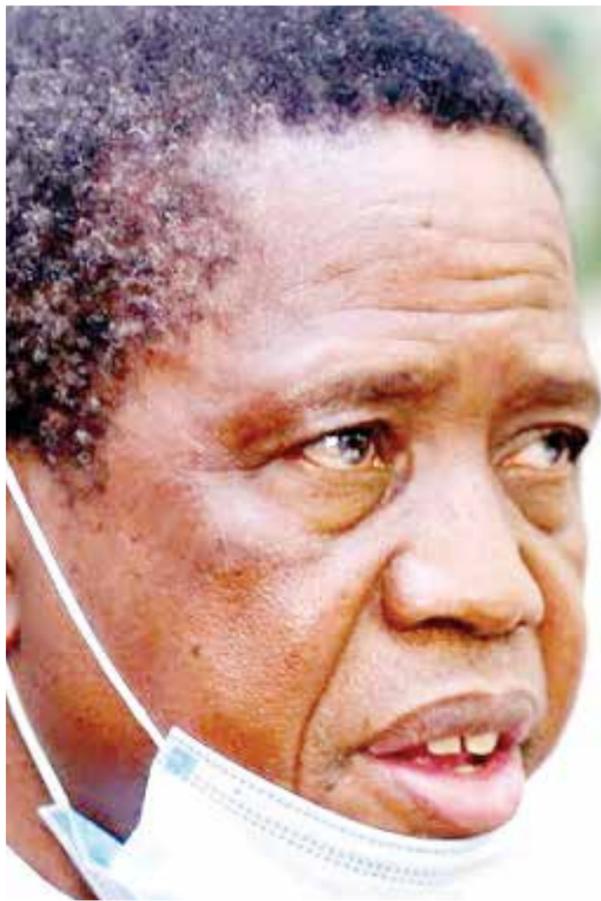




LUNGU RUBBISHES

ACC... Corruption fight is anchored on politics, all they want is to get Edgar out of power



By Ulande Nkomesha
THOSE in charge of fighting corruption know where to find it, but they can't dare go there because all they want is to remove Edgar Lungu

from power, President Lungu said, Sunday. Speaking when he toured Chifuba Market in Ndola where market shelters were being built, the Head of

State said the fight against corruption in Zambia has been anchored on politics, accusing anti-corruption advocates of championing for regime change. *Story page 10*

Petauke DC vows to shut down PASME Radio, as police threaten to torture staff

By Ulande Nkomesha
IN an audio published on the News Diggers website, Petauke District Commissioner Velenasi Banda Moyo vows to shut down PASME FM Radio and keep it closed until after the 2021 general elections, because the station aired a programme featuring opposition UPND president Hakainde Hichilema without a police permit. And Petauke Association

of Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (PASME) FM Radio station manager Mathew Banda says the station saw no logic in reporting Commissioner Moyo to police

over her actions on Thursday last week, because she used police officers to shut down the station. Last Thursday, Moyo stormed PASME FM in the

company of armed police where she disrupted the programme, claiming that the station needed to have a police permit to air opposition parties. *Story page 6*

CiSCA condemns Bill 10 Advocates' attacks on Telesphore

By Zondiwe Mbewe
THE Civil Society Constitution Agenda (CiSCA) has cautioned youths calling themselves Bill 10 Advocates to stop harassing Archbishop Telesphore Mpundu or any other citizen opposed to the Bill.

And CiSCA says Article 20 of the Bill of Rights gives every Zambian the right to full

enjoyment of the fundamental right to freedom of expression without any hindrance or interference.

According to a statement issued, Friday, CiSCA vice-chairperson Judith Mulenga stated that during the launch of their translated Bill 10 into seven local languages, the Bill

10 youth advocates singled out Archbishop Mpundu as a target of their diatribe. *Story page 10*

Unknown number of people burnt to ashes in Kapiringozi accident

By Zondiwe Mbewe
AN unknown number of people have been burnt to ashes in an accident involving three trucks after a driver for one of the trucks lost control due to speed and hit into another Faw Motor vehicle which was carrying suspected Jet1 Fuel. Meanwhile, Police in Monze District have arrested a couple for allegedly causing the death of their five-months-old baby during a domestic fight. *Story page 2*

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Many people think I'm a fool for accepting defeat in 2011 - RB *Story page 7*

By Zondiwe Mbewe

AN unknown number of people have been burnt to ashes in an accident involving three trucks after a driver for one of the trucks lost control due to speed and hit into another Faw Motor vehicle which was carrying suspected Jet1 Fuel.

Meanwhile, Police in Monze District have arrested a couple for allegedly causing the death of their five-month-old baby during a domestic fight.

According to a statement issued by Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo, Sunday, the road traffic accident happened on Chirundu-Kafue road at Kapiringozi hills on Sunday morning.

She stated that the accident involved an unknown vehicle which was being driven by an unknown driver with unknown number of passengers who were suspected to have been burnt to ashes.

Katongo stated that it also

Unknown number of people burnt to ashes in Kapiringozi accident

involved a Zimbabwean who was driving a Volvo truck which had broken down and also another Zimbabwean who was driving a Faw truck and believed to have been carrying Jet 1 fuel.

“Police in Chirundu received a report of a road traffic accident which happened today August 16, 2020 around 06:40 hours on Chirundu-Kafue road at Kapiringozi hills involving three trucks. Involved in the accident was an unknown motor vehicle driven by an unknown driver with an unknown number of passengers who are suspected to have been burnt to ashes. Also involved was a Zimbabwean, Prince James aged 25 of Clear Choice logistics who was driving

a Volvo truck registration number ACQ 2702 which was on break down and also another Zimbabwean male identified as Donemore Magoshe of Srauss logistics driving a Faw truck registration number AEU 6414 and believed to have been carrying Jet 1 fuel,” she stated.

Katongo explained that the accident happened when the unknown driver who was driving an unknown truck was descending the hill and lost control of the vehicle due to excessive speed and hit into a Faw Motor vehicle which was carrying suspected Jet1 Fuel and later went and hit into a stationary Volt truck which had a breakdown.

She added that all the vehicles caught fire and were

completely burnt.

“The accident occurred when the unknown driver who was driving an unknown truck which had been completely burnt and was descending the hill lost control of the Motor Vehicle due to excessive speed and hit into a Faw Motor vehicle which was carrying suspected Jet1 Fuel and later went and hit into a stationary Volt truck which had a break down and all motor vehicles caught fire and were completely burnt,” Katongo stated.

She stated that Police, working with the Fire Brigade, were still at the scene and the number of people that had died had not yet been established as they were burnt to ashes.

Meanwhile, Police in Monze District have arrested a couple for allegedly causing the death of their baby during a domestic fight.

Katongo stated that the incident allegedly occurred on Saturday between 18:00 hours and midnight.

“Police in Monze District have picked and detained a couple for allegedly causing the death of their five months old baby during a domestic fight between them. This is alleged to have occurred on August 15, 2020 between 18:00

hours and midnight in Zambia Compound, Monze. Police visited the scene and the body of a baby boy was picked and deposited in Monze Mission Hospital mortuary awaiting postmortem,” stated Katongo.

“The deceased baby’s parents namely Sylvester Mumbi aged 41 years of Zambia compound and his wife Matilda Hampongo aged 34 years also of Zambia Compound in Monze have been detained in police custody and investigations have continued.”

Nyirenda’s dismissal is final, says NAREP

By Zondiwe Mbewe

NATIONAL Restoration Party (NAREP) spokesperson Frank Sichone says the decision of the party’s National Executive Committee (NEC) to fire Steven Nyirenda still stands, adding if the latter masquerades as president, the party will use means and ways to ensure that he is restrained from doing so.

And newly appointed NAREP president Charles Maboshe says he will build the party for it to fully participate in next year’s general elections.

Meanwhile, Maboshe has agreed with the sentiments by the party’s National Executive Committee that Nyirenda was bringing division in the party.

In a statement, Sunday morning, Maboshe informed the nation that he had accepted his appointment as NAREP president following the NEC’s resolution to expel Nyirenda who ceased to be their party president on Saturday.

And in an interview, Sunday, Sichone said the decision by the NEC still stands, adding that Maboshe was now president of the party.

He added that if Nyirenda masquerades as president, the party would ensure that he was restrained from doing so.

“He (Maboshe) has actually accepted our appointment as NEC. We as the NEC are the majority and we are the ones who are legitimate to put who should be president. We are actually the ones who negotiated to bring him (Nyirenda) [to the party]. So he cannot start disputing

our decision. We have decided and there is nothing that has changed. He (Nyirenda) is no longer president, Mr Maboshe is now the president of NAREP,” Sichone said.

“If he [Nyirenda] is going to be masquerading [as president], the party is going to use means and ways of making sure that we restrain him from performing or doing that. We also want to urge the media not to be quoting him [as one] because he is only going to be masquerading as president of the party when he is not. NAREP has a constitution and procedures that we follow. The highest body of the party is the NEC which resolved that he (Nyirenda) seizes to be the president. So he cannot continue to masquerade as a leader of the party.”

In another interview, Maboshe said he had accepted his position as president as he wanted to support the party where he had been a vice-president for 10 years.

He added that he also saw that the differences between Nyirenda and the party were not going to be reconciled.

“At that press conference on Saturday morning, remember I said I was going to meet the other party and try to reconcile [them]. So when I went there to make the other party reconcile, on the other hand of Mr Nyirenda, he was too arrogant. He didn’t want to recognise the NEC member to attend that meeting. Because the arrogance went on, and the majority of NEC members passed a vote of no confidence in him, I had to choose, whether to support the man, Mr Nyirenda

or the party. I chose to support NAREP as a party which I have been a vice-president for 10 years. And I accepted the position people gave me because I saw that the differences were not going to be reconciled because of the arrogance which was coming from the man we invited to come and join us,” Maboshe said.

“How can he (Nyirenda) be a president without the people? We are the people who put him there and we are the people who removed him.”

He said he would build NAREP so that it could fully participate in next year’s general.

“From now on, I will build the party, NAREP. I want to build the party so that we can fully participate in the 2021 elections as NAREP...I want to urge party members that they must stay calm and know that they have their party back. NAREP is not going to be run as personal property. It is a political party and we have to consult one another as it has always been. All ideas are welcome. We respect everybody in NAREP as it has been for the past 10 years,” Maboshe said.

He agreed with the sentiments by the party’s NEC that Nyirenda was bringing division in the party.

And on the party’s request for its former president, Elias Chipimo, to return as they work towards building the party for the 2021 election, the new president said if Chipimo accepted the request, he could join them as a member.

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LAZ engages AG to ensure respect for rule of law in COVID-19 fight

By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) says it has initiated dialogue with the Attorney General in order to discuss the legal framework in place, and enforcement mechanisms being adopted to combat the spread of COVID-19.

And LAZ has urged all members of the public to treat COVID-19 with the seriousness it deserves.

LAZ Honorary Secretary Sokwani Chilembo stated in a statement issued, Saturday, that the association shall issue a comprehensive statement on the matter upon completion of their engagements with key stakeholders to ensure that the Rule of Law was respected as the pandemic was being fought.

He stated that LAZ had followed with

keen interest what had been prevailing in relation to the measures put in place by government to fight COVID-19, and the enforcement mechanisms adopted by the Zambia Police Service.

“The Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) has followed with keen interest what has been prevailing in the country over the past few days in relation to the measures that have been put in place by the Government to fight Covid-19, and the enforcement mechanisms that have been adopted to this effect by the Zambia Police Service. We confirm that as LAZ, this is an issue that falls well within our mandate as prescribed in Section 4 of the Law Association of Zambia Act, Chapter 31 of the Laws of Zambia, to interrogate further, and offer guidance to both the

powers that be and the Nation,” stated Chilembo.

“Based on our confirmation, we wish to advise that we have engaged the Attorney General of the Republic of Zambia, in his Constitutional capacity as chief legal advisor to the Government. We have initiated dialogue with the Attorney General in order to discuss the legal framework in place, and enforcement mechanisms being adopted to combat the spread of COVID-19. We shall issue a comprehensive statement on the matter upon completion of our engagements with key stakeholders in this process, to ensure that the Rule of Law is respected, as we fight the pandemic. We also urge all members of the public to treat Covid-19 with the seriousness it deserves.”

Zambia records 157 new COVID-19 cases

By Zondiwe Mbewe

HEALTH Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya says 157 new COVID-19 cases have been recorded in the last 24 hours, bringing the cumulative total to 9,343.

And three COVID-19 survivors have urged Zambians to take the disease seriously and to adhere to health guidelines, warning that the virus is real.

Giving his daily COVID-19 update, Dr Chilufya disputed the notion that the virus was for wealthy people, saying it-19 affected everyone, irrespective of their social status.

“Locally, there is belief that COVID-19 is confined to those who live in the affluent suburbs of our cities. Again, the situation on the ground is totally different. COVID-19 affects everyone irrespective of their social status or where they live. We are all at risk and must take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and loved ones from this disease,” he said.

And Dr Chilufya said the country had recorded 157 new COVID-19 cases out of 1,069 tests that were done.

He added that 36 patients were on oxygen but in a fair condition.

“In the last 24 hours, Zambia recorded 157 new cases of COVID-19 out of 1,069 tests that were done. This therefore brings the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in Zambia to 9,343. These cases again reflect the wide geographical spread. We continue to see cases from Lusaka, Copperbelt, Southern Province, North-Western, Central and Eastern Provinces. Today 72 patients are admitted to Levy Mwanawasa COVID Facility and of these, three are in ICU. Further, we see 36 on oxygen but they are in a fair state. The rest are in stable condition and not on oxygen support. If we look at the country picture, we see 33 patients in health care facilities across the provinces. Bringing our cumulative number of discharges to 8,412,” Dr Chilufya said.

The briefing also featured three COVID-19 survivors who shared their experiences with the virus.

Mary Nachande of Chawama Compound in Lusaka said she lost her appetite and her sense of smell and taste.

She added that she only regained her sense of smell when she started recovering.

Nachande said COVID-19 was real and asked Zambians to adhere to the health guidelines that had been put in place.

Another survivor also shared his experience with the virus.

“As soon as any person begins to feel ill or to see any symptoms of illness, they should not wait. They should rush to health facilities so that they seek help. My situation was that I had travelled out of Lusaka. When I came back, I started experiencing malaria like symptoms and I quickly rushed to take a blood slide which came out negative. However, I still insisted that this could be malaria because I had travelled out of Lusaka. I was given malaria medication which I finished but there was no improvement. I had to take the second one because I still felt it was malaria until I was advised by the doctor at the clinic where I was going to consider taking a swab,” he said.

“I went to UTH where I was swabbed. It was also discovered that my oxygen saturation was very low and that it was quite risky. So I was admitted immediately and put on oxygen. I remained at UTH while waiting for results for my swab, which came out positive. I was transferred to Levy Mwanawasa where I was put on oxygen and continued to receive treatment. There are some patients that are not here today who I was with in the ICU. It is very important for Zambians out there, if what I am saying can do something to change the attitude of one Zambian towards this disease, I would be the most grateful person. COVID is real. I have gone through it. Please follow the rules.”



CTPD'S MONDAY OPINION

This is a weekly column aimed at sharing CTPD's perspective and steering public debate on various issues pertaining to Trade & Investment Law, Public Finance Management, Extractives and Human Development.

TODAYS TOPIC:

Principles of good taxation with Webby Banda



Last week we looked at a proposed cooperative governance structure within the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) sector. This week I shall draw your attention to the attributes that constitute a good mining taxation regime. As you might be aware the mining industry contributes substantially to the growth of Zambia's economy. One of these key contributions is tax payments that are made into state coffers by mining companies. The collected revenue goes a long way in not only financing social programmes but also servicing debt. This being so, mining taxation has become a flashpoint of national debate. Today we will focus on the attributes that constitute good mining taxation. Before we delve into this, we shall uncover the general principles or canons of sound taxation from a public finance aspect.

Principles of sound taxation

Adam Smith was the first writer to attempt a general statement of the principles of taxation. He gave four principles or canons which should be incorporated in any sound taxation system:

(i) **Canon of Fairness**— This means entities or people should pay based on their ability which is best measured by the income they earn. The implication of this is that people or entities earning more must pay more and vice versa.

(ii) **Canon of Economy**— This canon speaks to the minimisation of the cost of collection. Ideally, the cost of collecting tax must be less than the revenue collected from that tax.

(iii) **Canon of Certainty**— This canon states that the amount to be paid, the date, and the payment method should be clear and certain for the taxpayer to adjust his income and expenditure accordingly. The state must be certain as to how much revenue it could expect and what it could get. The canon of certainty is meant to prevent exploitation of taxpayers by the tax collectors.

(iv) **Canon of convenience** – Under the canon of convenience, taxation must be levied at such a time and manner which exerts minimum taxpayer inconvenience.

Later writers on public finance have added some more canons or principles,

(a) **Canon of simplicity** – Every tax imposed by the government should be simple and easily understood by the common taxpayer.

(b) **Canon of productivity** – The tax system should produce adequate revenue.

(c) **Canon of elasticity** –this means the amount of revenue to be procured through the tax system can be increased or decreased with the least inconvenience.

(d) **Canon of diversity** – The tax system should have diverse tax instruments because if the government levies one tax it will become easier for the taxpayer to evade it.

Attributes of a good mining taxation regime
The attributes of good mining taxation gravitate around the discussed principles churned out by Adam Smith and later writers. The following are some of the elements of a good mining taxation system:

(i) **Progressivity**

A progressive tax structure is one where tax rates increase along with the increase in the taxable amount. By this definition, it can be concluded that progressive taxation is based on the ability to pay. It is worth mentioning that a progressive mining tax regime captures a substantial amount of revenue for the government during high mineral prices but at the same time provides fiscal space for mining companies to continue in operation in low price cycles. This in itself limits bureaucratic and political pressure to renegotiate fiscal terms thus promulgating stability in the application of fiscal terms.

(ii) **International competitiveness**

A robustly constructed taxation regime should rank favourably in terms of international competitiveness. A tax system that cannot compete internationally can lead to little or no attraction of mineral investment. This is because prospectors will look elsewhere in search of mineral jurisdictions that offer a favourable investment climate. When this happens, mineral deposits will never be discovered and mines will never be opened. Therefore, it can be inferred that internationally competitive fiscal policy plays a cardinal role in making the host state an attractive investment destination.

(iii) **Administrative efficiency**

The design of an efficient mineral taxation system must encapsulate the compliance cost of both governments and mining companies. Complex taxation regimes are susceptible to tax avoidance leading to high compliance and administrative costs. This results in low net tax revenue generated by the government. Complicated tax instruments impede the comprehension of the tax scheme by the

common taxpayer. It is possible to have an ideal tax system on paper, but once its complexity is not matched with the administrative capacity of the country under consideration, there is a high possibility that it will not achieve the intended results.

(iv) **Balancing of investor and government risk**

A good mining taxation regime ought to balance the risk between the investor and the government. Therefore, a sweet fiscal spot must be determined that attains this. It is important to mention that achieving this is no easy task.

(v) **Stability and predictability**

A good mining taxation regime must be predictable and stable. Predictability means that it should provide the investor with the ease to project its financial burden over the mine project life. On the other hand, stability refers to the consistent application of fiscal terms over the life of the mine. By these definitions, we can safely say that predictability of a mining taxation regime depends on how stable it is. Unstable mining taxation regimes distort long term plans of mining projects thus potentially rendering them unprofitable.

Alignment of Zambia's mining taxation regime to some of the attributes

The Zambian mining taxation regime does not align well to some of the explicated attributes. For instance, Zambia has not exhibited stability in its mining taxation policy. In the last five years, five reforms have been undertaken, going against the attribute of predictability and stability. Additionally, the government seems to have challenges with the administration of mining taxation. The recent shifts from profit to revenue-based tax instruments seems to confirm this. Lastly, Zambia's mining taxation regime seems to have some alignment to progressivity. The existence of the copper sliding scale mineral royalty seems to confirm this.

This is it for this week. In next week's article, we will be discussing issues around Trade and Development.

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

CHAPTER One Foundation executive director Linda Kasonde says it is unfair to penalise poor Zambians for not being able to afford a face mask when politicians continue flouting COVID-19 health regulations.

And Kasonde says it is unfortunate that COVID-19 regulations regarding the right to freedom of assembly and movement are being applied selectively to favour those in authority.

Meanwhile, Human Rights Commission (HRC) spokesperson Mwelwa Muleya says public health regulations and guidelines must be applied to everyone, regardless of their status, because COVID-19 is not selective.

The two were speaking when they featured on a

There's no SI which regulates mask wearing – Kasonde

Chapter One Foundation-sponsored programme on Diamond TV, Friday, held under the topic "Human Rights during COVID-19".

Kasonde said it was unfortunate that the COVID-19 pandemic regulations regarding the right to freedom of assembly and movement were being applied selectively to favour those who were in authority.

She added that those in authority needed to ensure that laws were applied uniformly so that everyone would abide by them.

"The problems that we are seeing over the application of the COVID-19 pandemic regulations with regard to the right of freedom of assembly and movement are the same problems we are seeing with the administration of the Public Order Act. That it's being applied selectively to favour those, who are in authority, and we think that's very unfortunate. The government also needs to be concerned about this because when you apply law selectively, people start to ignore them and say, 'after all, so and so is doing this.' It's in the interest of the people in authority to make sure that the laws are applied uniformly so that everyone will abide by them and everyone will respect the regulations," Kasonde said.

On the warning by the Zambia Police Service that those without masks would be fined K750 or be arrested and taken to court, Kasonde, a former Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) president, said it was unfair to penalise a person for not being able to afford a mask, adding that it was not an offence to be poor.

"We should also be careful not to criminalise poor people. It should not be an offence to be poor. So, if you don't have that K750, you are going to go to jail? Meanwhile, that might be pocket change for somebody else. Our jails also are already overcrowded! So, we need to think carefully about the measures we put in place to try and curb the pandemic. Regarding this lady in the market, it's unfair to be able to penalise somebody for not being able to afford something," she argued.

And Kasonde said that there were actually no regulations in SIs, 21 and 22 of 2020 on mask-wearing. She, therefore, urged government to look into the said regulations and ensure that they were clear.

"There are actually no regulations in the two SIs, 21 and 22 [of 2020] on mask-wearing as far as I am aware. Also, the problem is that when

you make any policy or any law, you need to do so always from a human rights perspective. We are not saying that government should not put in place measures to keep everybody safe, but they need to do this in line with the law. The thing with law is that it must be clear. Everybody should be able to refer to a law, read it and be able to see that, 'yes, this is what it says.' But if it doesn't say, 'wear masks' and you get arrested for not wearing a mask, that's a problem and a violation of the law," Kasonde said.

"So, we urge the government to look again at some of these regulations and make sure that they are clearer. If you are going to make these regulations, and you should because people should wear masks to keep safe, make those regulations clear. But in addition, provide access to everyone to be able to access clean water, a mask or soap to protect them from COVID-19."

Kasonde further observed that some countries had been successful in curbing COVID-19 as their governments had built public confidence in their leadership.

She, however, added that if leaders did not adhere to the regulations that everyone else was supposed to abide by, then people would think COVID-19 was a hoax.

"This is a leadership issue as much as it is a health issue. In countries where they have been successful in managing to curb the virus is because the governments there have built public confidence in their leadership. So, people are following what their leaders are saying because their leaders are leading by example. And if you don't have your leaders adhering to the regulations that everybody else is supposed to abide by, then you will have a situation where people start not to believe that there is COVID-19 out there, 'after all these people are walking around in huge crowds,'" said Kasonde.

"That in itself is a health risk because you have people



Linda Kasonde

who don't believe the virus exists. So, all of us, right from the top to the bottom, should adhere to the scientific, medical advice that is being given to us. Let's all stay safe, mask-up, social distancing and wash hands."

Meanwhile, Muleya insisted that it was a human rights violation to apply laws selectively.

He observed that for public gatherings, politicians were not only endangering themselves, but the lives of their supporters as they were not immune to contracting COVID-19.

"The right to equal protection of the law is a fundamental human rights principle. Therefore, it's a human rights violation to apply the laws selectively or to discriminate in terms of application of the laws. Now, the difference between the restriction related to political gatherings in enforcement of the Public Order Act and the public health regulation is that Coronavirus does not select or discriminate. If it's to do with public gatherings, that transmission can take place because of lack of adherence to the fundamental principles of social distancing. Therefore, politicians, who do that are gravely endangering the lives of their supporters, followers, including themselves. Because they are not immune to contracting Coronavirus as we

have witnessed in the recent past. So, it's very important that there is exemplary leadership in this manner because supporters follow leaders," Muleya said.

He added that public health regulations and guidelines must be applied to everyone regardless of their status as COVID-19 did not select or discriminate.

"So, there should be no discriminatory application of the public health regulations and guidelines. The enforcement of the public health regulations and guidelines must be applied to everyone regardless of their status because the virus does not select. It does not know the status of any individual, it affects everyone. So, in order to contain this pandemic, there is need for maximum responsibility across the board. There should be leadership at all levels," he urged.

He further said government had an obligation to safeguard public health and provide personal protective equipments not only to the frontline workers, but also to vulnerable members of society.

"There is need for a balancing act under this situation. Government has an obligation to safeguard public health. It has also an obligation to provide for basic needs, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all LEVELS, not only among the frontline workers, but among the vulnerable members of society who are badly hit by the economic situation. The COVID-19 situation has worsened the standard of living for the majority of Zambians. Also, there should be understanding in terms of enforcing these regulations. There should be a human rights-based approach of engaging members of the public and those who are violating these regulations," said Muleya.

He said there was need for people to take maximum personal responsibility for their health and those around them as COVID-19 was a public health emergency.

Muleya further said whatever action law enforcement officers take should be legal, necessary and proportionate, adding that there should be no violation of human rights.

Ndola Teaching Hospital admission wards full – Superintendent

By Daniel Chansa

ADMISSION wards at Ndola Teaching Hospital are full and our inpatient wards upstairs are nearly full, says Senior Medical Superintendent Dr Joseph Musowoya.

And Dr Musowoya says hospital management has stopped visitations because it is not safe.

He said only critical patients would have one bed sider.

"During the first wave of the disease, we saw a reduction in the number of patients coming to the hospitals and reduced to about two thirds and our hospital burden in terms of inpatients reduced. We have gone back to the old statistics whereby, in every one moment, the hospital is nearly full, so our admission wards are full, and our inpatient wards upstairs are getting full," Dr Musowoya said.

"This is not a good picture, but we want to encourage especially the bed siders, those that want to come and visit, that visiting is not allowed. For patients that are very ill, we may allow a bed sider, but for patients that can do most of the things by themselves, there is no need to have a bed sider."

He warned that hospitals were hotspots for infectious diseases.

"Remember the hospital is not just a place where people come to get cured, but it's a hub of most of the illnesses, including Covid. You can get other infectious diseases like Tuberculosis, and diarrhea diseases, among other things. So we need to be very cautious when coming here at the hospital because it is not a safe place remember, we have been talking of social distance, now if we crowd, we will fail," said Dr Musowoya.

"We don't want this covid to come back in the third wave, I think it will be catastrophic. We need support from the people, the security is not working against the people. It is for our own good and benefit for all. Otherwise, the hospital you need to stay away, even for us, it's just that we are well trained and we have enough PPE that is why we are coming in."

Dayow Beef boss sues Kampyongo for wrongful deportation

By Zondiwe Mbewe

A DIRECTOR of Dayow Beef Company Limited has dragged Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo and the Attorney General to the Lusaka High Court, seeking a declaration that the purported warrant of deportation that was issued against him is unlawful and constitutes an abuse of power.

Adanker Edin Dayow, a Kenyan national, has also asked the Lusaka High Court to grant him permission to come back to Zambia to continue to live and provide for his family as well as run the businesses that he spent his life's savings and investment on.

He is seeking a declaration that the purported warrant of deportation issued by Kampyongo as an agent of the State represented herein by the Attorney General was unlawful and constitutes an abuse of power.

Dayow further wants the deportation order to be declared null and void and that he be allowed to

return to Zambia and a declaration that all proceedings on the decision of the Minister of Home Affairs be stayed until the determination of his application for judicial review.

He also wants to be awarded special and general damages as well as costs.

According to his affidavit in support of application for leave to apply for judicial review filed in the Lusaka High Court, July 22, 2020, Dayow stated that he was deported from Zambia in March, 2016, by Kampyongo's agents when he was in possession of a valid residence permit.

He explained that he had been living in Zambia since 2012 when he came as a self-employed director of Dayow Beef Company Limited, a private company with branches in Ndola, Kitwe, Mufulira, Kasumbalesa, Senanga, Zimba, Choma and Mbala, all situated on the Copperbelt, Western, Luapula, and Southern provinces in Zambia, respectively, employing 120

Zambian citizens.

Dayow stated that he had applied for a resident permit, which was granted to him on January 23, 2012.

He stated that he was at the time of his deportation without a criminal record, adding his deportation came with a sense of shock.

Dayow stated that he was traumatised and feared for his life and that of his family.

"The applicant (Dayow) was informed that the first respondent (Kampyongo) had made a decision to revoke his residence permit and deport him. The applicant insisted to be told the reasons for his deportation and was told that the grounds for deportation by the Immigration Department on behalf of the first respondent were that he was under investigations by the Kenyan authorities on allegations that he was harbouring terrorists, allegations that he denied. And no such terrorists were found, even at the time of the search

and subsequent arrest," he stated.

Dayow stated that he denied involvement in the alleged offence, notwithstanding, Kampyongo ordered for his deportation to Kenya in March, 2016.

He stated that he appeared before the Magistrates' Court in Nairobi, Kenya, on March 14, 2016, and was on June 3, 2016, acquitted as there was no evidence to support the charges that alleged that he had aided the escape of terrorists while in Zambia. Dayow stated that he believed his deportation was unfair, cruel and unjust at the expense of his wife and the six children, who have been left in limbo and disturbed.

He added that his investment in Dayow Beef Company had suffered as he was not given an opportunity to even do proper handovers of the management of the company that has 120 employees in different locations in Zambia.

By Ulande Nkomesha
DEMOCRATIC Party DP president Harry Kalaba says he will not allow PF Lusaka chairperson Paul Moonga to label him as a tribalist just because of whom he chooses to speak with.

And Kalaba says he is yet to understand what the UPND stands for.

Reacting to Moonga's allegations that Kalaba's planned alliance with Lusaka lawyer Kevin Bwalya Fube and former finance minister Felix Mutati was tribal, the DP leader asked "Who is Paul Moonga? Is he the one with a funny dental formula?"

When Radio Phoenix's Let the People Talk Host, Luchi, observed that such personal attacks were not synonymous with his style of politics, Kalaba said, "Sometimes, garbage in garbage out. This issue of people trying to take advantage of others because they will not speak, because they know they will not go to that level, they should be very careful. It is not correct for somebody to call another person who is

Kalaba mocks Moonga's dental formula following 'tribal alliance' remark

contributing positively to the economic emancipation of our country a danger. That is a very strong term used to a colleague to say he is a danger."

Kalaba said Moonga's claims were unreasonable as he did not practice tribal politics.

"Look, I think the job that we have right now is to bridge the divide and for us as the DP, we will seek to talk to everybody that we should talk to. We should seek to find common ground with whoever we can find common ground with because there are people who are accusing us here on this program 'why don't you work with your friends' that 'no, DP you are alone' but again when you see us together talking to other people again you are the ones telling us 'they have met, they are tribal'. Tribal politics for me doesn't even



DP president Harry Kalaba

exist, if there is a person that doesn't like tribalism it's me. So, I can't practice those kind of politics," Kalaba said.

"Zambians are asking us to come together, how that format is happening, they should give it a chance, don't judge, you just see one first meeting then you say 'oh this political party have formed an alliance', we have not yet formed an alliance! There is no alliance, but I have said if an alliance is birthed because of what we are talking, so be it, but right now there is no alliance amongst KBF, Harry Kalaba and [Felix Mutati]. There is no alliance but we are having consultative meetings to see how consultative our consultative meetings can get and to see how Zambian interests can be taken on board, is that a crime? Is that something someone should begin saying they are being tribal?"

He added that if an alliance would be formed, it would not comprise of people from the same region.

"Even if there was an alliance, I mean, we will not be naive to pick people from the same region, that we will not do, that cannot work. Even if there was an alliance that is going to be formed

in future and I pray that there is [something] tangible that will come out from our consultation, but I don't think we will remain naive to allow ourselves to behave like the way the PF is behaving, where you only have about two provinces running the country, we can't do! We never sink low to do that. So those who are propagating that, that is their own thing and they have their own agenda. There is no caveat within the Constitution framework of the country which stops me from consulting someone from the same region. I know Comrade Mutati comes from the Northern and the other one from Muchinga and myself from the other side but it doesn't stop us from making consultations," Kalaba said.

He said something much bigger was happening.

"Even if you read the paper which put us there yesterday, I think when you read what I had said, yes we are meeting to talk and if it means making an alliance is going to work why not, but for now, for reasons of clarity to those who want to peddle lies, there is no alliance that has been created and there is no pact that has been created. When there will be an alliance we will tell you that there is an alliance and the alliance is consisting of all these members and we need to ensure that we unite. Our meeting was consultative and it was not the first consultative meeting we have had. We have met I don't know how many times, it was not the first time that we are meeting. Something bigger than what you saw is happening," he said.

And responding to Alliance for Community Action (ACA) executive director Laura Miti's social media post that Fube's background was marred with lawlessness and she was

wondering how Kalaba could interact with him, Kalaba said no one was perfect.

"I have a lot of respect for Laura Miti I should admit. It is regrettable that she has written the way she has written because I think none of us standing, even myself here, is perfect and if there are issues about my brother Fube, I think it will be unfair for me or anybody else to begin casting aspersions on him. When you say he stole money for what, if he stole money, LAZ will not allow him to continue practising. As far I am concerned, I was talking to him this morning and he is somewhere out of Lusaka and he is attending court cases representing clients. So it is LAZ that should tell us. I think this thing of just trying to bring people down is not very good," Kalaba said.

And Kalaba said he is yet to understand what the UPND stands for, when asked why he couldn't consider entering into an alliance with them.

"I think I have said this before that those who are saying that the UPND has a large populace and that we wish them well, alliances are not formed because this one has got a lot of numbers. Alliances are formed on the premise of what people agree upon. I don't know and I speak this not for politics but I am yet to understand what UPND stands for," said Kalaba.

"The Bible says unless the two agree, they cannot work together, they cannot move together. The DP will not move together with any political party, if they got their numbers we wish them well those are theirs, but the DP is not going to move with any political party whose ideals they don't synchronize with. We are not going to just move because if you partner with these ones, you are going to win, I mean that is cheap you don't do that. You only partner if you are convinced that this is going to take us to the next paradigm. You don't just go in because that is what is giving you an option and it is the easier route to go no," said Kalaba.

ConCourt to rule on Paramount Chiefs' authority over subordinate rulers

By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE Constitutional Court has dispensed with oral hearing of the petition in which four paramount chiefs are seeking a declaration that their traditional authority to recognise, install, discipline and dethrone any of their subordinate chiefs shall continue to be exercised by them.

And Constitutional Court Judge Enock Mulembe has ordered that there being no dispute on the facts, the matter shall be disposed of entirely on the basis of the petition, the answer, affidavits and written submissions.

"There being no dispute on the facts, it is, hereby, ordered that: An oral hearing of the petition be and is, hereby, dispensed with; the matter shall be disposed of entirely on the basis of the petition, the answer, affidavits and written submissions; the evidence shall be in form of the petitioners' affidavit verifying petition and the respondent's affidavit in support of answer; the petitioner shall file submissions within 14 days of the date of this order; the respondent shall file submissions within 14 days of receipt of the petitioners' submissions," read the document.

Justice Mulembe further ordered that the submissions in reply, if any, should be filed within seven days of receipt of the respondents' submissions.

He stated that judgement shall be delivered on a date to be advised.

In this matter, four Paramount Chiefs; the Litunga of Barotseland; Kalonga Gawa Undi of the Chewa people of Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique; Mwine Lubemba Chitimukulu and Chief Mpenzeni of the Ngoni people, Eastern Province have cited the Attorney General as the respondent, seeking a determination and declaration that section 2 of the Chiefs Act,

insofar as it defines the word 'chief' is unconstitutional, and, therefore, null and void.

The four are further seeking a determination and declaration that the chiefly institutions of Paramount Chief, senior chief and other chiefs continue to exist and are guaranteed under article 165 (1) of Constitution of Zambia.

They further want the Court to determine and declare that when a Paramount Chief recognises or dethrones a subordinate chief in accordance with the traditional and customary practices, and informs government accordingly, the State shall acknowledge and accord to such chief, or, in the case of dethroning, cease to accord to the chief, the honour and dignity befitting a chief.

The four also want the

Court to determine and declare that every chief and deputy chief shall be paid such subsidies as may be determined in accordance with the Constitution, for the purpose of enabling such chief to maintain the dignity and status of the office of the chief and discharge the functions of the office under African customary law in a fit and proper manner.

And in his answer, Attorney General Likando Kalaluka submitted that the four Paramount chiefs were entitled to the reliefs they were seeking in the matter.

"The petitioners are entitled to the reliefs sought, save for costs, as the petition raises serious constitutional issues and the said costs should be in the cause," stated Kalaluka.

Govt won't be distracted by doomsayers – Chitotela

By Zondiwe Mbewe

TOURISM and Arts Minister Ronald Chitotela says government will not be disrupted by the "evil intentions of doomsayers" who want them to fail, insisting that President Edgar Lungu is determined to better Zambia.

And Chitotela has called for discipline among uniformed officers under the Department of the National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW).

Meanwhile, Chitotela said Dr Innocent Billy Ngombwa, a veterinary doctor who tranquilised the stray lion that escaped from Mundawanga earlier this week, has been promoted by President Lungu to principal veterinary officer pending formalities.

Speaking when he visited Mundawanga Gardens, in Chilanga, Thursday, Chitotela expressed delight over the speedy response of the DNPW in capturing the lion that escaped from the park.

Chitotela, however, appealed to residents of Chilanga District, especially the local authority, to ensure that they respected boundaries and not construct houses near the zoo catchment area.

"I am happy, director and your team, for your speedy response to capture the lion that escaped from its area. I want to appeal to the people of Chilanga, more especially to the authority, let's respect boundaries. We can't have a house built just next to the wall fence of a zoo! It may not just be a lion, it can be a snake. If we move in and demolish [the houses] they will say, 'where were you until now that that people have built?' So, we need to respect the laws that we make for ourselves," Chitotela urged.

"And to the officer who responded, we are saying, job well done! When you are working, don't think government doesn't see. The President always says that, 'he has eyes everywhere.' So, when people are working, reports reach him."

He stressed that government would not be disrupted by the "evil intentions of doomsayers," who wanted them to fail, adding that President Lungu was determined to see a better Zambia for the next generation.

"And to those doomsayers, please, give us space to work! You have your say, we have our work to do. We

will not be disrupted by your evil intentions of wanting us to fail! The President is determined, he wants to better Zambia for the next generation to come. Those that voted for President Lungu, they want him to deliver; they want him to give them social services, economic services and he can give that through us. If we fail, everybody will say, 'Chitotela has failed, President Lungu has failed.' But if Mundawanga succeeds, everyone will say, 'we have succeeded.' Let's work together so that we succeed as a team. Together, we will transform Mundawanga," he said.

And Chitotela called for discipline among uniformed officers under the Department.

"Zambia is about 775,000 square kilometres and 332,000 square kilometres is protected land, it is land that you, our men and women in uniform under the Department of the National Parks and Wildlife, police. Therefore, I want to call for discipline among you. For you to succeed, for you to do a good job and for you to do that which you are employed for, you need to bear in mind that you are doing it for and on behalf of the 17.4 million

Zambians out there. So, discipline is very key. For any institution to succeed, there must be discipline. Lack of discipline breeds confusion and failure," he advised.

Chitotela further assured that the Department under his Ministry would benefit in terms of the housing units that were being constructed by government across the country.

Meanwhile, the Department announced that Dr Ngombwa and other officers, who helped him capture the stray lion, would be rewarded.

"Today, government has recognised Dr Ngombwa for the bravery that he exhibited on August 9, 2020, when the lion went across. You may wish to know that Dr Ngombwa was not alone. He may have been with some officers that helped him in trying to capture that lion. We are also looking at those officers and by next week, we will communicate to them in terms of the reward. It may not be a promotion, it may not be money, but we will communicate accordingly in the course of next week by Wednesday so that you all remain motivated," said the director HRA Lenox Kalonde.

By Ulande Nkomeshya

IN an audio published on the News Diggers website, Petauke District Commissioner Velenasi Banda Moyo vows to shut down PASME FM Radio and keep it closed until after the 2021 general elections, because the station aired a programme featuring opposition UPND president Hakainde Hichilema without a police permit.

And Petauke Association of Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (PASME) FM Radio station manager Mathew Banda says the station saw no logic in reporting Commissioner Moyo to police over her actions on Thursday last week, because she used police officers to shut down the station.

Last Thursday, Moyo stormed

Petauke DC vows to shut down PASME Radio until after elections

PASME FM in the company of armed police where she disrupted the programme, claiming that the station needed to have a police permit to air opposition parties.

During the raid of the station, Moyo is heard ordering police officers to switch off the station, as she harassed staff who were found at the premises.

She wondered why the station would go to an extent of using a power back up generator during load shedding hours, just to air an opposition programme that she said was ridiculing the Head

of State.

"Give me one good reason why [you aired this]. Nakuuza ati you lock this radio station. I want to tell you..., this radio station is not going to open. Izasililamo election siizakaseguliwapo (elections will pass, this radio station will not be opened)... Moyo is heard saying, as another woman comments: "uyu muzako enzo running'a programme ya HH. Mukazikamba pali ba president bathu? ...Ala! Bachita kuliza na genset, kulibe ma light"

Police officers from the CID department are also heard threatening to torture anyone who would dare reopen the radio station without their consent.

"The station is under police now, we are here. Tiyeni tonse tichoke nivala pa gate manje (all of you vacate the premises we are locking the gate). Iwe malonda uli kuti , bwela kuno.... musanike light uyu, (You security guard, come here), we don't want this gate to open again, okay? If you allow anyone to open, we will come and turn you upside down and torture you," said one officer in vernacular.

Another officer is heard saying: "We will monitor this thing (radio). You have deprived us of sleep so we will be coming here to patrol. If you don't oblige, we will make you urinate in your zip."

Eastern Province Police Commissioner Luckson Sakala said his office was yet to receive a report about the incident.

"We don't have a report concerning the same matter, I just also read it on social media because they are supposed to make an official report but there was no report which was made," said Sakala.

In a separate interview, PF Eastern Province provincial

chairperson Andrew Lubusha claimed the radio programme was not disrupted by Moyo but that UPND failed to pay the full amount for it to air.

"I tried to make independent inquiries from different people in Petauke and what I was getting is that the accusation is not true at all. I think it is because of the [UPND] failure to pay for the program. I heard that they were charged K4,000 and they only managed to pay K1,000. I am told that HH was busy negotiating that 'reduce from K4,000 to K1,000. Basically speaking, we have so much respect for the media, we perfectly understand that for us to build the nation, the media is a very cardinal stakeholder we are partners in national development and we are committed in supporting media houses. We feel it is our obligation as the ruling political party to create a conducive environment for our media personnel to operate freely, so we remain committed. Honestly speaking, we have no intention of interrupting any radio program. So, it was their own failure, to the best of my knowledge," claimed Lubusha.

Narrating the ordeal, Banda said the incident was shocking as it was not illegal to air a political programme without a police permit.

He said said PF's claim that UPND failed to pay the full amount for the radio programme was false.

"That is a big lie! Why am I saying that? The UPND came to us to say we have a recorded programme which was aired by another radio station in Petauke some months ago. So they had requested for air time for a repeated radio programme and we charged them K1,000 for us to air their programmes and so

they paid the K1,000 that is why we issued the receipt and we aired the programme. So in the process of running the programme, that is when the DC came to interrupt the programme. The programme ran up to 34 minutes, that is when it was interrupted. It was an hour-long programme but it only ran halfway before it was interrupted. She ordered the police to close the station saying we are not supposed to air an opposition political party without getting a police clearance; saying we are supposed to get a permit from the police," Banda said.

"So I refused to say 'no no it is not us the radio station to get a police permit, we are not mandated to do that', what we are supposed to do is just to inform the police if we feel the security is not okay at the radio station. So we actually informed the police about the radio programme and they were aware. So the issue of saying the UPND failed to pay K4,000 is not true! We charged them K1,000 for a rebroadcast of a program and that is what we were paid. The DC came herself to stop the program by ordering the police to switch off the station so the issue of the K4,000 is not even an issue we can talk about. We never negotiated for the K4,000."

Banda lamented that the station incurred losses because it was closed for the whole night.

"The programme happened on Thursday in the night around 19:30 hours. The station was closed for the whole night. The programme was featuring the president of the UPND Hakainde Hichilema. The station was closed after she (Moyo) pounced on us. We lost business during that night because we had so many paid up programmes that were supposed to run apart from that programme," Banda lamented.

He expressed gratitude that the station was able to reopen the following day.

"The station is [currently] working, we were only shut off for the night and later in the

morning, we started broadcasting and operations are normal. We had informed the IBA about the programme and also MISA Zambia who said they will look into the matter. We are currently broadcasting, everything is back to normal.

Banda said the station had not reported the matter to the police because the police acted with Moyo in disrupting the programme and closing it down.

"We have not reported the matter to the police because the police are the ones who came to disrupt us together with the DC. Now, even if we go and report, what answer are we going to get? For us as a radio station, it is very difficult for us to go and report to the police because the police are the ones who threatened and closed the station. What sense does it make for us to go to the police? We have reported to our regulators the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) so that if possible, they can engage the DC and we have also reported to MISA Zambia so that if possible they can take legal action against the DC," said Banda.

"It is very embarrassing that this is even the constituency of Dora Siliya who is the Minister of Information and Broadcasting. This has never happened, our radio station has never been closed since inception. We have been in existence for 17 years, we are one of the oldest radio stations in Zambia and we have done a number of political programmes since inception. We have featured all political parties in Zambia, talk about UNIP, talk about UPND, talk about PF all these we have featured them. So, it is unfortunate that the DC decided to act beyond her limit."

Source have told News Diggers that PASME has been targeted for closure by the IBA over the incident, and the authority has not condemned Moyo or the police for storming into a radio station and disrupting a recorded programme.

CCZ closes offices, as Chikoya tests COVID-19 positive

By Ulande Nkomeshya

COUNCIL of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) general secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya says the council has closed its offices for 14 days due COVID-19 positive cases that have been recorded.

And Fr Chikoya has announced that he has tested positive for COVID-19 but remains asymptomatic.

In a statement, Sunday, Fr Chikoya said all council staff were expected to work virtually while those that had tested positive had been informed and requested to be in self-isolation for 14 days.

"The Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) wishes to inform its membership and the general public that its offices will be closed for 14 days effective Friday, 14th August 2020 due to some positive COVID-19 cases that have been recorded. In line with Ministry of Health and World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines on COVID-19 preventive measures, all staff will work virtually from home while those that have tested positive have been informed and requested to be in self-isolation for 14 days," Fr Chikoya said.

"After 14 days, another test will be done on all staff to ascertain their COVID-19 status before resuming work physically at secretariat offices. We therefore would like to assure the CCZ membership and the general public that there is no cause for alarm as all recorded positive cases are asymptomatic. Work will continue as scheduled as all staff are on duty virtually on every working day, except some field programmes that have been suspended until further notice."

He stated it was important that citizens heighten precautions against COVID-19 due to the resurgence of COVID-19.

"In view of the above, the general CCZ membership and general public are requested to interact with the secretariat virtually on all matters concerning the work of CCZ using emails, phone calls, WhatsApp and any other available means of communication other than physically. Our offices will remain open virtually throughout this period after which another update will be given after 14 days on the way forward. We would like to reiterate our call to the general citizenry to always observe Ministry of Health guidelines on COVID-19 preventive measures such as masking up, ensuring at least one metre social distancing, washing hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, sanitizing hands in the absence of water and avoiding public gatherings unless it's really necessary. Let's us do all we can to be our neighbour's keeper by ensuring that we do what is expected of us so as not to put our neighbour at risk of contracting the virus," he said.

"This is a period that is disrupting lives, causing an unprecedented paradigm shift, and further exposing inequalities and vices in society all while amplifying our strength and bringing communities and nations together. This pandemic is confronting us with the question of whether our ways can adequately get us through this. With reports of a resurgence of COVID-19 and the loosening of movement restrictions, it is paramount that we heighten precaution and play our individual roles; that we quickly unlearn, learn and relearn on not just the medical front but on our social, religious and economic ways."

And Fr Chikoya revealed that he had tested positive for COVID-19 but remained asymptomatic.

"At this juncture I would like to inform the public that I tested positive for COVID-19 and currently in self-isolation at home because I am asymptomatic. Consequently, my family members have been tested as a precaution. COVID-19 is real and a very dangerous disease that calls for concerted efforts by all of us. Please adhere to the guidelines, mask up, wash your hands, avoid unnecessary movements. All those in self-isolation must strictly remain in isolation for fourteen days and get tested again before resuming normal life. The ultimate solution is sustainable behaviour change and maintenance of high levels of hygiene which must become and remain our lifestyle," said Fr Chikoya.

Politicians must not drag church into politics – Phiri

By Ulande Nkomeshya

NEWLY installed Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Ndola Reverend Dr Benjamin Phiri has urged politicians not to drag the church into politics.

And President Edgar Lungu says government and the church cannot afford to work in isolation.

Speaking during his installation, Saturday, Bishop Phiri said the job of the church was to unite and serve the people.

"A word to all of you politicians, don't drag us the church into politics. Our job is to unite. I have gone beyond any political party but as long as we are able to operate in order to serve our people, well then, we are going to be partners in order to serve the people. So, for this, Your Excellency the Republican President, I thank you for projects that we did in Chipata, which I am sure will continue and I can assure you that we will start asking for help for projects which are running in Ndola and other projects to benefit the underprivileged. I will not succumb to any manipulation or any way of putting whatever politics might be obtaining, I would rather we work together as children of God," Bishop Phiri said.

He said the church would work with the government of the day in serving the people.

"First of all, Your Excellency President Edgar Lungu, I would like to thank you for gracing this occasion. When I invited you and the diocese invited you, you did not hesitate to come. I am not inviting you because of

your surname but because you are the Head of State. I will repeat what I have said many times, as Bishop of Ndola, I will always work with the government of the day regardless of who is there, that is why I am emphasizing that I did not invite His Excellency because he is Lungu but rather because he is the Head of State," said Bishop Phiri.

"Government and the Catholic Church are partners in many sectors; education, health, in providing social services. Therefore, I have no hesitation to approach government to ask for help if it is for the benefit of the people that I serve. I think His Excellency is here, he will agree with me that I have hardly ever approached him for personal help, it is always for the underprivileged and for the community that I serve and I intend to continue doing that."

And President Lungu said he government and the church cannot afford to work in isolation.

It is very humbling for me to be able to come and witness the installation of Reverend Dr Benjamin Phiri Archbishop of the Catholic Church in Ndola. It's an honour and a privilege to be among you today at this momentous occasion. The church has historically played an instrumental role in advancing development in Zambia; reaching places that are challenging and playing a key role in service delivery, especially in very hard to reach areas. I must say, this gesture has not gone unnoticed. My government recognizes the role of the church in Zambia in shaping the

society through various developmental programs," President Lungu said.

"I wish to resonate the fact that the church and government cannot afford to work in isolation. The two institutions serve the same constituency hence there is need for closer collaboration for the benefit of the nation. In this regard, let me applaud the new Bishop of Ndola for being bold on this point [that] we have to work together. We have a task to uplift the social status of our people therefore we are bound to complement each other."

President Lungu called on the church to ensure they continue with their mandate of promoting peace in the country.

"We look forward to the church to foster unity among the people of Zambia. The church should be in the forefront sowing the seed of love and not discord across political and ethnic divide. So, don't look at politicians as politicians, look at them as Zambian people. Don't look at citizens on the basis of ethnicity, tribe or religion, look at them as Zambian people. My government is determined to preserve our principle on national values and principles premised on patriotism including national unity, among others. My appeal to the church, therefore, is that the church should not abandon its God-given mandate of peace building in this nation and you may do this by preaching love. You church leaders should continue to safeguard peace in our nation by playing your role as shepherds of God's flock," said President Lungu.

By Ulande Nkomesha

PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu has asked youths not to accept to be used as tools of violence in the 2021 general elections, warning that the vice will destroy Zambia.

And President Lungu has launched the K470 million multi-sectoral youth empowerment fund targeting 150,000 beneficiaries.

Speaking during the launch of the youth empowerment fund in Ndola, Saturday, President Lungu said youths should not accept to be used as agents of violence.

"I want to take this opportunity to urge my dear youths not to accept to be used as agents of evil and hate in the peaceful loving country, Zambia. We have always known our youths as productive people who are there for their country. As we head for the general election next year, do not accept to be used for violence because violence will just destroy our country if not destroy you also. The Patriotic Front government remains available to work with you for the betterment of our country. Let me assure you that your future is still very bright, bringing with it the promise of a Zambia which has shared prosperities, equal opportunities and where you the youth are the greatest asset," President Lungu said.

"Zambian youth possess the energy and intellect that can unlock the country's potential. My government remains fully committed to unlocking this potential for the good of the country. Our great nation Zambia has very high potential for growth due to the huge number of youths who comprise the majority of human capital as well as abundant natural resource development. Government programs are anchored on service delivery to our people and this is done through a multi sectoral approach and clusters and not in silos."

Youth's shouldn't be used as agents of evil – Lungu

And President Lungu launched the K470 million multi sectoral youth empowerment fund targeting 150,000 beneficiaries.

"Skills alone cannot bring about desired change, it has to be accompanied by other inputs and support systems such as access to land, affordable financing, start up tools or other materials that will help other people to start up a successful business. Government has allocated an amount of K470 million for youth empowerment to the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Child Development which is targeting 150,000 beneficiaries. I am confident that this financing of youth projects is a turn around strategy that will see the youth of Zambia utilize their various skills and innovate, especially that we are now living in a digital world," President Lungu said.

"I also hope that you,

the young people, will come up with convincing project proposals to access these funds. The theme for today's event is 'youth the key to national development', the theme appropriately recognizes that today's young people constitute the majority of our population and have the ability to build our nation. Our challenge today is to harness this potential to enable the youth to contribute positively to the country's social economic development."

President Lungu said it was not an accident that government had started implementing empowerment programmes as a response to the cries of youths across the country.

"I strongly believe that the youths have the right to ask government questions about their welfare. This is the more reason we are here today to answer to your problem

and ensure that you remain productive for your benefit and for the benefit of our country. Our job is to listen and address issues that you face as youths. This therefore should be the primary duty of each and every civil servant or public employee. My dear youths, my government, which is your government, has heard your calls to be given opportunities to better your lives as well as contribute to national development," said President Lungu.

"Today's event is therefore not an accident; it has been organized to respond to the various issues that the youth have raised at various fora. In this regard, I have directed various Ministries responsible for providing empowerment for the youth to work together through the Ministry Youth, Sport and Child Development so that these services are available to you using a multi sectoral approach. Government's duty is to leverage its resources so that you get the maximum benefit from our interactions. I do not want to see the youths being made to shuttle from one office to the other without being attended to. Let me put it on record that government officials are employed to serve you and not the other way round."

Choma man kills another over torch



By Zondiwe Mbewe

POLICE in Choma, Southern Province, have launched a manhunt for a 21-year-old man identified as Busiku Chimbwene in connection with the murder of a 27-year-old male of the same village.

According to a statement issued by Zambia Police Spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo, Sunday, the victim's uncle narrated to the police that the suspect went to the victim's house and attempted to get his torch using force.

She stated that after the victim denied the suspect access to the torch, the suspect kicked him in the abdomen after which he became unwell and later died at home.

"Police in Choma of Southern Province are looking for a man identified as Busiku Chimbwene aged 21 of Kayuma Village, Chief Siachitema in connection with the Murder of a 27 year old man of the same village identified as Joshua Simasikwe. Police received the report of murder from Martin Kabenya aged 47, the uncle of the victim who narrated that on August 14, 2020 at about 22:00 hours, the suspect went to the victim's house and attempted to get the victim's torch using force and against the will of the owner (now the deceased). After the victim denied the suspect access to the torch, the suspect kicked him in the abdomen after which he became unwell," stated Katongo.

"The victim later died from home on August 15, 2020 at 09:00 hours. The body of the deceased is in Choma General Hospital mortuary awaiting post-mortem. A manhunt has been launched for the suspect who is on the run."

Many people think I'm a fool for accepting defeat in 2011 – RB

By Ulande Nkomesha

FORTH republican president Rupiah Bwezani Banda says he was mocked by fellow African leaders when he accepted defeat to Micheal Sata in the 2011 presidential election.

And Banda says there is need to unite the country before the 2021 general elections.

Speaking during a Loyola Television Zambia programme titled "Ignite with Mwangala" recently, Banda said many people thought he was a fool for accepting the election results when he had the power not to concede defeat.

"It still remains a lesson to the young Zambians, what to do when you are confronted with a situation such as mine. A lot of people then and now still think I was a fool to accept. Many leaders in Africa mocked me, they say 'you were the President, you had all the power, how can you concede easily?' I said had already

promised the people that the winner will be the winner. I was President, I was busy so much I had to meet chiefs I had to attend rallies. It was really very tough and so on, then you run all the ministries, the Parastatals, it was a very tough job. Then suddenly, you are not President anymore. You have lost the election, are you going to sit there and become bitter and say who made me lose these elections? For me, I decided that's it!" Banda said.

"You remember that night when the Chief Justice called me at about 01 AM that 'things are not looking very good, I think that it looks like', I said 'tell me what are you saying', 'I think that you have lost the election. I said well that is the idea of elections. I was waiting for the results to come out from Western Province, there were some results still in the Eastern Province from the valleys which had not come out, so my advisors and myself felt like when these come out we will definitely overcome the leadership of Mr Sata, but according to the Chair of the Electoral Commission, they said they have calculated everything it is not possible that I will make it."

He said he was shocked by

the 2011 election results as he was confident of winning that general election.

"Of course it was a shock to me, I didn't expect it, I thought that I had won that election, I had done everything. Normally, when you are a President and the economy is going good as it was going there, of course the opposition was saying it was not going good but I think now they know what going bad of an economy is. At that time, the economy was going good, we were mobilising the country, our mobilisation campaigns went very well. The marketeers had begun to benefit from the economy, they would bring money to us to win the election. So everything was going on very well, we were pulling big crowds and a lot of people were coming to the crowds. I think I had succeeded to a certain extent to unite the country. If you remember, my running cry was 'Rupiah Banda President for all Zambians', it was deliberate, it was to bring everyone. Every rally I addressed all over this country, I said 'look I am here to persuade you to vote for me because I have done this and that for you and because I will do this and that for you, however, it's up to you in the end, you have to decide'. I, more or less, was preparing myself for the outcome of the election," he recalled.

"I may not have realised it but then I kept saying this to the people of Zambia that it is up to you. I was sure that they will [vote], then came the news from the chair of the electoral commission that it is not looking good, you have lost. I was talking on the phone to her, my wife was laying on the bed and she said 'what?' And I said we have lost this election. My wife said 'calm down, that

is what happens in an election, some win, some lose. So I told her that tomorrow morning, 10 O'clock I am having a press conference and I want you to come. Immediately I picked up the phone I called Dickson Jere who was my press aide and said I have just finished talking to the [ECZ chairperson] and it doesn't look very good, it looks like we are out and I want you to come now. Then I want you to get in touch with Richard Chembe, get in touch with my political advisors and all my key people, everybody must come now, we have to prepare for the press conference for tomorrow. So two hours later, we all met, I didn't sleep that night and we went for the press conference and I would like to look for that speech so that you can read it again so that you can understand what I said in that speech."

And Banda said there was need to unite the country before the 2021 general elections.

"I am not ashamed to say this, if we don't follow those that came before us like Dr Kaunda, Dr Martin Luther King, like all these great people, if we don't follow what they told us about this issue of forgiveness, this issue of love, this issue of peace, this issue of justice, we will have problems. We need to go forward together regardless who is going to win. Once they have won, it is their duty to look after everybody. It is their duty to forgive others. It is their duty to be fair in the distribution of the wealth of the country. I just want for this country to continue to have good leadership. To have leadership which puts us together, which forgives because we are human beings if we stay long enough, I will offend you or you offend you," Banda said.

"Zambians have to learn the proceeds they have to forgive each other so that we can have this country together. I believe that whatever is happening in this country, the fact that you belong to party A, and I belong to party B, others belong to party C, that is what we choose to be. So, If we chose to be like [that], we should tolerate each other, we should be able to forgive each other. I think all our leaders must commit themselves to bringing Zambians together, they must bring unity among the Zambians. These material things they are talking about, there is a limit to them, we can't forget about our unity as Zambians, all of us. The beauty of this country is that it is one of the few countries I can say before this that we didn't have tribalism."

Banda said respect should be given to the leader that will be chosen in the 2021 general elections.

"We have a year to go before the election, the call from people like myself is that we pray to God to give us the ability to get our people to come together and realize that this Zambia belongs to them. The aim of the elections is not to win all, the aim of the election is to choose a leader because we chose that as a method of choosing that we will go for an election. We will go there with our different candidates once the Zambian people have chosen, all of us must come together and respect that leader," said Banda.

"I like to be remembered mainly as a parent, there is one thing that losing elections has done to me, it has given me the opportunity to enjoy my family, to enjoy my children, to enjoy my sisters, to enjoy my brother."

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NATURALLY, human beings don't like talking about their failures. We are always happy to talk about the good things we have done, but we don't like hearing about what we did wrong. No one admits being responsible for a wrong act. That is why they say success has many parents, but failure is an orphan. In the same vein, a thief will never walk around disclosing to the public that he is a thief.

Hearing former president Rupiah Banda talk about his presidency, the good things he did and how he was rewarded with persecution, only goes to attest to the fact that human beings really don't like to talk about their failures. People only want to be remembered for the good things, but not the bad. Even if he was a thief, we don't expect the former President to admit, but it is too soon for him to brag about his presumed innocence.

"I respected the wish of the Zambia people and my own wish that whoever loses the [2011] election must accept defeat, and whoever wins must respect those who have lost; which unfortunately, as you all know what I went through, was not the case with me. [I would not say I have forgiven and forgotten] no one forgets. How can you forget being called this and that, being dragged to court every day? It's very painful and you have children, every day they're seeing in the papers

RB wasn't persecuted, he shouldn't mislead people

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and hearing friends at school that 'your daddy stole this, your daddy did that'. It was a very traumatic experience that I went through, I can never forget, but I have forgiven," said president Banda on Ignite Television.

With all due respect to the former president, it is our opinion that he has no one to forgive over his corruption allegations and the experience he went through at court. Of course, we know that forgiveness is free and everyone is at liberty to offer it to anyone they so wish, but even assuming that president Banda was truly innocent, we hold the view that no one deserves to be forgiven for taking him to court.

Courts are there to prove innocent people innocent and to mete out punishment on those that are found guilty. There is a huge difference between prosecution and persecution. When

it has been reasonably established that you were involved in wrong doing or there is evidence linking you to an illegality, there is no other place where you can plead your innocence than in the court of law. That is not persecution, and therefore, it is wrong to say that if you were dragged to court for corruption and you ended up being freed, then you were being persecuted. No!

The court is not a place where everyone who goes there must end up in prison. It's a place where we check if our actions were in line with the law. The fact that someone is no longer in court for corruption charges does not mean he was being persecuted. The only time you can claim to be persecuted is when you are arrested for corruption, and during trial, the idiot who arrested you tells the court that you did not commit any offence. In

such a case, you can have a good basis for offering to forgive those who dragged you to court for no reason.

But in the case of Mr Rupiah Banda, we can confidently say that not everyone who is freed, especially by a subordinate court, can be said to be innocent. There are examples of high profile cases where the accused claimed to have been persecuted, but when their acquittal was reviewed by the courts of appeal, justice prevailed.

One such case is that of Mr Austin Liato. When the High Court acquitted Mr Liato in the famous case where he had buried K2 billion at his farm, the man went to town claiming he was being persecuted. But because the leadership at the office of the DPP was resolute, the matter was appealed and the resulting Supreme Court judgement is now

common knowledge. But even after he was already sent to prison, Mr Liato did not finish serving his sentence because Mr Lungu decided to free him. That does not mean the pardoned convict was persecuted.

So, no one should mislead the good people of this country. The disappearance of the former president's corruption case from court has a lot to do with the change of leadership at the National Prosecutions Authority as well as the change of office bearers at State House, than Mr Rupiah Banda's innocence. Everyone with half the brain knows this, including Mr Rupiah Banda himself.

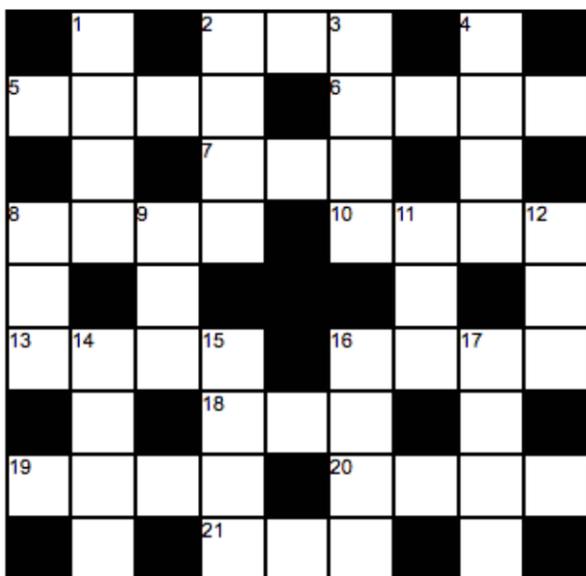
It was all part of the deal that he struck with Mr Lungu in exchange for the support he rendered to the Patriotic Front during the 2015 presidential election. This is the court case

that inspired the unprecedented arrest of a serving DPP and his forced removal from office. They knew that with an unwavering DPP, they would not have achieved their desires. For sure, it did not take long after Mr Mutembo Nchito, State Counsel, was physically hounded out office for the former president to be granted his solicited freedom.

The fact that he has left office and he is enjoying his freedom today does not mean that people must forget how he ruled this country. The same way that he can't forget what he went through at court is the same way that Zambians will never forget how he handled the public resources of this country and what his children did when he was in State House. We don't have anything against Mr Rupiah Banda, but we don't feel he is being sincere when he complains of persecution.

Instead of installing himself as a role model of good governance and accountability, he will do well to talk more about how he graciously handed over power. On that topic, he has all the bragging rights and we can dedicate an entire page praising him for accepting the will of the people. What he did was a noble thing that many African leaders have failed to do.

Crossword puzzle No 669



"Failure only happens when you lose your willpower to continue trying... If we let the obstacles get the best of us then it was our choice to fail, not fate."
- Lindsey Rietzsch

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Crossword puzzle No 668



Readers' feedback

Sumaili's plea to Church for peaceful 2021

Editor

Nothing for the church to do all you need is organization within your political part, we have prayed and fasted a number of time but if our action is not equal to prayer then the church has nothing to do with 2021 disaster cause it only within political will power than desire for power... just do the right thing and everything will fall in to place .. - Francis Modise

The responsibility to ensure peace in Zambia falls on the shoulders of the President who ensures that he uses the powers the people have vested in him to protect each and every citizen. That is who you should be talking to ba Sumaili. Not the Church who you often vilify when they disagree with you. - Kanyata Mubita

She has deliberately chosen not to mention the denomination, is it yesterday or the other day, Father Telesphor Mpundu said the Catholic Church will participate in monitoring elections and those preparing to steal votes will be doing so at high risk. This call from her Honour the Minister is to put the burden of chaos on the shoulders of the Church. Chaos

shall not happen in Jesus name. - Petrine Eshiloni Musonda

The church always preach peace but people charged with the responsibility which you are asking the church to Carry have other ideas. Moreover, the church does not command any security wing. - Mark Malumo

The only problem is that peace for her is protecting pf lawlessness and criminalizing opposition party innocence! - Newton Muchanga

NAREP's power struggle

Dear Editor

Just by listening to NAREP recent tune you could tell the uncoordinated message with no hope. It became clear that the party was slowly turning into a mouth piece of pf aiming at discrediting the other opposition. I'm glad the party hierarchy has detected the treacherous of its president. - Victor Chongo

Running an Opposition Party is not for every

Tom, Dick and Harry. In our recent political history, only three sons of the soil have distinguished themselves. Anderson K. Mazoka (9 years in opposition), (Michael Sata (10 years in opposition), HH (14 years in opposition). Others tried and failed. This is tough business which needs both brain and brawn. - Kanyata Mubita

Zambian politicians are capable of being articulate and reciting all democratic principles. Only a few of them have integrity, which is the only remaining thing we have in order to separate impostors from achievers. - Richard Waga

Just like UNIP chased Musokotwane so that Kaunda could take back leadership of the party. Later on, they also chased Simon Mwewa and gave Kaunda to lead the party once again. And UNIP is dead right now. - Akataluka Songiso

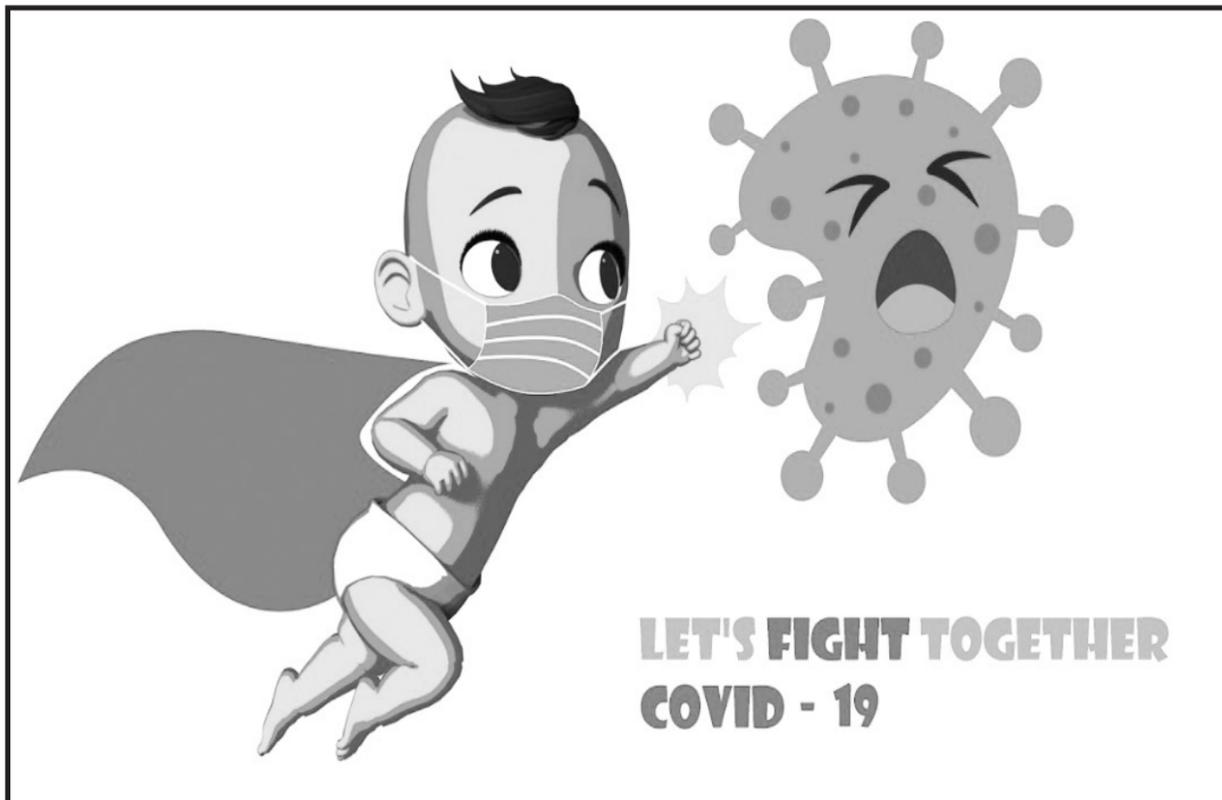
Mr Nyirenda should just concentrate on rebuilding Muvi TV and leave politics to politicians - Chanda Ch

Ba Nyirenda you're not a leader.....ma Politics teyabana iyooo - Isaac Js Kamanga

I love the political stance and integrity of this man - Steven Mazyopa

Sad i love Mr Nyirenda, let the party sort it out fast.. - Billy Mwale

Nyirenda did not bring any new ideas apart from being a surrogate party to PF. He is a failure. - Samuel Sinda Nyirongo



DIGGERS OPINION: Shonga's LAZ

Editor
Richard Waga

If LAZ cannot seek justice for the attack they suffered at the hands of PF thugs at intercontinental hotel, which was caught on camera and caused injury to a few of its members, who are we?5

Nowhere does it say it should support laws that are designed to oppress people or perpetuate tyrannical rule. - Baby Candy Monde Simukama

He must just be apolitical unlike Kasonde and Mwitwa who made LAZ to be part of UPND -Liteta Mwachisompola

Well said opinion, we wait to judge you SC Shongan-Simon Chinyama

Govt's pledge to empower youths

Editor

This too is nothing to change the minds of the suffering youths. In 2017 you fooled them at Mulungushi conference centre that you will create 500,000 jobs. What you did was to equip them with military ligalia to beat citizens. - Brian Sichula

Everyone is aware that you're under pressure to win the otherwise resolved disgruntled youths who are more than happy to see you out of office come next year. - Richard Zulu

The population of Zambia is 70% youths. So we don't need a youth policy like we are targeting a minority group. We just need good overall policies and youths will be the same majority benefiting from them. - Richard Waga

When money comes chew and vote for vision leaders, remember disgruntled youths, that money will not solve your problems. - Sage Mulenga

We lack leadership in Zambia, there no concrete plan established to empower the youths and no concrete institutions to enable that happen - Allen Chileman

Pat Musumali

The number mentioned should not be less than that which makes a difference in votes! There has to be a link! 160,000 voters makes more meaning than the development intended!

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Lungu rubbishes ACC's corruption agenda

By Ulande Nkomesha

THOSE in charge of fighting corruption know where to find it, but they can't dare go there because all they want is to remove Edgar Lungu from power, President Lungu said, Sunday.

Speaking when he toured Chifuba Market in Ndola where market shelters were being built, the Head of State said the fight against corruption in Zambia has been anchored on politics, accusing anti-corruption advocates of championing for regime change.

He said this after he was informed that the shelters in Bwana Mkubwa were being constructed at a cost of K15 million while a market in Mpulungu was costing about K28 million.

The President was further told that another market shelter was being built in Chifuba at a cost of K2 million.

In response, President Lungu wondered why the contracts were not being investigated.

"So those who are fighting corruption, where are they? ...I have always said that the fight against corruption is anchored on politics trying to get rid of

government and those who are doing well. They know where corruption is happening but they don't even dare to go there because all they want is to get Edgar Lungu out of power," President Lungu said.

And speaking earlier at the Catholic Diocese of Ndola, President Lungu said the Church should not be involved in politics.

"Ndola on the Copperbelt is a big part of my constituency of the Republic of Zambia and therefore, to say bye is not the right thing but to say I will come back soon because power belongs to you the people of Copperbelt because you influence change. I hope this time around, the message has sunk that don't be political. That is what the Bishop said, don't be political. If you want to be politicians, be Christians first. All the good Bishop was saying is take Christ with you in your hearts as Christians before you embark on your political careers," President Lungu said.

"So even as you serve

in your politics, you will remember the love of Christ and then you will be able to bring out the best for yourself and the people. I am saying so because I am taking advantage of the homily here yesterday, the homily today, that we belong to one family, the family of Christ. Because of that, there should be no friction because of politics. My appeal all along is that may the Church give its daughters and sons to politics so that we crystallise politics. Only then can we talk to each other on politics without trying to shed blood."

He said the general election in 2021 could divide the country if the politicians did not put Christ first.

"So ndemilomba mwelukuta lwakwa lesa kuno ku copperbelt ukutila nabalanda bashi kofu ukutila uku tuleya twilasha ubu christu twafwala ama politics, twabikapo nolubuli. Pantu ngauli umwina christu inshita yonse tawakwate ukukwatamo ulubali mukufumya umulopa



wenu (So I am kindly asking that the congregation here on the Copperbelt, just like the priest said, as we head towards elections, let us not put our Christianity on hold and involve ourselves in political violence. If we

behave like Christians all the time, we will not take part in any bloodshed). Ba Mumbi Phiri muleumfwa (are you listening)," President Lungu said.

"This message should sink in deeply because we are

getting into 2021 and 2021 can be the year that can separate this nation if we do not carry Christ with us, especially us who are practicing politics. Let us take Christ into politics; that is the only way we can bring sanity to politics."

CiSCA condemns Bill 10 Advocates' attacks on Bishop Mpundu

By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE Civil Society Constitution Agenda (CiSCA) has cautioned youths calling themselves Bill 10 Advocates to stop harassing Archbishop Telesphore Mpundu or any other citizen opposed to the Bill.

And CiSCA says Article 20 of the Bill of Rights gives every Zambian the right to full enjoyment of the fundamental right to freedom of expression without any hindrance or interference.

According to a statement issued, Friday, CiSCA vice-chairperson Judith Mulenga stated that during the launch of their translated Bill 10 into seven local languages, the Bill 10 youth advocates singled out Archbishop Mpundu as a target of their diatribe.

She added that this was clear hindrance and interference of Archbishop Mpundu's exercise of his right to his opinions and expression and a gross violation of the Constitution.

"During the launch of their translated Bill 10 into seven local languages, the Bill 10 Youth Advocates singled out Archbishop Mpundu as a target of their diatribe. This is clear hindrance and interference of Archbishop Mpundu's exercise of his right to his opinions and expression and a gross violation of the Constitution which guarantees the Archbishop justiciable civil and political rights, including the right to his opinions without interference," Mulenga stated.

She added that Article 20 of the Bill of Rights gave every Zambian the right to full enjoyment of the fundamental right to freedom of expression.

"Article 20 of our Bill of Rights bestows on Archbishop Mpundu, and every Zambian citizen, the right to full enjoyment of the fundamental right to freedom of expression without any hindrance or interference from anyone, be they pro or anti Bill 10 individuals or groups. CiSCA further reminds the clearly ignorant Bill 10 Youth Advocates that the Bill of Rights under which fundamental rights sit has not been tampered with by the manipulative PF government and these rights are as intact as they were in 1996. How then do they justify pushing for the so-called improvement of the Constitution while violating its core content?" Mulenga wondered.

"In speaking out against Bill 10, Archbishop Mpundu did not in any way prejudice the Bill 10 Advocates' freedom of expression and neither did State Counsel John Sangwa. Therefore, in their pathetic clueless efforts to limit the freedom of expression of Archbishop Mpundu and those opposed to their views, they are in direct violation of the Bill of Rights and our Constitution. How then can such 'advocates' lay any claim to furthering the tenets of democracy as per their leader, Prince Ndoyi's assertion? The usual hypocrisy of pro Bill 10 voices was embarrassingly manifest in Ndoyi's assertions. In one breath, he advises Sangwa to seek an audience with his area MP because Bill 10 is now under the MPs' purview but in the same breath, he himself is speaking on Bill 10 when he nor any of his cohorts are MPs! What lack

of depth is that?"

She stated that the Bill 10 Advocates should respect other citizens' rights to express themselves against Bill 10.

"Why can't the Bill 10 Advocates let the translated Bill 10 speak for them? In the same way they are expressing themselves through their translated copies and other platforms, the Bill 10 Advocates must respect other citizens' right to express themselves against Bill 10. It is ignorance of the highest order to equate Bill 10 to a youth empowerment document. We challenge Ndoyi to unequivocally point to youth empowerment provisions in Bill 10. We know there are

none! We advise Ndoyi and his cohort to just enjoy the change from the translation and printing costs. The real focused youths in Zambia require real empowerment. They require support to develop the necessary knowledge and skills for today's labour market. They require job opportunities and they require that they be part of the decision making in public structures and processes," Mulenga stated.

But in a statement issued, Sunday, Bill 10 Advocate Leader Chishala Chilufya stated that Bill 10 advocates were concerned with Mulenga's position.

He challenged Mulenga and others who were opposing

the Bill to also produce translated documents that contained the purported bad clauses and explain them to Zambians.

"As advocates of the Bill, we want to educate Madam Mulenga, together with Archbishop Telesphore Mpundu, on the role of the Church when it comes to national matters. The role of the Church is not to take a political stance or emotional position as it is against Jesus Christ's doctrine but to play an advisory role at all levels as the church is the highest level of reasoning, hence making us wonder when a Clergy takes a political position," stated Chilufya.

Nyirenda's dismissal is final, says NAREP

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"If Mr Chipimo accepts. He can come in as a member. I am the president. You see, joining a political party is not about positions. It is about ideas you are bringing in the party. If I am leading, I must accept to be led, that's what we believe in. Mr Chipimo is a co-founder of this party, he is welcome. There are a lot of things he can do in the party. But for the moment, I have been given the responsibility of being the president of the party and to run it," Maboshe said.

Nyirenda could, however, not give his side of the story as his phone went unanswered when contacted Sunday.

In a statement, Saturday, Sichone stated that the opposition party's National Executive Committee had with immediate effect dissolved Nyirenda's presidency for allegedly bringing division and failure to follow party procedures.

But at a press briefing held immediately after the release of the statement, Nyirenda insisted that he was still the party president, arguing that his purported removal was a small thing and nothing to worry about.

And Maboshe, who was also at the said briefing, said he attended in the interest of the party's unity as he wanted to meet the other group to hear their grievances and see if they could become one family again.

Govt releases K20m for the Ndola-Mufulira road works

By Daniel Chansa

THE Ministry of Finance has disbursed K20 million for resumption of road works on the Ndola-Mufulira road.

And Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister Vincent Mwale has disclosed that 80 kilometers of township roads would be worked on in four districts on the Copperbelt.

Speaking after touring some roads in Ndola's Kabushi constituency and the Ndola-Mufulira road, Mwale said the latter roadworks had stalled due to lack of resources to pay the contractor.

He explained that the government would continue to provide funding for road works so that trade between Zambia and Congo could be enhanced, with Chililabombwe, Ndola, Luanshya and Mufulira expected to benefit more from the infrastructure projects.

"This is a sorry site of the road. It has taken long, but the good news is that the

government, through the Ministry of Finance, has released K20 million for this road. This is out of the K250 million released for road works country wide," said Mwale.

He said the Mufulira-Ndola road was an economic infrastructure which should not be in the state it was in currently.

Mwale said the contractor, China Geo Engineering, would move on site since the money had now been released.

"So the contractor will come and collect the money tomorrow and immediately get on site. This is a very economic road that should not be delayed further," said Mwale.

Meanwhile, Kabushi Member of Parliament Bowman Lusambo said the roads in his Constituency were "so bad".

"These roads here are so bad. But we are happy that we have a share of the roads to be done. So the works that will be done have made us happy as Kabushi," said Lusambo, who is also Lusaka Province minister.

MANCHESTER City star Kevin De Bruyne has won the Premier League Player of the Season award for the 2019-20 campaign, despite Liverpool running away with the title.

The Belgium international playmaker matched the record for assists in a single campaign by providing 20, equalling a mark set by Arsenal legend Thierry Henry in the 2002-03 campaign, while he also scored 13 goals.

Furthermore, he created the most chances and had the most goal involvements of any player in the division.

The fans recognised his achievement by nominating him as the league's outstanding player in a public vote, in which he saw off competition from Liverpool trio Trent Alexander-Arnold, Jordan Henderson and Sadio Mane, plus Southampton striker Danny Ings, Burnley goalkeeper Nick Pope and Leicester forward Jamie Vardy.

De Bruyne takes the crown from Liverpool centre-back Virgil van Dijk, while Anfield favourite Mohamed Salah won it for the 2017-18 campaign.

The 29-year-old started the season in strong fashion, with eight assists and two goals in the opening seven rounds of fixtures, where he was involved in at least one goal in each with the

Manchester City midfielder De Bruyne wins Premier League Player of the Season 2019-20

exception of a shock 3-2 loss to Norwich – a match he played only 33 minutes of after he was named as a substitute.

While he enjoyed his richest vein of form at the start of the season and over the festive period, when he scored three and created three more in a blistering four-game burst, he was a consistent provider of excellence for Pep Guardiola's side throughout the campaign, finishing on a high as he scored two and laid on another in a 5-0 win over the Canaries.

City, however, finished a distant second in the league behind champions Liverpool, who romped to the crown by an 18-point margin.

The last league-winning player to win the gong was N'Golo Kante of Chelsea in 2016-17.

The news of the award will come as little consolation to the 29-year-old, who was a member of the City squad that surprisingly crashed out of the Champions League to Lyon at the quarter-final stage following a 3-1 defeat. De Bruyne netted in that game but his contribution



was not significant enough to stop Guardiola's side being on the wrong end of a monumental upset.

In all competitions during the 2019-20 season, De Bruyne featured 48 times for Guardiola's men, scoring 16 times and laying on another 23.

He has been with City for five campaigns and now has 57 goals and 89 assists in 222 appearances for the club. **GOAL.COM**

Banda, Chilufya shine in Djurgardens win

By Goal Digger
UNDER-23 midfielder Emmanuel Banda was the highlight of what was a mixed fortune of performances this past

weekend for Zambia's foreign based players.

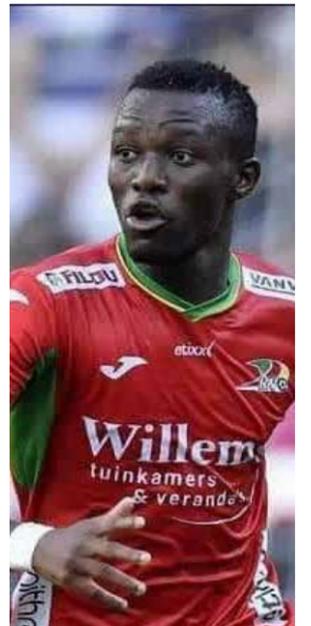
Banda opened the scoring at the stroke of halftime from a header in a match that Djurgardens IF won 3-0 against Orebro. It was Banda's third successive start in the league since he made the switch from Oostende in Belgium and he was quick enough to reward coach Kim Bergstrand who has kept faith in him.

His countryman Edward Chilufya, who had just returned from injury, also got on the scoresheet in what was a goal meant to seal the result in the 90th minute after Nicklaus Barkroth had doubled the scoring seven minutes earlier.

The result keeps the Swedish league defending Champions in third place on 29 points.

In Russia, both Klings and Evans Kangwa were sent off in Arsenal Tula's match against UFA.

For Klings, it was a hero-turned-villain affair as he had scored his debut goal for the side and provided an assist before seeing red.



Emmanuel Banda

Evans, meanwhile, was a 64th minute substitution before he was sent off in the match that Arsenal lost 3-2.

Elsewhere, Patson Daka and Enock Mwepu helped RB Salzburg to a 2-0 win over SK Dynamo in a friendly match with the former being on the scoresheet.

While Mwepu played the full match, Daka was substituted four minutes before the final whistle.

In the Premier Soccer League of South Africa, Kambole had a quiet afternoon on Saturday despite being in the starting line up as Kaizer Chiefs came from two goals down to win 3-2 against Polokwane City.

Cyril Chibwe started in goal for Polokwane while Salulani Phiri played up to the 63rd minute before he was substituted.



Infrastructure and Housing minister Vincent Mwale celebrates Nkana's Super League win with the team. Mwale is one of the ardent supporters of Nkana FC

Super League clubs in \$15K COVID relief funds

By Abraham Kalito
SUPER Leagues clubs are poised to get US\$15, 000 as COVID-19 relief funds from FIFA, FAZ president Andrew Kamanga has announced.

The national division one sides will get \$7, 000 from the same

funds expected to be disbursed later this month.

The announcement comes after FIFA revealed that the federation had approved the COVID-19 relief funds for all its member associations.

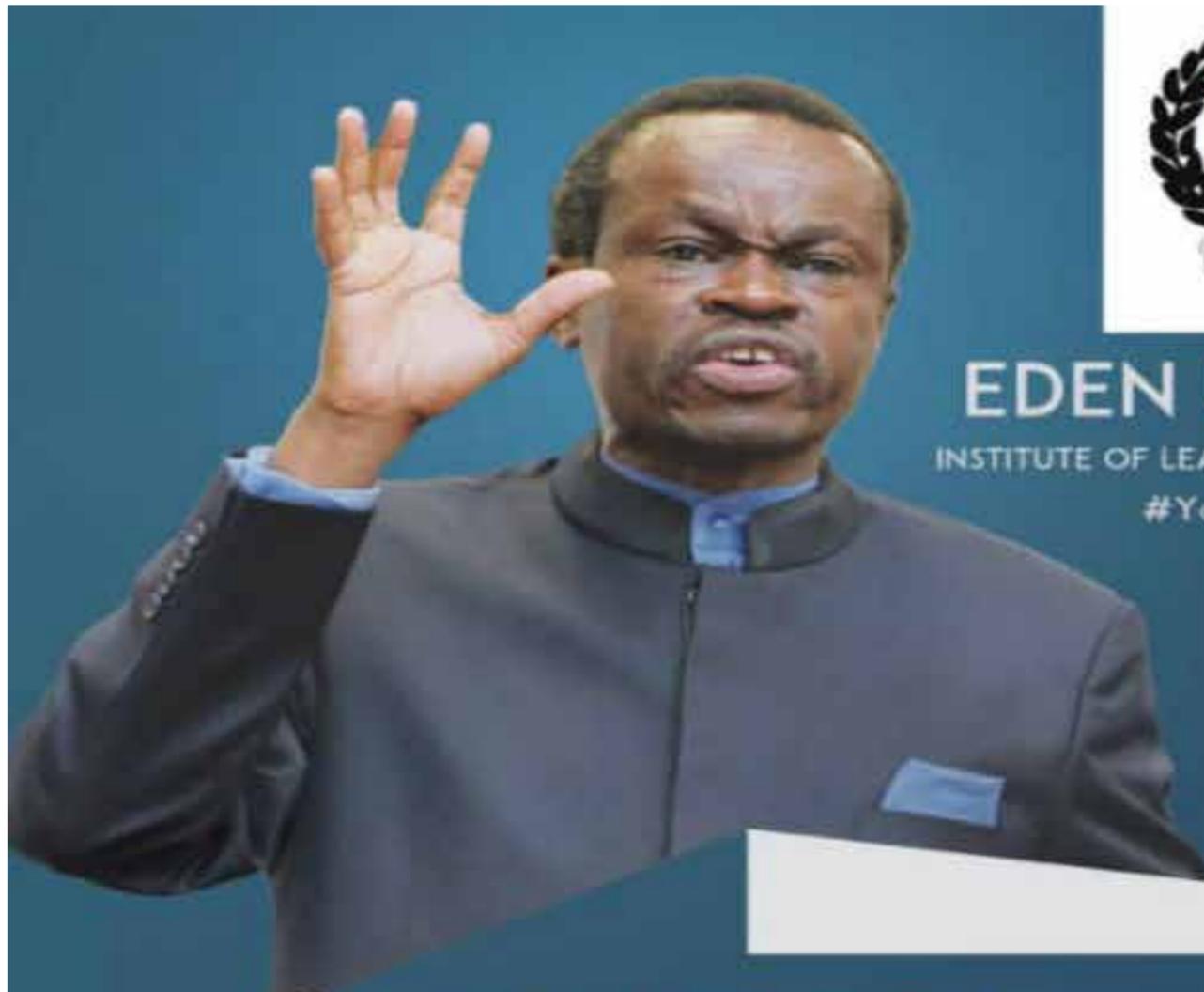
With the FAZ/MTN Super

League concluded, clubs will be looking to utilise the funds to revamp their sides ahead of the 2020/2021 season which is poised to commence in less than two months.

FAZ has since started engaging clubs on the 2020/2021 season.

The association has announced that measures are being taken to avert the challenges that were faced following the resumption of the league in July.

The post COVID-19 Super League is scheduled to commence in October this year.



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