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We the Civil Society Organizations who complement the Zambian Government efforts in implementing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in Zambian Schools from Grade 5 – 12, ARE ALIVE to the Sexual and Reproductive Health challenges that Adolescents and Young People are currently facing. These include: 12% girls and 16% boys experience sexual intercourse before the age of 15 and 3 in every 10 of adolescent girls in Zambia become pregnant before the age of 18 years. An average of 15, 031 adolescent girls dropout out of School due to pregnancy every year, while the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey revealed high prevalence rates of STIs including HIV among the 15 to 24 age group. Adolescent birth rate in Zambia stands very high at 146 births per 1000 women aged 15 to 19 years and 4 in every 10 Girls get married before the age of 18 (Demographic Health Survey, 2018).

We ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPLAUD the positive efforts made this far by the Ministry of General Education and Ministry of Health in addressing the challenges highlighted above through the introduction of the age and culturally appropriate CSE in Zambian Schools under the leadership of His Excellence Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu who is also the African Union Champion against child marriages.

We NOTE AND CELEBRATE that CSE has contributed to reduction in teenage pregnancies between the years 2014 – 2017, although cases are still high. Prior to the roll out of CSE as part of the revised national curriculum in 2014, school dropouts due to teenage pregnancies among adolescent girls was about 13,275 at basic school level, while with introduction of CSE, there has been reduction in school dropout by about 3,000 cases. CSE has also contributed to reduced child marriages from 42% to 34% during the same period. Comprehensive Knowledge among learners on HIV and Sexuality has increased by 25% since the introduction of CSE (Ministry of Education Statistical Bulletin 2018).

We STRONGLY DISMISS and REFUTE as unfounded, ill intended and not evidence-based, allegations being fronted by opposers of CSE that it promotes promiscuity, homosexuality and abortion. The Zambia CSE Framework including the accompanying teacher guides and learner supplementary books do not have any single section or sentence that promotes such. To the contrary CSE provides young people with opportunities to explore their values and attitudes and build skills and knowledge thereby reducing their risk of getting diseases such as HIV and other STIs, avoiding Child marriages and unintended pregnancies, gender-based Violence, sexual abuse and delay sexual debut.

We CALL UPON the Ministry of General Education to open up consultations and dialogue with all stakeholders to discuss the current misconceptions around the Zambia CSE curriculum with an open mind and to seek opportunities to strengthening it, if required. This approach will allow the millions of children and learners to continue benefiting from the Ministry of General Education CSE driven curriculum and to avoid reversing the gains made thus far in reduced child marriages, teen pregnancies and school dropout among adolescent girls.

We ARE CONVINCED that halting the implementation of CSE even for a short period without wider consultations with key stakeholders including, government Ministries, partners, traditional leaders, parliamentarians, religious leaders, teachers, parents and learners would have far reaching repercussions and will reverse hard fought gains that have been achieved especially over the last 10 years under the leadership of Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu.

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Kamanga residents riot after police shoot dead 17-yr old patron

By Ulande Nkomesha
Kamanga residents in Lusaka today protested and looted a police post after officers shot dead a 17-year-old patron during a night operation. Police spokesperson Esther Katongo confirmed the incident in a statement saying police had commenced investigations into the matter. *Story page 10*

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Allegations that CSE promotes abortion, homosexuality unfounded – CSOs

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A CONSORTIUM of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) has strongly dismissed and refuted as unfounded, allegations being fronted by opposers of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in Zambia that it promotes promiscuity, homosexuality and abortion.

The CSOs have argued that to the contrary, CSE provides young people with opportunities to explore their values and build skills and knowledge thereby reducing their risk of getting diseases such as HIV and other STIs, avoiding Child marriages, sexual abuse, among others.

This is according to a statement issued by a consortium of CSOs constituting; SAfAIDS, CRHE, NZP+, FAWEZA, FDI, TALC, MNCRD/ZANEC, REPSSI, PPAZ, Africa Direction, GAL, Sports in Action, WiLDAF, YWCA, Zambian Men's Network (ZMN) and ZANERELA.

The CSOs noted that CSE had contributed to reduction in teenage pregnancies and child marriages, adding that comprehensive knowledge among learners on HIV and Sexuality had increased by 25 percent since the introduction of CSE.

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since the introduction of CSE (Ministry of Education Statistical Bulletin 2018),” they stated.

The CSOs therefore dismissed and refuted as unfounded, allegations being fronted by opposers of CSE in Zambia that it promoted promiscuity, homosexuality and abortion.

They added that the Zambia CSE Framework including the accompanying teacher guides and learner supplementary books did not have any single section or sentence which promoted such.

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By Ulande Nkomesha

UPND spokesperson Charles Kakoma says the continued huge budgetary allocation to defence, security and public order shows that the ruling Patriotic Front is preparing for possible war during the 2021 general elections.

In an interview, Kakoma wondered why the government saw it prudent to allocate huge sums of money to peace and security when the country was not in any crisis.

On Friday, Minister of Finance Dr Bwalya Ng'andu unveiled a K119 billion 2021 national budget, which proposes to spend K5, 642, 820, 724, representing 4.7 percent of the total budget, on defence services and K3, 078, 694, 172, representing 2.6 per cent of the budget, on public order and safety.

"It is quite strange that government appears to be preparing for war when we the citizens are not seeing any war in 2021. We continue to see the government continuing to allocate the scarce resources towards arming the police; even in the current 2020 budget, they also allocated a lot of money towards the weapons for the police. We have seen in past few months, the police are acquiring military weapons, including military trucks. We are wondering what those weapons for the police are meant to do. Now, we again are faced with a situation where government has allocated K3 billion towards public order and safety. We the citizens are not seeing the crisis in public order in 2021, it is the government and the PF that are seeing that. So, where is that crisis coming from for the government to urgently acquire

weapons for the police in 2021?" Kakoma wondered.

He said the government owed the Zambian people an explanation on why a lot of money was being allocated to defence and security.

"As far as we are concerned, the police have enough weapons as of now, they have

Huge allocation to defence, security a sign PF is ready for war in 2021 - UPND

enough teargas. So why should they allocate more money to acquire teargas, to acquire more weapons? Is it meant to attack civilians? As some PF leaders have been saying, they will not be willing to handle over

power if they lose. Is that why they are stocking weapons so that in the event that they lose,

they will cling on to power and decisions to cling on to power,

then they use weapons to suppress them?" Kakoma asked.

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Telling the truth now a threat to one's survival - Kasonde

By Zondiwe Mbewe

PARTICULARLY in the media, telling the truth is now an existential threat, that means it's a threat to one's survival, Chapter One Foundation executive director Linda Kasonde has said.

Speaking on MUVI TV's Assignment programme, Friday evening, held under the topic 'State of Zambia's Governance', Kasonde said telling the truth in Zambia was now an existential threat, citing closures of The Post newspaper and Prime TV as examples.

She also explained what democracy in a country was, adding that from her own personal test, Zambia was failing on all accounts.

"Democracy is one in which those who govern us are accountable to those that elect them; where freedom of expression can be exercised without political persecution; where there is freedom of information so that our citizens can make informed decisions; where there is freedom from discrimination based on gender or otherwise; where the elected are in all of the electorate, because those are the people who wheel the power and not the other way round. From my own personal test, I think we are failing on all accounts. Because we see things like, when institutions like the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) try and hold political elites to account, they are vilified. When people try and express themselves freely, such as the youth protest that we saw on June 22, we see police in riot gear dispatched on our streets. We have been calling for the freedom of information Act for many decades, meanwhile, while we are waiting, those that tell the truth, particularly in the media, telling the truth is now an existential threat. That means it's a threat to one's survival. We have seen that with the Post Newspaper, Prime TV and even with Muvi TV," Kasonde said.

"Also in terms of discrimination, we still see that women, youths and disabled persons are not being

adequately represented in political and governance structures. We also see State machinery being used in retaliation against people who annoy political elites. An example of that is the Chella Tukuta case. And of course we see tribalism and violence, meaning that not everyone is considered to be equal, some are more equal than others. These are real systemic problems that we have in our democracy. But I also like to say that all is not lost, one should always be hopeful for a better future."

Asked why she was arguing that there was lack of freedom of expression in the country when she was able to freely express herself, she spoke about her experiences when she was Law Association of Zambia president.

"In my previous role, I did experience first-hand, the result of what happens when you speak freely and truthfully. I was vilified in the press, I was walked on, on various social media platforms, I had risks to my own personal safety where cadres came to the offices of LAZ to try and protest against me. These are the real things that have happened to me and to other people, whether on social media or in real life. If indeed we do have freedom of expression, that should never happen and yet it did," Kasonde said.

She further said the media was not operating in a safe environment.

"I don't think it's a safe environment [that the media is operating in]. We have seen radio stations around the country who try to host opposition leaders being bombarded by political cadres who try and stop these programs from going ahead. We have seen people being arrested on charges of sedition for speaking on radio stations. We have seen journalists being harassed. This freedom doesn't really truly exist, unless of course, you are speaking in tune with the powers that be, which is a very dangerous situation for our democracy, because it is important for even the ruling elites to hear what the

people are saying," Kasonde said.

On President Edgar Lungu's eligibility to recontest next year's elections, she said, "the Constitution says one cannot hold office for more than two terms, so that's what the issue is. In short, the issue is that the current President has held office twice and therefore should not be eligible to stand."

Meanwhile, Kasonde said corruption in Zambia was becoming more endemic.

"In my assessment, we are not winning the fight against corruption. It's becoming more endemic and the levels of impunity are rising ever higher. On one hand, we have our President admitting that there are corrupt elements in his government and yet in another breath, he has stated that ACC is persecuting him and his ministers. So you can't have it both ways. We have seen the FIC report year after year, detailing cases of corruption and yet we don't see the perpetrators of these crimes being brought to book. We have seen the Auditor General's Report also revealing corruption and financial mismanagement in every report and we are not seeing a decrease in these numbers. So, I fully agree with Transparency International Zambia chairperson Mr Reuben Lufuka who has said that corruption is the thief of our future," she said.

"What we want to see is action. If indeed, as he says, there are corrupt elements, let us see them get convicted, let us see corruption reducing in the trends report."

And Kasonde said Zambians must speak against infringement on freedom of expression.

"The trouble and reason why we have landed in the situation we are in is that incrementally, the government has been testing the waters and people have allowed it and the situation is getting worse as a result. You have got at one point to say enough is enough otherwise we will all live in a repressed state and I don't think anybody wants that," said Kasonde.



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TODAYS TOPIC:

CTPD's reflections on the Financial Intelligence Centre Trends Report (Part 2) with **Chileshe G. Mange**



THE Financial Intelligence Centre ("FIC") published the 6th Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Trends Report for the year 2019 (the "Report") in August of this year which has since been analyzed by the Centre for Trade Policy and Development ("CTPD"). In last week's article we considered the main findings of the Report and compared the year under the review with previous financial year. This week we consider and recommend the policy and legal processes that need to be implemented to give further efficacy to the FIC.

The Report revealed that the total estimated losses amounted to ZMW 948 million, representing a substantial drop when compared to the ZMW 6.1 billion in 2018. The Zambia Revenue Authority assessed a total loss in revenue of ZMW 27 million on account of the Report. The value of disseminations in relation to money laundering (typically money from the proceeds of crime) for 2019 is ZMW 450 million, an increase from ZMW 195 million in 2018 according to the Report. The major offense that contributes to the proceeds of crime and money laundering is corruption.

In respect of corruption, the main conduit appears to be public procurement with single sourcing of projects remaining a major source, particularly involving politically exposed persons or public officials. There is need therefore to strengthen enforcement mechanisms on procurement. Cabinet approved the Public Procurement Bill, 2020 ("Procurement Bill") which will repeal and replace the existing Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2008 in an effort to enhance public procurement mechanisms and also the oversight and regulatory role of the Zambia Public Procurement Authority. However, other key pieces of legislation which regulate procurement must be in tandem with the proposed Procurement Bill. As it is the Public Private Partnership Act No. 14 of 2009 has provisions that create vulnerabilities in the procurement

process. In particular, section 35 of the statute allows contacting authorities to forego procurement procedures under certain circumstances. It further grants the procurement council discretionary powers to allow a contracting authority to forego procurement requirements which creates a gray area and room for exploitation.

A major concern for the FIC in respect of the 2018 financial year was the participation of law firms in money laundering. In 2018, undisclosed law firms are reported to have engaged in money laundering scams amounting to K365 million. The FIC revealed that the law firms helped criminals invest and make transactions to foreign accounts. Some of the illicit activities included acquisition of property, land and motor vehicles on behalf of money launderers.

Although the Report reveals that there has been a marked improvement in the 2019 period, law firms remain vulnerable to money laundering practices due to attorney-client privilege and porous anti-money laundering mechanisms. Encouragingly, the Law Association of Zambia has engaged with the FIC to enhance regulation of law firms in respect of money laundering practices. However, the situation calls for stronger regulation of gatekeepers such as law firms and accounting firms (which are also vulnerable to aiding money laundering) in order to improve anti-money laundering mechanisms.

The Banking and Financial Services (Amendment) Bill N.A.B. No. 7 of 2020 proposes a provision that the Central Bank may exercise its authority over a financial service provider where the Bank considers that it is necessary to implement supervision for the purposes of the prevention and combating of money laundering and financing of terrorism or proliferation or any other serious offence. This provision is not in the current Banking and Financial Services Act, but if implemented through the amendment the

Central Bank will have overriding powers to implement supervisory measures over financial service providers that are not compliant with anti-money laundering provisions. This is a further step to curb money laundering albeit, specific to financial institutions.

Whilst a multi-sectoral approach is required in order to effectively execute the mandate of the FIC, of equal importance is that the FIC requires both adequate funding and political support in order to carry out its functions. Section 6 of the FIC Act indicates that the FIC is funded from monies appropriated to it by Parliament. The FIC is also empowered to accept grants or donations from any sources inside or outside Zambia and raise monies as may be required in the discharge of its functions, but only with approval of the Minister of Finance. This implies that the funding to the FIC is within the purview of the State. This raises questions and concerns on the future and efficacy of the FIC if it remains underfunded and whether this is a deliberate strategy by the State to mute the FIC whose officials have in the past complained of State interference in the discharge of its functions. Nevertheless, if the State does provide objective political support to FIC, this can reflect both in terms of improved funding and intensification of FIC operations.

In conclusion, there is need to build resilience to corruption and money laundering in different institutions and sectors. This can be addressed primarily through strengthening the legal framework in relation to specific sectors, while inviting a range of stakeholders such as the Law Association of Zambia to help strengthen oversight and regulation of deviant law firms.

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Milingo implicated in \$1.6m KCM tender

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the supply of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO).

Meanwhile, PF cadres are up in arms fighting for the ownership of Cashfin, the company that has received the US\$1.6 million from KCM.

According to KCM sources close to the liquidator, Milingo approached Chilinda, a known PF cadre, asking to

buy his company.

"There is this well-known PF cadre called Joseph Chilinda, who is a friend to Milingo. Chilinda has been doing some businesses on the mines with some other PF cadres through some contracts with mining companies. This cadre is the original owner of a company

called Cashfin Zambia Limited which he had been using to win supply tenders. So, Milingo approached this cadre and told him that he was interested in buying his company, Cashfin, and he agreed. They agreed that he was going to sell the company for a token of US\$500,000," the source narrated.

"As a brother who was trying to help this cadre, Milingo offered him that he was going to give him US\$10,000 in cash and that the remaining US\$490,000 balance was going to be settled through a tender from KCM. So, on that material time, Milingo went ahead to pay the first US\$5,000 in cash and he later advanced another US\$5,000 cash, making it USD10,000. After showing goodwill to this cadre, Milingo then asked that to safeguard his interest in the company, his relative, Dingiswayo Ndhlovu, should be added as a signatory. So they opened a company [account] at Stanbic in Ndola where Ndhlovu was

added as a signatory."

The source further narrated that Milingo honoured the agreement by approving a KCM tender to Cashfin for the supply of HFO worth US\$1.6 million, but Chilinda took out the US\$490,000 balance from the sale of the company without approval from Milingo and went on to remove the new signatory, Ndhlovu, from the bank records; a move that angered Milingo.

"On June 30, [this year] there was an order from KCM to supply HFO worth US\$1.6 million. The order was made in the morning and US\$800,000 was advanced to Cashfin, and Milingo made sure that the same day in the afternoon, the outstanding balance of US\$800,000 was paid to the company. Of course, the goods were not supplied, but this was an effort by Milingo to help this cadre get his payment. But because of greed, after seeing that the Milingo's relative had moved US\$1.1 million out of

the Cashfin account, he also started making maneuvers to take out his share, but without approval from Milingo who had made this whole deal possible. That is how Milingo now started fighting back and distanced himself from the whole deal," the source said.

"You know, even when the DEC wanted to arrest him for money laundering, this Chilinda cadre went to cry to Milingo and it was Milingo who helped him out. There was an interview done for him, after which DEC told him that they had frozen the account and even gave him a seizure order. He communicated with Milingo who asked him to give him the name of the person who queried him from the DEC side. After political pressure, DEC removed the seizure notice on the account. But after all that, this cadre claimed that he was being used. He started demanding that he should be paid his US\$490,000 so that he can stay away from Cashfin, that's when Milingo disowned him now."

The source said it was at this point that the cadre Chilinda wrote to the bank, asking that Ndhlovu be removed as a signatory, which was done.

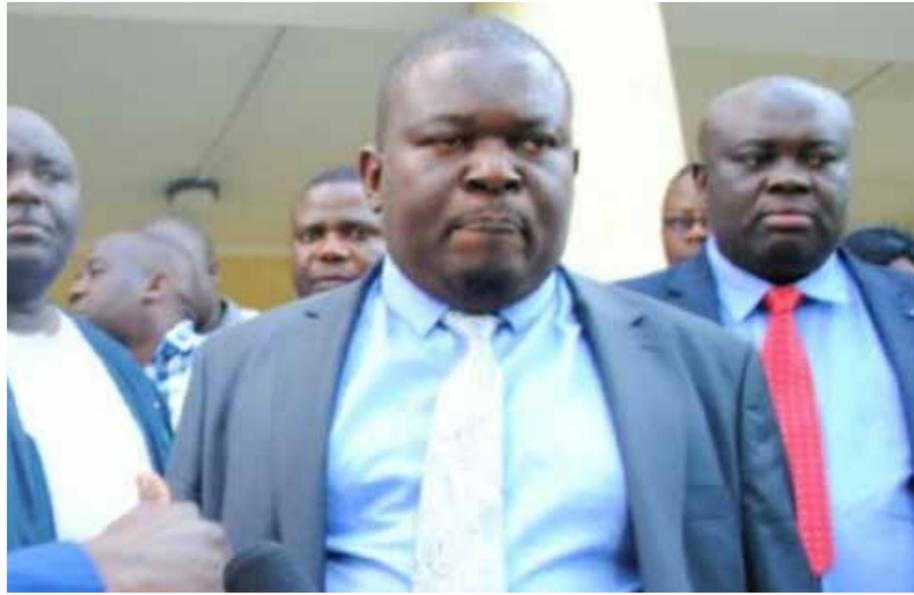
"The problem is that Milingo's team did not change the details at PACRA after paying that down payment. So the records at PACRA still show that Chilinda is the owner, and so this cadre took advantage of that, went to the bank and removed Milingo's contact as a signatory from the account. After managing to have the seizure notice removed, Ndhlovu discovered that he had been removed as a signatory at the bank and the US\$490,000 had been taken out from the account. This is when the fight between cadres started; Milingo's team vs Chilinda," said the source.

A separate source at the Drug Enforcement Commission disclosed to News Diggers that after the US\$1.6 million hit the Cashfin account, a whistleblower from KCM reported Chilinda for a case of suspected money laundering.

"We received that report and we summoned the said Chilinda for interviews here. In fact, the accounts for the company were frozen at some point, but there was some intervention from above and that investigation was halted and the seizure notice on the account was lifted. Some days later, what we saw was that the same Chilinda was arrested by police in Lusaka on a charge of theft and he was detained for seven days. I understand that he was not in good health and he was taken to UTH where he was then released on police bond," said the source.

When's contacted to explain his side of the story, Chilinda said he had been in hospital and was not available for any interview.

And efforts to reach the KCM liquidator proved futile as his phone was unreachable by press time yesterday.



South African defence minister's pay docked over use of air force plane

SOUTH Africa's president has docked three months of the defence minister's pay after she allowed governing party officials to fly on an air force plane to Zimbabwe with her on 9 September.

Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula was accused of misusing state resources for party political

business.

The defence force had argued she was on official business and had simply given the other passengers a lift.

But President Cyril Ramaphosa called it an "error of judgement".

Ms Mapisa-Nqakula had been travelling to Zimbabwe's

capital Harare for a scheduled meeting to discuss regional issues.

The delegation from South Africa's governing party - the African National Congress (ANC) - was meanwhile going there for crisis talks with Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu-PF party aimed at helping tackle the country's political and economic woes.

But opposition politicians were extremely critical of the fact that she let the ANC delegation hitch a lift with her.

Mr Ramaphosa, who in coming to power had pledged to clean up the ANC's reputation after a decade of corruption scandals, said that by giving the ANC delegates a lift on the plane, she had not acted "in the best interest of good governance".

As a result, he said he had decided to dock Ms Mapisa-Nqakula's pay, with the money



South Africa's president Cyril Ramaphosa has docked three months of the defence minister's pay

going to a fund to help fight coronavirus.

In response, the opposition Democratic Alliance party said Mr Ramaphosa had not gone far enough, characterising the

punishment as a slap on the wrist.

The issue could be discussed further in parliament amid some calls for her to be sacked. **BBC**

Huge allocation to defence, security a sign PF is ready for war in 2021 - UPND

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"So, the government and the Zambian police owe us an explanation as to why they are amassing a lot of weapons in preparation for the 2021 elections. What danger are they seeing which we, the Zambian people, are not seeing? For us, we are thinking we are going to have a peaceful election and we are expecting a free, fair and credible election. If they will be peaceful and credible elections, then why do we need those weapons? So the PF government owes us an explanation."

He said the money allocated to defence and security should be allocated to the health sector to fight COVID-19 and therefore called on UPND members of parliament to reject the proposal for such a huge unnecessary expenditure.

"As UPND, we would like to urge members of parliament to reject that allocation of K3 billion to public order. In fact, that money must be allocated to fight against COVID-19 because what we have seen is that the health budget has not been increased as such, a bare three per cent is a nominal increase, when we have been grappling with a situation where the Ministry of Health say they don't have enough resources to fight the pandemic and we have been relying on well-wishers for us to fight the pandemic," said Kakoma.

"Now that we have an opportunity in 2021 to reallocate government resources, we should have put more money in the fight against COVID-19 rather than putting more money to buy teargas. That is misplaced priorities. We have seen where the government has said that children should go back to school without face masks. Why didn't they allocate money to the Ministry of General Education so that every child that goes to school would be given a face mask? But they are just subjecting these people to go to school without face masks. So the priorities are wrong, they must reallocate that money for public order to health and education."



Ms Mapisa-Nqakula's salary will be put into a fund to help fight coronavirus

By Daniel Chansa

Copperbelt PF Chairman Nathan Chanda has warned his mobilization committee chairman Bowman Lusambo to stop making fake monetary pledges to churches and marketeers, among others, saying he is decampaigning President Edgar Lungu.

But Lusambo has insisted that he will continue making pledges, explaining that a pledge does not mean the money will be paid immediately, but it is like making a budget and then going to look for funding.

On Saturday, angry Roan and Mpatamato marketeers summoned Chanda to complain about media reports that they received K120,000 from Lusambo when it was not true.

Addressing them, Chanda warned party officials in the habit of making fake pledges in the name of President Lungu.

Chanda said the provincial executive would be forced to use its powers to crack the whip on anyone making fake pledges.

"This behaviour by some Party officials to make fake huge crowds for the cameras and giving fake promises just for media publicity but fail to fulfil the same pledges is not only disheartening and decampaigning ourselves but is bringing discomfort and disrepute to the name of the Party and our Republican President Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu," Chanda said.

He said some officials were trying to be famous based on fake pledges.

"We can not be going round making apologies on behalf of excited party officials who want to seek media fame at the expense of party growth and general mobilisation in the Province," said Chanda.

He said the Provincial Executive Committee understood various provisions of the PF Constitution and would not hesitate to institute disciplinary measures against erring party members who are embarrassing the party and the President.

Before leaving the meeting, Chanda left K20,000 for Roan and K15,000 for Mpatamato marketeers to help them with capital. This includes the K5,000 he promised during his previous visit.

But Lusambo has vowed to continue making pledges.

"For me as Chairman, I

PF tells Bowman to stop making fake monetary pledges

can assure you that pledges are not immediate. It does not mean when you pledge then you need to give money tomorrow. It's like the budget that was presented. So it is now to go and start looking for the money. Pledges are like a budget. So like whatever allocation the minister made to each ministry, it's not like the money is there, so now Cabinet will sit and look for ways to raise the money. And for us as mobilization, we use our own money to empower our people. And I can assure you that we are not going to give money to a person who is going to eat. The money we are giving, we are not giving PF but the people of Zambia. Whether PF or not, we are giving the people and that is what the President has told us to give the people of Zambia," Lusambo said.

"When I went to Roan, I was with Nathan Chanda the Chairman of the Copperbelt province and the team, when we reach Mpatamato market, my vice chair (Kunda) Chani, they had the money in their hands and wanted to distribute the money but the marketeers themselves told us don't leave the money with our officials, or the Committee because they will not give us, and that was the same story at Roan market. And for us we are not going to be taken for granted because the money we giving the people is to support their small businesses. So for those saying we did not give the money at Mpatamato and Roan, we have a very big responsibility

not for Mpatamato and Roan. Our responsibility is beyond these two and it is huge. And our responsibility is not worth K70,000. Just the movement we do as mobilization it cost a lot of money, which is five or six times the money you are talking about. I see it to be very unfortunate that people can talk about our pledges."

Lusambo boasted that he was so popular he could stand in any constituency and win.

"And we will continue pledging as long as we have the capacity and we have the capacity. The pledges to the people. As for me as Bowman Lusambo, I can stand in any constituency on the Copperbelt, I can stand in

Lusaka, North Western and Southern Province because of the popularity which I am enjoying. I have a good relationship with the people. If you want to stand in Kabushi, don't just make noise. I don't want mosquitos, weak soldiers to stand in Kabushi, that is why I have been inviting Hakainde Hichilema, Nevers Mumba and opposition leaders to come together and challenge Bowman Lusambo in Kabushi," he said.

He challenged other party members to get their own money and donate instead of criticising his initiatives.

"So when you are discussing party matters, the mobilization committee is

not for me or Chani. This is for PF, we are adding value to the party, numbers and the strength of my team, we are not going to be compared to any other committee. We know what we what and very strong. If you want to push us, I can assure you that we are not a push over. For us we know what we are doing. Luanshya is not Copperbelt and Copperbelt is not Luanshya. I can assure you that we will be going to Luanshya and meet the marketeers who are complaining. Because the same marketeers are the ones who approached my team. And we have more than enough, we have the money. This money is not coming from PF or government, it is the money which me and my team are putting together to help the need. So those that are offended pick your money and let us see you giving out. Give out and that is what the President wants, it is not a one man show," said Lusambo.

By Natasha Sakala

LUAPULA Province Minister Nickson Chilangwa says while it is true that Zambia is facing many challenges, the PF government is on the right trajectory.

And Tourism and Arts Minister Ronald Chitotela says the UPND will continue to be on the left side of the House because PF is touching the hearts of the people.

Debating President Edgar Lungu's final address to Parliament, Wednesday, Chilangwa admitted that there were many challenges in Zambia.

"I was amazed yesterday to hear people say in Monze, there has been no general hospital since 1964, I was wondering whether the honourable member who spoke meant that PF has been in power from 1964 or he was lamenting that he wished the PF had been in power since 1964. Madam Speaker, Rome was not built in one day, what we are saying, those of us in the PF is that we are on the right trajectory. We are not saying that we have done everything, it's not possible, even at creation,

the creator created the world and all that dwelt in it in six days...so for me when people come here and say no, this road is in a bad state, this has not been done, let us acknowledge what we have achieved as a nation. We can only be our own heroes if we support and congratulate our own heroes. Madam Speaker, yes we have many challenges in this country, at national level, provincial level, district level and even at personal level, it's not possible to achieve everything that we desire to do at personal or family level even when given a lifespan of 70, 80 years, you cannot achieve everything," Chilangwa said.

He attributed the victories which PF attained in the recently held by-elections to people appreciating what the President was doing.

"I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the two members of parliament who have joined us and equally to congratulate President Edgar Chagwa Lungu, the leader of the Patriotic Front for such successful victories in the by-elections. That resonates with his speech.

Despite challenges, PF on the right trajectory – Chilangwa

I was wondering last night as I went to bed whether his speech and the victories that we scored across the country are speaking to the same thing and the same language and I concluded that yes indeed, the people heard the Presidential speech and the people on the ground are appreciating what the President is trying to do and what the President is doing," said Chilangwa.

And contributing to the same debate, Chitotela boasted that for the first time in Zambia's history, artists had gotten an empowerment package.

"This has never happened [the K30 million seed fund], and that's why today, I am flooded with a lot of requests from the artists, everybody is saying, where has this president been and I can assure you madam speaker, we were here in 2015 when some people were saying they will go that side and we will be asking them questions

they are still asking us questions. Come 2021, they will continue asking us questions because what we are doing, we are not politicking, we are touching the hearts of the poor people, we are touching the hearts of Zambians. Which president has ever provided for a seed fund for the artists in Zambia? No one other than President Edgar Lungu. Therefore, we are grateful and the artists out there Madam Speaker. I was shocked to hear even the old artists are composing songs to support President Lungu's re-election in 2021. Watch the space and you will see and the artists are saying we will continue



supporting these people because he has recognised us," said Chitotela.

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VICE-President Inonge Wina says there is no modality for inmates to take part in the 2021 general elections, and that the law is currently being reviewed to incorporate political activities at correctional facilities. When Monze UPND member of parliament, Jack Mwiimbu, asked her to explain the modalities that were put in place to facilitate the participation of inmates in the 2021 general elections and whether those modalities allowed political parties to access correctional facilities and campaign, Vice-President Wina said there was a possibility that political parties would not be allowed to enter correctional facilities.

“The Zambia Correctional Service, working with the Electoral Commission of Zambia and stakeholders, have undertaken a mapping exercise. The purpose of this exercise is to collect data on how many prisoners are in possession of National Registration Cards and Voter Registration Cards. The Law is being reviewed to incorporate the voting of inmates. Once the law is amended, it will spell out the rules and regulations that will govern and

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process may create room for unfortunate incidences that may endanger the State and the successful hosting of a fair and transparent election. The state must not rush the 2021 prison votes. If the ruling party is not happy about this provision for prisoners to vote and the opposition is equally not in support, then the Prisons Care and Counseling Association must be made to understand that we simply don't have the logistical and legal framework for actualizing their demand at this stage. There should be no rush.

Will inmates who leave prison by August 2021 be sent back in to vote?

operationalise the election system with regard to voting by inmates. For now, the PF have not been engaged and other political parties have not been engaged to inform us of how to go about this situation. I believe when these measures have been considered and finalised, the modalities will be given to the relevant political parties so that they can start their work in the prisons or we may not be allowed to go in those centres. We do not know yet,” said Vice-President Wina.

First of all, if political parties will not be granted access to campaign in prisons, then the whole exercise

defeats the essence of democracy. It is not democratically logical to ask citizens who have very little or no knowledge at all about what is obtaining beyond the confines of their incarceration, to elect political office bearers. On what basis will they decide who should lead the country? How do you vote for a leader whom you have never seen? How do you elect someone whom you have never talked to?

Secondly, allowing political parties to campaign in prisons is not the biggest problem that the Electoral Commission of Zambia is going to face. The Vice-President told Parliament that there

is an ongoing mapping exercise to ascertain how many inmates are eligible to vote and how many have voters' cards. ECZ has just told us that the old voters cards will be of no use in 2021, so why are they counting how many prisoners have voters' cards? Then ECZ has also told us that the pre-voter registration is key in one's eligibility to vote in 2021, and that exercise ends on November 6, 2020. How many prisoners have access to the Internet to take part in this exercise?

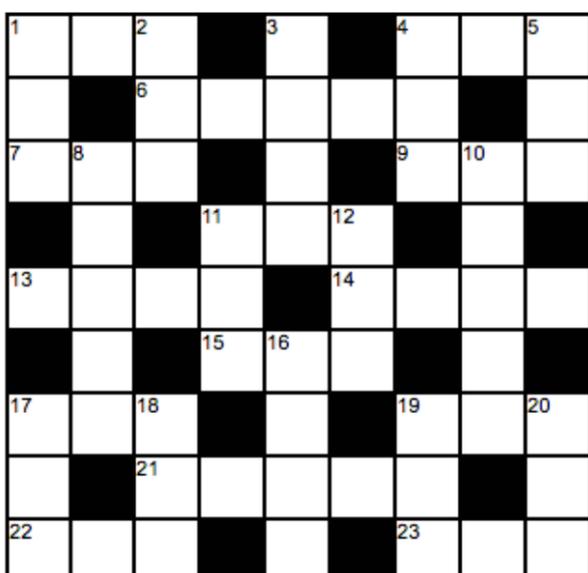
Thirdly, let's assume that the prisoners manage to register as voters and the political parties have been allowed to go in and

campaign, where will the prisoners vote from? What happens to prisoners who registered from one correctional facility and have since been transferred to another facility? Will they be transported to go and vote? What about those inmates who will have served their sentences by August 2021 and those who will have been pardoned before the polling day? Will they be required to go back into prison facilities to vote?

These questions must be answered before we even discuss the campaign modality for political parties. These are security facilities, and if handled carelessly, the whole electoral

An election is not a formality exercise. It is not just the question of having an inclusive process where every citizen exercises his or her civic right. In a democracy, an election process is supposed to conform to set standards. When we decide to amend the laws that govern elections, we must never lose the principles of democracy in the process. We must think about what we are trying to achieve. Is it for the common good of society? If we see that adjusting the Electoral Act may actually bring about public apprehension and lead the country into chaos, we must halt the amendment until such a time when all stakeholders will be satisfied with the modalities in place.

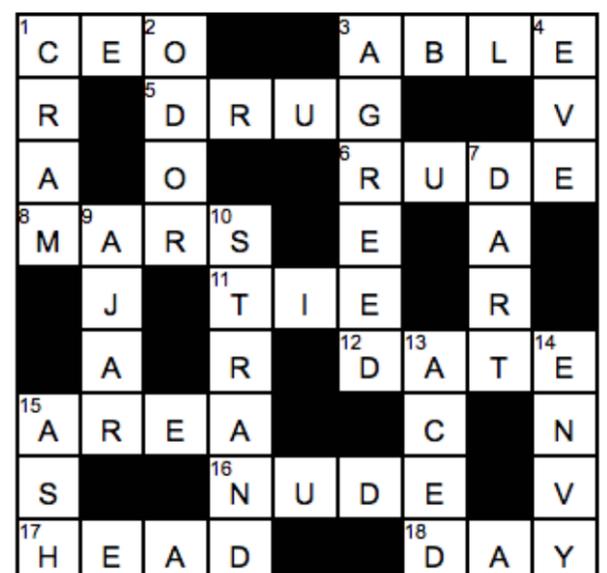
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“You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation.”
- Brigham Young

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| 7. Mimic | 4. Writing utensil |
| 9. Food from a shell | 5. Spoil |
| 11. Kickoff aid | 8. Fingertip crime clue |
| 13. Jump head first | 10. Cow part |
| 14. Impolite | 11. Danson from "Cheers" |
| 15. ___ favor | 12. Significant time period |
| 17. Pig's home | 16. Shrek is one |
| 19. Ask too many questions | 17. Hang loosely |
| 21. Spine-tingling | 18. Affirmative |
| 22. Petroleum | 19. Vitality |
| 23. Funny play on words | 20. Hankering |

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Readers' Feedback



Lusambo's the one not normal for wanting Zambians to vote PF!

Dear editor,

"The opposite is true no normal person in his right frame of mind can vote for the current president or PF.... Voting for PF is voting for more Poverty, more loadshedding, more corruption, more loss of jobs, more taxes, bad governance, injustice, more misery.more miracle houses.....// This regime is heartless ever in the history of Zambia.....!!!!!!" - Kenny Sefuka

"Even dull people in PF have the ability to insult the learned one, ichalo ichi. You want people to vote foe the government who has failed to tell us the owners of the 48houses and the culprits who gassed. And also vote for continuity of corruption and load shedding. I would rather be called abnormal!" - Muhammed Mwansa

"As things stand to day the opposite is true that no normal being can be that confused to ever again contemplate to vote for him, Bowman Lusambo

and the entire PF leadership after all the damage occasioned on our economy and all the the systems of governance in this country in a short space of time they have been in power". - Mike Sitali Sitali

"Mr. Lusambo, please, there is absolutely no need to insult citizens over elections. Speak and act ministerial. Make an attempt to moderate your language; this should not be difficult if you put your mind to it, coming from Kabushi notwithstanding". - Cephas M Kunda

"No normal person can vote for PF in 2021 only those foolish minded still clapping for PF!" - Ballon Bokasi

"With high levels of unemployment, high comodeties,etc betterfye with my abnormal I vote for HH!" - Patrick M Kabuseni

"Let's talk about debt crisis trending on international press, we'll come back to HH later. The future is fierce, Zambia is no longer a safe place to live in". - Matthews Ng'anda Jr.

"it's only in this regime that a minister can issue such careless statements and still remain undisciplined by his boss". - James Sichamba

"A normal person can't vote for Lungu". - Francis Chingangu

"In democracy, all normal human beings respect opinions and decisions made by others". - Gladwell Habeene Snr

"Ba Honour Rebel Normal... All wisdom belongs to you Sir. We salute the whole knowing king of the normal kingdom. 2021 is fast approaching... our abnormal votes will be put to good use!" - Adington Mulenga

'Mumbi shouldn't be confused about Lungu's eligibility in 2021, he can't stand'

Dear editor,

"The Lawyer in ECL and those who agreed with PF to keep Ministers iligally are the ones confusing Mrs. Mumbi Phiri. Sometimes, I tend to think it is just deliberate, willful disregard of the law. We have seen ECL and his party break the law with impunity for as long as that mischief keeps PF in power". - Wilster M Masenge

"Lawyers know very well that Lungu is not eligible to stand in 2021. mr.Lungu and the pf are banking on their violent cadres to intimidate citizens into accepting Lungu's third term bid against the provisions in the constitution". - Chanda Pochoko

"Its not all lawyers, its your PF lawyers who are confusing you. The constitution is very clear but your PF Lawyers are the ones creating the confusion and the good thing is you have realized the confusion. Because interpreting the law should not be so difficult at all". - Chinyama Kaputungu

"The law is very clear, twice sworn in, no third term. Ecl was sworn in 2015 and 2016 equals twice sworn in, even a grade seven drop out can understand this very clear close. In Pathetic Failures (PF) we have more educated illiterates!" - Raphael Kaluli

'ActionAid's 'wealth tax' proposal unrealistic in Zambia'

Editor,

"Stupid advice, foreigners literally pay no taxes in Zambia and externalise their profits. As it is we are over taxed by a govt that does nothing for us in return. The only development we see in this country are substandard roads which are financed by kaloba from China. All the money they collect in taxes is misappropriated. If you have nothing to say just keep quiet!" - Muleba Malama

"But of course government, ministers and religious leaders will be exempt so this tax burden would fall on who? The same hard working business men and women trying to build an economy that political and religious leaders know only to pillage..." - Moowa Masani

"Wrong thinking, no country can develop by over taxing it's citizens. Just reduce pay as you earn and vat so that as citizens we can have more disposable income and invest in small businesses". - Kennedy Lungu

"You can not tax your way to prosperity. The citizens are already overburdened with high taxes with the wealthy paying even higher. So this suggestion Kuwayawaya biyo just wanting to be heard ati baliko muchalo!" - Muuka Munkombwe

"This move will surely demotivate hard working citizens. If it is really necessary, maybe not now. We, as a nation, need systems that will support transparency and accountability by those entrusted with public funds". - Nelson Chiyuka

HH on govt's appeal for Eurobond suspension an embarrassment

Editor,

"A Shameful Embarrasment.We Definitely Need Change. We Have The Power To Vote Them Out Of Government.We Must Change Them". - Felix Londola

"After baiba. Zambia shouldn't be forgiven inkongole ni nkgole, when the President was

being told to reduce and avoid too much borrowing he was being stubborn and followed advices from people like Bowboy. The president never engaged professionals but chose to be advised by screwheads, now the entire country has to pay and endure the global embarrasment!" - Josh Godwin Musuku

"What will change in 6 months?" - Sean Cornelius

"So it will be interest on interest after six pay more". - Teddy Munkombwe

"The PF strategy to all this mess is dodging. They need to be made accountable". - Richard Waga

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By Ulande Nkomesha
UPND president Hakainde Hichilema says the 2021 budget is a reflection of total failure in economic management.

In a Facebook post, Hichilema said the 2021 budget was worrying because it did not address various economic challenges.

"The national budget that was presented by the Finance Minister Dr Bwalya Ng'andu, the last of the PF Government, is worrying and a reflection of total failure in economic management. Firstly, the week started with the announcement that Zambia will not only fail to pay the first Eurobond bullet payment due in 2022, but is having challenges in paying the interest owing on Eurobonds up to April 2022, and calling on creditors for a meeting on September 28, 2020, to discuss the Eurobond debt service suspension," Hichilema said.

"Fair enough, this is a commendable effort to admit that things are not the way they should be, especially if it means we shall soon get on a program to live within our means as a country. Therefore, our creditors and the citizens expected that the budget would address how going forward, the government will be on course to make necessary adjustments to place the country on a path of sustainable debt, and ease the suffering of the Zambian people."

Hichilema said it was shocking that government planned to finance the 2021 budget through borrowing K51.6 billion, representing 43.1 percent of the total budget.

"Shockingly, the Minister of Finance plans to finance the 2021 budget through

borrowing K51.6 billion (US\$2.6 billion), representing 43.1 percent of the total budget. Of this K51.6 billion, the PF wants to borrow K27.7 billion or \$1.4 billion from external sources, an amount equal to total interest payments on external debt and about the size of our reserves. What this means is that, on the one hand, PF has hired White & Case LLP, a law firm, and Lazard Freres financial advisory firm, to help negotiate for the restructuring of the debt and suspension of interest payment, while on the other hand, seeking additional debt that will increase the publicly disclosed external debt to \$13.4 billion," Hichilema said.

"Worryingly, the budget is shallow on specific measures to be implemented in areas of identified opportunity envisaged to deliver the recovery; case in point is how the citizens can take advantage of the continental free trade area and the industrial parks. Given the poor track record of the PF administration at the execution level, such lack of details spells doom on the horizon, and prolonged economic uncertainty if this government is given an opportunity to present another national budget."

He stated that it was also worrying that domestic financing in the 2021 budget was at K17.4 billion, representing 15 per cent, notwithstanding the current consequences of inflation.

"Our other significant concerns on the 2021 budget are as follows: We are extremely concerned about the planned domestic financing of K17.4 billion, or 15% of the budget,

and the consequences of inflation therefrom. With the change in Management at the Central Bank, there is a likelihood of a spike in the money supply, and inflation is very real. Excessive money printing risks bringing the much-dreaded situation of stagflation, in which we have both high inflation and low growth," he stated.

"Zambians need assurances that this will not be the case. Given that domestically generated revenue from Zambia Revenue Authority and other government agencies is a paltry K66.0 billion and yet to pay our public workers and service our debt, we need K74 billion, we have reached the point we feared most as a country. Simply put, we cannot pay our workers and debts without borrowing. Out of the K66.0 billion that will be generated domestically, PF is expecting to raise 5.5 percent or K6.6

2021 budget a total failure – HH

billion of the budget through fees and fines – how can you run government expecting to make money charging those who drill boreholes because the government is failing to provide water, hoping your citizens can commit traffic offenses and other misdemeanors? Zambia Revenue Authority will start charging more for imported second hand cars, that they have decided to call high-value motor vehicles. They are back to that old system that they discarded. They have decided to exclude the so-called high-value motor vehicles from the definition of used motor vehicles, and adjust them to ad valorem import duty."

Hichilema stressed that the PF had wrong priorities, adding that the three per cent increment to the health sector

was insufficient.

"While the budget has given K175 per month as a relief to lower-income earners earning K4,000, this cannot cushion the devastating impact inflation and depreciation of the Kwacha has had on the less privileged members of our society. We continue to argue that the PF has wrong priorities. We find it strange that the budget line for health was increased by only 3% in the middle of a deadly pandemic. Adjusted for inflation, the PF has reduced the allocation in real terms," Hichilema said.

"Further, we also note that you set aside K202 million as gratuity for MPs. At the same time, we appreciate that they worked for this money, like many public servants that have not yet obtained their

pension. A normal father will not ask his children to tighten their belts while he continues feasting. They can wait for their gratuity. Prioritize paying the outstanding pensions of those public servants who spent over 30 years serving this great nation. We can point out further shortcomings in the 2021 budget, including the need to close the wastages and leakages through by-elections and corruption, we will leave it here for now. This budget doesn't attempt to address the challenges our country is facing. We need to go back to the drawing board. Like the way we pointed out way before, that your careless borrowing was unsustainable, we stand ready to provide guidance on the economy to alleviate the suffering placed on our society."

Nyirenda duly elected NAREP president, insists

By Zondiwe Mbewe

STEVEN Nyirenda was and is the duly elected president of the National Restoration party (NAREP), insists NAREP national chairperson Jimmy Mubambwe.

And Mubambwe has submitted that Nyirenda, himself and the two other plaintiffs have no issue or interest with who the beneficial owner of Plot No. 2386 Tuleteka road which houses the party secretariat, or his rights over the property.

He says they rather have an issue with the use of the same party secretariat by the newly

appointed party leader Charles Maboshe and his group, purporting to be the legitimate party officials.

In this matter, Nyirenda and three others have sued Maboshe and other party members in the Lusaka High Court, seeking a confirmation and declaration that Nyirenda 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, NAREP Secretary General Ezra Banda, the party vice president Mwelwa Ngosa and national chairperson Jimmy Mubambwe have sued Maboshe, the party vice chairperson Ezra Ngulube and other party members, Maybin Kabwe, Frank Sichone, Evelyn Malongo, Susan Chipeta and Thomas Kayola, as defendants.

However, Maboshe and his group are also counter-claiming a declaration and order that 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 among others, 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.

But according to an affidavit in reply to the affidavit in opposition to summons for an order of interim injunction filed recently, Mubambwe stated that Nyirenda was and is the duly elected president of NAREP.

He further stated that the party constitution did not provide for appointment or termination of national secretary.

Mubambwe added that Banda was the rightful national secretary who was interviewed by the party president, Nyirenda and also by the vice president, Maboshe and chief administration of the Party.

He further stated that there had been no change of office bearers at the Registrar of Societies as the name still appearing as national secretary was still that of Mabvuto Mwanza as at August 14, 2020.

"That in fact, the second defendant (Ngulube) is not the Secretary General of the party as he was appointed party vice national chairperson in the first NEC meeting of Nyirenda's administration and was ratified as such," read the affidavit.

Mubambwe stated that Ngulube and others did as a matter of fact follow Nyirenda in Siavonga for purposes of recruiting him as a party member and also as NAREP's presidential candidate.

He added that he was advised by Nyirenda that in the process of recruiting him

Mubambwe

(Nyirenda), Ngulube together with his spouse borrowed K30,000 which still remains unpaid to Nyirenda.

"The plaintiffs have no issue or interest with who the beneficial owner of stand 2386 Tuleteka road Lusaka or his rights over the property, but rather have an issue with the use of the same by the defendants purporting to be the legitimate NAREP officials and holding gatherings perpetuating illegalities," read the affidavit further.

Former NAREP president Elias Chipimo Jr had stated in an affidavit in opposition to summons for an order of interim injunction, that he was the beneficial owner of the Plot No. 2386 Tuleteka road, Lusaka, which housed the party secretariat and agreed that the party could use the property while he seeks an appropriate purchaser.

He 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 deem 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.

Kamanga residents riot after police shoot dead 17 year old patron

By Ulande Nkomesha

Kamanga residents in Lusaka today protested and looted a police post after officers shot dead a 17-year-old patron during a night operation.

Police spokesperson Esther Katongo confirmed the incident in a statement saying police had commenced investigations into the matter.

The incident happened in the early hours of Sunday when police reserve officers with, members of the neighbourhood watch, went to close down a night club called Flavour Night Club.

In the process, an altercation ensued, leading to the shooting of the juvenile called Timothy Zulu.

This then angered the residents who mobilised and stormed Kamanga police post in numbers; looting and ransacking the station in the process.

"In the early hours of today, 27th September, 2020, around 01 00 hours some Police reserve officers and members of the neighborhood went to close a night club operating under the name Flavour night club in the area which was reported to have been operating after stipulated hours. As they tried to close the premises, patrons rose against the officers and during the process of the confusion, a firearm went off and shot Timothy Zulu aged 17 years of Kamanga Compound who has

died," stated Katongo.

"This sparked riots in which Kamanga Police post and two police motor vehicles have been damaged while one officer who was among the officers who went to pick the body of the victim has been injured. Calm has restored and officers are on the ground keeping vigil. An inquiry has been launched into the incident. We appeal to members of the public to remain calm as investigations continue in the matter."

A check at the police station found that the door to the holding cell had been ripped off and some suspects took advantage of the opportunity to flee.

The angry residents wanted to burn the police post but quick action from the police stopped them.

Running battles between residents and police continued as residents started throwing stones at police vehicles.

Police were forced to indiscriminately discharge teargas canisters, choking many who were in their homes, including pregnant women and children.

Police officers also broke down some household doors in an attempt to nab the masterminds.

Calm was only restored around 11:00 hours, with police still patrolling the area.

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THIS approach will allow the millions of children and learners to continue benefiting from the Ministry of General Education CSE driven curriculum and to avoid reversing the gains made thus far in reduced child marriages, teen pregnancies and school dropout among adolescent girls," they stated.

"We are convinced that halting the implementation of CSE even for a short period without wider consultations with key stakeholders including, government Ministries, partners, traditional leaders, parliamentarians, religious leaders, teachers, parents and learners would have far reaching repercussions and will reverse hard fought gains that have been achieved especially over the last 10 years under the leadership of Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu."

Allegations that CSE promotes abortion, homosexuality unfounded – CSOs

The CSOs stated that they were alive to the Sexual and Reproductive Health challenges which adolescents and young people were currently facing, and further applauded the positive efforts made by the government in addressing the challenges through the introduction of CSE in Zambian Schools.

"We the Civil Society Organizations who complement the Zambian Government efforts in implementing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in Zambian Schools from Grade five to 12, are alive to the Sexual and Reproductive Health challenges

that adolescents and young people are currently facing. These include: 12 percent girls and 16 percent boys experience sexual intercourse before the age of 15 and three in every 10 of adolescent girls in Zambia become pregnant before the age of 18 years. An average of 15,031 adolescent girls dropout out of School due to pregnancy every year, while the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey revealed high prevalence rates of STIs including HIV among the 15 to 24 age group. Adolescent birth rate in Zambia stands very high at 146 births per 1000

women aged 15 to 19 years and four in every 10 girls get married before the age of 18 (Demographic Health Survey, 2018)," stated the CSOs.

"We acknowledge and applaud the positive efforts made this far by the Ministry of General Education and Ministry of Health in addressing the challenges highlighted above through the introduction of the age and culturally appropriate CSE in Zambian Schools under the leadership of His Excellence Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu who is also the African Union Champion against child marriages."

FM Mulenga open for rematch with IM Kayonde



FIDE Master Prince Mulenga (l) and International Master Andrew Kayonde

By Ngosa Chalwe

FORMER Copperbelt Chess champion Fide Master (FM) Prince Mulenga says he is open to a rematch with International Master (IM) Andrew Kayonde after his 14 - 12 loss in the Elite Cage match two weeks ago.

The highly contested match ended 14 - 12 in favour of Kayonde, who ended up labelling his opponent as a rising amateur.

While Mulenga initially did not take kindly Kayonde's remarks, he has since said the jibe on him is water under the bridge.

"To be honest, I find the comment of him calling me a rising amateur very unprofessional and uncalled for. I am ranked 5th in the country and 40th in Africa, I have been representing Zambia at Regional, Continental and World Chess events, I do not understand how a rising amateur would have such experience to his name," Mulenga said.

"I am a Fide Master that is two titles below

the Grandmaster title so clearly, in no way am I a rising amateur. If you look at the match in detail, you will see I led throughout, he caught up with a game to go and he had to win the last game and win the match. If I was a rising amateur, surely it would not have been that close as finishing 14 - 12, only being separated by one game."

Asked if he is open to a rematch with the six time national champion, he responded in the affirmative.

"Of course, many people have come on board suggesting a rematch and I am very much ready for that, except my opponent has fear written on his face. The truth is I have been beating him since 2018, even recently this year, we met in TOP 10 Zambia Invitational where I beat him. So he was losing his confidence in competing against me, he became my customer, so him winning by a whisker feels like winning lotto, he was not expecting it," said Mulenga.

Hoffenheim stun Bayern with three-goal win

BAYERN Munich's 32-match unbeaten run across all competitions has come to an end in a deserved 4-1 defeat at Hoffenheim, also halting a run of 14 consecutive Bundesliga wins.

Hansi Flick's men were taken to extra-time before winning the UEFA Super Cup against Sevilla on Thursday, but in Sinsheim three days later the champions were far from their best as they missed the opportunity to claim a record 11th successive Bundesliga away win.

Hoffenheim were far superior to Bayern in the first half, with the visitors arguably lucky to only trail by one goal at the interval as Joshua Kimmich pulled one back after Ermin Bicakcic and Munas Dabbur had put the hosts 2-0 up.

Joshua Zirkzee, starting to allow Robert Lewandowski a rest, hit the crossbar early in the second period, though it only provided a momentary boost as Andrej Kramaric put the result beyond Bayern with two goals in the final 13 minutes to inflict a first

defeat on the champions since December, and in emphatic style.

Perhaps still recovering from their exploits on Thursday, Bayern looked particularly sluggish early on and Hoffenheim deservedly took the lead as Bicakcic glanced home Dennis Geiger's corner delivery.

That shock was not enough to jolt Bayern into life and eight minutes later they trailed 2-0 - Benjamin Pavard inadvertently put Dabbur through on goal as he tackled Christoph Baumgartner, and the Israel striker lifted a disguised chip over Manuel Neuer.

Bayern survived two more scares before capitalising through Kimmich's gorgeous 20-yard effort that went in off the bar in the 36th minute.

Hoffenheim's intensity remained impressive after the restart and they went close twice in quick succession through Dabbur early on.

Bayern almost made the most of those let-offs when Zirkzee hit the bar from an acute angle just prior to being

replaced by Lewandowski, as Flick attempted to force the issue.

That change failed to bring the desired improvement and Hoffenheim restored their two-goal lead through Kramaric, who held off Jerome Boateng after receiving Ihlas Bebou's pass and swept into the bottom-left corner. **GOAL.COM**

Patson aids Golden Boot chase

By Ngosa Chalwe

A U S T R I A - B A S E D Chipolopolo striker Patson Daka did his golden boot chase a favour after scoring his tired goal of the season as his RB Salzburg side beat Ried 3 - 1 in a league match.

Daka has continued with his scoring form, helping his side to a comfortable away win.

German striker Mergim Barisha opened the scoring for Salzburg a minute before half time to give the visitors the lead.

Barisha doubled Salzburg's tally on the 54th minute before Julian Wiessmeier pulled one back for the hosts.

Daka restored Salzburg's two goal lead when he tapped home in added time.

The goal took his league tally to three goals, seeing him go joint top scorer with two other players.

COVID-19 forces U-15 out of Croatia tourney

By Ngosa Chalwe and Abraham Kalito

TWO junior Chipolopolo players have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Vlatko Markovic eight nations tournament in Croatia leading to the cancellation of the event.

Football Association

of Zambia (FAZ) general secretary Adrian Kashala confirmed in a statement released to Goal Diggers by yesterday that the Invitational Tournament has come to an end after two players tested positive to Covid-19.

As part of the

tournament regulations, players across all teams were subjected to daily Covid-19 tests.

Zambia were set to take on Qatar in a third and fourth play off.

"We regret to announce that the Under-15 National Team will not play their

third and fourth play-off with Qatar after two of our players tested positive to Covid-19. The organizers of the tournament have informed us of the decision and the affected players will be isolated as per health regulations," Kashala said in a statement issued by FAZ Communications manager Sydney Mungala.

"The safety and health of the players is more important. As you are all aware we live in strange times with the Covid-19 pandemic which has claimed a lot of lives worldwide. The health authorities have subjected the rest of the team to requisite health protocols and have been found negative."

He has thanked the

Croatia Football Federation (CFF) for having invited Zambia for the tournament.

"On behalf of the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) president, I wish to thank the Croatia Football Federation (CFF) for having invited is for this world acclaimed tournament. The host federation has also facilitated the travel of the rest of the team while the two affected players have stayed behind with the team Doctor awaiting further tests," said Kashala.

Zambia commenced its campaign with a 2-1 win over Bosnia and Herzegovina and lost 2-1 to Romania. The Zambian team was due to play Qatar today in the third and fourth play-off.

Leopards eye Tanzania outing

By Tim Zulu

ZAMBIA Correctional Services Commissioner General Dr Chisela Chileshe says his command will do all it can amidst difficult challenges to keep the team well balanced and motivated.

The Prison Leopards Chief said much as there are other needy areas that require resources, the command under his shoulders will always strive to see the team succeed, more so that it was the flag bearer of the Correctional Service.

"Hold on tight to what you have now and count it a privilege, because there is a horde of players out there wanting to join us because they are seeing what we are doing. That is why as a command, we shall do all we can to keep you up there with dignity but as I have always said before, use

this privilege that you have to the best of your abilities because better things are coming your way if only you do what is expected of you and die a little for the team," Dr Chileshe said.

"We know that not all could be rosy. However the case, everyone who is part of this team should know that we will support you in every little way we can despite our meager resources. Otherwise, my coming here was to check out how you are shaping up and see if we still have some gaps in the team that need urgent attention."

And Club chairman James Nkoloma said the massive help that his charges were receiving was a huge blessing to the team.

"We don't know what to say to you sir (Dr Chileshe), your level headed leadership is indeed out of this world and everyone

in the team is moved by the level of commitment and support you show and render to this team and for that, we shall try everything possible not to disappoint the service," Nkoloma, who is also Copperbelt Regional Commander for the Zambia Correctional Services, said.

Nkoloma also thanked Principal Richard Banda for opening up facilities to his team at Mwekela Forest where Leopards are shaping up from.

The Mwenya Chipepo-drilled side has so far seen out two friendlies where they lost the first game to Forest Rangers with a 1-0 score and second 2-1, before losing to Nkana in another friendly match via a 2-0 score line.

But things turned around in the second game, beating the champions 2-1 in the match played at Nkana stadium.

Eden Division 1 league playoffs set for Sep 28

By Abraham Kalito

ALL is set for promotional play-offs for the Eden University/National Division one league.

On Sunday, FAZ conducted a draw that saw former Super League sides City of Lusaka and Konkola Blades pitted in different groups ahead of the plays-offs which will be conducted like a mini tournament in Lusaka.

The play-offs will take place between Monday, September 28 and Friday October 2, 2020 with various pitches in Lusaka being

used.

Former Super League side City of Lusaka is in group A and will clash against Livingstone pirates, Petauke United, Blessings Fc and Malalo Police FC.

In group B, former super league side Konkola Blades was pitted against Trident FC, Real Nakonde, LuenaBuffaloes, and Kashikishi Warriors.

The National division one is the second biggest league after the MTN/FAZ Super League.



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Liverpool misfit Karius to join Union Berlin on season-long loan

LIVERPOOL misfit Loris Karius will complete a season-long loan move to Union Berlin this week.

The goalkeeper, who has not featured competitively for the Reds since his nightmare in the 2018 Champions League final, has been back on Merseyside this summer after spending the last two seasons with Besiktas.

Karius has trained with Jurgen Klopp's senior squad at Melwood but was informed upon his return that he would need to find a new club, with Alisson Becker and Adrian established as first and second-choice at Anfield.

Liverpool fielded enquiries from a number of clubs, including Montpellier, while Hertha Berlin also expressed an interest.

However with nobody willing to meet the Reds' asking price, thought to be around £6million (£6.5m/\$7.7m), the decision has been taken to loan Karius out for a year, in the hope that he can play games and maintain, or perhaps increase, his market value.

The Bundesliga club will not have an option to make the move permanent. **GOAL.COM**

