should leave. I love this party a lot. But if they want us to destroy the party, we can destroy it, not because I want to but because they don't want us to reason," KBF said.

KBF insisted that the reason he was vying for the PF presidency was because there was a vacancy in the party for that position.

"I don't need to be a delegate to stand as president of the PF. Anyone in the party can stand. And the reason we put this is because we knew we would have people like the current administration who would want to confuse things, we are trying to avoid that. They think they've got things under control; my name is KBF...I am saying that as far as I am concerned, I am a [presidential] candidate, I don't need to be a delegate to be a candidate, that's the law. But I know the reason why there is acrimony towards me is because I stand by the party constitution, I stand by the truth and I cannot be easily corrupted, I am principled. When I was announcing my intention to run for Presidency in April last year, I was announcing because there was a vacancy in the party for the presidential position. People ask me 'but why are you challenging ba Lungu', there is no challenge, there is a vacancy.

How do you challenge when there is a vacancy? I am vying for that position because there is a vacancy and I want to bring a different brand of leaders to the party. Leadership change is inevitable and no one is challenging ba Lungu because he's not eligible. Ba Lungu to me is not a factor to me, why do you keep on talking about him? I don't even understand that," KBF said.

"I am running for President! I don't need permission from anybody to stand. It is my democratic right, I am going to exercise it and I shall fight to exercise it. Nobody has the right to stop me from standing in this country. I have made Presidents, what can stop me from myself a President?"

Meanwhile, KBF said PF was overreacting to the Monze booing incident.

"Booing the President is an expression of your will, you are trying to show that you are not happy about something. Booing by itself is not an insult, but it is trying to convey a message to somebody that I am not happy about something. I remember I saw a clip of honourable Jack Mwiimbu and Gary Nkombo, they were complaining about certain acts that were done in their so-called strongholds before the presidential visit, the pulling down of UPND flags, defacing of some of their campaign regalia and so on. So you don't expect when you annoy people like that to go in and they begin clapping for you, no. They were reacting because they were angered by something. And for me, I expected the President to go in there, commission the houses for the police and come out and be Presidential about it. All this talk of HH cannot go to this part of the country, we are overreacting. We are one Zambia one nation. So my advice both to the UPND and PF cadres is calm down, this country belongs to every Zambian and every Zambian has got the right to speak his mind, conduct his business without you interfering with his space," KBF said

Asked by callers if he was willing to work with UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema, KBF dismissed that possibility.

"HH is my brother, we were together at the University, I know the guy and I know how he thinks. But here is history, he had Canisius Banda as his vice-president, where is he? He had GBM as his vice-president, he's now talking to my brother Chishimba Kambwili, I don't know what they've agreed. We even had a pact when president Sata was alive but the problem with HH is that he doesn't like anyone to be on top of him. But for me, whoever wants to rule me must prove that he is better than me. Those people who have left HH and those he chased, I have spoken to them and they have told me why. Those who want to work with HH should start from the position of zero, he's been president of that party for almost 15 years and I salute him. But that doesn't mean he's better than some of us in thinking. The only thing I can salute HH for is that he has more money than me. But money is not leadership, leadership is about character and the ability you have to serve a nation," said KBF.

Op-Ed – Parenting Campaign

Learning begins at home -- with play

By The United Nations Resident Coordinator to Zambia, Dr Coumba Mar Gadio

For those of us with school age children, the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the amazing and skilful work done by teachers. Many of my colleagues and a huge number of people in Zambia have had to combine day jobs with looking after children and trying to help them learn, even away from school. It's certainly been a challenge.

But this leads me to a wider point. Even before we'd ever heard of the coronavirus disease; mothers, fathers and other care givers were always children's first "teachers". That's because children are learning and developing even while in the womb, and the first three years of life are the period in life where unrepeated levels of brain development take place. Recent advances in neuroscience provide new evidence about a baby's brain development during this time: We now know that in their earliest years, babies' brains form new connections at an astounding rate – more than 1 million every single second – a pace never again repeated.

In the brain-building process, neural connections are shaped by both genes (nature) and life experiences (nurture). This combination of nature and nurture establishes the foundation of a child's future. Yet too many children are still missing out on the 'eat, play, and love' their brains need to develop. Put simply, we don't care for children's brains the way we care for their bodies.

Globally there are an estimated 15.5 million 3-4-year-olds with whom an adult does not engage in any cognitive or socio-emotional caregiving activities, such as reading books, telling stories, singing songs or playing with the child. This all goes to show why parenting is the most important job in the world. Parents and caregivers combine the roles



of provider, protector, and yes, teacher.

Around the world, parents and care givers often still make the distinction between 'learning' and 'play' as if they are very different things. And yet the science is very clear: play helps children become collaborative, creative and curious – essential abilities for life and work in the 21st century.

To underline this point, in June one of our United Nations agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), supported the Government of Zambia to launch a new parenting campaign entitled 'I play, I learn, I thrive', with the backing of the LEGO Foundation. With government ministries and NGO partners working on early childhood development, we want to get the word out there that stimulation and play are incredibly beneficial to our children, boosting children's cognitive, physical, social, creative and emotional development.

Many people in Zambia, particularly our forefathers, knew many of these things already. That's why the campaign is highlighting local proverbs including 'Imiti ikula empanga' (Bemba), 'Ng'ombe ni matole' (Nyanja) and 'Mabiya afwida kumubumbi' (Tonga) that highlight the importance of investing in the early years of our children.

Children are intrinsically motivated to play, which makes it fertile ground for learning and developing new skills. During play, children can take charge, making choices about what they do and how. Play can be a highly social activity, allowing for opportunities to learn from and about others. Thus, play can provide many opportunities for learning.

As adults, there's no shame in getting involved. We can create a safe environment for play, and also join in with simple games, baby talk, singing, cuddling, tickling and other such things.

So, let's spread the word about play, and let's dedicate time to interacting with our children. And if we want to give them the best start in life, let's give them the nutrition, protection and stimulation that they need to have healthy and powerful brains. Because when children play, they learn, and they thrive.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube and Andrew Mwansa

SPECIAL Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Isaac Chipampe says State House will deal with the false postings on President Edgar Lungu’s Facebook page internally.

In the past few months, President Lungu’s Facebook page has been publishing false photographs showing progress on developmental project under the Patriotic Front government, when in fact the images were from other countries, downloaded from the internet.

On March 3, 2020 President Lungu posted a photograph of workers in a sugarcane field with the caption that read: “I strongly believe that the private sector plays an important role in employment creation and driving innovation and inclusive development. To the private sector, join me as we jointly continue to work hard to positively transform Zambia now, and for generations to come. #BuildingZambia Together.”

But according to facts, the image was not from Zambia but from India published by a news outlet called Swarajya in November 2018 (<https://swarajyamag.com/insta/india-to-become-sugar-bowl-of-the-world-expected-to-topple-brazil-as-worlds-largest-sugar-producer>).

On July 4, 2020, President Lungu posted a modernised fish farm with a caption: “As

State House will deal with false postings on Lungu’s page internally – Chipampe

I have previously said on this platform and elsewhere; my Government is not pursuing an ad-hoc development strategy, but we are implementing a people-centred Development Agenda... In view of the above, my Government through the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock approved seven hundred and thirty-six (736) aquaculture business loan applications from Zambian citizens countrywide as at May 2020, valued at 118.3 Million Zambian Kwacha. This is in addition to the twelve (12) fish hatcheries and nurseries in all 10 provinces, which were approved in 2019 collectively

valued at 20.7 Million Zambian Kwacha. I am passionate about developing a viable aquaculture subsector in Zambia because; it will create 4,366.”

Facts, however, reveals that this picture which was put on President Edgar Chagwa Lungu’s page on 4th July was again merely downloaded from the Internet by his media team. The image originated from Israel and it first surfaced on the Internet on December 26, 2010. It was first posted by ISREAL21c, An American online magazine focused on technological and scientific

advances made by Isreal researchers). The picture was lifted from an article titled “Raising fish in a desert” (<https://www.israel21c.org/raising-fish-in-the-desert/>).

Fact checking results further revealed that the pipeline image was first uploaded on 30th August 2018 by IBAN Aquafish Solutions and Consultancy Limited in Shanghai China.

Much recently it was re-posted on 2nd July 2020 by the same page IBAN in a public group called University Of Guyana Faculty of Agriculture & Forestry as an advert to advertise fish farming consultancy. (Apparently these guys also used the exact picture from Israel which we had earlier investigated)

On Tuesday this week, President Lungu posted photographs of road rehabilitation works, claiming they were new images of

ongoing road works on the Kafue-Mazabuka Road in Southern province.

“I am impressed with the progress report on the Kafue-Mazabuka Road earmarked for completion by October 2020. My Government was called all sorts of names because this road had been in a deplorable state for the many years. We listened and committed to work on it,” President Lungu stated.

But the photo President Lungu used was an old reused images which had been published by various publications in Nigeria, Malawi and the United State of America from as far back as 2017.

After netizens fact-checked the images and proved them false, President Lungu removed the and issued a correction saying the image was erroneously attached.

“Yesterday (Tue), a wrong

photo was erroneously attached together with the message below. Find the correct RDA images for the Kafue-Mazabuka Road works. Thank you,” Lungu stated.

In an interview yesterday, Chipampe, a former managing director of the state-owned Zambia Daily Mail said State House had noted the discrepancies.

Asked why there has been so much misinformation on the President’s page, Chipampe said the issue was internal and would be dealt with administratively.

“I think those are internal issues which we cannot discuss in public. The questions you have raised are all internal which will be dealt with administratively. You have published the story I have seen it and so I have given you a comment that it will be dealt with administratively,” said Chipampe.



Two want UPND deregistered over K400,000 debt

By Zondiwe Mbewe
PROSPECT Tech Limited and a Lusaka man, Prince Siame, have dragged UPND

leader Hakainde Hichilema and other party members to court for allegedly failing to pay K400,000 for tickets printed for the party during its national card renewal exercise in 2017.

Siame and Prospect Tech Limited want an order for payment of K400,000 plus 30 percent interest, bringing the total due to K520,000 and, further, an order that UPND be declared bankrupt for failing to pay its debts and that the party be dissolved and deregistered.

They have sued Hichilema, Steven Katuka in his capacity as UPND secretary general, Miriam Masando (organising committee chairperson for the card renewal) and UPND Registered Trustees.

The plaintiffs are further seeking damages for breach of contract and an order that the defendants pay all the costs for the collection and all charges incidental and connected to the suit.

According to a statement of claim filed by the plaintiffs’ lawyer Tutwa Ngulube in the Lusaka High Court yesterday, the plaintiffs stated that by a written agreement made between them and the defendants represented by Masando dated March 16, 2017, the defendants contracted them to print 200, 000 tickets for the National Card Renewal exercise at the cost of K2 per ticket, thereby translating to K400,000.

The plaintiffs stated that soon after the execution of the said agreement, they printed 200, 000 tickets.

They added that the defendants further requested for 50,000 more tickets on a

gratuitous terms known as mbasela.

The plaintiffs stated that the defendants pegged the tickets for sale at K1000, K50 and K30 respectively.

“The plaintiffs shall aver that according to the information supplied together with the request, the third defendant (Hichilema) was supposed to be the guest of honour at the said event,” read the claim.

The plaintiffs claimed that despite delivering the said tickets within the agreed period, the defendants had not paid the money despite asking for more time in which to pay.

“Despite the several follow ups to the defendants at their secretariat, the defendants have neglected to honour the agreement to pay. Despite several assurances that they will settle the indebtedness, the defendants have lamentably failed to honor the payment,” read the claim further.

The plaintiffs further stated that on November 15, 2017 the defendants having lamentably failed to settle and after several broken, failed and fake promises, Masando issued a written promise to pay the outstanding amount together with 30 percent interest.

They, however, stated that despite having committed to pay by November 17, 2017 the defendants still failed to pay the debt and to date the outstanding amount of K400,000 and interest of 30 percent remained unpaid.

The plaintiffs stated that as a result of the breach of the agreement, they had suffered loss and damage.

Everyone has power to interpret the Constitution – Lubinda

By Ulande Nkomesha
JUSTICE Minister Given Lubinda says government has no intention of pushing an amendment to Article 128 because it is not the source of conflict between the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Constitutional Court.

And Lubinda says he does not want to talk about calls for the full withdrawal or a referendum to test Bill 10’s popularity because they are a “dead issue” which may end up giving him maggots.

Reacting to calls from his predecessor Wynter Kabimba that the Executive should push the amendment of Article 128 of the 2016 Constitution as it remained a source of conflict between the Speaker and the ConCourt, Lubinda said Article 128 did not state that only the Constitutional Court could interpret the law.

He said in fact, everyone had powers to interpret the constitution but that only the ConCourt could make final, binding decisions whenever disputes arose.

“This is a non-issue, it is totally a non-issue! You don’t have to be a constitutional lawyer to understand what Article 128 is talking about. Article 128 does not say that, ‘no one else in the country, no one in the world can interpret the Constitution except the Constitutional Court’, it doesn’t say that. If that was the case, will people have copies of the Constitution? It will mean that nobody is allowed to even read the Constitution. What Article 128 sub-Article (1) says is that, ‘when there is a matter of conflict on interpretation, then the Constitutional Court will be the final one. If there is a difference in opinion between you and me on what a particular article says, where we will go for final

interpretation? It is to the Constitutional Court. It does not say that, ‘you are not allowed to interpret the Constitution.’ Everyone has the power to interpret and we can interpret it differently,” Lubinda said.

“For example, the national values and principles, you will read that article and you interpret it in the way you understand it. I will read it and interpret it in the manner that I understand it. If there is a conflict between you and me on the interpretation, where will we go for us to arrive at an amicable position? We will go to the Constitutional Court. So, there is no problem at all with Article 128 paragraph (a), there is nothing. Paragraph (a) of Article 128 is very clear that a matter of interpretation should be addressed by the Constitutional Court. It does not say, ‘for anyone to interpret this Constitution, they must go to the Constitutional Court.’”

He added that no stakeholders, including the Judiciary, proposed an amendment to the said article in their submissions.

“This is all the reason why all those who made the submissions, including the Judiciary to the refinement of the Constitution, none of them brought the issue of (Article) 128 because Article 128 is very clear. There is no dispute. I don’t understand why anyone could think there is a dispute. You must also understand the reference that was made by the Constitutional Court was done, by the way, that was not the main finding. It was not that the Constitutional Court said, ‘the Speaker must not interpret,’ they didn’t say, ‘the Speaker must not.’ If you read their judgement, they just said, ‘by the way, it appears as though

that the Speaker has over-stepped.’ There is nothing whatsoever which is a contradiction in Article 128 as far as I am concerned,” he argued.

And Lubinda insisted that widespread calls for the full withdrawal or a referendum on Bill 10 were a “dead issue”.

“That is a very tired argument! That argument is very tired. It is just an argument, which is reaching rigor mortis. It is just a dead argument, we shouldn’t go back to that. We already made it clear that, number one, there is no basis on which to withdraw Bill 10. Number two, there is no provision within the Constitution that says that, ‘if you want to amend the Constitution, you have to go to the referendum,’ it is not there anywhere! The reason why we did not address the Bill of Rights is because that is the one that requires a referendum. So, that is a dead story, it is in the mortuary. Don’t resurrect dead issues, that is a dead issue, bring in new issues,” Lubinda said.

“The opposition that are trying to cling to a dead corpse shows that they have nothing to talk about, they are also exhausted! Even a tick can see that a cow is dead, it moves on to fresh blood, not to clotted blood. That matter is in the mortuary, leave it there. The issue of withdrawing, the issue of referendum that is dead! Let us wait for the ruling of the Court on Jack Mwiimbu’s petition to the Court for judicial review, let us wait for what the Court will say. They went to court, the Court said, ‘you have no right to ask the Court to stop Parliament.’ So, isn’t that dead? So, don’t take me to a dead issue, I may end up getting maggots! I don’t want to get maggots, I want to continue with fresh and clean hands.”



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31 MILLION AND ARTS!

By Andyford Mayele Banda

THERE is no empowerment program that can be sustained if it's not structured. In Zambia we have seen that no government current or previous can point at a successful empowerment program and say here is a program and we empowered so many people and created so many direct and indirect jobs. The problem is that everything that our leaders do, they do it for political expediency. There is no sincerity in what most politicians do. There is also corruption and nepotism and the country keeps losing money as a result because of lack of dedication and patriotism to country.

There is no will to want to leave great legacies like the ones left by great men such as Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jnr. People are okay with doing everything to keep power and only to be humiliated in the end like Former President of Malawi Peter Arthur Mutharika, Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Yayah Jameh of Gambia or Laurent Gbagbo of Cote Ivoire, the list is endless. I mean, what is the point really? We won't mention experiences in this county for the sake of respecting our elders.

This is the same situation with the 31 million empowerment money for arts. It's a legal way of paying artists that sing "dununa reverse" for the ruling party. The Minister of Tourism Hon. Chitotela was clear when he said that this money is not going towards activists but to artists. This is a clear indication that this money was meant for those that have sang all the praises for the government despite all the challenges that this country is facing. It's for those blind followers so that they can become more blind and sing more louder for the ruling party. What's the structure of this same empowerment fund? Will it end like the infamous Higer bus empowerment which ended up in the hands of the cadres and today is no more?

Let's be realistic here supporters and critics, how does it help this county to create empowerment funds that are just consumed, and they don't even help those that are targeted? We would think for once these empowerment funds would first address the challenges that have been faced by people in the art and entertainment industry under the COVID 19 pandemic and they can use these funds to

actually boost up their production and become innovative in creating art that can be accessed even using online platforms.

What's the overall government policy in supporting the entertainment and art industry? Is the 31 million part of that package that would help production houses, artists sort out some of the challenges they are facing? We would think for once production houses for upcoming and almost established artists would be targeted so that they can create more jobs and ensure that their works are done professionally. But No!

Now here is where we have missed it with this and all other empowerment programs. Like the Minister said, no activists will receive these funds because they have aired out their views about governance in this country, so they are not entitled. The question I have for the Minister is that just because someone has aired out their views does it mean they stop being talented? So, we always miss it because all empowerment programs are politically inclined just like the 31 million art empowerment fund. The 31 million empowerment funds will miss all those disgruntled youths who went in the bush to protest. Aren't they the ones who have some of the best talent in Zambia? B flow, Wezi, Pilato, St Michael just to mention a few and will target those that just sing loudly for the ruling party even if they have no talent. Let's be fair some of the PF vuvuzelas are quite talented. So, if empowerment funds were fair, they would be equally shared among some talented PF vuvuzelas and some disgruntled youths. This empowerment would then see some of the best talents assisted to do great for themselves and this country.

Entertainment and Art is a critical industry for our country hence properly structured programs must also apply in this area. In order to create a significant number of jobs and stabilize our economy, we must ensure that we empower Zambians. We must not neglect any industry that can create any job available. We must do everything to diversify our economy not just to one industry but to every industry that can create at least even one job. The PAC philosophy is to empower Zambians and spark consumer spending which in turn will create an economic chain reaction. We call it an economic chain because we know that when we ensure that majority Zambians can buy goods and services, other jobs will be created. Hence

the idea is to create enough direct jobs which will in turn create enough indirect jobs.

The PAC government wants to ensure sustainable jobs are created in the entertainment industry. Artists are partners in development and in job creation. They also help the government in sensitizing people on many issues and the general population enjoys what they do hence the need to create sustainable jobs in this industry. However, a lot needs to be done to ensure that we create sustainable jobs for people with talent in the arts and entertainment industry.

The first thing we will do is to form a commission of all stakeholders who will draw up a five-year road map for arts and entertainment. The PAC government will also implement a zero-tax regime on equipment needed for the development of arts and entertainment in the country. The PAC will ensure that the fight against piracy is stepped up and that a committee is set up that will ensure all piracy is stamped out. The PAC will ensure priority is given for investment needed in the support of arts and entertainment. We will also ensure that modern entertainment facilities are built such as building a new Lusaka playhouse or a modern theatre centre which can host local and international plays, have other facilities and enough parking space. We also must rehabilitate the existing ones.

The PAC believes in a fair sustainable empowerment program. The PAC always advocates for a system that favours everyone who wakes up to work hard every day, as opposed to a few individuals. Most government empowerment programs have failed due to partisan patronage. Most individuals, who are lucky enough to access opportunity, are affiliates of the ruling party. They end up getting facilities but cannot make any return on investment because they do not have the necessary skills to run a business. Apart from the fact that most of the time the beneficiaries are ruling party card carrying members, the major problem is also the way the empowerment programs are structured. We shall ensure this narrative is changed in every industry including the entertainment industry.

Andyford Mayele Banda
President
People's Alliance for Change (PAC)

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
CHIEF Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya says a lot of money is being wasted because corruption is now being used as a tool to fight opponents, which is sad.

And Siliya says politicians should not dare the state because the police are there to protect the President and anything can happen in the process. .

Meanwhile, Siliya says because of bad leadership, the UPND fails to differentiate between leadership and bad manners.

Speaking when she featured on Diamond TV’s COSTA, Thursday, Siliya, who is also Information and Broadcasting Services Minister, said she would like Director of Public Prosecutions Lilian Siyunyi to tell the nation how much money had been wasted on fighting political corruption.

“You are presumed innocent until proven guilty and the law applies to all of us, it is not just for ministers. And I would like the DPP to tell us how much money has been wasted on fighting political corruption, because corruption now is demeaned as a political tool to fight opponents and it is quite sad,” Siliya said.

“The Anti-Corruption has never failed to deal with its agenda of fighting corruption, and in this country, nobody has been spared including presidents. Where there is corruption, let us allow the Anti-Corruption Commission to do its work professionally.”

And Siliya warned people not to dare the state because police were mandated to protect the President, no matter the casualties.

“This is a similar

case as in Mongu, don’t dare government. The government has to try and keep the peace. Don’t dare government. Whether media or politicians, we don’t live in a vacuum. We live in a real society, culture, politics, values and everything. You see it was the same issue in Mongu where somebody said ‘oh it is just the president. Even I have got a GX and I can...don’t dare the state because the police are there to protect the State and the President represents the State. And anything is possible when you are going to try and incite. The president is representing the State. The police are there and if somebody gets shot at, the story will be different. Those people incited violence in a manner that the police could have reacted and then we would be talking about a different story today,” Siliya said.

Siliya said UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema should have condemned his cadres for booing President Edgar Lungu in Monze last week.

“President Edgar Lungu is not averse to criticism as long as it is palatable and makes sense. When PF cadres went to attack a radio station in Northern Province, surely, can you want to make an issue out of that and say ‘government you are just lip servicing?’ why? because we have the right not to say anything. Like we have seen now with parties where there is no proper leadership like

the UPND where they have not been able to differentiate between leadership from just bad manners. When HH was attacked in Muchinga Province, the government or the president himself put on record that he is not going to tolerate indiscipline. Yes, he might not be able to control the cadres all the time but his voice is consistent. We are not forcing him (HH) to apologize [on the Monze incident but] we are just putting it on record the difference in leadership style,” she said.

Siliya also said youths had the right to protest freely but

not during the Coronavirus pandemic.

“To say that youths should be allowed to put up placards, of course. Youths by their nature should be allowed to demonstrate peacefully and respectfully. But at this point, we have said no gatherings where there is Coronavirus. You are saying that government wants to gag people’s freedom of expression. I am not aware that somebody like my dear friend Pilato who has been singing very freely about his differences with government has been arrested by anybody. Just because 30 youths

decided that they were going to meet in the bush doesn’t mean that many other youths are not talking to us all the time. It is those who have nothing to do who are on the internet all the time making noise. There are thousands of youths whom government is helping,” Siliya said.

And asked why there was a decline in public confidence with regards to government projects, Siliya said that was the work of some politicians who had for the past five years been geared for elections.

“There are few people who are truly bent on

making sure that confidence in government institutions is eroded. You said that we have been geared up for elections, no. A few people have been geared up for elections for the last five years. They have never thought of anything else. We in the government have to work. We have been thinking about our promises to the people of Zambia and responding to them. But there are a few people who believe that elections and politics are the beginning and the end. There are a few politicians who have decided to erode the whole country in terms of eroding their confidence in institutions of governance,” said Siliya.

Meanwhile, Siliya said the time for people to make submissions on Bill 10 has elapsed as it was now the turn for parliamentarians to make their own input.

Court sets July 14 for hearing in Bill 10 debate case

By Zondiwe Mbewe

LUSAKA High Court judge Sharon Nawa has set July 14 for hearing of the matter in which Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Jack Mwiimbu is challenging Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini’s decision to allow continued debate of Bill 10 despite it lapsing.

In this matter, Mwiimbu has applied for leave in the Lusaka High Court to commence judicial review proceedings against Dr Matibini’s decision to allow the restoration to the order paper for consideration of Constitutional (Amendment) Bill No.10 of 2019, consequently to allow its continued debate and allow the deferment of proceedings relating to the Bill to a yet to be advised date.

Mwiimbu who is represented by Lusaka lawyer Mulambo Haimbe of Malambo & Company has cited Attorney General

Likando Kalaluka as a respondent, arguing that since the lapse of time, the Bill ceased to exist.

He wants an order of certiorari to quash Dr Matibini’s decision to allow the deferment of the proceedings relating to the controversial (Amendment) Bill No.10 of 2019 to a date yet to be advised within the fourth session of twelfth assembly.

Mwiimbu is further seeking an order of mandamus directing the Speaker to discontinue any or further consideration, debate or other proceedings relating to Bill No. 10. He also wants a declaration that Dr Matibini’s decision is invalid, null and void and of no effect and an order that all proceedings in the National Assembly relating to Bill 10 be stayed until after the determination of the matter or further order of the court.

“In a press statement issued by the government

chief whip on June 25, 2020 and published on the Parliament website, it is conceded by the author that the Bill lapsed on June 4, 2020 according to established parliamentary practice and procedure. Contrary to what is stated in the press statement, the standing orders committee did not extend the life of the Bill, which had already lapsed by effluxion of time

and had been killed on June 4, before proceedings on June 24,” Mwiimbu stated in his petition.

He added that according to parliamentary practice and processes, there was no procedure that allowed for restoration to order paper, consideration, debate or extension of the Bill after it has been “killed” due to lapse of time and after such lapse the Bill ceases to exist.

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Advocates for the Defendant

WE are 'impressed' with the levels of incompetence at State House lately. The once most respected and feared office in the land has now become the prime source of humour and embarrassment. This is the level to which Mr Edgar Lungu and his administration have reduced the Presidency. Our Head of State is now a subject of laughter to the rest of the world. Even maniacs like Seer 1 can now have the audacity of calling our President an idiot, a road thief. Aa? A sitting President being called a road thief, an idiot? This level of sinking popularity for a Head of State is unprecedented, not even Nyama Soya was ridiculed like this.

For those who have not followed recent events, President Lungu, through his official Facebook page, has been posting false images of developmental projects. On March 3, 2020, President Lungu posted a photograph of workers in a sugarcane field with a caption inviting the private sector to join him on his endeavours to develop the country. The image was downloaded from an article published in an Indian news outlet called Swarajya in November 2018. On July 4, 2020, President Lungu posted a modernised fish farm with a caption: "As I have previously said on this platform and elsewhere, my Government is not pursuing an ad-hoc development strategy, but we are implementing a people-centered Development Agenda... In view of the above, my Government, through the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, approved seven hundred and thirty-six (736) aquaculture

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Are these the advisors Lungu wants to go into an election year with?

business loan applications from Zambian citizens countrywide as at May 2020, valued at K118.3 million." Facts, however, reveal that this picture which was put on President Edgar Chagwa Lungu's page on 4th July, 2020 was again merely downloaded from the Internet by his media team. The image originated from Israel and it first surfaced on the Internet on December 26, 2010. It was first posted by an American online magazine focused on technological and scientific advances made by Israeli researchers. On Tuesday this week, President Lungu posted photographs of road rehabilitation works, claiming they were new images of ongoing road works on the Kafue-Mazabuka Road in Southern Province. "I am impressed with the progress report on the Kafue-Mazabuka Road earmarked

for completion by October 2020. My Government was called all sorts of names because this road had been in a deplorable state for the many years. We listened and committed to work on it," President Lungu stated. But the photo President Lungu was referring to was an old reused image which had been published by various publications in Nigeria, Malawi and the United States of America from as far back as 2017. The President's media team recognised that publishing the false road construction photo amounted to deceit and they openly apologised, saying it was erroneously attached. What about the other pictures from India, China and Israel which they have been posting? Was that also an attachment error? Come on people, this is the presidency we are talking about! It's not a personal private page that can publish anything

a person feels like. When Facebook gave the Edgar Chagwa Lungu page an authentication badge, it was on the satisfaction that the person behind it was the verified Head of State for a country called Zambia. So it is embarrassing that the President's verified page is publishing fake news. And people should not say those questioning the pictures are being petty. It's a very big issue. The President of Nigeria cannot post pictures of Levy Mwanawasa Hospital and claim to his people that he has been delivering development. This is why we feel there is something amiss about the presidency. The signs are very clear. It's not a long time ago when social media was awash with an image of a presidential flag with the Coat of Arms flying upside down while the President was addressing citizens somewhere in this country. Surely, who does that? How

did that happen? Was that a fake photograph? Someone has to explain what is going on with the President and his advisors at State House. Mr Isaac Chipampe and his counterpart on the political desk, Chris Zumaniimba, must come out and exculpate themselves. So far, they have demonstrated 'impressive' levels of incompetence, and we can imagine that their predecessors must be laughing their lungs out. When the President of Burundi Pierre Nkurunziza died, President Lungu's handlers posted a condolences message, but when citizens responded with negative comments, the post was deleted. The same happened to a video where the President was threatening the youths and civil society organisations that sought to protest against bad governance. Later after seeing that the President was serious about his

threats, they claimed the 'missing' video was due to an upload error. Ummm? This doesn't make sense at all. The levels of clumsiness and disorganisation at State House are simply getting worse. Yesterday when we asked Mr Isaac Chipampe to explain the discrepancy and confusion on the President's Facebook page, he said it was an internal matter which was going to be dealt with administratively. No bwana Chipampe, Presidential Affairs are not internal matters. If that was the case, his Facebook page would have had settings that prevent anyone else from seeing what he posts apart from himself. The fact that you want the public to see what he has to say on national issues means people have the right to question and complain. Questions need to be asked. How did we get to this level? How can a Head of State sink so low to become the national mbuya whom anyone can make fun of? Last month, we posed a question: since Amos Chanda and Kaizer Zulu, the infamous 'notorious' presidential advisors are no longer at State House, who is giving the President all this bad advice? This question has not been addressed and it has come back to seek answers. Who is handling the President's Social Media pages? Are these the advisors President Lungu is going into an election year with? Hehehehe! This is why Seer 1 can have the audacity of saying he feels sorry for the Zambian people because we are being led by idiots and thieves. Painfully, we have to admit that what the idiot is saying about the idiots ruling us is very true.

Crossword puzzle No 643

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"A sincere attitude of gratitude is a beatitude for secured altitudes. Appreciate what you have been given and you will be promoted higher."
- Israelmore Ayivor

Across

1. Perchance
4. Utter words
6. Raiders of the Lost ____
7. Innocents
8. Pose a question
9. Certain
11. Edible seaweed
14. Feathery scarf
15. Beneath
17. Salary limit
18. Except for
19. Old-timer

Down

1. Fathers and sons
2. Root vegetable
3. Simple
4. Glide on ice
5. Chew the fat
10. Respond
12. Less tainted
13. Defraud
14. Short hairdo
16. Finished

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Readers' Feedback

Siliya on UPND being the most violent party Zambia has ever seen

Editor,

“Booing has become violence, now? Sincerity is a rare commodity among government officials”. - Batraben Batu Mwandila

“When you were in MMD you were branding PF violent. I can't wait to see which Party you will brand violent next year”. - Lolanji Freddie

“More disappointments

coming your way as we draw closer to the polls”. - Fabian Lunkoto

“Madam with all due respect which respectfully you don't deserve, I think we should start booing you on social media as well”. - Eng Steven Phiri

“Next we'll hear Dora classifying UPND MPs frequent walk outs from parliament

over bill 10 as acts of violence”. - David M Mwanangombe

“Sometimes you should come out and tell us about the real issues affecting our country than always politics, moreover you're the one topping on violence”. - Clayton M Mubuyaeta

“The booing really irked the president? He better get used, that is just a reflection of how people feel about his leadership”. - Sepiso Prosper Kameme

“This one shouldn't think for one second that we forgot that she insulted our late president in parliament, then lelo abwele kukamba va violence!” - Chimuka Modify

“How can they not boo him After seeing those copied and pasted developmental projects,which turn out to Be Foreign Done projects? if I was there I would have added my Boo”. - Yenisha Manuela



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Aka on national anthem not reflecting Zambia's true image

Editor,

“Point! The national anthem is just a claim...a fact in itself and a lie in words and in deeds”. - Endy Kapiini

“It has lost its meaning and appeal”. - Kennedy Mwanamakondo

“We don't call you no Mwana-Mulena for nothing. Your ability Ndate to say things as they are is a Hallmark of superior brain power”. - Evans Kaimoyo

National anthem is basically an aspiration of who we want to be.. Expresses our desires... So,we can not change the national anthem to suit our behavior and conduct. Instead, us, Zambians must change in line with what is

contained in the national anthem”. - Granite Muyeka

“Very candid indeed”. - David M Mwanangombe

“This kind of talking explains why Aka is not seen on deadnbc”. - Cetshwayo Jere

“True, Nation Anthem is just mere slogan and not the practice..... It is said “ Life is Caught not taught...!!!!” - Kenny Sefuka

“Prince AKA, in short is saying the current Scenario obtaining on the ground is as bad as pre independence days. Those charged with responsibility to rule the country are tramping on citizens Rights, AND are not ruling but only talking about constructions”. - Richard Mhango

FODEP on PF having no right to stop opposition from campaigning in any part of Zambia

Dear editor,

“How does one tie the hands of a fellow contestant and then ask him or her to enter the ring for a fight? This can only mean one and only one thing. You are a COWARD and you are MORTALLY afraid of your opponent. Untie the hands of your opponent and get in the ring and fight! Otherwise you have no business being in that ring and you don't DESERVE to be in the ring. Give the people the right to make the right choice. If that right choice is not you ,so be it. That is essence of democracy”. - Kanyata Mubita

“Yes, that's right, every Zambian citizen has the right to campaign and travel around the country because PF does not own Zambia”. - Mutinta Mulonda

“It seems the PF are no longer a political party but a Nation or territory within a Nation...” - Boyd Lubinda Wamundila

“Nani wakweba lusambo ati c/ belt nino go area yaba opposition. Bowan alamukasebana na boss obe.Elonganikuno pf yashala nama cadars,nomba hw many are there aganist nabantu abapata corrupt goverment yenu?!” - Josphine Kasongo

Mwenye's questioning of Pentecostal Church's silence on national issues

Dear editor,

“I thought they are part and parcel of 'Christians for Lungu' how can they respond? Remember Bishop Kazala on the copperbelt, he was arrested just for speaking out”. - Kris Mubanga Malama

“My worry also, and when it comes to prayer and fasting they are busy”. - Jacobz Mule

“They are busy recovering offerings and tithes after Covid 19 closures. That's why they were too vocal about reopening Churches. Little do they realise that PF is busy brutalising and fixing there so-called 'children’”. - Rodgers Malenga

“Just wondering as much sir.The last time we heard about them being loud was during the era of Christians for Kneenly following”. - Namukuye Mukwe

“They behave like they are not part of this country, they behave holy and they just become active when they hear about national prayers”. - Mulamata Oscar

“Most pastors in Pentecostal Churches are crooks who are in those positions only to earn a living. They are not genuine men of God”. - Nelson Lungu

“They don't want to be left out on the day of nation prayers with a blown envelope on the other side, only the Catholic have been there for us”. - Eric Tembo

“Some of them (if not many of them) promote autocratic leadership styles where those they lead just have to do as they say. How can such people speak for the vulnerable? To make matters worse, they always cry foul against whoever criticizes them for what they are not doing right. They are likely to condemn the author and whoever is sympathetic towards his message, instead of addressing the issues he has raised”. - Stephen Mshanga

“Most Pentecostal churches are corrupt. This is a fact. So you don't expect them to speak against the ills of government....” - Chisha Kabale



CK seeks judicial review against Simusamba’s refusal to recuse himself in forgery case

By Zondiwe Mbewe
CHISHIMBA Kambwili has applied for leave to commence judicial review proceedings in the Lusaka High Court against Magistrate David Simusamba’s refusal to recuse himself from presiding over a case where the former is charged with forgery, uttering a false document and giving false information to a public officer.

Kambwili, who has cited the Attorney General as respondent and ex-parte the Principle Resident Magistrate, David Simusamba, stated that it has been difficult for his lawyers to perform their duties effectively as the court room is always poisoned with outbursts of anger and threats from the presiding Magistrate towards him and his lawyers.

He now wants a declaration that the decision of the presiding Magistrate to refuse to recuse himself from presiding over the said case before him is unlawful and irrational.

Kambwili also wants an order of prohibition, prohibiting the presiding Magistrate from continuing to preside upon his case and an order of mandamus directing Magistrate Simusamba to recuse himself forthwith and to surrender the case record to the Chief Resident Magistrate for re-allocation to another magistrate.

He wants, if leave is



NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili leaves the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court on Wednesday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

granted, a direction that such grant should operate as a stay of Magistrate Simusamba’s decisions and the proceedings until determination of the application or until the Court orders otherwise.

In his affidavit verifying facts filed in the Lusaka High Court, Wednesday, Kambwili explained that he was currently facing criminal charges in the Lusaka Magistrate Court for the alleged offences

of forgery, uttering false documents and giving false information to a public officer.

He added that the said matter was being presided over by Magistrate Simusamba.

Kambwili stated that on March 20, this year, he made an application asking the presiding magistrate to recuse himself by way of Notice of Motion and its accompanying Affidavit in Support.

He stated that his application was premised on the facts that on December 17, 2019, he wrote to the Chief Justice, Irene Mambilima, complaining of the manner in which Magistrate Simusamba was handling the matter, i.e. his attitude towards him and his lawyers and attempts by the Magistrate to extort money from him in exchange for an acquittal.

He stated that before responding to him, the

Chief Justice asked the presiding magistrate to tell his side of the story.

“Among other things, the presiding magistrate, in his letter to the Honourable Chief Justice, stated that it was in fact myself, who had been offering to bribe him from the time the matter was commenced in the year, 2018, and that at some point I had offered to buy him a car so as to influence his decision in the matter,” Kambwili stated.

“The presiding magistrate’s accusations came to me with a sense of shock and I commenced an action for defamation in the High Court against the presiding magistrate and this matter is still active. At the same time, I wrote to the Anti-Corruption Commission complaining against the presiding magistrate.”

Kambwili further stated that in his ruling on the application for recusal, Magistrate Simusamba acknowledged the existence of his (Kambwili’s) complaint against him to the Chief Justice.

He added that despite having acknowledged the existence of the said facts, Magistrate Simusamba declined to recuse himself asserting that Kambwili had created circumstances, which necessitated the application for recusal.

“He ruled, therefore, that I could not use the circumstances allegedly created by myself to ask the Honourable Court to recuse itself as the same issues were already before competent authorities,” Kambwili stated.

He stated that in view of Magistrate Simusamba’s ruling on his application for recusal, he (Kambwili) made an application asking the presiding magistrate to refer the matter to the High Court for determination of whether his constitutional right to a fair trial before an independent and impartial court was not being infringed.

Kambwili added that in declining the application, the presiding magistrate ruled that there was no constitutional issue in the proceedings before him.

He further stated that the matter had since proceeded before Magistrate Simusamba and that he had forced him to open his defence and start calling witnesses.

“It has been difficult for my lawyers to perform their duties effectively as the court room is always poisoned with outbursts of anger and threats from the presiding magistrate towards me and my lawyers. That I have been duly advised by my advocates that this is an appropriate matter for this honourable court to exercise its supervisory jurisdiction over the subordinate court by reviewing the said decisions of the presiding magistrate under judicial review,” stated Kambwili.

Anger over Malawi family cabinet appointees



MALAWI’S new President Lazarus Chakwera has been criticised for including a husband and wife duo and siblings in his cabinet.

The president’s former running mate in the 2019 elections, Sidik Mia, has been appointed minister for transport and his wife Abida Mia is the deputy minister for lands.

Kenny Kandodo is the new labour minister and his sister Khumbize Kandodo is the health minister.

Businessman Gospel Kazako has been appointed information minister and his sister-in-law Agnes Nkusa Nkhoma is the deputy agriculture minister.

Earlier, President Chakwera’s first appointee to the justice ministry, lawyer Modercai Msiska, refused to take up the position saying it would look like a reward for representing him in court during the case that nullified ex-President Peter Mutharika’s election win.

Some have also pointed out that Mr Chakwera had attacked Mr Mutharika about nepotism in the past and for filling his cabinet with people from his region.

They add that more than 70% of President Chakwera’s new line-up is from the central region, his political stronghold.

Some Malawians online reacted with little enthusiasm to the new cabinet:

“I will not lie, I am greatly underwhelmed by the cabinet list. Perhaps our expectations were too high. Husband and wife and the wife’s cousin all in one cabinet, really?” Alfie Saweta wrote.

Hugo Mlewa said: “He should have avoided family relations, simple... son of... husband of... brother of... Work hard work hard while he is lazy appointing families... Chilima said Malawi is not a family affair... two families. And here he is approving families in cabinet.” *BBC*

Damiano, Lusaka withdraw case against FAZ as FIFA ultimatum expires

By Abraham Kalito DAMIANO Mutale and Patson Lusaka who took the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) and its general secretary Adrian Kashala to court over elections have discontinued the matter following FIFA's warning that Zambia risked sanctions for breaching clauses that allow for

internal settlement of football disputes without using the courts of law. FAZ, through lawyers Messrs Mando and Pasi, wrote the duo's lawyers Lewis Nathan Advocates on July 8, asking them to withdraw the matters in the Zambian courts of law as their concerns will be addressed by world soccer governing body FIFA. In response, Lewis Nathan Advocates, in a letter dated July 8 addressed to Messrs Mando and Pasi, notified the football body of the decision to discontinue the matter. "Kindly find attached herewith by way of service upon yourselves a Notice of Discontinuance of the proceedings and Appeal. Please acknowledge safe receipt by signing a copy of this letter," stated the letter from Lewis Nathan Advocates. The latest decision could mark the beginning of the end of the disputes surrounding FAZ. FIFA gave the local football association 10 days, which end today, in which to normalise all disputes and that all matters before the courts of law must be withdrawn. "As can clearly be noted from the attached correspondence, FIFA is categorical that any football related dispute involving our Client and any affiliate or official should not be taken to the courts of law and that such disputes must be settled in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and FAZ Constitution. This is our Client's position on the matter hence our Client's application that the matter be referred to arbitration in accordance with the FAZ Constitution and as is required under FIFA Statutes," the lawyers representing FAZ and Kashala earlier wrote in a letter to Lewis Nathan Advocates. "We further remind you that by commencing this matter in the courts of law instead of arbitration, your clients are in breach of Articles 10 and 63 of the FAZ Constitution which may be the basis for further charges and sanctions by FIFA and/or FAZ under Article 59 (3) of the FIFA Statutes. Our Client further notes from the correspondence between the Minister of Sports and FIFA that your clients are among the aggrieved parties referred to by the Minister in his letter and will be represented in the scheduled meeting between FIFA, FAZ and football stakeholders. We are therefore of the view that your clients' grievances will be addressed by FIFA in the same meeting. Thus, our Client is of the view that your clients should discontinue this matter to allow for an amicable settlement of your clients' grievances with FAZ and to prevent any FIFA sanctions against your clients, FAZ or Zambia as a whole. We hereby request on behalf of our Client that this matter be discontinued by consent of all parties. May we kindly have your clients' position on the matter as soon as possible."

Vinicius forced to retake Covid-19 test as Real Madrid boss Zidane admits to 'errors'



VINICIUS Junior has been forced to sit out training at Real Madrid after "errors" in a Covid-19 test, Zinedine Zidane has revealed, with the club taking precautionary action with their Brazilian forward. With La Liga action back underway amid the coronavirus pandemic, those involved in competitive action are having to undergo rigorous rounds of testing. Zidane says the latest of those have "gone badly" at Santiago Bernabeu, with Vinicius temporarily ruled out of his plans as a result.

There has been no indication that the 19-year-old is carrying the disease, but he has not been given the all clear either.

Madrid boss Zidane told reporters ahead of a meeting with Alaves on Friday: "It's not negative or positive. Sometimes there are errors. When that happens, both we and La Liga decide that the player can't train.

"We'll see how it goes. He'll have the results of the retaken test later this afternoon and I hope he'll be with us tomorrow."

Real are already without the services of Luka Jovic, with the Serbian striker – who broke movement restrictions during lockdown and returned to Spain nursing an injury – back in isolation after coming into contact with a friend who tested positive for Covid-19.

Zidane added on the frontman who has endured a testing debut campaign with Madrid: "He's not with us today. I hope he'll be with us soon.

"As a footballer, he is a very good footballer. He is a striker who scores many goals. It's true that he hasn't played much, but he is young and we're counting on him for next season.

"I know there is a lot of debate over the players, but we'll see next year. This year he has had little things that have hurt him, but we'll see."

Marcelo is another currently out of action, with the Brazilian left-back requiring a scan on a knock he has picked up, but Zidane is hoping to have Eden Hazard back at his disposal in the near future.

The Belgian forward has been struggling with an ankle complaint, but his manager said: "Hazard wants to play and he isn't scared.

"Those who know more about the medical situation tell me what is happening. Everything is fine, but sometimes there is a bit of pain after a match or a tough training session. Tomorrow, he'll be with us." **GOAL**

Disability Federation president to contest NPCZ elections

By Abraham Kalito DISABILITY Sport Federation of Zambia (DSFOZ) president George Gondwe has announced that he will contest the National Paralympic Committee of Zambia (NPCZ) presidency at the next elective general meeting scheduled for September, 2020.

Gondwe says he has amassed enough knowledge on how to represent the disabled, having been an administrator for 29 years.

"I, George Gondwe, popularly known as 'Atlanta', currently President of the Disability Sport Federation of Zambia (DSFOZ), do hereby declare interest to stand as President of the National Paralympic Committee of Zambia (NPCZ) at the next Elective General Meeting scheduled for September, 2020. I have been actively in Disability Sports for the past 29 years as an athlete as well as an Administrator. During this time, I have acquired a lot of knowledge, experience and skills in running and affectively managing Sports for the disabled. The most recent evidence

of this is the current state of affairs prevailing in the Disability Sport Federation of Zambia (DSFOZ). I have managed to introduce various Sports such as Wheelchair Marathon, Para-Badminton, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Tennis, Basketball, Powerlifting and I am working on introducing Swimming Judo and Handball," Gondwe stated.

"I have managed also to bring on board various Organizations that help us with sports equipment such as the German Embassy, NOWSPAR, NOCZ, ShopRite Manda Hill and Sports in Action, that have partnered with us in various areas. I intend to bring a new breath of life to the National Paralympic Committee of Zambia, which for years and years has not been active, has not produced Athletes in any Sports. Very few people even known of its existence. The disabled athletes have been let down for too long. It's time for Zambia to arise and be like other countries that have made so much progress in Disability

Sports. I offer myself to lead a new and vibrant National Paralympic Committee of Zambia that will revive

Disability Sports in Zambia. They don't call me Atlanta George Gondwe for nothing!"

Salah was 'super selfish'




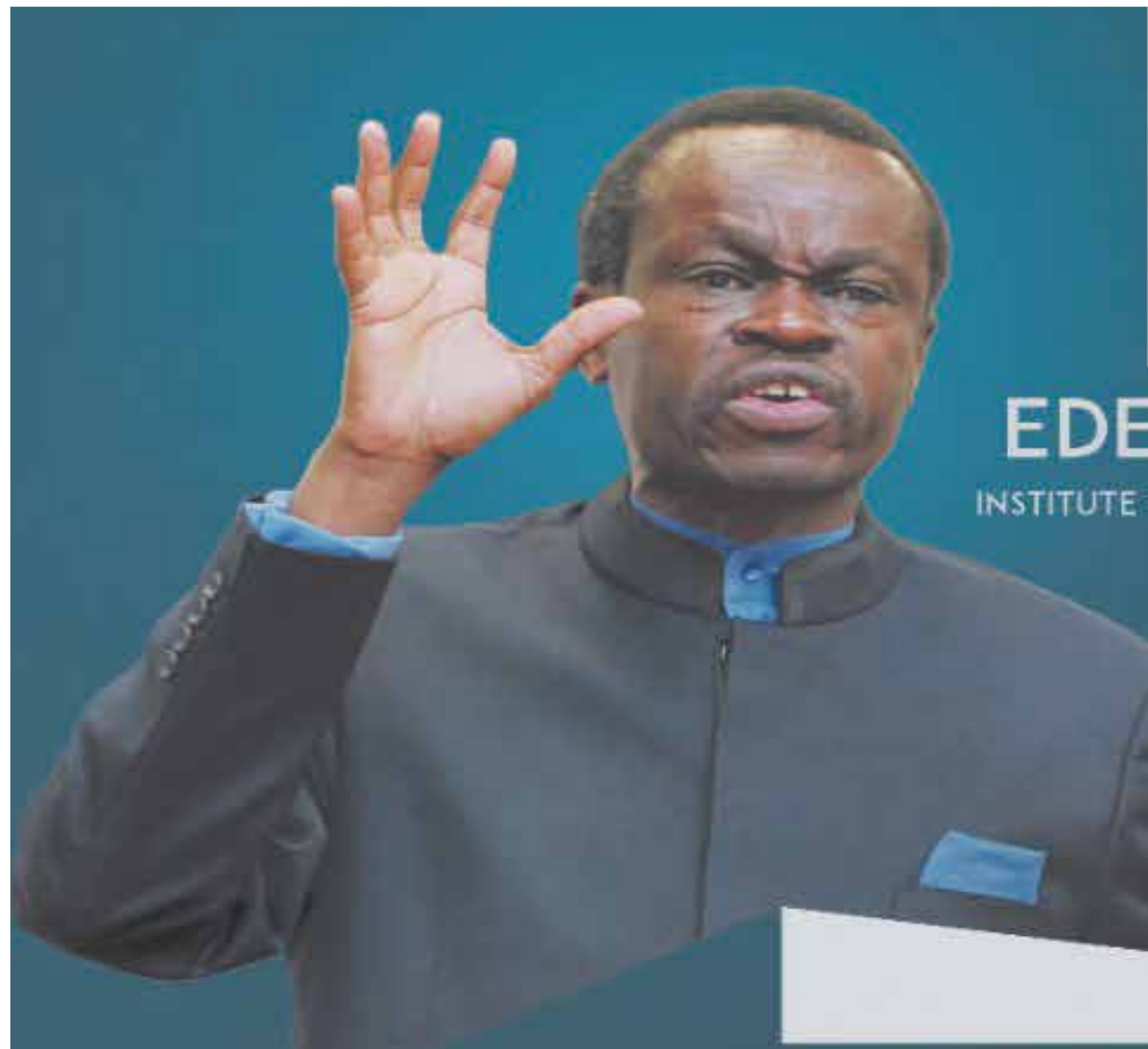
FORMER Liverpool midfielder Graeme Souness described Mohamed Salah's performance as "super selfish" in the club's 3-1 win over Brighton on Wednesday .

Salah opened the scoring in the sixth minute before claiming an assist just two minutes later and rounding out the scoring in the 76th minute with a header.

The Egyptian's two goals keep him in the hunt for a third straight Golden Boot , with his current haul of 19 goals for the season only three shy of Jamie Vardy's tally of 22.

Salah took a game-high eight shots against Brighton with Souness suggesting he was guilty of being particularly selfish in his search for another Golden Boot.

"He was at it tonight from the first minute. I think it [the Golden Boot] is important to him," Souness told Sky Sports when asked about Salah. **GOAL**



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