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# HH CONFRONTS NAWAKWI'S "LIES"



### Support Bill 10, Lungu pleads with chiefs

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PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu has asked traditional leaders to support Bill 10 because it will give the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) powers to demarcate boundaries and create more constituencies. *Story page 7*

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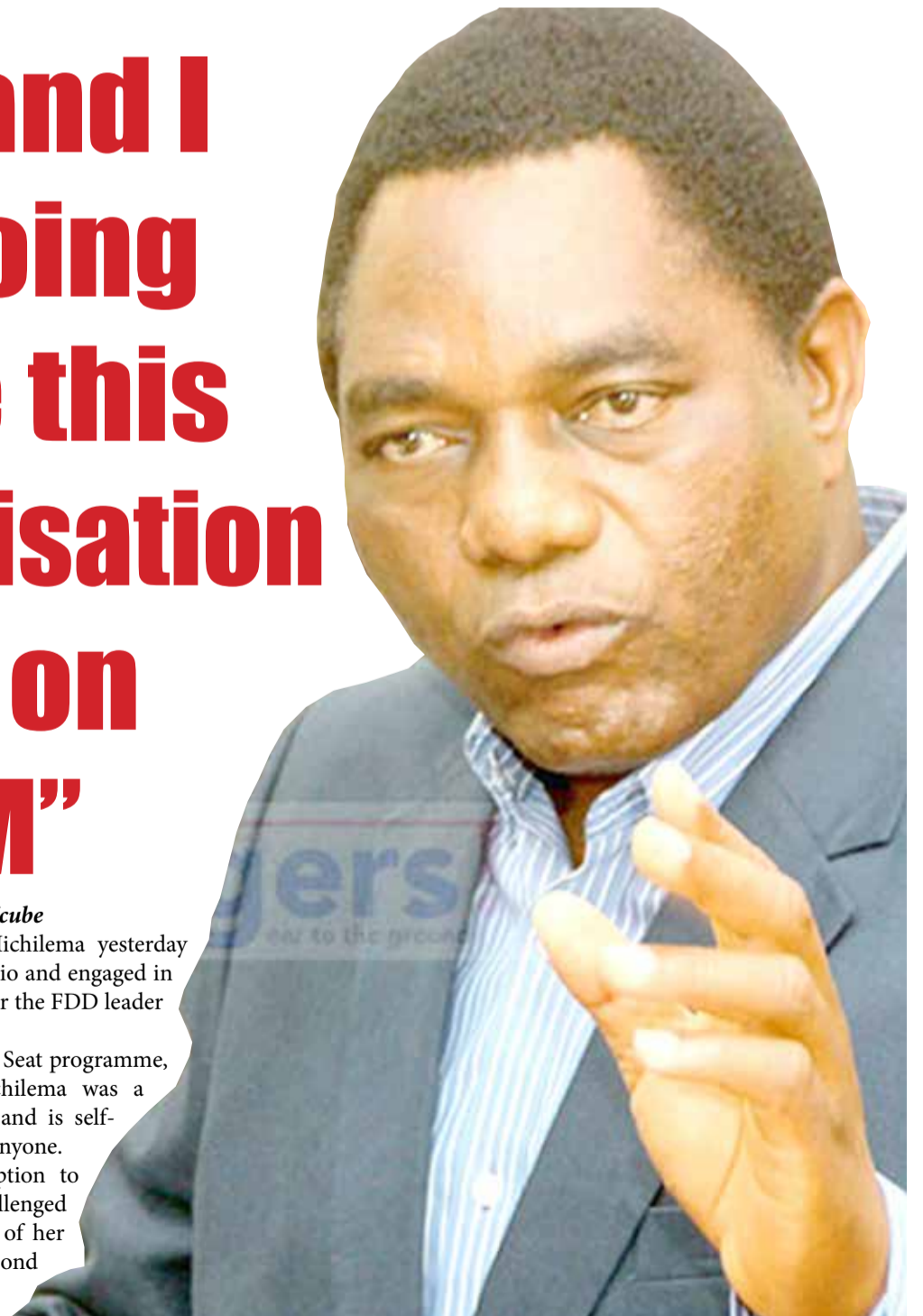
**By Ulande Nkomesha**  
MINISTRY of Health Permanent Secretary for Administration Kakulubelwa Mulalelo says the country has recorded 225 new COVID-19 cases out of 1,400 tests done in the last 24 hours. And Malalelo says government is offering counseling services to all medical staff participating in the fight against COVID-19, saying the pandemic had stretched them to the limit. *Story page 10*

## "You and I are going settle this privatisation issue on Hot FM"

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
UPND president Hakainde Hichilema yesterday took on Edith Nawakwi on radio and engaged in a strong exchange of words after the FDD leader called him a thief.

Featuring on Hot FM's Hot Seat programme, Thursday, Nawakwi said Hichilema was a rich man who lacks wisdom and is self-conceited, with no respect for anyone.

But Hichilema took exception to being labelled a thief and challenged Nawakwi to provide evidence of her allegations so that he could respond and clear the air. *Story page 5*



*By Ulande Nkomesha*  
UPND president Hakainde Hichilema says removing President Edgar Lungu is the only way to revive Zambia's economy because he has been a disaster.

And Hichilema says Health Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya's acquittal is a sign that the PF has continued mocking and intimidating the judiciary and law enforcement agencies.

Commenting on President Lungu's remarks that he would now take charge of the economy because it was shutting down in some sectors, Hichilema argued that removing the latter would be the first step to reviving the economy.

"Now he has eight months to go, what economy can he run in eight months? He has been a disaster to this country's leadership, hence the collapse to the country's economy. He has no capacity to run an economy, he knows that. Am I the one who is accusing him? No, who has said that? Himself. So, let us all agree that there is failure under his leadership, disaster under his leadership; corruption has gone up, debt has gone up, nothing is working," Hichilema said.

"So, as Zambians, let us

# Removing Lungu the only way to save economy – HH

pack that debate because we have been debating whether PF will run the economy better or will improve the economy. The next issue is which party is the alternative? It is the UPND. We must settle the debate, no more arguments, including him where Lungu sits, he knows that UPND is a superior alternative to him in terms of running the country. Now is another time for us to work together to help this country, to retrieve this country by the confession of Mr Lungu from the total collapse where it is now."

Hichilema questioned how President Lungu could fix an economy he had failed to run from the time he took over office.

"His comment to start with is a clear indication that he accepts that the economy is in a bad shape, that the economy has deteriorated so much. So, there is no argument about that. I think before, the PF were claiming the economy was doing well, there is

no economy that is doing well, everything is down, growth is down. When he inherited this economy, he found it growing at six percent by 2019, it was down to 1.9 percent. Year end, we are going to be in a serious recession, the first in over 20 years, the growth will be negative. So he acknowledges that, that is good news," Hichilema said.

"The question is that he is saying he is now going to take charge of the economy, so the second acknowledgement from that statement is that he was never running the economy from the day he took over. So what has he been doing for these seven years? What has he been doing? He has been playing around, his government has been engaging in corruption; buying expensive fire tenders, buying himself a \$65 million jet which is only driven by extremely rich people. He has been spending taxpayer money at the expense of keeping children in school, at the

expense of creating jobs for the youths."

And Hichilema said Dr Chilufya's acquittal was no surprise.

"On Chitalu Chilufya's acquittal, everybody knew it was coming, that he was going to be acquitted. He never respected the courts, he went with a horde of youths and took over the Magistrates' Court Complex. A Minister in the UPND government, can he do a thing like that? No! But in the PF, under Mr Lungu, yes you can do that because birds of the same feathers flock together," Hichilema said.

"So abuse of the judicial system, what else did they do, we expected him to have resigned during the process of prosecution to give a fair adjudication, to allow the judiciary, the Judge the Magistrate and the Judicial system there to operate independently, that did not happen. So there was actually an intimidatory behavior that was exhibited which took away the freedom of the court to adjudicate in a fair manner. If he shouldn't have resigned, he should have been removed, he should have been at least suspended and that will be happening in the UPND government. You are going through a court process after investigations, not before you have to take leave of absence from office if you don't, you will be suspended to allow that fair adjudication."

He said President Lungu threatened the Judiciary when accused investigative

wings of being after him.

"Mr Lungu himself sent a message to both oversight institutions and indirectly to the Judiciary by threatening them when he announced on the Copperbelt that he is aware that the ACC was against him, they were going for him, they were prosecuting his people selectively including Chilufya Chitalu. What message did that send to the Judiciary and the Anti-Corruption Commission? He sent a message that stop what you are doing, stop prosecuting my people, because I don't want you to prosecute me, is he above the law? No, why did he do that? Birds of the same feathers flock together," he said.

Hichilema said PF had mocked and destroyed the Judiciary with their continued intimidation.

"So they have destroyed the Judiciary. They are making a mockery over the Judiciary, they have destroyed it! We will have to rebuild it when we come into office, God's will courtesy of

the people of Zambia. So everything is broken under PF. There is no rule of law. So, it is a farce, now nolle prosequi, if not intimidation to the Judiciary, physical as you saw when Chilufya was there or a veiled threat by Mr Lungu himself," said Hichilema.

"I pity the Anti-Corruption Commission, I pity the police, I pity the Financial Intelligence Center as you know when they produce their reports, the one who should have received the report with both arms calls it nfwiti nfwiti (witchcraft). So, there is no political will to fight corruption, we are on our own, that is the problem, that is the challenge we have and that too can be dealt with through a change of government, to replace the defunct PF, the absentee landlords PF team with the UPND responsible leadership. A leadership that will respect the rule of law. Zambians keep your hopes high, help is on the way, order is coming."



*PF's Kennedy Kamba shares a light moment with Silva Masebo In luangwa yesterday after filling in nominations for Mandombe ward by-elections*

## GOSVIN Engineering drags Bowman to Lands Tribunal for trespassing on their property

*By Diggers Reporter*  
GOSVIN Engineering Limited and another have lodged a complaint in the Lusaka Lands Tribunal against Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo for allegedly trespassing and encroaching on their property situated in Ndola, Copperbelt Province.

GOSVIN Engineering Ltd and Lee Chibesa are seeking a declaration that the encroached pieces land form and are part of Lots 120 and 121 Chichele, Ndola as well as a declaration that they are the legal and beneficial owners of the said land.

They also want an order to demolish any and all structures built by Lusambo on the said land and an order of injunction restraining him by himself, his agents, servants or whomsoever is connected to him from entering, excavation, building or constructing on their property until further order.

The applicants also want costs. On August 21, this year, the Lands Tribunal deputy chairperson granted the applicants, GOSVIN Engineering Ltd and Chibesa an ex-parte order of interim injunction, restraining Lusambo by himself, his agents, servants or whomsoever is connected to him from entering, excavation, building or constructing on their property until further order of the tribunal.

According to an affidavit in support of complaint and in support of ex-parte summons for an interim injunction filed in the Lands Tribunal, August 19, Gostave Mulopoto, the managing director of GOSVIN Engineering Ltd stated that upon applying for land in Ndola, the applicants were allocated two pieces of land and subsequently issued with Certificates of Title in January, 2019.

He stated that the pieces of land still remain registered in the

applicants names, but added that, since June, 2020, Lusambo, together with other unknown persons, have trespassed over the said land and started construction works.

"I instructed counsel to write to the Ministry of Lands to register my concerns and counsel also wrote a letter of demand to the respondent (Lusambo) to stop the illegal occupation. None of the parties responded at all, but the applicants discovered that the respondent has now gone ahead to commence construction works on our plots," Mulopoto narrated.

He further stated that they have not permitted Lusambo to undertake these works nor, indeed, enter their said land.

Mulopoto added that Lusambo's blatant entry and excavation with impunity was illegal and ought to be stopped to obviate their suffering irreparable damage.

## ARC Tours sues Kaizer over outstanding K132,665 in unpaid air tickets

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*  
ARC Save Travel Tours and Car Hire Limited has sued President Edgar Lungu's former special assistant for political affairs Kaizar Zulu seeking payment of over K132,000 owed to it in outstanding air tickets. ARC Save Travel Tours and Car Hire is claiming K132,665 being monies owed for air tickets as well as damages for loss of use of funds. It's further seeking interest at the BoZ short deposit rate from date of issue of writ to date of judgement and thereafter at the commercial bank lending rate and costs.

According to a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court Commercial Registry, ARC Save Travel Tours and Car Hire stated that Zulu engaged it between October 25 and November, 27, 2017 for the provision of air tickets for various individuals on his account.

It stated that Zulu was issued some invoices on the account, but added that the remaining balance in the sum of K132,665 on his account had not been settled to-date.

ARC Save stated that it, through one of its directors, engaged Zulu on several occasions reminding him of his indebtedness, but to-date he had not settled his dues to the company.

"That due to the negative response by the defendant (Zulu), the plaintiff (ARC Save), through its advocates Messrs Andrew & Partners, wrote a letter of demand to the defendant on June 12, 2020, which letter has not been received by the defendant as he has been avoiding phone calls from the law firm," read the claim.

"All efforts to locate the whereabouts of the defendant have proved futile even after engaging a courier service to locate the defendant at his last known place of business."

ARC Save stated that Zulu had made promises via WhatsApp messaging to one of the directors, a Ms Jessie Lengwe, but to-date hasn't fulfilled his promises.

It added that Zulu had since refused, neglected and/or denied to have the balance of K132,665 on his account cleared.

ARC Save stated that as a result, it had suffered grave loss and inconveniences.

*By Ulande Nkomesha*  
PF SECRETARY General Davies Mwila says the adoption of a ruling party-reject, Davies Mulenga, in the Lukashya by-election is an indication that the UPND have no structures in Northern Province.

And Mwila says the ruling party does not feel threatened by the National Democratic Congress’ (NDC) decision to support UPND in the upcoming by-elections.  
In an interview, Mwila charged that the PF had

# UPND doesn’t exist in N/Province – Mwila

rejected Mulenga because he had “skeletons in his closet” and that his adoption by the UPND was an indication of their non-existence in Northern Province because they still lacked structures and credible candidates.  
“First and foremost, the UPND don’t exist in Northern Province because they don’t have candidates. That is the more reason they picked a reject. They were supposed to ask us, PF, why we rejected Mulenga. He is a reject! We rejected him, we didn’t want to adopt him because there are too many skeletons in his cupboard. So, that is the more the reason we rejected him and they picked a rejected person. It means that they are not there in that province,” Mwila said.  
“The UPND is not on the ground, they don’t have the structures, they don’t have the people. That is the more reason they didn’t have a candidate. All of a sudden in less than two weeks, someone is rejected, you just go and pick him, which means that they are not even ready for the election.”  
And Mwila said the party was not threatened by the NDC’s decision to support the UPND in the upcoming by-elections, as the PF were guaranteed victory in all the by-elections.  
“When it comes to the Alliance, it is not a threat, NDC’s Chishimba Kambwili in his own mouth said, ‘we are going to form government.’ If they are going into an alliance, how are they going to form government? It means that he wants help from the UPND; individually, they cannot defeat the PF that is what it means. So, it is a weak party and the NDC is now finished! It is nowhere that is why they can’t field candidates. They now want to be helped by UPND, but they will be swallowed by the UPND! They can’t field candidates, they want to be supporting another political party,” argued Mwila.  
“We will carry the day in Mwanabombwe as well as Lukashya. We have to win all the upcoming by-elections, including the wards, because the people of Zambia want development and PF is delivering development, that is what people want. You saw what happened in Chilubi (constituency), that is what will happen in Lukashya. We have penetrated in Western Province out of six, we won five. In North-Western, out of seven, we won three. So, we have continued winning and we have five in Lufwanyama, which is the stronghold for UPND. We expect to get all of them.”

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Speaking when he featured on Spring24 TV news live programme, Wednesday, Ngulube said as the Minister’s lead counsel, he was working round the clock to ensure that his client is not victimised again.  
“They are entitled to arrest him if they have got evidence that he has done something wrong. They are entitled to come up with new allegations and he will be called upon to answer. And if they have facts, I don’t think we can stop them because they are just doing their job. They are mandated by law to arrest, and to take cases to court. But we can simply say that as Dr Chitalu Chilufya’s lead counsel, I am actually working 24/7 to make sure that our client is not victimised again on all these offences. And one other important thing is that if he wanted, Dr Chilufya can sue and claim a lot of money because his reputation was damaged, he was called a thief and the ACC were parading him, they held press conferences, they demeaned him as an internationally recognised medical doctor who is also Minister of Health and also a businessman. They can pay him no less than K10 million kwacha,” Ngulube said.  
“They can pay him a lot of money because the damage they caused him is huge. At the moment, we don’t want to sue because Dr Chilufya is a very peaceful man and he is not even contemplating to sue anybody but if they begin to harass him, it will be option number one. We may have to take them in so that we can actually recover something from them.”  
He said it is sad that government institutions like the ACC were relying on social media propaganda to prosecute people.  
“The defence team is very happy with the outcome of the proceedings because we were anticipating that result. We know that from the beginning, Dr Chilufya was innocent and he should

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not even have been tried in the first place. It’s sad that now, we have government institutions relying on social media reports and social media propaganda and people can just wake up today and say ‘Tutwa Ngulube has stolen’ and the ACC stands up and starts prosecuting me. We must only take cases to court where there is evidence. And so we want to state that our client was in very high spirit, he was very strong in court [and] he never faked any illness as we have seen when politicians are in court because he knew that he was innocent. And that is why you saw even his caliber, his demeanour and everything showed that he had nothing to hide,” Ngulube said.  
Ngulube described Dr Chilufya’s case as an academic exercise, saying the ACC lacked evidence from the onset.  
“We can state that it was an academic exercise just from the day they did a warn and caution statement. The ACC could not clearly state what offence they were going to present in court and that is why you saw the back and forth, the dilly dallying. The ACC got five witnesses and amongst the witnesses, it was the evidence that they presented that was not equal to the charge which they gave him. The arresting officers, the investigators and everyone they called was actually saying that they did not see anything wrong. So how else would they have presented that case if the investigators themselves say that ‘when we analyse all the earnings, Dr Chilufya cannot fail to have K270,000 kwacha in five years? Dr Chilufya cannot fail as a businessman or as a minister to have US \$200,000 in a period of seven years.’ And that US \$200,000 was non-existent. It was never there and the witnesses themselves said ‘we never saw it, we just heard on social media.’ So, how were you expecting the courts to convict a person when there is no evidence to support the claim?” he wondered.  
He said the Minister’s acquittal was never related to the Contempt of Court charge against ACC director General Rosemary Kuzwayo.  
“And the contempt of court case against ACC

director general Rosemary Kuzwayo was only related to one witness who was suspended. It didn’t relate to the rest of the witnesses. And I don’t think you can get acquitted because of contempt of court. It’s not possible,” he said.  
And Ngulube demanded that the ACC reinstates Manda, insisting that his suspension was illegal.  
“It’s illegal to continue keeping him on suspension because... the Penal Code clearly states that ‘you cannot discipline someone based on what he has said in court.’ We hope and trust that [the ACC] can lift his suspension so that he gets

back to work. He was just an investigator and he told the court the whole truth. It was wrong for the acting DG to come out in that way because as far as we know, witnesses have immunities. And we are demanding the immediate reinstatement of Chipampe Manda as an investigating officer so that the matter can all die and we can forge ahead and look elsewhere,” he said.  
Meanwhile, Ngulube urged the ACC to avoid personalising matters.  
“We also want to urge the ACC that before you arrest, kindly investigate. Remember how they came so strong on the allegations

against Dr Chilufya? Even when he had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and he was sick, they still insisted that he appears before them. Even when he was not feeling too well, they really mistreated him and made him look like he was a criminal when in actual fact there was no such a thing. So, we want to urge the ACC to emulate other government agencies. Let them look at how the police, DEC, NPA and so on deal with suspects. It is wrong for the ACC to personalise matters and deal with matters as though they are dealing with someone who has already been found guilty,” said Ngulube.

# Inflation slows to 15.5%

*By Diggers Reporter*  
THE annual rate of inflation has marginally decreased to 15.5 per cent in August, down from 15.8 per cent recorded in July, mainly induced by price decreases in food items, according to the Zambia Statistics Agency (ZSA).  
Announcing Zambia’s annual rate of inflation for the month of August, ZSA Interim Statistician General Mulenga Musepa said that the reduced inflation this month was largely attributable to reduced food prices.  
“The year-on-year inflation rate as measured by the all items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for August, 2020, decreased to 15.5 per cent from 15.8 per cent recorded in July, 2020. This means that on average, prices of goods and services increased by 15.5 per cent between August, 2019, and August, 2020. The slowdown in the annual rate of inflation was attributed to price decreases in food items,” Musepa told journalists via video conference in Lusaka, Thursday.  
He added that the reduction in the annual food inflation rate, which dampened the overall annual rate of inflation, was largely driven by price reductions in mealie meal and vegetables.  
“The year-on-year (annual) food inflation rate for August, 2020, was recorded at 15.5 per cent

compared to 16.1 per cent recorded in July, 2020, indicating a decrease of 0.6 percentage points. This development was mainly attributed to reductions in prices of food items, such as cereals (Breakfast mealie meal, Roller meal, maize grain, millet) and vegetables (rape, sweet potatoe leaves, tomatoes, cabbage, pumpkin),” Musepa said.  
“The year-on-year non-food inflation rate for August, 2020, was recorded at 15.4 per cent same as that recorded in July, 2020.”  
Of the total 15.5 per cent annual inflation rate recorded this month, food and non-alcoholic beverages accounted for 8.3 percentage points, while

non-food items accounted for 7.2 percentage points, according to Musepa.  
ZSA data shows that Zambia’s annual rate of inflation of 15.5 per cent recorded this month, peaked to a near four-year high since September, 2016, when inflation was at 18.9 per cent, reducing to 12.5 per cent in October, 2016, before it dropped to close that year at 7.5 per cent.  
The BoZ projected that the country’s annual rate of inflation will remain high over the forecast period of eight quarters up to the end of next year, mainly driven by high food prices, but is due to slow down on the back of a maize bumper harvest produced this year.



Lusaka based photographer Chellah Tukuta (c ) with lawyers Linda Kasonde and Mulambo Haimbe (l) at Lusaka Magistrates Court on Tuesday – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

# The case for the disbanding of the Anti-Corruption Commission and why it is a danger to national interest

### By way of introduction

The arrest and acquittal of Chitalu Chilufya, the then embattled Minister responsible for health has attracted wide criticism of the Anti-Corruption (ACC) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). The events surrounding the arrest and prosecution of a sitting Cabinet Minister have surpassed the description of scandal of the century and has shown the deep rooted rot at the ACC and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA). The turn of events are utterly shocking and a horror to witness as the levels of incompetence exhibited by the ACC in its investigations and prosecuting and the NPA, specifically the DPP, in giving consent to proceed with the prosecution are what Professor Muna Ndulo once called a “comedy of errors”.

### The history and metamorphosis of the ACC

The history of the ACC can be traced to the pre-independence era whereby investigative wings were investigating crimes and prosecuting offenders under three main pieces of legislation namely: the Penal Code, the Prevention of Corruption Act of 1916 and the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act of 1889. After independence, in a bid to realign the fight against corruption to the existing socio-political and economic context, the United National Independence Party (UNIP) tasked the Zambia Police Force to combat corruption. Section 56 of the Penal Code, Chapter 146 of the Laws of Zambia was the only piece of legislation that was used to prosecute offenders. This provision only concerned itself with corruption offences by persons employed in the public service and did not cover corruption in the private sector.

Enter 1971; the UNIP government under Kenneth Kaunda established the notorious and infamous Special Investigations Team on the Economy and Trade (SITET) to combat mainly corruption and economic sabotage by persons bent on stifling Zambia's economy in the mind of the party and its government. The SITET after causing mayhem and traumatizing many Zambian citizens was abolished in 1992 after the country returned to multi-party democracy and plural politics. Other than SITET, the fight against corruption in the public service was governed by the Leadership Code under the 1973 constitution. This was enforced by the Zambia Police Service and the Zambia Security Intelligence Service.

In 1980, the Corrupt Practices Act No. 14 of 1980 was enacted by the Zambian Parliament which established the ACC as we know it today. The ACC was officially established in 1982 and its main mandate was to combat corruption in both the public and private sectors. This Act was repealed and replaced by Anti-Corruption Act No. 42 of 1996. The current legislative framework governing the ACC is the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012. This Act was enacted by the PF majority Parliament to reinstate the abuse of offence which was removed by the Movement for Multi-party controlled Parliament that enacted Act No. 38 of 2010.

### The failure of the ACC in light of its mandate

The mandate as in the functions of the ACC are found under section 6 of the ACC Act of 2012. For avoidance of doubt the functions are as follows:

- (a) prevent and take necessary and effective measures for the prevention of corruption in public and private bodies, including, in particular, measures for—
  - (i) examining the practices and procedures of public and private bodies in order to facilitate the discovery of opportunities of corrupt practices and secure the revision of methods of work or procedures which in the opinion of the Commission, may be prone or conducive to corrupt practices;
  - (ii) advising public bodies and private bodies on ways and means of preventing corrupt practices, and on changes in methods of work or procedures of such public bodies and private bodies compatible with the effective performance of their duties, which the Commission considers necessary to reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of corrupt practices;
  - (iii) disseminating information on the evil and dangerous effects of corrupt practices on society;

- (iv) creation of committees in institutions for monitoring corruption in the institution; and
  - (v) enlisting and fostering public confidence and support against corrupt practices;
  - (b) initiate, receive and investigate complaints of alleged or suspected corrupt practices, and, subject to the directions of the Director of Public Prosecutions, prosecute—
    - (i) offences under this Act; and
    - (ii) such other offence under any other written law as may have come to the notice of the Commission during the investigation of an offence under this Act;
  - (c) investigate any conduct of any public officer which, the Commission has reasonable grounds to believe may be connected with, or conducive to, corrupt practices;
  - (d) be the lead agency in matters of corruption;
  - (e) co-ordinate or co-operate, as applicable, with other institutions authorized to investigate, prosecute, prevent and combat corrupt practices so as to implement an integrated approach to the eradication of corruption;
  - (f) consult, co-operate and exchange information with appropriate bodies of other countries that are authorized to conduct inquiries or investigations in relation to corrupt practices;
  - (g) adopt and strengthen mechanisms for educating the public to respect the public good and public interest and, in particular —
    - (i) create awareness in the fight against corruption and related offences;
    - (ii) develop educational and other programmes for the sensitization of the media;
    - (iii) promote an environment for the respect of ethics; and
    - (iv) disseminate information and sensitize the public on the negative effects of corruption and related offences.
- Careful perusal of the functions of the ACC will show that the Commission is reactionary and not proactive in its fight against corruption. In a nutshell and to avoid mincing and wasting words one will see that the Commission has been inept in discharging its functions therefore doing a disservice to the tax payer and the public at large. I stand to be challenged by the Commission and indeed any observer to show me any function above that the Commission may have competently discharged.

### Criminal Investigations as a science

Any investigator or prosecutor and for that matter one charged with the mandate of dealing with economic crimes must know that investigations are a science. It requires a hypothesis, collection of evidence, analysis and communication before an accused can be arraigned and prosecuted. This is what is called as the “4 Stages of an Investigation”. One cannot arrest an individual without evidence and then proceed to prosecute hoping to harvest evidence on the way. The lead investigator in the case testified that he did not find any wrongdoing on the part of Chitalu Chilufya as all the assets alleged to have been corruptly acquired were within the income lawfully acquired by the accused. One wonders how many people have been arraigned on frivolous charges by the ACC if they can do that to a sitting Cabinet Minister. What of ordinary citizens, are they safe? The variance of the evidence between the lead investigator and the position of the Commission as communicated to the press raises a lot of questions which require that heads roll at the Commission and radical changes made instantly. Who was lying between the investigator and the Command at the Commission as to the evidence against Chitalu Chilufya?

### Collusion between ACC and NPA?

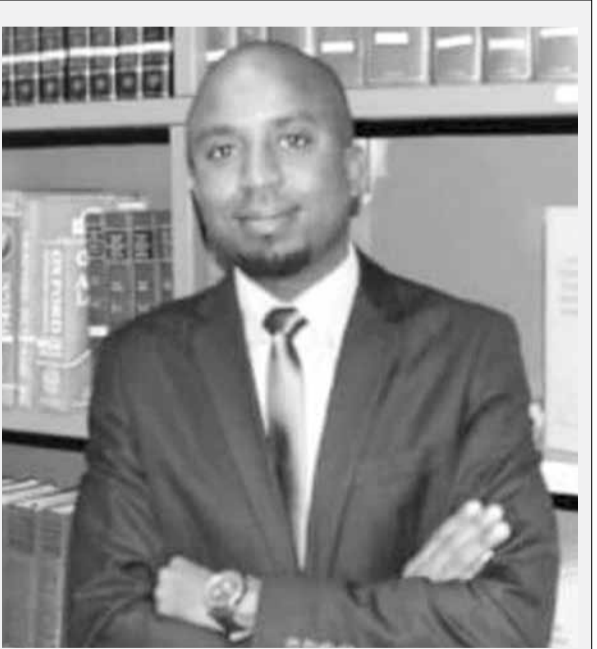
The ACC does not prosecute offences under the ACC Act until the DPP gives her consent. Section 64 of the Act provides that:

- (1) A prosecution for an offence under Part III shall not be instituted except by, (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person may be charged with an offence under Part III and may be arrested, or a warrant for that person's arrest may be issued and executed, and the person may be remanded by the court in custody or on bail notwithstanding that the written consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions to the institution of a prosecution for the offence with which that person is charged has not been obtained.
- (3) Where a person is brought before a court before the written consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions to the institution of a prosecution against that person is obtained, the charge shall be explained to the accused person but the accused person shall not be called upon to plead or with, the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Thus, the DPP must have seen the evidence before granting her consent to prosecute and if she did, why was there comedy in the handling of the case. If it was as a result of incompetence on the part of the ACC why didn't she take over the proceedings by exercising her constitutional right under Article 180 (4) (b) of the Constitution of Zambia, Chapter 1 of the Laws of Zambia as amended by Act No. 2 of 2016? In the absence of evidence to the contrary and explanations to that effect then assumptions may be made one of which is of collusion in the Donald Trump magnitude.

### Why it is the right time to disband ACC

The suggestions made by a cross section of the society that ACC has become a political gun and hired mercenary targeting political players have merit. The arrest and prosecution of Cabinet Ministers and other political players on baseless evidence is a danger to the fabric of society. It is tormenting to imagine how many people have been targeted by the ACC without evidence and having been convicted. There is no way that the Commission and its investigators can have two different shreds of evidence as to the guilt of an accused. The Commission as an institution does not collect evidence but it is the investigators that go in the field to gather information. Thus, to have the Command of the ACC allege that the officer lied on oath is disheartening and to think of the reasons why that officer would have lied is also mind boggling. Enough said, it is the right time for the President to fire the entire command at ACC and then disband the entire organization in order to bring back credibility to the fight against corruption. The ACC in its current state is but a circus!



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*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
UPND president Hakainde Hichilema yesterday took on Edith Nawakwi on radio and engaged in a strong exchange of words after the FDD leader called him a thief.

Featuring on Hot FM’s Hot Seat programme, Thursday, Nawakwi said Hichilema was a rich man who lacks wisdom and is self-conceited, with no respect for anyone.

But Hichilema took exception to being labelled a thief and challenged Nawakwi to provide evidence of her allegations so that he could respond and clear the air.

Hichilema also confronted Nawakwi on her claim that the UPND president bought his house in Sable Road from Lima Bank, saying the FDD leader was using the radio station to spread lies out of hatred.

After the radio programme, the duo later took the feud to social media, with Hichilema posting: “Maybe she has a crush on me”, “When they fail to defeat you on substance, they’ll resort to lies” and “Do you know what goes well with beans? Legana sausages”.

Nawakwi, on the other hand posted: “Reporter: Madam President, your comment over the recent post from the young man? EZN: Well... you see, I’m a mother. I don’t play games with little boys, I #fix them..”, in apparent response to Hichilema.

Earlier during the programme, Nawakwi explained that Hichilema swindled the country by under-declaring assets which her ministry was selling, like Intercontinental Hotel in Livingstone, without declaring interest.

“Time and again people ask Hakainde Hichilema how he became rich? And that is the question. And he gets so upset about that question. What I noticed from his speech is that he says ‘at the time of privatisation, MMD was the one in government, I was young’ he says. And how could I at my age of 29 sell mines? I want to tell the nation that if he was 29, I was 30 and I was Minister of Finance. He says he was young, and this is why government has created Katombora reformatory for young criminals. It is not because you are young that you cannot be a criminal but Katombora reformatory is there for people who are young. So, the story of him being young is not there. The behavior of Hakainde Hichilema is equivalent to Nabal in the Bible. Nabal in the Bible is a very rich man but he lacks wisdom, he is self-conceited, and he doesn’t respect anyone. He doesn’t create any relationships,” Nawakwi said.

She said Hichilema is lucky the ACC hasn’t

# HH confronts Nawakwi on radio after being called a thief

brought him to book for corruption over the house he illegally occupied which she claimed belonged to Lima Bank.

“If he has been lucky not to be booked by the Anti-Corruption Commission, he should just keep quiet because he should say he is lucky. As former minister of agriculture, you should ask him for my role. We wanted to restructure Lima Bank and we gave Grant Thornton the opportunity to advise government on receivership. And they went ahead and did a liquidation of Lima Bank. I just want Hakainde to answer one question. Is he able to produce the bid and the price which gave him the house in Sable Road where he has been residing until we moved to Mukamuya in Lusaka East? This is a Lima Bank house. Under our current laws and even previous laws, that is theft and corruption. You cannot give a public officer, and you are not just a public officers just because you are in government. He was advisor to government. So, to the extent that Grant Thornton was a receiver for Lima Bank and Hakainde alienates a house to himself, that is theft. He is lucky if he hasn’t gone to Katombora. He is lucky if the law hasn’t visited him,” she said.

She said if Hichilema

said she was sleeping when she was finance minister, it is because he is also a thief who goes to steal while the owners of the house are sleeping.

“Hakainde Hichilema, under my watch as minister of finance, we were selling Intercontinental Hotel in Livingstone and the foreigners were there. He brought them as advisor. And when they had stood up, I say ‘Mr Hichilema, do you think this US \$6 million is a fair price for the government?’ he was a professional and young and it’s not wrong for the government to trust a young man. You will think that this is a Zambian that has the interest of the country at heart. His answer was ‘yes madam minister, the price of \$6 million for Intercontinental Hotel in Livingstone is a fair price’. He says I was sleeping, thieves come when you are sleeping. That is why they break in [because] they come with guns. However, the very next day when we had finished the transaction on Intercontinental Hotel and it had moved to be Southern Sun, Mr Hichilema became the chairperson of the new owners. Isn’t that conflict of interest? That is why I am saying that he is lucky if he hasn’t been probed. Prior to privatisation, how much

money did Mr Hakainde Hichilema have? He should say that,” Nawakwi charged.

Nawakwi said Hichilema must learn to build relationships in politics.

“Hakainde must learn that building bridges and relationships is important in politics. Each time that they, on their side, open their statements to talk about me, it’s either ‘no, Nawakwi is going to be minister of finance for Lungu, Nawakwi has defected’. I have even been appointed by websites like Koswe but this is in the attempt to try and bring others down and this should stop. You can’t say that I have stolen because the owners were sleeping and you go boasting around. I think that is unacceptable. Can he actually tell us the bid price for the house in Sable road? How much he paid and why they, as Grant Thornton who were the receivers ended up sharing the houses amongst themselves?” she asked.

At this point, the interviewer played an old clip where Hichilema challenged Nawakwi and Alexander Chikwanda to explain where they were when he, a 29-year-old man was allegedly selling the mines.

The interview then asked Nawakwi to explain why the UPND leader was not prosecuted, to which

Nawakwi said the UPND leader was lucky to have evaded prison.

“So, when you say that why he wasn’t visited, [it’s] because in this country, the only corrupt [people] are those in government. [But] those who are outside looting and using government means are never followed. I think you saw that when we left as MMD, a lot of my colleagues were in jail and even now, the people who are being followed are those in government. Those who were advising government have never been questioned or followed. And it’s a very unfair situation,” said Nawakwi.

The FDD leader went on to make several other accusations against Hichilema, saying his way of raising money is by grabbing communal land and giving it to his animals for grazing.

But speaking when he called in during the programme, Hichilema challenged Nawakwi to put the allegations against him in writing so that he could exculpate himself.

“I want to make a public response since your guest there made a public accusation that I benefited from a house that belongs

to Lima Bank. Let me put in on record once and maybe for all. I have never bought a house openly or dubiously though Grant Thornton from Lima Bank, never ever. Land records are very clear. The beautiful thing about land is that you can’t lie. So I am afraid, Madam Nawakwi, you are telling a lie on that public radio,” said Hichilema.

“I would like you to make that allegation to me in writing and I will respond to you and you can put a copy Hot FM because they are the platform you have used. I will respond and give you the details that I have never bought a house from Lima Bank. I don’t steal, I will never steal and I was never brought up like that. That’s malicious and damaging. I don’t have time to pursue lies which are told openly out of hatred. I have no time for that. So, you are lying on that radio and it’s unacceptable that you can tell lies on public radio stations. So, I would like you and I to settle this matter through Hot FM. I have never even sold a mine Edith, you know that. Thank you very much.”

Meanwhile, PF deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri also called in, urging Nawakwi not to feel intimidated but to do as Hichilema advised so that the public could see who the liar was.

“Since my sister you have been given a challenge, you talked about the Lima Bank house, and you talked about Intercontinental, and as he has challenged you, put down your data so that you tell us in details. And he has said that you come back to Hot FM and I hope that is going to help us so that this can be put to rest once and for all. And don’t feel intimidated in whatever way you are called. For me, Mr Hakainde Hichilema is my son in law but do you know that he called as a woman with a lot of talk time with no substance? I challenged him and in fact, I have a list of UPND MPs who benefited from the land they call corruption Forest 27. And I repeat that I have their numbers, and their NRCs. Jack Mwiimbu got in the name of the wife, Moono Lubezhi got it and put it in a company, Musheli Mulyata got and put it in the daughters name, only [Ephraim] Belemu got it in his name because he is not dubious. You can imagine, when you are pointing a finger at somebody, be clean yourself. So, I will pray for you that you put that data together we see who is telling the truth,” said Phiri.

## Nyirenda was never duly elected NAREP president, Maboshe’s group tells court

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*  
NEWLY-APPOINTED National Restoration Party (NAREP) president Charles Maboshe and his group are counter-claiming a declaration and order that Steven Nyirenda was never duly elected as party president as he is ineligible to assume any elective position at any level of the party in accordance with their party constitution.

Maboshe and others are further counter-claiming a declaration and order that the decision of the party’s National Executive Committee of August 15, 2020 to remove Nyirenda as party president was valid and in line with the provisions of the party constitution.

They also want an order compelling Nyirenda, his employees or agents to hand over control of all bank accounts of the party and that he renders an account of all money received for and on behalf of the party from the time he illegally assumed the position of party president.

Maboshe and others further want a declaration and order that all appointments and decisions made by Nyirenda, including the purported appointment of Ezra Banda as secretary general, are null and void.

They have stated in their counter-claim that Nyirenda has caused serious embarrassment to the party and eroded

its goodwill and fortunes owing to his illegal ascension to the position of party president, his divisive tendencies, alien ideologies and unilateral albeit illegal decisions in the running of the party.

This is a matter in which Nyirenda and three others have sued Maboshe and other party members in the Lusaka High Court, seeking a confirmation and declaration that the former was duly elected as NAREP president.

Nyirenda and the others further want a declaration that the decision purportedly passed by the defendants that Nyirenda is no longer NAREP president be declared null and void, as well as, damages for breach of party constitution.

Nyirenda, Banda, the party vice president Mwelwa Ngosa and national chairperson Jimmy Mubambwe have sued Maboshe, the party vice chairperson Ezra Ngulube and other members, Maybin Kabwe, Frank Sichone, Evelyn Malongo, Susan Chipeta and Thomas Kayola, as defendants.

Last week, Lusaka High Court judge Wilfred Muma granted Nyirenda and the other three plaintiffs an ex-parte order of interim injunction, restraining Maboshe and others from interfering with the administration, governance and use of the party secretariat.

Justice Muma further prohibited the defendants from issuing out statements

regarding the National Restoration Party and its leadership.

But in a defence and counterclaim filed Wednesday, Maboshe and others argued that Nyirenda had never been legally or constitutionally elected as president of NAREP as he had at all material times been ineligible to ascend to the position of party president either through an election or appointment.

They further stated that Banda had never been the secretary general of NAREP and therefore, had no capacity to commence the action in any representative capacity of the party whatsoever.

The defendants further submitted that Maboshe was now the legally appointed acting president of NAREP while Ngulube was the legally recognised secretary general of NAREP and not an ordinary member of the party.

They further stated that Kabwe was the legally recognized chairperson in-charge of mobilisation of the party while Sichone was the spokesperson.

Maboshe and others stated that Malongo, Chipeta and Kayola were, in fact, constitutionally recognized as members of NAREP, national executive committee, national women’s chairperson and national youth chairman respectively.

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THE EMPEROR’S FAULT TOOLS

By Andyford Mayele Banda

SINCE President Edgar Lungu assumed office in January 2015, he has worked with a record four Finance Ministers. He inherited Alexander Bwalya Chikwanda, before hiring Felix Mutati and after pushing him out to Ministry of Works a move which was clear that he was on his way out he then promoted Margaret Mwanakatwe from Commerce before firing her for Dr. Bwalya N’gandu from Bank of Zambia. That’s an average of 1 year four months on the job for each Minister which is clearly a situation that doesn’t demonstrate stability in a key Ministry like Finance. Just last weekend he fired the Bank of Zambia governor Dr. Denny Kalylaya in unclear circumstances.

The President now says he wants to be in charge because the economy is almost collapsing. Around 2015 at the time of deciding to form the People’s Alliance for Change (PAC) party, to us the economy was already collapsing. Tell us what is happening now that was not happening then. The Zambian Kwacha depreciated beyond K10 mark for the first time, to us that was alarming. Load shedding was at its worst for the first time in the history of this country and that was alarming too. They were no clear initiatives to spur job creation and empower small businesses, medicines in hospitals were still scarce and a whole lot of other things. Seven months in the job we expected a response from a new President who would stir the country into a different direction but the response to all these challenges was less than inspiring if there was any response at all. From then on, we were convinced that at this rate the future was bleak. Yes, we knew it will be worse, and our fears have come to pass and it’s a fact that the situation is worse today than it was then. Whose responsibility is it to be where we are today? Is it all the people that have been fired or it’s the appointing authority?

On the 29th March 2019 we wrote an article entitled “The Emperor’s New Clothes” in News Diggers. The Emperor’s New Clothes is a short tale written by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen. It talks about a vain emperor who cares too much about wearing and displaying clothes, such that he hires two weavers who claim they can make the most beautiful clothes and elaborate patterns. The weavers are actually

con men who convince the emperor they are using a fine fabric invisible to anyone who is either unfit for his position or “hopelessly stupid”. The con lies in the fact that the weavers are actually only pretending to manufacture the clothes. Thus, no one, not even the emperor nor his ministers can see the alleged “clothes”, but they all pretend that they can for fear of appearing unfit for their positions. Finally, the weavers report that the suit is finished and they mime dress the emperor who then marches in procession before his subjects. The townsfolk uncomfortably go along with the pretence, not wanting to appear unfit for their positions or stupid. Finally, a child in the crowd blurts out that the emperor is wearing nothing at all and the cry is then taken up by others. The emperor realizes the assertion is true but continues the procession.

Looking at where we are as a country, there are many similarities to this story. The President and his entire leadership are definitely in denial. Clearly from the onset, you see that the President has tried to lump the economic collapse on the Finance Ministry and now, it seems even with the appointment of Dr. Bwalya N’gandu from Bank of Zambia, the collapse doesn’t seem to be slowing down. Now the tools that are faulty are at Bank of Zambia where Dr. Bwalya N’gandu came from just slightly over a year ago and his former boss is the fired Dr. Denny Kalyalya. By the way did the President consult his Finance Minister before firing his former boss? And what could have been his opinion? Laugh Out Loudly!!!

The economy cannot be isolated to a number of things happening in this country and if the President will blame individuals for what’s happening in this country then he won’t get it right even if he is trying to pretend to do so. To sort out an economy you cannot isolate one problem from the other. You have to be ready and brave enough to deal with every corner. Otherwise stop wasting your time getting rid of people who may be good people while you are making the situation worse for the majority Zambians just because of your selfish ambition to continue ruling.

One of the reasons why the economy has collapsed is because of corruption and looting in government. Corruption has been tolerated in the PF government whereas the outcome of cases involving Ministers is already predicted like what we saw just this

week. Now if people who are accused of corruption are let free, how do you expect things to get better when the government is losing millions of dollars through dubious tenders and contracts in various ministries including Ministry of Health? If that money was put to good use, it would create a few decent jobs, people will have the medicine they need in hospitals, people will have the necessary amenities they need and things would look better than what it is? What has Bank of Zambia to do with the looting in government?

If you want to be in charge you need to ensure that you focus on implementing practical policies that would change people’s lives as opposed to lies that if people support Bill 10 then more development will come. If you want to be in charge you need to appoint competent people in government not just based on political party affiliation. If you want to be in charge you need to be capable to bring about real reforms to improve efficiency in the running of government and fight corruption including in your own family. If you want to be in charge you must be ready to fire incompetent and divisive people not just keeping them because they are affiliated to your party. If you want to be in charge there has to be a respect of the rule of law, the law has to apply to everyone including ruling political party cadres. If you want to be in charge you must create a platform that supports everyone not just a few individuals who support your party. If you want to be in charge you need to promote democracy and let the voice of the people be heard in order for you to make the right decisions. They could be many but if you want to be in charge you can’t isolate a problem.

We are confident that President Edgar Lungu and the PF don’t want to be charge given their record. We will need to retire them on 12th August 2021 and we usher in a new generation of leaders under the People’s Alliance for Change (PAC) with President Andyford Mayele Banda to give this country a chance to start afresh. We need a leader who will take responsibility not just blame his tools at any given time. We need a leader who will be in charge from day one not a year before elections.

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

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu has asked traditional leaders to support Bill 10 because it will give the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) powers to demarcate boundaries and create more constituencies.

And President Lungu says traditional leaders should sensitise their subjects to desist from involving in mealie meal and maize smuggling because doing so is depriving the country of economic resources.

Speaking when he met with senior chief Puta and senior chief Mununga in Chiengi District of Luapula Province, Thursday, President Lungu argued that his hands were tied when it came to the creation of more constituencies because the Constitution Amendment Bill No. 10 had

# Support Bill 10, Lungu pleads with chiefs

not been passed, hence the need for chiefs to endorse it. “Another important issue is one that borders around chieftaincy. We do not have authority or power to intervene in the installation of traditional leadership or to start saying ‘this one should be paramount chief this or that.’ Article 165 of the Constitution states that: ‘no one has the authority to change or dictate traditional leadership because such powers lay in the traditional leaders themselves.’ Otherwise, at this moment, we don’t coordinate well with the traditional leadership. So, if, for example, we want to upgrade the traditional leadership, at this moment

we do not have any powers to do that. But if Bill 10 had passed, maybe you could have proposed some amendments yourselves on who should have powers to upgrade the traditional leaders,” President Lungu said.

“The other thing is the delimitation of constituencies. At the moment, we know that Zambia has 156 constituencies. If we change the law through Bill 10 and give powers to the ECZ to demarcate boundaries. The ECZ knows what they want, they know, which areas need more constituencies. But because the current Constitution says, ‘there shall be 156, our hands are tied up!’ That is why



we want to pass this Bill 10 so that we look at those challenges.”

President Lungu added that he wanted to have something to point at ahead of next year’s general election, but that he would only be able to do so if he delivered on the promise to upgrade the road network.

“We sat down with Cabinet Ministers and agreed that we must start working on all the roads that we had planned to work on by starting with putting gravel so that when resources are available, we tar all those roads that we had promised. We want, as we go into 2021, we should be pointing at what we have done so that we don’t get embarrassed, because if we don’t do that, I will be the one that will be embarrassed,” he said.

And the Head of State

urged traditional leaders to encourage their subjects to desist from smuggling maize to uphold food security.

“Agriculture activities are going on well in the country, but I am requesting that you encourage people that when inputs come, they should not export to Congo, and when they harvest, they should not import. But if we have a surplus here, then in the right way we can be given an opportunity to export to Congo. But let us not do smuggling because smuggling is depriving us of economic resources. So, we appeal to you, our traditional leaders that when Congolese come to buy, please do not allow them to smuggle maize or mealie meal. They need to get permits because that is trade,” said President Lungu.

And speaking at the same meeting, Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister Vincent Mwale announced that government had released K25 million to upgrade the Chiengi-Nchelenge road.

“What the President has said is true. Government has committed that it will work on the roads. The Chiengi-Nchelenge road contract was signed by Sino Hydro. Initially, it was supposed to be for K474 million, but after what the President said, as PF, we committed to transform the whole country. So, we agreed to downscale projects and put gravel roads everywhere and when we find money, we start selecting which ones to upgrade. So, this Nchelenge-Chiengi road, we also re-scoped it and the contract came to K229 million. As I am talking now, we sent K25 million to the contractor last week and that is why you have seen him on the ground. Why we had to rescope is that we want to equate the money that we have and the work that is needed to be done. The President has also asked the Ministry of Finance to find money so that we finish the road from Nchelenge,” said Mwale.

## Kambwili’s lawyers ask court to cancel Simusamba’s warrant of arrest

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili’s lawyers have asked the Lusaka Magistrates’ Court to cancel the warrant of arrest issued against the accused person on Tuesday for missing court in a case he is charged with forgery.

This is according to a notice of motion to cancel warrant of arrest filed by Kambwili’s lawyers from Messrs Mwenye and Mwitwa Advocates, Wednesday.

Kambwili’s lawyer Emmanuel Kaluba has submitted that Kambwili’s sickness is connected to the novel Coronavirus for which he recently tested positive and is now recovering.

Meanwhile, the matter comes up today for hearing of the motion to cancel the warrant of arrest.

On Tuesday, Lusaka Principal Resident Magistrate David Simusamba issued a bench warrant against Kambwili after he failed to appear in court when the matter came up for continued defence.

The warrant against Kambwili was returnable on September 31, this year.

Magistrate Simusamba wondered how Kambwili, who was purportedly sick, could be issuing statements through the media.

But Kaluba in an affidavit in support of notice motion stated that the accused had been sick from August 9, 2020, and was put on bed rest, which had been extended to September 1, 2020.

“The record shows that when this matter came up on August 25, 2020, the accused was not before court and I explained to this honourable court the

reasons for the accused’s absence. I stated that the accused had been sick from August 9 and was put on bed rest, which had been extended to September 1, 2020,” Kaluba stated.

Kaluba stated that he did not produce the third medical certificate, which extended the accused’s bed rest to September 1, 2020, but informed the Court that he would produce it later because it was sent to him shortly before the proceedings were about to start.

He stated that in his ruling, Magistrate Simusamba rejected the application for an adjournment on grounds that it was in the public domain that the accused was making public statements the previous day, implying that he was not sick.

Kaluba added that it was true that Kambwili’s sickness was connected to the novel Coronavirus for which he recently tested positive and was now recovering.

## PF reminds Mboweni how the Rand depreciated after he was appointed Governor

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**  
PATRIOTIC Front (PF) media director Sunday Chanda says South Africa’s Minister of Finance Tito Mboweni must shut up and stop poking his nose in Zambia’s internal affairs of because he also caused the Rand to fall when he was Governor.

But Mboweni says there is no relationship between his concern about the independence of the Central Banks and the falling of the Rand in 1998 at the time he was governor of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB).

In an interview, Chanda said Mboweni must stop

thinking that he has the monopoly of knowledge to lecture other countries.

“For some strange reason, South Africa’s Finance Minister Tito Mboweni thinks he has the monopoly of knowledge and believes its incumbent on him to lecture other African countries on how they should conduct their internal affairs. This is the second time that Tito Mboweni was poking his sizable nose into Zambia’s affairs. Last time, he said something very nasty about Kenneth Kaunda International Airport and now he wants to dictate how the President of Zambia must hire and fire people. In all honesty, Mboweni’s constipation is way too much that he cannot restrict himself to South Africa. Mboweni is such a hypocrite who thinks the whole of society has undergone collective amnesia. Tito Mboweni was a political appointee himself as SARB Governor and his appointment led to revising the growth rate from 5% in 1998 to 1.5% in 1999. Tito must shut up,” Chanda said.

Chanda described Mboweni as an agent of the white supremacy.

“Clearly, we are dealing with an agent of white supremacy who must be

made to pay for poking his nose in the affairs of a country he does not belong to. It is sad that we have fellow citizens in Zambia who celebrate foreigners insulting their country. What sort of patriots are these?” Chanda asked.

But in an interview with Diggers, Mboweni said there was no relationship between the continued depreciation of the Rand now with his concerns around the independence of African Central Banks because he was governor in 1998.

“What are people talking about? I have not commented about the new Bank of Zambia Governor but I have commented about the Central Bank independence. So, people must not bring me into a conversation I know nothing about. I was there as Governor of the Bank of South Africa in 1998. The article was in 1998 and somebody is trying to make it look like it was in 2020, but it’s not. And the context is that I replaced Dr Chris Stals. I was the first black governor of the South African Reserve Bank and the context is not related [to the depreciation of the Rand], there is no relationship,” said Mboweni.

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# Time will come for the PF tycoons to explain their hefty donations

Yesterday, we raised concern about the colossal amounts of money which Cabinet ministers and PF members of parliament have been dishing out to people in their constituencies, in the name of donations. The donations have continued, and they are now challenging those who are questioning their wealth to report them to ACC.

Well, the ACC issue is a story for another day. But we wish to reiterate that there is no minister in the PF government who can claim to have been filthy rich before getting into power. None of them can claim that before being appointed in their respective offices, they were able to make a single donation of K1.5 million in goods and cash from their own pockets. That's a lie and they all know. Even those ministers who are brave enough to mention the companies which they claim to own cannot provide audited accounts of those entities, indicating where the donated money came from.

The truth is that these people who are dishing out money without showing how they earned it are thieves. In fact, they are not stealing anymore, they are now simply taking. Stealing is where you try to be discreet

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when committing a crime. These people have nothing to hide. They don't care what people say. But all this pomposity shall come to pass. The same Anti-Corruption Commission which they are challenging people to report them to will grow teeth soon.

Government is not there to enrich politicians. The criminality and arrogance we are seeing will soon come to an end. Like State Counsel Wynter Kabimba rightly observed, the paupers who are stealing and boasting about their stolen wealth will soon get back to being nobodies. We hope they know the consequences of what they are doing and they have signed up to join the congestion in prison, because the money they are taking has a way of getting back to its rightful owners.

We feel sorry for these criminals who are in a looting competition

because they don't understand how political power shifts. We have warned before that when you are a minister, it does not mean that the country's resources belong to you. When your father is the President, it does not mean that you can take everything you want from the State.

Look at what is happening in Angola! When Jose Eduardo dos Santos was president, his children took advantage of his position to loot that country's national resources. The President's daughter became Africa's richest woman. Where is she today? Investigations have documented how she amassed a fortune during her father's three-decade long presidency. In December last year, the Angolan court froze all personal and corporate bank accounts belonging to Isabel dos Santos, her husband and business partners.

Angolan prosecutors subsequently charged her with fraud and embezzlement in a bid to recover around US\$1.1 billion they claim she and her associates siphoned from that country's coffers. What happened next, following a request from Angola, Portugal also froze her considerable assets offshore. Within a few months, the richest woman in Africa has been reduced to a suspected criminal, toiling from courtroom to courtroom.

Isabel is not the only one facing justice. Just this month, her brother, José Filomeno 'Zenu' dos Santos, was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison for fraud, money laundering and influence peddling. This illustrates the downfall of the former presidential family which was once extremely powerful and wealthy. The money they bragged about cannot save them, it's useless.

The criminals in

Zambia who are serving in government must draw lessons from Angola. What is happening to Isabel and her brother is not restricted to the President's family. It can happen to anyone who abuses public office. We have seen people who feel so powerful and they are also calling themselves presidents. Since they are close to the Head of State, they have gained a false sense of confidence to think that they are small presidents managing ministries and provinces.

Political power is temporary. A President can lose elections, a President can resign, a President can die in office, and we have seen this happen more than once in Zambia. The moment a President leaves office, there is realignment of power. The forces converge and there is a new order, whether you like it or not. Look at what happened after Sata died? Who knew that

Dr Guy Scott would be neglected by the very system he diligently served? Imagine what would have happened to him today if he was stealing while he was in office?

Political power has a very short lifespan; criminals who are dishing out money must know this as they make their donations. If they think that they are protected because they are very close to President Edgar Lungu, they must know that Mr Chagwa will have his own music to face in explaining how he amassed millions of dollars when he had nothing before assuming office. The same judiciary they are abusing today will be used against them when time comes.

We have nothing against giving, especially giving to the poor, but a person can only give what rightfully belongs to them. You can't steal from State coffers and pretend to be a good person by donating to a church or community in your constituency. That's murder because they have emptied the Treasury and now people are dying in hospitals due to lack of medical supplies. We are sure that if the churches knew that these donations are proceeds of crime, they would not accept them.

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“Watch out for the average--they’re usually hiding something big.”  
- James St. James

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5. Aid in wrongdoing  
6. Oxidize  
8. Lincoln and Vigoda  
11. Trash holder  
12. Interruptions  
15. Painting of \_\_\_ Lisa  
16. \_\_\_ legal or \_\_\_ medic  
17. In the buff  
18. Traveler's aid

Down

1. Melody for a single voice  
2. Appointment  
3. Kite flying need  
4. Hard-shelled dried fruit  
7. Finish  
9. Swedish toy maker  
10. Minor injury  
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# Readers' Feedback

## 'HH has strict financial control over his wealth'

Editor,

"I vouch for this man because he has discipline.... lots of it...his strict financial control is evident even in how he has managed to run an opposition party successfully without going bankrupt... Especially in our political climate that can be very hostile to the opposition. If he can even extrapolate 20% of his personal discipline and apply it at national level... we would be 1000 times better than we are right now. Zambia forward!" - Musopelo Chilongoshi

"Those asking HH were he got his wealth, let them ask themselves the source of their poverty!" - Emmanuel Shambololo

"This is the right man


Zambia needs like yesterday for our country to get back on the right path. We do not need the corrupt and extravagant PF". - Noritah Mwanza

"Capital must always be greater than consumption. Capital first consumption later". - Steven JT Kawaba

"A lesson to all of us... Let's not focus on today's luxury, our eyes should be on tomorrow's success". - Michael Apc

"Mudala you just planned well for wealth and only jealous people bachimbwi no plan are the ones accusing you of illegalities on how you accumulated your wealth. Yours is clean wealth and not theirs!" - Kajuba Mazuba

"Compare and Contrast! Those saying Chitalu Chilufya stole? What did HH steal during privatisation? Both cases no evidence of stealing. Why was Mabumba fired? Before you accuse anyone of stealing have solid evidence otherwise you will show your ineptness like ACC!! HH never stole anything from privatisation had he stolen he would have been serving time by now. There is no evidence, so is Chitalu Chilufya, in both cases those convinced that HH stole during privatisation deduce evidence same with those saying Chitalu Chilufya stole". - Leroy Mutale



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## Milupi on Mvunga's appointment as BoZ governor likely to trigger hyperinflation

Editor,

"Fact is, whether you like it or not, that position will always be held by a political appointee. What should be debated is his academie not the party he belongs to". - McBeth Musonda SC

"President Lungu is a very desperate man at the moment. He has just woken up to the reality that the Economy is in a Terrible mess. Hence his dwindling chances of re-election. He wants to try his luck by giving an illusion that the economy is on the rebound. This he thinks can be achieved by "Presidential Empowerment Initiatives". But this programme needs huge amounts of Hard Cash. This is only possible by PRINTING more money as the Economy is in NO MOOD to recover without REAL productivity on the ground. Dr Denny Kalyalya was not willing to go this reckless route. So a malleable STOOGEE was the answer. It is no other than Chris Mvunga. Hyper-Inflation is a situation where a Thief will Steal your Wheelbarrow Filled with your Worthless Money leaving your Heap of money behind. Why? Because while your heap of money cannot buy a bag of mealie meal, the Wheelbarrow can be exchanged for a 5 litre tin of Maize". - Christopher Kalima

## 'UPND should go ahead and defy ECZ campaign ban in Lukashya and Mwansabombwe'

Dear editor,

"Go for it. Campaign while following World Health Organisation guidelines. If arrested this will put to test and lay bare the illegalities that PF and President Lungu have used with Esau Chulu since 2015. Expose the Electoral Confusion of Zambia. Takapite Lungu!" - Christopher Kalima

"Then ECZ should cancel the polls, how can there be elections without campaigns. Do these guys understand the importance of a campaign to voters? Come on ECZ you can do better than this!" - Mungalu Toddy

"The other one is already there campaigning, ati working visit to inspect some projects or whatever. This is not fair apapena our God is watching what you are doing to your friends I can assure that!" - Kondwelani Steyn Mugwede

"It only makes sense to cancel the elections if campaigns will not be used....others will be going there as state visits and denying others to campaign NONSENSE!" - Gershom Mweete

"If such illegality is tolerated now, it may set a precedence which may be used in 2021 general elections. So if it means people to be arrested because of defying such illegalities from ECZ, better be, so that the court can set the record straight. That's how the PF is tasting waters. You tolerate such illegality today, tomorrow they will be taking advantage of that". - Kajuba Mazuba

## 'Kambwili won't have a fair trial under Simusamba'

Editor,

"Dr CK will not have a fair trail under Simusamba!" - Solomon Kabize Choombe

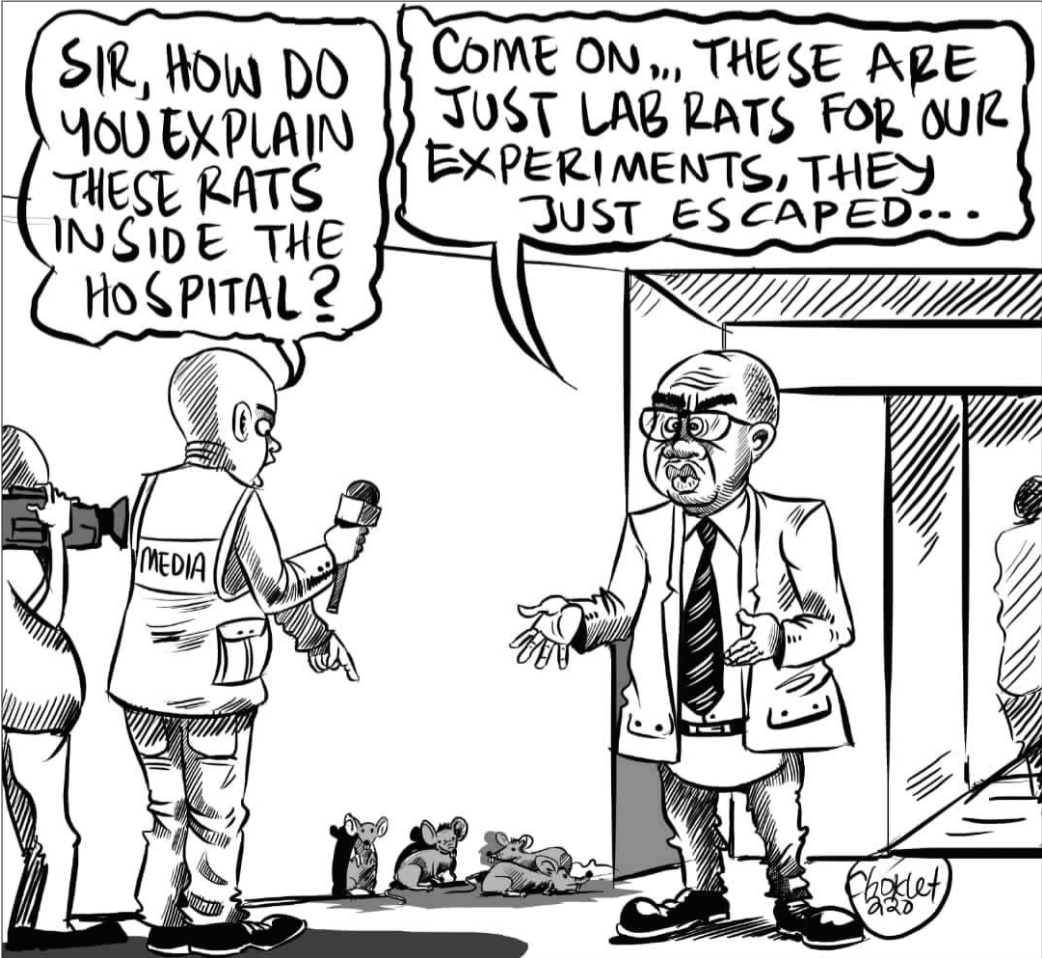
"Simusamba is digging his own grave, he takes work so personal. He wants a covid-19 patient before him. He is so inhuman!" - Noritah Mwanza

"It's now clear that Simusamba is no longer able to fairly preside this case due to personal hatred of CK. He should recuse himself for the sake of justice!" - Simon Chinyama

"I am just surprised this has been the only Judge handling cases of opposition party leaders and those perceived not to be in good books with the PF. But again this is a Judge who never hid his support for PF in 2016". - Dennis Tyson Phiri

"The magistrate has a personal vendetta against Kambwili, no wonder he wanted him to recuse himself from handling this trial". - Maimbolwa Kamanga

"Indeed this is now personal. Kambwili has every right to have this judge stop handling his case and have another judge take over it. With this judge I too would apply to have him stop handling my case. Very sad". - Agrey Siyunda



From P5

They stated that they had at no time ever discussed or proposed any ratification of the Zambia Opposition Alliance.

Maboshe and others added that the divisions in NAREP had been on account of Nyirenda's ineligibility to hold the position of party president, his dubious unilateral seizure of the control of party bank accounts, his tendencies of showing division in the party and his unauthorized xenophobic and extreme ideologies completely alien

# Nyirenda was never duly elected NAREP president, Maboshe's group tells court

to NAREP ideologies, philosophy, and co-values essential to leadership as provided for in the party constitution.

They stated that they shall state at trial and call evidence to prove that they and other members of the National Executive Committee legally met at the party secretariat, formed a legitimate

quorum, passed a vote of no confidence in Nyirenda and expelled him.

"The plaintiffs are in fact not entitled to any of the reliefs they now seek and that this entire action is wholly incompetent and frivolous," the defendants stated.

And in their counterclaim, Maboshe and others stated that

Banda had never been the National Secretary or purported secretary general of NAREP as he was one of the three individuals, unilaterally and illegally, appointed by Nyirenda to the position in the last eight months he had illegally been party president.

They stated further that all their acts insofar as the removal of Nyirenda from office, including the suspension of erring officials, among them the fourth plaintiff (Mubambwe), were in line with their mandate.

The defendants stated that Nyirenda had never been a bonafide member of NAREP or in good standing with the party but was in fact in the process of forming his own party called Banthu Party

before illegally assuming the position of president of NAREP, despite being wholly unqualified to be elected to any elective position at any level of the party.

And in an affidavit in opposition to summons for an order of interim injunction, Ngulube and former NAREP president Elias Chipimo Jr asked the court to discharge the ex-parte order of injunction granted in this matter as the plaintiffs had not given full and frank disclosure of all the material facts to the court.

Chipimo stated that he was the beneficial owner of Plot No. 2386, Tuleteka road, Lusaka, which housed the party secretariat and agreed that the party could use the property while he sought

an appropriate purchaser. "I'm the beneficial owner of the property, now subject of these proceedings is my personal property which I have allowed the defendants to use on conditions that I have privately agreed with them prior to it being sold off following my resignation from NAREP," he stated.

Chipimo stated that the plaintiffs had no right whatsoever to seek the indulgence of the court to bar any parties he had permitted to use his beneficial property on terms he deemed fit and proper as the beneficial owner of the said property.

"That I now seek the indulgence of this honourable court to vacate the injunction in this matter as it affects my interest as the bonafide owner of the said plot No 2386, Tuleteka road, in Lusaka which I intend on selling once I receive an acceptable offer," stated Chipimo.

# 'Catastrophic' Hurricane Laura lashes Louisiana

HURRICANE Laura has struck the US state of Louisiana, causing flash floods, severe damage to buildings and power cuts to more than half a million homes.

It is one of the strongest to ever hit the US Gulf Coast, striking at category four with winds up to 150mph (240km/h).

Laura's storm surge has not reached the levels feared but is still considered life-threatening, and could spread 40 miles (65km) inland.

Half a million residents had been told to leave parts of Texas and Louisiana.

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards said early on Thursday: "We've had daylight now for a couple of hours. It appears there is more structural damage from the wind and a little less flood damage than we anticipated."

He confirmed the first fatality in his state, adding: "I suspect that won't be the last, although I pray that we don't have more."

A spokesman for the State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness later told CNN of another two deaths.

Governor Edwards also warned of a "chemical fire" at an industrial plant in the Lake Charles area, urging people to shelter in place and close doors and windows.

President Donald Trump had spoken to the governors of Texas and Louisiana, the White House confirmed, and encouraged "all in the storm's path to listen to the safety guidance of state and local officials".

Laura and another storm, Marco, earlier swept across the Caribbean, killing 24 people.

Where did Laura hit and what's its path?

Hurricane Laura made landfall shortly after

midnight local time (05:00 GMT) near the district of Cameron, in Louisiana. It tracked north, just east of the Texas-Louisiana border.

Four hours later it had been downgraded to a category three storm, the National Weather Service (NWS) reported, before weakening again. At 14:00 GMT it was a category one hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 75mph (120 km/h).

But the NWS said "a catastrophic storm surge, hurricane force winds and flash flooding will continue".

Laura will track north across Louisiana on Thursday afternoon, with its centre moving into Arkansas overnight. It is expected to become a tropical storm later, but it could still be hurricane force up to the Arkansas border, said Ken Graham,

the director of the National Hurricane Center.

There are fears Laura could spawn tornadoes.

One sheriff's office in Louisiana's Vermilion Parish had told those who chose not to evacuate: "Write your name, address, social security number and next of kin and put it a Ziploc bag in your pocket. Praying that it does not come to this."

What is the damage so far?

It has been daylight in the region for several hours now and the extent of the damage is becoming more known.

Governor Edwards said the first fatality was a 14-year-old girl killed by a tree falling on her home in the Leesville area.

CNN quoted homeland security official Mike Steele as saying two men were also killed in their homes by falling trees.*BBC*



*Centre for Trade Police and Development (CTPD) executive director Isaac Mwaipopo (r)flanked by Zambia Council for Social Development executive director Leah Mitaba and Transparency International Zambia executive director Maurice Nyambe during a joint press briefing in Lusaka on Wednesday - Picture by Tenson Mkhala*

# COVID-19 has stretched health workers to the limit – Mulalelo

**By Ulande Nkomesha**  
MINISTRY of Health Permanent Secretary for Administration Kakulubelwa Mulalelo says the country has recorded 225 new COVID-19 cases out of 1,400 tests done in the last 24 hours.

And Malalelo says government is offering counseling services to all medical staff participating in the fight against COVID-19, saying the pandemic had stretched them to the limit.

Speaking during the daily COVID-19 briefing, Thursday, Mulalelo said the cumulative figure of COVID-19 cases currently stood at 11,601.

Mulalelo said the 225 new cases were from 13 districts, with Lusaka still recording the highest.

"In the last 24 hours, Zambia has recorded 225 new cases of COVID-19 out of 1,400 tests conducted. This brings the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in the country to 11,601 cases. The 225 cases are from 13 districts as follows: Lusaka Province as

in Lusaka District 155 whilst in Chongwe district one case; in Muchinga Province we have 20 from Chinsali and eight from Mpika. In Southern Province we have 13 from Mazabuka, eight from Chikakanta, seven from Monze, five from Kalomo, three from Choma, one from Kanzungula and one fromimba. In Eastern Province we have two new cases in Chipata, from the Copperbelt we have one new case from Ndola," Mulalelo said.

She said 147 recoveries were recorded while 48 patients were admitted at Lusaka's Levy Mwanawasa General Hospital.

"Currently, there are 48 patients that are admitted to Lusaka's Levy Mwanawasa COVID-19 isolation facility and of these, 26 are on oxygen therapy, eight are under intensive care and one is on a ventilator. Outside Lusaka, there are 32 patients admitted to our isolation facilities with 10 on oxygen therapy. The cumulative number of deaths linked to COVID-19 remains at

282 all of which have been classified as follows: 91 deaths due to COVID-19, 191 deaths associated with COVID-19. 147 patients have been discharged today bringing the cumulative number of recoveries to 10,840. So to date, the cumulative number of COVID-19 in the country stands at 11,601 including 282 deaths and 10,840 recoveries, with 225 cases in the last 24 hours."

And Mulalelo said government had designed counseling services for all medical staff participating in the fight against COVID-19 saying the pandemic had stretched the health care workers to limit.

"We recognize the sacrifice that our health workers are making in this response and applaud the commitment to duty. COVID-19 has stretched the health care force to the limit and we are keenly aware of the resilience that has been demonstrated by our health care workers. This is an unprecedented outbreak not just in Zambia but globally. It therefore calls for the commitment and self sacrifice that

characterises the health profession and which you have also ably demonstrated. It is our obligation to serve our people of Zambia and to maintain a health system that responds to disruptions such as the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mulalelo.

"I therefore want to reiterate government's commitment to ensuring that the conditions under which you work are conducive for your professional output and also for your personal hygiene and safety. We shall do all we can to ensure that as we respond to COVID-19. We will provide all the logistics that are required to facilitate the conduct of your duties including adequate PPEs, appropriate accommodation for our colleagues working in the isolation facilities, transport for field teams and other incentives. Government is aware that the well being of staff includes psycho social support. To this effect counseling services have been made available to support all staff participating in the response."

# Messi to explain Barca exit decision

LIONEL Messi is planning on breaking his silence and explaining the reasons behind his decision to leave Barcelona.

No date has been set for that revelation, but Goal has learned that the Argentine's intention is to give his version of events in the coming days, with there a desire on his part to send a message to the fans that remain fiercely loyal to him.

On Tuesday, Messi's lawyers sent a fax to the legal services of Barcelona announcing the decision to leave the club.

The six-time Ballon d'Or winner now intends to explain why he feels the need to walk away from what has been his home for the last 20 years.

Indeed, the Argentine has previously suggested all is not well at Camp Nou as he aired his grievances during the 2019-20 campaign.

Early on in the season, as the Blaugrana stumbled their way out of the blocks, he conceded that things were not going well and collective improvement

was required.

He then expressed his disappointment at the dismissal of Ernesto Valverde in January, with a two-time La Liga title-winning coach shown the door at Camp Nou.

Messi has also questioned whether the Barca board, headed up by under-fire president Josep Maria Bartomeu, have done all they can to bring Neymar back to the club from Paris Saint-Germain.

Eric Abidal, who recently departed amid the calls for change on and off the field in Catalunya, was another to be targeted by Messi after the former director of football accused certain members of the playing staff of not pulling their weight.

With Barca's struggles for consistency holding them back for much of last season, further concerns were raised ahead of a Champions League last-16 encounter with Napoli.

The Blaugrana made it through that contest, but Messi's claims that the club would struggle to compete for the top prize

were proved correct in a humiliating 8-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in the quarter-finals.

Indeed, sources confirmed to Goal that Messi did not speak in the wake of that crushing European reversal, with the 33-year-old deciding against venting his anger and doing even more damage to the club.

An outpouring of emotion is coming, though, and his side of the story will be delivered in public before he completes a move away from Camp Nou. **GOAL.COM**

## Pogba tests positive for coronavirus



MANCHESTER United midfielder Paul Pogba has been left out of the France squad after testing positive for coronavirus, Didier Deschamps has confirmed.

# ‘I’ll speak for myself’ - Suarez breaks silence amid Barcelona exit rumours

LUIS Suarez has hit back at comments made by his former lawyer Alejandro Balbi that suggested the Uruguayan's future would be linked to that of Lionel Messi, with both players looking likely to leave Barcelona ahead of the 2020-21 season.

Messi recently rocked the football world with the revelation that he longer wishes to see out the remainder of his career at Camp Nou, expressing

his desire to leave Barca amid one of the most tumultuous periods in the club's history.

Indeed, there have been widespread calls for club president Josep Maria Bartomeu to step down, with his time in office seen as a disaster both on and off the pitch.

The appointment of Ronald Koeman, a club legend, was seen as a move to appease players and fans, but the Dutch head coach

is reported to have told Suarez to find a new team as he is not part of his long-term plans in Catalunya.

With the striker being close friends with Messi, a destructive fall-out ensued, with Balbi among those to have weighed in on where both Messi and his former client may end up come next season.

“Messi's future will have an influence on Suarez's because they are best friends, they

get along on and off the pitch,” the lawyer claimed in an interview with TyC Sports. “There is a lot of brotherly love between Messi and Suarez, they are inseparable, always together.”

While there can be no doubting that Messi and Suarez, whose families have holidayed together several times, are indeed close friends, the latter took to social media on Thursday to distance himself from Balbi's comments.

“There are people talking about me or on my behalf when I have not had a relationship with them for years,” Suarez said. “When I need to speak, I’ll speak for myself.”

Barcelona fans will want to hear from both Suarez and Messi sooner rather than later, with supporters having already been protesting outside of Camp Nou in the wake of recent developments.

While official news regarding Suarez's future may take time to appear, Messi himself is expected to address the public in the coming days regarding his decision to leave the club at which he has spent his entire senior career. **GOAL**

confirmed.

The 27-year-old had been named in the world champions' squad for upcoming fixtures against Croatia and Sweden but has now been forced out of consideration for selection.

Speaking at his press conference after the squad announcement, Deschamps said: “I was led, at the very last minute, to make a change in the list. Paul Pogba was in this list. Unfortunately for him, he took a test yesterday, which turned out positive. So at the last moment, I had to replace him with Eduardo Camavinga.”

Pogba has been replaced in Deschamps' squad by Rennes midfielder Camavinga, while international teammate Tanguy Ndombele of Tottenham also misses out.

It means Pogba will have to spend 14 days in isolation - meaning he will miss the start of Man Utd's pre-season preparations, which begin next week following their extended 2019-20 season as they reached the Europa League semi-finals.

However, he should be able to play in United's first game of the 2020-21 Premier League season, against Crystal Palace on September 19. The Red Devils start their domestic season a week later than most of their rivals to allow them additional rest due to their exploits in Europe.

He is said to be asymptomatic, however the positive test means Deschamps has no option but to leave out one of his key players for the first set of men's international fixtures played in Europe this calendar year.

A statement from United read: “Pogba has been replaced in the squad after testing positive for COVID-19. The midfielder will be unable to add to his 69 caps and 10 goals for his country in the games next month. Everybody at United wishes Paul a speedy recovery ahead of the new season.”

On a footballing level, the absence of Pogba and Dembele provides opportunities for teenage talent Camavinga - linked with a move to Real Madrid this summer - and Lyon midfielder Houssem Aouar, who have been called up to the France senior squad for the first time.

Central defender Dayot Upamecano has also been called up after impressing in RB Leipzig's run to the Champions League semi-finals. Pogba's club team mate, Anthony Martial, is also selected.

France travel to Sweden for their first UEFA Nations League encounter on Friday, September 5, before hosting Croatia in a repeat of the 2018 World Cup final on September 8. They are competing in Group C, along with Portugal. **GOAL.COM**



# I LOVE TO SCORE - PATSON

**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
A U S T R I A - B A S E D Chipolopolo striker Patson Daka says scoring against big opposition regardless of the nature of the match is a boost to his confidence.

On Tuesday, Daka dazzled for his RB Salzburg side in scoring a brace against England and World Club Champions Liverpool in a club international friendly at the Salzburg Arena.

Daka scored two goals in ten minutes to stun a star-studded Liverpool side which only came to life in the second stanza when Salzburg dropped their guard for the match to end 2-all.

The Former Nchanga Rangers and Power Dynamos striker said in an interview from Austria that playing and scoring against the likes of Liverpool is a big motivation for him.

"The game was a

big motivation for my confidence and direction of improvement because I have a lot to learn and playing against such big teams helps us to grow our game," Daka said. "It is always a great feeling doing what you love to do and in my case, I love to score goals which is my duty and in the world I am living, there is no friendly game."

Both teams used the match as the final preparations for the season that kicks off next week.

Liverpool are expected to take Arsenal in a Community Shield match to signal the start of the English Premier League tomorrow while Salzburg are set to play Bregenz in a Cup encounter.

Asked if the performance against Liverpool is a sign of what to expect for him, Daka said his main aim was to give his best.

"I don't expect you to expect anything from me because you might end up being disappointed, I always stay in my lane and do the best I can to help the team achieve its goal and my personal goals," said Daka.

Last season, Daka set the Austrian league alight with his performances, scoring 27 goals in all competitions.



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