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By Natasha Sakala

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

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By Mukosha Funga

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MoH recalls COVID-19 survivors for lung observation

By Natasha Sakala

THE Ministry of Health has announced that the country has recorded 64 new COVID-19 cases out of 362 tests done with one suspected COVID-19 death in the last 24 hours.

And Ministry of Health director infectious diseases Professor Lloyd Mulenga has urged COVID-19 survivors to report back to health facilities for two weeks to ensure that they are monitored because most of them are presenting

with lung complications.

Speaking during the daily update, Tuesday, Minister of Health Dr Chitalu Chilufya

said 202 patients had been discharged from various parts of the country.

"Today's update, we have

64 new cases out of 362 tests done and this brings our cumulative number of cases to 8,275. We also discharged 202

persons and therefore our total cases of those discharged stand at 7,004. Therefore, we are..."

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Russia approves Covid-19 vaccine after successful tests

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has said a locally developed vaccine

for Covid-19 has been given regulatory approval after less than two months of testing on

humans.

Mr Putin said the vaccine had passed all the required checks, adding that his daughter had already been given it.

Officials have said they plan to start mass vaccination in October.

Experts have raised concerns about the speed of

Russia's work, suggesting that researchers might be cutting corners.

Amid fears that safety could have been compromised, the World Health Organization (WHO) urged Russia last week to follow international guidelines for producing a vaccine against Covid-19.

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First in Agriculture and Health

By Julia Malunga
HOME Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo says Monze residents are lucky that President Edgar Lungu forgave them after he was booed because if they did that to him, police officers would have beaten them up.
And Kampyongo says the government is constructing houses for security wings, something that has never happened since independence.
Speaking on Kasama Radio, Monday evening, Kampyongo said residents of Monze were lucky that President Edgar Lungu had a good heart and forgave them.
“...Nangu kulya kwine bachitile umungulu, tulefuma mukuchita imilimo twapela abantu ama yanda. Waisa sanga utubantu utwasonkotwa tulya twalepunda umungulu tule punda epo alepita kateka. Nomba epo ungamona abantu abafulungana. Tekuma politics twaile olo kuma campaign, twaile pela abantu amayanda. Kwali nokupela impanga ya parish ba Monze parish iyo balombeleko apakuti bakakule ama kule yamo. Kanshi bakateka baile muktwala ama title deeds. Emilimo twayendele ku Monze. Nomba tulefuma pa church, elo twaisa sanga utubantu natwiminina



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Monze residents would’ve shed blood if Lungu didn’t have a forgiving heart – Kampyongo

pa musebo tule sota kateka. Ala niichofye kateka alikwata umutima ukalolo, mwati nifwe ba Kampyongo ngamwalilumfwile. Pantu nga twa bapashile nga ama panga (In Monze where the residents misbehaved, we were from commissioning housing units then we found people lined up on the road booing the President. That is where you can see that they are confused people. We didn’t go to Monze for politics or campaigns, we merely went to commission houses and give land to the Monze Parish, they had asked for land so the President took title deeds. That is what we went for in Monze. But just when we were coming from the Church, we found people lined up in the road booing. It’s good that the President has got a good heart, if it was me, you would have heard it for yourselves. We would have scattered them,” Kampyongo said.
“Aba ba kapokola imilimo bakwata number one yaku sopa umutende wakwa kateka

wa chalo. Tewaku twalilako ama sange. Neicho kateka alikwata imisula atile ‘nachibe ifyo fine.’ Lelo, abafunyapo ukuchila filya bale sosota awe nga mwali umfwile. Pantu imilimo bakwata aba kufulula nemilopa kuti yasuminapo. Paku sunga umuntu ulya tutila kateka wa chalo. Pantu nicho fye twali kwata umuntu mu Christian atile lekeni babe natupite tulebomba imilimo tulebomba (One of the jobs the police officers have is to protect the President. You cannot play around with the presidency. The President ignored them, that is why he said ‘just let them be.’ If it was me, you would have heard for yourselves. The police officers are mandated to maintain law

and order even if it means beating people until they bleed just to protect the President. It is just that we have a President who is a Christian, he said ‘let us ignore them and continue with our works’),”
And Kampyongo said government would soon roll out the second phase of the project to construct houses for police officers.
“We first went to Mpulungu where our police officers were staying in houses made from iron sheets. I am sure you have gone to Mbala and seen the houses there. It was as if they were working on a temporary basis. So we looked into that in the first phase, we constructed 2,350 housing units. We know that

it is not only in Mpulungu or Mbala where our officers are staying in deplorable houses but it is everywhere. We built 25 medium cost housing units in Mpulungu so that at least they come out of the land of Egypt and taken to Canaan. It was a sorry sight, I don’t even know if their in-laws were coming to visit in such houses. We know that we can’t build the houses at the same time, Rome wasn’t built in a day. We will soon roll out phase two of the project),” Kampyongo said in Bemba.
He said the project would cover the entire country.
“Last month, we were in Southern Province where we commissioned houses with the President. We were in Monze

where we were commissioning over 70 housing units for officers from the Zambia Correctional Facility. After that, we went to Mazabuka where we commissioned housing units for the police officers. They had a challenge of accommodation, it was a sorry sight. They made houses using soil. So we are taking this development across the country. The vision late president Michael Sata left, President Lungu has continued with it. This has never been done since independence. Some of the police houses were built in 1954, for instance in Kafue. I was commissioning houses in Kafue last week, and the area member of parliament [Mirriam Chonya] who is from the UPND commended our works and the standard of the housing units. You know that an enemy cannot praise you, no matter what you do but surely, you can appreciate good works,” said Kampyongo.

Bill 10 advocates translate document into 7 local languages

By Diggers Reporter
SOME youths calling themselves Bill 10 Advocates say they have translated the contents of the document into the seven major languages to ensure that critics don’t mislead anyone.
And the Bill 10 Advocates have asked Archbishop Telesphore Mpundu to steer clear of politics.
Speaking during a press briefing in Lusaka, Tuesday, Prince Ndoyi, who spoke on behalf of the delegation, told journalists that the Bill’s contents had been translated in all seven major ethnic languages to make it easier for Zambians to understand.
“People have been told that Bill 10 has a clause that is proposing to extend the term of President Lungu from five to seven years, which is also a laughable joke because it’s clear that in Zambia our tenures are five years, and President Lungu is going to be facing another election in 2021. So, how do we extend the tenure amid another tenure? It does not make sense, legally...so we have translated the contents into the seven major languages so that everyone can read for themselves instead of believing lies,” Ndoyi said.
And Ndoyi asked Archbishop Mpundu to desist from politics and stop using the Catholic Church when stating his personal opinions.
“We have heard remarks from the former Lusaka

Bishop, Telesphore Mpundu. He has made a number of commentaries; he has suggested that the Amendment Bill is a ‘third term’ Bill; that we should stop calling it ‘Bill 10,’ and he has also suggested that if the Bill goes through, ‘there’s going to be disaster, chaos.’ Our response is that he should be educated on the reason why we are calling it Bill 10. He should desist from representing our great Church, the Catholic Church, by taking his personal opinion, which is in line with an agenda of regime change,” Ndoyi said at Lusaka’s Zamcom Lodge.
“It is actually sad that he even openly announced through a paid-for Muvi TV programme that he is also a politician! We want to say this: we want to advise our grandfather, our good Bishop should not destroy his legacy, which he worked for over the years so diligently; he served with dignity. We think that his personal opinion must be divorced from being married with that of the Catholic Church; I think it’s a misrepresentation of the Church. If he’s giving a personal opinion, let him clearly state that, ‘this is my

personal opinion.’ If he wants to be a politician, he should just join active politics so that they can face each other with the other politicians.”
Ndoyi said the advocates were, however, keen to engage Archbishop Mpundu to understand his bone of contention with the controversial proposed piece of legislation.
“We want to announce to the nation that we will be officially seeking an appointment with the said former Bishop, Telesphore Mpundu, through Kapingila House on the issue of Bill 10; we want to seek an audience with him...maybe he can educate us on what are the issues, really, which he has with the Bill because what we see is that the many things that the Bishop has been raising are away from the documents, which are here (points to brochures on table), away from the process, facts about the Bill,” Ndoyi said.
And he urged Sangwa, SC, to consult his local area member of parliament to register his concerns over Bill 10 rather than make assumptions about the Bill.
“...I think John Sangwa

belongs to a constituency, he has a member of parliament; let him find his MP and discuss with his MP to find a way of taking his issues to Parliament. He is not a member of parliament, his member of parliament will go and represent him insofar as his assumptions are concerns,” he advised.
“We have elected MPs to do that job, and that’s their duty, let the MPs do that. In this country, if they are laws, which are contradictory to one another, we should not be afraid to amend them. Zambians must not be afraid to amend their Constitution if their Constitution contradicts their ethos, values, principles, and this is the time that we must amend the Constitution in view of where we are going so that we continue to have deeply-entrenched democracy; prevent those petitions that cause chaos so that we have a Public Order Act that is amended; the Electoral Process Act that is amended to make our elections much more free and fair. We amend the Constitution to include young people, who are in the majority, in government; to include the disabled, women in government.”

Meanwhile, Ndoyi, who was also flanked by several other Bill 10 advocates, who comprise civic and youth political activists, charged that any stakeholder who opposed Bill 10 was an enemy of the youth.
“The current population of youth is over five million in Zambia. It is disappointing for politicians to continue fighting a Bill, which represents the majority of this country. Anyone fighting the Bill is an enemy of the youth!” said Ndoyi.
The Bill 10 advocates have embarked on a vast tour around Eastern, Muchinga and North-Western provinces to sensitise Zambians on the contents of Bill 10, and to garner support for the Bill.

New military equipment for brutalising political opponents - Mwiimbu

By Julia Malunga
MONZE Central UPND member of parliament Jack Mwiimbu says the procurement of military equipment by the government is intended to brutalise political opponents.
Last week, Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo said the government was procuring military equipment for the police to safeguard the peace of the nation from reckless individuals who wanted to put the country on fire.
However, Mwiimbu, in an interview, said the purchase of the equipment was misplaced and not in the interest of the nation.
“The equipment the government is procuring is not intended to protect the citizens. The equipment

is intended to brutalise the perceived the political opponents as we prepare for the next election. I have no doubt that this particular equipment is intended to enhance their capacity to frustrate political opponents. Any civilized society is supposed to ensure that citizens are protected from criminals. Members of the public have been complaining that when they are attacked by criminals at night or whatever time, when the matter is reported to police, they are being told that the police have no transport. They have no equipment to protect them,” Mwiimbu said.
“It is our considered view that that is the line the government would have taken to equip the police to protect the public from criminals,

and not to inflict injury on political opponents. That is not the duty of any civilized government. The purchases are misplaced and are not in the interest of the nation. It is a priority because they want to win the elections at all cost and they want to use that equipment to suppress their political opponents. It is not in the interest of the nation to procure this equipment.”
And Mwiimbu has threatened to sue PF deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri for accusing him of owning land in Forest 27.
“I am told this lady who has diarrhea of the mouth. Mumbi Phiri was on radio yesterday (Monday) where she alleged that I own a plot in Forest 27. I want to state that

I don’t own any land in Forest 27. Any member of the public is free to conduct a search at the Ministry of Lands. And they will find that I don’t own any property in Forest 27,” said Mwiimbu. “Further, there is no way that I can own a property in a forest reserve, it is not possible. Unless it has been de-gazetted, that is when somebody can own a property. Even if it is de-gazetted, I don’t own any property there. Let her tell me the plot number that I own. She is being mischievous, she wants me to be digressed from what I am doing as a member of parliament and leader of opposition to talk about petty issues. I am going to proceed to take her to court if that is what she was saying that I should take her to court.”

By Zindikilani Banda in Sinda

KAPOCHE PF member of Parliament Dr Charles Banda has asked the electorate in the area to vote for President Edgar Lungu in next year's general election because he deserves to be given another mandate. And Dr Banda says the opposition should not taste any vote and must be made to walk away from the election naked.

Speaking to local residents in Mpeni Village, Saturday, Dr Banda, who is also Local Government Minister, said President Lungu needed to be re-elected into office for a third successive time because he meant well for the country as evidenced by several developmental projects around the country.

"You voted well here (in 2016) such that Edgar Lungu got 18,000 votes, opposition 1,000. That was good compared to other areas where Edgar got 18,000 votes, opposition got 5,000. In 2021, let's go and turn in numbers, we want every vote to be Edgar Chagwa Lungu, abwelelepo pampando (he should retain the seat) so that he continues helping us," Dr Banda pleaded.

He cautioned the electorate against voting for the opposition.

"Don't vote for opposition in 2021, let's go and bruise them, politically, let them not taste any vote. We hear others have already started. We are not worried with them because when we come, we shall bruise them in such a way that they are now clothed, but we shall make them walk away naked! We don't play when we mean politics, others tried here, they went back naked. When campaign time comes, I will not be a Minister, but a mere person, who will come to ask votes from you based on development I have done," he added.

And in Naniwe area, Dr Banda advised chiefs' indunas not to engage themselves in partisan politics as they dented chiefs' names.

This arose from confirmed reports that some traditional indunas had chosen to become campaign managers for the opposition ahead of the 2021 general election.

"Some of chieftainess Nyanje's advisors have become politicians. They move around with the opposition, denting the name of the chieftainess. Stop what you are doing as you destroy the name of the chieftainess. If you want, join politics so that we throw mud on you!" he said.

And chieftainess Nyanje's induna, Agrippa Banda, thanked government for the massive development in the area.

He told Dr Banda that some of his advisors did not tell him the truth about what was on the ground because both PF and opposition faced the same problems, which required leadership intervention.

Everyone in Kapoche should vote Lungu, pleads Banda

"Honourable, you are the leader chosen by people and there is no way for you to regard 'this one is opposition, this one is PF' because all these people are under your area and they face the same problems. It's unfortunate that people

who are suppose to tell you the truth lie to you because you give them something, which they don't share with colleagues," said Banda. Meanwhile, council chairperson Michael Phiri reminded residents that government wanted their

maize to be sold within the country and not exported. "There is no law forcing you to sell maize to government in order to benefit from FISP (Farmer Input Support Programme). You have the right to sell where you want as long it's

within the country, but what government wants is for you to sell your produce to the FRA (Food Reserve Agency) so that later, you may benefit

from it again. But if people lie to you, report to us and we shall deal with them for destroying our name," said Phiri.

By Daniel Chansa THE National Democratic Congress (NDC) central committee has dissolved it's Ndola District Executive Committee with immediate effect.



The NDC in Ndola has faced a lot of resignations from members who are joining the ruling Patriotic Front. NDC deputy national chairperson for mobilization Fabian Mutale confirmed this to News Diggers in an interview.

He explained that the dissolution was done due to a recommendation from the Copperbelt Provincial leadership.

"Yes, I can confirm that the Executive Committee for Ndola District is dissolved. This was a decision of the Central Committee. The Executive was dissolved to pave way for the intra party elections, that will start from

NDC dissolves Ndola executive committee

the wards," Mutale said.

He said the PF are in panic mode hence buying their members in an effort to weaken the NDC.

"It is out of panic.

This comes in the wake of reported membership buying. So the dissolution is to usher in an ad hoc committee that will see to the intra party elections. This

is for preparations. NDC will hold it's intra party elections," said Mutale.

GBM's daughter seeks adoption as Lukashya PF MP

By Diggers Reporter PF DEPUTY national mobilisation chairman Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba's daughter, Sibongile, has applied to be considered for the vacant Lukashya by the ruling Patriotic Front.

And Kasama District

Commissioner Kelly Kashiwa has also applied for adoption alongside nine others.

The Lukashya seat fell vacant after the death of Independent member of parliament Mwenya Munkonge.

The other aspiring candidates are Andrew Mpandamwike, Charles Mfula, Frank Bwalya, Daniel

Bwalya, Davies Mulenga, Geoffrey Bweupe, George Chisanga, Maggie Bwalya and Paul Kakana.

The Electoral Commission of Zambia is yet to set the dates for nominations and elections for the Lukashya Parliamentary by election.

This is according Patriotic Front Northern Province youth secretary Chanda Nsofu.

Melrose Inn Restaurant in court over K479,000 rentals

By Zondiwe Mbewe SOCIETY House Development Company Limited has dragged BMB Merchants Limited, trading as Melrose Inn Restaurant to the Lusaka High Court, seeking payment of over K479,000 for rentals due to it.

Society House Development is seeking an order that Melrose Inn Restaurant pays it K479,338.35 being rent due to it as at July 9, 2020, in respect of the premises known as shop number G033 Society Business Park, Lusaka.

It is further demanding payment of K14,387.74 being utility charges as of July 9, 2020, interest on the sums above and any other relief the Court may deem fit.

According to an affidavit in support of originating notice of motion filed in the Lusaka High Court, Edward Kunda, a finance manager at Society House Development stated that on May 1, 2018, the applicant entered into a lease agreement with the respondent for the possession and occupancy of shop number G033 at Society Business Park.

He stated that pursuant to the lease agreement, the respondent agreed to occupy the premises for purposes of operating a restaurant.

Kunda stated that although the said lease was not registered at the Lands and Deeds Registry, Melrose agreed that it would, throughout the term of its occupation and use of the premises, be liable to pay an agreed monthly rental, property expenses, marketing fund and utility charges.

He stated that notwithstanding, Melrose Inn having taken occupation and use of the demised premises,

it had refused, neglected and ignored its obligations to pay the agreed monthly rental, property expenses, marketing fund and utility charges.

Kunda added that as a result of Melrose Inn's failure to observe its financial obligations, Society House wrote a series of letters to it demanding payment of the rental arrears.

He, however, stated that Melrose had continued to unjustifiably refuse, fail or neglect to settle its rental arrears and other charges.

Kunda stated that the restaurant had, however, in the meantime continued to use and occupy the premises since May 1, 2018 to-date.

"That there is, therefore, outstanding from the respondent the sum of K479,338.35 in respect of rent as at July 9, 2020. In addition to the outstanding rentals, the respondent is also indebted to the applicant in the sum of K14,387.74 in respect of utility charges for the demised premises," read the documents.

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According to a memorandum for recusal, Judge Chibbabbuka stated that there was potential conflict of interest in the matter as one of the defendants was known to her.

She, therefore, recused herself and referred the case file back for re-allocation.

"I have critically perused the file before me, there is potential conflict of interest as one of the defendants is known to me. I, therefore, recuse myself and refer the file back for re-allocation," read her memo dated July 16, 2020.

The case has since been re-allocated to Lusaka High Court Judge Wilfred Muma.

In this matter, Wang Shunxue and eight others have also sued Chief Inspector of Police Platoon Commander at the Mass Media operations point

Inspector Kachinga, driver to the Inspector General of Police, Inspector Matabishi, Constable Nkowane stationed at Mass media operation point and an administrative officer at Messrs Lewis Nathan Advocates, Brian Lukwesa.

Wang and eight others stated in their statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court that on April 21, 2020, Lukwesa, under the instruction of Mosho, who was acting on behalf of his clients Youjun Zhuang and Wang Qinghai, orchestrated the unlawful arrest and detention of the nine (plaintiffs) at Chelstone Police Station in contemptuous disregard of their human rights and the law.

They stated that on April 21, 2020, Kachinga, Matabishi and Nkowane caused to be published defamatory words that "the Chinese nationals are being detained for money laundering, fraud and illegal stay in Zambia."

Wang and the others further stated that in their natural and ordinary meaning, the said words were meant and understood to mean that the plaintiffs were criminals who had entered Zambia illegally and had been engaged in criminal activities, among them money laundering and fraud, when in fact not.

They stated that the said words,

which had been preceded by illegal arrest and false imprisonment, had the consequence of seriously injuring the plaintiffs' reputation causing them to suffer considerable distress and anxiety, including a raid at the business premises and being kept out of their residence.

But Lukwesa had raised preliminary issues for the Court to determine whether or not the Lusaka High Court under cause numbers 2020/HPC/ 0268, 2020 HP/0486 and 2020/HPC/0336 before different judges and the Kabwe High Court under cause number 2020/HB/023, could properly hear and determine those causes of actions considering that each of those causes interferes with the performance of the judicial function by a judge sitting at Kabwe as consolidated, contrary to Article 122 of the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016.

He further wants the matter to be referred to the Constitutional Court for a determination on whether the supervisory jurisdiction of the High Court includes supervision of one High Court Judge by another High Court Judge, contrary to Article 134 (b) of the Constitution.

Lukwesa also wants the Court to stay the proceedings pending determination of the constitutional issues raised.



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Reacting to remarks attributed to Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo who was defending the wealth accumulated by President Edgar Lungu's daughter Tasila while making reference to Dr Kaunda's family, Sangwa said the minister's understanding of governance showed how depraved the country's leadership had become.

According to the Daily Revelation, Lusambo wondered what was special about K2 million that Panji Kaunda could report Tasila to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The publication also quoted Lusambo saying PF member Colonel Panji Kaunda and his brothers missed an opportunity to better their lives when their father, Dr Kenneth Kaunda was president for 27 years, saying "when you are an idiot, it doesn't mean that even the next person has to be an idiot."

But commenting on this in an interview, Sangwa argued that leadership was about having an opportunity to steal, but deciding not to do it.

If you get rich from politics, you are a thief – Sangwa

"You cannot become wealthy after going into politics, no! If at all you are driven by money, you must have that money before going into politics. Politics is a service. It's not designed to make you rich. If you become rich by virtue of being a politician, then you are thief," Sangwa said.

"You are now scared of leaving office because you know what you have done. So you start creating fictions about your eligibility to stand. You create another fiction through Bill 10, you begin to imagine development goals, you begin telling lies to people about what you have built. Building a flyover bridge is not development. Development means reducing unemployment and creating jobs and wealth for the people. Building a road network with borrowed money is not development, you cannot boast over that. Any idiot can borrow money and spend it, but not any person can generate money."

Sangwa urged those who knew the truth to rise and defend Dr Kaunda.

"When the MMD was fighting Kaunda, they told the people lies. They said Kaunda had stolen millions of dollars, but when Kaunda left office,

they never proved a single piece of evidence to prove those allegations. The only thing they accused him of was stealing was books from State House, and they were able to search Kaunda for the whole day at the warehouse where he was storing books. That was the only thing that they could accuse Kaunda of. The other crime was a tramped up charge of treason; that he was involved with Captain Solo. But there was no evidence to that effect. I am not saying Kaunda is a saint, but whatever wrongs Dr Kaunda did while in office, it did not include stealing public resources. We can also not accuse Kaunda of ignoring the will of the people. He respected the will of the people. That is why, in 1990 when we started advocating for the return to multi-party system, Kaunda had nothing to fear about losing power, he said let's put this issue to the referendum. When he noticed that the people were so determined and he was going to lose, he abandoned the referendum and saved the country, a lot of money. Instead of a referendum, he abolished the one party State and appointed a Constitution Commission to draft the new Constitution, headed by Professor Mvunga," Sangwa

recalled.

"One of the most difficult things that honest people face is defending themselves. Well meaning Zambians should come to the defence of Dr Kaunda and his family. This is one man who cannot defend himself. The problem in this country is that people who know the truth invariably choose to stay quiet. It is sad that the elders in our society, those who have read or have an understanding of the history of this country have failed to come out in the open to defend the Kaundas. The worst thing that can happen in a country is for people who know the truth to keep quiet. They should be able to speak out when we have such senseless and baseless accusations against Dr Kaunda or any other person. We must learn to give credit where it is due. Kaunda was not a thief when he was at State House and he is not a thief today."

Sangwa insisted that Dr Kaunda led a simple life because he did not exploit power to accumulate wealth.

"Kaunda has a heartbreaking story. After Kaunda was released from Mukobeko Maximum Prison, He had no place to stay. He ended up staying in a rented house in Kalundu. We went to visit Kaunda with some friends from the Commonwealth who were trying to mediate, because that place had been gazetted into a prison. This was around 1997

during the Captain Solo coup d'état. The house was near a swamp, and I have never seen so many mosquitoes in a house in my life the ones I saw in Kaunda's place. I came out very heartbroken. The former president could not even afford to buy mosquito repellent," Sangwa recalled.

"There is no way somebody who had stolen money would live a life like that. My partner and I were part of the team that represented Kaunda when he was declared stateless, but we never sent bills, because we

looked at it as national service to a man who had served this country diligently. We found it a joke to turn a president who had ruled for 27 years and declare him stateless and say he was a foreigner. That damaged the country. We cannot glorify theft of government resources. We have to glorify and reward hard work, people who make money through legitimate means. Let's not forget that Kaunda made sacrifices, he went to jail. How many presidents have gone to jail like Kaunda for the sake of this country? Our founding fathers and their families deserve respect. *Story continues on P10*

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By Natasha Sakala

POLICE in Mumbwa have arrested and are yet to charge Harry Kandolo with murder after he allegedly raped a 10-year-old who died after the ordeal.

In a statement, Tuesday, police public relations officer Esther Katongo said the victim's mother, Joyce Kakanka, reported the matter on Monday evening.

Katongo stated that the girl was also defiled by Jack Kandolo, aged 20.

"Police in Mumbwa received a report of Defilement on 10th August 2020 at 18:15 hours in which Joyce Kakanka aged 40 years of Mutapila village in Chief Kaindu of Mumbwa District reported on behalf of her daughter aged 10 years of the same address that she was defiled by Harry Kandolo aged 25 years and Jack Kandolo aged 20 years both of Makondo Village, Chief Kaindu, Mumbwa District. The victim was unconscious at the time of reporting. This occurred between 9th August 2020 at 18:00 hrs and 10th August 2020 at 11:00 hrs at Mutapila Village in Chief Kaindu. The victim later died in Mumbwa District Hospital at around 22:00 Hours on 10th August 2020 and the body is in Mumbwa District Mortuary waiting for post-mortem. The suspect has been apprehended and are detained in Police custody yet to be charged with murder," stated Katongo.

ZRA seizes 4 trucks, donates goods to DMMU

By Natasha Sakala

THE Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) has intercepted four trucks in Katete carrying lotions registered as cleaning materials for Chipata General Hospital when in fact not.

And ZRA has donated over 24,553 litres of seized cooking and 494,825 kilograms of maize and mealie meal to the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) as part of its fight against smuggling.

In a statement, Tuesday, ZRA corporate communications manager Topsy Sikalinda stated that smuggling would not go unpunished.

"The Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) has once again intercepted 4 trucks carrying assorted lotions worth over 1.7 million kwachas. The consignments were declared at Chanida Border as cleaning materials by using an additional procedure code for Chipata General Hospital hence enjoying an exemption from taxes. Alert ZRA officers intercepted the consignments in Katete and inspected that trucks with was assorted body lotions contrary to what was declared as cleaning materials for the hospital. Investigations have revealed that this is a pure case of smuggling through False Declaration, False Representation, Misclassifications, Document falsification and abuse of a Taxpayer Identification Number (TPIN) contrary to the customs and excise

Act Cap 322 of the Laws of Zambia," Sikalinda stated.

Sikalinda stated that in the last two months, various consignments had been intercepted and seized in line with the authorities zero tolerance to smuggling.

"With Covid 19 making revenue collection as challenge, The Authority is now focused on bridging the revenue gap through Anti-Smuggling, Debt recovery and Audits as part of the strategy. The results are already being recorded because in last two months, various consignments have been intercepted and seized in line with zero tolerance to smuggling. Among them, 2 trucks of alcoholic beverages one in Chirundu that was declared as onions, another in Lusaka declared as cabinets for ministry of education. Two trucks with cooking oil which has already been donated to various government hospitals and charitable organizations," he stated.

He stated that the authority has successfully managed to prosecute a clearing agent of Nakonde who was jailed for various smuggling related offences.

And Sikalinda announced that the authority had donated various consignments of seized mealie meal and cooking oil costing about K2 million.

"To further demonstrate our seriousness, allow me to announce that the Authority is today donating about 494, 825 kg various consignments of seized mealie meal and maize amounting K 1.3

million kwacha and 24,552 litres of cooking oil worth about K700,000 to the Disaster Management and Mitigation unit under the vice president's office. This is all being done in line with the provisions of the customs and excise act cap 322 of the laws of Zambia which empowers the Commissioner General to donate items to government or deserving charitable organizations in line with the provisions. All these consignments were intercepted in various parts of the country for smuggling related activities. We are hopeful that smugglers will now seriously desist from this vice that has potential to weaken the Zambian economy," stated Sikalinda.



President Edgar Lungu during the requiem church service of director general in the office of the President Samuel Nkhoma at Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Lusaka yesterday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

PF scheming something against HH – UPND

By Julia Malunga

UPND deputy secretary general Patrick Mucheleka says it is ironic that the ruling Patriotic Front wants UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema to start campaigning when opposition leaders are detained for merely holding intra-party elections.

On Monday, PF deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri said Hichilema was enjoying the comfort of his house while the ruling party was campaigning so he shouldn't complain when he loses election.

But in a statement, Tuesday, Mucheleka said the party would not put members of the public at risk of contracting COVID-19.

"We have seen mixed messages from the PF leadership regarding regulation of public gatherings amidst the Coronavirus pandemic which is killing lots of people

globally. Among the measures approved by the PF cabinet yesterday was a deployment of police officers in public places to control public gatherings. Yet on the other hand, senior PF officials like deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri among others, are saying there is nothing wrong holding public gatherings. This is the typical chipantepante (no direction) leadership that has been characteristic of the PF rule resulting in damaging the country beyond repair. We currently have many UPND members being harassed and detained by police for merely conducting constitutionally mandated intra party elections. This is despite them observing health guidelines on social distancing and masking up. Not long ago, our youths had to hold their protests in the bush because of the PF repression using the evil Public Order Act and now combined

with the Coronavirus pandemic as a tool of oppression," stated Mucheleka.

"It appears like there is something the PF is scheming against our party president, Hakainde Hichilema. How do they want HH to be all over campaigning, yet they don't want to allow other UPND officials and other citizens to meet people under strict health guidelines. This is ironic and doesn't make sense. We know that the PF regime has behaved very irresponsibly in handling the Coronavirus and now they want us to share the blame for the increasing number of deaths in the country. As a responsible party, we shall continue meeting people while observing the World Health Organization (WHO) safety guidelines. The PF will not dictate the programme for us and no amount of carrot and stick cajoling will cause us to risk our citizens to Covid-19. "

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Creating new districts with no benefits to the people: Case of Mitete

THE creation of new districts in Zambia was always announced with pomp and extravagance. Hopes were raised high. The expectations were that the masses of our people in marginalised places would suddenly have government services delivered to them to facilitate development.

Endless and costly meetings would be held to decide over district names, boundaries, location of government offices and milestones to be accomplished. Country planners, surveyors, all sorts of government departments and even traditional leaders and local communities would be co-opted into this drama! Most times, this was the climax of the drama.

Other than hefty night allowances given to government staff as well as dubious contracts awarded to contractors for clearing of paths (not roads as such) and for the building of some substandard government offices, not much materialised.

Local communities meantime would go ahead and blindly vote for the “strong men and women” who “brought them” the district status. They would keep on hoping that the coffered district status would soon translate into material benefits for their livelihoods! It takes years for these betrayed populations to see through this deceitful, populist exercise.

This is the point the people of Mitete district in Western Province have reached. They had district status coffered in 2012 – breaking away from Lukulu, with the Zambezi River as the boundary. Today, Mitete remains a poor, marginalised place. There is no road linking Mitete to Lukulu- other than that formed by oxcarts. The so called civic centre has no people in the offices. They prefer living in and working from Lukulu where they have access to electricity, a hospital and some schools for their children. A few district council houses have no tenants. Only a watchman (security guard) is there to ensure that the structures are not

vandalised.

Yet if your 4 wheel drive is able to plough through the deep Kalahari sands and you end up at Wahishi, at the border with Angola, you would realise this district has the potential to feed the entire Zambia with rice, sweet potatoes, cassava and also significantly contribute to the livestock population of this country. It would rightly be the foodbasket for the eastern part of Angola.

Today Mitete is amongst the poorest districts in Zambia. The despair, misery and hunger is written on the faces of it’s people. The eyes of malnourished children looking straight at you can be heartbreaking.

In all this poverty, petty bourgeois politics still flourishes. Its has been reduced to patronage. The counsellor or memeber of parliament has to provide some handouts (salt, sugar, soap, cooping oil, mealmealie and others essentials) to a few communities. This is how you win votes without developmental impact! It is the biblical Lazarus feeding from the crumbs falling from the master’s table! Poverty turns the masses into beggars. And the people of Mitete are forthright about it: “We need to get something from the politicians. After all, they will use our votes to get rich!”, explained a village headman to me. After a length conversation, he finally agreed that thisthinking and way of conducting politicsis a dead-end and leads to a vicious cycle of poverty and failed leadership. There are many more Mitetes and the village headman thinking is pervasive and deeply entrenched in the country. Without revolutionary thinking, the masses of our people are doomed.

It is apparent that the formation of new districts in Zambia and many other African countries is a vote buying exercise. Any positive developmental outcomes would be coincidental and not as a result thereof. The petty bourgeois politicians will not stop this costly and deceitful drama. However, the people themselves can. When people get to realise that education, health, law and order as well as developmental infrastructure are not a privilege- but rather a right for all citizenseverywhere, then they will demand them. Then they will not be blindfolded by empty declarations of district status. Hopefully the realisation of the people of Mitete can be expedited to other fake districts. Petty bourgeois decetfulness and populism had to be brought to a halt.



By Natasha Sakala
THE Ministry of Health has announced that the country has recorded 64 new COVID-19 cases out of 362 tests done with one suspected COVID-19 death in the last 24 hours.

And Ministry of Health director infectious diseases Professor Lloyd Mulenga has urged COVID-19 survivors to report back to health facilities for two weeks to ensure that they are monitored because most of them are presenting with lung complications.
Speaking during the daily update, Tuesday, Minister of Health Dr Chitalu Chilufya said 202 patients had been discharged from various parts of the country.

“Today’s update, we have 64 new cases out of 362 tests done and this brings our cumulative number of cases to 8,275. We also discharged 202 persons and therefore our total cases of those discharged stand at 7,004. Therefore, we are recording progress as we combat COVID-19. And we had one suspected covid related death of a 65-year-old female who was hypertensive and had a stroke. We are investigating that death. We did not have any other deaths and in our various facilities in the country, we have 76 parents, 30 of whom are on oxygen and three are critically ill in ICU. We continue to see people who stay home, self-medicating for a long time before they get to contact with us and we discourage this. You are transmitting to the rest of the family, you are getting sicker and you are going to pose a very serious challenge to the management of the cases. So countrywide, ladies and gentlemen, the distribution of

MoH recalls COVID-19 survivors for lung observation

the cases that we have noted, we have 22 in Lusaka and six in Ndola out of routine screening and out of hospital screening, 17 in Lusaka and four in Ndola and 15 known contacts in Lusaka. Therefore, the total number of deaths that are due to Covid remain at 73 and 160 associated while eight are still being classified,” Dr Chilufya said.

Dr Chilufya said the country did not have a test kit crisis.
“The test kits are available and that’s why we continue to test and priority is given to our in-patients and to those that are in other facilities including those that are managing the patients. So we do not have a crisis of test kits,” said Dr Chilufya, who also warned that it was illegal for non examination classes to be going to school.

And Prof Mulenga encouraged those who had recovered to return to health facilities to have their lungs monitored.

“We are encouraging that those that have been admitted and once they recover, they need to return to the health facilities, we are giving them a period of two weeks and we observe their lung function, especially and also we look at their clotting profile. The clinic we are starting, like for UTH, we started today and we will be moving across the country as well for those that are admitted for severe infection for us to follow them up overtime and

understand the disease pattern. Now being a new disease, we have a lot things we don’t know so we want also to take advantage of this time when we are following them up to understand what would happen to someone after recovery. This morning I was seeing someone who has shortness of breath, was discharged two weeks ago, is feeling better but one thing again is that they are not presenting with the acute features like fevers. They won’t have fevers, they won’t have chest pains, they will just have fatigue and they will also have this sense of not feeling well,” said Prof Mulenga.

“Now with COVID-19 we are seeing that after recovery, especially those that we admitted, they are presenting with some fatigue which may go on for more than two months and some of them also do present with shortness of breath which can go on for more than two months and also we have looked at a recently published trial data which has come out also from Europe in Italy and also from America as well and India where they are seeing a similar picture to what we are seeing right now where these patients once they recover, about close to 90 per cent, they are going to still have some of disability in their function, they don’t return to normal health for more than two months. And one important thing, honorable, is that we need to realise that the majority of the patients whom we have, it’s the lungs that are affected and there can be scarring of the lungs and because the lungs are scarred, what we call re-fibrosis, the lung function also is affected and there is deterioration in the lung function. Another thing is that

because of the blood clots which do form in the lungs and also the vessels elsewhere, the shortness of breath may continue and also the complications on the heart as well.”
Prof Mulenga warned that survivors who did not heed to this invitation risked further progression of the damage to their bodies.



Ministry of Health director infectious diseases Professor Lloyd Mulenga

Court sets August 31 for ruling in Mushipe’s seditious practice case

By Zondiwe Mbewe
LUSAKA Magistrate Felix Kaoma has set August 31, 2020, for ruling on case to answer in a matter where Lusaka lawyer Martha Mushipe is charged with seditious practice.

This was after the State closed its case yesterday.
In this matter, Mushipe, is alleged to have on unknown dates, but between July 1, 2015, and April 11, 2016 in Lusaka, jointly and whilst acting together with other persons unknown and without lawful excuse, had in her possession seditious material namely “Strategy of domination, PF against opposition UPND 2015, 2016 and beyond-UPND at crossroads – transition or conflict / PF’s use of ethnic divide and rules as a means of maintaining political control in Zambia 2015-2016 and beyond” by General Tendai Muduli, Dr Ngosa Simbyakula and Dydmus Mutasa.

The seditious document was allegedly found in one of the offices at Mushipe’s law firm in Millennium Village Villa 48, Madagascar, during a search that was conducted at the premises in 2016.

When the matter came up for continued trial, Tuesday,

the State informed the Court that it was closing its case and would rely on its evidence before Court.

Magistrate Kaoma adjourned the matter to August 31, 2020, for a ruling on case or no case to answer, after giving the defence 21 days in which to file in their written submissions.

Previously, the arresting officer had narrated to the Court how he allegedly seized a document at Mushipe’s law firm detailing strategy domination of the ruling PF against UPND from 2015, 2016 and beyond.

Bernard Phiri, 40, a detective inspector based at force headquarters, told the Court that Mushipe allegedly chaired a meeting at her law firm to discuss the said seditious document, which was given to her by a well-wisher.

He added that at the end of the discussion, the meeting resolved to form a quack squad whose aim was to perform acts of violence against the people of Zambia and the State.

The arresting officer claimed that 10 people attended the said meeting namely; Mushipe, Emmanuel Chilekwa, Ephraim Shakafuswa, Clayson Hamasaka, Nchimunya Siamunjeye, Soko Habinda, Clance Zulu, Sambo Lubasi, Omia Hakanga and Hastings Shakanga.

In cross-examination

by defence lawyers Keith Mweemba and Gilbert Phiri, the witness was asked if he was aware that Charles Mafa, one of the State witnesses, was in possession of the document long before Mushipe even possessed it, the witness said he was aware.

Asked if to this day, the police had arrested Mafa, the arresting officer said no.

He added that Mafa was not arrested because he never sat to form a quack squad.

The State witness, however, agreed that the said document was in public domain as it was on the Internet.

Asked by Mweemba if he agreed that it was erroneous of him to arrest the accused person based on something, which was already in public domain, Phiri said “no I do not agree.”

He, however, admitted that Mushipe did not author the document and that the said document brought out issues of public interest.

And former Bulletin and Record Magazine journalist Charles Mafa had previously testified that he came in possession of the alleged ‘seditious document’ in February, 2015, way before Mushipe had it.

Mafa said it was scary that some of the issues highlighted in the same document, detailing how the PF had planned to use violence, tribal division among other vices to win the 2016 elections, had actually come to pass.

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Constitutional Lawyer John Sangwa, State Counsel, says if you become rich by virtue of being a politician, then you are a thief. His argument is that a leader cannot be expected to become wealthy after getting into politics. He says those who are driven by money must have that money before going into politics because politics is a service and not designed to make politicians rich.

State Counsel Sangwa's statement comes in the wake of remarks attributed to a government minister in the name of Bowman Lusambo, who was defending the wealth accumulated by President Edgar Lungu and his family, while mocking Dr Kaunda and his children for failing to make money while in power.

"Kaunda's family has nothing to be ashamed of, in fact they must be very proud. The fact that Dr Kaunda is poor and his children are poor should be something that should be applauded and celebrated. That is what leadership is all about. Selfless leadership is about having an opportunity to steal but deciding not to. Leadership is about your father being President of the country but choosing not to abuse that position," says Sangwa.

We agree with State Counsel. Indeed, remarks attributed to Lusaka

Soon, we'll see who's clever between the poor Kaundas and the filthy rich Lungus

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Province Minister Honourable Bowman Lusambo towards the Kaunda family clearly demonstrate a clear lack of understanding of leadership. Yes, it is true that we can say Dr Kaunda is a poor man and his children do not have the kind of money that madam Tasila Lungu is enjoying, but there is a reason for this status. Dr Kaunda did not steal, and he did not allow his children to steal.

The life that the Kaunda family lives is a reflection of the values that Dr Kaunda holds. KK is not a saint and we cannot say that he has never done anything wrong. In the 27 years that he was in power, he definitely made a number of mistakes. But whatever mistakes he made did not

include theft of public resources. The MMD tried to do a forensic audit of his possessions but they found nothing.

Kaunda went into politics to serve the people, not to enrich himself. This is what we have lost now as a country. Politics in Zambia is no longer about service. It is about mitigating your own poverty. There are no values left in the governance system. The values that our fore fathers left have been discarded. Dr Kaunda and his comrades who liberated this country were people with very limited education, but they had very strong moral values.

State Counsel Sangwa is also right when he says selfless leadership is about

having an opportunity to steal but deciding not to. We can add that humility is when your father is President of the country but you choose not to abuse that position of being a member of the First Family. Dr Kaunda and his family did that very well and that is something that should be applauded.

What we see today is wrong. There is a problem when your father is the President and you also think and behave like you are the President. Children and relatives of the Head of State need to understand that they are ordinary citizens. Those who work in the civil service remain civil servants. It doesn't mean that since your uncle or father has been elected President,

then you have become more powerful than your boss or bigger than the institution you work for.

We must also address the consequence of having unexplained wealth. People who steal public resources always fear leaving power. They know that they are potential jail tenants. Dr Kaunda did not have that problem. When he lost power, he never went into exile, he stayed in this country without having to watch over his shoulders. The same can be said about his children; they have never been summoned by the investigative wings. They are at peace with nothing to worry about.

When the election came in 1991 and Dr Kaunda lost, he did

not try to manipulate the outcome, he simply gave up power peacefully. That is the character of a leader who respects the laws of the land and the people. But the leaders we have today are scared of losing power so much that they are going to the extent of manipulating the Constitution so that they can stay on.

We should not be celebrating looting of government resources and mock those that served the country with honesty and dignity. We should celebrate people that fear and respect government property. The concerns which Dr Kaunda's children are raising against President Lungu's daughter are real concerns which any normal citizen should raise. This is not a question of jealousy.

The Kaundas mean well. If these questions about unexplained wealth which they are asking the First Family are not answered now, they will be answered from the dock. It's just a matter of time. When that time comes, we will see who is clever between the poor Kaundas and the rich Lungus.

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“A rose does not answer its enemies with words, but with beauty.”
- Matshona Dhliwayo

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8. Speaks
9. Get by
12. Without exception
14. Commercials
16. Luggage attachment
17. Japanese fish dish

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1. Closest star
2. Before the deadline
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Readers' Feedback

ND! OPINION: Let's appreciate the little, if a little is all we can get from PF

Dear editor,

"I refuse to settle for mediocrity as Normal. We the employers must demand for more from these employees called PF, after all they get paid handsomely every month". - Richard Mhango

"Diggers, what is the source of finance for those roads? Don't you realise that with the poor calibre of people we are dealing with, a little praise will sink us completely into debt? No one can fail to borrow and build roads, it's the earning part and borrowing wisely we should consider before cheering on for the end product". - Lukonde Chama

"These are not overpass highways by any definition. A highway is something else as compared to a road bridge over pass constructed on an existing road. Let's call things by there real names. All there has been in Lusaka is expansion of existing roads. Who should we be thankful to? These roads have been constructed at great debt, and who is repaying the debt?!" - Kanyata Mubita

"That's very true, if all we can get out of this PF government is changing the face of Lusaka, let's appreciate these flyover bridges. However, if we want meaningful development, let's urge our government to repair the road that matter, I am talking about roads like the Serenje-Nakonde which has deteriorated into a way of mass potholes". - Chola Mung'oma

"Mwebantu what type of materials were used to build that bridge that cost k235 million? We need to know because it's us Zambians that are going to pay back that loan through the taxes we pay when we buy groceries. We hope our taxes are not going to be used to pay for money sitting in some politicians bank accounts". - Muma Chomba

"Robert Mugabe: thanking a government for constructing of a road using public money, is like appreciating the ATM for giving back your own money". - Sarah Musongole

'Mwila shouldn't play the regional card on corruption'

Editor,

"It is not people from Luapula who are being arrested, but it is those whose riches are questionable. The criminal suspects have individual names, representing themselves, not regions. Stop playing the regional card! Those being accused have become millionaires alone, not as a tribe. They should answer the charges alone!" - Lassie Kakuta

"Davies Mwila wants to cover-up the theft of those from that region using a tribal tag. This is the greatest challenge we have as Africans... Selfishness. Instead of being objective he

wants to use the tribal tag to launder the wrongs his fellows are committing. The individuals who are being prosecuted for theft did not commit the crimes as a region but as individuals and so Mr Mwila shouldn't drag the name of the region into dirty politics!" - Emmalito Lias

"That is the problem for having too many people in government that come from one area. It is simple probability. How do you expect others from other regions to be arrested

when they are excluded from running government. Fyakuyifwaila, but all in all it is individuals not regions. Mind you they don't steal in the name of a region". - Daniel Nyalazi

"The mathematics of probabilities. This is the effect of tribal and regional appointments to key government positions. If a corrupt government is composed of people from the same region or tribe, randomly picked, a thief is going to be of that region or tribe". - Felicity Kalunga

'Kampyongo on PF's buying of defence equipment shows how scared govt is'

Editor,

"Which 'reckless' individuals was Kampyongo referring to? When African dictators are about to lose power, that's when they increase expenditure on defence equipment to be used to oppress the people. Edgar Lungu has failed to rule; Zambians want regime change". - Chivunda Samusungwa

"These people are paranoid that's what happens when you are scared of your own shadow, my fellow Zambians our destiny is in our own hands, let's vote for our children's future next year at least we owe our children that much". - Maimbolwa Kamanga

"Steven, I am glad that your cadres clobbered those that have been aiding your brutality against defenceless citizens, so whatever you are acquiring will surely be used against you, unless you have never read the story of Mordecai and Haman in the book of Esther". - Lydia Ndandalika

"Elections are all about the people, If people want change, it will happen regardless the circumstances at hand. The choice here is very simple, we either continue with what we have for the next five years, or we give someone else a chance. This is the opportunity cost all registered voters have to make". - Martin Mulanda

"The appropriate response is a massive vote by citizens to reclaim their country. Why hold a vote in the first place if your intention is to reject the verdict of the people? Don't hold elections then, just declare you won't hold elections instead of using the people to legitimise a rigged outcome. Now is the time for Zambians to show politicians who is BOSS!" - Kanyata Mubita



'Govt's directive to ramp up police presence to implement COVID-19 guidelines hypocritical'

Editor,

"Police who were at the fly over bridge with 100's of people not wearing masks and they did nothing! Police knew of our government holding rallies across the country with attendees not wearing masks and they also did nothing! Should we really entrust this task to the police at this point?!" - Henrietta Buwalda

"Police should carry out their duties professionally. No Lusambo, no PF cadres. Ministers and PF MPs must lead by example. Then COVID19 will be under

control. Leaders should never send mixed messages or else, it will be a lost cause". - Abraham Mwamba

"These politicians are misleading and very hypocritical, everyone knows which politicians are pulling crowds as if campaigns are on, sometimes its good to have shame". - Aggrey Mayumbelo

"If the police wil be fair and serious with their work, only PF leaders and cadres will

be arrested, because they are the only ones who freely break covid rules". - Ernest Simwanza

"I am sure only PF leaders will be arrested by the police who will be deployed. Because they are the only ones breaking the Covid guidelines". - Legion Mwiinga

"They should have been deployed at manenekela bridge to avoid all that crowd we saw". - Agrey Siyunda

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That is why Kaunda was able to introduce the leadership code. In fact, the rule in Kaunda time was that if you are a leader, you were not allowed to have any business interests. So let’s restore our values.”

He said Dr Kaunda’s family had nothing to be ashamed of.

“So the people of Zambia who know the truth about Kaunda should stand up and clarify the position about why he is where he is today. That is very important, I don’t need to like Kaunda in order to say the truth about him, the

If you get rich from politics, you are a thief – Sangwa

truth is the truth. Let’s not try to rewrite history. It is very difficult to defend yourself when you are attacked, but let the people that know the truth come out. Kaunda’s family has nothing to be ashamed of, in fact they must be very proud. Kaunda did his part, he served

the people and when he saw that the people he was serving didn’t want him anymore, he said ‘it’s okay, I will go’. You cannot force yourself on a people who don’t want you, that is what public service is all about. If people don’t want you to serve them, you respect

their will,” Sangwa said.

“Look, Kaunda doesn’t go to those fancy hospitals abroad when he needs medical attention. Even today, if he fell sick, he would go to the University Teaching Hospital here in Lusaka. He has faith in his own institutions that he created. Not these new money leaders who, whenever they have a problem they fly to Sandton. So when we have people in government mocking Kaunda, it shows you how morally depraved the leadership is.”

He wondered what work Tasila did to have such kind of money.

“If Tasila, for example, has that kind of money, what work does she do? Kaunda’s children were never summoned to ACC to go and explain their wealth and they are all in Zambia, they didn’t need to ran away. If they are in poverty, they are enjoying their poverty in Zambia like the rest of us. But these will be thinking of running away when there is a change of government. Unfortunately, there is nowhere you can ran to these days, no country can take you is you are fugitive criminal,” said Sangwa.

Leak stops but Mauritius clean-up continues



THE authorities in Mauritius have deployed helicopters and boats in an effort to remove the remaining oil from a cargo ship that ran aground last month.

Although the leak has now been stopped, close to 2,000 tonnes of fuel oil is still believed to be inside the MV Wakashio.

Thousands of volunteers are back on the shore of the Indian Ocean island cleaning up the thick, toxic sludge with buckets and spades.

They have also been using absorbent booms made of leaves and freshly cut hair to try to stop the oil spreading.

Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth has warned that the ship could “break in two”. Onlookers have reported hearing creaking noises from the vessel.

Tonnes of equipment have been sent over from the nearby French territory of Réunion to help with the clean-up operation.**BBC**

IN west Philadelphia born and raised, on the playground was where he spent most of his days...

Now The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air - played by Will Smith in the beloved 90s sitcom - is coming back in a reboot.

But this time the story of the streetwise teen who moves in with his upper-class uncle and aunt will not be a comedy, according to US reports.

The new version will be based on a viral YouTube trailer that reimagined the series as a hard-hitting drama.

Smith is working on the series with Morgan Cooper, who created the alternative trailer last year.

At the time, the actor

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air to be rebooted as gritty drama

praised the trailer as a “brilliant idea, the dramatic version of The Fresh Prince for the next generation”.

Smith’s company Westbrook Studios will make it with Universal TV, while Netflix, HBO Max and Peacock are among the

platforms bidding to stream it, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Original creators Andy and Susan Borowitz will serve as executive producers, as will Smith and original executive producers Quincy Jones and Benny Medina.**BBC**



Backlash against Malawi’s new Covid-19 restrictions

NEW Covid-19 measures announced in Malawi over the weekend have met with a backlash, with at least one civil society organisation threatening to take the government to court.

In the new restrictions, public gatherings of more than 10 people have been banned, except for funerals which can have up to 50 people in attendance.

Wearing of face masks is mandatory in all public spaces and offenders could be fined up to \$13 (£10). Places of worship have been closed. Bars can operate for six hours a day, between 14:00 to 20:00 local time, but only sell takeaways.

The new measures were prompted by a recent increase in coronavirus cases in the country, the ministry of health said.

Similar measures announced by the previous administration of President Peter Mutharika - which also included a 21-day lockdown - were blocked by a court pending determination. No verdict has been made on the matter.

Church leaders have voiced concern over the new government restrictions on public gatherings. The influential Catholic Church said it was never consulted.

A local civil society organisation, Centre for Democracy and Economic Development Initiatives (CDEDI), has said it will take the government to court for ignoring the court order.

Health Minister Khumbize Chiponda has since issued a statement promising to engage religious leaders “in further consultation”.

More than 4,600 Malawians have tested positive for Covid-19, according to Johns Hopkins University, and at least 146 have died.**BBC**



The explosion at a portside warehouse in Beirut sent devastating shockwaves across the Lebanese capital, decimating seafront buildings and causing widespread destruction.

Putin says vaccine has been approved for use

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has said a locally developed vaccine for Covid-19 has been given regulatory approval after less than two months of testing on humans.

Mr Putin said the vaccine had passed all the required checks, adding that his daughter had already been given it.

Officials have said they plan to start mass vaccination in October.

Experts have raised concerns about the speed of Russia’s work, suggesting that researchers might be cutting corners.

Amid fears that safety could have been compromised, the World Health Organization (WHO) urged Russia last week to follow international guidelines for producing a vaccine against Covid-19.

On Tuesday, the WHO said it had been in talks with Russian authorities about undertaking a review of the vaccine, which has been named Sputnik-V.

Currently, the Russian vaccine is not among the WHO’s list of six vaccines that have reached phase three clinical trials, which involve more widespread testing in humans.

More than 100 vaccines around the world are in early development, with some of those being tested on people in clinical trials.

Despite rapid progress, most

experts think any vaccine would not become widely available until mid-2021.

What did President Putin say about the vaccine?

Calling it a world first, President Putin said the vaccine, developed by Moscow’s Gamaleya Institute, offered “sustainable immunity” against the coronavirus.

He said he knew the vaccine was “quite effective”, without giving further details, and stressed that it had passed “all needed checks”.

Mr Putin also said the vaccine had been given to one of his daughters, who was feeling fine despite a brief temperature increase.

“I think in this sense she took part in the experiment,” Mr Putin said.

“After the first injection her temperature was 38 degrees, the next day 37.5, and that was it. After the second injection her temperature went up slightly, then back to normal.”

He did not specify which of his two daughters had received the vaccine. It is rare for President Putin to talk publicly about them. Their lives of his daughters, named Maria Vorontsova and Katerina Tikhonova in media reports, have been shrouded in secrecy.

What do we know about the vaccine?

Last week, the Russian government announced it was preparing to begin

mass vaccinations against coronavirus in October.

Russian scientists said early-stage trials of the vaccine had been completed and the results were a success.

The Russian vaccine uses adapted strains of the adenovirus, a virus that usually causes the common cold, to trigger an immune response.

But the vaccine’s approval by Russian regulators comes before the completion of a larger study involving thousands of people, known as a phase-three trial.

Experts consider these trials an essential part of the testing process.

Despite this, Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said on Tuesday the vaccine had “proven to be highly effective and safe”, hailing it as a big step towards “humankind’s victory” over Covid-19.

Russian officials said the vaccine had been named Sputnik-V, in honour of the world’s first satellite. They have likened the search for a vaccine to the space race contested by the Soviet Union and the US during the Cold War.

Russia is fast-tracking its Covid-19 vaccine at an extraordinary pace. It began the first clinical trials on 1 June, months after teams in China, the US and Europe.

Unlike other groups, the Gamaleya Institute in Moscow has not released

any safety or immunity data from its studies. This makes it impossible for independent scientists to make an assessment.

President Putin is keen to send a clear message to the world regarding the prowess of Russian science. But simply being first is not enough.

No Covid-19 vaccine being developed has yet been shown to offer protection against coronavirus. That central question remains unanswered.

What reaction has there been to Russia’s vaccine efforts?

The progress Russia says it has made on a coronavirus vaccine has been met with scepticism by health officials and media outlets in the US and Europe.

Last month, America’s leading infectious diseases expert Dr Anthony Fauci expressed doubts about the rigour of the testing process in fast-track vaccine efforts in Russia and China.

WHO spokesman Christian Lindmeier has echoed those sentiments, telling reporters on 4 August: “Sometimes individual researchers claim they have found something, which is of course, as such, great news.

“But between finding or having a clue of maybe having a vaccine that works, and having gone through all the stages, is a big difference.”

Premature end of Super League will affect CHAN performance - Mutapa

By Goal Digger
FORMER Chipolopolo midfielder Perry Mutapa fears the premature ending of the Super Division

might affect national team performance at the 2021 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN). The Super Division

came to a premature end on Sunday after the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) ordered that the campaign is cut with

seven more games still to play.

Following the alleged failure by clubs to follow COVID-19 preventive measures, Football House called an end to the league in a bid to arrest the spread of the pandemic.

However, Mutapa, who is Power Dynamos coach, says the decision may ultimately affect the preparations for the national team for the tournament which is a

preserve of local players. "I am worried because even the national team will suffer, because when are we going to start the Africa Cup, World Cup preparations including CHAN? Most of the guys [players] won't be able to be at the top of their games. What are the players going to doing? Their life is football," Mutapa said. In April, Zambia was set to take part in the CHAN slated for Cameroon but the tournament was moved to January 2021 following the outbreak of COVID-19. Zambia was drawn in Group D alongside neighbours Tanzania, Namibia and West Africans Guinea. Mutapa believes that had the league continued, it would have been better for the players as it would have helped them to keep fit after a prolonged period of inactivity.

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Nkana win elates Mbombo

By Goal Digger
HAVING plied his trade in Zambia for close to two seasons, Nkana Congolese striker Idris Mbombo says winning the league for the first time is special.

Despite winning almost everything that is there to win on the local scene, Mbombo has never tasted league victory.

Mbombo is part of the Nkana team that bagged the title this season and is pleased with the achievement.

"To win the title is so very precious. It's a dream come true. I tried so much since I was at Kabwe Warriors, I didn't get it. The time Zesco won it, I was outside. But today [Sunday], it's my time to celebrate," Mbombo said.

The former Zesco hit

hailed his family for the support during the just ended campaign. "I say thanks to my family, my wife and everyone who supported me. It's not like we wanted the league to end like this. We wanted the league to continue and we were ready to play all the games. We deserve it because we worked hard for it," he said. Mbombo, who is Nkana's top scorer with 14 goals, regretted missing out on the golden boot to veteran striker James Chamanga.

Bayern willing to sell Thiago



Eden wins hearts of football stakeholders

By Tim Zulu
IT is often said that a king is not usually eulogised in his homeland, but turning the page of that idiom to the homeland of the second tier of Zambian football, the story in the just ended 2019/20 Eden University National Division one league is overwhelmingly different. The Higher learning institution was not just the official sponsor of the League but took an extra mile to have all 18 teams under one basket for timely information and smooth communication, including seasoned sports administrators and senior coaches in the land. This made football stakeholders and match administrators to speak highly on how Eden University took matters of football with a different approach and touch. Silver medal dangles Prison Leopards team manager Kebby Luchanga said the first ever national league was not only interesting but very competitive and "not child's play". "But to participants like us,


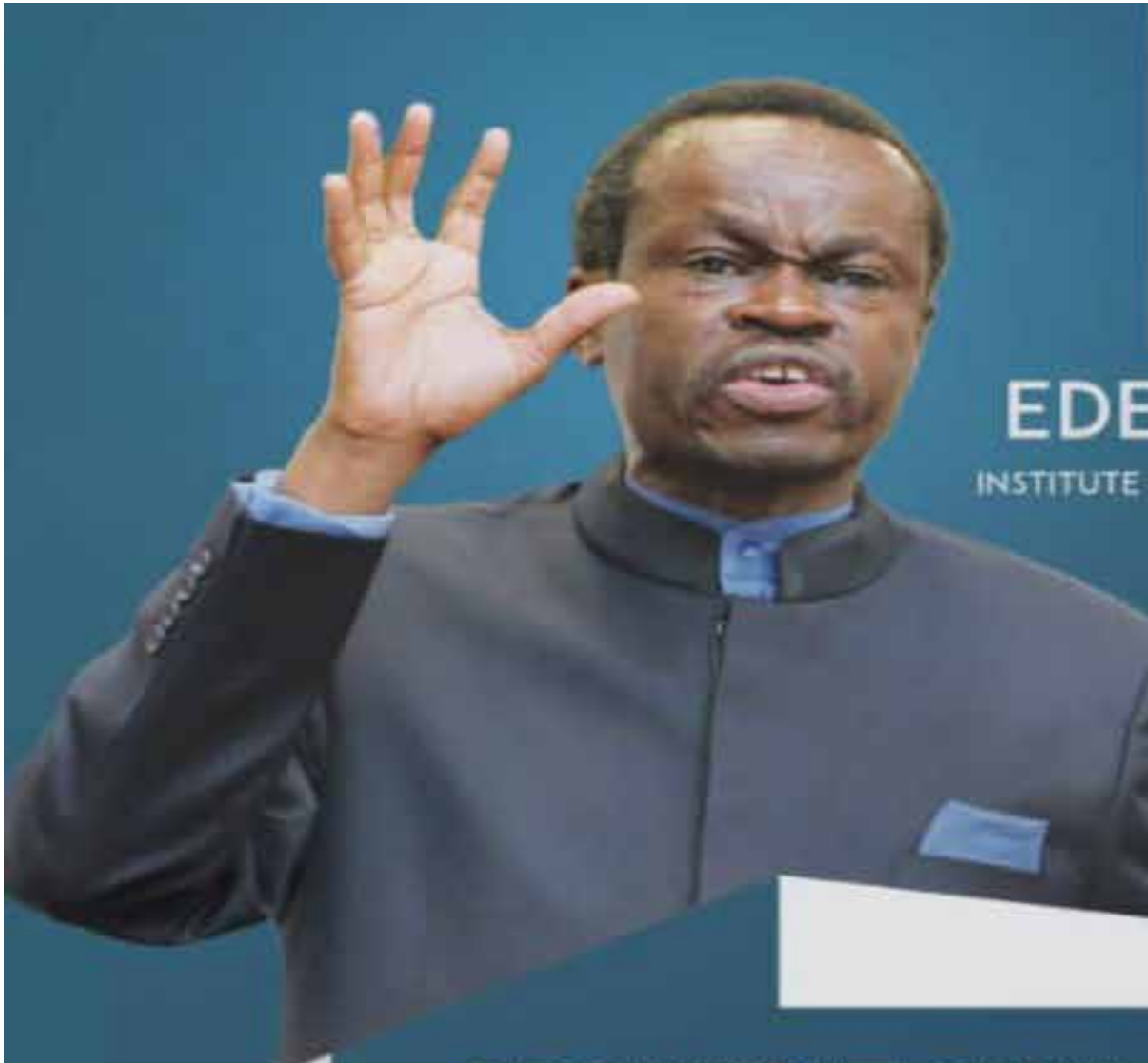
what was more appealing in the Eden league was the free flow of football information coming from the Eden office. Those timely updates almost every day were quite helpful and we made good use of them like to get to know what is happening in the other camp and vice-versa. That surely made communication amongst all teams in the league alot easier and thumbs up for such a great initiative," Luchanga said. He told Eden Sports via telephone that the coming in of Eden to support local football was a huge milestone in the development of football. "Look at the levels of competition among the participants! I think your coming in as Eden brought in a new lease of life and I think any genuine member in this second tier league will attest in the manner we remained a United force yet we were opponents, thanks to your office, that somewhat gave us some direction," Luchanga said. "As Leopards, we have

crossed this difficult bridge to the super League but please, don't look back on the good job of uplifting grassroots football. Your efforts to this cause will surely pay off now and in the near future for mother Zambia. And Match official Mercy Zulu said she at first did not understand what the Eden league was all about. "For me and others, we were made to understand and love what was happening in this league largely because of constant updates and the news we were getting was just top notch. You couldn't look for more, leaving us with little choice but to love the league. It was as if you are physically there when infact not but as sports people, it was your enticing stories coming from this end," Zulu said. And Monze Swallows General Secretary Nicholas Moomba said it should not surprise people when some players from the Eden league cross over international borders. "You may not be aware that

this Eden league has reached as far as Australia and our players in this league are being monitored through these timely updates about teams and player profile coming from the Eden office and don't get surprised when you start receiving calls enquiring about our Zambian players from this fold," said Moomba. And Football follower Dominic Chanda said Eden University should be proud of itself as the higher learning institutions was now becoming a household name. "I think to us people who passionately follow Zambian football, what your institution has done to this league is beyond measure. I know being the first time, one or two things may not add up, but the fact that you took this great step to support local football in whatever little way, I think you need a pat on the back. We never missed a thing, whether one watches the games or not, but rich updates ranging from pre, post match reports, tables,

exclusive stories, name them all, made us keenly follow this league to the letter and just look how you managed the final day! Quite unbelievable," Chanda said. And goodwill messages from soccer administrators kept coming to the Eden inbox to appreciate the way the soccer family was united in the Zambian second tier league despite being competitors. "Aya ema league Zoona, well organised. This is really wonderful and encouraging," read one of the many messages coming from the Malaiti Rangers General Secretary Mutale Bwalya and other administrators. Eden University crowned it's league champions and runners up last week Thursday, with a rare treat of respect befitting an appreciated king when it flew the K125,000 trophy to Champions Indeni in Ndola and delivered the K75,000 cheque and silver medals to Prison Leopards in Kabwe for coming out second by a ZAF Chopper.

LIVERPOOL have been handed a boost in their pursuit of Thiago Alcantara as Bayern Munich CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has admitted that the club are willing to sell a prized asset for a "fair transfer fee". Thiago only has one year left to run on his current contract with Bayern, and has been heavily linked with a move to Liverpool over the past few months. R u m m e n i g g e confirmed in July that the 29-year-old has turned down the opportunity to extend his stay at the Allianz Arena, with it his desire to experience a new challenge away from Germany after seven successful years in the Bundesliga. Reds boss Jurgen Klopp has admitted to being a great admirer of the Spain international, but Bayern have yet to receive any offers for a man who is reportedly being valued at around €35 million (£31m/\$41m). **GOAL**



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