



# TONGAS HAVE RISEN AGAINST US - DORA

## ...if we let them grab the presidency, Bembas will laugh at us

**By Zindikilani Banda in Sinda**  
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presidency from them, adding that this is a war which must not be lost.

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vulnerable when they face Social Cash Transfer officers so that they can benefit from the fund to buy clothes and look smart.

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## Police search UPND secretariat for NRCs

**By Natasha Sakala**  
POLICE in Lusaka have detained UPND member Anthony Bwalya on an unknown charge but have released party secretary general Stephen Katuka after questioning at Police headquarters.

According to Lusaka lawyer Mulambo Haimbe,

Bwalya has been detained but his charge and holding place remain unknown.

"With regard to Mr Katuka, there was an interview that was undertaken and the police said they would request him to come back if they required more information. As for Mr Bwalya, he has been detained in custody, we have not been

told what the alleged offense he committed is, we have not been told which detention facility he will be taken to ultimately because at service headquarters there are no cells. All I can say as at now is that the police are claiming to be conducting some investigation of one sort or the relating, I believe, to the issue of national

registration cards that was spoken of by Mr Bwalya and Mr Mubita Nawa on television about two, three, four days ago or so," said Haimbe, adding that the matter seemed to be a political issue which was being used for purposes of criminal persecution.

By press time, there was still no update on Bwalya's whereabouts and police had not yet confirmed his arrest.

Around midday, Tuesday, police surrounded the UPND secretariat in Lusaka's Rhodespark area where they had a warrant to search the premises for "piles of national registration cards".

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## We've enough numbers to block Bill 10 - UPND

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## Kambwili finally out of prison

**By Julia Malunga**

NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili says he can never be intimidated and has vowed to increase the volume now that he is out of prison.

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## ECZ postpones mobile voters registration

**By Ulande Nkomesha**

THE Electoral Commission of Zambia has postponed the commencement of the mobile registration of voters to November 9, 2020.

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# Tongas have risen against us Easterners to take our presidency, we must fight – Dora

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Meanwhile Siliya told traditional leaders in Sinda that UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema was on TV where he vowed to remove the Chitimukulu once elected into power.

Speaking on Sunday when she addressed about 300 village headmen, women and indunas at Mwala Hills, Siliya knelt down and asked the people to forgive government for the wrongs committed in the past five years.

She said Tongas must not be allowed to grab the presidency before Eastern Province exhausts the privileges that comes with it, and urged traditional leaders to make sure that the UPND is not given any votes.

Below is the English translation from Siliya's vernacular campaign address, which has also been reproduced verbatim at the bottom:

I have heard that you traditional leaders don't benefit from Social Cash Transfer (SCT). We are here to tap about issues that affect our lives, we must not forget. I have heard that you are not benefiting, but the government has said if that was the case, it must not continue. Headmen should be taking social cash transfer as well. So those of you who would like to benefit from SCT, you must go to the DC's office so that you can be told how to do it. They will ask you questions:

Does your house have iron sheets? Yes

Do you own cattle? Yes

Do you own a bicycle? Yes

How many times do you eat? You say we manage to eat four times a day...

As you are answering the machine is recording. It will say that you are not a poor person and you cannot benefit with such answers. Let me share some wisdom with you if you want to benefit from Social Cash Transfer. The DC will teach you that even when you live in a house with iron sheets, don't say the truth so that you can be included on the social cash transfer programme. That way you can have money to buy shoes and clothes so that you look presentable. As government we know that you traditional leaders need help.

I have also heard that you traditional leaders want to be paid. This started around 2015-2016. The laws of Zambia are contained in the Constitution. In 2016 we change the laws to the effect that the government

or the President must not be helping traditional leaders. Do you remember? But in 2017, some senior traditional leaders went to complain to the President that this law was bad and it must be changed. The president said 'I have heard but I need to ask the rest of the people of Zambia what laws they don't want from the Constitution. The minister of Justice went round the country to collect recommendations. There are a lot of things that people demanded to change in the Constitution, over 20 things. All these things were put in a document called Bill 10. Have you heard about Bill 10? That's the document that has the changes which you want where government can be paying you.

But when we now took this document to Parliament to enact it into law, the UPND, the Tongas said 'this is a waste of time'. They said 'why do you want to have a law for helping traditional leaders when in other countries like Tanzania, there are no traditional leaders. Why should we waste money?' Us PF want to help but UPND is saying that's a waste of money.

I am not lying, you saw when Hakainde was telling the Paramount Chief of the Bemba People, the Chitimukulu that when I become President, you will be the first chief I will remove from your throne. Are you listening? It was on TV, I am not making this up, he said when I become President, the first chief to remove will be Chitimukulu. So after he removes Chitimukulu will he not come to Eastern Province to remove you? This is why you must support Bill 10. The Bill will be debated on Thursday this week and that is the day when we will know if the laws of Zambia will change. If you see on TV, a lot of traditional leaders are supporting Bill 10 because they want government to be helping them. But the UPND is challenging the Bill because they feel helping traditional leaders is a waste of time. Is it a good thing for UPND to say there must not be traditional leaders in Zambia? Are we not going to lose our tribes and culture?

When the President helps you traditional leaders, he does it because he is a good man, but there is no law that says government should help traditional leaders. So pray for us this week so that this Bill can pass.

Our rivals in UPND are saying they don't want Bill 10 because it will prolong President Edgar Lungu's stay in power. But that is a lie. In Zambia a president can stay in power for 10 years, the law says if you only serve less than three years, that term doesn't count. So President Lungu's term only counts from 2016. So we need him to rule from 2021 to 2026 so that he can make it 10 years.

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# Beware of Defaulting on External Debt!

By Bright Chizonde

A sovereign debt default occurs when a country fails to meet a single debt repayment obligation. This repayment may be towards its principal, interest, or a combination of both. Any country which defaults or suspends its interest obligations towards its external debt is said to be in a sovereign debt crisis-since this would indicate an inability to service its loans. By defaulting, a country would essentially be failing to meet the terms of a contractual agreement upon which it contracted the debt. Depending on the agreement, countries which have defaulted have lost their national assets to creditors and have also exposed themselves to a host of economic and trade sanctions.

There are number of notable consequences of sovereign debt defaults. These include loss of national assets, loss of reputation or creditworthiness, capital flight, and other economic impacts. Among all of these, the greatest incentivefor avoiding a default is associated with the loss of reputation or creditworthiness. Countries have an incentive to continue servicing their external debt, usually at the expense of domestic needs, in order to preserve their future access to international creditmarkets and international trade markets. This is because a country which defaults on its external debt repayments risks being excluded from these internationalmarkets. This exclusion

would make it difficult for such a country to access resources for investment and development.

Moreover, defaulting on sovereign debt may also undermine the country's capacity to obtain beneficial deals with nonmarket lenders such as multilateral and bilateral organizations. With credit market borrowing being next to impossible, due to exclusion, a country would switch to multilateral and bilateral organizations for funding. However, the bad credit reputation will limit its ability to negotiate for better loans. A County would, for example and mostly with bilateral lenders, be forced to provide national assets as colleterial for subsequent loans in order to assure itsnew creditors. Under these terms, in the likely event of another default, such a country would lose its national assets.

Following the exclusion from international credit markets and increased cost of debt contraction, a debt default may also lead to a debt overhang. A debt overhang occurs when a country borrows excessively to the point that it is no longer able to access further financing, even when such funding is meant for projects or investments which would improve its debt situation. In such a debt trap, a country would not be able to access sufficient commercial, concessional, or bilateral loans and would therefore experience significant economic and development challenges.

Finally, a default also has lasting effects on the country's economic growth, trade, and the financial sector through capital flight. It is general investment reasoning that a country that defaults on its external debt is also likely to default on its domestic obligations; such as domestic debt and domestic arrears. Furthermore, the poor credit reputation of the government would also translate into a poor credit rating for private firms within the country. Therefore, a sovereign debt default will eventually trigger capital flight and compromise the domestic financial sector. This would, in turn, lead to further depreciation in the exchange rate and a rapid rise in inflation.

Considering these serious consequences of sovereign debt defaults, it is in any country's best interest to meet its external debt obligations. It is also prudent to only contract sustainable debt in order to avoid debt defaults in future. Proper debt management should ensure that a county's debt is always within its ability to pay.

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# We’ve enough numbers to block Bill 10 - UPND

By Julia Malunga

LEADER of the Opposition in Parliament Jack Mwiimbu says the UPND has garnered enough numbers to block Bill 10.

And UPND chairman for elections Gary Nkombo says not all PF members of parliament want Bill 10 to pass.

On Monday, Kabwe Central PF member of parliament Tutwa Ngulube claimed that Bill 10 would go through with the help of 10 UPND members of parliament who had agreed to support it.

But in an interview, Mwiimbu said Ngulube's statement was not tenable.

“We shall not vote for Bill 10 for the said bill is not in the interest of the people of Zambia. Members of the public must realize that this is one particular bill that has been so contentious to the extent that the Church and other civil organizations have raised their concern pertaining to this particular bill. Because we are a listening party that works with the people, we have resolved not to support the bill. The statement that has been made by the rogue PF member of parliament for Kabwe Central is not tenable. As far as we are concerned, as UPND we have the number to block this bill. If they have excess funding to ensure that they purchase some of our members, that is their style of doing things in this country. He has indicated that the delay was due to the gazzeting, that is ignorance with horns!” said Mwiimbu.

“This bill was gazetted in 2019, there has not been any legal gazzeting of this bill, it shows his ignorance of the constitution making process. We have the numbers together with alliance partners to block this bill on behalf of the people of Zambia. We are aware of three MPs, they have made their decision consciously and as a party, we are not going to do anything against them, the people of Zambia and those in their constituencies will deal with them at appropriate time.”

And in a separate interview, Nkombo said Ngulube's statement was wishful thinking.

“Mr Ngulube's statement can be classified as wishful thinking which is allowed. We are still seated together with all MPs and it will be very shocking and a very dark day for the country if any of our freedom fighter MPs who we have stood together with from the beginning...Mr Ngulube is trying to excite the public on a matter that is clearly nonexistent but we will cross the bridge when we get there. Human beings as they are, you can only vouch for yourself but in my own frame of mind, I am very certain and sure that all the colleagues who have said no to Bill 10 are still in the same accord and we have not shifted an inch. So it is a wait and see situation,” Nkombo said.

“We should not forget as MPs that we are not here serving people in our own accord but we are there courtesy of those people who stood up to go and vote for us. So sometimes it is not a matter of one's conscious and how much money you are paid by PF that you make a lone decision and decide to vote against your conscious.”

Nkombo said there were also some PF MPs that did not want Bill 10.

“I can also tell you that not all the PF members are in the same accord as those who are promoting Bill 10. The members in PF are stifled because they know the dictatorship in their backyard, they are petrified about the consequences if they listen to their conscience. We do talk to them and with the presidential pronouncement that some of them are not good enough to continue serving people as you heard the President saying in Chilubi. There is heavy despondency in PF from among PF members of parliament they have told us that. They even say ‘bakai votele abene pali Bill 10 (they will vote for Bill 10 alone),’ said Nkombo.

# Govt must be ashamed to claim they didn’t shut Prime, Post – Nyirenda

By Julia Malunga

EMBATTLED National Restoration Party (NAREP) president Steven Nyirenda says it is shameful that Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya can deny that government closed Prime TV and The Post Newspapers when evidence clearly points to the contrary.

Last week, Siliya said it was a total fabrication to argue that government closed Prime TV and The Post, insisting that government remained tolerant to independent news media.

But in an interview, Nyirenda insisted that government orchestrated the closure of the defunct media houses.

“I think sometimes some people daydream. How can they now say, ‘it was total fabrication?’ When it was clear, it was in black and white? It is the government that closed Muvi TV, that time the Minister of Information was Chishimba Kambwili. It was closed for two weeks and that brought problems to Muvi TV. Secondly, they came to close The Post, of course, they would say, ‘The Post had a problem with taxes...’ But government at that level has the will power to stop it. We know that it was orchestrated by the government. Where Prime TV is concerned, for somebody to say that it did not close Prime TV, it is a shame! Those people must be shameful! They issued threats and then they revoked the license.

And they have refused to have any audience with (Gerald) Shawa. If they were not the ones, they would have asked Mr Shawa to sit around the table and then say, ‘how can we help you to make sure that you continue with your business?’ So, it is shameful that people can make a pronouncement to say, ‘government did not close any media,’ Nyirenda said.

“The leadership has no vision; they don’t know what they are doing and where they are going. If the leadership has no principles, anything goes, mediocrity, corruption all these other things happen. They don’t have integrity, they don’t care. These people have got no vision at all so to cover up what they are doing, they intimidate the Fourth Estate. If you are going to intimidate them, it means you don’t want to develop, you are doing bad things, so the easiest thing is intimidate them so that everybody shuts up and you can do whatever you want.”

Meanwhile, Nyirenda bragged that he was gaining popularity as evidenced by the party’s performance in the recent Mbereshi ward by elections.

“PF got about 800 votes, we got 216 and the UPND got 35 votes. It was a very good performance for us and we are sure that in those elections, the PF do everything that they can to make sure that others are disadvantaged, and at the end of the day,

they manipulate the process. We don’t consider PF because we know what they are doing, their wins are artificial. That is why we are happily saying, ‘we beat UPND and we think we won the election,” said Nyirenda.


Debating the estimates of expenditure for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services budget that stood at K46 million, Siliya refuted any assertions that government had been intolerant towards independent news media.

“Media houses are managed by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) and the IBA, in section 23 of the amended 2010 Act; they are the ones who are responsible for licensing. So, the Minister in person and, indeed, government is not responsible for licensing. The people who provided the law for licensing of Prime TV or any media house in this country is this House. And it is this House that demanded that laws must be observed. And when a media house is non-compliant, the IBA can only do what they were asked to by the members of parliament. So, for somebody to accuse, whether it is the Minister in person or government that we closed an institution is total fabrication because those laws are made by members of parliament. I hope that we can put this matter to rest. This goes to The Post as well that it is an issue of compliance to tax issues,” argued Siliya.



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# Removing all partisan civil servants only way of improving efficiency – Sacika

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**

ASKING civil servants who wish to aspire for political office in the 2021 general election to resign will not improve efficiency in the public service because some elements will still remain aligned to the ruling party, says Dr Sketchley Sacika.

But Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) secretary general Cosmas Mukuka says the rationale of removing politically-inclined civil servants is good as it will promote productivity in the public service.

In a memo issued by Secretary to the Cabinet Dr Simon Miti and addressed to the Secretary to Treasury Fredson Yamba; all permanent secretaries; the DMMU national coordinator Chanda Kabwe and the Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja, among others, Dr Miti urged anyone wishing to aspire for political office next year must render their resignation by November 30.

“It has been alleged and generally observed that a number of public officers have become actively engaged in partisan politics. This has not only affected their performance to provide public services, but also goes against the public service code of ethics. In this regard, all public officers, including those serving in foreign missions, quasi-government, grant-aided institutions, and State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), who have ambitions and intentions to participate in future elections, and in particular the 2021

general election, must indicate in writing and state their informed decisions to resign from the public office not later than 30th November, 2020, this is intended to protect the integrity and impartiality of the public service as it implements government programmes before, during and after the elections. Failure to adhere to this directive, appropriate actions shall be taken,” the circular read in parts.

But in an interview, Dr Sacika, a former secretary to the cabinet, said the directive would not resolve anything because the public service was already led by numerous political appointees, who paid allegiance to the ruling party as the appointing authority.

“I think Dr Miti is trying to show the problem of a highly-politicised and non-performing public service in the wrong way, and we sympathise with him. But this directive to public officers wishing to take part in elections next year will not solve the problem, which Dr Miti has highlighted. The biggest and fatal problem that the public service is facing today is that our public service institutions are highly-politicised. This high level of politicisation has come about because the people, who are appointed to run these institutions, are political appointees, who are affiliated to the party in power and people who have no long-term commitment to the public service. This is the biggest problem faced today,” Dr Sacika observed.

He added that partisan

politics had penetrated the public service, hence the inefficiency in service delivery.

“And this problem has been created by government. If you look at what is happening, politics has destroyed our civil service. We don’t have a functional civil service anymore. The whole thing is collapsing. Look at how a militia of a political party in power can victimise political opponents, look at the performance of our parastatal institutions, there is no single parastatal organisation, which you can point at and say, ‘this parastatal is performing efficiently.’ So, the whole public service system has been destroyed by very high levels of politicisation,” he said.

He stressed that forcing civil servants to resign was not going to professionalise the public service due to its current structure of it being an extension of the ruling party.

“Coming to Dr Miti’s directive, those wishing to expand for political office next year may heed Dr Miti’s directive if they like, but this is not going to solve the problem. In my view, in order to solve the problem that has been complained about in the circular, I would recommend that all public officers, who are known to be involved in partisan politics, must be removed from the public service because doing so is contrary to the code of ethics. And this must be extended to everybody. Maybe they must undertake a comprehensive programme to depoliticise the operations of the public service

by doing away with political appointees, and by insisting that public institutions are allowed to function as professional bodies and not just an extension of a political party in power. This is what is going to solve the problems in the public service and not what Dr Miti is proposing. If 10 or 20 people resign because they want to stand in the next elections, how is that going to improve the situation? It is not going to improve the situation at all. So, Dr Miti must take a comprehensive approach to resolve the whole problem,” Dr

Sacika advised.

Meanwhile, Mukuka said Cabinet Office’s intention was good, but it should have addressed civil servants who had no ambitions to contest next year’s polls, but were actively involved in partisan politics.

“When we look at the circular, the intention is good and the best thing would be to look at it from all aspects, including the private sector. What it is is that, if you choose to do politics, that’s a vocation you can still follow and that’s a path, which should purely

come from your heart. You can’t mix the two. But there are those who do not want to contest, but they are involved in political activities like in promoting political parties activities. You do not want to contest, but you are involved in political parties activities,” said Mukuka in a separate interview.

Mukuka, however, expressed concern that the circular did not speak to those who had no intentions of contesting the 2021 general election but were still heavily involved in partisan politics.

## US Embassy grants K2.5m to 6 NGOs to boost press freedom, civic participation

**By Natasha Sakala**

THE United States Embassy has awarded K2.5 million to six Zambian community-based organisations to help promote civic participation, press freedom, entrepreneurship and creative expression among the youth.

In a statement, Tuesday, US Embassy public Affairs Officer Sean McIntosh announced that the funds were channelled to six individual community-based organisations as grants.

“Today, the US Embassy announced the awarding of grants totalling over K2.5 million (US \$126,000) to six Zambian community-based organisations through its Public Affairs Section Small Grants Programme. The grants will promote civic participation, press freedom, entrepreneurship, and creative expression among youth,” McIntosh stated.

He outlined that US taxpayers were proud to support Zambia Free Press Initiative, among five others, to enable them participate in press freedom campaigns and entrepreneurship activities for the benefit of their communities.

“The American people are proud to support Zambian communities with the hands-on opportunities to mobilise their own ideas and resources, and expand their organisational and project management knowledge. The funds go directly to Zambian communities to respond directly to issues affecting their communities and, ultimately, enhance the welfare of Zambians,” explained McIntosh, adding that the financial support was targeted at helping Zambian organisations address issues affecting their communities, which included improving health and education to advance democracy and good governance.

Grants awarded will support the following projects: Zambia Free Press Initiative, award: K694,000 (US \$34,700); Continental Leadership Research Institute, award: K399,600 (US \$19,980); Enlight Abilities, award: K374,920 (US \$18,746); Lutombi Kawana Integrity Foundation, award: K395,140 (US \$19,757); Sotambe Film Institute, award: K262,960 (US \$13,148) and Umodzi Arts, award: K398,800 (US \$19,940).





27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

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Our objectives beckon us to be mindful and take keen interest in the Constitution of Zambia. The process of making a Constitution, or indeed amending one, is a very delicate matter that ought never to be taken lightly. A Constitution should never suffer amendment on political lines. We would borrow the text from the International Round Table on Democratic Constitutional Development, employed by the renowned Constitutional Lawyer Muna Ndulo and say that:

*“the process of constitutional-making is crucial. The Constitution is no ordinary law to be modified or replaced by ordinary legislation. It must be perceived as a higher law, authorizing and governing ordinary law and commanding adherence to constitutional precepts. While ordinary law may be adopted and altered by legislative majorities of whatever size, the adoption of a constitution and its amendment requires much more, widespread participation by the citizenry and the achievement of a broad-based consensus.”* (Ndulo and Kent, 1996)

Though the process surrounding Bill 10 has been unduly politicised, LAZ is without doubt that the process lacked the critical ingredient of broad-based consensus. For so long as no consensus exists, it is immaterial how good or progressive the contents of

a proposed Bill to amend the Constitution may be because the enactment would have failed the test of constitutionalism.

LAZ is dismayed that notwithstanding the apparent lack of a broad-based consensus, the constitutional amendment process will proceed to second reading and voting on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. This is despite many calls from the general members of the public, civil society organisations and many other stakeholders that the Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Bill (Bill 10) be withdrawn.

As Members of Parliament, we remind you that your primary duty is to the people of Zambia who elected you into office. Article 5 of the Constitution states that the sovereign authority lies with the people of Zambia and yours is the delegated power to implement the will of the people. It is unnecessary to go into specific provisions of Bill 10 to conclude that there is no consensus amongst the People of Zambia over Bill 10. We therefore, urge you to put the concerns of the Zambian people above all party or political interest. We implore you to do the right thing. Bill 10 must be taken off the floor so that an opportunity is given for broad-based consensus on the provisions contained therein. LAZ believes that there is still time to build consensus if Members of Parliament from across the political divide put the people of Zambia first.

LAZ assures you that its interests are born out of its sworn duty to preserve and protect the Constitution of Zambia and the principle of constitutionalism.

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Cc: Clerk of the National Assembly

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# Tongas have risen against us Easterners to take our presidency, we must fight – Dora

**From page 2**

These Tongas, we don't hate them, let me make this clear. We don't hate Tongas, they are Zambian and so they are our relatives, but they have risen against us Easterners. They want to remove us from the presidency. If they remove us from the presidency, will we drill boreholes, will we build schools and hospitals? If you remember we had another Easterner, Rupiah Banda who was Chewa President, he used to give us eight bags of fertiliser, do you remember? But we were lazy and we made him lose the presidency. Here in Eastern Province we had over 700, 000 registered voters but only 244,000 went out to vote, so Rupiah ended up losing. In 2013 to 2014 we used to call PF as Paya Farmer (kill the farmer), because Michael Sata who was president believed in cassava as his staple food. But does cassava need fertiliser? So agriculture has started ticking again now that President Lungu has taken charge. This is because Edgar Lungu is one of us and he knows that our agriculture is centred on maize and maize is dependent on fertiliser. So if Edgar is removed from power, will agriculture progress?

So we must work hard to ensure that our province protects and holds on to the Presidency because we want fertiliser, dams and employment. So we need Edgar to continue so that we can also continue with the programme of developing our province.

We will decide to give the presidency to Tongas after we rule for 10 years. That's when we will tell them that we have done what we wanted now you can also do what you want with the presidency. They cannot stop us midway before we are finished. Even in a household, you cannot allow someone to come in and order you to stop what you are doing with your wife and you give him your wife just like that. You have to give it a fight, you cannot just stop and give up. So we have work to finish our projects.

We are not saying the presidency will never leave Eastern Province, but we are saying in the past we only had the presidency for three years and God felt pity for us and has given us another opportunity to rule again. So only after 10 years is when we will give the Tongas.

Voting will take place on August 12. This week that is coming is for registration of voters. We must all go and register to vote. Those old voters cards will be useless next year because they have expired. Everyone who is 18 years and above must go and register. We must not feel lazy like we did on our relative Rupiah whose presidency we lost. We thought since he is from Eastern Province, he would win, he can win here but if the votes are few, the Tongas vote in big numbers. That means he will win here but the Tongas will grab our presidency.

The 2021 elections are not

just about voting, it's a war for survival, we need to make sure that we vote so that the Tongas don't get the presidency. Today I was looking at the number of votes for here in Sinda. In 2016, President Lungu got 7,000 votes and the UPND got 5,000. Our friends the Tongas, they meet as traditional leaders like we have met and they agree that 'we don't want Edgar Lungu so we will give him zero votes'. It happens, am I lying? Now us here we are meeting as traditional leaders, how can we allow UPND to get 5,000 votes from here? In Dundumwezi, Hakainde got 40,000 our president, got zero. So our friends the Bembas are laughing and asking us to say, 'you Dora and Kazungula, do you want the presidency to stay in Eastern Province or not? What are we going to tell them? When we go back to Parliament, what are we going to say?

I am begging you my traditional leaders, please! I know we do wrong things in government but you should be forgiving us, you should pray for us. We know that we have gone through problem in the past five years, but please we must not lose the presidency. If we lose the presidency, we will never get it back as Easterners. By the time the presidency will be returning to Eastern Province, none of us will be alive. We still want the leadership of this country so the we can finish the hospital and school projects. We are lucky that after Rupiah we have gotten back the presidency, but if we lose it, we will not be alive to a time when we will get it back.

Below is the vernacular verbatim of Siliya campaign in Sinda

Ninanelako kuti imwe mafumu simungatengeko ndalama za amwasauka... Pano tazolabila nkhani zaumoyo wasu so osati tilube. Namvela kuti ma headmen simungatengeko ndalama, ah ah! Boma inakamba kuti kuyambila manje, kapena zenze telo kumbuyo uku koma manje nama headmen bazitengako ndalama za amwasauka. Manje motengela, munimvesese. Kuti munthu atenge ndalama za amwasauka kumankhala makonsho ai. So imwe bamene mufuna kutengako nikuyenda kuona a DC kuti amuphunziseni motengela. Azamufunsani:

Nyumba yanu ili na malata? Eh  
Muli na ng'ombe? Eh  
Muli na njinga? Eh  
Panyumba mukudya kangati? Ah olo folo tikwanisa ise.

So pamene muyankha chi machine chilemba, pobwelo siliza, ati iyayi sindimwe osauka imwe.

Manje imwe nikuuzenikoni tunzeli twakuti mukangenemo, imwe mukayenda kuja, tiziba ndimwe a mfumu koma mufunika ka thandizo ka K700 muzifolako amfumu azioneka avala bwino agula nsapato agula njinga ai? (applaud).

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*By Ulande Nkomesha*  
LUSAKA Province PF secretary Kennedy Kamba says UPND is desperate and willing to sell Zambia to foreigners if given a chance to win next year's general election.

In an interview, Kamba said the recent videos circulating on social media in which some foreigners are calling on Zambia to vote for UPND president Hakainde Hichilema at next year's

# UPND willing to sell Zambia to foreigners – Kamba

polls are questionable and an indication that UPND was willing to sell the country to foreign nationals.

“Allow me to comment on the videos going round social media where some foreign nationals seen proclaiming Hakainde Hichilema's unconvincing slogan: ‘Bally will fix it’ and further urging

Zambians to vote for him. This seems to have excited many dreamers in the UPND, who have kept on saying, ‘even the Western World is in support of Hakainde Hichilema ahead of the 2021 general election.’ This is laughable! The desperate attempts to gain recognition by the UPND and its leader Hakainde Hichilema

is illogical and out of context. Those three or four foreign nationals filmed endorsing Hakainde Hichilema are not Zambians, they have nothing to do with Zambia and will not even vote in the 2021 general election,” Kamba said.

“One aspect that is certainly clear to us is that the UPND and its leader are

desperate politicians, who are ready to do anything. Given a chance, they will sell this country to foreign nationals or foreign firms that they do business with. For them, such

messages where a foreign national is saying, ‘Bally will fix it’ means everything, but to us in the PF, it is the interest of Zambians that matter. Our focus will remain on the needs of our women and children in rural areas, to alleviate poverty and deliver the much-needed development. Zambia is safe under the PF”

Kamba insisted that foreigners should not be allowed to meddle in Zambian politics.

“We urge Zambians to question everything about the UPND. Who are those foreign nationals? What is their interest in Zambia and what is their relationship with the UPND? Who is sponsoring the UPND and what agenda do they have? Those seen in the circulating videos endorsing Hakainde Hichilema are rich men like him! What are their interests? This country is not for sale to the highest bidder! These are the people who are ready to strip Zambia!” charged Kamba.

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## Kampyongo mocks Saboi in Lungu's defence

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
HOME Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo says he is disappointed with NDC spokesperson Saboi Imboela's Facebook post in which she insinuated that President Edgar Lungu has no love for his wife, Esther.

And Kampyongo says if Imboela believes in demeaning people, then he would also have the right to talk about how she sent her father's children to jail for forgery.

Meanwhile, Kampyongo says people should stop blaming him for certain decisions which police make because he doesn't micromanage them.

In her Facebbok post, Imboela stated that NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili was not like the Republican President who did not have love for his wife.

“Our President is not like the Republican President who doesn't love his wife and is busy impregnating girls from neighboring countries. Pretending to be married just for the sake of the presidency when a good number of us know the real situation behind the charade. Our President loves his wife and children and what has happened today is really a blow below the belt. Let your political fights remain with you in politicians and don't involve the wives and children. We know that for that man who has no love for his wife, this is nothing and so he lacks sympathy and empathy. But for CK, you've really gone for his heart, congratulations b a m a k a k a ... a n y w a y, Fikapwa,” read Imboela's post.

But speaking when he phoned in during Hot FM's breakfast show, Tuesday, Kampyongo said he was disappointed with Imboela's conduct.

“I was just disappointed with one of the items that you were discussing this morning about the NDC spokesperson where she was trying to justify the demeaning post that she did. She is saying she is a political scientist and she wants everybody to believe her afterthought kind of narrative that she is trying to create about who she was talking about. And to try and think that Zambians are so dull that they can't read between the lines is very unfortunate. And I want to share with her that you know, when you are in leadership,

you must be in leadership with responsibility. The same respect that she expects as a female leader of a political party is what she should extend to others,” Kampyongo said.

He said Imboela should have been emotionally charged before sending her children's father to prison the same way she was when making the post against the Head of State.

“So, going back to the demeaning post that she did, let me give her a classic metaphor. If I said to you that there was a female artist who was seen with another artist in a very vibrant music outfit in 2012 and one of these artists was married to another fellow artist in the industry who was the husband and probably they had children. And this artist at one point took the husband to court and got this husband convicted for forgery, I can go on and on to describe that. Surely, can citizens not make a picture of who I am talking about? I could see that my dear colleague Saboi has been emotionally charged. How I wish that's how emotionally charged she could have been to send her own children's father to prison for forgery which are the same charges which my elder brother has been sentenced with,” Kampyongo said.

Kampyongo also urged Imboela to be responsible when making public comments.

“I just want to say that let's be responsible even as we make public comments. What we use to measure others could be used to measure you. It was very disappointing that she could even justify and worse still dragging the foreign president into her discussion is not fair at all. And she knew even when she was talking about another president of another country within SADC that she was [making] a mistake. That shouldn't be the case. Let's do politics with responsibility and understand the consequences of what we say and what we do,” he said.

And Kampyongo said it is not true that he gives instructions to the police and that it is practically impossible for him to micromanage all the 18 portfolios that fall under his ministry.

“And I want to tell her and assure her that she was talking for example about a

minister giving instructions to the police. What kind of thinking would that be? I have always said time and again that we don't micromanage institutions of governance. Ministry of Home Affairs is not Ministry of Police for example. There are more than 18 portfolio functions here that go with the institution and if I was to micromanage all these institutions, what super human being can I be? If I have to know who the police should visit? There is a prison in Kasama, Luwingu, who is being arrested in Chilubi? What kind of management will that be?” asked Kampyongo.



## Mutembo entitled to report which informed Lungu's decision to fire him, rules ConCourt

*By Zondiwe Mbewe*  
THE Constitutional Court has ruled that President Edgar Lungu acted constitutionally when he relieved Mutembo Nchito State Counsel of his duties as Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in 2016.

The ConCourt says this is despite the fact that the letter of dismissal erroneously referred to Article 144 of Act No.2 of 2016 and not the repealed Article 58 of the Constitution of Zambia, 1991.

The ConCourt, however, has ruled that Mutembo is entitled to be availed the findings or report by the adhoc tribunal upon which the President based his decision to relieve him of his duties as DPP.

In this matter, Mutembo filed a petition in 2016, challenging his removal from office as DPP and cited the Attorney General as the respondent.

He stated that following his suspension from office, a tribunal was set up under Article 58, which was subsequently repealed by the Constitution [Amendment] Act No. 2 of 2016, to prob him on various matters. The tribunal proceeded to issue a report to President Edgar Lungu whose recommendations led to his removal from office as DPP pursuant to Article 144 of the Constitution as amended.

Mutembo challenged his removal from office and questioned the legality of denying him access to the said report.

But in a judgement delivered Tuesday morning by Constitutional Court judge Palan Mulonda on behalf of justices Mungeni Mulenga, Enock Mulembe, Margaret Munalula and Martin Musaluke, the court noted that the judgement was being delivered four years since the first petition was filed in court.

Judge Mulonda said it was the Court's firm view that while Article 144 of the Constitution as amended was the correct provision under the new constitutional order to exercise powers of dismissal

against an officer falling under its coverage, in this case the DPP included, the case at hand does not fall under its coverage.

He said this is so because the repealed Article 58 is what applied in the case at hand, adding that, that being the case, Article 144 of the Constitution as amended within the context of this case was a wrong provision to anchor the decision of dismissal in this case.

“It follows therefore, that the reference to Article 144 of the Constitution as amended was misplaced though the power exercised was covered by the repealed Article 58 of the Constitution of Zambia, 1991,” judge Mulonda said.

He said the President's action thus cannot be said to be unconstitutional, illegal or null and void as alleged by Mutembo.

The court however, granted the declaration that Mutembo was entitled to be availed the findings or report by the adhoc tribunal.

“In conclusion, we wish to state that the President acted Constitutionally when he relieved the petitioner (Mutembo) of his duties as DPP despite the fact that the letter of dismissal erroneously referred to Article 144 of Act No.2 of 2016 and not the repealed Article 58 of the Constitution of Zambia, 1991,” the court ruled.

“We further state that an affected party in a Constitutionally ordained removal process who has appeared before the relevant adjudicative body, in this case the adhoc tribunal constituted pursuant to the repealed Article 58 was entitled to a copy of the reasoned decision of such proceedings. This in our view is in conformity with the principle underlying the mechanism for removal of constitutionally secured officers, who through such mechanism must be given justification for their disappointment.”

The court ordered each party to bear their own costs.

Earlier, in the judgement, the court

gave a brief account of the matter which was that Nchito while serving as DPP in 2015 was arrested and detained in police custody at Chongwe.

This followed a bench warrant issued by the Chongwe Magistrates' Court.

Nchito before his arrest applied for leave to commence judicial review proceedings which leave was granted and was to act as a stay of proceedings.

However, the proceedings at Chongwe did not abate until Nchito obtained a High Court order nullifying the said proceedings at Chongwe.

Nchito was again the subject of fresh charges that were similar in nature with those at Chongwe, but this time before the Lusaka Magistrates' Court.

In the Lusaka proceedings, Nchito as both DPP and the accused person, personally entered a nolle prosequi and urged the complainants to have the matter investigated if they so wished.

Following the development, by letter dated March 10, 2015, the President suspended Nchito pursuant to the now repealed Article 58(2) and (3) of the Constitution of Zambia, 1991, pending the findings of a three member adhoc tribunal which was appointed to probe Nchito.

Whilst the tribunal was sitting, Nchito commenced proceedings before the Constitutional Court to continue his challenge of the tribunal's jurisdiction, but before the matter could be heard by the ConCourt, the tribunal concluded its proceedings and presented its findings and recommendations to the President.

The tribunal, however, did not avail Nchito a copy of the report.

Following the presentation of the report to the President, the President proceeded to relieve Nchito of his duties as DPP on August 9, 2016.

It is this removal from office that led Nchito to petition the ConCourt on August 10 alleging that his removal from office was unconstitutional.



*By Ulande Nkomesha*  
THE Electoral Commission of Zambia has postponed the commencement of the mobile registration of voters to November 9, 2020.

And the Commission says the response to the online pre-registration is not encouraging. At a press briefing, Tuesday, ECZ chief elections officer Patrick Nshindano said the decision to extend the commencement of the mobile voters registration was arrived at due to the extension of days on the issuance of NRCs in the second phase.

“The Commission set 28th October, 2020 to 30th November, 2020 as the dates within which to conduct mobile voter registration throughout the country in various registration centres and stationed registration of voters at district centres and civic centres. The Voter registration exercise will be followed by the inspection of the Register of Voters before the Register is finally certified as a final register. The Commission continues to collaborate with the Department of National Registration, Passports and Citizenship (DNRPC), of the Ministry of Home Affairs, on the issuance of NRCs. The Commission has also noted that the DNRPC has extended the period of the mobile issuance of NRCs by 5 days from the 30th October 2020 to 5th November, 2020. The Commission has also noted concerns by the stakeholders and some members of the public on the need to acquire NRCs to enable them to register as voters,” Nshindano said.

“Therefore, in order not to disenfranchise our people, the Commission has again found it imperative to reschedule the dates for the registration of voters which was scheduled to commence tomorrow Wednesday 28th of October, 2020 to 30th November, 2020. Mobile voter registration and stationed voter registration will now be

# ECZ postpones mobile voters registration exercise

conducted from 9th November, 2020 to 12th December, 2020. The Commission hopes that this extension to start the mobile voter registration will give an opportunity to a good number of eligible citizens to acquire NRCs and be able to register as voters. In a case that the issuance of NRCs is not concluded, the Commission will unfortunately proceed with Voter Registration as scheduled. It is our hope that the Ministry of Home Affairs will have concluded their exercise. And in this respect I wish to appeal to the Ministry of Home

Affairs to swiftly conclude this exercise of issuing NRCs which are a prerequisite for one to register as a voter.” Nshindano said the Commission would issue a fresh deployment schedule for the mobile voter registration. “The Commission will issue in the media a fresh deployment schedule of the mobile voter registration exercise. As such, I urge you and members of the public to look out for this time table of where our registration officers will be stationed,” Nshindano said.

And Nshindano said the capturing of only 130,000 users on the pre online registration platform was not encouraging. “The ongoing online voter pre-registration exercise which began on 21st September, 2020 will now close on 20th November, 2020. The Commission is successfully capturing eligible citizens online and so far the Commission has recorded 130,000 users on our voter pre-registration platform. This is a low number we could have expected much much higher numbers. The numbers

are not encouraging on the pre online and again it's not too late, it will be running up to 20th November now. We hope that stakeholders can work with us and stop sending mixed messages to the public, so that the general public can take full advantage of this platform and ensure they pre register,” he said.

Nshindano said the Commission was not worried

about the low numbers of people using the online platform as it was optional. “Based on the pre online, is the commission worried in terms of meeting its set targets? The setup of eight to nine million is based on the Zambia Statistical Agency in terms of eligible voters. Are we worried given that the pre online voter registration has only captured 130,000? Not really because the pre online voters registration is optional, it's a channel and vehicle we hope that will quicken the registration process. It has no direct impact in terms of the actual voter registration,” Nshindano said. Meanwhile, Nshindano urged political parties to source funds to sponsor their observers to Dubai for the printing of ballot papers. “I hope they have been in the position to raise funds for observations. One of the aspects we did explore was engagement with cooperating partners to see how they can support, to date nothing has been committed in this regard. So I do hope that political parties are looking at avenues of mobilising resources and they are able to come through and observe during the printing exercise,” said Nshindano.

## Mobile NRC Issuance has been selective in Namwala – Lubezhi

*By Sipilisiwe Ncube*  
NAMWALA UPND member of parliament Moono Lubezhi says the distribution of wards that have been captured in the ongoing mobile issuance of National Registration Card (NRC) in her constituency is not equitable as highly-populated areas have still not been covered. In an interview, Lubezhi complained that so many wards in her constituency had not been captured, yet the programme was nearing its end. “We are asking the Minister of Home Affairs (Stephen Kampyongo) to extend the mobile issuance of NRCs exercise because speaking for Namwala, there are so many places, which they haven't touched. And even the way the DC (District Commissioner, Mary Sakala) has been assigning these people, they haven't been taken to main set-ups. I know we have to cater to everybody

in Namwala, but how does it help us where he (Kampyongo) sent them to places where the population is not that much? And you find that probably the whole day, they will only do 30 or 40 people. They have left a lot of big centres. For example, the whole Ndema ward, which we have even divided into two wards, Ndema and Ichila wards. Kabulamwanda ward has also been cut into two. They have only been to Namusonde ward. The whole of Kabulamwanda ward has not been attended to. In Maala, they have been to the outskirts of the fishing camp. They haven't done Maala Central. The whole of Mbeza ward where the palace for the chief is and it has got four polling stations. They haven't been in Mbeza ward,” Lubezhi complained. “Talk of Chitongo ward, they have only been to one polling station, they haven't covered it all. Going back in

Muchila and Itapa, they have just been to one point. And as you know Namwala, it has got the highest population in chief Muchila. And in chief Muchila, they have only been to five centres, meaning that there are two wards, which are unattended to. And in Itapa, they have only been to a place where we border with Itetzhi-tezhi and they have only been there for four days.” And Lubezhi appealed to Kampyongo to consider extending the ongoing phase to capture more voters. “In short, for Namwala District, this exercise, the way the distribution of centres has been done, hasn't been done effectively. Only 30 per cent of the people, who are eligible to get NRCs, are the ones who have been issued with NRCs. As people of Namwala, we are earnestly appealing to the Ministry of Home Affairs to extend phase two as it were in phase one. In phase one, they extended. Why can't they do it for phase two? As I am talking to you, everywhere I have been to; there are queues and queues of people! I am earnestly appealing to the Minister of Home Affairs, Honourable Stephen Kampyongo, to extend this exercise. I personally spoke to Kampyongo to tell him the problems we have in Namwala concerning the programme. I have no problem with the officers on the ground, but I have a problem with the way the distribution of the centres has been done. It has not been

done equitably. They have been taking them to the borders where I am bordering with other constituencies and people, who live along the border line are not much. The places I have mentioned like Maala Central; Kabulamwanda; Kantengwa; Baambwe; Ndema Central; Ichila ward; Mbeza Central and chief Mungaila have not been touched. And if they haven't been to these places, then where have they been in Namwala?” wondered Lubezhi.

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“ZAMBIANS have refused before and they will continue to reject Hakainde Hichilema's message on the basis of traits of insincerity. Yes, Zambia is a democracy, but we don't need foreign nationals to begin to meddle in our politics. We have political

freedoms and right to deal with ourselves without any interference from anybody from outside. President Edgar Lungu will win next year's election because he has identified himself with his own people, Zambians. President Lungu is doing

everything possible to drive the agenda of development, while the UPND has gotten into a panic mode of now wanting international recognition, forgetting that they are exposing their hidden agenda.”

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# Some Bembas, Easterners think only they can rule Zambia

Through out the Patriotic Front campaign in all the previous election years, we have heard them deny that they are not tribal, they say that they stand against tribalism. In their fake preaching against tribalism, they label opposition political parties, especially the UPND, as culprits. But we in reality they are the manufacturers of tribalism.

We have so much to say about the campaign address by our Honourable Minister of Information who is also the Chief Government Spokesperson. We could not believe that this was coming from the mouth of a member of parliament who is the face of government.

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that. You have to give it a fight, you cannot just stop and give up. So we have work to finish our projects.

So this is what our democracy has come down to? It’s now about Bembas and Easterners ganging up to defeat any other tribesman who wants to vie for the presidency? Where is the civility in this campaign message from the Chief government spokesperson? This is what we have been talking about. The PF has been labling others when in fact they are more tribal than any other political party.

As a matter of fact, the PF tribalism is so dangerous that it is responsible for dividing the country because it is fuelled by factionalism. What we

have in Zambia – and this has been the case for many years – is a faction of Northerners and Easterners wishing to perpetuate the monopoly of the power to govern.

But this cannot be left to continue, especially as we head into next year’s election campaigns. The PF should not be pointing fingers in the opposition over a ‘crime’ that they are guilty of themselves. They must first address the tribalism which is inherent within the PF itself. How can a minister go one such a tribal path without feeling a sense of shame? This tribalism has been looked at with a very casual approach, whereby the politicians who are gaining mileage out of this don’t see how it is now penetrating the

workplace and the damage it is causing to national building.

Zambians must say no to this type of politics where big tribes try to dominate minority groups because this route will see this country denied an opportunity of being led by selfless, devoted citizens who hail from the so-called small tribes. It must stop before it engulfs our country. There is not a singe province in Zambia that belongs to one tribe.

In Eastern Province, it’s not only the Ngonis or Nsengas or Chewas or Tumbukas that live there, there are Bembas and Lozis who were born there and that doesn’t make them less easterners or less citizens. So this kind of campaign from madam Siliya must be rejected. What does she mean when she says: “bembas will laugh at us if we lose the presidency to a Tonga?” Does Zambia belong to two tribes only? Shame on Honourable Siliya.

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16. Not average, but not huge

## Crossword puzzle No 719

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# Readers' Feedback



## 'KBF right, Zambia's economy can't improve with kaponyas as ministers'

Editor,

"As KBF correctly observed "Zambia's economy can't improve with kaponyas as ministers". - Keith Moono

"Yes Kampyongo is a disgrace to the police and Zambia he us using the police to intimidate opposition leaders and their cadres, he is not fit for the job, he is full of vengeance and hate to be in that position". - Mutinta Mulonda

"I think minister ot Home Affairs has difficulties to different professional conduct and unprofessional.police are not unto the lawthemselves but are there to in force the law.it much up with our civilization.we embraced multiparty democracy but we dont seem to live up to its name.The conduct of our officer is far below par.our democracy and human dignity we remain a dream unless we vote in people who are civilised enough and respect institutions put in places for good governance". - Henry Kalengs

"That portfolio does not fit Kampyongo, it's too big for him. He should have just remained a party executive not a cabinet minister, especially not home affairs!" - Arthur Tapela Teleshi

"Kampyongo is using instruments of power to oppress opposition. Sad state of affairs". - Likezo Masuwa

## UPND's quest for international intervention on police brutality

Editor,

"That's the way to go..PF think they can infringe our basic human rights.. Let the human rights defenders come and see what is happening in Zambia". - Mercy Zulu

"Actions speak louder than words... In fact this is long over due..... You could've done this ages ago and invite the international media organization too they have to expose some of the current happenings!" - Ian Malekhanie

"some of these things you don't even have time to tell us,you only have time to tell us that you wrote letters to the UN, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, COMMONWEALTH AND SADC". - Mulwanimujansi Jordan Chali

"Thats the best way to do, let the international community know that Zambia is now under a ruthless dictator with a very equal vengeful and ruthless home affairs minister who issues threatening and intimidating statements all the time, he has spent money on armoury gear to unleash on citizens with divergent views next year during elections, he us directing the police to arrest opposition on flimsy charges so let the international community know all this so they stop sending our tax to support violence". - Mutinta Mulonda

## Moonga's statement on Zambia being democratic that even foreign fools can comment on its affairs

Editor,

"While Professor Lumumba is an international figure outside of Kenya and Africa, Paul Moonga and Mumbi Phiri are still struggling to prove their relevance in PF. Mumbi Phiri was even revoked from Parliament as she was found to be excess baggage. As for Paul Moonga he is only known by Davis Mwila who also does not even take him seriously. Talking of foreign sponsorship are the two telling us something about how Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu got mentioned in a Rwanda Court for raising \$1,000,000 to assist rebels destabilising Rwanda? Akanwa ka milandu kalayi sokolola". - Christopher Kalima

"The opposite of democracy is what Zambia is today". - Collins Kafunga

"Ba Moonga, learn to respect individuals who did something you didn't 'n you'll never do in life.Who are you to call a professor a fool.Just continue receiving left overs from these so called #Ravens,but time will surely catch up with you". - Bristol Musumina

"Is that how you define democracy and validate democracy?What's wrong with some of these elders?" - Mumba Patrick Teddy Jay-ptj

"Having a bunch of

clowns to run the affairs of Zambia what do you expect!" - Chitambeya Andrew

"Moonga and Prof. Lumumba ma levels yakanga. This is what is called ati improper fraction". - Josephine Ngulube

"Mr moonga and Prof Lumumba are not in the same league, Prof Lumumba is a true patriotic African that speaks for all children of the land of Africa and is respected from North Africa to South Africa. I didn't even know who Mr moonga is before this article, you'd wonder who the fool is in this situation. Any true leader shouldn't be afraid of criticism, those that are afraid of criticism are the true fools". - Zambia's Finest

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## 'Some chiefs are politicians' vuvuzelas!'

Editor,

"Actions speak louder than words. A named paramount chief has become openly political and has stirred political divisions by refusing to meet a politician from a certain opposition political party while freely welcoming delegates from the ruling party. It's almost always the case that when these officials visit chiefs, the chiefs will appear on ZNBC showering praises on the president of

that party". - Malcolm Mwenda

"The majority are already vuvuzelas sana sana ilya imfumu yaku Lubemba! Even pressuring HH to apologize for things he didn't say or do! Ati before HH meets me he should first apologize!" - Ian Malekhanie

Simply put that politicians are our servants and that they are employed by us. We pay them through the taxes they deduct from us in various forms. Now Edgar and chitimukulu together with Pentecostal pastors want us to believe the opposite. They want us to be worshipping the politician". - Chiundule Wansimbi



From page 5

IMWE mukayende kwa aDC akakumpunziseni kuti akamukoshani ichi akamufunsani ichi moyankha teti. Olo muli mu nyumba yamalata, penango nikukambako teti kuti awe ine nilibe nyumba yamalata kuti mungenemo. Ise aboma tiziba kuti imwe mafumu muna vambili vamene vimamufikilani panyumba panu, koma a DC sangakambe kuti atenge K700 ati bapasseni amfumu, boma izakamba ati yai mwaiba. So imwe kuti mukangenemo mufunika kuyenda kwa DC amumphunziseni mongenela muli ija system ya ndalama za amwasauka. Boma inakamba kuti olo mafumu azifolako ndalama za amwasauka.

Namvela problem ya number three. Mukamba kuti naise mafumu tizifolako pa mwezi ai? Iyi nkhani inayamba 2015-2016 sitelo, manje apa timvesesane bwino. Malamulo a ziko ya Zambia yali muchipepa chamene tiita kuti Constitution, mwamvesesa? Mu 2016 tinachinja malamulo amu Zambia. Malamulo amu Zambia pamene yanachinja mu 2016 ikulu maningi yokumana naimwe yenze yakuti kuyambila manje, osati boma olo a President azithandizako mafumu. Mafumu azayamba kunkhala beka, nayeve boma payeka. Mu 2016, mwakumbukila? Munikonkhe bwino. Mu 2017, mafumu akulu akulu bambili banayendo ona ba president, kuti iyi lamulo niyoipa. Iyi lamulo yamene yaikiwa mu Constitution niyoyipa chifukwa ise mafumu tigwila nchito yamene imwe ba boma naimwe mugwila, naise tisunga banthu. A President anakamba kuti ine namvela, kansi, tiyeni lekani nifunse Zambia yonse kuti chamene banthu bambili chamene sibafuna mu Constitution muli malamulo ba Zambia yasopano nichani?

Ba minister ba Justice, ba Honourable Lubinda banayenda Zambia yonse, konse kwamene banapeza mafumu banakamba kuti iyi lamulo yakuti boma osati izithandiza mafumu niyoipa. Benangu bakamba kuti lamulo yakuti teacher akachita retire akazinkhalilila angu fola, bana bathu sibapeza nchito. Nivambili vamene banakamba kuti bafuna vichinje mu Constitution. So a President anakamba kuti vonse ivi vamene bakamba banthu bafuna kuchinja... one, two, three, four, five, kapena kufika pa twenty kuikako nayamene iyi yamene ikamba kuti boma osati izisebenza namafumu, bathu bakana bafuna ichinjiwe, vonse ivi vitengeni muviike muchi pepa chimozi. Ndiye ija yamene mumvela kuti Bill number 10. Munamvelako? Bill number 10 ndiye mwamene muli malamulo yamene tifuna kuchinja pamalamulo y aZambia, kuikako naija lamulo yamene ikamba kuti osati boma ikazithandiza mafumu. Vonse tinaviika mu Bill number 10. Ise tinakamba kuti okay, tiyeni manje tikavichinje ku Parliament ai? Kwamene kuli a Kazungula naine, tiyeni tikavichinje ku Parliament. Koma bazanthu

# Tongas have risen against us Easterners to take our presidency, we must fight – Dora

ba UPND ba Tonga, anakamba ati mutaya nthawi. Why muzichinja lamulo yakuti boma izithandiza mafumu? Kuvyalo kwinangu monga ku Tanzania kulibe vaufumu, why tiziononga ndalama? A presdient anakamba ati nibanthu bakamba, nimafumu bakamba kuti bafuna kuti boma yao izibathandiza. Banzathu bayumilila kuti uko nikuononga ndalama.

Sininama, munamuona pa TV Hakainde pamene enzo uza mfumu yachibemba kuti ine nikankhala president wamene nizachosapo paufumu number one ndiwe chiti mukulu, munanvela? Venze pa TV, sindine ninakamba, munamvelako ka? Kutu ine nikankhala president niyamba kuchosa mafumu kuyambilila mfumu yachibema Chitimukulu, manje akachoka ku aBemba sazakonkha ise ku Eastern? So pali ino thawi ndiye pamene tili. Iyi Bill number 10 kuti tikachinje malamulo aZambia ibwela ku Parliament iyi week yayamba lelo pa sondo. Ibwela pachinai 29 October, ndiye pamene tiikamba ku parliament. So iyi week ndiye pamene tizaziba kuti malamulo a Zambia azachinja olo sazachinja. Chifukwa ise a PF na President tankhala pamozi nama fumu. Nichifukwa chake mukayamba kutamba TV, mubaona

mafumu yambili yabwela pa TV kuti bafuna Bill 10, niboza? Mafumu yambili olo yamene yachitonga yabwela pa TV, kuti “a Edgar ise tifuna Bill 10. Chifukwa bafuna kuti boma izibathandiza. Koma banzathu nao ba UPND bakosapo akuti ah ah sitifuna kuononga ndamala ise kumafumu. Muganiza kuti vamene bafuna kuchita beve nivabwino kuti mu Zambia osati munkhale mafumu? Mitundu siizasila? Myambo yathu izaonongeka sitelo?

Pali pano a President akathandiza mafumu ochitila mwaubwino wao. Kulibe lamulo u Zambia yamene ibapasa mphamvu kuti athandize mafumu. Koma a President akamba kuti ah ah, makamaka mafumu akulu tiyeni tibathandize. Nichifukwa chake ise tapapata mutipemphelele kuti iyi week yamene ibwela ndiye pamene kuzankhala Bill number 10. Monse mukaike matu ku Parliament radio, tizayamba kuchita debate vija vizungu vikulu vikulu va Bill 10.

Banzathu bakamba kuti chamene sibaifunila Bill number 10, muli malamulo yakuti aPresident bathu osati akachokepo pamupando. Iyo ni boza, mu Zambia tiziba kuti President ankhalala 10 years, ikafika 10 years achokapo ai? A Edgar Lungu pamupando anangena 2015, mu 2016

tinayenda kumasankho. Kuchokela 2015 kufika 2016 ni chaka chimozi. Malamulo a Zambia akamba kuti ngati kuti tikambe munthu analamulia full term, afunika kunkhala vyaka vitatu nakusogolo five years. Kapena siunakwanise five years, ndiye kuti ija term yamene walamulila sitiipendelako, tizayamba kupendelako ija ya five years. So pali manje a Edgar tipenda 2016 kufika 2021 vyaka five, kuchoka 2021 kufika 2026 kuti ikakwane 10 years.

Manje anzathu, a Tonga sitibazonda, nikambe bwino pano, a Tonga sitibazonda nibamu Zambia nabale bathu, koma batiukila tonse ise bakum'mawa kuti imwe timuchoseponi pamupando. Akatichosa pamupando tizawamya museu? A Edgar akachosewa pamupando manzi tizasiliza kukumba, ma skulu tizamanga kuno? Mukumbukile kumbuyo uku a president tenze nao a Chewa a Rupiah Banda, enzo tipasa vi fataleza eight, eight tikumbukuila? Koma tinachita ulesi kuti tibasunge pamupando. Kuno ku Eastern Province banalembesa ma vote 2011 tenze over 700, 000 sebatu, koma bamene tinayenda kuvota tenze 244,000, mpaka a Rupiah achosewa pamupando. Mu 2013-2014 tenzo chita kukamba kuti paya farmer

paya farmer chifukwa a Sata penze a President, Sata akudya tute, manje tute bafakako fataleza? Ulimi wayamba kubwelelako pamene ayamba a Edgar Lungu sitelo, chifukwa a Edgar Lungu nibakuni kwathu aziba kuti ulimi wathu niwa chimanga, chimanga chifunika fataleza. Manje chaka chibwela ichi, a Edgar kuti achokepo pa mupando ulimi uzapitilila? Tifuna ma cooperative yambili yazitengako fataleza. Elo fataleza uyu si nsima chabe, chifukwa iyi fataleza, tikalima bwino ndiye pamene tiphunzisa bana.

So tifunika tiikeko nzelu kuti a Edgar apitilize pa mupando chifukwa tifuna fataleza, tifuna ma bolehole, tifuna ma dam, nchito ikaliko kuno yakuti a MP amusebenzeleni, koma a MP afuna president apitilile kuti tipilize programme yaku Eastern. Ikafika 10 years, ndise tizabapasa a Tonga kuti awe, ise tachitako namwe muchiteko. Manje beve bafuna atipoke panjila. Munthu angalobe tyala mung'anda mwako ati akupoke mukazi iwe ati okay tenga? Muchitako ndeo ai? Ah ah... siuchitako ndeo? Muthu awele tyala ati weo lekeza panjila atole mukazi wako? So kuli nchito yakuti tisebenzele bathu. Osati ise tikamba ati uPresident siuzachoka kuno kumawa, uzakachoka. Koma

kumbuyo uku, tinankhala nao chabe vyaka vitatu wa a Rupiah Banda. Nchito sinasile, lomba Mulungu kutichitila chifundo kutibwelesela futi a Edgar Lungu tikamba iyi nchito ikaliko ipitilile, ikafika 10 years, ise tizapasa Tonga lomba ichi tolanikoni osati panjila ai?

Ma vote yali chaka chibwela pa 12 August. Iyi week yamene ibwela pachitatu, pa 28, tiyamba kulembesa ma vote nama card yangawani. Yaja ma voters card yakudala yalibe nchito manje, mwamvela? Yaja ma voters card yamene muli nayo yachita expire yaliye nchito. Lomba chifukwa nimwe mafumu, simungaye mweka kuyotola card, nga bamumunzi? Yonse minzi aliynse munthu ali 18 years napa mwamba afuniko tenga voters card chifukwa tikayembwelela monga tinachitila abale bathu a Rupiah Banda, kuti iyayi nibakum'mawa azawina, angawine kuno kum'mawa, manje mavote ngati niyang'ono ba Tonga bamavota maningi, ndiye kuti azawina kuni koma mupando azatipoka. So vote ya chaka chamene chibwela ichi ni nkondo, si ma vote chabe yosobela, ni nkondo, tifunika making sure kuti aliyense afunika kuvota kuti osati mupando akatipoke. Lelo nenzo ona ma number yakuno ku Sinda. Mu 2016 a President kuno anawina na 7,000 votes, UPND kwenze 5,000 kuno ku Sinda, anzathu a Tonga akumana monga ise so mafumu achi Tonga bauzana kuti ise kuno sitifuna Edgar Lungu tizamupasa zero. Vichitika, noboza? Manje ise pano sure takumana naimwe mafumu asogoleli, kungachoke bwanji kuno ma vote 5,00 ya UPND? Ku Dundumwezi, Hakainde 40,000, a President bathu a Edgar Lungu zero, zero, zero. manje a Bemba adabwa akuti iwe Kazungula naiwe Dora Siliya, kansi uyu mupando muufuna olo simuufuna? Manje tikabauze chani a Bemba? Tikabwelela ku Parliament tikabauze kuti mupando wau president tiufuna olo sitiufuna?

Awe neo nazosenga mweo mafumu napapata. Timalakwa seo amu boma koma motikhululukila. Motipemphelela, tiziba kuti tachoka mumavuto iyi five years tapapata, koma please osati uPresident tiutaye uyu. Chifukwa uyu uPresident tikali nawo nanchito, nchito zamumanyuma yathu, zabana bathu, za business, za chipatala. Usogoleli tikali kuufuna. Chifukwa ukabwela kuchoka kuno uPresident, palibe azankhala moyo pakuti ukabwelele futi kuno kum'mawa. Tichita tyala mwai kuti kuchoka a Rupiah kwabwela a Edgar. Koma paliye wati akankhale moyo pakuti ukabwelele kuno. Lomba tifuna kuno titukuke bakumawa, koma aBemba atiseka akuti tina ulesi. Lomba tina ulesi? Yai osati tichite ulesi.

## Police search UPND secretariat for NRCs

By *Natasha Sakala*

Police in Lusaka have detained UPND member Anthony Bwalya on an unknown charge but have released party secretary general Stephen Katuka after questioning at Police headquarters.

According to Lusaka lawyer Mulambo Haimbe, Bwalya has been detained but his charge and holding place remain unknown.

“With regard to Mr Katuka, there was an interview that was undertaken and the police said they would request him to come back if they required more information. As for Mr Bwalya, he has been detained in custody, we have not been told what the alleged offense he committed is, we have not been told which detention facility he will be taken to ultimately because at service headquarters there are no cells. All I can say as at now is that the police are claiming to be conducting some investigation of one sort or the relating, I believe, to the issue of national registration cards that was spoken of by Mr Bwalya and Mr Mubita Nawa on television about two, three, four days ago or so,” said Haimbe, adding that the matter seemed to be a political issue which was being used for purposes of criminal persecution.

By press time, there was still no update on Bwalya's whereabouts and police had not yet confirmed his arrest.

Around midday, Tuesday, police surrounded the UPND secretariat in Lusaka's Rhodespark area where they had a warrant to search the premises for “piles of national registration cards”.

According to lawyer Marshal Muchende, who witnessed the search, police did not find what they were looking for but ended up leaving with inconsequential documents from a party sympathiser.

“The search warrant was saying that they have reasons to believe that there are piles and piles of national registration cards at the UPND secretariat, that's what the search warrant was saying and that they had permission therefore of the court to search the premises of the UPND secretariat for those suspected national registration cards and other documents. So my duty as counsel was to just verify as to whether the police were above board in executing that search and that is to say, do they have the relevant documents to allow them to infringe upon the constitutional right of privacy for the UPND and yes they did have that document and I took it a bit further as to confirm from court and I verified that the search warrant was authentic and was signed by Magistrate Judy Chiyaika. It was upon being satisfied that the document was authentic that I authorised them to conduct the search,”

Muchende said.

“I allowed them in the premises and they did look for what they were looking for. The end of it was that they did not come across any NRCs whatsoever, they did not come across the principle material that they were looking for, and however, they started fishing. They went on a voyage of a witch hunt to start looking for documents that had nothing to do with NRCs and that is how they stumbled across certain documents by sympathetic members of the party who were advising the secretariat on how to protect the vote. The member of the public was saying that the biggest problem was that the vote was stolen, so the person was making recommendations on how to ensure that the votes are protected but the document itself was obsolete because it was in relation to 2011 and 2016 elections. So in as far as I was concerned, it was inconsequential and I advised my clients to allow the police to get it because there was nothing criminal about the document.”

He added that after the search was done, youths at the secretariat became agitated with the police and snatched the documents from him despite letting them know that the documents were inconsequential.

“So however, the youths were agitated, they were not happy, they took it that police

are an extension of the PF and whatever was going on was essentially a victimisation and intimidation of the opposition political party to the extent that when we were addressing the youths about the whole search, they actually pounced on me and grabbed those so called irrelevant documents, they were really irrelevant but they grabbed them away from counsel and they ran away so police were now on a man hunt looking for those youths that snatched the documents from my hands. That's the full report of what happened,” said Muchende.

“So the police arrived at the scene at 12:00 o'clock but they waited for counsel to give them green light until 14:30. So the search started in earnest at 14:30 and ended at 16:30. Then 16:00 hours it was a meeting now for signing off the documents that were received. Around 16:30 that's the time we were addressing the youths so that they don't lose cool, assuring them that there is nothing to worry about but really I don't think that message sunk in them because they perceived the police as an extension of the hand of the PF party, they are not seeing the difference between the party and the police.”

By press time, police could not confirm the findings of the search but disclosed that Bwalya's house was also earmarked for a search.



# Fuel shortage should normalize within a week, says Nkhuwa

**By Sipilisiwe Ncube**

ENERGY Minister Matthew Nkhuwa says the fuel shortage in the country will be normalized within the next week.

And Nkhuwa says the shortage has been engineered by a few disgruntled truckers adding that the transporting associations that have a partnership with the government have no grievances with their employers.

Nkhuwa was responding to a written question from Mazabuka Central UPND member of parliament Gary

Nkombo who wanted to know what the cause of the sudden erratic supply of fuel was, and what urgent measures government had put in place to address the crisis.

Nkhuwa said said among the measures government had put in place was police escort for fuel tankers.

“The Ministry of Energy in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs is offering police escort to tankers for security and speedy delivery of products to their destinations. Government remains resolute

in ensuring that there is security of supply of fuel in the country. Government has put in place the following medium term measures (i) enhancing logistical arrangements regarding the importation of crude oil to ensure steady supply; (ii) government has given all OMCs waivers to import petroleum products; (iii) government will continue to enhance private sector participation by ensuring that citizen owned companies participate in petroleum supply chain,” Nkhuwa said.

“In long term measures, the rehabilitation of the TAZAMA pipeline in order to improve its operational capacity; (ii) expanding construction of provincial fuel depots in all provinces will enhance fuel storage reserves; (iii) construction of finished petroleum products pipeline which will enhance our ability to meet growing demand of petroleum products in Zambia, notably the two projects that have reached the advanced discussions as the Tanzania-Zambia finished petroleum pipeline and the Angola-Zambia refined petroleum multi-product and natural gas pipeline.”

Asked by Kantanshi independent member of parliament Anthony Mumba if the relationship between the government and the OMCs did not have an effect on the economy, Nkhuwa said the relationship was intact and that the confusion was being caused by a few disgruntled individuals.

“Mr Speaker through the Ministry of Transport and Communication, there are three truck associations that operate in this sector and they are recognized by the government. And jointly, me and the Minister of Transport and Communication did engage these unions and they don't have a problem with the government. It's just a few disgruntled people that started stopping trucks and stoning them and picketing. In short, the associations that are there don't have a dispute with the government or they don't have a dispute with their employers. They haven't declared any disputes,” said Nkhuwa.



## Bartomeu resigns

BARCELONA president Josep Maria Bartomeu has resigned with the entire board also stepping down from their posts.

Bartomeu's decisions come after several months of criticism in the wake of Barcelona's 8-2 Champions League elimination to Bayern Munich as well as Lionel Messi's shocking request to leave the club shortly after.

Although the club was able to keep hold of Messi, with the longtime Barca star staying to avoid having to take the club to court, Bartomeu's position has been under scrutiny for weeks.

The president had been due to officially end his tenure next year with elections called for March, but the club's members called for a vote of no confidence in an effort to get Bartomeu out immediately.

A total of 20,687 votes were gathered for the motion against Bartomeu, passing the threshold of 16,250 signatures required for the vote to go ahead.

The Barca board repeatedly tried to suspend or postpone the vote but, on Monday, local authorities rejected the club's push to delay the proceedings.

As a result, the vote was set to go ahead in the coming weeks, but will no longer be necessary as Bartomeu and the board step down.

Bartomeu originally joined Barca during Joan Laporta's presidency, and he ascended to the role himself in January 2014.

He replaced Sandro Rosell, becoming the fortieth President of Barcelona as he signed on to complete the rest of Rosell's tenure following his resignation.

During his time in charge, Barca won La Liga four times as well as the 2014-15 Champions League, but his tenure will largely be defined by the club's failings in his final seasons.

Having struggled in the transfer market since Neymar's departure to join Paris Saint-Germain, Barca finished the 2019-20 season trophyless.

Their 8-2 loss to Bayern only furthered unrest, with Messi's request to leave proving the final straw for the president.

Messi told Goal in September that Bartomeu “did not keep his word”, with former Barca star Luis Suarez saying that he believes Messi will stay at Barca if a new board arrives.

Bartomeu said on Monday that he believed that Messi could lead Barca to titles this season, admitting that he could not let the Argentine leave for the good of the club.

And now, it is Bartomeu that is leaving, as he ends his time in charge of Barca after nearly seven years.

Barcelona are set to face Juventus on Wednesday in the Champions League. **GOAL**

## Kambwili finally out of prison, vows to increase the ‘volume’

**By Julia Malunga**

NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) leader Chishimba Kambwili says he can never be intimidated and has vowed to increase the volume now that he is out of prison.

On Monday, Lusaka Principal Resident Magistrate David Simusamba finally granted Kambwili K100,000 cash bail, with two working sureties from reputable institutions to be bound in the like sum. The total amount was therefore K300,000.

And speaking to journalists after his release, Tuesday, Kambwili, who was welcomed by scores of NDC supporters at Kamwala Reprimand Prison, said he could never be intimidated.

“I will have a press briefing tomorrow (today) to talk about this ordeal. But I just want to thank the people of Zambia that I can never be intimidated! This is political persecution and I am not scared of being persecuted. I will increase the volume as usual,” Kambwili said.

And speaking when he addressed his supporters at his Kabulonga residence, Kambwili thanked NDC members for their support.

“Ndefwaya ukumitotela bonse (I want to thank you all) for your support. Without you, I cannot be encouraged. I am extremely humbled that from the time I was jailed, you have been there for me, you have been there for my family and some of you were spending nights at prison. I want to thank you so much for your commitment. Ndefwaya ukumilaya ukutula ati (I want to assure you that) this political persecution is nothing to me, there is nothing that I can be sacred of. These things happen even when we were in opposition in PF if you don't know balinkakile nakabili (I was arrested) on trumped up charges. I was jailed for 30 days,” said Kambwili.

“And I thought ba PF elyo tuleisa mu (when we are in) power you learn best practices from history and discard bad practices. But it appears that we are impressing flyla fine ba MMD balecita nabo efyo balefwaya ukuchita (the PF are emulating the MMD) which is very unfortunate. I went to prison for not committing an offence at all. The only offence I have committed is to speak for the people of Zambia. And I will never ever be intimidated! In any case what they have they are only allowing me to put more volume. Ninaka sana kuti mwaya kuma yanda mukutusha naine ntushoko (I am tired, you can equally go home as well and rest).”



On October 14, this year, magistrate Simusamba convicted and sentenced Kambwili to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour on charges of forgery and uttering a false document. He however, acquitted him on the other charge of giving false information to a public officer.

**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
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## Nchanga Rangers face Konkola Blades in season opener

## Nkwazi continue to dominate Chess League

**By Ngosa Chalwe**

LEADERS Nkwazi on the weekend extended unbeaten run in the Lusaka Province Chess League to seven games after outwitting LIYOCA in a round seven encounter.

The police outfit where in no compromising mood as they beat LIYOCA 5.5 – 0.5 in a one sided match.

The teams played six matches, with Nkwazi winning five while one match ended in a stalemate.

The result sees Nkwazi maintain their top slot with 21 points five better than Project Chess Zambia (PCZ) who are occupying the second position.

Other results saw PCZ beating Napsa A 3.5 – 2.5 while Red Arrows were too strong for Red Arrows 3.5 – 2.5 in a tightly contested match.

Lusaka Knights recorded a 5.5 – 0.5 win over Kalingalinga A while Green Eagles lost 2 – 4 to Green Buffaloes in a battle for defense force sponsored sides.

University National Division One season is this weekend set to kick off with a fierce derby between Nchanga Rangers and Konkola Blades at Nchanga Stadium in Chingola.

Owing to their close proximity, the two clubs are bitter rivals despite sharing the same sponsor in mining giants Konkola Copper Mines (MCM).

The teams are 25 kilometres apart and this fixture is usually greeted with fanfare as fans take turns to mock each other as they seek to hype their teams.

However, this season's fixture will generate less excitement as the game will be playing behind closed doors in

a bid to avert the spread of the Coronavirus.

Coached by Women National Team coach Bruce Mwape, Rangers are eager to win back promotion to the top

According to the fixture availed to Goal Diggers, the country's second tier will kick off this weekend with a number of interesting fixtures on display.

Former Super Division Champions City of Lusaka will open their campaign against Kashikishi Warriors in an away tie while nine time Super league champions Mufulira Wanderers will face Trident at Shinde Stadium in Mufulira.

Following their relegation from the Super Division,

Kansanshi Dynamos will travel to Ndola to face Gomes while Livingstone Pirates will take on National Assembly.

Chambishi FC will take on MUZA of Mazabuka in Chambishi while Mpulungu Harbour will entertain Zesco Malaiti Rangers as Police College face Kafue Celtic.

The other game will see Zesco Shockers take on KYSA.

Full Fixtures  
Kashikishi v City  
Police v Celtic  
Pirates v Assembly  
Gomes v Kansanshi  
Chambishi v MUZA  
Mpulungu v Malaiti  
Shockers v KYSA  
Wanderers Trident  
Rangers v Blades



# WE HAVE PLAN B - MICHO

**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
CHIPOLOPOLO coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojević says he has already devised a plan to assemble a strong team in an event some foreign based players are not released for the Africa

Cup of Nations qualifiers. Earlier this month, Micho suffered a blow in his preparation for upcoming matches after Austrian club RB Salzburg refused to release starlets Patson Daka and Enock Mwepu

on account of coronavirus fears.

With the European calendar experiencing fixture congestion, there is a possibility that some players may not be allowed to travel and honour

national team call ups.

Micho who arrived yesterday from Ethiopia where he guided Zambia to back to back victories over that country said the technical bench has planned for all eventualities.

The Serbian said he has honed his team in such a way that locally based players are ready for battle if their foreign based counterparts fail to make it.

"We have a clear projection of what is our

first 11, in the best case scenario but we have a back plan, plan B, C, D upto plan Z ready for anything that comes.

"May be professional players will be blocked from coming due to the on-going situation with COVID - 19 we have made our locally based players our special commando forces ready for any challenge ahead of us," Micho said.

Micho refused to be carried away with the results posted in international friendlies.

Under Micho, Zambia has recorded five wins and one loss in six international friendly matches.

"You cannot talk about that [friendlies] this [qualifiers] is a totally different ball game, this was time of trying, testing and experiment," he said.

He said his players need to approach the game against Botswana without any complacency despite going into the game on the back of a good run of results.

"We need to approach Botswana with the highest degree of respect the same way as we are playing against Germany or Spain when they have the ball.

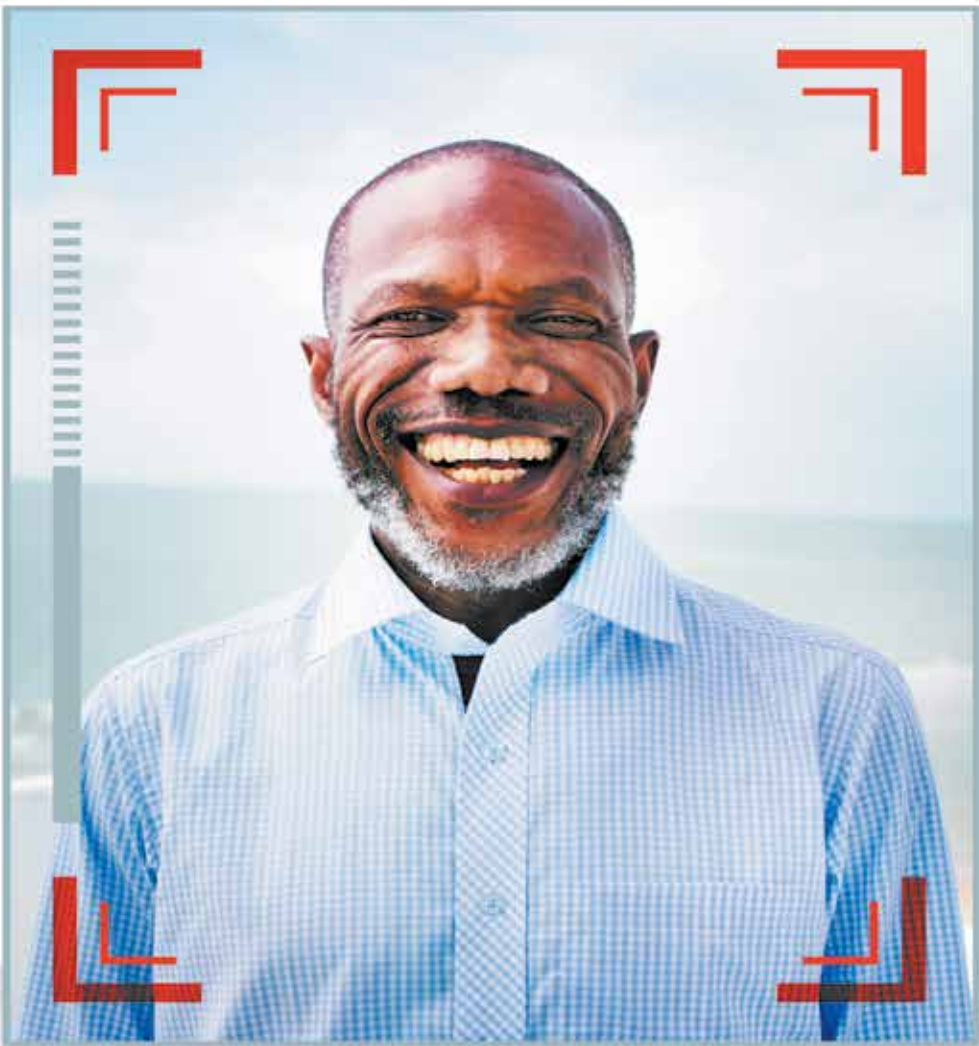

But when we have the ball we need to show ourselves, our talent and quality to get the desired results it will be very hard but I believe in what we do," he said.


Zambia takes on Botswana on November 12 as Micho seeks to revive the country's AfCON qualifier campaign which opened to the worst possible start.

**Nchanga face Konkola Blades in season opener**

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## Is online pre-registration final?



**Biometrics Capture**

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