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By Natasha Sakala

MINISTER of Health Dr Chitalu Chilufya has announced that the country has recorded 182 new COVID-19 cases out of 651 tests, with three deaths in the last 24 hours. *Story page 5*

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UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema shows off martial arts skills in a photo where he is captured sparring with Journalist Oliver Chisenga

Mumbi Phiri's talk time isn't backed by intelligence - HH

By Julia Malunga
PATRIOTIC Front Secretary General Davies Mwila says it pains him that ministers who hail from Luapula Province are being targeted with corruption allegations.

And Mwila says Zambians should give the ruling party an opportunity to govern the country for the next five years because PF has shown what it is capable of doing.

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Speaking when he commissioned police housing units in Mpulungu, Sunday, Kampyongo said government had procured different equipment to safeguard peace in the country.

"I want to state here that I heard the honorable minister responsible for Northern Province talking about equipping our police officers so that they can execute their mandate effectively. Just this morning, you were explaining to me how you witnessed a fleet of different assorted equipment that are meant for our security institutions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. And we have heard complaints from armchair critics saying 'President Lungu and Home Affairs you are bringing equipment to punish the people.' Security and peace of the nation are valuable commodities and you cannot place value on these very important commodities," Kampyongo said.

"Here in Mpulungu, you have been receiving people running away from places called home as refugees, as Minister of Home Affairs who looks after these people, I know how Mpulungu has been accommodating these people running away from their countries where peace has been

We're buying equipment to protect Zambia from reckless individuals who want to set it on fire – Kampyongo

lost. And we don't want to see people running away from this country as a result of reckless individuals who will want to put this country on fire. So all the law abiding citizens have no reason to fear. The only ones who should be worried are criminals and wrong doers."

Kampyongo said the government was resolving the challenges of accommodation for police officers with aggressiveness.

"In total, government has envisioned to construct 12,000 housing units for all the security wings under the Ministry of Home Affairs with the first phase marked to contain 2,350 housing units. Out of these, the Zambia Police Service got 1,500 housing units and so far over 1,300 housing units have been completed, commissioned and handed over to the Zambia Police Service. The remaining few units are at 98 percent completion and will be commissioned and handed over before the end of the first phase. Government is resolving the challenges of accommodation for our officers with aggressiveness, however, it may not be possible that all officers will be provided with decent accommodation at the same time. My appeal to the officers who are yet to be accommodated is to exercise patience for your government," he said.

And speaking during a press briefing, Friday, Kampyongo said the issuance of NRCs was not a political undertaking, but a legal requirement for Zambians to register as new

voters.

"I wish to inform you and the nation that I will be providing an update on how the exercise is progressing, including the statistics on Mondays. I am aware that some members of the public are going round registration centres claiming to be monitoring the exercise. The Ministry of Home Affairs has already provided guidance on the matter, but I would like to clarify further that it is important for citizens to note that the issuance of National Registration Cards is not a political undertaking, but a legal requirement, according to the National Registration Act cap 126 of the laws of Zambia that mandates the Ministry of Home Affairs, through the Department of the National Registration, Passports and Citizenship, to register and issue NRCs to all eligible citizens aged 16 years and above," Kampyongo said.

"The Ministry is not

working in isolation during this exercise, but is collaborating with district and provincial administrations in the five provinces. In this regard, the government structures are in place to monitor the operations. I wish to emphasise that as much as citizens have every right to ensure accountability in the delivery of services, including the issuance of National Registration Cards, the law does not allow disruption of government services. Stakeholders are advised to join government in creating awareness on the importance of acquiring National Registration Cards and to observe the proceedings without disrupting the smooth operations as doing so will be committing an offence. All matters that require clarification in the exercise should be addressed to the district supervisors, provincial coordinators and permanent secretaries in the respective provinces. May I implore all the

police officers on the ground to ensure law and order is maintained at all times."

He cautioned that government was not going to allow disruption of the NRC registration process.

"No person, regardless of political affiliation, should be allowed to disrupt the registration process. What we are not going to tolerate is anyone to go and sit where officers are doing their work! If that is the monitoring they are referring to, that is not permissible. We have officers from the government, immigration officers are there to ensure that no one, who is a foreign national...if the officers that are doing the work identify that there is a foreign national, that is why we have attached immigration officers to deal with such circumstances. Those that want to dare us on that score will have themselves to blame. That will be amounting to interference of government

work," he warned.

Kampyongo announced that officers, who conducted the mobile registration exercise in 2015 to 2016, had been paid.

"May I use this opportunity to announce that the arrears for some officers, who worked during the 2015/2016 mobile registration exercise, have already been paid. The said delay in payment of 207 officers on the Copperbelt was due to wrong bank details that needed to be corrected in the system," said Kampyongo.

On Thursday, PF secretary general Davies Mwila had insisted when he met party officials in Nchelenge District of Luapula Province that getting NRCs was a party programme.

"The NRCs exercise, let us take it as the party programme. Let us all get involved. Nali chita discuss naba (I discussed with the) party chairman, we are working on a budget to see if we can release some few resources so that abantu besu bali munshila bale enda bale ongola abana mukuya lembesha ama reg (our people should mobilise people to get NRCs) because we need the numbers. Mobilization ya party that is the reason we are there," said Mwila.

IBA doesn't have powers to regulate online broadcasting – Chirwa

By Julia Malunga

UNIVERSITY of Zambia (UNZA) law lecturer Joseph Chirwa says the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) does not have the powers to regulate online content.

Last week, IBA backtracked on an earlier statement, saying it actually had powers to regulate online broadcasting.

But in an interview, Chirwa observed that the Authority had changed their position because they might be targeting a specific media.

"If you carefully read the IBA Act, it just simply says 'broadcasting'. The only institution that has got anything to do with

regulation of the internet is the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) under the Information and Technology Act. There is nowhere in the IBA Act where you will find that there is a regulation for online content. Unless they want to be generic and say 'broadcasting means broadcasting be it internet', then yes, IBA has authority to regulate online broadcasting but there is nowhere it states that IBA can regulate online content," said Chirwa.

"I remember there was that minister who had some issues and a certain media published that the minister had committed suicide, the IBA

Director General (Josephine Mapoma) said 'we don't have the powers to regulate online content'. Now I don't know where they have got the powers from. Why did she say she didn't have the powers that time? Where has she got the powers now? It simply means she doesn't know what she is talking about. I am yet to be shown a section in the IBA Act that shows that they have the powers to regulate online content. It just shows that that change of position maybe in response to a certain media house because they are on record to say they have no powers."

Two weeks ago, an online based TV station Spring TV

ran a misleading story that former General Education Minister David Mabumba had committed suicide.

Thereafter, IBA issued a statement condemning the story but at the same time saying no action could be taken against the station because it was not a licensee of the authority as it had no mandate to regulate online broadcasting.

Following up on this statement, the Zambia Institute of Independent Media Alliance (ZIIMA) wrote to the IBA, asking it whether Prime TV was also free to start online broadcasting.

But in a statement, Friday, IBA board chairperson Mabel Mungomba cautioned that even online broadcasters needed a license.

"IBA issued a press statement on July 30, 2020, regarding the status of Spring TV and the regulation pertaining to online broadcasting. The said statement was issued in the context that Spring TV is not a licensee of the IBA. Spring TV, like any other broadcasting service provider, is bound by section 19 (1) of the IBA (Amendment) Act No. 26 of 2010, which prohibits the operation of the provision of a broadcasting service in Zambia without a broadcasting licence. Accordingly, Section 2 of the IBA Act No. 17 of 2002 (as amended by Act No. 26 of 2010) defines broadcasting as 'any form of un-directional electronic communication intended for reception by; the public, the sections of public or subscribers to any broadcasting services, whether conveyed by means of radio frequency spectrum or any electronic communications network or any combination thereof,' stated Mungomba.



CK insists High Court can grant him permission to challenge Simusamba's refusal to recuse himself

By Zondiwe Mbewe

NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili has insisted that he be granted leave to commence judicial review proceedings against magistrate David Simusamba's refusal to recuse himself from presiding over his forgery case.

He further wants the proceedings in the said forgery case before the Lusaka Magistrates' Court stayed, so as not to render the proceedings before Lusaka High Court academic.

Kambwili has argued that he has a serious case worth further investigation at the substantive hearing of the application for judicial review, adding that there are no unexhausted alternative remedies.

In this matter, Kambwili has applied for leave to commence judicial review proceedings in the Lusaka High Court against magistrate Simusamba's refusal to recuse himself from presiding over a case where he 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, Simusamba, stated that it had been difficult for his lawyers to perform their duties effectively as the courtroom was 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.

But Judiciary Chief Registrar and director of court operations Charles Kafunda argued that Kambwili's application for leave to commence judicial review proceedings against magistrate Simusamba, was not an appropriate matter for the High Court to exercise any of its discretion and jurisdiction to grant him leave.

Kafunda submitted that this was because Kambwili had not exhausted

all the alternative and administrative remedies.

However, in his arguments in reply, Kambwili stated that in view of Article 128 of the Constitution, it was illegal for magistrate Simusamba to hold that no constitutional issue had arisen because that was outside the jurisdiction of the court.

"If the presiding magistrate was genuinely unconvinced that a constitutional issue had arisen under Article 28 (2), he should have referred the matter to the constitutional court for such determination pursuant to Article 128 (2). Under this provision, he has no discretion whatsoever and he does not need to wait for the parties to make such a request, he stated.

Kambwili stated that the application that was made asking magistrate Simusamba to refer the matter to the High Court for constitutional determination was well founded, raised very serious and important legal issues, and could not by any stretch of the

imagination be thought to be frivolous and vexatious.

"It therefore follows that the presiding magistrate had no discretion to dismiss it and the decision to reject and label the application as frivolous and vexatious was irrational and unreasonable and ought to be reviewed by this Honourable court," he stated.

Kambwili prayed that the High Court grants him leave to commence judicial review proceedings and stays the proceedings before the Lusaka Magistrates' Court so as not to render the proceedings before the High Court academic.

"In the instant matter, there is a real infringement and danger of continued infringement of Kambwili's constitutional rights owing to the relation between Kambwili and the presiding magistrate, and this infringement will continue for as long as the presiding magistrate continues to preside over the matter," stated Kambwili.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A ZAMBIA Revenue Authority (ZRA) officer has told the Lusaka Magistrates' Court that he did not see any anomaly in the manner Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited and Den Daas Investment Limited sold shares to Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya.

Mambwe Musungaila, a ZRA assistant director in charge of the Informal Sector and Medium Taxpayers Office Audit Unit for Lusaka Province, was testifying in a matter in which Dr Chilufya is charged with four counts of possession of property suspected to be proceeds of crime.

It is alleged in the first count that Dr Chilufya on a date unknown, but between December 1, 2016, and December 31, 2017, in Lusaka possessed US \$200,000, which was used to purchase 6,000 shares in Samfya Marines and Tourism Services Limited from Den Daas Investment Zambia Limited, property suspected to be proceeds of crime.

In the second count, it is alleged that Dr Chilufya on a date unknown, but between

There was nothing wrong in how Chilufya bought shares in companies – ZRA witness

January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017 in Lusaka possessed K270,000 cash which was used to purchase 2,000 shares in Samfya Marines 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.

When the matter came up for continued trial before Lusaka Chief Resident Magistrate Lameck Mwale, Friday, Musungaila testified that on July, 10, 2020, he was asked by his supervisor to provide information on the transfer of shares between Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited and Dr Chilufya and further, between Den Daas Investment Limited and the accused.

He said he proceeded to provide documents on both transactions.

"I produced the following documents: a copy of sales agreement and transactions, ZRA assessment notices and ZRA Property Transfer Tax certificates for both

documents," Musungaila said.

He said on the documents, parties indicated on the agreements were Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited as transferer and Dr Chilufya as transferee.

Musungaila said the number of shares sold by Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited was 2,000 ordinary shares, while Den Daas Investment Limited sold 6,000 shares.

He said the assessment of transfer involving Leo Jonas Ngosa Investment Limited was K20,174.63, while Den Daas Investment Limited K95,100.

And Musungaila said ZRA was mandated to assess and collect property transfer tax on the transfer of property.

He explained that the purpose of doing so was because it was assumed that a person who sells property earns an income and therefore



tax could be collected from that income.

Cross-examined by defence lawyer Tutwa Ngulube on who the taxpayer to ZRA was in respect of Den Daas Investment Limited, the State witness said it was Den Daas Investment Limited.

Further asked if they paid a correct tax amount, Musungaila said, yes, adding that tax was paid on time.

Asked if there was anything on the assessment showing a problem on how the

shares were bought or sold, the witness said, no.

Another defence lawyer Jonas Zimba asked if the one who pays the Property Transfer Tax was the seller and not the buyer, and in response, Musungaila said it was the seller.

Asked if the officer from the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), who was investigating the matter had explained his mission to him, Musungaila said yes, adding that "his mission was to gather information relating to the two transactions concerning the transfer of shares to Dr Chilufya."

After the witness concluded with his testimony, the State applied that the matter be adjourned to August 24, 2020, as they had only one witness.

"We only had one witness today. Reason being that the State is making arrangements for other witnesses to be brought as most of these witnesses require to travel as they are out of town today," the State said.

But Ngulube said the proceedings were dragging at the instance of the State.

"These proceedings are dragging because the State appears to be investigating, while the matter is ongoing," he said.

Ngulube requested that in the remaining agreed dates, the State prepare its witnesses in advance.

Magistrate Mwale agreed with the defence that the State had not prudently utilised the week, which was allocated for the case.

He urged the State to ensure that more witnesses were brought to court at the next sittings and adjourned the matter to August 24, 2020.

In the previous sitting, ACC Investigations Officer Chipambe Manda testified that the total value of assets that Dr Chilufya was accused of acquiring through proceeds of crime, was less than his known legitimate income.

Manda testified that the total value of assets that the Minister stands charged with as being proceeds of crime was K5,542,500, whereas his known legitimate earnings in the period under investigation exceeded K19 million.

And asked by the defence lawyers in cross-examination if he still believed Dr Chilufya committed an offence based on his findings, the State witness said no, adding that the embattled Health Minister had the capacity to acquire all the said properties from legitimate income.

There's no conflict between Legislature, Judiciary, insists Sangwa

By Julia Malunga

CONSTITUTIONAL lawyer John Sangwa State Counsel has insisted that there is no conflict between the Legislature and the Judiciary.

And Sangwa says Zambia is engulfed in chaos with a fast-rising number of COVID-19 cases because the country lacks a clear national agenda to contain the virus.

Sangwa was speaking when he appeared on a Diamond TV special programme organised by Chapter One Foundation alongside the foundation's programmes officer Josiah Kalala, Thursday evening.

During the programme, Kalala said it was vital for systems to address the conflicts between the Legislature and Judiciary, citing an incident where Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini seemingly disagreed with a Constitutional Court ruling.

"In a system of governance, there is bound to be conflicts in the different levels, between different institutions and different individuals. So, if I alluded to the seeming conflict between the Speaker (Dr Patrick Matibini) and the ConCourt and in dealing with that conflict, the real question is: how can the two institutions move on so that they are both effective and efficient in carrying out their functions? To dwell on the functions between the two will be to take away from their core functions. I would say it's important that we can ensure that the systems address such conflicts going forward, that there are clear distinctions between what the functions of the Speaker are and the functions of the Judiciary," Kalala said.

When asked if Zambia's democracy was in grave danger because the National Assembly was not able to effectively execute its function, Kalala responded in the affirmative.

"There are a lot of characteristics of a democracy so for a democracy to be in danger that alone is not enough; there has to be other issues in place that really threaten the country's democracy. For instance, respect for human rights. If there is no respect for human rights, then democracy is in danger. If the principles of good governance are not in place, then democracy is in danger. The fact that the National Assembly

alone cannot effectively hold the Executive accountable doesn't mean that democracy is in danger. However, in our instance, statistics show that we are regressing on various governance indices. So, in our instance, our democracy is in danger, but it is not because of that fact alone; there are a lot of different factors that are affecting our democracy," replied Kalala.

But Sangwa argued that there was no conflict between the two organs of government because they were both within their right to interpret the constitution.

"It is always very important to read carefully what the Court said and what the Speaker said. If you ask me, there is completely no conflict between the two institutions. If at all you read very carefully what was said by the two institutions; every person is expected to know the Constitution, we are expected to read and understand the Constitution, meaning I can read and interpret it the way I have understood it and you can read it and interpret the way you have understood it. So, the interpretation of the Constitution is not a preserve for an individual or one body; we can all have interpretations. The Speaker has very specific functions within the Assembly and in the performance of those functions, he is expected to interpret the Constitution in the business of the Assembly. Now, he is expected to make a decision whenever a point of order is raised or whenever he is called upon to provide guidance. He will go for that guidance based on his understanding of the Constitution, that is acceptable," Sangwa said.

"The only problem arises if a member of parliament disagrees with that interpretation by the Speaker so the role of the Constitutional Court kicks on if there's a conflict in the interpretation. For example, you can interpret a particular article in a certain way and if we both agreed that the meaning of that provision is exactly the way we have both understood it to be, then there's no problem. And no party will be able to move to the Court. We move to the Court when there is a disagreement; you have your position and I have my position. According to the Constitution, there is only one

body that has the responsibility to settle that dispute."

He explained that if a member of parliament disagreed with the Speaker, the alternative was to go to the ConCourt.

"If at all I am the party that is aggrieved by that interpretation, I will now move to the ConCourt so that it can make a determination between your interpretation and my interpretation as to which interpretation is the correct one. Now, the implication of that is whatever the Constitutional Court (rules) is what becomes binding, that is what becomes the law that binds each and every one of us in the country. What the Speaker will state based on what his understanding of the Constitution is applicable within the Assembly to manage the business of the Assembly," he explained.

"However, if at all a member of Parliament disagrees with the position of the Speaker, then the only option will be to go to the Constitutional Court and that member will be saying, 'this is what the Speaker has said, I don't agree with his interpretation. Can we, therefore, have guidance from the Constitutional Court?' Now, what the Constitutional Court will decide in such a situation will be binding, both on the Speaker and the MP and will become the law of the country."

Sangwa, however, maintained that he disagreed with the ConCourt on their explanation that it could not interfere with Constitution Amendment Bill Number 10 of 2019 because it was still being considered internally in the National Assembly.

"If you take the issue of the Bill 10, for example, the Constitutional Court took the view that the Bill had not yet become law; it was still being considered internally within the Assembly so the Court took the view that they can only interfere after the Assembly has finished its business, that is one view, which view I don't agree with...anyway, but that is what the Constitutional Court said. But it is a different issue when it comes to how the Assembly deals with its

own business for example, whether the Bill has lapsed or has not lapsed, that is an issue that is not covered by any legislation, it is not covered by the Constitution, but it is covered by National Assembly's own internal rule. Now, there is divided opinion to what extent whether the Court can even interrogate those issues. I think that is a subject, which is totally different and far more complex to undertake in this discussion," he said.

Meanwhile, Sangwa bemoaned the rapid escalation in COVID-19 positive cases despite measures that had been put in place to contain the virus.

"What you have is complete chaos! You have chaos at the national-level, chaos at the provincial-level, you have chaos at the local government-level that is why we are having these challenges. And for me, that is the greatest challenge that the country faces because first of all, we don't have a national agenda on how to contain the virus. It's like we are making the rules as we go. The issue is far much more complex than that it is. It is not an issue of issuing two or three Statutory Instruments, no! If that is enough, you would have seen it in the results. The numbers are going up so which means that the measures you have put are not working. My point from the beginning, when I wrote a letter to the President (Edgar Lungu) about what I was talking about is that, I recognize our health system is a problem, even without the virus. The health system is non-existent. It is underfunded and it is poorly functioning. The solution for Zambia, when we heard about the virus, was to prevent the spread of the virus," said Sangwa.

"We failed in doing that. We failed to do that because we have no capacity to treat the people that are infected... If you look at the developments all over the world, what is emerging quite clearly is that fighting COVID is not so much about a government that has resources, it is also largely to do with effective leadership. You need proper people in government that will be able to take decisive actions."

By Natasha Sakala

THE government last month spend K3.2 billion on dismantling domestic and external debt arrears, says Secretary to the Treasury Fredson Yamba.

And the Treasury released K11.17 billion during the month under review to finance developmental programmes and public service delivery.

Meanwhile, K900 million has been spent on helping the National Savings and Credit Bank (NATSAVE) meet its minimum capital requirement set by the Bank

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of Zambia for it to access the K10 billion Central Bank's Medium Term Refinancing Facility (MTRF).

In a statement issued by Ministry of Finance spokesperson Chileshe Kandeta on the July 2020 budget performance and preparations on the 2021 national budget, Yamba said the release of K3.2 billion was in tandem with the government's desire to dismantle its huge debt stock.

"In line with Governments commitment

to reduce indebtedness, a sum of K3.2 billion was released towards the payment of both domestic and external debt. We also released a sum of K281.4 million towards the dismantling of liabilities owed by various ministries and agencies to several suppliers of good and services. Further, K20 million was disbursed to help dismantle liabilities under the compensation and awards provision. The Government, in July 2020, spent K3.5 billion on the public service wage bill. In

addition, K11 million was channelled towards chief's subsidies and retainer's wages," Yamba said.

"K74.6 million was released to Zambia Revenue Authority was for operations and domestic resource mobilisation activities. Through ZRA, we will strive to mobilise more domestic resources to respond to the various competing developmental needs of the country, including responding to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. This notwithstanding, we will continue to constrain public debt accumulation and endeavour to effectively implement public financial management regulations at all times. In the month under review, Zambia's cooperating partners contributed K54.5 million to various socio-economic development activities."

He further said out of the total K11.7 billion released in July, K1.48 billion was for transfer payments, subsidies, and social benefits, of which K585 million went towards the payment of pensioners under the Public Service Pensions Fund and K1.45 billion used on financial and non-financial assets, while K1.2 billion financed various government programmes.

"For subsidies and agriculture sector social-benefit programmes, the Treasury released K318.5 million of which K185.5 million was channelled towards the on-going construction of maize-grain storage facilities under the Food Reserve Agency, K103 million to the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP)

to finance activities related to the vulnerable but viable farmers and, lastly but not the least, K30 million was released for the Food Security Pack Programme. These interventions, in tandem with other activities under the community development and social sector umbrella, are key in the Governments drive to empower the rural poor and create sustainable livelihoods for them. In July 2020, K593 million was released towards social benefits, of which, K585 million was for the payment of pensioners under the Public service pension fund whilst K8 million went towards Social Cash Transfer programme," Yamba said.

And the Treasury helped NATSAVE attain a clean balance sheet through an injection of K900 million.

"Through this capital injection, NATSAVE will meet the minimum capital requirements set by the Bank of Zambia, enabling it to access the Bank of Zambia K10 billion Medium Term Refinancing Facility (MTRF). With a clean balance sheet, NATSAVE is expected to enhance provision of affordable financing to both SMEs and households. We are confident that through NATSAVE, more SME's will now access the K10 billion facility from BoZ," Yamba said.

"K38.4 million was released to the education sector for existing capital projects. Treasury released also K62.7 million for water and sanitation projects, K34.2 million for the Kafue bulk water project, and K20 million for works under the Millennium Challenge

Account Programme. K372.1 million went to road sector infrastructure while K23.5 million was released for development of electricity infrastructure in rural areas through the Rural Electrification Programme. In the month under review, the Treasury released K889 million towards transfers and subsidies. Under the transfer's category, K270 million was channelled towards supporting operations of Grant Aided Institutions such as Road Development Agency which got K9.8 million, Food Reserve Agency K6.3 million, and National Assembly K5.5 million. In addition, K97 million local government equalisation fund was also released to support the operations of local authorities. Further, the Treasury released K79 million for operations of public universities while public hospitals received a total of K52 million."

In the same month, the Treasury released K437.5 million for general operations of Ministries, Provinces, and Agencies while the purchase of essential drugs and medical supplies in Public Health Institutions was allocated K550 million, and court operations under the judiciary got K33 million.

"Other key beneficiaries were Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit which was released K22 million for various Covid-19 related activities and the Zambia Statistical Agency which received K17.3 million to support preparatory activities for the 2020 National Census which is scheduled to begin in some weeks," Yamba said. *Story continues P7*

Continuous budget increments for Defence, police indicates militarization ahead of polls – Kakubo

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

KAPIRI-Mposhi UPND member of parliament Stanley Kakubo says the trend of increasing budgetary allocation to Defence and Police is worrying as it points to militarization towards the general elections.

And Kakubo says the Patriotic Front (PF) has continued with its lies to young people even though youth empowerment has never existed.

In a statement to News Diggers, Kakubo said he was worried about the continued increase of budgetary allocation to defence and police.

"We are worried about the trend of increasing spending on defence and police which to me, points to more militarization in the months leading to elections," Kakubo said.

And Kakubo said youths in Zambia had remained disadvantaged due to government's lack of commitment to youth employment.

"Government expenditure on youth employment is non-existent. The PF government cannot see that there is continuity of National lies in youth employment. The Ministry of Finance needs to understand that in the Sub Saharan Region, the Zambian youths are the most disadvantaged. When you look at the overall budget expenditure to youths activities, it's about 1.8 per cent of the overall budget, which is very little. This means that the youths generally are not participants in the Zambian economy. In the sub-Saharan Region, Zambia is at the tail end of government expenditure in these sub-sectors. We are behind to countries that have been behind in terms of peace such as DRC, Burundi, etc," Kakubo said.

"When you look at Government's willingness to spend on education for youths to benefit, again Zambia is at the tail end in the Sub Saharan Region. The minister mentioned that there is K500 million for youths to access and he needs the authority of the committee (budget) to

spend, when you look at it, per capita per youth, K500 million, if we assume that we have 500 million in the country, what the minister is providing is 100 per youth. That is the extent to which the government is committing to the youths. And that is really nothing."

He noted that the K15 billion supplementary budget announced by the Ministry of Finance was predominantly debt servicing and election-related spending.

"Half of the supplementary budget was predominantly debt service and election-related spending. On debt servicing which is a non-discretionary expenditure, the Patriotic Front Government is likely to default if they have not already done so on some debt lines," he said.

Meanwhile, Kakubo said the early disbursement of FISP was only meant to lure farmers

into believing that the PF government has the capacity to deliver.

"FISP allocation is high because, going into a general election, the PF don't want to mess up with the distribution of farmer inputs. Here, the farmer inputs will be delivered early to farmers in an attempt to deceive farmers into thinking that the PF government has capacity to deliver the needs of our farmers consistently. Further, government has made additional allocations to the Electoral Commission for voter registration in preparation of the elections. Surprisingly, I did not see any funding that was allocated for the National Census. Hopefully, the executive has adequate funding for this important exercise as it provides data for the determination of how many citizens are eligible to vote," stated Kakubo.

ZESCO denies conspiring with KCM, Minister to injure CEC's business

By Zondiwe Mbewe

ZESCO Limited has denied conspiring with Energy Minister Matthew Nkhwa and Konkola Copper Mines (in liquidation) to injure the Copperbelt Energy Corporation's business following the Minister's decision to declare CEC's transmission and distribution lines as common carriers.

Zesco has submitted that it, rather, exercised its legal right to enter into a Power Supply Agreement (PSA) with KCM to supply power and wheel the power using CEC's infrastructure which was duly declared a common carrier by the powers given to the minister via Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2020.

And ZESCO adds that it is not liable to the sum of USD144 million arising from the trade between KCM and CEC as it was not party to the contract in issue.

In this matter, ZESCO Limited and KCM have sued CEC in the Lusaka High Court, seeking a declaration that CEC's action to restrict power supply to KCM contravenes the law.

ZESCO and KCM are seeking an order of injunction restraining CEC by itself, its Directors, Officers or agents from interfering in the Time Sheet Agreement between ZESCO and KCM through restricting KCM from receiving supply from ZESCO pending determination of the matter.

They also want, among others, an order restraining CEC from effecting

or taking steps to take out any supply units, lines or delivery points to KCM as they are Common Carriers as declared under S.I. No 57 of 2020.

But in its defence, CEC argued that ZESCO and KCM were not entitled to the reliefs they were claiming or any relief at all.

It also counter-claimed, citing ZESCO, KCM and KCM Provisional Liquidator Milingo Lungu as first, second and third defendants respectively.

In its counterclaim, CEC is seeking an order that ZESCO Limited pays it USD 144 Million as compensation for the power supplied to KCM which it could not recover due to the conspiracy between ZESCO and KCM.

It is further counter-claiming a declaration that the KCM Provisional Liquidator's refusal or failure to settle the sum of USD 144 Million owed to CEC is in breach of Lungu's statutory duty to CEC.

CEC is further counter-claiming, among others, compensation for loss of its income following an abrupt end to negotiations between it and KCM for renewal of the PSA, and an order that ZESCO pays it by way of compensation, the value of the power supplied to KCM from June 1, 2020 until date of judgement.

It has argued that Nkhwa's decision to declare its transmission and distribution lines as common was

the epitome of the conspiracy between ZESCO and KCM, and the Energy Minister.

But ZESCO in its reply and defence to CEC's counter-claim, denied that CEC was entitled to the reliefs sought in its counter-claim.

It stated that it had continued to sell power to CEC, but added that the trade was not based on any agreed and executed PSA but on a schedule of supply Terms given to CEC before April 1, 2020, which supply Terms were received and acknowledged by CEC.

ZESCO stated that at no time did it impose non-negotiable and unilateral terms to CEC but rather proposed commercially viable terms commensurate to its operational costs of generating power.

"The first defendant (ZESCO) shall aver that it did not impose onerous on the plaintiff (CEC) but proposed terms of its trade with CEC in good faith. Both parties independently exercised their freedom of contract to enter or reject the terms of the Power Supply Agreement," it stated.

"ZESCO did not impose terms for the PSA but rather proposed terms that are commercially realistic to which CEC was obliged to accept or reject. ZESCO is not the only player in the energy sector and cannot be held at ransom to agree to terms that are not commercially viable as that would hinder its operations to provide quality

and reliable power supply to CEC and the nation."

ZESCO argued that its conduct did not amount to oppressive bargaining at all as CEC wanted to continue receiving power on the same old terms of the expired Bulk Supply Agreement which lasted for 23 years and proved unsustainable and onerous on ZESCO.

It stated that it had continued to supply power to CEC but denied that it was supplying the power on the same terms of the expired BSA.

ZESCO stated that it was not aware nor privy to the negotiations of CEC and KCM with regards to the renewal of the PSA.

"The first defendant shall aver that it did not conspire with the Minister nor KCM to injure CEC's business but rather exercised its legal right to enter into a PSA with KCM to supply power and wheel the power using CEC's infrastructure which was duly declared as common carriers by the powers given to the minister via Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2020," it stated.

"The particulars of conspiracy are not only baseless but malicious and in bad taste. ZESCO entered into the term sheet with KCM in good faith like any other customer that wanted to buy its power. CEC was adamant and insisted on maintaining the expired terms of the BSA which were not commercially viable to ZESCO thereby frustrating the whole process of negotiations."

By Natasha Sakala

MINISTER of Health Dr Chitalu Chilufya has announced that the country has recorded 182 new COVID-19 cases out of 651 tests, with three deaths in the last 24 hours.

And Dr Chilufya has warned citizens to be weary of unscrupulous individuals who are doing “rapid” COVID-19 tests and giving false results.

At the daily COVID-19 briefing, Sunday, Dr Chilufya said of the three deaths recorded, two were senior health professionals who worked in the mental health department.

“Today, we mourn two of our very senior colleagues in the health profession. These are not frontline responders in the COVID-19 outbreak but have been working in the health sector for more than 30 years. These have been running the mental health department and today as a sector, we bid farewell to Mr John Mayeya, our mental health specialist and Dr Anthony Zimba who was also part of the mental health department and was managing epilepsy,” Dr Chilufya said.

“In the last 24 hours, we recorded 182 new cases of COVID-19 and this is out of 651 tests conducted in the last 24 hours. We lost three patients in the COVID-19 facility and we continue to see very ill patients. Currently, we have 79 patients in our admission and out of these, 26 remain on oxygen and two are critically ill in the intensive care unit. We continue to appeal to the public to present early to health facilities when they are sick. We appeal for early presentation because the outcomes are different. The government will continue to invest in all the clusters of the response, surveillance at points of entry, surveillance in the communities, surveillance in our health facilities will continue to be improved. Our testing profile will be enhanced and we will continue to invest in platforms that will improve our ability to test.”

And according to information released by the Ministry of Health later, there were also 29 brought in dead bodies, 28 in Lusaka and one in Solwezi.

And Dr Chilufya urged citizens to ensure that they go for tests in designated government and private laboratories to avoid being duped with false negative COVID-19 results.

“We have noted the emergence of some facilities that are purporting to be doing Covid tests and issuing false negative results. False negative covid tests will not prevent you from Covid. We have designated centres where we test for COVID-19 and these centres are well known. The Covid facility at Levy, the Covid centre at UTH and a number of sites that will be running, we further do community screening and our people are well known. Avoid the rapid tests that are being peddled. There is room for antibody tests within our research and within our practice but that is within our technical realms. But avoid

Zambia loses 2 senior health workers to COVID-19, as Chitalu warns against ‘rapid’ tests

being duped by unscrupulous individuals who are peddling covid antibody tests and releasing them quickly because those false negative tests are going to give you a false negative assurance and you still get ill. Not knowing your status cannot change your status, getting a false negative will also give you a false sense of assurance. Beware, get your covid tests from designated sites,” he warned.

The Minister said currently, there was no blood group that was known to be immune to COVID-19.

“No blood group is known to be protected from COVID-19, yes there has been data showing that blood group O could have some protective effect, this has

not been confirmed and so the position today is there is no proven blood group that confers protection from COVID-19 so there is nothing like nili namagazi yokosa, yolimba (I have strong blood), no. Nothing like that,” said Dr Chilufya.

Meanwhile, director infectious diseases Prof Lloyd Mulenga said COVID-19 patients with mild and severe illness could only get a maximum of 6 weeks and three months protection from re-infection respectively, after which they were prone to reinfection.

“If someone has had covid, again diagnosed by the

PCR, they can be re-infected. The window of protection is very narrow, it ranges 6 weeks, for those who have had mild disease for 6 to eight weeks. Then for those who have had severe disease, it may go up to three months. So someone can be re-infected. So we are encouraging those that were infected, for them to just go out there and say now they have the protection and they cannot be re-infected, they can be re-infected after a certain period. It’s very key for those that are being discharged to know that they can be re-infected and again emphasise the major protective mechanisms,

masking up, physical distancing and also hygiene, they are very key even to the survivors of COVID-19,” said Prof Mulenga.

Prof Mulenga also said a sputum COVID-19 test would soon be introduced for patients who were able to cough as an addition to the extraction of specimen from the nose and mouth.

He said blood tests are not reliable in detecting the virus and that they were only used for research purposes to determine the body’s reaction to the virus once exposed.

Speaking at the same briefing, Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo

said as the provincial administration, they would leave no stone unturned in ensuring that transmission was prevented.

“I was treated through ICU, I was in ICU for one and half days and I was discharged from ICU to the ward and I was at the hospital for seven days and the treatment which I received from the health workers, it was amazing. Those front liners they are more than ushers at church because of the way they treat the patients who visit Levy Mwanawasa facility and I was discharged after seven days. My experience at Levy Mwanawasa, COVID-19 is real, people are dying. At the time I was in ICU, the patient who was next to me died the following morning and I want to urge the people out there that COVID-19 is not a disease which we can play with, tebulwele bwaku chenselako ameno iyo (this is not a disease to smile at, no), COVID-19 bubwele ubwingakwipaya (it’s a disease that can kill you) within the shortest period of time,” warned Lusambo.

“Definitely, as I go for work tomorrow (Monday), the business on the table will be how do we protect the people of Lusaka from COVID-19 with a multi sectoral team and I can assure you that as a province, we are not going to leave any stone unturned because it’s cheaper to prevent and it’s very expensive to treat COVID-19 patients, so we want to prevent the people from infection.”

Mwila wonders whether only those from Luapula are thieves

By Julia Malunga

PATRIOTIC Front Secretary General Davies Mwila says it pains him that ministers who hail from Luapula Province are being targeted with corruption allegations.

And Mwila says Zambians should give the ruling party an opportunity to govern the country for the next five years because PF has shown what it is capable of doing.

Meanwhile, Mwila says alliances do not work in Zambia.

Speaking when he addressed party officials in Mansa, Friday, Mwila wondered if people who hailed from Luapula were thieves.

“Eifyo ba (Nickson) Chilangwa ba chila landa ati bai kata uyu, bai kata uyu ni, jealous fye. (Ronald) Chitotela fyaile kwi? (This is what Chilangwa was saying that they keep on arresting government officials, it is just jealousy. Where did Chitotela’s case end up?) Elo ndaipusha pantu ifwe elo twali abaiche twa tampa ukulalolesha (When we were young, we were observing this) ba (Frederick) Chiluba babasenda... (he got arrested), from Luapula, Xavier Chungu from Luapula, Chitotela from Luapula, (Chitalu) Chilufya from Luapula, so ifwe ni fwebo bakabolala? (Are we the only thieves?)” Mwila asked.

“Those are the questions I am raising. This province yaliba (it is) stable politically. The Luapula people are very good. I am saying this because I am from Luapula so sometimes it pains me to see how my brothers are suffering, but we will pull through. God is with us. Fyonse nga wa chetekela muli lesa tapaba ichakosa (when you put faith in God, there is nothing that is difficult).”

And Mwila boasted that only the Patriotic Front had done a lot of work for Zambia since independence.

“We are going to field President Edgar Lungu in 2021 as our candidate, that is the position of the party, that is the position of the central committee. People are scared of President Edgar Lungu. Nabeshiba ati nga aba pa ballot paper, ninshi naba lusa (They

know that if his name appears on the ballot paper, they will lose) because of the developmental agenda that he has taken. Airport tayali filya (we have rehabilitated the airports), twalibika (we constructed) Kawambwa- Mushota Road. Twabika nachi, secondary, (we built a secondary school) na (and) Kawambwa-Luwingu Road under PF twabika na (and we constructed the) Mansa-Luwingu Road. Twilalaba (we should not forget). Twabika nama (we have constructed) township roads. Isukulu yaba katolika baliwamya ba President batuletelako nomwakubika umuti province yonse. Ifingi fileisa (The President rehabilitated a Catholic school and he even built a storage facility where medicine is stored. And many more is yet to come),” he said.

“It is only Patriotic Front which has done a lot more than any other political party since independence. What we have done in nine years, we have done wonders as PF. In terms of infrastructure development, no one will beat PF! Imisebo, Zambia yonse yalionaika (the roads were in a terrible state) President (Michael) Sata came up with this program and President Lungu has continued with that program of building Zambia.”

He said the people of Zambia should give the ruling party a chance to rule again for the next five years.

“Tefyonse twingachita muli (we cannot do everything in) nine years. UNIP ruled this country for 27 years, MMD, 20 years, we are saying the people of Zambia tupeniko chance tubombeko (people of Zambia, give us an opportunity to work). We are a pro-poor party, our pronouncements are based on what is contained in the manifesto. We have the developmental agenda. Nangu balande (even if they say) we are corrupt pa social media...ifwe inchito kubomba, abantu ba ka vota (our job is to work, people are the ones who vote) based on what we have done. We have done wonders. President Lungu is a man of his word. Even us, let’s get ready for 2021. Some people are saying I am campaigning.

I am not campaigning. My job as the secretary general is to see the structures and hear their challenges. And I have to check how the party is going.”

Meanwhile, Mwila said alliances in Zambia do not work.

He also said NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili could not be Head of State because he was a joker.

“I was hearing that the NDC is in alliance with the UPND. Ba Kambwili is ready to work with HH. Twalibebele (we told) Kambwili, you can’t run this country, you can’t be a President. You are a joker. And even that alliance can’t work. Alliances don’t work in Zambia” Mwila asked.

Mwila said if UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema led the

country, the people of Zambia would suffer because he was a dictator.

Takwaba na party ishyakwata (there is no party that doesn’t have a) general conference. If you give HH this country, the people of Zambia will suffer because he is a dictator. Democracy itampa mu (starts from the) party then you go to the country. The current constitution is very clear, if anyone doesn’t pass through the conference so that he is elected as president, he can’t qualify to stand, it ends there.”

Meanwhile, Mwila said Democratic Party leader Harry Kalaba should swallow his pride and return to the ruling party.

Sangwa, Mpundu can’t dictate candidate for us, Lungu eligible for 2021 – PF

By Julia Malunga

PATRIOTIC Front Secretary General Davies Mwila says constitutional lawyer John Sangwa State Counsel and Archbishop Telesphore Mpundu cannot dictate a candidate for the ruling party.

Speaking when he met party officials in Mwense, Friday, Mwila insisted that the Constitutional Court ruled that President Edgar Lungu was eligible to stand in next year’s general elections.

“Ifwe natu kwata insambu. Nga twalanda ati tuleya naba Edgar Lungu nifwebo, efyo tutemwene tefyo? (We have authority as a party. If we say we are fielding President Lungu, that is our decision and that is what we want isn’t it?) Nomba umuntu ushaba mu party yesu ali mu opposition aletweba ati...like ba lawyer ba Sangwa, ba Bishop ba Mpundu, bonse naba UPND balecita dictate kuli ifwe (Now a person who doesn’t belong to the party, he is in opposition and wants to make rules for us... like Sangwa and Bishop Mpundu together with the UPND, they want to dictate a candidate for us), they can’t dictate. It is us to make our own decisions. And the Central Committee has made a decision that we are going with President Lungu in 2021 because he qualifies to stand. The Constitutional Court ruled that he is eligible to stand next year no argument,” Mwila said.

Mwila told the party officials to encourage children in the area to get National Registration Cards.

“Iyi (this) exercise bonse tubeke abana (we should involve the children). You have to start from the districts, the constituency, and

the ward abana ebo mubalilepo elo muleya kuma (prioritize the children then you can get to the) members. Ba chairman balimpela (the chairman gave me a) budget. I am working on that uku tila twabako (so that we are) mobile. As we are heading to the general elections, you are supposed to have transport such as bicycles. The Central Committee ileloleshamo ukutula (is looking into it to make sure that) transport ifwile yabako (is readily available),” Mwila said.

He emphasized that the adoption process would be based on merit.

“Ba MP benu nga taba bombele takwakaba sale (if your member of parliament has not worked, we will not adopt him). It is very clear, all the adoptions shall be based on merit. Abantu nga mwabe iminika, utumpundu tulelila. Candidate nga mwamu imya balemwinta bantu, we are not going to allow that (When we select a candidate, people should to ululate and not murmur). Bonse ama (all the) councilors you have up to march ukubomba (to work). Bonse ama MPs, ifi ndelanda bafwile baleumfwa. Ifwe tulekonka interest ya party, not umuntu. (I bet all the members of parliament are hearing what I am saying. We are following the party’s interests and not a person’s interests). Party nga ya wina naba President tukalaseka bonse (we will all be happy when the party and President win.) By 10:00, tufwile twawina election, twa bachila (we have to win and surpass them) by one million votes,” said Mwila.



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PATRIOTIC FRONT LIVING UP TO ITS PROMISE FOR A BETTER ZAMBIA FOR ALL

By **Hon Emmanuel Musonda Mpankata**

FELLOW citizens,
I write in my capacity as Patriotic Front's Member of the Central Committee in charge of Lands and the Environment. If it should matter, let me mention that I was the first Member of Parliament for the good people of Lupososhi Constituency in Northern Province from 2001 to 2006. I believe in the Patriotic Front today as much as I did during our days in the Opposition under that great son of the soil and late founding father of our movement President Micheal Chilufya Sata.

In this article, I will not restrict myself to my portfolio in the Central Committee but will highlight some of the gains, in brief, that we have scored as Patriotic Front to deserve your vote.

When we started our journey to transform Zambia together, we promised a diversified and export-oriented Zambian agriculture sector.

We are living up to this promise.

Through the strategic interventions of the Patriotic Front Government under the leadership of His Excellency Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, the performance of the livestock sector has been positive throughout the period. For example, there was an increase in the population of all livestock as well as an increase in the production of livestock products such as milk by 54.5% in 2018 to 1.7 million MT from the previous 1.1 million MT in 2017 due to the establishment of dairy enterprises by the Patriotic Front Government through matching grant facilities, among other interventions.

Further, the Patriotic Front Government, through the Irrigation Schemes Development, is increasing the total land under irrigation through the construction of 7 Dams and 11 Weirs, some of which have been completed while others are at different stages of

construction such as; Mwomboshi Dam Irrigation Scheme, Lusitu Irrigation Scheme (Chirundu) and Musakashi Irrigation Scheme (Mufulira).

Through the Aquaculture Development Programme, the Patriotic Front Government has increased fish production, for example, from 109,462 MT in 2017 to 118,799 MT in 2018 because of our efforts to promote aquaculture through cage and pen culture farming, expanding fingerlings, fish feed and fish pond production. With the ongoing Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Development Project supported by the African Development Bank, fish production shall continue increasing in Zambia.

In 2018, the Patriotic Front Government successfully released a total of 27 new crop varieties for seed production by various seed companies through the Research and Development Programme. These crop varieties released included among them: 9 maize varieties, 4 wheat varieties, 2 rice varieties, 3 barley varieties, 3 cowpea varieties, 2 pigeon pea varieties, 1 groundnut variety, and 3 sesame varieties. In addition, the Patriotic Front Government recruited and deployed 661 extension formers in 2018 through the Extension Services Delivery Enhancement Programme.

The Patriotic Front under President Edgar Lungu has committed to continue ensuring that we do not stop or rest here, but instead accelerate development efforts for a fully diversified and export-led Zambian agriculture sector.

Let me briefly touch on the energy sector, as you already are aware, our Vision 2030 goals for the energy sector include achieving: abundant and reliable supply of affordable energy to both urban and rural areas; increased renewable alternative sources of energy, and export-led energy industry.

Fellow countrymen and women, our country cannot achieve this by accident, but only by; expanding available electricity generation through rehabilitating old power stations; rapid development of new major power stations and diversifying our energy sources in order to meet current and future energy demand. Against this background, and in addition to ongoing energy projects, the Patriotic Front Government in line with its manifesto 2016-2021 will implement various future energy projects.

Some of these future energy projects include, but are not exclusive to, the following:

1. The 1200 MW Luapula River Hydro Scheme expected to be commissioned in 2024.
2. The 86 MW Lusiwasi Lower in Northern Province expected to be commissioned in 2024.
3. The upgrading of the Chishimba Falls Hydro Power Station from 06 MW to 15 MW, expected to be commissioned in 2023.
4. Patriotic Front Government's agreement with the Government of Zimbabwe, to jointly develop the 2,400 MW Batoka Gorge Hydro Power Station where each country shall receive 1,200 MW.

Let me reiterate that with the support of the Zambian people, nothing shall stop us from growing Zambia's Electricity Supply Industry to meet all local demand, as well as become the biggest supplier and exporter of electricity in the whole region.

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Together, fellow countrymen and women, this future is within our grasp.

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Patriotic Front remains Zambia's number one Party of Choice.

The Author is Patriotic Front Member of the Central Committee in charge of Land and Environment.

By Natasha Sakala

UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema says PF deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri talks a lot but without intelligence and knowledge.

And Hichilema says the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) should clean up and maintain the current voter register, arguing that replacing it will be an impossibility within a month.

When Hichilema featured on Radio Phoenix' Let the People Talk program, Friday, Phiri called in to ask why UPND members of parliament were not taking steps to stop what they termed as wastage of resources.

"Good morning, this is Mumbi Phiri the deputy secretary general of the Patriotic Front. I have two questions for you, you talked about government people buying V8, are you aware that even your members of parliament when they go to Parliament, that's their entitlement? They are entitled to US\$80,000 and a vehicle which they take over a period of time. If V8 are too expensive, why haven't you encouraged your members to go into Parliament and come up with a private members bill to start reduction or they should start buying tuma Vitz so that we save the money because they are part of government. The second question is, he is talking about corruption, on the Forest 27, there are members of parliament for the UPND who have benefitted from that land, mind you, I was part of the parliamentarians when I was elected and the

Mumbi Phiri's talk time isn't backed by intelligence – HH

list was going round and they told me to include myself but I refused because I said I have enough. You have Chitalu Kasanda, she benefitted and has agreed that there was corruption involved. Why haven't you punished the members of parliament who benefitted from that land?" asked Phiri.

But in response, Hichilema said she lacked knowledge.

"I am glad that this lady is courageous. She has got a bit of dash courage really and you can see that even her facts are wrong and this is what PF is all about, a small number of people with courage but it doesn't give you knowledge, complete lack of knowledge. Number one, she is saying the UPND is complaining of buying VX expensive vehicles but UPND MPs are buying VX vehicles, it's a simple thing. It's a lack of leadership. When UPND comes in, we will change the policy, we will not even leave it to the MPs that nobody will be buying a VX. She is admitting that the PF is failing to find solutions and remove the money being wasted on VXs to buy medicines in hospitals, to paying councils, to make sure that children are in school, including supporting persons with disabilities. This

is exactly what she has done that she has called exposing her lack of leadership in the party...You should be ashamed, even to call on this radio Mumbi Phiri you should be ashamed, sometimes have a sense of shame, a normal human being has a sense of shame, you don't have a sense of shame, you must develop a sense of shame. People are suffering, you should be embarrassed," Hichilema said.

"The lack of leadership in the PF, that is a beautiful question madam Mumbi Phiri, thank you to you for coming to ask a question that exposes and confirms your inability as the PF to do the right things, what are the right things, to cut costs, to cut expenditure. It's not the responsibility of the member of parliament, this is why we elect governments. Let me put it this way, why waste time to put a private members motion which will not lead to a change of policy. A private members motion I the house, and really the ignorance that Mumbi Phiri exhibits and she loves, she has got talk time, a lot of talk time in her mouth but that talk time is not backed with intelligence and knowledge. I am glad she again admits that there is corruption in the PF, Forest 27, she says there are members of parliament of UPND, she names one as Chitalu Kasanda, I don't have a member of parliament in that definition, I don't know, maybe she knows something

I don't know, the issue here is that, away from her exhibiting ignorance, the issue is that she is admitting that there is corruption in the PF."

And Hichilema urged the ECZ to maintain the current voters register.

"Electoral commission of Zambia is not acting correctly, one; it will not be possible to register nine million voters in one month, it will not be possible. What we need is to continue with the existing voter register and then upgrade with new [entrants]. That's the way it should be so we refuse for the ECZ to do away with the current registered voter database. They must do what is called incremental work. The six million that are there, they can clean the database but not to do away with it completely. They are trying to favour PF," he said.

The opposition leader wondered why the registration of voters was not being done continuously as stipulated in the law.

"NRC issuance is not being done fairly, they have started with five provinces, why? They should have done NRC mobile registration in all the 10 provinces, the money is there but it's all manipulations trying to rig elections, Zambians should not allow it. Voter registration is continuous under the law, why are they not registering voters in a continuous way, the law says voter registration is continuous, they are not doing it to favour the PF, we are aware of that and Zambia must say no to that," he said.

He further urged the youths in his party to pretend to be PF if they have to in order for them to be get their

NRCs during this mobile issuance period.

"People of Zambia get your NRCs, especially my youths get your NRCs, you

go, pretend to be PF when they are organising NRCs, go in there, do a don't kubeba, get a voters' card, turn out to vote, protect your vote, the rest, leave it to Bally and the team, we will fix the economy, we will fix jobs," he said.

Meanwhile, Hichilema reiterated that those saying "HH has lost" are the ones who are losing because they are the ones missing out on being governed correctly.

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On the 2021 national budget preparations, he said 145 submissions were received from umbrella organisations, institutional stakeholders, single-standing private businesses, civil society, and numerous individuals and citizens, which were currently being reviewed by the committees constituted to scrutinize both tax and non-tax proposals.

"Although the notice for submissions has lapsed, proposals are still welcome for the period until Wednesday 12th August 2020. This is to ensure that citizens, including the youth, women groups, the private sector, and all other stakeholders and interest groups that may feel left out in the preparation process, are included through receipt of their submission of tax and non-tax policy proposals for the 2021 National Budget. In July 2020, stakeholder engagements for the 2021 National Budget commenced at provincial level. A total of five (5) Provinces were visited between 15 and 21 July 2020. These are, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, Eastern, and Central Provinces. However, as the daily Covid-19 cases began to escalate, it became necessary to adjust the stakeholder engagement method from the interactive town-hall version, to virtual and electronic based consultative meetings for the remaining provinces," said Yamba.

"I also take this opportunity to announce that an inter-ministerial Tax Policy Review Committee (TPRC) for the 2021 Budget National Budget, has been constituted. The committee comprises experts in direct taxes, mining matters, customs and excise, and value added tax. In addition, an inter-ministerial Non-Tax Policy Review Committee (NTPRC), comprising experts from all revenue generating ministries and agencies, has also been constituted to assess proposed options and recommend the best possible non-tax measures for the 2021 National Budget. The two committees are currently evaluating the submissions from stakeholders. The evaluation and analysis process will run up to 21st August, 2020, however, in instances where a respective committee seeks clarity on a particular submission, virtual consultations with stakeholders will be arranged."

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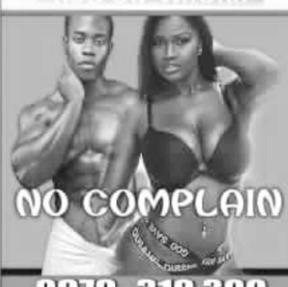
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What would Sata do?

LAST week, we expressed our opinion on the political landscape in Zambia, where we pointed out that while the Patriotic Front was battling with a scandal riddled government, the opposition was equally faced with serious strategic flaws which were making it impossible to predict an obvious change of government next year.

Our opinion has directly and indirectly been endorsed by some citizens, some of whom have gone further to warn that a third force will emerge if the current front runners in the impending 2021 elections do not work to aggressively shake things up and face the PF oppression head on. To do this, they suggest, the leaders of the alternative government must step out of their social media comfort and head out into the arena to watch how the NRC issuance exercise and the forthcoming voter registration exercises are being

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best friends. Instead of insulting them for throwing teargas in his face, he directed his anger at the politicians who were forcing the officer to abuse the law. By doing that, he became best friends with police officers and civil servants and he surely got their votes.

conducted.

All these observations are valid, but sometimes, we have made certain unfair expectations from the so-called election front runners, than they are capable of delivering. Yes, we are talking about Mr Hakainde Hichilema, the UPND president. Being a leader of the biggest opposition is no easy task. Apart from the responsibility of mobilising campaign resources and providing enough inspiration and motivation to members of parliament in order to sustain their loyalty, there is also the general expectation from the electorate – which includes non-members of the party.

At the moment, the most memorable

opposition figure that is at the fingertips of almost every Zambian is Patriotic Front founder Michael Sata (RIP), and many critics of Mr Hichilema's style of politics have made comparisons between the two politicians. We think it is unfair to compare Mr HH to Sata in the same way that it would be unfair to compare Sata to HH in areas where the UPND leader has excelled. What we find fair is to point out a few things that the aspiring government leaders can learn from the fallen achiever.

What would Sata do differently if he was in opposition today? Here are our views:

Hinting on a shadow cabinet is

not new, but people are very sensitive, and you may not know who you end up offending in the process. A couple of weeks ago, while painting a picture of how his Cabinet would look like, Mr Hichilema threatened to dismiss (unqualified) PF cadres in the civil service and in diplomatic missions. That might sound like a morally correct political statement, but it carries undesirable connotations. No civil servant wants to start worrying about surviving a regime change. Some are qualified and professional, but have relatives in the ruling party. Are you saying all of them should go? That's not what Sata would do.

Instead, Sata would say, every

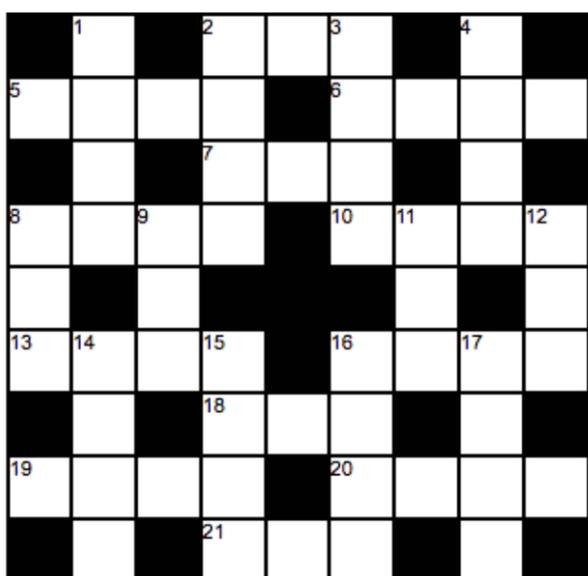
Zambian who has no membership card for any political party was a member of the Patriotic Front. In saying this, Sata had many people in mind, top on the list were civil servants who were not expected to be partisan. He knew that civil servants were among the most frustrated members of the workforce due to poor conditions of service. This is why he coined the motto "lower taxes and more money in your pocket". If there is anything that a civil servant wants to hear more than a "zangena" SMS alert, it is the pledge for reduced taxes.

Sata knew which enemies he could or could not afford to have. Despite operating under a strict Public Order Act, Sata made police officers his

Sata threatened to chase the Chinese from Zambia if he got into power because they were taking jobs from Zambians. But the first banquet he hosted as Republican President at State House was for the Chinese Community in Zambia. He knew that voters wanted to hear certain pronouncements about foreign investors, but he was also alive to the fact that Zambia could not stand without support from the Chinese government and its investment portfolio in the country.

People are not seeing something captivating from the opposition. That is why there are still hundreds of thousands of undecided voters.

Crossword puzzle No 664



"We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer."
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Crossword puzzle No 663



Readers' Feedback

'When did NRC registration exercise become a PF programme?!

Dear editor,

"NRC registration is now a PF party programme? Since when? Zambians let's wake-up, we only have one Zambia to defend. It's like being ruled by rebels!" - Henry Munene

"The citizens should see the problem with such lack of reasoning and ship these good for nothings out. Voting them out is now a moral issue for Zambia to remain a state!" - Joel Saniko Moonga

"Its seems like people are in panic mood concerning elections which are just around the corner and they're trying so hard to do all they can.#NRC registration exercise has never been a party programme.Just relax and let those who're responsible to execute their duties". - Charles Chiluba Chuutu

"That's how PF is panicking, but going by what is on the ground, even such tactics won't work. This is what we mean when we say that PF no longer has strongholds. As such, winning of those by-elections in which oppositions are not allowed to campaign freely is just cosmetic". - Kajuba Mazuba

ACC investigative officer's shocking testimony on Chilufya committing no offence

Editor,

"Which Zambian living in this day and age is shocked? We all knew nothing would come of this and it was just a waste of tax payers money". - Nasho Sombe

A witness must be investigated urgently. Human beings are human beings, we never know his interest in this case". - Brighton S. B. Banda

"I said it. Who can investigate a minister in authority?? This guy's are fearing for their lives.

Just stop this case because nothing will come out. Bring Mr Nolle to stop it.. but don't forget that we know what is happening and our time is coming". - Steven Chandalala

"The witness shocked everyone even the devil himself....." - Steve Lengwe

"Then why take him to court? There's a circus in Zambia. How can an arresting officer conduct himself like this? This is day light robbery of public resources. This ugly conduct by the arresting officer tells Zambians that the whole ACC is corrupt and must be disbanded forthwith. Things can't go on like this". - Chanda Pochoko

"Some one holding a ministerial position can not be investigated thoroughly. The best to have been done was withdraw Mr Chilufya from his position to ease way for proper investigations. Mr Chilufya is heavily protected because of his position but the problem is we are headed by a president who takes corruption as a normal routine. Ubomba mwibala alya mwibala". - Reegan Malambo

Lungu on COVID-19 having exerted 'unprecedented pressure' on govt

Editor,

"With due respect your excellence, you are not walking the talk. You have prioritized your political survival over lives of poor cadres". - Gibson Chivunda Kaley

"After commissioning the bridge that is when you've realised that there is covid in Zambia". - Enza Pule

"Just keep quiet we know you for what you are, a person concerned more about retaining power at

all costs regardless of how many people are in danger of contracting covid 19". - Tobey Chanda

"You are the one promoting the spreading of covid19 sir. You can commission a building while in state house sir, it's not necessarily to go there. I say this because it is difficulty for you to control

the crowd that follows you, and on top of that you don't move alone". - Tukesa Chipoma

"Last year, it was climate change...the other year it was global crunch... What measures have your supporting staffs put in place apart from riding on your back to enrich themselves and impoverish the masses". - Kinta Kunte



Bizeck's observation on by-election victories may not reflect 2021 outcome

Editor,

"The Professor was being economical with the truth. Other than the developmental projects which don't develop but the people who promote them, he should have included rampant and rife vote buying. Or these were not included because bribery is now given a stamp of approval as an electoral practice?" - Kanyata

Mubita

"But, professor, which numerous developmental projects? Also, there is no developmental project that can outweigh development at personal level i.e. you have a good road but you can't afford even two square meals a day or can't afford school fees for your children..." -

Tebuho Mubita

"Most voters in rurals vote using their stomach, once they're given food its well and good for them". - Charles Chiluba Chuutu

"2021 will be PF political cadres Vs The People of Zambia. They can't buy the whole country!!!" - Gravis Masika

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TODAYS TOPIC:



ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING COOPERATIVES: WHAT SHOULD BE THEIR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE?

By Webby Banda

The Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) has advocated for the implementation of a cooperatives approach to organise the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) sector through a State Gold Buying Programme (SGBP). The idea behind an SGBP is to bring ASGM operators in close contact with the government to achieve various objectives including:

- (i) The formalisation of the ASGM sector;
- (ii) Alleviation of poverty in communities hosting gold resources; and
- (iii) Increasing national gold and foreign currency reserves at the Bank of Zambia.

The fundamental question that remains unanswered is how these cooperatives should be structured to achieve the above-outlined objectives of the SGBP. Before delving into the governance framework of cooperatives, its general underlying principles shall be discussed. This shall be preceded by a highlight of the common challenges faced by the cooperatives in Zambia. Lastly, this shall be followed by an elucidation of the common features that must be enlisted in the management framework for these organisations to work.

General principles of cooperatives

A cooperative can be defined as an organisation that utilises democratic control and shared decision making to achieve its goals. Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. They should constitute of seven critical principles.

- (i) Voluntary membership – Everyone is at liberty to enter or leave the cooperative society whenever he or she likes. The membership of a cooperative must be open irrespective of the religion and political affiliation.
- (ii) Concern for Community – Cooperatives should contribute to the sustainable development of their communities by sourcing and investing locally.
- (iii) Democratic management – The management of a cooperative must be centred on the ideals of democracy. This means all members should have an equal voice in its governance affairs. Every member should be given one

vote irrespective of his/her influence or financial status.

- (iv) Cooperative education and training – The members must be educated about its aims and objectives.
- (v) Cooperation among cooperatives – Cooperatives must serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.
- (vi) Autonomy and Independence – Cooperatives must be autonomous and self-help organisations controlled by their members.
- (vii) Member Economic Participation – Members should contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative

Common problems faced by mining cooperatives in Zambia

Mining cooperatives in Zambia are faced with several problems including:

- (i) Lack of understanding of cooperative principles as some members see the cooperative as an employer company and expect regular wages and do not understand the sharing of profits;
- (ii) Lack of basic technology to exploit deposits;
- (iii) Lack of geological information;
- (iv) Lack of a readily available market;
- (v) Exploitation of the general membership by other influential members;
- (vi) Lack of access to finance; and
- (vii) Lack of education and training of its members.

The proposed governance structure of ASGM cooperatives

There is no single format for structuring cooperatives because every cooperative can be organised uniquely to address the interest of its members. The proposed structure is not a single format or one size fits all framework but a proposal of the common features or elements that must be adopted in the governing process of ASGM cooperatives. The proposed structure aims in overcoming power imbalances and failure to understand cooperative principles by members. Figure 1 depicts the reporting and

supervisory relationships among critical organs, namely, general membership, board of directors, management, marketing committee, and audit committee.

General Membership – This is the supreme decision making organ of a cooperative. It constitutes of miners who are also employees of the cooperative. The governance principles of the cooperative should gravitate around fulfilling and maximising the interest of the general membership. By-laws may stipulate that some decisions should be made by a board of directors which is democratically elected into office by the general membership.

Board of Directors – The board of directors makes critical decisions that ultimately determine the success or failure of a cooperative. These decisions must be ratified by two-thirds of the majority of the general membership. The board should champion the interest of the general membership by providing an enabling environment for sustainable operation and growth. To achieve this the board needs to provide oversight over the roles of management and critical committees of the cooperative.

Management – If need be a professional team of people should be employed by the board of directors to execute the plans of the cooperative. The hired professionals should be paid a percentage of production or salary for their services.

Audit Committee – An audits committee should be established that oversees and audits all activities and processes of the board of directors and management. Auditing operations of management and the board of directors is cardinal in preventing the principal-agent problem, where the objectives of the board and management deviate from those of the general membership.

Marketing committee – A marketing committee should be responsible for connecting the cooperative with local and international markets. This is it for this week. Look out for next week as we will be discussing issues around good principles of mining taxation.

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By Diggers Reporter

AFTER a seven-year wait, Nkana yesterday finally won their elusive 13th league title albeit on goal difference after contenders Forest Rangers were held by Zanaco yesterday.

Needing a win to land their maiden title, Forest faltered when it mattered the most against Zanaco, leaving the Kitwe giants to land the title for the first time since 2013.

On Thursday, Forest received a life line after their win against Napsa Stars when the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) appeals committee ordered that their unplayed match against Zanaco be played.

However, the Ndola side failed to take advantage of their game against Zanaco, who went into the match playing for nothing but winning bonuses.

Like their match against Napsa, Forest started brightly and looked set to take the lead but were let down by goal shy strikers in Lameck Silwaba, Adams Zikiru and Quadri Kola.

Five minutes after kickoff, Zikiru had a chance from the edge of the box after receiving a pass from Taonga Bwembya but the Ghanaian's eventual effort was saved by Zanaco keeper Toaster Nsabata.

The home side

Nkana take Super League Crown

continued to pile the pressure and were almost gifted for their efforts when Bwembya's cross was cleared for a corner by Zanaco defender Tiberius Lombard with Zikiru lurking on the 20th minute.

On the other end, Zanaco could have gotten the lead against the run of play but striker Chitiya Mususu failed to capitalize on a spilled ball from Forest keeper Mathias Kigonya.

On the 25th minute, Forest thought they had a penalty when Silwaba was tripped by Lombard but Kitwe referee Milton Mweemba waved play on.

Tied at halftime, Forest came back with fire but they were let down by poor finishing with their Nigerian striker Kola hitting the side net with Zanaco keeper Toaster Nsabata to beat on the 58th minute.

A minute later, Zanaco's Charles Zulu's menacing cross was collected by Kigonya to ease the pressure on the home side.

Zanaco held their own as the match played out to a barren draw.

With the match ending in a stalemate, Nkana, who were on Friday awarded three points

from their walkover win against Zanaco to finish the league on top with 50 points at par with Forest who have an inferior goal difference, have emerged league winners.

Forest coach Tenant Chilumba regretted his team's missed chances.

"We had a chance to win this league but we missed a lot of chances. We congratulate Nkana, they have won it on goal difference, that's fine," Chilumba said.

Nkana will feel justified with the result after their coronation was delayed on Thursday when the ruling to have the Forest versus Zanaco game played.

The league triumph takes Nkana to a record 13th title, four ahead of Mufulira Wanderers.



FAZ asks Nkana to exculpate themselves or be demoted

By Abraham Kalito

THE Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) has asked Nkana to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against the club after its fans allegedly harassed and abused officials.

Meanwhile, FAZ has explained in a letter dated August 8, 2020 that the club risks being demoted from the super league if the association establishes and finds it guilty.

According to a letter by the association's General Secretary Adrian Kashala, Nkana has since been charged with violent conduct and was given up to 15 hours (Sunday) to submit a written report justifying why punitive measures should not be meted against the club.

"This is with reference to a complaint from Football Association of Zambia officials who were on duty during the game between Forest Rangers Football Club and Napsa Stars Football Club played on Thursday 6 August 2020, your supporters harassed and verbally abused the officials that included the Football Association of Zambia President Mr. Andrew Kamango, Mr. Brian Mulenga and other members of staff," read the letter in part.

"You are therefore being charged with Violence at Stadia and Unidentified Aggressors under Articles 92 and 93 of the FAZ Disciplinary Code respectively. You are hereby directed to submit a written explanation in defence of this allegation and the charge, giving reasons why the relevant Judicial bodies should not apply the appropriate sanctions on your club for the misconduct. Further, the behaviour of your supporters has brought the name of the game into disrepute and as FAZ, we need to put this unruly behaviour to a stop by meting out appropriate

and stiffer punishment for offenders whose conduct is not of sporting behaviour."

And FAZ has explained in a letter dated August 8, 2020 that the club risks being demoted from the super league owing to its conduct once found guilty.

"We are sure that Nkana, being one of the biggest clubs in the League, you must be aware that these actions contravene the following FAZ Constitutional provisions and the Disciplinary Code. Articles 13 (1)(i) of the FAZ Constitution which demands that you observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior; Article 13 (1)(j) of the FAZ Constitution that calls for you to observe the mandatory items specified in Article 10 (3), especially Article 10(3) (d) that directs clubs not take decisions and directives of the Association to ordinary courts," stated Kashala. "Article 63 of the FAZ Constitution prevents clubs from taking football matters to the ordinary courts. Article 16 (a) of the FAZ Disciplinary Code gives power to the Appeals Committee to decide on the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee. Please note that the aggregation of all these violations could attract the sanction of expulsion of your club from the league as stipulated in Articles 15 of the FAZ Constitution."

He stated that the Appeals Committee was the final judicial body in all disciplinary cases.

"We also want to bring to your attention that it was

not right for you to declare yourselves champion when FAZ had not awarded you the points for the Nakambala game. As you may know, when a team fails to fulfil a fixture, they violate Article 110 of the FAZ Disciplinary Code and makes it a disciplinary issue and the Disciplinary procedure has to be followed before you could be allotted the points," Kashala stated.

He explained that Nkana further broke Covid-19 rules when they invited fans to be part of the coronation ceremony.

"It is only after that disciplinary procedure was exhausted that we were able to award you the three points in our letter dated 7th August 2020. Be advised that as of 6th August 2020, your club, Nkana, had only 47 points which could not make you champions. Further note that your decision to crown yourselves as champions was illegal and that the invitation of supporters to be part of the coronation ceremony contravenes the strict adherence to the COVID-19 protocols," stated FAZ.

"Your conduct had the potential to spread the deadly Coronavirus as you allowed huge gatherings without respecting the Health guidelines and therefore put the lives of players and officials at risk. Your reverse communication on the above matters should reach us before 15.00 hours Sunday 9th August 2020, failure to which, the matter will be adjudicated on by the FAZ through the relevant judicial bodies."

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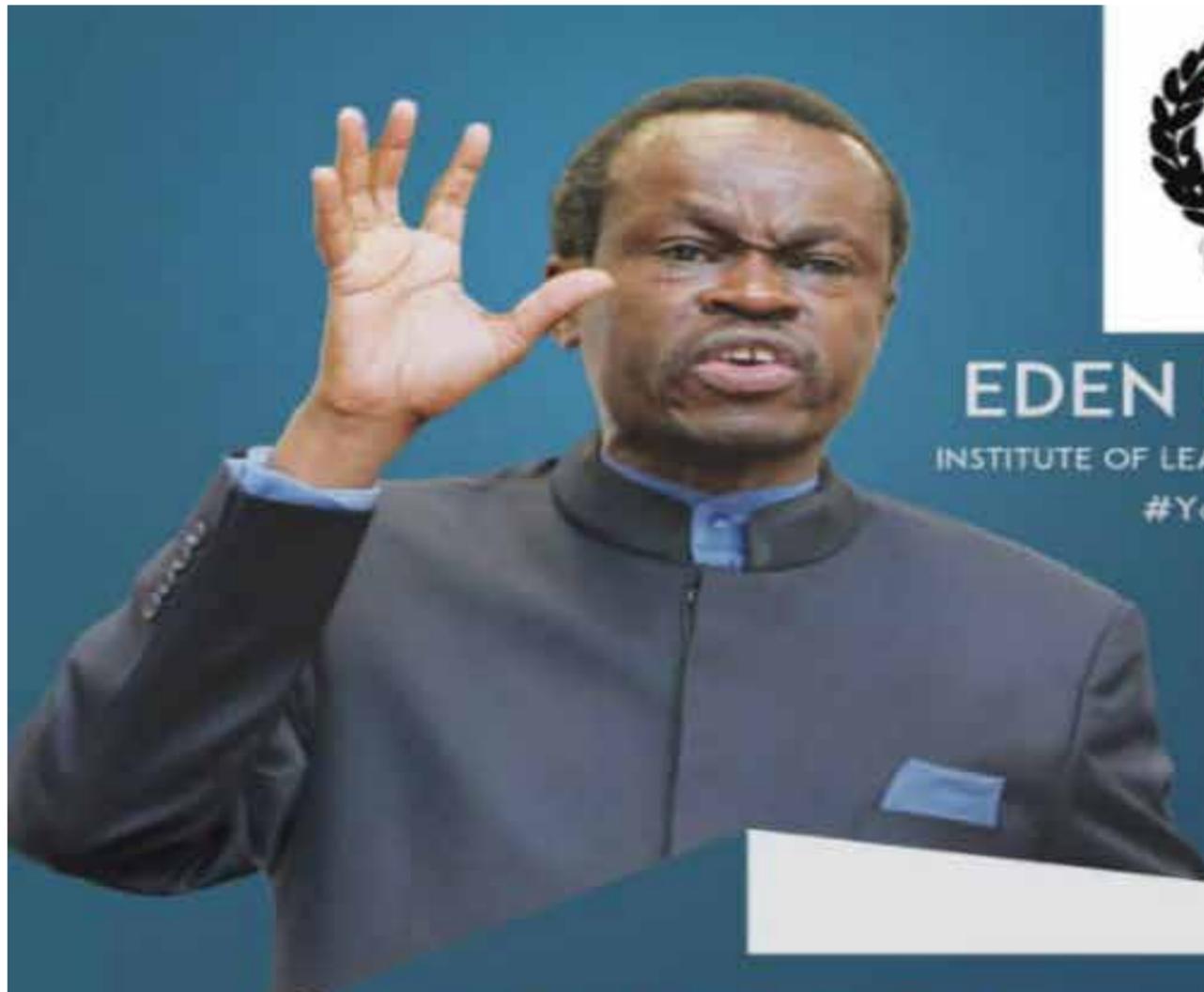
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