



LAZ CLARIFIES 2021 ELIGIBILITY

ConCourt didn't declare Lungu eligible, it ruled on term of office - Shonga

By Julia Malunga

THE LAW Association of Zambia (LAZ) says the Constitutional Court did not deal with the eligibility case of President Edgar Lungu.

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I'll respect Zambians' will in 2021 - Lungu

By Julia Malunga

PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu says he will not go against the will of Zambians in next year's general election.

In a statement, Thursday, President Lungu pledged to respect Zambians' collective will following the outcome of the 2021 general election.

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Police arrest 16 illegal miners at Kansashi over gold scandal

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Wina moves motion to restore Bill 10

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

VICE-PRESIDENT Inonge Wina has moved a motion in Parliament to restore Constitution Amendment Bill number 10 of 2019 and seven others on the order paper.

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Honeybee has to replace spoilt medicine - MoH

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

MINISTRY of Health Spokesperson Dr Abel Kabalo says HoneyBee Pharmacy will have to replace the spoilt medical drugs which it supplied to government. Recently, Zambia Medical Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) director-general Bernice Mwale ordered HoneyBee to recall all batches of discoloured Paracetamol Tablets which it supplied to the Ministry of Health within 14 days.

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Zambia is blessed to have Lungu in State House – MP



By Ulande Nkomesha
NAKONDE PF member of parliament Yizukanji Siwanzi says Zambia is blessed to have an intelligent President like Edgar Lungu in State House.

And Keembe UPND member of parliament Princess Kasune says President Lungu and the PF government have become sophisticated in delivering speeches, which they have failed to implement.

Speaking in Parliament, Wednesday, Siwanzi argued that President Lungu's speech gave Zambians hope on the way forward for the country.

"The President's speech gives hope to Zambians and the way forward for this country. Mr Speaker, actually, we are blessed, as a nation, to have such an intelligent President in State House. Sometimes, I wonder, Mr Speaker, God forbid, these other people that aspire to be in office when we are facing all these natural calamities, what was going to happen in Zambia? We have heard some of the stories of some of the aspiring candidates, who want to go to State House...what they did in the past and now, I am left wondering if such people were in State House, what could have happened today?" wondered Siwanzi.

"Those who have eyes can see the development. Mr Speaker, this government has embarked on robust infrastructure development. Personally, as area member of parliament for Nakonde, I am a beneficiary, but the politics of deceit, propaganda, which is in this country, my heart bleeds! Yet you will find the opposition telling people that there is nothing that is happening. You cannot deliver a road overnight, you deliver a road in a period of time. The President talked about turning around the economy as we go into 2021, I don't think a sitting President, who has doubts, can assure the nation on turning around the economy. He is committed to ensure that Zambians live better lives."

And Chama South PF member of parliament Davison Mung'andu said the ruling party's performance in the last nine years had been outstanding as it had performed better than past governments.

"The President indicated that the best way to judge this working government is to look at the development. Mr Speaker, UNIP was in power for 27 years, what is it that they did for our people? MMD had 20 years, what is it that they did for our people? Mr Speaker, the PF government has only been in power for close to nine years and if you look at what has been achieved in these nine years compared to 27 years and 20 years put together we can safely conclude that the PF has been outstanding. Our citizens out there have to look at the road infrastructure that this government has delivered," said Mung'andu.

"Critics have pointed to the economic situation of our country; again, we have to look at the history of this country. I can confidently say that 80 per cent of what has contributed to where we are now is the programme of privatisation where one of our opposition leaders was part of. It is clear that when this opposition leader is challenged how he acquired his wealth, he is failing! What business did he do for him to be where he is? He is failing! President Lungu is trying to correct this historical, I would say, injustice, which was inflicted on our people."

But Zambezi West UPND member of parliament Prisca Kucheka said President Lungu's speech was uninspiring as the PF were selective in their developmental agenda.

"For me, this speech was not inspiring or is not inspiring. My reasons are simple. Mr Speaker, the PF government is very selective in their sharing of the cake of this country. If there

is a constituency, which is really left behind, it is Zambezi West. This government, from the time it came into power, they have been making promises of developmental projects in Zambezi West, not even one has been done. The only secondary school in Kucheka area, which was supposed to be constructed in 2014, up to now, there is nothing. Towers, up to now, nothing! Other constituencies neighbouring Zambezi may have been given towers, but Zambezi West, not even one," complained Kucheka.

"The mini-hospitals the Minister went to do the ground-breaking, up to now, not even a pocket of cement. Teachers, I heard the President where he was saying the ratio of pupils has improved, for Zambezi, that is not true! For Zambezi West, you will find a school up to grade seven, maybe you only have two teachers. No roads have been graded, not even one. I have a full list of things, which have not been done. We don't even have a university in North-Western Province. How can anyone be inspired? Are we here only to be escorting others? Others have to be clapping in their constituency, there is a secondary school. What is there for me to be proud of? What is there for me to feel that this speech is inspiring? The government has let [down] the people of Zambezi West and North-Western Province altogether, we have been let down."

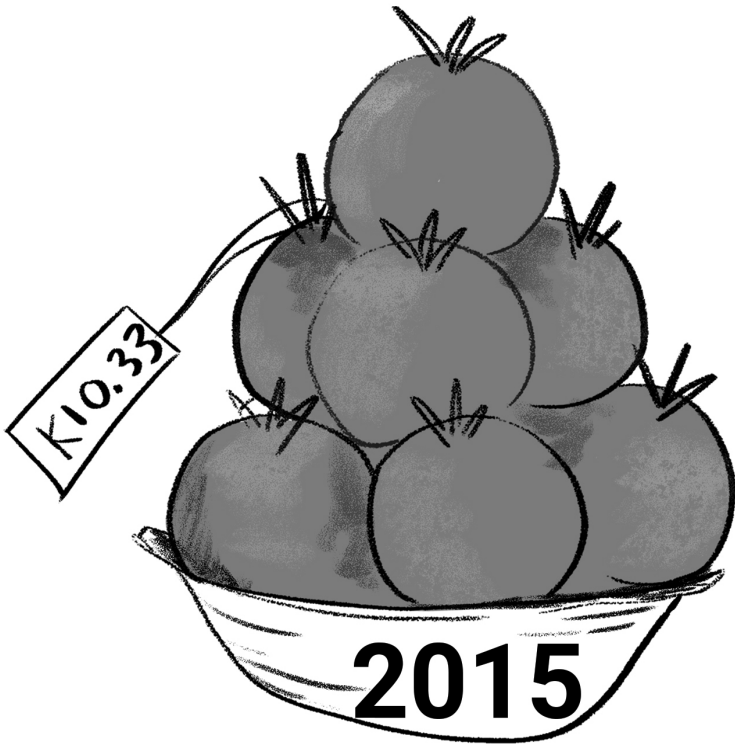
Meanwhile, Kasune said President Lungu and the PF government were only delivering speeches without making efforts to implement them.

"The speech was well written by the one who wrote the speech for him. However, it leaves a lot to be desired in terms of implementation of the programmes that he has articulated. If there is something I would summarise of the President Edgar Chagwa Lungu and the PF government is that they have become sophisticated in terms of speeches and yet less of implementation. For the longest time, since I have been in Parliament, I have been challenging us, as Zambians, that we have become so crafty about speeches and even forming up programmes that other people have come to benchmark and yet other countries have developed when we have remained the same way. There is a disconnect between what we write and the articulation. The President came into power and many voted for him as the man who will 'walk the talk.' In abbreviating his performance, Mr Speaker, I would say he is a man who 'talks the talk.' That is what he has become and he has led this country to," bemoaned Kasune.

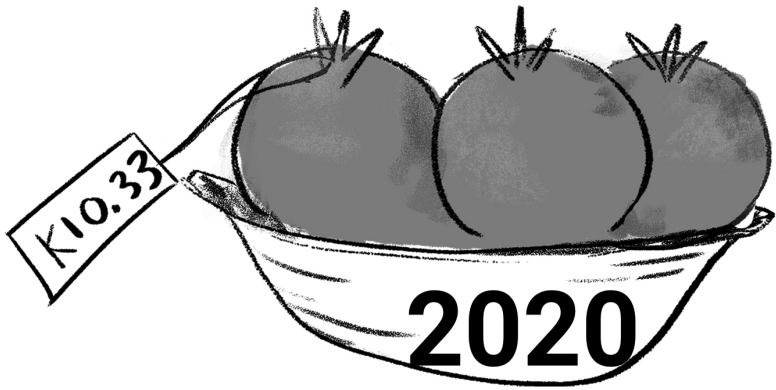
"What roads are they talking about? This country has reduced everything to caderism, as long as one is a PF cadre, they get away with everything. A country that was inspiring other countries has become a laughing stock, not only in Zambia, but in the region and around the world. It is shameful and we need to change. The President talked about peace and yet we watched a video in Kasama where a man, who has a branded UPND vehicle, the vehicle is being smashed in full view of the police and they can't do anything. This is the Zambia that the PF government and those in the Executive [have created], and the one at the helm is the President himself and he needs to take responsibility because this country was here before him and PF. When he talks of local tourism, how is there going to be local tourism when Zambians cannot even put food on their tables? These economic difficulties are not because of COVID-19 alone; before climate change, this country was going downwards and the one who takes responsibility is the government of the day. That is why the people are saying, 'enough is enough!' Come August next year, we want the PF to leave government so that Zambia can become governable."

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By Sipilisiwe Ncube

PEOPLE’s Alliance for Change (PAC) president Andyford Banda says the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) should take interest to investigate how Honey Bee Pharmacy won the tender to supply drugs to government if it has proved that it has no capacity to do so.

And Medical for Quality Healthcare in Zambia (MQHZ) director general Quince Mwabu says the Ministry of Health and ZAMRA must be serious when handling issues to do with medical drugs before dispensing them to the people.

In an interview, Banda wondered how Honeybee won the drug supply tender.

“The issue of Honey Bee is

ACC must investigate how Honeybee won drug supply tender – Andyford

as a result that this company did not have the experience to manage such an order. And that is the reason why it is not surprising to learn that the drugs, which they supplied, did not meet the standard according to the Zambia Medical Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA). Honey Bee is obviously an issue that was borne out of corruption where some people were having a beer at a certain place and said, ‘no, I have got connections where I can

supply some medicines if you give me this contract,’ without a trace of experience in managing tenders at this magnitude. This tender was worth about K340 million,” Banda said.

“We want to see a situation where this matter is investigated further by the ACC. And we want to know whether these drugs are going to be replaced by Honey Bee or if government is going to get a refund from the manufacturer. Otherwise,

we cannot just make this issue die just like that. The role of ZAMRA is not necessarily to demand for this money to come back, but to ensure that the public is supplied with drugs that will not cause danger to society. We want to see a proper roadmap on what the way forward with the US \$17 million worth of drugs is; is government working towards ensuring that Honey Bee pays back the money or that the alternative drugs are given? And we demand, as

PAC, that government issues a statement immediately to tell the public about the way forward on whether the money will be funded or alternative drugs will be supplied.”

Banda said ZAMRA and the Health Professionals Council of Zambia (HPCZ) should not be biased when dealing with drug-related issues between private and public health institutions.

“ZAMRA needs to ensure that they pull up their socks in terms of monitoring these drugs. The challenge that we have in this country is that we have got organisations, such as ZAMRA and HPCZ, who pay a blind eye to things that have to do with government and then they just focus on private practitioners, such as clinics and hospitals. But they forget that, actually, even in government hospitals is where we find a lot of expired drugs and a lot of rules being flouted by government hospitals and clinics. Our word to ZAMRA is that they should not just focus on enforcing the law on private clinics and hospitals, but they should ensure that they act quickly and do inspections, even in government facilities. And if they did that, today,

we would not even have this issue of Honey Bee with toxic drugs being dispensed on people,” said Banda.

And in a statement, Mwabu said the blame for Honey Bee’s supply of toxic drugs fell squarely on ZAMRA.

“The MQHZ is shocked at revelations that the Ministry of Health distributed unspecified paracetamol in clinics and hospitals across the country. As MQHZ, we squarely blame ZAMRA for this scandal. This is because the authority’s duty is to check the sustainability and safety of medicines before dispatch to health institutions,” stated Mwabu.

“Our fear, as an organisation, is the potential damage this unspecified paracetamol could do to patients. We demand for seriousness in the way ZAMRA and the Ministry of Health handle medicines before exposing innocent citizens to any kind of drugs. To send the right and strong message to everyone, we further demand that those at ZAMRA, who are responsible for checking suitability and safety of medicines in the country, be disciplined for gross negligence.”

LCC, CUTS launch Food Security Initiative

By Natasha Sakala

THE Lusaka City Council (LCC) in conjunction with Consumer Unity Trust Society (CUTS), has launched the Lusaka Food Security initiative to promote strengthening of food systems in the city.

The Food Security Initiative is a policy document that highlights the challenges in the food system and provides solutions through its operational plan to be housed under the LCC.

Speaking during the launch in Lusaka, LCC Town Clerk Alex Mwansa said the Council remained committed to addressing food challenges in the city.

“The LCC is keenly interested in addressing issues that affect our city and

food is one of the key areas we have been targeting our efforts. The Council has committed to working on food systems issues by signing up to international agreements, such as the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, through my office. In this agreement, we have committed that we do our part in relation to food systems, but we coordinate the various efforts of our cooperating partners on food issues in the city. In this vein, we have been working hand-in-hand with partners, such as CUTS and Hivos on implementing initiatives that seek to address the challenges that we are facing in our city’s food system,” said Mwansa.

Speaking at the same event, Hivos sustainability manager for southern

Africa William Chilufya said there was need for government, through the National Food and Nutrition Commission, to establish a much-needed national food and nutrition policy which Zambia lacked for four years.

He added that the launch of the document was the beginning of change in the way people responded towards the need for sustainable diets.

Meanwhile, National Food Policy Council chairperson Dr Stella Mungaila said CSOs who call out government on the need for change in the implementation of the development agenda, were backed by the Seventh National Development Plan and should not be looked at as being “sponsored by the opposition.”

By Zondiwe Mbewe

ATTORNEY General Likando Kalaluka has asked the Constitutional Court to allow him to serve court process by way of advertisement on 17 of the 64 former cabinet ministers and their deputies who received emoluments after the dissolution of Parliament in 2016.

Kalaluka wants to serve court process on former health minister Joseph Kasonde; former foreign affairs minister Harry Kalaba; former minister of information and broadcasting services Chishimba Kambwili; Christabel Ngimbu, and former minister of community development and social services Emerine Kabanshi.

Others are: Gerry Chanda; Danny Ching’imbu; James Kapyanga; Panji Kaunda; Joseph Lungu; Rayford Mbulu; Alfred’s Mwamba; Patrick Ngoma; Charles Zulu; Dawson Kafwaya, Mwimba Malama and Mwenya Musenge.

This is according to a notice of substituted service filed in the Constitutional Court.

“Take notice that in pursuance of the order of the Constitutional Court dated September 8, 2020, where the Court granted to serve court process by way of substituted service, whereas the Attorney General made an application for assessment of amount due pursuant to the judgement of the Constitutional Court dated August 8, 2016, and has opted that service of the aforesaid application by way of substituted service

on yourselves be effected by this advertisement,” Kalaluka stated.

He urged the 17 to acknowledge service of the application by way of substituted service within seven days from the publication of the advertisement or they may contact him to access the copies of the said application.

Earlier this month, Secretary to the Treasury Fredson Yamba submitted to the Constitutional Court that the correct amount of repatriation allowances former Cabinet Ministers and their deputies who received emoluments after the dissolution of Parliament in 2016, were entitled to was K8,000 each and not the K15,000 they were claiming.

Yamba added that his office had, therefore, re-calculated the summary for net pays and allowances to be recovered from the ministers taking into account the K8,000, which brings the

total amount recoverable from them for the period May to July, 2016, to K4,266,664.10.

This is according to an affidavit in reply to the notice of non-objection to the quantum settled by the Attorney General.

“With regards to the issue of repatriation allowances, the correct figure to be paid to the former Cabinet ministers and former deputy ministers is K8,000 each. My office has, thus, duly re-computed the summary for net pays and allowances to be recovered from ministers taking into account the K8,000. As can be seen from the said re-computation, the total amount recoverable from the former Cabinet ministers and former deputy ministers for the period May to July, 2016, is in the sum of K4,266,664.10,” Yamba stated.

“With regards to the issue relating to the 31st respondent, Obius Chabu Chisala, I can confirm that he was paid his salary for the months of May,

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June and July, 2016.”

In this matter, the State, through the Attorney General’s chambers, had asked the Constitutional Court to assess the amount of money that ministers, who continued to earn a salary after dissolution of Parliament in 2016 were required to repay.

This was as a result of the Constitutional Court judgement of August 8, 2016, which ordered Cabinet, Provincial and deputy ministers to repay the State all the allowances and salaries they received, while the National Assembly was dissolved.

The judgement was rendered in a matter where the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) and UPND, through its secretary general



Steven Katuka, challenged the continued stay in office of the ministers after Parliament was dissolved ahead of the 2016 general election.

Katuka and LAZ petitioned the Court to order

the ministers, who stayed in office after dissolution of Parliament, to repay the funds they received.

They cited the Attorney General, Ngosa Simbyakula and 63 others as respondents.

Police arrest 16 illegal miners at Kansanshi over gold scandal

By Anthony Tapa in Solwezi

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“It is alleged that on Monday 11th September 2020, police received a tip-off from members of the public who suspected some people to have been conducting illegal business from a house belonging to M/Valetta Ramon,” Katongo stated.

“Police visited the said premises and intercepted four(4) Motor vehicles driving in or out of the premises. Sixteen (16) illegal miners were apprehended at different times with respective grams

of suspected gold concentrate while three(3) other people were caught in the act of smelting the suspected Gold concentrate. 15 Gas cylinders, 13 kilograms of gold concentrate, 48 pieces of suspected pure gold weighing 242.12 grams, cash money amounting to K413, 520.00, 3×20 litres of Acid and Two (2) scales were recovered. The total number of suspects arrested in the Gold scandal is twenty (20). This includes the owner of the house who

surrendered himself to the police.”

She stated that value of the recovered suspected gold concentrate was yet to be ascertained.

“The suspects will appear in court soon. Four have been charged with the offence of fraudulently dealing in minerals without a license while 16 have been charged for being found in possession of property believed to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained,” stated Katongo.

By Ulande Nkomesha
MINISTRY of Health Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Dr Kennedy Malama says Zambia has recorded 41 new COVID-19 cases out of 785 tests conducted in the last 24 hours.
And Dr Malama says 160 patients have been discharged from COVID-19 isolation centres.
Speaking during the routine COVID-19 updates in Lusaka, Thursday, Dr Malama announced that the cumulative figures in the

Zambia records 41 new COVID-19 cases

country now stood at 13,928 cases.
“In the last 24 hours, we recorded a total of 41 new COVID-19 cases out of the 785 tests we conducted countrywide. This, therefore, brings our cumulative total as a country to 13,928. When you look at the new cases we recorded in the last 24 hours, these were from healthcare workers’ screening, we had two, as we have stated we have continued prioritising the frontline personnel,

particularly the healthcare workers. So, in the last 24 hours, we had two, who tested positive and these are from Lusaka,” Dr Malama said.
“We also conducted 20 through hospital screening prioritising healthcare facilities. These 20 came from: Livingstone, one; Lusaka, nine; Mpika, 10. We also had routine screening, which we did, targeting the community where we recorded 15 and these were from: Chipata, one; Kabwe, two; Katete, two;

Lusaka, two; Nakonde, six; and Solwezi, two. We also had four truck drivers in Nakonde, who tested positive. This, again, is a reminder that as we protect, we should not be blind of the risk, which continues through cross-border business and trade.”
He said no new death had been recorded in the last 24 hours.
“It is gratifying to know that in the last 24 hours, we have not recorded any death as a country. This, therefore,

still leaves the total number of deaths we have recorded at 326, which we have classified as 110 deaths due to COVID-19; 210 COVID-19 associated, while we have six deaths, which are being reviewed, pending classification,” he added.
Dr Malama said that 44 patients were admitted in various healthcare facilities, with 19 on oxygen therapy.
“As a country, we also have a total of 44 patients, who are in various healthcare facilities countrywide, out of this,

19 are on oxygen therapy. The distribution of the 44 includes: in Levy COVID-19 Isolation Facility, we have 20, with three on oxygen; UTH, we have four and all of them are on oxygen; Copperbelt, we have 10 patients and they are all on oxygen. North-Western, we have four, with two on oxygen; Southern Province, we have two patients; Muchinga, two patients, while Luapula and Central (provinces), we have one patient each,” Dr Malama said. *Story continues on P10*

Continued political violence will lead to anarchy, warns VJ

By Ulande Nkomesha
VETERAN politician Vernon Mwaanga says the current crop of political leaders has become a danger to Zambia’s democratic dispensation due to rising political violence, which they continue to sponsor.
And Mwaanga has cautioned that political violence will destroy the country and lead to anarchy if allowed to continue unabated.
In a statement, Thursday, Mwaanga complained that the violence, which engulfed Lukashya constituency in Kasama District ahead of yesterday’s by-election, was worrying because politics in the current dispensation was

being practiced as a war and platform to suppress others.
“In the last few days, we have witnessed very ugly scenes of violence in Lukashya. We witnessed similar incidents during by-elections in Chilubi constituency. Our country’s Constitution makes it clear that when the office member of parliament or councillor falls vacant, there shall be a by-election ordered by the Electoral Commission of Zambia within a stipulated period of time. That is what our nascent democracy demands. Most of the political violence occurs during by-elections,” Mwaanga observed.
“The people involved are usually hired or brought from towns and cities, just for purposes of unleashing violence and destruction on political opponents. Many leaders in the current crop of politicians don’t seem to understand what the rights and responsibilities of all citizens in a democratic dispensation. They have reluctantly been dragged into the 21st century, kicking and screaming and not

fully understanding their roles considering they have become a danger to our hard-won independence and democratic dispensation. Politics is not war. It is not about who uses the most force to suppress others. That era belongs to the dark era of dictatorships. It is about a contest of ideas and policies.”
He cautioned that political violence would destroy the country and lead to anarchy if allowed to continue unabated.
“In the process, certain basic principles must be observed and respected. Some of these are: The right of eligible citizens to freely participate in the installation and removal of local and central governments through

free, fair, transparent and credible democratic elections, which meet international standards; election campaigns must have a fair level-playing field for all participants; there must be freedom of association and expression, including freedom of the press to report national issues in a balanced and even handed manner, including corruption, which has become the bane of many African governments, without political interference from the government; democratic governments must operate in a transparent manner and remain fully accountable to the people who elected them; defend and protect the rule of law and constitutionalism, with guarantees of equality

for all before the law. This culture of political violence, if allowed to continue unabated, will destroy our country and lead to anarchy,” Mwaanga cautioned.
And he added that political parties had an inescapable duty to prevent their unruly cadres from engaging in violence and to make them understand that a democratic country accommodated different opinions.
“Political parties have an inescapable duty to prevent their unruly cadres from engaging in violence and to make them understand that democracy accommodates differences of opinion, which must be respected. Politics of ethnicity, insults, threats and force should under no circumstances, be given any space in our country. They are barbaric and savagely in the extreme! We have tripartite elections in August, next year,

and the question of who wins council, parliamentary seats and the Presidency, will not be determined by the candidates, but by the people of Zambia through their votes,” stated Mwaanga.
“We fought very hard for independence and the re-introduction of multiparty politics. I urge our political leaders to honour those gallant men and women freedom fighters, who sacrificed so much, by desisting from violence and irresponsible utterances, which only undermine peace and the freedom of our people, who deserve better. Leaders of political parties have a major role to play in ruthlessly stamping out violence. Law enforcement agencies must deal with perpetrators of violence without regard to political affiliations. They should show mature leadership and the people will follow.”

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CADRES

By Andyford Mayele Banda

ACCORDING to Merriam Webster dictionary a cadre is a nucleus or core group especially of trained personnel able to assume control and to train others broadly. In another definition from the same dictionary it says a cadre is a group of people having some unifying relationship such as a cadre of lawyers a cadre of technicians or another definition a cadre is a cell of indoctrinated leaders active in promoting the interests of a revolutionary party.

In our politics the best definition of a cadre should be a cell of indoctrinated leaders active in promoting the interests of a revolutionary party. Yes. Cadres must support a certain doctrine of an organisation which they represent. So, the behaviour of cadres of a certain political party gives us a picture of the doctrines that have been induced in those people by their political parties. The idea of belonging to a certain political party must be out of the ideals of that political party. It should not be tribe, money or any selfish interest but cadres must support ideals that will improve the lives of the majority. These are ideals that cadres must be willing to die for.

In our country it seems cadres are not inculcated to follow or believe or know certain ideals of some political parties but would be indoctrinated to die for their party President even if the so-called party President doesn't mean well for the majority. Most cadres whether in the ruling party or opposition if asked what their political parties stand for or the ideas their political party promotes, they won't tell you anything. They are so blank and they don't care as long as they are given a day's allowance to misbehave. All they know is violence and intimidation of other members of political parties.

Just taking an example of the by elections especially in Lukashya, no one can point at a clear message of what especially the two major political parties are laying down what they will do for the people once their candidates win the elections. All there is finger pointing from the President himself. And when leaders start promoting hate in public, it empowers the cadres to do the same. But what is worse is that the cadres get into physical fights and that's what normally happens. It's like our leaders are so ignorant to know that the violence that we experience in politics is caused by them. This is what we want to change.

If we look around our environment and see that things are not changing, we must blame ourselves because we have tolerated nonsense

politics where we don't demand for leaders to give us a clear plan of what they are going to do once elected but we just embrace their insults on the podium. How do we hold people accountable who haven't given us a plan of what they will do? How do you pinpoint that this is what you promised but this is what you have delivered? In our article entitled politics and accountability we spoke about how visions of certain countries are so clear once you land at their airports. We gave an example of Dubai and the extract is as follows:

"When you travel and land at some airports around the world you can in-stantly see the vision of a country as you check out of the airport. One such airport is Dubai International Airport where you can see it from immigration, to the taxi drivers, hotel staff, staff at the shopping malls and anywhere you go that everyone is working towards a vision of a country. When you ask about the country, they will tell you the developments that have happened in the last years and the developments coming up in the next years. Basically, they are excited because the more the development the better their lives. This is what happens when you have leaders who have a vision for their countries".

Our vision is seen in the behaviour of cadres who have not been inculcated on the vision of the country. The behaviour of cadres reflects on the standard of leaders that those cadres report to. In this country cadres are synonymous to indiscipline. First thing's first, they don't respect law enforcement officers be-cause our officers in the Zambia Police are so scared to do anything for fear that it may backfire. PF leaders have given authority to cadres to disrespect the Police. We see this when they are transporting cadres for their political party meetings, they don't even stop at road blocks, at traffic lights, they inconvenience everyone on the road as if they are also a President or Vice President or an ambulance. We saw how cadres smashed a UPND vehicle in Kasama on Wednesday with the police looking helplessly. We don't blame the Police; we all know what happened in Sesheke.

Ruling party cadres are also synonymous with land grabbing. Just in yester-day's New Diggers, one of the PF MPs has been dragged to court for land trespass with cadres in her constituency. Why are we surprised? This is their signature dish. They behave as if we don't have authorities that are tasked with land matters. This is the authority that they have from their leaders and we heard this in Kabwe sometime back from PF SG Davies Mwila.

The Zambian cadres especially from the ruling party are well known for de-priving the

councils of their much-needed revenue by taking control of the bus stations and markets across the country. This is how the party in power benefits and pays back the cadres for the violence and intimidation that they conduct themselves into during elections and some state functions. Councils have been underfunded and as a result of not collecting adequate revenue from their key revenue points such as bus stations and markets.

The indiscipline of cadres in this country is appalling and it will stop once PAC forms government. The Zambia Police under PAC will not tolerate lawlessness to be happening in their eyes like what we saw in Kasama as a result of an undisciplined leadership. They will be empowered to ensure they perform their duties without fear.

This kind of unfairness or injustice has been perpetuated by wrong politics and wrong leaders and has negatively affected our society. Unfortunately, for many political leaders, no matter how educated, they have developed a callous conscience and do not realise that's its lack of such simple values that has affected our society negatively. We need a mind-set change towards servant –leadership and empathy. It is only the possession of such values that can actually positively affect our economy and uplift the lives of the majority of people who are disadvantaged in our society. This can only be achieved with leaders who are not greedy but who put the interest of the people first.

Our manifesto is built on such values. The questions we ask ourselves everyday are, what plans, ideas and solutions can make our society better than it is? How can we uplift the lives of the most disadvantaged people in our society and give them a platform to advance their lives? How can we ensure that a person who wakes up every day can advance from point A to point B? How can we create a society that is fair to everyone, a society that favours everyone as opposed to the advantaged few?

We need leadership that possesses such values that appeal to the conscious; a leadership that unites people to advance this country for the common good, as opposed to leadership that sows seeds of discord to advance per-sonal ambitions. We need a leadership that inspires the general populous to greatness as opposed to keeping the status quo. PAC IS THE BEST BET FOR REAL CHANGE IN 2021!

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

ZAF Projects Limited asks court to discharge injunction which restrained continued works at Kingsland City

By Zondiwe Mbewe
ZAMBIA Airforce Projects Limited has asked the Court of Appeal to discharge the injunction which restrained continued works at Kingsland City, arguing that it has complied with the pre-conditions of the Zambia Environmental Management Agency's decision letter of February 7, 2019.
On February 17, this year, Court of Appeal judge Mubanga Kondolo granted

Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust Limited and nine traditional leaders of the Soli people an injunction restraining the continued works at Kingsland City.
According to an affidavit in support of ex-parte summons for an order to discharge an interim injunction filed in the Court of Appeal on August 20, this year, ZAF Projects Limited director Colonel Edgar

Lungu submitted that the said ruling of the court specified that the injunction could be vacated by ZAF Projects Limited complying with the pre-conditions set out in the decision letter issued by ZEMA dated February 7, 2019.
He stated that in compliance with the conditions set out in the decision letter, ZAF Projects Limited on March 3, 2020 submitted a copy of the report of the

Hydrological study for the Chalimbana Catchment Area and Ecological Management Plan for the Proposed Mixed-Use Development at ZAF Twin Palm to ZEMA for review and possible approval.
Col Lungu stated that by letter dated March 10, 2020, ZEMA approved the said report which was in fulfilment of the conditions of the decision letter.
He stated that by letter

dated July 29, 2020, ZEMA further approved the Hydrological Report and Water Management Plan for ZAF Twin Palm Mixed-Use Infrastructural Development in fulfilment of the conditions of the decision letter.
"ZAF Projects Limited having fulfilled the pre-conditions set by ZEMA and as guided by this honourable court through its judgment of February 17, 2020, this is a

proper case for the honourable Court to exercise its discretion in discharging the injunction as conditions 3.1.3 and 3.1.5 of the decision letter dated February 7, 2019 have been complied with," Col Lungu stated.
But Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust Limited and the nine traditional leaders of the Soli people opposed to the said application arguing that this was not a proper case to allow the discharge of the injunction as the respondents were still in breach of the conditions of the decision letter.

Robert Chimambo, the secretary of Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust, stated in an affidavit in opposition filed on Wednesday that even with the Court's injunction and clear direction not to carry out any works, there was still non-compliance as the respondents continued building and allowed tenants to move into some of the properties.
He added that the said tenants were drawing water from boreholes and not using approved sewerage systems in contravention of the decision letter.

"They (respondents) have come to this court seeking the lifting of the injunction so that they can continue construction when they are in continuing breach of this Court's injunction and the Environmental Licences that they require to carry on with the project. This is not a proper case to allow the discharge of the injunction because the respondents are still in breach of the conditions of the decision letter," Chimambo stated.

And when the matter came up before judge Kondolo for hearing of the said application, Thursday, ZAF Projects Limited through its counsel Calisto Nambote insisted that the court should discharge the injunction.

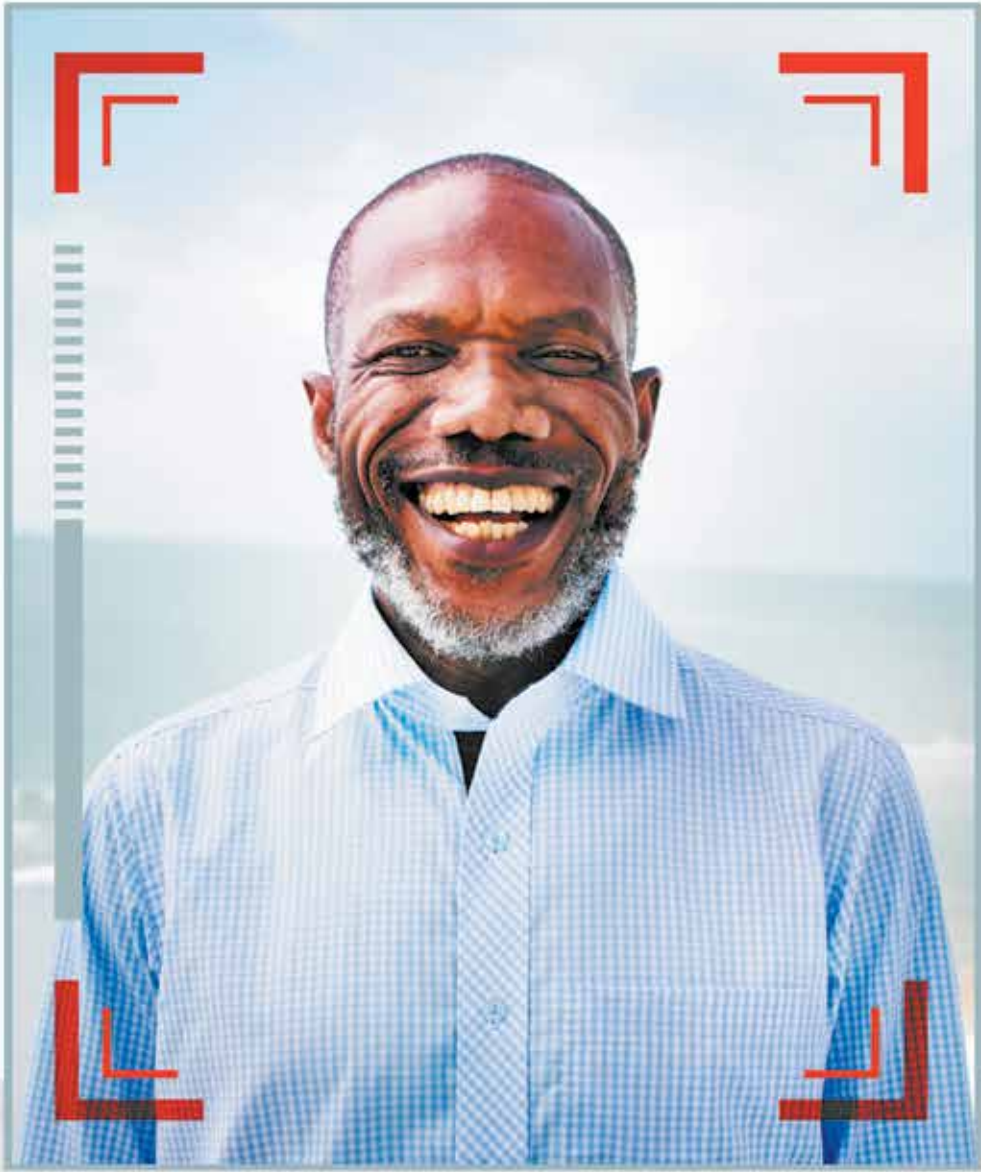
He said the court had in its ruling set pre-conditions for ZAF Projects Limited to meet in order for the injunction to be discharged or vacated, adding that the said conditions had been fully complied with.


"It is our prayer that this Honourable Court will discharge the injunction issued because the first respondent (ZAF Projects Limited) has clearly demonstrated that it has fully complied with the Court's instructions," Nambote said.


And Attorney General Likando Kalaluka also submitted that the dictates of justice required that the court exercises its discretion to vacate the injunction on the basis that ZAF Projects Limited had complied with the conditions set by the court.


"It is quite clear that the dictates of justice requires that this court exercises its discretion to vacate the injunction herein on the basis that the first respondent has complied with the conditions set by this Honourable Court," he said. *Continues on page 7*

Is online pre-registration final?













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But in response, Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust Limited and the nine traditional leaders of the Soli people argued through their lawyer Mutembo Nchito, that the respondents had failed to demonstrate that they were in compliance with environmental laws.

He added that if they were to continue operations at Kingsland City in disregard

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of the environmental laws, that would render the whole exercise at the High Court

academic.

“It is our submission that the respondents have failed

to demonstrate that they are in compliance with the environmental rules. If they

are to continue operations on that site in disregard of the environmental laws, that will

render the whole exercise at the High Court academic and the interest of the appellants will be prejudiced,” Nchito said.

Ruling on the application has been reserved.

In the matter before the Lusaka High Court, Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust and nine traditional leaders of the Soli people, who include among others, senior headman Maoma and senior headman Nkomenshya have sued Zambia Airforce Projects Limited and Kingsland City Investment for carrying out construction works on a forest reserve.

Other companies sued include; Drimtown Investments Limited, Shangrila Investments Limited and Datong Construction Limited.

The plaintiffs have also sued ZEMA, Water Resources Management Authority and the Attorney General.

Last year, High Court judge Ruth Chibabuka granted the plaintiffs an ex-parte order of injunction restraining the defendants from carrying out any further building and constructions works on the forest reserve.

She however recused herself from handling the matter and the case was later reallocated to justice Mwila Chitabo.

But in his ruling dated July 29, 2019, Justice Chitabo ruled that the case wasn't fit and proper to confirm the interim injunction earlier granted and accordingly vacated it.

Justice Chitabo however granted the complainants leave to appeal to the superior Court of appeal.

The applicants then renewed their application for an interim injunction before the Court of Appeal which was granted on February 17, this year.

ZAF Projects Limited has now asked the Court of Appeal to discharge the said injunction.

I'll respect Zambians' will in 2021 – Lungu

By Julia Malunga

PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu says he will not go against the will of Zambians in next year's general election.

In a statement, Thursday, President Lungu pledged to respect Zambians' collective following the outcome of the 2021 general election.

According to his Special Assistant for Press and Public Relations Isaac Chipampe, the Head of State found it disturbing that some sections of the media had quoted him out of context when he held rallies in Kasama District where he was reported to have said: “Whether Zambians like it or not, he will remain President of the Republic of Zambia” following the just-ended by-elections in Lukashya and Mwansabombwe constituencies.

“His Excellency, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia, will not go against

the Zambian people in next year's presidential elections. President Lungu has, therefore, found it disturbing that some sections of the media decided to misquote him when he held public rallies in Kasama. The President did not say, ‘I'll remain President... Whether Zambians like it or not’ as one tabloid newspaper has imputed in their edition today. The President instead stated that he is President whether his opponents like it or not, and that if anything happened to him, his constitutional successor is Her Honour, the Vice-President Inonge Wina,” stated Chipampe.

“President Lungu is a democrat who respects the will of the people. The President, therefore, urges all journalists to strictly adhere to their professional ethics because not doing so could plunge the country into chaos. Journalists should report factually and not misinterpret or misinform

the public to suit their agenda. Such reporting will not differentiate them from social media communicators.”

In the News Diggers! Thursday, September 17, 2020 edition, President Edgar Lungu was quoted as saying that: “Whether Zambians like it or

not, he will remain President of the Republic of Zambia”.

It was, however, brought to the editors' attention that the Head of State, who was speaking in Bemba, was addressing UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema, and stated that: “Nangu chibe shani,

namailo litali, na 2021 litali, lelo kufika next election mu August pa 12 mu 2021, president ninebo! Nangu ulefwaya olo taulefwaya, president ninebo!”

Therefore, President Lungu did not say: “I will remain President, whether Zambians like it or not.”

Wina moves motion to restore Bill 10

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

VICE-PRESIDENT Inonge Wina has moved a motion in Parliament to restore Constitution Amendment Bill number 10 of 2019 and seven others on the order paper.

In her motion, Thursday, Vice-President Wina said this is because the Bills were not concluded in the last session due to the abrupt adjournment of the House caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Madam Speaker, I beg to move that in terms of Standing Order 126 (1) of the National Assembly of Zambia Standing Orders 2016, this House restores unto the order paper the following Bills presented to the House in the previous sessions of the 12th National Assembly: (1) the Constitution of Zambia Amendment Bill 10 of

2019; (2) the National Planning and Budgeting Bill 12 of 2019; (03) the National Forensic Bill 1 of 2020; (4) the Food and Nutrition Bill of 2020; (5) the Patents and Companies Registration Agency Bill 3 of 2020; (6) the Landlord and Ternant Business Premises Ammendment 4 of 2020; (7) the National Council for Construction Bill 5 of 2020; and (8) the Food Reserve Bill 6 of 2020,” said Vice-President Wina.

“The House may recall that the above Bills were presented to the House in the previous sessions of the 12th National Assembly but were not concluded due to the abrupt adjournment of the House as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Debate on the motion is expected to resume today (Friday).

SO FAR, we have agreed with the advice that Kenyan Law Professor Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba has offered to President Edgar Lungu. Prof Lumumba is urging President Lungu to leave office with dignity so that he can find something else more honourable to do than pushing for a third term against the will of the people. We concur with the learned Kenyan professor.

But there is something else that Prof Lumumba said on his virtual television programme, which we do not entirely agree with. The Kenyan anti-corruption activist said if President Lungu is worried about going to prison once he leaves office, he can be assured of amnesty so that his dignity is preserved.

“I hope that there are some advisors and some clergy whom he listens to. Let President Lungu be told, no one is going to take him to jail. I know that he may have engaged in things that ought not to be done, but we can grant you amnesty, so that you are not arrested when you leave office. Please, leave

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There shouldn't be any amnesty, unless thieves surrender what they stole

and leave in dignity. Go and serve the continent of Africa so that Zambia can remember you fondly,” says Prof Lumumba.

Here, we have a problem agreeing with the learned professor. We understand and appreciate the context in which he is making this suggestion, but we are afraid that it is a suggestion that may not be so popular among Zambians. There are reasons why former President Frederick Chiluba and former President Rupiah Banda had their immunities stripped and subjected to prosecutions.

Many people have argued that this trend

takes away so much from the decorum of the office of the former president. That is true, but this decorum is not supposed to be bestowed, it must be earned. A President who desires to be respected and not to be bothered about court processes after leaving office needs to stay away from illegal activities while in State House. He who fails to abstain from corruption and abuse of office must be answerable to the people.

In Zambia, Presidential immunity is not a passport for a Head of State to engage in criminal activities. This means a President who engages in corruption and abuse

of office cannot be shielded or insulated from punishment by the mere fact that he or she is a former Head of State. Zambian laws are for everyone to follow, whoever breaks them must be answerable, regardless of position or status in society. If Presidents are allowed to go scot-free after leaving office, regardless of the criminal activities they engaged in, everyone would want to be President, but that is practically impossible. Why should the law punish a minister or send a poor office clerk to prison for stealing K2,000 and protect a President who steals US\$50 million?

Our view is that if

Zambians are fed up of prosecuting former presidents whose cases take so much time and resources, a decision must then be made to recover all that the particular president acquired illegally. Only then should amnesty be granted. This will be even more beneficial to the Republic. A tribunal will have to be set up to expressly review the evidence of corruption that would be presented before it, involving not just the President but also the former ministers and public servants. Once all that was stolen is recovered, once all the money they stashed away in offshore accounts is brought back to government coffers, we can then

allow these former public servants to walk away.

Stealing millions of dollars from a poor country like Zambia is as bad as picking a rifle and shooting underprivileged citizens who depend on the government to provide them with basic needs such as clean drinking water, affordable education and easy access to health facilities. Let's not make thieves in this PF government too conformable by suggesting to them that there will be no consequences for their criminal activities.

If a President succeeds at revamping a country's economy, he must be allowed to take credit for his good decisions without his predecessors attempting to take away the glory. But if he messes up a country, he must take responsibility without throwing the blame on those who led before him. If Mr Lungu wants amnesty after leaving office, he must give that amnesty to the suffering masses first. As Dr Kenneth Kaunda would repeatedly say, do unto others what you would have them do unto you.

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“A medicine cat has no time for doubt. Put your energy into today and stop worrying about the past.”
- Erin Hunter

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6. Unattractive
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11. 6th sense
12. Try to locate
15. Prepare for publication
16. On the other hand
17. Loud crowd response
18. Pecan or almond

Down

1. Unruly group
2. Our sun is one
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Readers' Feedback

'Lungu shouldn't rule out UPND's chances of winning 2021'

Editor

"Ati "UPND will never rule Zambia"you polititians have a VERY Short Memory,LP Mwanawasa was saying Sata will never rule Zambia what happened??the problem is that you behave as if you own everyone,!wait and one day you cry like RB". - Chilambwe Muselu

"Always HH or UPND will never form or rule Zambia. Is this campaign message Lungu knows that will improve the economy? This failure must go as they will be no Zambia to talk about should he force himself on Zambians. He is the worst failure as President of Zambia. Apa Lungu kuya and should they eliminate HH, Dr M'membe no doubt will take it up in 2021 and under his leadership beshibe fye ati bakalila bamwankole aba!" - Kajuba Mazuba

"If all the energy this mwankole and his minions have on Bally can be put together, it can end loadshedding in Zambia". - Jackson Mfula

"People in Power think they will live forever. Lungu is not the one who decides who will and who will not rule Zambia, the Zambian people decide that.. Zambia is not his father's farm!". - Ezra Mush

"I think the spirit in which Zambian politics are being conducted is a big eye sore! It's a far cry from the peaceful dispensation that we were once familiar with and were well known for around the world!" - David Kazhila

'Musukwa right, PF is working, but working very hard on destroying Zambia'

Editor,

"Yes working very hard on destroying Zambia". - Mukuka Mwila Mike Mpuku

"The people of Zambia are the ones to judge not someone who is part of the system or someone who is benefitting from the system. He can not judge for the people of Zambia, the Zambians are intelligent enough to weigh for themselves. Most of these people have never been to their rural villages to see how people are suffering there. When I say rural villages, I do not mean rural districts. A person like this one has never been to his home village to appreciate how elementary life is there and his view of Zambia is very limited". - Oliver Shapaka

"You need a serious mental evaluation bwana Minister". - Mainde D Keembe

"If he can't see things that need to be fixed...he needs to be fixed himself". - Moonga Kachemba

"You don't have a vision to see where they will fix, so that's why we will vote you out of office, so that musalapuke!" - Bartholomew Chibamba

"We get your logic, the opposition can't fix anything until we kick you out of power". - Richard Waga

"Expired drugs in hospitals; PF is working. 6years without paying retirees; pf is working, \$1-K20; PF is working. Substandard bridges in rural areas that can't withstand

normal rain; PF is working. 48 miracle houses, \$42m fire wheelbarrows; PF is working. mukula saga and maize saga; PF is working. No jobs for the youths; PF is working and he's right. These and many more PF works are what PF has done to warrant their exit. 2021, kuyabebele!!!!" - Ephraim Sakati Phiri

"Now I know why Albert Einstein said 'we can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them'". - Thantwe Kwenda

"There will always be something to fix, the economy, lawlessness, tribalism, corruption etc". - Josephine Ngulube

'Zambians in the diaspora can vote, but not next year'

Editor,

"Those in the diaspora may vote but, definitely, not in the 2021 elections. There is a lot to be done which require the resources that we do not have For instance, among many other things, there is need for a census to ascertain how many eligible Zambians are out there. An independent verification of this info should

follow. We cannot trust figures given by embassies. This would be a recipe for rigging elections by the PF. If the PF can shamelessly, and with impunity, abuse civil servants like DC's in elections what would stop them from abusing civil servants like ambassadors and high commissioners in cooking up figures? So, countrymen and women in the diaspora,

you will vote in 2026. Do not allow crooks to use you to rig the 2021 elections". - Cephas M Kunda

"Not in the year when we need to deal with ba mwankole!! Who knows the number of zambians in the diaspora eligible to vote? Just the prisons who knows the total number of inmates eligible to vote? Stop creating rigging schemes, 2021 is just another year to put to test the previous years campaign promises, it's the year to critically analyse the performance of the current PF government in terms of the economy and fighting corruption, those who have been acquitted on corruption charges will be properly judged by the zambians and the judiciary!!!" - George Bwalya

"This makes more sense than prisoners voting". - Kenny Chewe

"Sounds like a new way of rigging". - Zuba Kayasha

"Take several seats. Who will monitor those Zambians living in the diaspora ? Besides, ECZ has no money to fund independent monitor for ballot paper printing what more voting in the diaspora?" - Dreyer Jokwe Siya



'Artists' move to drag ECZ to court over voter verification deserves support'

Editor,

"As one who once served as presiding officer in the administration of elections, I believe renewal of voters registration is important. Some people are no more and others would want to change places to vote from. Without renewal of registration, elections agents will find it hard to know whether voter turnout was good or not because those who would have died will still appear in the registers". - Moses Pastor Mutale

"Very good move, the spirit to defend democracy, transparency, rule of law, accountability must be commended". - Kool Int

"Well done to the courageous citizens for standing up to PF gimmicks for trying to win an election before citizens cast their votes. Elections have been held in Zambia for years now without any gimmicks until PF came along and crippled all government institutions without shame". - Mutinta Mulonda

"The move is great but my fear is, it may be stifled by those desperate Mwankoles!" - O'brie Mukuka Kuka

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By Tim Zulu

THEY say it's better to be ready and prepared for something before an opportunity comes, than not being ready when an opportunity comes.

As it were, winning promotion to the Super League may be the right opportunity but again, staying there and competing favorably to avoid being weekly cry-babies is

Eden Graduands: Are their veins strong enough to withstand Super League load?

amazingly quite another issue that requires serious and diligent planning in all spheres of the game.

By now, the new fruits from the Eden University National Division One

League in the name of League Champions Indeni, Prison Leopards, Young Green Eagles and Kitwe United need no reminders on how scotching the October heat could drain their quench,

how the slippery, cold days of the super league thereafter, if not the bumpy road, could suffocate their ambitions, especially if ill prepared.

But having traversed and experienced all terrain of pain and happiness across the breadth of the National League, the worry to take and face the seasonal gladiators of the Super League should not even burn their last hair, provided they worked out all finer details of preparation, have enough oil to last them to the end of the season, avoid and carry with them filled up cartridges and have enough land rates of motivation to the players who will carry the weekly load of protecting their team badges.

Only then can we safely say the haul sides would handle the demanding load of top tier football, but as it is, we cannot easily tell in

which gear of preparation these former Eden league hard-to-beat teams are engaging at, but one thing is for sure - if they have chosen to keep their transfer window overhauls to their chest until such a time, well, then that will be good.

If Indeni, Leopards, young Eagles and Kitwe United have done their homework satisfactorily in that aspect of recruitment and alike, then there is no need of having adrenaline levels drop down their self-belief and confidence to go out there and fight head on.


Perhaps, the best these teams could do for now before the 2020/2021 soccer season calendar bubbles forth was to ask themselves some honest questions, like: do we have players with a strong character and mentality to help achieve our "never return back

home quicker than we want" objective?

If we are going to negotiate our stay and compete successfully, what do we need? Are our players and other team members motivated enough to give it their all? Do we have a complete competent bench to lead our stay?

While elite waters could be cooler and sweeter depending on the team composition, sometimes they turn ugly but as these boys are excited and preparing to go out there and rub shoulders with the lords of the super league and rightly so, the Eden microscope will also be on the sidelines, gazing how far and wide these first fruits of the first ever National Division One League would carry the load and lead by example of a "never quick return".

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Rugby Union plans league resumption

Ngosa Chalwe

THE Zambia Rugby Union (ZRU) is weighing the possibility of introducing a tournament format in resuming the 2020 league.

ZRU director Noble Sinkamba confirmed the development through an online meeting with other Executive and Secretariat members.

"A few months ago, the Union in collaboration with Rugby African moves across the county visiting clubs, distributing personal protective Equipment and foodstuffs. This was

in an effort to give our players some aid during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown which has affected most sectors of the economy including sport," Sinkala said.

He said the union had earlier written to the National Sports Council of Zambia (NSCZ) indicating their intentions to resume the games.

Sinkala said so far, inspectors from the Ministry of Health have finalized their activities in Lusaka-based clubs and would proceed to the Central, Copperbelt and North Western provinces in the next few days to conduct

similar inspections in a bid to ascertain preparations.

"The ZRU is undertaking the Return to Play protocols as prescribed by World Rugby while not forgetting those required by local authorities in its quest to ensure compliance. The Union has further called upon all Administrators, Coaches, Referees and Players to do the COVID-19 online test," he said

Sinkala reiterated the fact that for the time being, all clubs may only return to training with minimal numbers while avoiding contact once permission from relevant authorities was granted.

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"Now, you see, this whole issue of misunderstandings and wrangles is premised on the ethics committee which was illegally constituted. So, all the wrangles have been created because of this same committee. So, FIFA would be doing a huge disservice to the rest of the aggrieved parties if they decide that they will address the electoral process only instead of all the issues raised. That is why Damiano Mutale's lawyers have written FIFA to clarify and help us understand why it wants to address only a selected group of the aggrieved parties."

He said it would be unfair for FIFA to focus on the electoral process,

leaving out the majority of other issues.

"You see, there is a history to these problems. They did not just start and they started a long time ago so if you ignore these other problems and rush to resolving the electoral process, you are leaving a bigger bomb behind. And if FAZ and FIFA feel like only attending to Patson Lusaka and Damiano Mutale, then the matter is far from over. Because the whole thing is centered on the illegitimacy of the ethics committee," said Siwale.

"As an aggrieved party myself, I was banned by an illegitimate organ and the same illegitimate organisation is the one that stopped other candidates from contesting the elections. For me, the best to do is to resolve the illegality of the ethics committee, when we sort out that illegality, then everything else will fall into place. If not, then they are doing a disservice to the rest of us, a big one for that matter. And we will go back to court."

Suarez and Barca in €14m dispute

JUVENTUS target Luis Suarez travelled to Italy immediately after training with Barcelona on Thursday as he undergoes a language exam to attempt to secure his Italian citizenship, Goal can confirm.

The Serie A champions are keen on signing the Uruguay international, although having reached their maximum quota of foreign players for the 2020-21 season they need Suarez to obtain an Italian passport in order to sign him.

Indeed, Goal reported on September 6 that Suarez - who arrived at Perugia airport on Thursday afternoon - had already

agreed a three-year contract worth €10 million (£9m/\$12m) per season with the Turin club.

Suarez's contract with Barca is due to expire in 2021, and sources in Spain have told Goal that the reason for the delay over a decision being made about his future is due to his contract demands, with the resolution of the passport issue seen as being a formality.

The former Liverpool striker wants to be allowed to leave for free and receive his full salary, of around €14m (£13m/\$17m), for the 2020-21 season - a similar request that was granted to club legends Andres Iniesta and Xavi. **GOAL.COM**

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