



PF WILL LOSE TO AN UNDERDOG... if we've no strategy for 2021 - Miles



Minister of Health Dr Chitalu Chilufya during yesterday's COVID-19 briefing

Zambia records 324 new COVID-19 cases, 18 deaths

By Julia Malunga
HEALTH Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya says the high number of brought-in-dead persons that have succumbed to COVID-19 is worrying. And Dr Chilufya says the country has recorded 324 new cases and 18 deaths in the last 11 days. Meanwhile, Dr Chilufya has observed that surge COVID-19 cases is a result of laxity on the prevention regulations.

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At a briefing, Tuesday, Dr Chilufya said he was concerned about the surge in brought in dead persons. "From our routinely collected data we note a spike in the number of persons brought in dead and even if we compare between..."
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By Mirriam Chabala
LUSAKA Mayor Miles Sampa says it is possible for the ruling Patriotic Front (PF) to lose the 2021 elections if it does not "up its game".

And Sampa says some people in PF took advantage of late president Michael Sata's illness and got the country into the current debt crisis by over borrowing.
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Kabimba's call for Lungu to intervene in Matibini-ConCourt dispute dangerous - Sangwa

By Zondiwe Mbewe
CONSTITUTIONAL lawyer John Sangwa State Counsel says Rainbow Party general secretary Wynter Kabimba's call for President Edgar Lungu to intervene in ConCourt-Speaker affairs is dangerous as it is giving the Head of State powers he does not have.

And Sangwa says no one can interfere in the operations of the Judiciary, not even the President.
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Don't impose Bill 10 on people, consult, VJ tells PF

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
VETERAN politician Vernon Mwaanga has appealed to political parties to sit down and dialogue on certain constitution amendment clauses which they are not comfortable with.

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In a statement, Tuesday, Mwaanga stated that the concerns surrounding Bill 10 required more consultations among the stakeholders instead of being imposed through the tyranny of the majority in Parliament.

"There are genuine concerns about Bill 10, which requires more consultation among the stakeholders and not just imposed through the tyranny of the majority in Parliament. Consensus

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PF has no right to stop opposition from campaigning in any part of Zambia – FODEP

By Julia Malunga

FOUNDATION for Democratic Process (FODEP) president Mwenda Mumbuna says the ruling Patriotic Front has no right to restrict anybody from going to any part of Zambia.

Commenting on Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo's warning to the opposition that the Copperbelt Province was a no-go area for the UPND, Mumbuna said the ongoing friction between the PF and the opposition would worsen if the ruling party remained intolerant of the latter's right to assemble and mobilize.

He, therefore, called on President Edgar Lungu to intervene the tension before it escalated out of control.

"We should not return a wrong for a wrong. What happened in Monze was wrong; that doesn't mean they (PF) should return it for a wrong. What happened is something that can be discussed without threats. We do not agree. It is time for politicians to realize that Zambia does not belong to them. You cannot stop any Zambian from going to any place. There is freedom of movement and association. The President should be able to deal with this issue, which is not good for our democracy. We do not agree with the way the PF has reacted. They do not have any right to stop anybody from anywhere. The only time your freedom is restricted is when you are in prison. The Copperbelt is not anyone's bedroom, Northern Province is for every Zambian so you cannot say, 'don't go there because this is what you did to our party President,'" said Mumbuna in an interview.

"This will worsen. What we need is the leadership of the President; he should rise above party politics and say, 'this is what we want in this country. Both PF and UPND step back.' The first Republican President Dr Kenneth Kaunda did that in 1969, he rose above party politics and said, 'UNIP and UFP stop fighting.' That is the level of leadership we need more than saying, 'we are going to stop this person from going to this place.'"

On Monday, Lusambo said UPND president Hakainde Hichilema had locked himself out of the Copperbelt after his supporters booed President Edgar Lungu in Monze.

"Hakainde Hichilema has locked up himself. He is the president of Monze and Southern Province because in other parts, we will not allow him to mobilize. President Lungu is a flag carrier and you should give him respect. Let them behave like that when we are with councillors, not the President. The Copperbelt is a no go area for the UPND as long as I remain the mobilization coordinator. If they want the politics of caderism, they know me. We are not going to tolerate that nonsense! They are coming for massacre on the Copperbelt! We are not going to allow stupidity. The President is always on duty 24/7 and he has no restrictions to visit any constituency. We are going to protect the President of the Republic of Zambia and we are going to assure the UPND that the line has been drawn," warned Lusambo.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

WE WILL continue probing President Edgar Lungu's personal dealings with questionable characters like Belarussian businessman Alexander Zingman because the Head of State carries Zambia's image and uses taxpayers' money, says UPND national youth chairperson Likando Mufalali.

In an interview, Mufalali said President Lungu ought to exercise maximum levels of restraint and caution when choosing his associates because he projected the country's image.

"We will continue probing the dealings of the President. What are these deals that are not coming forward? We must know because the money that is being used to fist and feed these individuals is public funds, it's taxpayers' money. Mr Lungu is in State House at the expense of taxpayers. And for him to dine and wine publicly and take pictures like that is a clear indication of his carelessness! It must not be allowed. Accountability must come first. Transparency of the

We'll continue probing Lungu's dealings with Zingman – UPND

dealings of the President and those that he has appointed to do certain things on behalf of the Zambian people must be paramount. We cannot allow a situation where people with questionable characters are flying in and out and going to State House at express permission," Mufalali said.

"The security of this country is at risk when such people come in and out of State House and yet we have a system that is supposed to prevent such. We know there is too much power at play here. We call on Mr Lungu that if he has failed to manage this country according to the rules, we must remind him that he is on taxpayers' money."

Mufalali wondered why people with questionable characters had easy access to the President.

"I wouldn't want to see President Lungu seated with persons with questionable character or persons of

questionable standing in society. One thing that we should know, even for those people that make clearances for people that should see President Lungu, they should bear in mind that President Lungu carries the image of this country. If visitors of questionable characters are given access to the President, or the President himself allows this, then that is a cause of concern to all of us as Zambians. We cannot afford to have our President hijacked by people of questionable standing in society or internationally," Mufalali added.

He also questioned President Lungu's sincerity on claims that he had stopped drinking.

"He has to account in every step of his way. He is not just himself handling his personal businesses, no. His role in this whole nation is to handle on behalf of the Zambian people,

businesses and decisions that will impact positively or negatively on the Zambian people. Just a few months ago, he was saying that it's the work of his enemies that accused him of drinking and yet now, pictures of him having wine glasses in front of him have emerged. What is this all about? It's quite disheartening to see our leader in the name of the President go that far with Zingman and all those men with questionable characters. And it looks like the old habits die hard. For Mr Lungu, there is no work of an enemy. He might be pretending to say, 'I have stopped drinking' but we have seen him drinking. The Zambian people are suffering right now. The President of this Republic, Mr Lungu, should listen to that small voice that keeps on whispering to him," urged Mufalali. **Story Continues on P7**

National anthem doesn't reflect Zambia's true image, we're not free – Aka

By Mirriam Chabala

PRINCE Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika says there is no truth in Zambia's National Anthem because it does not reflect the correct image of the country.

Speaking when he featured on Camnet Television's National Matters programme, Monday evening, Akashambatwa argued that the Zambian National Anthem was all a lie because citizens were neither free nor strong.

"I have less quarrel about the words in our national anthem but my fundamental quarrel is that it is all a lie.

We are not free men, we don't stand, we are not strong, we are not one. In other words, somebody sings that national anthem and then passes a Constitutional Amendment which he knows is divisive, he cannot believe in those words," Akashambatwa said.

"If Parliament can continue mutilating the Zambian Constitution for personal and partisan reasons, it means they don't believe in the words. No wonder even citizens are forgetting the national anthem; the national anthem forgot them a long time ago because it is not meaningful.

Our national anthem is not honestly reflective of Zambia. Yes, you can say it (our national anthem) has an aspiration, that I understand. But then there must be some activity that shows that you are moving towards your aspirations not away from your aspirations so that beyond singing the national anthem, you also check whether it is true or not. In fact, for the last many years, each time I am cornered to be present when the national anthem is being sang, I really think word for word, line by line and check 'is this true?' I say 'it's a lie.'"

Asked which particular words of the country's national anthem he thought were not reflective of Zambia's current status, Akashambatwa argued that Zambia was not free because it was still indebted to its colonial masters.

"You sing the first one (verse), what is it? 'stand and sing of Zambia proud and free; are we free? From what are we free? 'land of work of joy...' and an unemployed person sings that? You say we are free from colonial masters, when did the colonial masters leave? These IMF, who are they? You want [Winston] Churchill to come? He's well represented, who is managing our economy? Who are we inviting to invest? Who sets the rules of how we manage the economy? Who gives us awards for following their economic policies?" Akashambatwa asked.

"Suddenly, they say 'you are now HIPC (Heavily Indebted Poor Country), you have completed HIPC'. Five or 10 years later, you are again in debt...to the same people you are supposed to be free from. So as I say, I don't mind us as Zambians aspiring high but I would like to see that those who aspire high are moving towards that height. Not just talking about your aspiration and then doing the reverse."

Akashambatwa also encouraged young people to take interest in reading in order to avoid forming uninformed opinions.

"If I had only one message and it's to young people in this country; please read and read critically. Don't form opinions over matters you have not read properly. Most of you are sufficiently educated to be able to read and get your knowledge from those books," said Akashambatwa.

NAPSA can't sue for defamation, insists *Diggers*

By Zondiwe Mbewe

NEWS Diggers Media Limited has submitted to the Lusaka High Court that the donation of K1,000,000 worth of supplies by the National Pension Scheme Authority (NAPSA) to the Ministry of Health to help in the mitigation and containment of COVID-19 does not make the authority independent of government.

The media house has further submitted that pursuant to the provisions of the NAPSA Act, government exercises extensive control over NAPSA through the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, and Parliament.

This is a matter in which NAPSA has sued ADD president Charles Milupi and News Diggers Media Limited seeking damages for libel and malicious falsehood over a publication that allegedly accused it of corruption and mismanagement of members' funds.

The said publication was published on June 23, last year, and was headlined: 'The NAPSA, AVIC deal stinks of corruption.'

However, News Diggers! asked the Court to dismiss the matter for not disclosing the cause of action, and

further argued that NAPSA, being a public body, was not entitled to sue for defamation.

"The plaintiff, being a public body and performing government functions, is not entitled to bringing any action for defamation or malicious falsehood on allegations of corruption," it stated.

But NAPSA senior procurement manager Justine Mwiinga argued that like any other corporation, NAPSA may sue to protect its corporate image and reputation.

He explained that the functions of NAPSA were prescribed in the NAPSA Act, Chapter 258 of the laws of Zambia, a law enacted by the National Assembly as established under the Constitution.

Mwiinga further stated that NAPSA was independent of government and performed all acts and decisions that any other company may by law undertake or perform.

He stated that as a demonstration that the company makes and operates independently, it joined several other corporate entities in assisting government in its efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic when, on March 23, 2020, it donated K1,000,000 to government as part of its corporate social responsibility.

But in an affidavit in reply to the plaintiff's affidavit in opposition of summons to strike out statement of claim and dismiss matter for not disclosing cause of action, News Diggers news editor Mukosha Funga stated that, "as stated by the plaintiff (NAPSA), NAPSA's statutory functions are to implement the policy relating to the National Pension Scheme in accordance with the NAPSA Act, chapter 256 of the laws of Zambia."

Funga stated that the National Pension Scheme policy falls under the national social security policy set by government through the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

She stated that pursuant to the provisions of the NAPSA Act, government exercises extensive control over NAPSA, and that of its corporate image, if any, and that its separate legal personality, which had been so much emphasised by Mwiinga, was immaterial to the determination of the application.

"The number of alleged articles and publications alleged to have been made by the defendants are equally not relevant to the determination of this application. The donation of K1,000,000 worth of supplies to the Ministry of

Health to help in the mitigation and containment of the Coronavirus does not make the plaintiff independent of government and that the plaintiff is not the only government institution that made such donation," stated Funga.

She added that by way of example, the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) equally made a donation of K1,000,000 to the Ministry of Health and the same does not make ZRA independent of government.

And in its skeleton arguments and list of authorities in reply, News Diggers! insisted that NAPSA's statement of claim be struck out for not disclosing any cause of action and that the matter be dismissed with costs.

It further insisted that NAPSA could not sue for defamation whatsoever because it was a government institution.

"As regards the claim for malicious falsehoods, and particularly in Zambia, our submission is that the plaintiff may sue on false and malicious accusations relating to issues other than corruption. Corruption is statutorily defined in Zambia and the statute does not provide for commission of corruption by corporate and public bodies," stated News Diggers!



By Diggers Reporter
Zambia has torn up its tax treaty with Mauritius, the latest African nation to cancel an agreement with one of the world's leading offshore havens.

President Edgar Chagwa Lungu's cabinet terminated the 2012 treaty and will soon start to negotiate a new deal, according to a statement obtained by The Diggers and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

The cabinet highlighted

Zambia tears up Mauritius tax deal

the southern African country's inability under the current treaty to tax payments from certain operations that happen in Zambia but that are paid to companies in Mauritius.

Many Mauritius companies exist only on paper

with no full-time employees and were created, at least in part, to avoid paying taxes, ICIJ revealed in its 2019 investigation Mauritius Leaks.

International Centre for Tax and Development lead researcher Martin Hearson said Zambia's decision was "surprising" because Zambia and Mauritius have recently renegotiated other treaties.

"It illustrates that there is a real case for countries to re-examine whether some of their tax treaties can realistically be renegotiated in a way that creates more benefits than costs," Hearson said.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a senior Zambian official told ICIJ the treaty was "not balanced or fair".

Most companies that use the treaty "are not undertaking actual commercial activities in Mauritius and could be referred to as shell companies," the official said. Zambia will now try to estimate the value of revenue lost under the deal, he said.

For decades, Mauritius has

positioned itself as the "Gateway to Africa," encouraging foreign companies to set up cheap, no-frills companies on the island. Under bilateral tax treaties signed with Mauritius – also known as DTAs – countries, including more than a dozen in Africa, agreed to reduce or entirely scrap taxes that would otherwise be paid by corporations to treasuries such as that in Lusaka. Zambia was one of a small handful of African countries that agreed with Mauritius to give up receiving taxes on common cross-border payments, including interest and royalties.

Mauritius Revenue Authority did not immediately reply to requests for comment. A second Zambian tax official, who was also not authorized to speak publicly, told ICIJ that the decision to cancel the treaty with Mauritius was "very important." A new treaty, the official said, is "one of the top priorities for putting resource mobilization back on track." Zambia is the second African country this year to unilaterally cancel its treaty with Mauritius. In January, Senegal tore up its deal with the island tax haven following government estimates that the West African country had lost \$257 million since 2004 under what officials called an "unbalanced" agreement.

Don't rush to sell all your maize, Bwalya guides headmen

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

NORTHERN Province Minister Lazarus Bwalya has asked traditional headmen in the region not to sell all their maize as they trade-in during the current crop marketing season.

Speaking when he met with 19 Nfungwe Council of village headmen in Lupososhi, Monday, Bwalya appealed to farmers not to rush to sell their maize to safeguard food security.

He also assured his people that they would be included on the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) scheme once funds were available.

"Don't sell all your maize and remain starving! Sell some and leave some for your own consumption. It will be very retrogressive for you to sell all your food and start doing pieceworks for food," Bwalya advised.

Bwalya said he would engage the Ministry of Agriculture and the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) on calls for the construction of a grain storage slab.

Meanwhile, responding to complaints that only a few people were accessing the SCT, Bwalya said government was increasing the number of beneficiaries.

He explained that no government programme will ever take everyone at once, but assured them that they would be included once funds were available.

And Bwalya told the headmen that he will provide cement through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) for the construction of a teachers' house at Mfungwe Primary School while the community will provide sand.



Selling land to foreigners is legal – Kapata

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

LANDS and Natural Resources Minister Jean Kapata says government currently has no control over Zambians selling their land to foreigners because the Land Act allows citizens to do so.

And Kapata says government is waiting for advice from its lawyers on whether or not to repossess the 4,000 hectares of land, which was given to Indians, who later decided to sell it to the Chinese.

Speaking when she featured on ZNBC's Sunday Interview, Kapata said government had no control over Zambians selling their land to foreigners.

"You know, the Land Act that we have now does not have provisions where a non-Zambian cannot buy. If you have a property and today you decide to sell it to a non-Zambian, we can't stop you from doing that. It's your property, you can sell it because we don't know why you are selling your piece of land, it could be for your own economic survival. So, we have no control over individual people selling land to anybody out there. But when we bring in a policy, foreigners will not be able to get land because they can only get land when they are coming in as investors. And once an investment fails, then land reverts back to the State. But we cannot stop people from selling their land," Kapata said.

Kapata recalled that some Indian investors were given 4,000 hectares to invest in during the Central Province Investment Expo, but they decided to sell it to the Chinese.

"Yes, they were given 6,000 hectares and when it came to our Ministry, we realized the 2,000 was actually the

wetland. And the policy does not allow anybody to own land in the wetlands because wetlands are supposed to be shared. Those are eco-system where we want to preserve the ecosystem that we have in this country and also these are areas where animals graze. So, that 4,000 hectares was given to some Indians, who had attended the [investment] Expo in Central Province. They were given those portions of land so that they could then begin to invest into it. But what we saw was that, that land immediately was given to those Indians, it was also sold to some Chinese. And we are still investigating. I have a report on my table and I am only waiting for advice from lawyers to look at it, critically. What is the way forward? Because a lot of people have been displaced in that area, people received a lot of money without giving the owners of the land anything. So, I am on it and I will make sure that the correct thing is done," Kapata disclosed.

She also said government was almost done with the validation process of the new land policy.

"These are Indians who claim they are Zambians, but that is not allowed. For me, that is why I have been crying that the land policy is put on the table because all these things that we are talking about, there will be guidance from the land policy. And the good news is that the policy is already done. The stakeholders have already agreed to the chiefs, we have sat with them several times and they have agreed. So, we are now at validation-level. And we are only delayed to do the validations now because of COVID-19," Kapata said.

She said that investors should first

sell their investment plan to the Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) before asking for land from chiefs.

"Investors are not supposed to go through to the chiefs for their investment. They are supposed to go through ZDA. Let them bring up what type of investment they are coming to do, and then with the recommendation from ZDA, then they can go to the chiefs and ask for land. And if the land that they are looking for is more than 1,000 (hectares), His Excellency also has to sign because he has to buy into the Investment that is coming. Is it a viable investment or not? We don't want a situation where today an investor buys land, tomorrow they sell it to the Chinese, for those we have the powers to reverse, so that we protect people's gardens, homes, and farms in the rural areas," she said.

Asked about what happened with some of her Ministry employees who were accused of tampering with records, Kapata said most of them had been transferred as punishment.

"Of course, there was such a complaint and we have since transferred most of those officers. It's a punishment. For those that were found wanting, some of them are appearing in court for such activities," Kapata replied.

And she announced that the Ministry of Lands had procured a machine, which could print 150 land titles per minute.

"We are doing a national land titling programme and we are calling out Zambians out there to come and start processing their title deeds. I will be quick to mention that we already have equipment that can produce about 150 titles per minute," said Kapata.

PF can lose 2021 if we don't up our game – Miles

By Mirriam Chabala

LUSAKA Mayor Miles Sampa says it is possible for the ruling Patriotic Front (PF) to lose the 2021 elections if it does not "up its game".

And Sampa says some people in PF took advantage of late president Michael Sata's illness and got the country into the current debt crisis by over borrowing.

Meanwhile, Sampa says he is confident that NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili will return to PF because he sounds just like Sata when he speaks.

Speaking to Kennedy Gondwe on his Studio Ken YouTube channel, Sampa said PF needed to strategise and prepare well for next year's elections, otherwise it risked losing power to an underdog.

"I must be honest, between now and the elections, we have to up our game as PF, including me. The grassroots and the structures, all the way up. [We have to up our game, it's] just like any other football match, if you are Manchester United or Arsenal, you don't take any game for granted. You have to prepare, you have to camp. So it's the same thing for PF, like any other election, we have to camp, prepare, have the best strategy and have the best team, the right positions at the right time, then we will win. But if it's not coordinated properly, it's a game, you can't go to a game and say you are going to win. Even an underdog would knock you out," Sampa said.

"Even in boxing, if you go there, Mike Tyson was hammered by Buster Douglas, one blow, on the ground but he was big and the champion. So even as the incumbent IN government now, we have to up the game, it's very possible to lose."

And Sampa said some people in the Patriotic Front took advantage of Sata's illness to over borrow. **Story Continues on P10**

Govt working towards declaring Zesco infrastructure as common carrier – Energy PS

By Natasha Sakala

THE Ministry of Energy says it is working on how best it can declare all electricity infrastructure in Zambia as common carrier after concerns were raised over the issuance of Statutory Instrument No. 57 which declared Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC) Plc infrastructure as such.

Last month, CEC chief financial officer Mutale Mukuka expressed concern over the SI and further questioned why Zesco kept blocking the Kitwe-based power utility from using Zesco's infrastructure if it was also declared common carrier as guided by Energy Minister Mathew Nkhwa.

"We are not aware of the fact that Zesco's infrastructure is common carrier under the law, but are happy to be guided. In case you are familiar with such a law, please share with me the relevant law declaring Zesco's transmission and distribution assets common carrier. We have SI 57 of 2020, which declared CEC transmission and distribution assets common carrier, so we may want to see something similar. Probably, Zesco would want you to believe so but I am sure even them would have challenges showing us the law declaring them common carrier. From a practical point of view, for example, from mid-2019 to-date CEC's bilateral power supplies from regional utilities continue to be blocked by Zesco and this is a matter which has been brought to the attention of the policymakers (including the Energy Minister), but no solution has been found, nor has any action been taken by the Minister on the Zesco assets. For your own information, this is despite CEC allowing Zesco's bilateral power supplies to use its system well before the declaration of the CEC assets as common carrier. The matter of Zesco blocking passage of CEC power through its infrastructure to-date remains unresolved," said Mukuka.

But in an interview, Ministry of Energy Permanent Secretary Trevor Kaunda announced that the Ministry was working on how Zesco and other electricity infrastructure could be declared as common carrier using the Electricity Act.

"The law, as it is, the Electricity Act provides for the Minister to designate any infrastructure of a company as common carrier so that SI addresses the CEC infrastructure. But the Ministry is working on how to, if you like, make further steps to identify other infrastructure as common carrier, for example, the Zesco ones, using the same provisions of the law, is something that is being worked on to see how some of the other players' infrastructure can be designated as common carrier. So, that's something that the Ministry is working on. After that SI was issued, they've been concerns raised," said Kaunda.

On May 29, 2020, Nkhwa promulgated SI 57 declaring CEC infrastructure as common carrier.

He had, however, argued in a follow-up statement issued on June 23 that the recent regulatory and statutory changes arising from the SI made it clear that all transmission and distribution lines in the country were declared as common carrier to facilitate a move towards a competitive market.

But stakeholders swiftly challenged Nkhwa to produce evidence declaring all transmission and distribution lines in the country as common carrier as the law demands, with the latter yet to show any such evidence.



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By Julia Malunga
HEALTH Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya says the high number of brought-in-dead persons that have succumbed to COVID-19 is worrying.

And Dr Chilufya says the country has recorded 324 new cases and 18 deaths in the last 11 days.

Meanwhile, Dr Chilufya has observed that surge COVID-19 cases is a result of laxity on the prevention regulations.

At a briefing, Tuesday, Dr Chilufya said he was concerned about the surge in brought in dead persons.

"From our routinely collected data we note a spike in the number of persons brought in dead and even if we compare between January and May 2020 and

Zambia records 324 new COVID-19 cases, 18 deaths

the corresponding period between January and May 2019, there is clearly a spike in the number of brought-in-deaths. The analysis of our data shows that Lusaka recorded 31 out of the 42 deaths, Mongu three, Ndola five, Kitwe two and Kafue one. If we look at the age range of the cases that we have recorded as deaths, they range from two years to 88 years. We also see that there is a male/female distribution of 50 percent male and 43 percent female," Dr Chilufya said.

"If we further dig in, in the cause of deaths, we see that the vast majority are

those that have underlying medical conditions and these have picked out as immune suppression, mostly HIV/AIDS, diabetes, hypertension and heart diseases, various non-communicable diseases. Kidney disease, malaria, brain tumor, tuberculosis, alcohol abuse and of grave concern are sudden deaths with no known symptoms. The number of BIDs signal one cause of worry that COVID is rapidly killing those who get affected quickly in the communities and this shall inform our cause of action."

Dr Chilufya said Lusaka was now back as the hotspot

as it recorded more deaths and cases in the last 11 days.

"Zambia has in the last 11 days recorded a surge in the number of Covid cases and Covid related deaths, recording a total of 324 cases and 18 Covid related deaths, 14 which have been brought in dead. Lusaka District is back as a hotspot recording an increase in the number of cases in the last 11 days. Cumulatively, in the last 11 days, we have recorded 1,895 cases with a total of 18 deaths. Now this brings the total of deaths cumulative to 42 while we have recorded a total of 1,412 recoveries from the time the pandemic started. In the last 11 days, 153 people have recovered. From inception, Zambia has recorded a total of 1,895 cases, a total of 42 deaths and 1,412 recoveries," Dr Chilufya said.

"Of these 42 deaths, 24 were brought in dead. In the last 11 days, the positive cases that we have recorded will be disaggregated as follows: contacts to known cases and these are 67, those that were picked out of health facility based screening 48, Truck drivers that were picked out from various points of screening 63, and those that were picked from various points that were



we are doing community screening and those were 105. Health workers that have been screened routinely the number is 9. And I as I eluded earlier, 14 were brought in dead."

He said the undesirable behavior of people needed to be immediately checked.

"We have seen that the cold season has seen an escalation in cases and deaths globally and locally. The President cautioned on the risk of COVID-19 resurgence if we did not adhere to the prescribed public health measures

during the adoption of the new normal. Observations made in Zambia have shown laxity in compliance to public health and social measures. Less people are wearing masks in public today, less public places are enforcing public health and social measures including mandatory hand washing. People are gathering in public places such as restaurants, markets and public transport without adhering to social measures and public health measures. We would like to sound a warning that at this pace, we will continue to see increase in the number of cases and deaths. The undesirable behaviors that we are seeing in our populations in Zambia need to be checked immediately," Dr Chilufya said.

He said public gatherings would not be held in an infected area without permission from an authorized officer.

"Let me use this opportunity to inform the nation that anchoring on powers vested in me by His Excellency President Lungu, I have revoked and replaced regulation number 9 in SI 22 of 2020 on the aspect of restrictions of gatherings. We shall now read a public ceremony or gathering shall not be held in an infected area without permission from an authorized officer. Previously, it used to read about the number five and following the presidential repel, it did read 50. In our attempt that we retain to a new normal, we have made a decision based on science that gatherings that conform to public health measures will be allowed and that include; ability to maintain social distancing of a meter, ensuring that all that are in those public gatherings are in masks, ensuring that there are facilities for hand washing and ensuring that the period of those gatherings reduced. Outdoor functions are preferable to indoor functions. Indoor functions are permissible as long as you maintain the social distance," said Dr Chilufya.



Street Vending: Some traders in Lusaka's Mtender's Township trading along the road leaving the market building empty - Picture by Tenson Mkhala

Don't impose Bill 10 on people, consult, VJ tells PF

By Sipilisiwe Ncube
VETERAN politician Vernon Mwaanga has appealed to political parties to sit down and dialogue on certain constitution amendment clauses which they are not comfortable with.

In a statement, Tuesday, Mwaanga stated that the concerns surrounding Bill 10 required more consultations among the stakeholders instead of being imposed through the tyranny of the majority in Parliament.

"There are genuine concerns about Bill 10, which requires more consultation among the stakeholders and not just imposed through the tyranny of the majority in Parliament. Consensus building is extremely important in a nascent democracy. National Constitutions are not supposed to be treated as partisan documents," Mwaanga stated.

"There are still many outstanding issues which must be resolved, in order to create the atmosphere and internal conditions for the holding of free, fair, democratic and transparent elections which meet international standards. Zambia subscribes to the various declarations and decisions of the United Nations, the African Union, and SADC. These organizations have come up with various protocols, which describe how the election campaigns and the entire electoral process should be conducted. The need for dialogue among our political leaders is not only imperative but absolutely urgent."

Mwaanga called for commitment to the fight against corruption.

"There must be an even stronger commitment to eliminate the scourge of corruption, which has become a

most unwelcome and ugly vice in our country. It does not require a rocket scientist to tell us that working together as responsible citizens, we can achieve much more. No individual Zambian is bigger or more important than Zambia. Zambia is for all Zambians regardless of where they come from. Young politicians of today must be made to understand and accept that they are not enemies, but mere opponents involved in a contest for power. The Public offices they occupy are intended for men and women who are passionate about service to the citizens of the country and not to themselves, their families and friends," he stated.

Mwaanga also urged political parties to agree on the high-priced nomination fees which were recently announced by the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ), among other pending issues.

"Political parties must discuss and hopefully agree on; Voter registration and issuance of National Registration Cards; Presidential, Parliamentary and Local government nomination fees, which are prohibitive as announced by the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ); The Campaign period and the need to create a level playing field for all those campaigning and contesting elections; How the leadership at ECZ is selected and appointed must be in such a manner that they view their role as being to defend democracy and transparency, and not to protect the interests of the ruling Party. They must also see themselves as being accountable to the wishes and aspirations of the people, and not of any government," he stated.

Mwaanga said there was need for political parties to have equal and fair access to state media and the right to freely campaign.

"Equal and fair access to the state media, which is owned by the people of Zambia and not the personal property of whatever political party is in power at any given time. This point is emphasized in the UN, AU, and SADC declarations. I admire public broadcasters like the South African Broadcasting Corporation, for its unbiased coverage of all political parties, almost on an equal basis. That is what is required here too. Selective application of the Public Order Act, which nearly always advantages the political party in power. All those political parties taking part in elections must have the right to campaign freely and without hindrance," Mwaanga stated.

Mwaanga stressed the need to amend the Electoral Act in order to ban the transportation of political cadres from one area to another.

"The Electoral Act should be amended to include the banning of political hooligans from other districts and Provinces, for purposes of staging attacks on political opponents. The counting of votes and their verification must be observed by representatives of political parties taking part at each and every point, right up to the announcement or declaration of results. In Nigeria, where I was a co-Chief Election Observer of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), this is included in the Electoral Act. All political parties taking part in elections must be made to sign an identical declaration

committing themselves to non-violence, peaceful campaigns and avoid using inflammatory language against each other during campaigns," he advised

He stated that the attempt to merge the ConCourt with the Supreme Court would cause dysfunction in the Constitution.

"The issue of the Constitutional Court requires an inquisition. It was ill-advised to equate the Constitutional Court with the Supreme Court, whose decisions are not appealable. In many countries around the world, the Supreme Court also sits as a Constitution Court. Where this is not so, the Constitutional Court is equal in terms of jurisdiction to the High Court and its decisions can be appealed to the Supreme Court. I know of no other country that has two Apex Courts – as an Apex Court is the jurisdiction of last legal resort, and so there cannot be two of them. This is tantamount to creating a constitutional dysfunctionality that can already be seen and anticipated," stated Mwaanga.

"It is sickening to see or hear political leaders talking at each other and not to each other. This is an abomination and does not fit into the new normal of 21st-century politics. Dialogue is synonymous with modern politics and is critically important for Zambia's future because it increases the chances of peace and reduces tension in our country. Dialogue may not solve our problems, but past experience tells us that it has the potential to produce solutions to difficult and seemingly insurmountable problems. Political sanity in our country is indispensable."

By Zondiwe Mbewe
 CONSTITUTIONAL lawyer John Sangwa State Counsel says Rainbow Party general secretary Wynter Kabimba's call for President Edgar Lungu to intervene in ConCourt-Speaker affairs is dangerous as it is giving the Head of State powers he does not have.

And Sangwa says no one can interfere in the operations of the Judiciary, not even the President.

The constitutional lawyer was reacting to Kabimba's sentiments that President Lungu should intervene in the conflict between Speaker Dr Patrick Matibini and the Constitutional Court, saying if left unchecked, there would be a direct conflict between the Legislature and the Judiciary in the near future.

However, in an interview, Sangwa said the President was not superior, adding that Kabimba's sentiments were the kind that made the Head of State feel like he is above the law.

"These are the guys who advocate for more powers in the President than the President actually has. The President is not superior.

Kabimba's call for Lungu to intervene in Matibini-ConCourt dispute dangerous – Sangwa

Those kinds of sentiments are the kind of sentiments that make the President look larger than life. What you have are three separate arms of government: you have the President, Parliament and the Judiciary. All these institutions are equal. I respect Wynter, I consider him to be my elder brother, but statements like that are very dangerous because they are not founded on the law. The issue here, whatever is perceived to be a conflict is not actually a conflict. The solution is in the Constitution. It's a normal way of these institutions' working. This one will push back, another one will push back [but] at the end of the day, they will find a balance," Sangwa said.

Sangwa insisted that if President Lungu was to intervene, he would not only be violating the independence of the

Judiciary, but would also be interfering in the operations of the Office of the Speaker.

"It does not require the President to intervene, and in any case, how is the President going to intervene?...He's going to intervene where? Where's he going to get the power to intervene? There are no provisions. First of all, the powers of the President does not include resolving the imagined conflict. And if the President was to do that, he would be violating both the independence of the Judiciary and he will be interfering in the operations of the Office of the Speaker. The Speaker is the head of the National Assembly, he is elected by the Assembly, he is independent. The President is also there. In fact, the policeman here is the Judiciary. The Court is there to make sure that the Speaker behaves, it's there to make sure that the President also behaves," he said.

And Sangwa said no one could tell the Judiciary what to do, not even the President or the Speaker.

He cautioned that Kabimba's statement could actually undermine the independence of the Judiciary if acted upon.

"The Speaker cannot overrule what the

Constitutional Court says, but the Constitutional Court can overrule anyone, including the Speaker and the President in terms of whatever they say. In fact, there's an express position in the Constitution to say the Judiciary is independent. Nobody can tell the judges what they can do. Nobody can interfere. Not even the President can interfere in the operations of the Judiciary, it's there, expressly stated in the Constitution. Nobody can tell the courts what they can or cannot do. They are independent. And these statements actually undermine the independence of the Judiciary, if carried forward," Sangwa said.

"And these are statements, which try and give the President more powers than he actually has under the law. At the end of the day, there's actually no conflict because the Court has already pronounced. What the Court has said is the law, finished. What conflict is there? There's no conflict. What the Court has said is the law, not what Matibini has said. What Matibini has said is the law within the National Assembly, but that has been overruled by the Constitutional Court."

Sangwa added that Kabimba's remarks were actually in violation

of Article 122 of the Constitution.

"The Speaker had a right to express his own opinion and make his own rulings within the Assembly. It's fine, it's permitted. But when there's an aggrieved member of the National Assembly who goes to court and the court pronounces on that particular grievance, the pronouncement of the Constitutional Court becomes law, which is binding on the Assembly, which is binding on the Speaker," said Sangwa.

"No person, no authority can tell the Judiciary what to do. What Wynter is

talking about is actually in violation of Article 122 of the Constitution. Whether you agree with the Court or not, you have to respect their independence, you cannot interfere. Because of the enormous power they will, the fact that once a judge has been appointed, you cannot tell them what to do, that power can only be vested in the person that is properly qualified. The fact that you have appointed them, then you have faith in them. If you have faith in them, then you must accept their decisions. We can criticize, but we cannot tell them what to do."

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"The problem that we have is the President himself interacting with these same men of questionable standing. And then the PS Defense and the ZAF commander also follow suit as the leader is doing. The President should not be allowed to have access to criminals unless something fishy is going on behind the curtains where the President has been hijacked. The glasses in front of the President and that interaction at that level gives us a lot of questions. That is a sign of a degenerated situation that allows thugs to go through to the President and allow them to talk, dine, and eat with the President. That carries a cost of the image of Zambia as a nation and even on the image of the President. We start questioning to say, 'what is really going on?' And these men should not even threaten out people here. Mr Lungu and the PF must account, including the PS Sturdy Mwale, he must account for his movements. He is flying to Russia, not because of him being himself, but because of him being Permanent Secretary of Defence. He must account for our taxes, which he uses to fly. He must account for the position that he is holding on our behalf as Zambian people."

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Prisons commissioner a PF cadre – Mucheleka

By Julia Malunga

UPND deputy secretary general Patrick Mucheleka says it is unfortunate that the Zambia Correctional Services (ZCS) Commissioner General Chisela Chileshe is a Patriotic Front cadre who wants to bar opposition from campaigning.

Last week, Chileshe said opposition parties that did not support President Edgar Lungu would not be allowed to enter correctional facilities.

He said he would do whatever it took to help President Lungu and the government.

"If there are people in Southern regions here who have a negative altitude and not seeing the works that your government has done and they are able to see vividly with their eyes and they are able to hear what you have done and they are unable to attend to this important function, I would close the house in which they enter. Because they are not representing the people of Monze but they are representing themselves and this can be seen by what has been transformed. We are talking about Livingstone

where you are constructing the first ever female prison, we are talking about Katombora where the renovations have been done. We are talking the same Monze where we are told is the household for some people," said Chileshe

"And they can see what is there and I wonder what they would do when you come to open such a huge investment. This is what we have seen by the so called politicians that even if you see development coming in your area, you are unable to appreciate. What type of hatred is that? And that is the reason why, your Excellency, my officers who are in uniform and trained to be loyal have been directed that we will never entertain anyone to enter in this facility if they are unable to support you... We have moved from prisons to correctional facilities. A directive to our officers is that we must pay back by working hard. We can only say thank you and we will do what we can to help your leadership. We will do what we can to help your party. We will do what we can to help your government."

But commenting on this in an interview, Mucheleka said there was a scheme to use prisoners as a mechanism to rig elections.

"It is very unfortunate that he can choose to involve himself in politics. He clearly took a political position

and took a swipe at the opposition especially at the UPND president Hakainde Hichilema. This comes at a time when prisoners will be allowed to vote and he is talking about how he is going to ensure that he does everything possible to help President Edgar Lungu. Clearly, he is off-side. And I want to advise him to take a leaf of what is happening in Malawi where against all odds, there was a change of government. And even here in Zambia, it is inevitable that we have a new government and President," said Mucheleka.

"It becomes extremely difficult to have professionals in the organs of government because most of them have been politicized. They are working as if they are an extension of the PF. Those remarks were being made in front of the President and he didn't do anything to admonish him. It means we have a PF cadre as a commissioner general. He has made it awkward for the Electoral Commission of Zambia and all of us. He is saying that the opposition will not be allowed to have access to the voters in prison. This is why we are against the idea of prisoners voting even if there was a court ruling. You can see that there is a scheme to use prisoners as a mechanism to rig elections."

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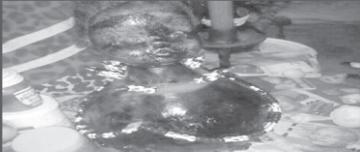


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No society can prosper and be efficient, effective and orderly without fighting corruption. Nelson Mandela once observed that: "corruption in government is a plague that must be erased from every regime in every place in the world." The inefficiency, ineffectiveness and disorderliness that today characterises the Patriotic Front government is hugely due to corruption. If PF government officials were to stop engaging in corruption for just one year, Zambia would save enough money to finance the entire social sector deficit.

Unfortunately, our President is running a government whose activities are designed to deliver the maximum benefits to his family and friends. And this affects almost all areas of government activities in this country. Even the confusion that seems to surround the operations of the Judiciary are partly due to this government's corrupt way of handling public affairs. The President's friends and those who are benefiting from his corrupt regime are causing problems in the Judiciary in a bid to try and secure his desired

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Malawi is too near for our politicians to miss the lesson

hold on power.

The cosmetic arrests and acquittal of Cabinet Ministers who are close to him has continued to raise many issues that today are working to undermine the standing of the Judiciary. And there are very few people today in this country who are in doubt about how these acquittals are being secured. And very few people in this country are in doubt as to why the Director of Public Prosecutions is not making efforts to appeal against the acquittals of the President's friends. All those involved in this scheme cannot escape legitimate accusations of corruption.

It is, therefore, a waste of one's thoughts to think that the National Prosecutions Authority in

its current state and under the current leadership is committed to fighting corruption with help from the law enforcement agencies, because without exception, they too, are under compromised leadership. The way our President has come out so strongly to defend his ministers who are accused of committing crimes sends a very strong signal to the world that his spite for graft depends on who is accused.

This is why the Anti Corruption Commission, as it stands today, is not in a position to take on the President and his Ministers. The Commission simply does not have the leadership and the organisational capacity to do so. If anyone in this country is cheating oneself that

corruption involving the President and his Ministers can be professionally investigated and prosecuted by the Anti-Corruption Commission, they are living in the wrong country at the wrong time. The Anti-Corruption Commission is there to deal with small people, clerks, secretaries, and a few selected senior officials, who are not in good sanding with the President. This is why we see State House protecting some loyal Ministers while throwing ambitious ones under the bus.

When we hear the President say an arrested minister is innocent until proven guilty by the courts of law, what we hear instead is that the Head of State is simply challenging citizens with

the saying that, "Let he who among you has not sinned be the first one to cast a stone." But that is not the right principle for running government affairs and we should not allow our country's leadership standards to be lowered to such levels.

The people who are stealing in this government shouldn't forget the wise Bemba saying: umulandu tau bola. They are in power today and they can shield or defend each other; they can clear each other of all sorts of crimes. But they won't be in power forever, they won't be on top forever. Like we stated the other day, life is like buttocks, one has to go down and pave way for the other to go up in order for the journey to continue.

These matters will be

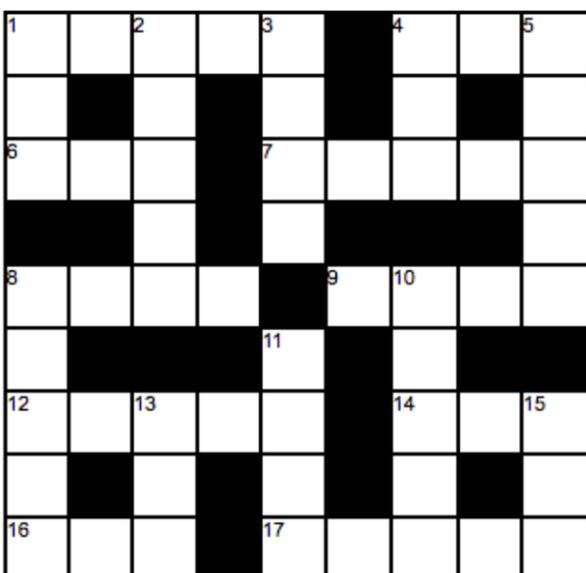
rightly prosecuted; this President will not go scot-free. If anything, those who are today speaking in his defence and doing illegal things in his name will be turned into State witnesses. They should learn from what is happening in other parts of the world. Even the endless hold to power has a limit as to how far it can be sustained. There comes a time when the very system that is supporting you turns against your leadership. Malawi is very near for our people in government to miss the lesson.

We want to encourage those that are fighting corruption in this country not to relent. The professionals who work for compromised government institutions must find other means of contributing to this fight. If it means playing the whistleblower role, they should do just that and they will reap their reward once they achieve a Zambia that is free of a criminally-motivated leadership.

The people who liberated Malawi in the election re-run are the men and women in uniform, the government officials, who refused to sit by and watch while the country was being torn apart. They chose to join hands with the citizens and wrestle the country from the hands of the oppressors.

Here in Zambia, those who are helping in the fight against corruption should not rely on the President and the institutions under his control. There is need to seek new avenues, new ways of uprooting corruption and those who perpetuate it.

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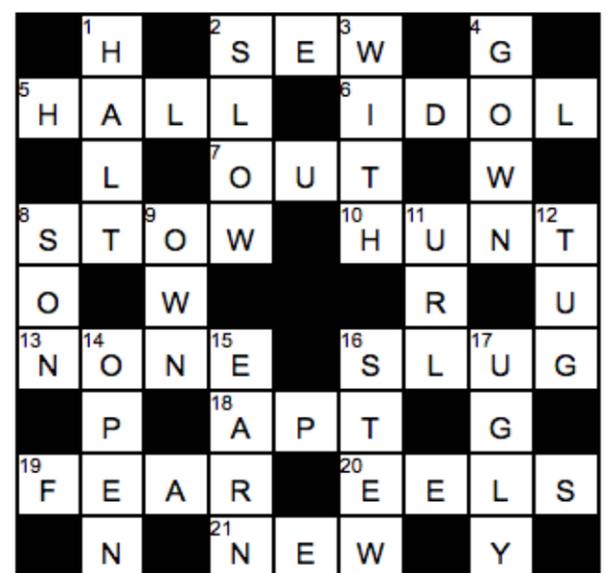


"The spirit of arrogance most definitely makes you shine. It paints a bright red target on your own forehead."

- Criss Jami

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| 1. Adhesive | 1. Round baked dessert |
| 4. Wee drink | 2. Blemish |
| 6. Significant time period | 3. Effortless |
| 7. Sugary | 4. Observe |
| 8. Belt out a tune | 5. Flower feature |
| 9. Thing that's worshipped | 8. Outstanding |
| 12. Buyer's concern | 10. Nightmare, e.g. |
| 14. Unit of corn | 11. Pay for use |
| 16. Regret | 13. Drink cooler |
| 17. Sheepish | 15. Purge |

Crossword puzzle No 640



Readers' Feedback

Mweetwa's explanation on why Monze residents booed Lungu

Editor,

"The question is why wasn't the President not booed in the other towns he visited in Southern Province? Was the case of Monze a response to an act of provocation by someone and the residents to respond against the person they concluded represented the perpetrators?" - Kanyata

Mubita

"Why shouldn't he get booed? should he always be praised? that's life people, not everyone is going to like you and concentrating on just a small set of people booing is kind of petty and to some extent nonsensical and childish. Concentrate on more important issues!!!" - Bebetty

Yenesha

"Come on mwebantu there's nothing to justify APA we're in a democracy you don't expect everyone to praise you just accept reality". - Moses Laishi

"Ba diggers, I will wait for your opinion and don't forget to mention past presidents who were once booed". - Saphira Mundwe

"Everyone has a choice of candidate and if I don't like your candidate, please respect my choice. Booing is in no way disrespect unless it is coming from within your camp otherwise, always expect it when dealing with opposition and maturity would be to ignore and not showing off your muscles against the unarmed". - Anthony Sakuwaha Chama

Sangwa on there being nothing new in ConCourt ruling on Bill 10

Editor,

"Mr Sangwa is one of the few lawyers in Zambia who interprets constitutional laws properly such that even us laymen can understand, not lawyers like Tutwa". - Ernest Simbuwa

"This man should be remembered!" - Mulenga Joseph

"His interpretation of the constitution may not be the best but am looking forward to the day when someone will intellectually debate with him on constitutional matters. So far he's shown legal intellect and anyone trying to challenge him exposes his/her ignorance on constitutionalism and ends up being petty and emotional without tackling issues he's raising". - Asa Amisi

"A Lawyer not layers!" - Gzoo Stadad

"Why Bill 10 Defenders do not discuss content. Citizens should take note that no one in the PF discusses the contents of # Bill10 . Not the President, not the architect - Minister Lubinda, not the many proxy voices. All of them just say it must pass. The reason for that is it is impossible to defend the contents of Bill 10 because they are entirely injurious and against the will of Zambians. No one can defend:

1. A President who can negotiate his or her way into State House after losing an election, via a strange coalition clause.
 2. A Parliament where the ruling party can increase its seats at will.
 3. The Cabinet being able to contract debt without any control and then also waste it as the FIC is weakened.
 4. The President being able to create and realign provinces and districts at will.
 5. Limitless Ministers and the return of limitless Deputy Ministers.
 6. Elections that are academic because the ruling party can achieve 2/3 majority in Parliament by just increasing nominated members and then be able to change the constitution as they please.
 7. A Bank of Zambia with no control over money or on financial banks.
 8. A President whose mental and physical capacity to hold office cannot be investigated.
 9. The ruling party that can legally use public money to campaign during elections as Ministers stay in office.
 10. The President being able to increase or reduce the number of Judges in the Supreme and Constitutional Court at will.
- Again, I say no one in the PF discusses the content of #Bill10. They cannot because these changes were not asked for by Zambians. Laura Miti". - Mwenya Kay



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China's pledge to cancel interest on Zambia's debt

Dear editor,

"They don't give money for free. A favour for a favour". - Nicky Tabo Chinika

"So that you can continue calling us foreigners in our own country. There is no free lunch in this world". - Lauren Sikopo

"In exchange for what?" - Gloria Kaimana

Whatever it is, it must be costing us more than the interest". - Emmanuel Sakala

"China is not a charitable organization". - Chola Mwale

"The Mukula trees landed

safely in the land of China!" - Bertha Nyawa

"They know how they will get it back. There's nothing like "FREE LUNCH!" - Samuel Sakala

"Free things no longer exist in this world. That is a price-tug on our heads. Same same na "Diposit K100 to receive K600." - Kingsley Kaliye

"For you to know that China's foreign policy has shifted from the time of chairman

Mao! Can anyone tell me or show me an NGO which is either run or funded by China? Remember there is no free lunch especially when dealing with China!" - Thomas Sankara

"If you read your history, you'll realize that inert greediness and selfishness is what prevented us from asking questions when such offers were tabled before our eyes.... That's how we got colonized". - Aggrey LC Mulenda

Govt's target to issue 1.5m NRCs between August 1 and October 10

Dear editor,

"Let them harmonize the voting age with NRC attainment age and digitalize it so that we just use NRCs to vote". - Dason Wright Mphande

"Its laughable....first of all I personally see no reason why issuance of voters cards isnt a continuous process. Elections themselves are a continuous process, at whatever level be it section, ward, district, constituency, provincial and national levels.... some1 becomes eligible to vote every second. Why do we disenfranchise them, only waiting for the to come and join in once every 5 years? Secondly ECZ is citing time as a constraint hence the 30day period give....what bullocks! So we have a national institution funded by government and through its development partners donor which goes into dormancy mode for close to 4 years? Why should a process as essential as having potential voters registered treated with such reckless abandon? Who

plans at and for ECZ? Why are we always ambushed with decisions with no stakeholder participation? Am no lawyer or electoral specialist but 56 year of self rule must reflect acceptable levels of improvement in all spheres....it is a reason why some quarters have demanded reforms in the electoral system in general and ECZ in particular, and for a layman like me perhaps this is more urgent than bill 10. Is lack of funds or shortage of staff yes stuff not staff hampering progress at ECZ? And guys if we feel the demands of democracy are too much, be rest assured the alternatives presently are no better. The minister of home affairs was quoted by the press stating how the voter registration exercise will proceed. Given all these hiccups, what is going to stop ECZ suddenly running out of funds and staff becoming fatigued as soon as they have covered luapula, northern, muchinga eastern and copperbelt provinces? I havent even mentioned anything to do with 'percieved strongholds". - Musonda Malama



Robotic scientists will 'speed up discovery'



SCIENTISTS at the University of Liverpool have unveiled a robotic colleague that has been working non-stop in their lab throughout lockdown.

The £100,000 programmable researcher learns from its results to refine its experiments.

"It can work autonomously, so I can run experiments from home," explained Benjamin Burger, one of the developers.

Such technology could make scientific discovery "a thousand times faster", scientists say.

A new report by the Royal Society of Chemistry lays out a "post-Covid national research strategy", using robotics, artificial intelligence and advanced computing as part of a suite of technologies that "must be urgently embraced" to help socially distancing scientists continue their search for solutions to global challenges.

The robotic scientist is currently embarking on a series of tests to find a catalyst that could speed up the reaction that takes place inside solar cells.

But it could, according to Prof Andy Cooper, the materials scientist who has put the robot to work in his lab, be used in the fight against Covid-19.

"We've had a lot of interest [in the robot] from labs that are doing Covid research," he told BBC News.

"Covid, climate change - there are lots of problems that really need international co-operation. So our vision is we might have robots like this all across the world connected by a centralised brain which can be anywhere. We haven't done that yet - this is the first example - but that's absolutely what we'd like to do."

Socially distant science

Today, in a world where scientists also need to limit their time in the lab and maintain social distance from each other, the robo-scientist has come into its own.

"It doesn't get bored, doesn't get tired, works around the clock and doesn't need holidays," Dr Burger joked.

On a more serious note, he said that the robot had transformed the speed at which he could carry out research. "It can easily go through thousands of samples," he said, "so it frees up my time to focus on innovation and new solutions."

Like robotics designed for research in Space, machines like this could also take on riskier experiments - in harsher laboratory environments or using more toxic substances.

That, according to Deirdre Black, head of research and innovation at the Royal Society of Chemistry, is why UK science needs to build new technologies into its infrastructure.

"This is about human beings harnessing all of these digital technologies, so that they can go faster - discover and innovate faster and explore bigger and more complex problems, like decarbonisation, preventing and treating disease, and making our air cleaner," she told BBC News.

So does this mean that while many scientists have been in lockdown, the machines have come to take their jobs?

"Absolutely not," said Dr Black. "Science will always need people".BBC

From P4

"I must tell you that one of the things in late Michael Sata's reign which is most unfortunate, certain people took advantage of illness. They got him to sign or approve things he shouldn't have and it's a mess that we are in now. I went and got the first Eurobond, I went round the entire world and marketed so well and we got that Eurobond at the best price ever in Africa, I think it was 4.5 per cent. But then they went and got more Eurobonds at expensive prices and I was telling them 'don't' because it would choke the economy. [I told them] 'let's finish this USD \$750', I was even suggesting that let's open farms in all districts so that there is productivity'. But I was detached from the spending side, decisions were made without me, they put the money in Zesco, they put the money in DBZ and before long, they went and got some more, that's how I left the Ministry of Finance because I was against borrowing more," he said.

"And where we are now, the Eurobond they borrowed close to USD \$5 billion. I was fighting that and I was trying

PF can lose 2021 if we don't up our game - Miles



to tell President Sata 'Sir, stop this'. But they took advantage of his illness and I remember there is a letter at State House I wrote to President Sata [where I said] 'Sir with this borrowing you are putting not only our children but your child Gerald, I knew that he loved his last born, in problems as well'. It's him who is going to come and suffer. I wasn't wrong, it's him and us suffering now because of the borrowing that was done then. But later on I realized my uncle wasn't well and now I am worried about

the debt crisis that the country is currently in. In Parliament when they were trying to vote to borrow more, me I voted no. Yambwa Mukanga was the Chief Whip, he even wrote to the President to say I voted no and the President asked me to explain why I voted no. I voted no to borrowing because as an economist myself and a banker, I knew that over borrowing was going to choke the economy which we did then. But President Sata was made to believe otherwise and he accepted and we are

now paying the price. So even when President Lungu came in, he found an economy where the only way out is to keep borrowing."

Asked if according to him PF was the worst thing that has ever happened to Zambia's politics, Sampa said it was actually the best thing.

"Look at it from the positive way; you have roads, consequently now you can do business faster. If my brother the Finance Minister plays his cards right, he can change the scenario. For any situation there is a solution, he can refinance. If anything, this COVID-19 is a blessing in disguise, there is a silver lining. If I were the Finance Minister, I could use this opportunity to negotiate those loans: some of them there is room to be written off, there is room to roll them over because now the world has realized that everyone is failing to pay," he said.

Meanwhile, Sampa said he was still confident that Kambwili would return to PF before 2021.

"When I see Davies Mwila talk, he is a Sata, when I see President Lungu talk, he is a Sata, Jean Kapata, Given, even Kambwili, Kambwili is still a Sata, he talks the language and thinking and so am I. So we are that family, Kambwili is now in the wilderness, he's going through what I went through. I don't rule out him coming back [to PF] before elections, it's a very huge possibility. GBM had said the same thing but he's now back. We are all one, even Harry Kalaba is from the Michael Sata school, he talks Sata's language who knows? He may come back as well. But that as it may be, I am happy I am home," said Sampa.

Sampa also said he no longer has Presidential ambitions.



Members of the Brazilian Armed Forces medical team speak with a member of the Yanomami ethnic group at a Special Border Platoon, where tests for COVID-19 are being carried out, in the indigenous land of Surucucu, in Alto Alegre, Roraima state, Brazil, on July 1, 2020. NELSON ALMEIDA / AFP

Life-saving Covid-19 drugs sold on black market

A BBC investigation has found that two life-saving drugs used to treat Covid-19 patients in India - remdesivir and tocilizumab - are in short supply and being sold for excessive rates on a thriving black market. Vikas Pandey reports from the capital Delhi.

Abhinav Sharma's uncle had very high fever and

difficulty breathing when he was admitted to a hospital in Delhi.

He tested positive for coronavirus and doctors told the family to get remdesivir - an antiviral drug that's been approved in India for clinical trial and also under "emergency use authorisation", meaning

doctors can prescribe it on compassionate grounds.

But procuring it proved an impossible task - remdesivir did not seem to be available anywhere.

Mr Sharma desperately called people to arrange for the drug as his uncle's condition deteriorated by the hour.

"I had tears in my eyes. My uncle was fighting for his life and I was struggling to arrange the medicine that could possibly save him," he said.

"After dozens of calls, I paid seven times the price to get the medicine. I was willing to pay any price really, but my heart goes out to people who can't afford it," he said.

Mr Sharma's plight is familiar to many families in Delhi, desperate to do whatever it takes to save their loved ones. Some say they have been forced to pay exorbitant prices for the drug - many of those ending up at a medicine market in old Delhi.

The BBC was able to connect to people working at the market who said they could arrange the drug, but for the right price.

"I can get you three vials - but each will cost 30,000 rupees [\$401; £321] and you have to come right away,"

said one man, who claimed he worked in the "medicine business".

The official price for each vial is 5,400 rupees, and a patient typically needs five to six doses. Another man quoted 38,000 rupees per vial.

The demand for remdesivir is driven by the fact that it has managed to cut the duration of Covid symptoms from 15 days down to 11 in clinical trial at hospitals around the world.

Experts have warned that it's no "silver bullet". But in the absence of any proven drug, doctors are increasingly prescribing it in India, driving demand in Delhi and other Indian cities.

The BBC has learned of several similar instances where families of patients in Delhi and neighbouring districts had to pay excessive prices for remdesivir. Some say they even spent their life's savings to buy the drug - just

to give a loved one a fighting chance to survive.

The main reason for this kind of profiteering seems to be a massive gap between supply and demand.

US-based Gilead Sciences, which originally developed remdesivir to treat Ebola, has allowed four Indian companies - Cipla, Jubilant Life, Hetero Drugs and Mylon - to produce it in India.

However, only one of these companies - Hetero - has produced it so far.

The company has distributed 20,000 doses of the drug between five states and told the BBC that it wasn't sure how the "leakage" was happening.

"We have not given the medicine to our distributors. As per the guidelines, we have directly supplied the vials to hospitals," Hetero's vice-president of sales Sandeep Shahstri said.



BARCELONA have no intention of activating the €111 million (£100m/\$125m) release clause in Lautaro Martinez's contract at Inter, but the Liga giants are still keen to thrash out a deal for the Argentine.

Those at San Siro have made any suitors of their South American forward aware that one window of opportunity will swing shut at the close of play on Tuesday.

For them, that is when the current release terms in Lautaro's contract will expire.

Barcelona consider that clause to be valid for

Barca won't activate Lautaro Martinez's €111m release clause but still hopeful of striking deal

another week, through to July 15, but have no plans to take it up regardless.

The Liga giants are reluctant to enter into discussions at that asking price and are prepared to wait before opening any negotiations with Inter.

Club president Josep Maria Bartomeu has told RAC1 when quizzed on the reported interest that Barca hold in Lautaro: "I am not talking about transfers.

We have not marked the signings in the calendar for when they should be completed."

Meanwhile, Inter chief executive Giuseppe Marotta has told DAZN that the Serie A outfit "does not want to sell its champions, unless there is a desire on the part of the player to leave".

Lautaro has given little away when it comes to his future plans.

Barca believe an agreement can be reached but, with the financial implications of the coronavirus pandemic taken into account, they see the 22-year-old's asking price being considerably lower than its current mark.

They have been busy piecing together plans behind the scenes for any summer business, with Goal reporting back in April that a lucrative

contract is being readied for Lautaro.

The Catalans hope that those terms will aid their cause, with the club unable to splash out €111m on one player in the next window even if they wanted to.

Barca's plan is to bring Lautaro's price tag down, with the player understood to be open to transfer talks.

In his mind, he either remains at San Siro or heads to Camp Nou, and no alternative options will be considered.

Inter, though, maintain that the player has expressed no desire to them for an imminent switch to be pushed through and, with that in mind, negotiations from this point are expected to be tricky.

The Nerazzurri have made it clear that they will not bow to the demands of a European rival and will hold out for the best possible terms if a sale has to be sanctioned.

Barca hope that including a number of their players in a part-exchange package will help to sweeten the deal and relax Inter's stance.

They want to bring in a proven performer who has 17 goals to his name from 37 appearances this season, with Lautaro seen as the perfect long-term successor to Luis Suarez in Catalunya.

One opportunity to make that happen is about to expire, but there may be many more to put a deal in place. **GOAL**

Setien gets Bartomeu backing, but Barca president expects Xavi back 'one day'

BARCELONA president Josep Maria Bartomeu has given his support to head coach Quique Setien, but believes club legend Xavi will inherit the managerial reins "one day".

Xavi, who holds the

record for the most Barca appearances of all time, has long been linked with the top job at Camp Nou, where he spent 17 trophy-laden years as a player.

He was considered one of the front-runners to take the post when Ernesto Valverde was sacked in January, only to publicly suggest he was not ready, which led Barca to turn to Setien.

Xavi has since said he wants to become Barcelona coach and has been tipped to succeed the under-fire Setien, but on Sunday the ex-midfielder signed a contract extension as manager of Qatari club Al-Sadd.

And though the jury remains out on Setien given his side have fallen four points behind Real Madrid in La Liga, Bartomeu has given him his backing.

"Setien will continue, obviously," the Barca chief told RAC1.

"I do not regret Valverde's change. The team needed a boost. Setien knows our DNA, the model and has brought new airs and new ideas.

"The coaches are obviously subject to the results, but I am happy with the evolution of the team."

On Xavi's coaching credentials, Bartomeu added: "[Xavi is] a great coach who I

am sure will one day come to Barca."

Barca's poor form and infighting behind the scenes has again led to speculation that Lionel Messi could do the unthinkable and actually depart the club when his contract expires in 2021.

Bartomeu has remained steadfast in his belief that the 33-year-old will retire with the Blaugrana and said the club will do all they can to extend his deal.

"He has a contract until 2021 - normally we do not explain the conversations with the players but it is evident that we have an obligation to renew him," he said. **GOAL**

NOCZ approves Teqball's application for inclusion in committee

By Abraham Kalito
THE National Olympic Committee of Zambia has approved the application by Teqball Association to be included and recognised as member of the council.

In a letter addressed to the Teqball Association, the committee stated that the approval would have to be ratified at the next Olympic Council assembly.

"Reference is made to your letter dated 01 June, 2020 in which you requested for inclusion in the membership to the National Olympic Committee of Zambia as one of its affiliate members. In that regard, NOCZ is pleased to inform you that the NOCZ Executive Board has approved your membership application subject to ratification by its Olympic Council at the next Annual General Meeting. Find enclosed the 2020 NOCZ annual subscription invoice for your attention. We remain at your disposal should you have any questions," read the statement.

Teqball was recently introduced in Zambia.



Guardiola ignoring Messi to Man City transfer links

PEP Guardiola has reiterated his desire to see Lionel Messi remain at Barcelona, with the Manchester City boss refusing to be drawn on speculation suggesting that he could be reunited with the Argentine in England.

Speculation regarding a move away from Camp Nou for a six-time Ballon d'Or winner has surfaced again over recent weeks.

It is not the first time that Messi has seen a switch mooted, with an all-time great holding obvious appeal to any team on the planet.

He has remained fiercely loyal to Barca down the years, with fresh terms agreed on a regular basis.

Reports have, however, suggested that Messi has shelved talks in the present as he waits to discover in which direction a rather rudderless Blaugrana side will head from this point.

His apparent reluctance to extend a contract due to run until the summer of 2021 has generated another round of exit talk, with City one of few clubs that could afford to finance a deal if a door were to be opened.

Guardiola, though, is reluctant to be dragged into a debate regarding targets with the 2019-20 campaign still ongoing and still expects a compromise to be reached in Catalunya that will see an iconic figure remain in his current surroundings.

"I'm not going to speak about transfers until the end of the season," said the former Barca boss.

"My wish is that Messi is going to stay in Barcelona."

Guardiola offered a similar response when pressed on whether he intends to bring in another centre-half in the next window, with many having called for a suitable successor to former club captain Vincent Kompany to be found. **GOAL**

FAZ plans coaching school

By Abraham Kalito
FOOTBALL Association of Zambia (FAZ) president Andrew Kamanga says the association will in future set up a full-time coaching school in Zambia that will offer three to five-year coaching programmes.

Kamanga said the Croatian Federation has offered to assist FAZ in setting up a coaching school which would come on stream soon.

"The deal signed in June 2019

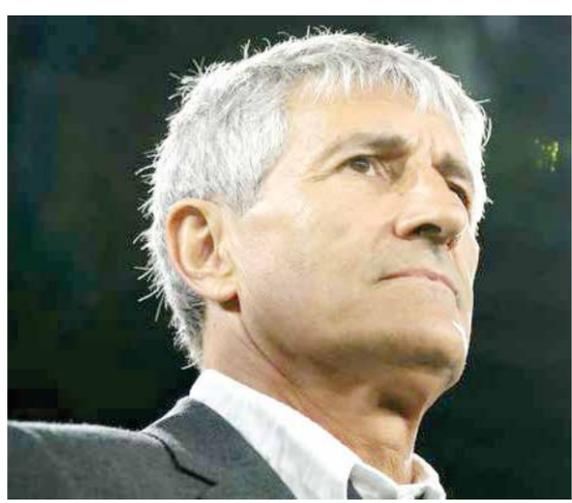
in Paris, France was penned by myself on behalf of FAZ and HNS president the esteemed Davor Suker. One of immediate benefits from this deal is the area of coach education. Croatia is one of the biggest exporters of coaches across Europe and all over the globe. The Croatia Federation has offered to help Zambia set up its first ever coaching school that is expected to come on stream soon. Croatia has offered to send football experts during the off season to train

coaches for our premier league," Kamanga said.

"All Super League and National Division One teams are expected to benefit from this project. However, in the long term, we have set in motion a program that will see us set up a full time coaching school in Zambia that will offer three to five-year programmes."

He said the association had received an invitation to participate at the Under-15 tournament in Croatia.

"Our technical directorate through our elite youth league had already commenced selection of players from our structures. It is through relationships like these that we hope to grow the game. For us, building from the base is a key component of our strategy. We continue to forge partnerships with various stakeholders and global partners to ensure that we grow our game. We ask you to lend your hand and continue supporting our beautiful game," said Kamanga.



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