



TREASON FOR

By Mukosha Funga

In this audio (posted on the News Diggers website), NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili confronts Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo, telling him that he is aware of the directive to the Inspector General of Police to arrest and charge him with treason.

And in response the Minister vows to teach Kambwili a lesson for playing with his 'projects' which he says are important to the people. *Story page 10*

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I'll teach you a lesson, vows Kampyongo



President Edgar Lungu welcomes Prince Harry at State House yesterday - Picture by Salim Henry

Prince to buy elephants for Zambia
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Reject Lungu like Petauke has done, UPND tells northerners

By Mirriam Chabala

UPND deputy secretary general Patrick Mucheleka says Northern Province must reject President Edgar Lungu the way Easterners have done. On Saturday, President Lungu said he felt rejected by his own people from Petauke after a UPND candidate beat PF in Lusinde ward. *To page 11*

We've a system that's protecting culprits with mere transfers, PS Mushota tells PAC
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2018 budget has failed to cut poverty, says CSPR

By Abraham Kalito

Civil Society for Poverty Reduction executive director Patrick Nshindano says the 2018 national budget has failed to address the high poverty levels due to reduced spending on social sectors. And Nshindano has said many Zambians have fallen into the poverty trap due to high levels of vulnerability of the poor to economic shocks. *To page 4*

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My nomination came as a shocker - Nakacinda

By Mirriam Chabala
Raphael Nakacinda says his nomination to the National Assembly as member of parliament by President Edgar Lungu was such a shocker because he never imagined he could have that privilege. Nakacinda, who is dismissed Felix Mutati's MMD national secretary has, however, vowed to continue organising his party in readiness for the 2021 general election, saying it is his responsibility to coordinate the party as chief executive officer. Speaking when he featured on Diamond Television's Costa show, Sunday, Nakacinda thanked President Lungu for the boldness he had expressed in identifying him for the task ahead. "First of all, I never ever imagined, it never even crossed my mind that this privilege would be

accorded to me. Those who have worked with me do know that I have a philosophy that I operate with, and that is a philosophy of value addition. I never pursue positions, I believe that positions are just a means to the end, and to that effect, wherever you are, you can use your gifts, talents and be able to add value and impact the lives of those that you seek to save. So, it was really a surprise, if not a shocker, that there was such a consideration," Nakacinda narrated. "I want to take this opportunity to thank the President of the Republic of Zambia for the boldness he has expressed in his desire to identify talent in me, it was a surprise! It came speedily, but we are able to manage ourselves in terms of considering this responsibility and

what it would do to the country and what it would do to the party. Going on all options, we felt there is a time for which we can put subordinate, either partisan or individual interest, to national interest." Nakacinda, however, conceded that forming an alliance with a ruling party as the opposition was not easy. "To have two political parties come together in national interest is not an easy fit, especially that it's the first time we are having a situation where a former ruling party coming to work with a party that beat them in an election because there is always that competitive attitude between the two political parties and it requires a lot of patience, a lot of skill and very focused leadership. If the principles that you are basing this relationship

are fundamental, you have to work around the feeling and attitude of members, who may not fully understand and see the bigger picture in terms of this working relationship. It's not just the Patriotic Front, for your own information, MMD members have also expressed discomfort in many ways," Nakacinda lamented. Asked why the MMD was still in the relationship if they were not very comfortable, he said the alliance was inevitable. "Every development that brings about the paradigm shift in the way things are done from the traditional mode will always create some kind of resistance, but it is inevitable. With the 50+1 threshold for political parties to work together, for us as MMD, we try to communicate the importance of this

alliance and the fact that it is inevitable for us to work with other political parties and when we look at the options that we have, Patriotic Front, even when we competed in 2011, I think were favoured by the Movement for Multi-party Democracy because most of the people that are in the Patriotic Front, including their first president, Michael Sata are products of the MMD," he explained. Meanwhile, Nakacinda said there was no ulterior motive behind his appointment, and as such, he would continue mobilising his party ahead of 2021. "MMD is an independent political party, just like the Patriotic Front are an independent political party. Our relevance lies in our programmes of mobilising ourselves and the numbers, as it is

usually said that politics is about numbers. It is my responsibility as national secretary to continue organising our party. At the time when President Lungu was indicating that he had decided to nominate me, he said: 'we do not want to compromise your position as national secretary of the MMD. We are an alliance partner and we would want that the Patriotic Front is strong, the MMD is strong and the spirit of this alliance would want that we also have some kind of a voice in Parliament and we think that you can help and serve the Zambian people in that particular role'. So, it's not a nomination that comes with ulterior [motives], at least I didn't sense that ulterior motive," he added. Asked how the party had received his appointment after the dismissal of Felix Mutati, Nakacinda declined to comment.

"I will not be able to answer to speculations because the reasons for which the President revoked the appointment of honourable Mutati as Minister (as Works and Supply) have not been given. So, I will not be able to speak authoritatively around that issue. As for how the party will treat this appointment, we need to sit as a party and discuss because we have not met since honourable Mutati was dismissed from his position," replied Nakacinda.

England's Prince Harry to buy hundreds of elephants for Zambia

By Mirriam Chabala
Prince Harry has offered to acquire hundreds of elephants from Botswana for the Kafue National Park in a quest to double the number of tourists to Zambia by 2030. Speaking to journalists shortly after President Edgar Lungu's private meeting with Prince Harry, Monday, State House press aide Amos Chanda disclosed that the British royal had offered to help Zambia in wildlife conservation. "His Royal Highness, Prince Harry has been holding private talks with the President. Within those discussions, they touched on a wide range of issues, particularly the most important is the passion between the two leaders. Prince Harry has offered to assist Zambia with the conservation of wildlife, particularly in Kafue National Park where he has given the offer to assist Zambia acquire hundreds of elephants from Botswana and they would move into the Kafue National Park under the auspices of African Parks, an organization where he is Chairperson. So the President has given

full support to African Parks, as you know they are the ones who operate the Liuwa National Par, where there an incredible crop of animal population from the time he took over and also where they are operating," said Chanda. "The two leaders have also

agreed on the mechanism where the Minister of Tourism of Zambia went into a Memorandum of Understanding with Africa Parks, and African Parks is delivering documents guiding this Memorandum of Understanding and then that process

of transporting large numbers of elephants from Botswana into Kafue National Park and by so doing, improving other conservation methods. So the Prince is here to ensure that tourist numbers could double within between now and 2030, with the

introduction of elephant population, boosting up the elephant population and also conserving what is the focus of this initiative, which is to emphasize that it would add considerable to youth empowerment and job creation within the conservation areas."

Witness narrates how ZAFFICO rioters looted shops in Kitwe

By Mable Chansa
A 21-year-old man of Chamboli Township has told the Kitwe Magistrates' Court that the ZAFFICO rioters looted a Chinese Supermarket, King Mei, and stole plasma TVs and cooking pots. Kelvin Bwalya, Boyd Kasuba, Peter Chitabula, Fabian Chengo, Steven Kalunga, Kelvin Sikatali, Dabwitso Njobvu, Bruce Chitalu, Richard Mphande, Harison Mumba, Steven Mambwe, Bornface Kunda, Alex Kamanga and Langanani Nkhata are charged with two counts of rioting and injuring of building contrary to the laws of Zambia. Allegations are that on November 5, this year, in Kitwe, jointly and whilst acting together took part in a riot by breaching the peace to the

terror of the public. In count two, allegations are that on November 5 this year in Kitwe, being riotously assembled, damaged King Mei supermarket, the property of Guy Kalumba. Appearing before Chief Resident Magistrate Yvonne Nalomba for commencement of trial, Victor Mwindula told court that on the material day he received a phone call from his boss that they would not open the supermarket as there was confusion at Nakadoli market. Mwindula said his boss also instructed to go and man the shop incase the rioters decided to break into the supermarket. He said on his way to the shop, he found an angry mob that had blocked government road

in Chimwemwe Township with burning tires and that they were sending away every oncoming vehicle. He narrated that as he reached the shop, he found four of his co-workers keeping vigil. He said shortly after police had dispersed the rioters from the road, they re-mobilised themselves and walked towards the shop. He recalled that he heard one of the people in the mob say they break down the shop and get some goods. He said they later started throwing stones at the windows and doors of King Mei supermarket and opened it and got away with goods such as mattresses, pots and dishes. He told court that he and his fellow

workers could not stop the mob from looting the shop as they were too many. He said he later decided to call his boss and inform him that his shop had been looted and that there were no police officers to help disperse the group of people. "The rioters threw stones at the supermarket's windows and doors and when they managed to enter the shop, they got away with DVDs, Bicycles and plasma TVs. We could not do anything about it as they were a lot so we decided to call our boss and tell him about what had happened to his shop," he said. Magistrate Nalomba has since adjourned the matter to December 10 and 11 for continued trial.

Parliamentarians debate relevance of Human Rights Commission

By Mirriam Chabala
Chiengi FDD member of parliament Given Katuta has called for the disbandment of the Human Rights Commission (HRC), saying the Commission does nothing to protect the rights of Zambians. And Kabwe member of parliament Tutwa Ngulube is proposing that the HRC must in fact have a structure similar to that at Legal Aid, where the Commission would have its own prosecutors and begin to prosecute people that violate other people's rights. Debating the 2019 budgetary allocation to the Human Rights,

Zambia Police and Zambia Corrections Service Commissions in Parliament on Friday last week, Katuta refused to support the budgetary allocation specifically for the HRC, saying the Commission was moribund. "If we can only have the Human Rights Commission based in Lusaka, how are they are going to reach out to the people in rural areas like Chiengi where there are so many cases of abuse of human rights? There are so many cases

which we can talk about, the right to education, right to have clean and good drinking water, sanitation, right to so many things but how does this Commission help the Zambian people? This is where we expect them to come out in full force to be the voice of the voiceless. If you go to Chiengi, the children are learning in classrooms which have grass thatched roofs, they sit on the floor. So already, a human right of that child is being violated and where

is the Human Rights Commission? In clinics, women give birth on the floor and the woman's right is being violated and poor people in our areas do not even know who to approach to say 'our rights are being violated,'" Katuta said "If the Human Rights Commission was doing it's part, it would be sensitising the people of Zambia, especially those in the rural areas to say 'look, your rights are being violated'. Unfortunately maybe it's because they

are appointed by the government of the day, that's why they can't speak on behalf of the voiceless. Honestly I feel like I shouldn't even support the budget because I have always cried that the Human Rights are mute on so many incidences. I have never heard that the human rights are now in court, they have taken this person to court... there is nothing. The Human Rights Commission is not doing much, no wonder they are not well funded. It cannot be funded if even Zambians don't even know what they are supposed to be doing. We hear of Human Rights yes, but this is the Commission we expect to work with even the NGOs and other departments and all political parties regardless. But here we see that opposition politicians are mistreated in this country. Their rights are stamped on but the Human Rights is quiet. So Madam Chair, I really have difficulties in supporting this particular budget. Last year I supported but I feel that for the time being, this Human Rights Commission should be squashed off until we see that we have a Human Rights Commission which will not be bias."

And Ngulube who castigated the Human Rights Commission for its lack of performance, suggested that the Commission be given powers to prosecute. "We are aware that the Human Rights Service Commission has several difficulties. It's my proposal that in fact, the Human Rights Service Commission must have a structure similar to that at Legal Aid or MPA, they should have prosecutors. The Human Rights Commission must begin to prosecute some of these people that violate people's rights. Right now, I don't

know if they have any lawyers. Yes they may have lawyers around but I don't know how many lawyers go to court. We want to see a Human Rights Commission that has teeth to bite. We do not just want to hear that 'at such and such a place, there was such and such a violation of human rights. We want to see the Human Rights Commission dragging people to court and prosecuting them. The Constitution is very clear, 'people must get compensation if their rights are violated,'" said Ngulube.

"We have heard a lot of complaints about the Human Rights Commission, some people the Human Rights Commission is a bad one. This a government institution that entirely depends on government for their funding and for everything. A lot of people in places like Lundazi, Mushindamo don't even know about the human rights, the only time they hear about it is when they hear it on Radio or read about it in the Newspaper. So we want the Human Rights Commission to being to take up circuits. You need to move, don't just sit in Lusaka and cry about the establishment. Let us collaborate with Zambia police, they have a lot of transport. The judiciary has a lot of transport, you can go there and ask for some transport to move your officers to go to Mushindamo district to do some operations and come back. You cannot continue crying, as a Human Rights Commission you must be a watchdog to ensure that the rights of our people are protected." Meanwhile, Ngulube also condemned the nepotism, tribalism and favouritism in the promotion of officers at the Zambia Police and Correctional Service Commissions.

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Civil Society for Poverty Reduction executive director Patrick Nshindano says the 2018 national budget has failed to address the high poverty levels due to reduced spending on social sectors. And Nshindano has said many Zambians have fallen into the poverty trap due to high levels of vulnerability of the poor to economic shocks. Meanwhile, Nshindano says the crowding out effect of Zambia's debt on social spending due to high interest repayments has devastating impact and undermines efforts to reduce poverty beyond the point of failure. In an interview with News Diggers! Saturday, Nshindano said the budget rates for social protection had recorded a sharper decline in 2018 compared to 2017 with the lowest being at

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42 per cent. "The Civil Society for Poverty Reduction has noted with concern the continued low disbursements to key social sector programmes, including the Constituency Development Fund, undermining both poverty reduction efforts and the effective implementation of the 7NDP plan. We have observed that the national budgets have failed to ensure that they effectively address the high poverty levels due to low budget credibility and under-spending, especially on social sectors. CSPR analysis of actual expenditure has continued to record significant under-spending. Under-spending of the budget of over 10 per cent is indicative of a violation of the obligation to dedicate maximum available resources to the realization of the set programme objectives and indeed a violation of the right to education, healthcare, water and sanitation, social protection etc," Nshindano said. "Social sector budgets in the five poorest provinces monitored by CSPR which included Western, North-western, Luapula, Southern and Eastern Provinces indicated an average of 64 per cent budget execution for the period 2018. Social protection (48 per cent) and Water supply and sanitation (42 per cent) had the lowest budget execution rates. Unlike other sectors, budget execution rates for social protection have recorded a sharper decline in 2018 compared to 2017." And Nshindano said the country's high debt and related repayments were undermining poverty reduction efforts. "We further note that the countries current debt position continues to be a major risk on social sector expenditure. The crowding out effect of debt on social spending due to high interest repayments has devastating impact as it undermines efforts to reduce poverty beyond the point of failure to implement pro-poor programmes to the extent of facilitating for more citizens to actually fall into the poverty trap due to high level of vulnerability of the poor to economic shocks with little or no coping mechanisms, coupled with weak social protection programs that ideally should provide the necessary cover," said Nshindano. "This is even made worse as the little resources meant for the poor are delayed in terms of disbursements and become increasingly erratic, including cash transfers subjecting the poor and vulnerable to unbearable living conditions. To this regard, despite the current economic challenges faced by the country, we expected the government to ensure timely and adequate disbursements are made to pro-poor sectors. Poverty reduction is best served through general public expenditure investment and management processes and thereby strengthen public service provision."

Keeping Monetary Policy Rate at 9.75% best decision – Chibamba

By Abraham Kalito
Chibamba Kanyama has said the Bank of Zambia's decision to retain the Monetary Policy Rate at 9.75 per cent in November is the best decision meant to encourage economic growth amidst rising inflationary pressures. And Kanyama, an economic analyst, says an increase in the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) would have hurt the agriculture sector further as farmers are currently seeking funding from financial institutions. The Bank of Zambia's Monetary Policy Committee last week announced that it had decided to maintain the policy rate at 9.75 per cent. In an interview with News Diggers in Lusaka, Saturday, Kanyama said maintaining the MPR this month was the best decision, saying it would help the country recover further from an economic crisis of two years ago. "The decision by the Bank of Zambia to maintain the Monetary Policy Rate is well calculated to maintain momentum of investment at a time when any upward adjustment would stall investments and economic growth. Remember that the economy has not fully recovered from the 2015/16 economic crisis brought about by low copper prices, electricity outages, low food production and expenditures related to the elections. It takes a long

time for an economy that once enjoyed an average growth rate of 6.9 per cent over ten years to pick up from the current low rate of growth without improving the liquidity position of the country," Kanyama said. "A higher policy rate has a direct impact on commercial lending rates on two fronts: first, the policy rate determines the level at which government borrows from the market through auctions of government securities. The higher the rate, the more attracted commercial banks get to invest resources in government paper away from the open market. This is what we call crowding out the private sector in the credit market. The second implication is that the commercial banks will raise interest rates. This is what the Bank wants to avoid. The market had expected a raise in the monetary policy rate given the current rate of inflation. However, the Bank of Zambia chose to maintain the current momentum of encouraging economic activity. The expectation is that higher investment due to reasonably stable interest rates will induce production and cure inflation." He further said with the El-Nino weather conditions expected in Zambia, an increase in the MPR during the planting season would have had an immediate impact on farmers who had already started borrowing

from banks in readiness for the season. "The timing is also perfect – you do not raise a policy rate during the planting season when farmers are already negotiating funding options with commercial banks at the known rate. This would have had an

immediate impact on agricultural investments. It is an El Nino year when we ought to have farmers capitalise on a shortened rainy season. If it was not for high inflation levels, the Bank of Zambia would actually have lowered the policy rate further to

improve market liquidity, but the regulator has been caught in a Catch 22 situation. In short, the decision is the best under the circumstances and I encourage the market to fully leverage the opportunity," said Kanyama.



Democratic Party 2018 presidential candidate Harry Kalaba joins some famers in Msandile village in Eastern Province on November 24, 2018 – Picture by Tenson Mkhala

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
Housing and Infrastructure Development Permanent Secretary Charles Mushota on Friday told the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) that there is system failure as it came to light that the two officers dismissed from his ministry for allegedly stealing money were actually transferred there from another ministry where they committed similar offences. Meanwhile, Mushota got a warning from PAC instead of praise after he pleaded for commendation for recommending dismissal of officers accused of theft at the ministry. Committee Chairperson Howard Kunda told Mushota that the committee would recommend his surcharge if he continued appearing in

We’ve a system failure where thieving civil servants are just transferred – PS Mushota

the Auditor General’s report for not adhering to the Public Finance Management Act. Mushota had appeared before the PAC to respond to audit queries cited in the Auditor General’s report for the financial year ended 31st December, 2017. He told the committee that the three dismissed officers at the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development had earlier been transferred from other ministries after committing similar offences. The three dismissed officers had committed three different offences of failure

to retire money amounting to K346, 516; failure to retire paid meal allowances amounting to K32, 300, and failure to avail receipt books used in receipting funds amounting to K505, 250. Responding to questions from committee members, Mushota explained that one of the officers was dismissed after losing receipt books when he was compelled to do so. “The custodian of the receipt books is the officer who has been dismissed. The officer was told to

get a police report to that effect. Apparently, he got a police report which was not acceptable to management and also to the auditors for the simple reason that one, we questioned where this police report was obtained from because as you are aware chair, the ministry is within Ridgeway and around Ridgeway. We have a number of police stations and we believe that this accountable documents, the receipts, should have gone missing within the ministry premises but instead, the police report was obtained from Avondale. We didn’t

understand the motive and also the way it was just done. Now the officer has been dismissed [and so] it becomes very difficult for us to make further follow-ups in terms of knowing exactly where these receipt books are and how it happened that they went missing,” Mushota explained. “The two cashiers whom we had were the custodians of these documents because they were the ones who were receiving the monies and receipting. But before the audits, we discovered some malpractices by the two officers. So we took action as management before the audit started. So when the audits started, we tried to see whether we can get any information as to the whereabouts of these receipts [and] by this time, the two officers had been suspended. So it was very difficult. And the two officers have been dismissed. And the law enforcement agencies are investigating this matter.”

He then wondered why the erring officers were moved to his ministry after committing similar offences at another ministry. “The officers who have been dismissed really put us in a very awkward position despite that as management [or] as a ministry, we really meant well to serve the people of Zambia. Yes, we have a system failure chair. Why do I say so? It is because the two cashiers who have been dismissed were with another ministry where similar activities had happened and they were transferred to my ministry. The principal accountant had been involved in two previous cases of similar nature and he was transferred to my department,” Mushotaa said. Kunda then asked Mushota why he was not following the rules that had been put in place to ensure that financial management was guaranteed.

In response, Mushota begged for commendation for dismissing officers who were “a problem” in the governance system. “Chair I think you should commend me. What I am trying to say is that at least we managed as a ministry to deal with these officers who could not be dealt with elsewhere. You know charging an officer, you need

to have proper evidence; otherwise it becomes difficult to charge an officer. And therefore for the chief accountant, I would say that there was an under performance [because] I could not get the reports which I needed and I badly needed these reports,” Mushota pleaded. However, Kunda differed with Mushota and told him that he would not have appeared in the audit report if he was doing a good job. “No, we are not here to commend you if you are cited there and you are submitting these anomalies with corrections, then it means that you have done something wrong and that is why you are there. So PS, we are not here to pat you on the back. We want these issues to be corrected,” he told Mushota.

In winding up the hearing, Kunda said he was disappointed that the value of the queries for Mushota’s ministry had escalated to over K5 million.

He further warned Mushota that the committee had all the powers to recommend his surcharge if he failed to perform his duties effectively.

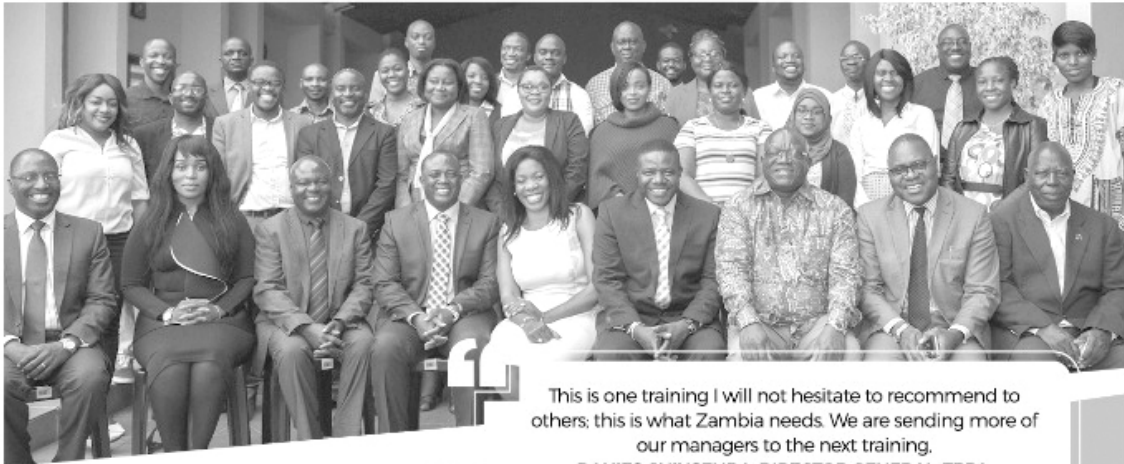
“Looking at 2017 queries, the value of these queries has gone to K5, 416, 516. It is very important that PS, this issue of procurement [is dealt with] because that is what is carrying the larger amount that needs to be addressed and it is in connection with the new systems. Putting systems together that will work for you and not what you will work for those systems. Now coming to this document (the Public Finance Management Act), you need to read [and] understand it because it has provisions that will help you. And also, if you do not do your duties, you are also liable and this committee will not hesitate to recommend for surcharge because you will have failed to adhere to the provisions of this act. So based on the fact that we have referred to the issue of an accountant whom you have said did wrong [and] for you to surrender somebody who was not doing their work and no charge was made on that officer, it shows that you did not do your duties if we follow the laid down rules that are in this act,” warned Kunda.



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Capacitating communities through holistic decentralisation: The UPND way

By Newton Samakayi

In 1993, Government approved the Public Service Reform Programme (PSRP) and National Capacity Building Programme for good governance. These programmes were aimed at enhancing improvements in development and service delivery in the Public Sector. It is worth noting that during the submissions to Mwanakatwe Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) of 1996, Zambians emphatically submitted in support of decentralisation through devolution.

In pursuit of actualising the constitutional provisions on decentralisation, the MMD Government launched the National Decentralisation Policy (NDP) in 2002 to respond to both the constitution and PSRP pillar four (4) which sought to decentralise some functions to Local Authorities. The implementation timelines for implementation of this policy was ten (10) years.

There is need to mention that nine (9) years into implementation of this policy, MMD did not do work commensurate with the agreed timelines. When PF came into power, people were hopeful that they would accelerate implementation of the National Decentralisation Policy (NDP). However, PF changed the trajectory and adopted a populist stance by creating a litany of districts and styled it "bringing services closer to the people".

After they were done creating districts in areas of their interest, they changed the rules- no area with a population of less than 100,000 shall be given a district status. In the meantime, the newly declared districts do not have that population size.

It's now evident that PF government is not willing to enable people to participate

in making choices for development and service delivery. In the last seven years of the PF administration, decentralisation programme has been severely slowed down in key areas that facilitate the actual transfer of authority, power and resources to the Local Authorities (LAs).

It's now our considered view that the PF has greater difficulties in respecting the will of the people by giving them functions with corresponding resources to local authorities , that is why they are procrastinating on implementation of of the NDP.

As UPND, when we take over government in 2021, we shall;

- 1) Ensure that people's aspirations for localised self_ determination through participation in development and service delivery is not only upheld but delivered to them.
- 2) Ensure that we facilitate the transfer of power, authority, functions and corresponding resources through legal means to local authorities in accordance with the principle of devolution.
- 3) Ensure that, in accordance with our enduring motto- People power, Our power, Our land, harmonise all relevant legislation among them, the Local Government Act, Planning and Budgeting Bill, Executive Functions Act, Ward Development Bill, and various regulations within twelve months. This is to ensure that decentralisation is strengthened and legally anchored. This approach leads to truly empowering our people through legal means to decide and confront issues that challenge them in pursuit of good living standards.
- 4) Ensure that we strengthen substructures such as ward Development committees

by capacitating areas of community mobilisation, planning and budgeting, project management to ensure effective execution of community projects. This will in turn lead to efficient and effective utilisation of public resources.

- 5) Ensure we provide leadership in devising mechanisms to enhance Local Economic Development (LED) through development of cottage industries to enable local authorities broaden their revenue base,
- 6) Ensure that all revenue sources that are earmarked for local authorities either by the constitution, subordinate legislation or recommendations from consultancy studies are reverted to local authorities with minimum delays,
- 7) Ensure that the central government truly plays it's appropriate role in a decentralised environment, which is policy promulgation, standard setting, monitoring and evaluation.

We believe that at this level of world order and the thrust with which world leaders are pushing for good governance, it is imperative that development choices are no longer in the hands of the higher level elected leaders but with the Local people themselves through their local authorities .

The central government's role should be that of providing policy guidance, monitoring, and evaluation of policy implementation to ensure adherence to national goals and international protocols.

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It is actually inappropriate to subsidize a company's operations as owner. Good businesspeople hardly use personal vehicles to carry out company work unless the company pays for it. It is the business that should instead subsidize your operations because that is why it exists – to support your personal goals. Owners who plough capital into a troubled company do so with the expectation that they will be paid a high return after a period of time. Besides personal goals, an entrepreneur will need to be clear about business goals. These precede the financing decision and they determine the growth pattern of your business. It must be clear from the outset what your business is all about you and what you want to achieve from it. One couple started a service station but without understanding what it was all about. They went on to invest all their earnings into property in the quest for rapid expansion. They forgot that the service station needed a lot of liquid cash as many oil marketing companies such as Bp, Total or Caltex will have limited liquidity

provisions. They want cash. The consequences were disastrous. All their properties that existed prior to this business have been taken over by banks that helped finance the purchase of daily stocks of fuel. You can never have a realistic business plan without getting together sound information on your business. Successful entrepreneurs avoid plunging resources or expanding rapidly into investments they know very little about.

First, the main objective of a business is to produce goods and services. This point needs to be emphasized because most of us

"Successful entrepreneurs avoid plunging resources or expanding rapidly into investments they know very little about"

set up businesses for the primary purposes of reaping off people. We seek to be rewarded before we have produced a good or service that fully satisfies the customer.

An example is of a gentleman who set up a company selling computers and software. He was awarded a contract by the government to deliver a number of computers. He received a down-payment but failed to deliver. He later fled the country. Unless you are sure you will deliver goods and services for which you should be paid, you are simply defrauding others.

Second, your business objective is to succeed. Entrepreneurs never plan to fail. A good business plan should fully support this function of success. Remember that from the

moment you set up your business, society and contemporaries watch you. Some will not bother about whether you make profits or not. The fact that you are functioning triggers some expectations of goodwill from them. Some sentiments may be negative and others positive. Success in this case can be measured by the fact that the business has finally established the dream of producing goods and services. It is about being in the right business.

Third, your business goal should be about making profits. You are starting a business for positive reasons - you saw an opportunity- your business plan should, therefore, project profitability otherwise no one will fund it. A business is an investment and by definition, an investment is the creation of money through the use of capital. In other words, your business should earn a reasonable return. Once again, as discussed in the previous chapter, you are in business to make money.

Fourth, your business goal is to grow. It takes courage to start a business but it takes much more to keep it going successfully. Some businesses have been well established and operate profitably but they have been producing the same quantity for the past ten years. Growth is measured by actual geographical expansion, product volume, number of employees, profitability, and levels of assets and to some great extent, social responsibility. The bigger you become, the more responsibilities to the community you may have! But this expansion should be incremental otherwise it will be recipe for disaster. (This is an extract from my book, Business Values for Our Time).

The word “investment” in the Patriotic Front manifesto is mentioned 25 times, but we have not seen anywhere where the ruling party policy document is referring to the Provincial Investment and Tourism Expos that it has embarked on. So, whoever came up with this idea probably did not get enough attention to have the plan incorporated in the manifesto as a means of promoting industrialization and job creation.

The tollgates vision is clearly outlined in the PF manifesto, and we have read how they plan to recover the money spent on road infrastructure through toll fees from the already financially-depressed motorists. But we haven’t seen any policy analysis on how this government plans to actualize prospects from these Provincial Investment Expos in its bid to foster economic growth.

The closest that the PF manifesto gets towards this undertaking is under Commerce Trade and Industry where they pledge that by 2021, they will “accelerate industrialisation through identification and initiation of appropriate industries by the Industrial Development Corporation; establish special Economic Zones - industrial parks, logistics parks, industrial estates and innovation hubs; promote labour

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Provincial Investment Expos, a great initiative by the Patriotic Front

intensive industries to create employment; and enhance Zambia’s participation in the regional economic integration initiatives.”

Our point is that these investment expos came into being by chance, a fluke in other words. But be that as it may, this is one of the best economic development plans coming out of President Edgar Lungu’s administration. If anything, it is one of the top benefits of the Zambia-China relations, because according to our memory, this whole initiative was started by what was called an exchange programme between the Chinese investors and our provincial ministers.

We still recall how Zambians complained

that such a huge delegation of ministers was travelling business class to China with no clear explanation of what they were going to do there. The next thing we saw was an unprecedented Investment Expo in Luapula, awakening the tourism and investment potential of the region. Today, this fluke initiative has been replicated in other provinces and we are seeing investors jostling to see what opportunities they can tap into.

What we particularly like about this initiative is that it is a diversified and decentralized programme that takes social economic transformation opportunities to the people who, otherwise would be migrating towards the line of rail

looking for employment. If properly actualized, the investment prospects from this initiative can cause the opening up of so many industries in areas where school leavers and college graduates are running from.

We can’t continue crying over Mansa Batteries, Kapiri Glass manufacturing, Mwinilunga Pineapple cannery, Chipata Bicycle Plant or Mulungushi Textiles, as if our national leaders don’t have brains any more. If investors don’t want to pour money into those fossil companies and revamp them, showcase something else. Open up the rest of the provinces and let the local people partner with the foreigners in opening up value-addition businesses

in the agriculture sector, tourism and what have you.

However, to maximize national benefits from these Provincial Expos, government will have to do more than just “creating a conducive environment” for investment. A conducive environment could mean simply facilitating for the quick processing of operating licenses, or frankly, keeping an open-door policy to corrupt investors and calling that ‘the ease of doing business in Zambia.’

We want government to do things differently under this initiative. We need government to first of all, guard Zambia’s interests jealously and put citizens first! Let there be a system that follows through to ensure that

the local people are partnering with those who are seeking to invest in these regions. This must not be about creating more casual labour for Zambians. Our people have the brains, they have the business ideas, they must be empowered with land and other necessary requisites so that they can have meaningful leveraging power as they partner with those who are coming into the country.

When we hear that the Chinese are opening up a US \$300 million private multi-economic facility zone in Ngabwe District, we also want to hear the names of the Zambian partners in this massive investment. The Central Province Investment Expo was not a conduit for more shady deals and giving land to foreigners, it was about getting Zambians involved in the industrialization initiative.

We want to admit that the PF has got the tools under this undertaking to fulfil just one campaign promise, at least for the people out there. Yes, they have built and continue to build road infrastructure – leading to these provincial centres where investors are being enticed, but if they mishandle the undertaking, it will become a source of further pain for the suffering Zambians! The start looks sensible, but we are worried about poor finishing.

Crossword puzzle 239

*“You never change things by fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.” - Buckminster Fuller*

Solutions to puzzle 238

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Across

1. Mass of insects
4. Seek damages
6. Part of a play
7. Hustler
8. Kanga's child
9. Place to leave valuables
11. Overconfident
14. Not me; thee
15. Vantage point
17. Incorporated (abbr.)
18. Bumped into
19. Wrapped up

Down

1. Fires
2. Time gone by
3. Construct
4. Play a guitar
5. Self perception
10. Apples and oranges
12. A deadly sin
13. Shoe part
14. Potato substitute
16. Zeus or Apollo

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Reader's feedback

Zambia's reserves dropping to US \$1.6bn

"I guess at \$1.7 billion of reserves, our import cover would be less than two months and that is not ideal. Debt servicing will remain a constant challenge for many years to come all because of excessive borrowing. Infrastructure development is fine, but it must be done at a rate, which our tiny economy can sustain without any undue distress. Right now, it is safe to say our economy is feeling the weight of debt servicing as evidenced by the dip in our foreign reserves." - Felix Nkonge

"You see now what the adverse effects of borrowing for consumption does? We know of a few other economic fundamentals that are suffering as a result of debt repayments. GRZ needs to suspend borrowing and concentrate on generating resources internally." - Mike Phiri

'Lusambo's demands for Kamanga to go shows indiscipline!'



Editor,
"This is indiscipline and Lusambo must be warned! Kamanga was not appointed; he was elected by the people and he has the mandate until the next elections, just like ECL. Furthermore, Lusambo is not the Minister of Sports. In short, he is stepping onto someone's job! Anyway, I am not surprised given his calibre; he doesn't even know is boundaries." - Haggai Mandala

"Know your jurisdiction. This isn't your yard to say and do anything!" - Chanda Simpindu

"Even your President has failed, but we are waiting for 2021 so that we can vote him out!" - Ndonji Daniel

"Hon. Lusambo, to say the truth, Andrew Kamanga and FAZ as a whole have got nothing to do with the failure by our national team to qualify for the AFCON. When you look at how our players are playing in every match, you will realise that the winning mentality isn't in them! What we don't need now is not to start pointing fingers at the Kamanga-led FAZ executive, but to start rebuilding the team and focus on qualifying to the 2021 AFCON and the 2022 World Cup. Blaming Andrew Kamanga will not solve anything because in fact, there is sanity now at FAZ from the time A.K. took over." - Emmalito Lias

"Kamanga was transparently and fairly elected as FAZ president, not rigging! And is Kamanga or Sven the ones playing the game? If they have done their part, what do you want them to do?? Herve used to say: 'the problem with Zambians, everyone is a player or a coach!' - Urwyla Kalota

Lungu hand over of RB's Makeni mansion

Dear Editor,

"This law must go to the dust bin! Most Zambians are building their homes through loans and any means available. Why should someone with hefty allowances and an easy-going life receive a house on a silver platter!?" - Caleb Siame

"Scrap the law! And if I was President, I would go further and ensure no building of houses for past, present and future presidents and auction already-built houses so that those people can build from their salaries!" - Noel Kalimamukwento

"So, handing over a house built by money given? That Copperbelt toll gate is equivalent to almost 11x presidential mansions!" - Brian Tembo

"RB, please be remorseful and sympathize with other former Heads of State who are not as 'lucky' as you are, than mocking them about adopting to your model! God does NOT sleep boss." - Friday Kashiwa

"How can RB's house be built first

and not FTJ, LM? Is it WAKO ni WAKO model?" - Alfred Mula

"KK is the only former president who deserves a house as retirement package, not FTJ, not RB, not even ECL. Mwanawasa, maybe, the rest can build their own houses using their pocket money! The whole entire 10 years in State House, almost everything free! On top of that, you build a house for him?

That's just wild greediness!" - Jason Mwanza

"This is a bold decision from president ECL, and he is very right about it. Why should the State build a retirement house for someone who becomes a Republican President at the age of 70? Where was he all those years for him/her to fail build his own/family house?" - Elijah C Silwamba

'Nevers should first meet Mutati, not worry about talks with Lungu'

Editor,
"First of all, meet Mutati and agree on who will become party president and vice, then give Lungu and PF checks and balances, get locked up and you will meet with him." - Silumesi Inyama

"Dr. Mumba must seek God's guidance for his revival then proceed to meet bwana Felix Mutati. Not what he is planning." - Peter Mwale

"What about Nevers meeting Mutati? That's what we want to hear. You meeting the President now is not tenable because you will meet him in what capacity? Already, he has shown you which part of MMD he recognises." - Caristo Mwango

"Which meeting when Raphael has already gotten the job?" - Brighton B. Banda

"I can foresee Nevers eating some dangled carrot!" - Chanda Marcus

By Mukosha Funga

In an audio (posted on the News Diggers website), NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili confronts Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo, telling him that he is aware of the directive to the Inspector General of Police to arrest and charge him with treason.

And in response the Minister vows to teach Kambwili a lesson for playing with his 'projects' which he says are important to the people.

Below is a transcript of their conversation:

Kambwili: Ba Kampyongo muli shani? (Kampyongo how are you?)

Kampyongo: Bwino shani ba honourable (Fine thank you, how are you?)

Kambwili: Mwa pwisha meeting yakunpela treason? (Have you finished your meeting where you are planning to charge me with treason?)

Kampyongo: Kwisa uko (where is that?)

Kambwili: Fyonse efyo mwachita discuss naba IG natwishiba (I know everything you have discussed with the IG), I am ready to be arrested for treason. Yonse ama (all the) instructions aya fumine from State House to you, naba IG, so muli mu meeting nombaline, I know about it.

Kampyongo: Naba nani (with who)?

Kambwili: You are with the IG and police officers planning to arrest me.

Kampyongo: Don't be so cheap, don't be so much of a coward if you don't know what you are doing.

Kambwili: No, just come and arrest me for treason, I am ready for you.

Kampyongo: I will teach you a lesson, if you start playing with my projects, those projects you are playing around with, you know know how much they are important to our people.

Audio reveals Kampyongo, Kambwili in bitter exchange

Kambwili: Kampyongo, when you speak for the people, it's not playing with the projects. You should not allow these investors, because they are doing projects for the police to be mistreating our people. You are an MP just like me and if people come to your home, as a member of parliament and complain to you as a member of parliament and you talk to them, it is not treason Kampyongo.	Kampyongo: No listen...	Kampyongo: You are so childish, I don't want to deal with childish people like yourself.	those AVIC employees who were complaining about the conditions of service they are going through when building those police houses in my constituency and the mere fact that I said that if the President does not speak for the people, and only cares about investors, it simply means that we have no president in State House, we only have a figure head, because the president is supposed to speak for the people and if he is failing to do his job, then it is as good as we don't have a president, we only have a figurehead. Now President Lungu and Kampyongo are very upset that I spoke on behalf of those poor employees of
Kambwili: And you cannot say if you are playing with my projects I will teach you a lesson, you can't say that. But anyway, I have recorded you.	Kampyongo: You can do whatever you want to do	Kambwili: I have recorded you, thank you very much	
Kambwili: Give them that instruction, they are already in your office I know		Kampyongo: You are so childish	

Men's parliamentary network seeks to advance women affairs

<i>By Sipilisiwe Ncube</i>	discrimination.	Wednesday. And the	development.
Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini has approved for debate in parliament this Wednesday, a private members motion that seeks to "take measures to ensure equal opportunities."	And speaking to News Diggers, parliamentary Mens' Caucus on Gender Equality chairman Cornelius Mweetwa said he realised that the women parliamentary caucus need support.	structure of this motion will be really to advance issues of gender equality because we the male parliamentarians have realised since parliament is predominantly dominated by men, for the gender agenda to gain ground through parliament, the women parliamentary caucus need our support so that we work together to advance the gender agenda," Mweetwa explained.	"We've also come to a realisation that the question of gender equality should not be viewed as a competition or threats to men, it is actually value addition to national development. So we expect as male parliamentarians a robust debate this Wednesday where our network expects that all members of the House regardless of a political party affiliation should rise to the occasion and support the advancement of women issues to ensure that we begin to unlock doors of potential that have remained locked for a
The motion is to be moved by Choma Central UPND member of parliament Cornelius Mweetwa and seeks the House to urge government to take measures of ensuring that opportunities for appointments, training, and advancement in the public service are made available to all employees without	"This is a motion which I am moving as chairman for the 'Mens' parliamentary Caucus on Gender Equality at parliament,' and that particular article of the Constitution talks about equal gender opportunities. So I can confirm that Mr Speaker has granted authority that that motion be debated this week	But Mweetwa said gender equality should was not expected to be viewed as a competition between men and women, but rather as a value addition to national	very long time, that should unleash women potentials and women contribution to national development. I have seen and read where Mizinga Meru was saying 'it is extremely difficult for a woman to rise to the top.' Yes it is difficult for a woman to rise to the top in decision making ranking and also in politics and the reason why it is so difficult is that men and women have not worked together to try and eliminate challenges inhibiting women progress, with men being the major culprits in making it difficult for women to progress especially in politics," said Mweetwa.

LAZ's support for punitive verdict on Chifire shocks ACA

<i>By Mirriam Chabala</i>	presided over by deputy Chief Justice Marvin Mwanamwambwa, Supreme Court judges Evans Hamaundu, Mumba Malila and Rhoda Kaoma.	first of all unpack the full judgment before the public. They just gave a wholesale prey for the judgment, which is not enough. And then also I am surprised that they would welcome such a punitive judgment when LAZ used to prioritise ensuring that people do not speak up around matters rather than looking at what is just," Miti said. "I think it's a bit worrying, I would have liked them to interrogate the questions, for example, of whether this law is a kind of law we want on our statutes or the whole procedure where the judges that are aggrieved are the ones who then sit to try and then also make judgment. This is something that I would have liked to hear from the Law Association of Zambia."	She said LAZ's position on the censure of lawyers was equally "surprising". "I am also quite surprised that Law Association of Zambia president again seems very welcoming of the censure of this own lawyers, which was quite a scolding from the judge. I found that as well very surprising, it feels like a unionist is turning against his or her own members. I feel as though LAZ in this case has been a little short-sighted and is not asking the questions that we all need answered. I think overall, you need institutions to stand independently because when you begin to combine LAZ and the judiciary and LAZ begins to entirely lace itself in the judgment, it becomes a little bit worrying," said Miti.
Alliance for Community Action (ACA) executive director Laura Miti says she is surprised that the Law Association of Zambia has welcomed a punitive judgment slapped on Gregory Chifire for contempt of court.	Following the judgment, the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ), through its president Eddie Mwitwa, welcomed the sentencing and explained that it would send a warning to Zambians who were in the habit of launching "unwarranted attacks" that tarnished the image of the judiciary.		
Chifire, the director for Southern Africa Network Against Corruption (SANAC), was last week sentenced to six years imprisonment after he was cited for contempt of court for his remarks against Chief Justice Irene Mambilima and the judiciary following the disposal of the Stanbic Bank Vs Savenda Case.	But in an interview with News Diggers, Miti said it was worrisome that LAZ could support such a "harsh judgment" by the courts against Chifire.		
Chifire was charged with four counts of contempt of court until his sentencing last week which was	"I was surprised at the position that LAZ took, especially that they did not		

AVIC in Luanshya...they have instructed police to frame a charge of treason and unlawful assembly," said Kambwili.

"But look, I am a member of parliament. If my constituents have a problem, they have the right to come to my home to complain like they came. And obviously, as a leader, I had to answer and tell them that I would take it up with government. Today what they have done is that they have arrested 10 of those boys in Luanshya and now they are having a meeting to have me charged with treason. This country has gone to the dogs, I am sorry to say that this country has gone to the dogs. And to make matters worse, I called Kampyongo and he answered in the affirmative that I will teach you a lesson for playing with my projects." Efforts to get a comment from Kampyongo failed as his phone went unanswered.

So the mens' parliamentary network on gender equality has come on board as you recall it was launched on 7th March 2018 by Mr Speaker at Parliament, we are on a very serious and no negotiable mission to ensure that we support women and women advancement issues. That is the direction [we have taken and] this is a non-political issue, this is a developmental motion and as Mens' network we expect all the women on the floor of the House on the material day to rise to the opportunity and cease the opportunity to join hands so that the women of Zambia take their right place. Rwanda has already made remarkable strides, a country that already has a stained history of war. Zambia with 64 years of independence and peace has not done enough to advance women issues and time has come." Said Mweetwa.

By Tenson Mkhala in
Lundazi

Senior Chief Mwase of the Tumbuka people in Lundazi on Saturday refused intelligence officers from stopping Bahati MP Harry Kalaba from meeting him. His spokesperson Edwin Zimba revealed this to Kalaba when he paid a courtesy call on the Chief at his palace. Zimba said it was shocking that the intelligence officers wanted the chief not to meet Kalaba without any reason. “I have been receiving calls from the intelligence officer telling me to inform the chief not to meet you, Honourable. But this is the chief for all people. The poor, the rich, the mad are all his people. So, he is not into politics and he can meet any person regardless where he or she belongs. Even today, they have been following me and I just met them. They started asking me questions and finding out what you wanted to tell the chief. What you wanted to bring for the chief and so

OP’s plans to prevent Kalaba from meeting Chief Mwase flops

I told them to ask the chief! They are here right now and they are driving a white (Toyota) Land Cruiser,” Zimba narrated. He told Kalaba that the chief was happy for him to visit the area. “This is the only time we have seen a politician coming because even ba President Edgar Lungu has never visited us! So, we are very happy to see you and we welcome you here,” said Zimba. And Kalaba expressed sadness that Eastern Province had no manufacturing industry. “We are planting cotton here. The truth of the matter is that there is no manufacturing industry for anything in this province

and yet the potential that is here is too massive. If only we can place emphasis on cotton growing here it will have the price, and it will be what this country would expected to be,” Kalaba said. The Democratic Party 2021 aspiring presidential candidate wondered why cotton growers have been discouraged when the province has fertile land. “The soils are favourable and yet we are discouraging cotton growers because the rice is just too low. We need to begin insisting where it really matters, and for me, the only way for this country to be what it should be is by placing emphasis like I said on agriculture. We have to start using hands like the Chinese did in 1980s to

get ourselves out of it,” said Kalaba, the former Foreign Affairs Minister. “Agriculture can create jobs and Dr Kaunda in the 60s, 70s and 80s insisted on agriculture. The Chinese that we are talking about today, in 1980, it was the Chinese revolution that changed that country. So, for us, if at all we want to get out of this doldrums, we will need to be doing agriculture.” Kalaba also promised that once voted into power in August, 2021, he will ensure he develops all parts of the country. Earlier, Kalaba paid a courtesy call on chief Chanje of the Chewa speaking people. And farmers in Lumezi, Mwase and Lundazi towns

have assured Kalaba of a vote in the 2021 presidential election. Meanwhile, Kalaba asked Christians of Luangani District to pray for him as he pursues the 2021 presidential race when he visited the area, Sunday. Kalaba who attended the Church service at Chimphinga’s New Apostolic in Chief Saila’s area, said he was touched to see how people in Luangani were suffering. “I have come to congregate with you because as you are praying, you should also remember me in your prayers that Harry Kalaba came and left his position so that we should work together. I have seen how people here are suffering

and I am so touched. I pray to God that he should touch your hearts so that you should vote for me in that year so that together we can change this country,” said Kalaba. “From 1960, 1970 and 1980 when Kaunda was a leader in this country, you saw that agriculture here was on top but today farmers have sold their maize and government has not yet paid them and this is the time they are getting fertilizers. The poverty levels in our houses is getting high. Our children are failing to go to school because you parents have no money. And this government has not paid you. So let’s work together so that we end this problem.

Look at the roads. They are in a bad state and no transporter can come her to buy your commodities.” And Elias Sakala, a warden at St Johns Anglican Church in the same area, said the Church would continue to pray for Kalaba so that once voted into office in 2021, he may redeem them.

“We will continue praying for you so that your works would redeem us. As a church, we shall remember you in prayers so that God may make you a good leader. As you have seen for yourself that we here are facing a lot of challenges. The church cannot do anything to help in because there is no money. As a church we have a lot church projects which have stopped due to lack of money. We have old people who cannot but the church have failed to help them,” said Sakala. Meanwhile, village representative Joseph Chirwa said divisions in the PF were a source of worry to them. “The truth is that PF lacks truthfulness. Look there is confusion. We have MP Charles Zulu who won on the same ticket but other PF members are coming to claim that they are also MPs and they are putting people in positions. Would you call that as being open to the people? So the truth is this man ‘ Kalaba’ was a Minister but because he saw that this party is not truthful to the people, he resigned. We are suffering here because of luck of truthful by the government leaders,” said Zulu. Meanwhile, 41 members people from MMD, UPND and PF defected to join Democratic Party.

Reject Lungu like Easterners have done, Mucheleka tells Northerners

By Mirriam Chabala
UPND deputy secretary general Patrick Mucheleka says Northern Province must reject President Edgar Lungu the way Easterners have done. On Saturday, President Lungu said he felt rejected by his own people from Petauke after a UPND candidate beat PF in Lusinde ward. “It is always heartwarming to be here in Northern Province, especially that this is the stronghold for PF. PF is a political party I belong to, and that’s where I am President, so when I am here I feel very much at home, unlike Petauke District. Of course Petauke, that’s where my mother and father come from, but they don’t seem to agree with us, they are voting against us,” President Lungu said, much to the laughter of the Investment Expo delegates. But in an interview, Mucheleka observed that the people of Petauke had rejected the Head of State because he had killed the agricultural sector. “What people want is that once their own farming activity becomes profitable, then they will have money in their pockets, which Lungu has denied them. So, even when the people of Petauke reject him, we are not surprised because they are sending a clear message. This is why for me; I can make a passionate appeal to our people in Northern Province, who are being hoodwinked to emulate their cousins in Petauke, who have out-rightly rejected Lungu and PF, even if he claims he comes from there. People want to eat, they want their own money. It is not about giving them chitenge, T-shirts, or when he’s passing he buys them Chibuku, no! People want sustainable means of creating their own income, something which Lungu has killed,” Mucheleka

said. “Can the PF and President Lungu tell me what they have done in Northern Province from the time he took over? Not even a single project, he hasn’t built even a single toilet in Northern Province. The only thing that you find there are the projects that were initiated by the late president Sata. In Kasama, for example, they promised that they were going to build a university, but up to now, they have not started building. They promised to build a state-of-the-art modern stadium, but they have not done that; they promised to do the airport, but they have not done that. The only section of the airport that they have dealt with is where they were holding the so-called Northern Province Investment Expo. There is nothing to show that Lungu feels at home in Northern Province.” He said President Lungu was being hypocritical because he had done nothing for northerners. “President Lungu should not mock the people of Northern Province by pretending that he feels at home there than in his own area, Petauke. He is just being hypocritical, what has he done from the time he took over from late president Sata? If there is one province that overwhelmingly supported him, it was Northern Province, and I know for sure that, Chishimba Kambwili, Felix Mutati, KBF (Kelvin Fube Bwalya) and many others from Northern Province went out of their way to support him wholeheartedly, even when some of us knew that he was not going to appreciate what they were doing for him. And you have seen what he has done to Mutati, you’ve seen what he has done to Kambwili, you have seen what he has done to KBF, you have seen what he has done to so many people from Northern Province. He



has completely squeezed all those who worked so hard in PF under late president Sata out of PF,” Mucheleka said. “Now he’s creating a group of nonentities from the north to pretend as though he likes them, when in the actual fact, he doesn’t. He uses them like toilet tissue and throws them away. As if that is not enough, in Petauke, from the time he took over, he started building a very big hospital using tax payers’ money. But people in Petauke are small-holder farmers and if you want to look after them, the best you can do is to support wholeheartedly the agricultural sector because that is where they get their livelihood. But Lungu has killed the agricultural sector! Farmers everywhere have not been paid and this is why people in Petauke have sent a very clear message to Lungu and his cohorts in PF that they will not eat the big hospital that he’s building in Petauke! They will not eat the roads, which he’s building using borrowed money.” Mucheleka charged that President Lungu was creating a pool of nonentities who he knew could challenge him in Northern Province.

“The only thing Lungu has done is to bring the people of Northern Province closer to him so that he destroys and throws them away like a used tissue. That’s [exactly] what he has done to Mutati; he has done that to Chishimba Kambwili and KBF, except my brothers and sisters from Northern Province don’t listen, they don’t read the political history of this country because they wouldn’t be running to Lungu if they did. Mutati has now become a laughing stock, they have completely finished him! And to completely disable him, they even go ahead to nominate Nakacinda so that Mutati is now crippled politically. But if Mutati had listened to what I told him, he could not have landed himself in this situation. Even Kambwili, I told him when he was being sent that time to insult GBM and myself...so what Lungu is doing in Northern Province is simply creating a pool of nonentities who he knows cannot challenge him,” argued Mucheleka, who also appealed to voters in Northern and Muchinga provinces to open their eyes in the same way the Nsenga people in Petauke did who inflicted a painful electoral loss in Lusinde Ward.

Nigeria loses \$6bn from 'corrupt' oil deal

A court in Milan is considering charges of corruption against Eni and Shell in a controversial oil deal that led to Nigeria losing an estimated \$6bn. The campaign group Global Witness has calculated the OPL 245 deal in 2011 deprived Nigeria of double its annual education and healthcare budget. Eni and Shell are accused of knowing the money they paid to Nigeria would be used for bribes. The Italian and Anglo-Dutch energy giants deny any wrongdoing. This unfolding scandal, which is being played out in an Italian court, has involved former MI6 officers, the FBI, a former President of Nigeria, as well as current and former

senior executives at the two oil companies. The former Nigerian oil minister, Dan Etete, was found guilty by a court in France of money laundering and it emerged he used illicit funds to buy a speed boat and a chateau. It is also claimed he had so much cash in \$100 bills that it weighed five tonnes. Global Witness has spent years investigating the deal which gave Shell and

Eni the rights to explore OPL 245, an offshore oil field in the Niger Delta. It has commissioned new analysis of the way the contract was altered in favour of the energy companies and concluded Nigeria's losses over the lifetime of the project would amount to \$5.86bn, compared to terms in place before 2011. Oil giants face Nigeria 'corruption' trial

New evidence in Shell corruption probe The analysis was carried out by Resources for Development Consulting on behalf of Global Witness, as well as the NGOs HEDA, RE:Common and The Corner. The estimated losses were calculated using an oil price of \$70 a barrel as a basis. Eni has criticised the way it was calculated because

it ignores the possibility that Nigeria had the right to revise the deal to claim a 50% share of the production revenues. Deal or no deal Campaigners say the deal should be cancelled. "We discovered that Shell had constructed a deal that cut Nigeria out of their share of profit oil from the block," Ava Lee, a campaigner at Global Witness told the BBC's

World Business Report. "This amount of money would be enough to educate six million teachers in Nigeria. It really can't be underestimated just how big a deal this could be for a country that right now has the highest rates of extreme poverty in the world." Nigeria is the richest economy in Africa, but despite having large resources of oil and gas millions of people are poor. Lucrative OPL 245 It is understandable why Eni and Shell wanted to acquire the rights to develop OPL 245, because it is estimated to contain nine billion barrels of oil. But the process of how they secured the contract is dogged by claims of corruption. **BBC**

Swiss vote no in sovereignty referendum

Swiss voters have rejected a proposal to give Swiss law precedence over international law and treaties, according to results coming in from a national referendum. Figures based on partial

results give 67% against and 33% in favour, national broadcaster SRF said. Critics said the proposal would have damaged the country's global standing. A proposal to subsidise farmers who do not

remove their cows' horns has also been rejected. The rejection of the sovereignty proposal is a major blow for the right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP), which put it forward, says the

BBC's Imogen Foulkes in Geneva. For years it has, with some success, taken proposals on reducing ties with the European Union, limiting immigration, or cracking down on foreign criminals

to the ballot box, she says. "It is a huge defeat," SVP Vice-President Céline Amaudruz told Swiss TV. Some analysts are already asking whether the SVP's brand of populism - it is the largest party in parliament - has peaked.

The proposal upset almost the whole of the political spectrum and could have affected Swiss relations with the European Union and even the United Nations, our correspondent adds. All the other big political parties in Switzerland, business leaders, and human rights groups conducted a very organised campaign of opposition to the sovereignty proposal. The SVP argued the measure would have bolstered Switzerland's autonomy and national identity. A yes vote would have meant Switzerland having to renegotiate thousands of treaties, including texts on human rights, the rights of the child, or even on trade.

The cow horn proposal was rejected by a narrower margin - 54% to 46% according to provisional results. The farmer who singlehandedly launched the proposal spent eight years campaigning on the issue. Armin Capaul argues that removing horns is unnatural and painful, and that the animals are much happier with them. **BBC**

EU leaders agree UK's Brexit deal

EU leaders have approved an agreement on the UK's withdrawal and future relations - insisting it is the "best and only deal possible". After 20 months of negotiations, the 27 leaders gave the deal their blessing after less than an hour's discussion. They said the deal - which needs to be approved by the UK Parliament - paved the way for an "orderly withdrawal". Theresa May said the deal "delivered for the British people" and set the UK "on course for a prosperous future". Speaking in Brussels, she urged both Leave and Remain voters to unite behind the agreement, insisting the British public "do not want to spend any more time arguing about Brexit". The UK is scheduled to leave the EU on 29 March 2019. The EU officially endorsed the terms of the UK's withdrawal during a short meeting, bringing to an end negotiations which began in March



2017. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said anyone in Britain who thought the bloc might offer improved terms if MPs rejected the deal would be "disappointed". But European Council President Donald Tusk, who broke the news of the agreement on Twitter, said he would

not speculate on what would happen in such a situation, saying: "I am not a fortune teller." The UK Parliament is expected to vote on the deal on 12 December, but its approval is far from guaranteed. Labour, the Lib Dems, the SNP, the DUP and many Conservatives MPs are set to vote against. Mrs May has appealed to

the public to get behind the agreement - saying that although it involved compromises, it was a "good deal that unlocks a bright future for the UK". At a news conference in Brussels, she said the agreement would: end freedom of movement "in full and once and for all" protect the constitutional integrity of the UK, and

ensure a return to "laws being made in our country by democratically elected politicians interpreted and enforced by British courts". The agreement, she added, would not remove Gibraltar from the "UK family" - a reference to a last-minute wrangle with Spain over the territory. **BBC**

Bella Hadid, The Weeknd romance in Abu Dhabi

Bella Hadid and The Weeknd have often shared snippets of their romance on Instagram, like the time the singer-songwriter snapped a picture of his coffee table, which was covered in magazines featuring the model. (As any devoted partner should.) From their recent 'grams, it seems as though the pair are spending Thanksgiving break in Abu Dhabi together, where The Weeknd also met some of Bella's extended fam. In one Instagram post, Bella seemed to be attending The Weeknd's concert at the Du Arena on Friday, November 23. "I only get to see my

beautiful cousin Reema and nieces Salma & Aya when I'm in Dubai, and they drove up for the show in Abu Dhabi," the model wrote alongside several pictures from the show, including a snap of The Weeknd meeting some of the littlest members of her family. "Such a great show baby in one of my favorite places in the [world]," she added. The Weeknd also shared pictures from the concert, highlighting the huge crowd in the audience. "Abu Dhabi 🇦🇪," he captioned the photo series. In addition to the concert, it seems as though Bella and The Weeknd took part in some sightseeing with



friends. Photos on both of their Instagram pages show them riding ATVs (and camels) in the desert. Naturally, Bella found a way to

make such an activity look as glamorous as ever. Would you expect anything less? Their trip to Abu Dhabi isn't the only

time The Weeknd has been spotted with the Hadid fam. Earlier this month, the singer was seen sitting with Bella's mother, Yolanda

Hadid, during the 2018 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, where they both cheered for the model as she walked.

Kim reveals she was high when making sex tape



Kim Kardashian just made a major confession on tonight's episode of Keeping Up With the Kardashians. While chatting about her recent high school reunion with Scott Disick and Kendall Jenner, Kim made an admission about her former party girl days. "Well you were fun, right? At one time, like you were wild right?" Scott asked Kim, who answered enthusiastically, "Yeah!" "It's so weird to me, I can't like picture you being a wild child," Scott replied.

"I've heard stories about you," Kendall smiled. "I've heard some stuff," Scott added. "You went to like Disney and you were all high or something." "I didn't know you like got high," Kendall said. "I got married on ecstasy," Kim casually admitted, referencing her short-lived first marriage to music producer Damon Thomas. "I did ecstasy once and I got married, I did it again and I made a sex tape. Like everything bad would happen."

"You were high on ecstasy when you did the sex tape?!" Scott asked in shock. "Absolutely!" Kim replied calmly. "Everyone knows it, like my jaw was shaking the whole time." Did she really just say that?! After the sextape confession, Kim went on to tell Scott and Kendall about a wild night she had partying with Paris Hilton in Ibiza. "Kendall honestly has like no clue. I definitely went through a wild phase I would say in like my late teens," Kim said. "I'm not like that anymore."



Céline Dion's gender-neutral kids' clothes are 'demonic', says exorcist

Celine Dion and her new genderless children's clothing line, Celinununu, are coming under fire by many, including an exorcist. The 50-year-old singer, who was raised Catholic, recently launched her gender-neutral line through an enticing commercial that depicts Dion running from authorities in a hospital after she magically changed the clothes of the babies in the nursery to a more unisex look from their regular pink and blue outfits. The new garments include black stars and the words "new order." While Celinununu hopes to promote gender equality and the freedom for a child to express themselves through clothes, Monsignor John Esseff, a priest with 65 years experience and an exorcist for over 40 years, says that "this gender thing" is "demonic." In an interview with the National Catholic Register, Esseff says, "I don't even know how many genders there's supposed to be now, but there are only two that God made." He also believes that such a clothing line is part of a "demonic dimension," according to the outlet. "The devil is going after children by confusing gender," he said. "... To say that there is no difference [in gender] is satanic."



Australia midfielder Aaron Mooy sealed Huddersfield's win at Wolves - AFP

Barcelona set new wage record as football salaries continue to climb

As wages and transfer fees continue to rise in football, Barcelona have set a new mark by becoming the first team with an average first-team pay in excess of £10 million (\$12.81 million) a year, according to the latest Global Sports Salary Survey . This season, the Spanish giants will pay the 23-man first-team squad an average of £10.45 million (\$13.39 million) before bonuses with

that figure rising by 33 per cent since 2017-18. Lionel Messi's new contract helped boost that number, as did the signings of Philippe Coutinho, Arthur, Malcom and Arturo Vidal, each of whom helped lift the club's wage budget. New contracts for familiar faces also add up with Gerard Pique, Sergi Roberto, Samuel Umtiti and Sergio Busquets all signing new deals in 2018.

In second place behind their rivals are Real Madrid, whose players earn an average of £8.1 million (\$10.38 million) a year, while the next six spots are all filled by teams from the NBA with the Golden State Warriors and Oklahoma City Thunder leading the charge in third and fourth with salary averages of £7.85 million (\$10.06 million) and £7.82 million (\$10.02 million) respectively. The NBA remains the highest-paid league in the world with average salaries of £5.9 million (\$7.56 million) this season. Manchester United are the highest Premier League club on the list in 10th place with £6.53 million (\$8.37 million) while Juventus jumped from 32nd in the world to ninth following the summer signing of Cristiano Ronaldo. Manchester City (£5.93 million/ \$7.6 million) are the next highest English club in 20th, with Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool all occupying spots in the top 40. *Goal.com*

'We'll be there until the end!' - Liverpool star Shaqiri issues title warning to Manchester City

Xherdan Shaqiri has warned Manchester City that Liverpool "will be there until the end" in the Premier League title race. The Reds kept up the pressure at the top of the table with a hard-fought 3-0 victory at Watford on Saturday, their 10th from 13 league games so far this season. Jurgen Klopp's men remain just two points behind City, although Pep Guardiola's champions have shown little sign of feeling the heat of late, winning 4-0 at West Ham while Liverpool were grafting at Vicarage Road. Still it promises, at the very least, to be a tighter chase than last season, with the Reds looking better-equipped to last the course than for many a year. Their clean sheet on Saturday means they have now made their best ever start to a league season defensively, with just five goals conceded from 13 matches. Shaqiri was all smiles when stopping to speak to reporters after the Watford game. The Swiss star, clearly, is enjoying his football following his £13million (€14.7m/\$16.7m) summer switch from Stoke. And he had a message for City. "We're going to be there until the end!" he grinned. "We don't have to look to Man City, we just have to look to ourselves and try to give our good performance

on the pitch and win games, that's the most important thing. "Every game has its own history and we have to look game to game and not look where we're staying at the end of the season. When you win games like this, we're going to fight to the end for a lot of things so I think we just have to keep going, keep working hard and win games." Shaqiri's own form has seen him play his way into Klopp's first team, the 27-year-old starting six games in recent weeks, including Liverpool's last two in the Premier League. During the international break, he starred for Switzerland as they qualified for next summer's UEFA Nations League finals.

"I'm feeling good, I'm fit and that's important for me," he said. "I think you can see that also on the pitch, that I'm settling in well with the team. "I think you saw that also [against Watford]. First half, I tried to give them some good passes. I'm feeling good, it was important to win and it was a good win." Klopp has described the coming weeks as "the most intense period of the season", with Watford the first in a run of 11 games in less than six weeks. Next up for the Reds is a Champions League trip to Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday, with a Merseyside derby against Everton to follow at Anfield on Sunday. Shaqiri is already looking

forward to those challenges. They are, surely, the kind of games he moved to Liverpool for. "Of course," he said. "It's my first derby so it's going to be, for sure, very special. I want to see and to feel the atmospheres in these derbies. "It's going to be very special and I'm just looking forward to this game. I know just one Evertonian and he said to me when I was at Stoke, 'You have to come to Everton'. But I always said 'No!'" As for PSG, the hope is that he has done enough to convince Klopp he can be trusted from the start of a high-stakes away game. "Every player has to be ready for that game," Shaqiri said. "We don't know how the

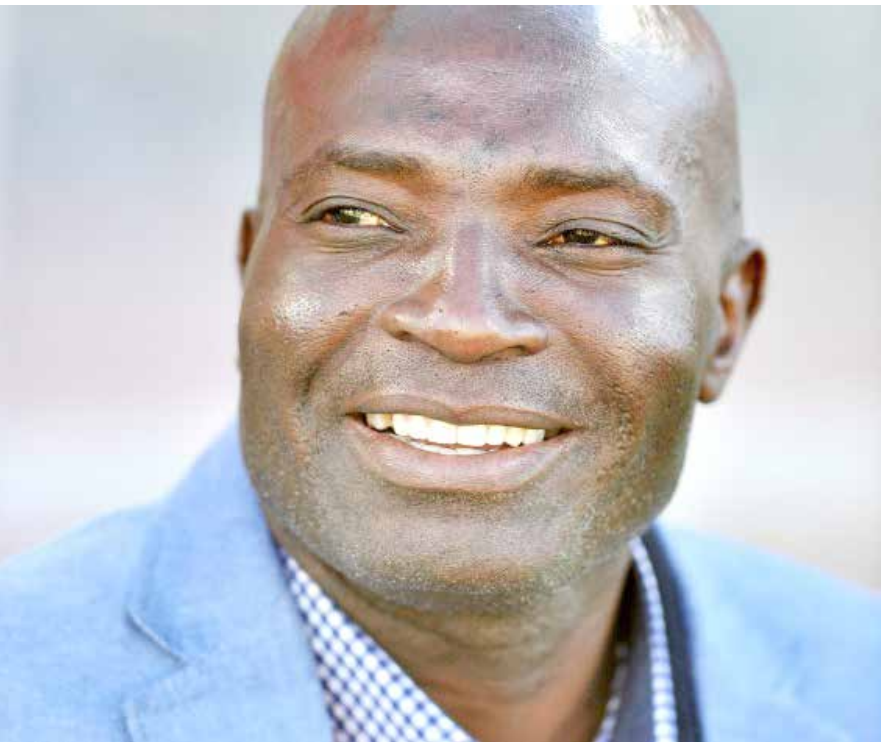
coach is going to make the starting XI but everybody has to be ready. "We had a lot of players today on the bench who didn't play so I think we have fresh players behind us. It's going to be a difficult game and a good game to show how good we are. We also go there to try and win the game, for sure." Liverpool will head to the Ligue 1 champions in high spirits, courtesy of a ruthless second-half display at Watford. The Reds were made to battle for their win, but stayed patient and overpowered the Hornets in the final half hour, with goals from Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino, as well as a brilliant free-kick from Trent Alexander-Arnold. *Goal.com*

Hazard rules out PSG move but says he could leave Chelsea in 2019

Eden Hazard has ruled out a move to Paris Saint-Germain, but has admitted he could leave Chelsea this summer. The Chelsea star has been linked with a move away from Stamford Bridge since before the World Cup, with Real Madrid often reported as a possibility. Hazard himself has played up his interest in joining the La Liga champions in the past, though the Blues have managed to rebuff any attempts to pry him away thus far. But in an interview on the show Canal Football Club on Canal+, Hazard also admitted to contacts with Ligue 1

champions Paris Saint-Germain, though he denied any interest in joining them, citing his old loyalties to his former club, Lille. "There have been contacts in the past with PSG," Hazard told Canal+. "But I haven't been tempted. If I have to go back to France one day, it would be in Lille. "But today, there is no chance that I'll come back in the French league." Despite not moving this summer, speculation linking Hazard to a move to Real Madrid have not gone away in the months since. *Goal.com*





Wada shows Vandenbroeck how it's done

By Alex Chilumbwe
Former Chipolopolo coach Wedson Nyirenda on Sunday guided Baroka FC to their first Telkom Knock Out Cup final after beating former champions Bidvest Wits 1-0 in semi-finals.
In contrast with the

current Chipolopolo coach Sven Vandenbroeck who only managed one win in the 2019 AfCON qualifiers before getting dumped out of the competition, the Zambian tactician managed a feat that no Baroka coach had managed in the past 11 years months

after his appointment. The game's lone goal was recorded in the 9th minute of the first half through a Matome Mabeba freekick thereby allowing Nyirenda to reach his target set by club management at the time of his appointment. It was a rough and tough second half for Nyirenda's boys in the second half as defending pressure mounted. However, excellent ball clearing and generally disciplined defending helped them protect their goal until the final whistle. "It feels so good to be in the final for the first time in my life as a PSL coach. We are so excited but that excitement should end today so that we can start thinking of other things," Nyirenda said. Baroka face Orlando Pirates in the final on December 8 in Port Elizabeth.

Mukondya tight lipped on Fwayo transfer rumours

By Alex Chilumbwe
Mukondya says there was need for people to note that a player's publicized interest to join a particular club did not mean that club management has finalized everything about the move. Commenting on the rumours of a possible transfer involving Fwayo Tembo, Munkondya admitted to Goal Diggers! that Power Dynamos management was aware of the much anticipated return of Tembo to the club but insisted that the club

would only make an official position on the matter on Friday. "Everyone is so eager to know our stance on Tembo's return to the club but others are way ahead of us and making conclusions that we have absorbed him. The truth is that we have not finalized anything yet and it is not up to one individual to do so. We will make an official statement once everything is discussed and finalized," he said. And Munkondya also revealed that there were a lot of players that

wanted to join the club. He advised the willing players to follow the right channel and go through the selection process to being admitted to the club. "It is not Fwayo but others too; in fact there

are many players that want to join the club. My advice is that they need to follow the right channel and go through the laid down process. There is no shortcut because at the end of the day, we want a solid team

that will give us the best results possible," said Munkondya. Power Dynamos is expected to reveal a list of players called for trials at the club on Monday prior to the 2019 national league.

FAZ apologise for AfCON failure

By Alex Chilumbwe
FAZ president Andrew Kamanga has apologized to Zambians for the Senior Football National Team's failure to qualify for 2019 AfCON slated for Cameroon after

amassing only four points in qualifiers' group K that comprised Mozambique, Namibia and Guinea Bissau. Speaking when he featured on ZNBC's Sunday Interview

programme, Kamanga said he was disappointed that Chipolopolo failed to defeat Mozambique despite being given the best possible preparations that included doubled allowances.

"I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the government, the soccer fans and the nation at large that the performance has not been what we expected especially that we put in everything that we thought was adequate to get the team to qualify. "From the outset our target was to win that game, unfortunately the team did not rise to the occasion, we put in all the preparations from the administration side, we incentivized the team, we doubled their allowances for the last two games being the Mozambique and Namibia game but at the end of the day we expected the players to do their part. The game was one of the worst performances we have seen for the national team because we were playing as though we had already won the game. But again this is where the players have to take responsibility and fight," he noted.

ZESCO aims to light up CAF Champions league

By Alex Chilumbwe
We will level the playing field with every team in the CAF champions' league because we will also start with 11 players as per rule, says ZESCO United coach George Lwandamina. His statement was made when a reporter asked him if he would equal to the task when he faces bigger teams in the champions league. "I honestly find it not right to ask me if we will equal to the task against bigger teams.

How are we small when we have managed to qualify and even defended the MTN/FAZ league title? I cannot even pre-empt my plans when we play against any team because that would be selling me out," said Lwandamina. And ZESCO striker Lazarous Kambole said the team has well-prepared for the champions league adding that the players were just as expectant as management. "We have fully trained for this

league and we have our goals set. We now have a task of getting practical and reaching our set goals because we do not want to be mere participants. We are as big as any other team and we are ready to face any of them. It does not matter how successful one team is, we all have equal chances," said Kambole. Meanwhile, ZESCO CEO Richard Mulenga said that management will decide to boost the squad further based on both the coach's request and

performance of the team in Africa's biggest interclub league. "We are satisfied with the current squad but of course we are not going to relax. The coach will tell us when he sees the need to boost his squad more or when we assess their performance. I should also mention that some of the players bought cannot be added in the squad right there and then. There are a number of things to consider before they can be included," said Mulenga.

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Marco Parolo of SS Lazio during the Italian Serie A 2018/2019 match between SS Lazio and AC Milan at Stadio Olimpico on November 25, 2018 in Rome, Italy. AFP

Hamilton and Vettel swap helmets

In a rarely-seen showing of competitive camaraderie, Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel swapped crash helmets to demonstrate the mutual respect between them after Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The five-time champion Briton, of Mercedes, and four-time champion German, of Ferrari, finished first and second in Sunday's race and have won eight of the last nine drivers' championship titles. "The ultimate respect between racing drivers," said Mercedes on Monday in a comment on Twitter alongside a short video clip of the pair exchanging their head-wear. The duo have scrapped for the last two world titles with Hamilton coming out on top both times, but their rivalry has been characterised by a fair sporting relationship. Hamilton said the exchange of their helmets was an honorary gesture that was comparable to players swapping shirts after football matches. "This is kind of an honorary thing that drivers do, so this is the highest regard of respect that we can have as drivers," he said in the video post. "This is like our jerseys. So here's one of mine... AFP

Andres Iniesta says Mourinho had a negative impact on Spanish football

Former Barcelona midfielder Andreas Iniesta has claimed Jose Mourinho created an unbearable atmosphere between Barca and Real Madrid players when he was in charge at the Santiago Bernabeu. Iniesta called time on a glittering career with the Catalan giants at the end of last season and now plays for Japanese side Vissel Kobe.

Mourinho developed a fierce rivalry with Barca boss Pep Guardiola while he held the hot seat at Real from 2010-13. Meanwhile, the Spain international team started to decline after their victory at the 2012 European Championships, crashing out of the 2014 World Cup in the group stages. Speaking about the animosity

between the two Clasico teams, Iniesta told La Sexta : "You don't have to be for Barcelona or Real Madrid to know that the situation was unpleasant. "And the key component in that story was Mourinho. Whoever doesn't want to see that, is radical. "You didn't see the rivalry that always existed before, it went beyond that, you saw hate. That

atmosphere developed and it was unbearable. "The Barca-Madrid tension caused by Mourinho did much damage to the national team [Spain] and the teammates." Mourinho has since reignited his rivalry with Guardiola in England, the two managers taking over at Manchester United and Manchester City respectively in 2016. **Goal.com**