



## Former ministers still need to repay K4.2m for illegal stay in office, Yamba tells ConCourt

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
 SECRETARY to the Treasury Fredson Yamba has submitted to the Constitutional Court that the correct amount of repatriation allowances former Cabinet ministers and their deputies, who received emoluments after the dissolution of Parliament in 2016, are entitled to is K8,000 each and not the K15,000 they are claiming. *Story page 7*

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# FDD PLOTS TO EXPEL NAWAKWI ...for using the party to advance personal agenda against UPND

**By Ulande Nkomesha**  
 DIVISIONS have emerged in the FDD, as some officials are calling for the expulsion of president Edith Nawakwi on grounds that she is using the name of the party to advance a personal agenda, in relation to her stance against a fellow opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema of the UPND. *Story page 10*

Meanwhile, the FDD Central Province Chairman has suspended his secretary Jerry Simpepa who called for an emergency National Policy Committee meeting to discuss Nawakwi's position on the privatisation debate.

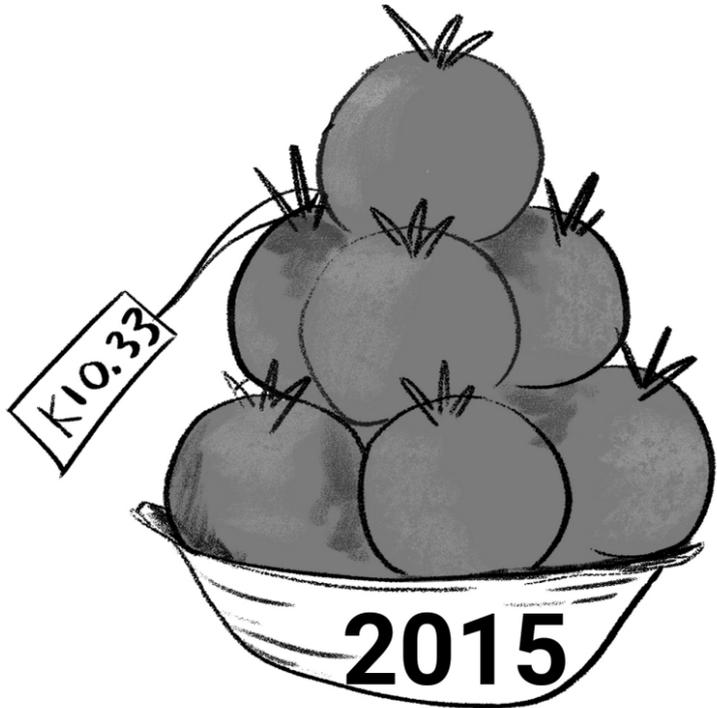
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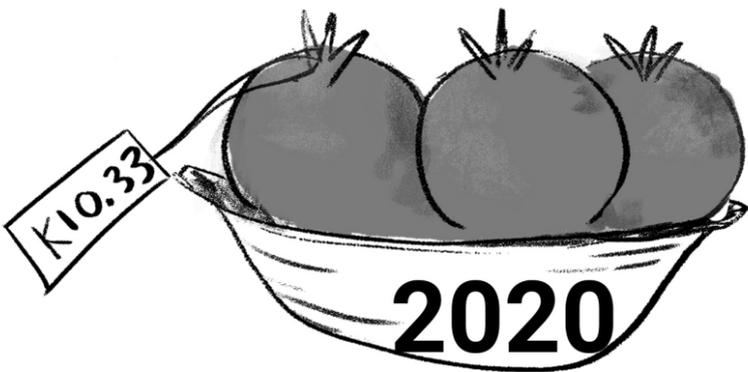
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# POWER HUNGRY

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## ECZ postpones commencement of mobile voter registration to Oct 28

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

THE Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) has moved the dates for the mobile voter registration exercise which was scheduled to be conducted between October 19 and November 20, 2020, to between October 28 and November 30.

And the ECZ says already registered voters will be retained in the new register on condition that they present themselves for verification, update and capture of additional required information, or risk being considered as deceased.

Announcing the development at a press briefing in Lusaka, Thursday, ECZ chief electoral officer Patrick Nshindano said that the decision to postpone the voter registration dates was in order to accommodate eligible citizens, who would have acquired National Registration Cards (NRCs) to register as voters.

"To ensure that no one who has obtained an NRC is left behind, the Commission has been prompted to reschedule the dates for the registration of voters. In this regard, the mobile voter registration exercise, which was scheduled to run from 19th October, 2020, to 20th November, will now be conducted from 28th October, 2020, to 30th November, 2020. This is to accommodate eligible citizens who would have obtained the NRCs to register as voters," Nshindano said.

He said that in an event the mobile NRC registration was adjusted further, the Commission would equally make the necessary adjustments.

"It should be noted, however, that should there be any adjustments in the issuance of NRCs, the Commission will be able to adjust the registration process again. In the same vein, allow me to also talk about the pre-registration of voters. Let me hasten to state that the dates for the commencement of the online pre-registration exercise remain unchanged. The online pre-

registration will commence on 21st September, but as opposed to ending on 1st November, it will end on 6th November, 2020. This implies that the pre-online voter registration exercise will run for a total period of 46 days," he said.

He said that the Commission has integrated all the recommendations, which it received during the online pre-registration of voters into the final online voter registration platform.

"In the same vein, the Commission conducted the first phase of the better testing for the online pre-registration platform from 18th July, 2020, to 25th July, 2020. The second testing phase of the online pre-registration was done from 31st August, 2020, to 7th September, 2020. This was the final testing exercise and this has been closed. The purpose of this testing exercise was to get feedback from the users on the efficiency and effectiveness of the system. And I can confidently confirm that this exercise was a success and received feedback both in the first and second phase, which was very positive and constructive; those recommendations have also been integrated in the final platform that will be used for the online pre-registration exercise," Nshindano said.

"I wish to reiterate that the online voter registration is not an end-to-end process and all those who will pre-register online will still be required to finish the process at the registration centres where their biometrics will be captured and issued with a voter's card. The pre-online system allows you to provide your details to us in advance on the online platform and then you have to present yourself before a registration officer, who will capture your details, your biometrics and also issue you with a card and also verify your identity as a citizen." *Story continues on P7*

## Bowman wonders why TIZ wants ACC to investigate him for giving people nshima

By Julia Malunga

LUSAKA Province Minister Bowman Lusambo says it is only fair that the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) investigates every Zambian instead of targeting people like him who are donating nshima and relish to the under-privileged.

And Lusambo says there's no money for him to steal in his office, stressing that he started driving a Benz before joining politics so donating mealie meal shouldn't shock anyone.

On Monday, Transparency International Zambia (TIZ) urged the ACC to take interest in the hefty donations being made by government officials despite the economic crisis.

Last weekend, Lusambo donated K70,000 and K50,000 cash to Roan and Mpatamato marketeers in Luanshya District, respectively.

But in an interview, Lusambo challenged TIZ to "man up" and face him, arguing that the ACC ought to investigate every Zambian rather than singling him out for investigations because he was donating nshima and relish to the under-privileged.

"Why should they investigate me for giving nshima to people? Is that a crime? They should come and ask me, they know where my office is. I am government representative number one in Lusaka Province and I have a fixed aboard. If TIZ wants to ask me, let them come and ask me from my office. When you

go into the newspaper to start parroting and making noise, that is being a coward! I don't like dealing with cowards. If they want to find out something from me, let them come. Why should they go to a newspaper? Why are they scared to face me and speaking from their armpits? When I was donating millions of kwacha in Kabushi constituency, they were quiet. Now that I am in a government office, then I can't do what I am supposed to do? That is not fair! I have donated millions before I was a member of parliament, before I was a minister, not these K2 you are seeing. I expected TIZ to come and ask me then, not these nonsense they are trying to say. Let them man up and come and ask me," Lusambo said.

"They want ACC to start investigating people, who are donating mealie meal and relish and ask where it is coming from? That is cheap! Don't bring the office of ACC and other investigating wings into disrepute. Let us respect those offices. And if you are saying, 'ACC should investigate' they should investigate all Zambians. You have seen taxi drivers, civil servants, managing directors in parastatal companies; you have seen journalists driving and building houses. Are you telling me you want ACC to investigate the entire country? Are you telling me that because I am a minister in government I am not supposed to do any extra activities because

I am a minister in government?"

And Lusambo stressed that there was no money to be stolen at his office.

"My office is not a spending office, we don't have money there where a person can claim that we are using the government's money. Government money is audited money, no one can tamper with it. I am a human being, I think. They shouldn't think that just because I am in government, I have to surrender my soul to the government. It is not government that was feeding me before I started politics. I was able to drive a Benz before I was a minister. What can stop me from buying 10 bags of mealie meal? What can stop me, today, from giving underprivileged people mealie meal? Tell TIZ I have the answers, my office is open. They shouldn't mistake my wearing of overalls that I don't think; I am way ahead of them! In 1982, my father owned a mine so tell those chaps to come!" exclaimed Lusambo.

In June this year, Lusambo also splashed out K400,000 to taxi drivers in Kabushi constituency, among other donations, despite not having any known source of income prior to being elected as area member of parliament in 2016.

Some members of the public have, however, repeatedly questioned where government officials had found such huge sums of cash to afford to easily give away.

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

UPND president Hakainde Hichilema says it is heartbreaking to learn that HoneyBee Pharmacy has supplied toxic drugs after being illegally awarded a US\$17 million supply tender by the Ministry of Health.

And ADD president Charles Milupi says it is senseless for Honeybee Zambia to say the discolouration of drugs which it supplied to government were procured from a WHO accredited manufacturer because they are clearly not fit for consumption.

## Supply of toxic drugs by HoneyBee heartbreaking – HH

On Tuesday, HoneyBee Pharmacy told News Diggers that the damage on the drugs could have been caused by exposure to water, but said this was a fault of the manufacturer, who had pledged to recall the affected batch.

But in a statement, Hichilema said the development was incorrigible.

“The news that Honeybee has supplied expired drugs is

just incorrigible. Such news stories are really heart breaking considering the current poor state of the economy. In the first place, we were told this contract was irregularly awarded. But even after approving it, they supply expired drugs which are a danger to citizens. How cruel can a regime be against its own people, with such rampant corruption and unbridled theft like in this particular instance

and many others?” wondered Hichilema.

And Milupi says whether or not the drugs were procured from a WHO accredited manufacturer, HoneyBee must take responsibility for supplying sub-standard drugs.

In an interview, Milupi warned that failure to follow procurement laws would one day cost this country a fortune.

“The Ministry of Health

really needs to look into this. You see, there is so much corruption in Zambia. And where there is corruption, the rules that are normally put there to safeguard society are done away with. When I looked at the pictures of the drugs, how on earth can anyone claim that those drugs come from a WHO-approved manufacturer? Can someone in their right senses say that? Just because someone says they

are from a WHO-approved manufacturer so we must accept them? Can they themselves take those drugs?” Milupi asked.

He said whether or not HoneyBee got the drugs from a WHO accredited manufacturer, it was its responsibility to make sure that it supplied quality drugs.

“So, whether they claim the drugs are from this manufacturer or that manufacturer, the onus is on whoever got the contract to ensure that they deliver drugs that are fit for human use. If I give someone a contract to supply some items, they can't supply the wrong items and then complain that 'no, I got it from a recognized shop' therefore we must accept, no,” he said.

“First, we want to know who is HoneyBee? Are they really suitable? Is this their line of business for them to have gone to get drugs like that? Who gave them this? And the tender, on what basis did they win the tender? And what technical specifications were given? Did they conform to those technical specifications or there were no specifications at all given, they just said 'oh, supply drugs?'”

And Milupi said the failure to follow procurement laws will one day cost Zambia a fortune.

“The procurement process in Zambia is being questioned and is costing this country a fortune in monetary form. And when it comes to drugs, it will cost Zambia even more of people's lives. Those that take these drugs, their problems will worsen. These drugs are not fit for human consumption. And whoever is in charge of public procurement must pull their socks up,” said Milupi.

## 2019 FIC Trends Report a PR document – TIZ

By Julia Malunga

TRANSPARENCY International Zambia (TIZ) has warned that the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) Trends Report risks becoming one of the valueless reports which are intended to give a mimicry of a functioning government.

And TI-Z says government has not handled the illegality surrounding Mukula in an appropriate manner and it is clear that there is a lot of money laundering linked to this trade.

In a statement, Thursday, TIZ president Rueben Lifuka asked FIC to make a decision whether to serve those in power or members of the public.

“We want to warn that the FIC Trends Analysis report risks becoming a non-event and one of the many valueless reports produced by government, which are all intended to give a mimicry of a functioning government. Public trust in such institutions like FIC is important and we have seen how the work of important institutions like the ACC is being undermined because poor public perception. FIC management and the board can make a decision to work for those in power or for the people they serve, and whatever decision they make, they should live with the full consequences now and in the future. TIZ has taken some time to critically review the 6th Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Trends Report for the year, 2019, released on September 2, 2020. This report was much-anticipated by the general public for several reasons: the Financial Intelligence Centre has in its short period of existence, earned public trust and confidence for the work that it has done,” Lifuka stated.

“The FIC in its 2018 Trends Analysis Report raised a number of pertinent issues, which were a cause for public concern and there was anxiety to find out if the trends of the past have continued and what progress, if any, has been made to attend to some of the predicate offences for money laundering, such as corruption. The third reason why the FIC Report for 2019 was long-awaited was the negative reaction and incessant attacks made on the FIC and its leadership by the PF government and as a public, we wanted to assess whether the FIC has remained resolute in the discharge of its functions or it has been captured by those who vehemently opposed its 2018 report. Our general conclusion is that the 2019 FIC Trends Analysis report is the

antithesis of everything that the FIC has stood for in the recent past. This document pales in comparison with recent reports in both substance and quality, it is essentially a public relations document of peripheral value to any serious efforts to combat the high levels of corruption that this country is grappling with. One can only deduce that the political pressure of the recent past has come to bear on the FIC.”

Lifuka noted with concern the reduction in the number and value of intelligence reports analysed.

“The FIC 2019 report received 790 reports comprising 748 Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and 42 Spontaneous Disclosure Reports. Significantly, of Suspicious Transaction Reports received in 2019, the FIC only analysed 101 reports and out of which 44 were disseminated to Law Enforcement Agencies and 57 were closed as there were no reasonable grounds for dissemination. This is a very sad development because essentially, FIC only analysed 14 per cent of the reports received compared to 24 per cent in 2018. It is, therefore, incorrect for anyone to infer that Zambia has performed well because of the drop in suspected losses from STRs now valued at K984 million from the 44 intelligence reports. What is true is that the suspected losses from STRs could probably have been higher if FIC had even analysed even 50 per cent of the 748 STRs it received. We note with concern the reasons for this reduction in the number and value of intelligence reports analysed, namely unpredictable funding, which adversely affected the FIC's ability to verify STRs and SDRs,” he added.

“We would have wanted to know the reasons for this unpredictable funding – was this deliberately designed to cripple the efforts of FIC following the firestorm that the 2018 report raised? What this means is that it is possible that from the many STRs not verified, some of these could potentially be ripe for further consideration by Law Enforcement Agencies. What is further alarming is the admission by FIC that most of the 44 intelligence reports disseminated to Law Enforcement Agencies, were related more to individuals than corporates, which usually have higher values. The question is: was this a deliberate move on the part of FIC to focus on STRs related to individuals rather than corporates? Could

this be that corporates, which were previously captured in this analysis, are the conduits of choice for Politically-Exposed Persons (PEPs), who set up shell corporate vehicles and trusts? We are left to ask, how was the decision arrived at to focus on 101 reports mostly related to individuals and leave out corporates, which could have higher values of suspected losses? This decision to focus on low value transactions certainly raises eyebrows.”

He said that the 2019 report missed an important piece on informing the public on what measures government had taken following the 2018 report.

“The 2019 Report does not provide this breakdown of the drivers of predicate offense and it is difficult, therefore, to appreciate whether this omission of details is as a result of government implementing the 2018 recommendations or not. What has happened in the intervening year for us not to see the use of nominees as a driver of corruption, for instance?

Does it mean the use of shell corporate vehicles and trusts has reduced? Are we now effectively enforcing the requirements of the law on disclosure of beneficial ownership? It is our considered view that the 2019 Report misses an important piece on informing the public what measures government has taken following the 2018 Report. This makes it difficult to build any meaningful trends in the matters handled by FIC,” he stated.

He lamented that government had done nothing to address the losses arising from public procurement.

“We are all painfully aware that because of political patronage some of the contracts are awarded to ill-qualified suppliers and contractors, who are basically members of the ruling party. This trend continues unabated and we will see more of this as we head towards the 2021 election. It is a known fact that individuals (including some serving senior members of government)

use their positions in public institutions to influence the awarding of contracts to companies in exchange for gratification in the form of cash, real estate and motor vehicles. Similarly, FIC highlights a problem of old – the single-sourcing of projects, which are non-competitive – this is a perennial story, which will not go away soon,” Lifuka stated.

And Lifuka said that government had not handled the illegality surrounding Mukula in an appropriate manner due to the huge amounts of cash still linked to the illicit trade in the export of the logs.

“The 2019 FIC Report notes that some Suspicious Transaction Reports related to environmental crimes, particularly the illegal harvest, transportation and export of the prohibited Rosewood, popularly known as Mukula. FIC notes that funds generated from the sale of the prohibited tree were declared to financial institutions as proceeds from sale of timber.

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## We'll not relax despite onset of hot season – Chitalu

By Ulande Nkomesha

HEALTH Minister Dr Chitalu Chilufya says the country has recorded 102 new COVID-19 cases out of 1,391 tests done in the last 24 hours.

And Dr Chilufya says government will not relax COVID-19 prevention measures despite the onset of the hot season.

Speaking during the routine COVID-19 briefing in Kasumbalesa, Thursday, Dr Chilufya said 60 people had been discharged and that no death was recorded in the last 24 hours.

He said the cumulative number of cases stood at 13,214.

“Let me update the nation here that out of 1,391 tests done in the last 24 hours, 102 COVID-19 cases were reported in nine districts; Lusaka, Mpika, Chibombo, Chipata, Livingstone, Lundazi, Isoka, Kasama, Solwezi. In our various facilities in the country, we have 49 patients that are ill and admitted to these facilities. 20 of these are on oxygen while 10 are critical and ill. We have discharged 60 people and we did not lose any patients in the last 24 hours. This brings the number to 13,214 out of 127,529 tests done so far,” Dr Chilufya said.

And Dr Chilufya said government would not relax measures despite the onset of the hot season.

“Let me address the myths that have been going around that the weather is warming up therefore the cases will reduce. Experiences from other warmer countries like India have proven

otherwise, the cases actually swell and therefore we will not be relaxing because the weather is warming up, it is time to escalate measures and stop COVID-19. Therefore, the surest way to stop COVID-19 is to observe the five golden rules; of masking up, social distancing, washing your hands, avoiding crowded places and ensuring that you report symptoms early. Let us avoid another surge that will cause the economy to contract further and put our people at risk. Let us ensure that we don't risk a prolonged outbreak by emphasizing community engagement and risk communication,” Dr Chilufya said.

“Recently, we have noted a surge in cases in Europe, America we have seen a new wave of infections. This has been associated with relaxation of restrictions, this has been associated with a number measures that have been taken and suddenly we have seen a surge in cases. What has Zambia have to learn from all this? That even if connectivity reduces as in terms of COVID-19, we do not relax, we need to escalate measures and ensure that we fight COVID-19 until it is confined to history.”

Dr Chilufya said there was need to strengthen port health services in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“Movement of people in and out of Zambia is a key determinant of epidemics such as COVID-19. To protect the Zambian people from

COVID-19 and indeed any other epidemics, we therefore need to strengthen port health services at entry and exit points. Kasumbalesa is one of the busiest entry and exit points that Zambia has. So there could have been no better place to discuss port health services. We recognise Kasumbalesa as a port of entry for many nationals. We see a high volume of truck drivers that come in and out of the country. We must ensure that we don't fuel epidemics like COVID-19. To do this, we must enhance our port health services. To date, we have detected 254 cases of COVID-19 in Chililabombwe, this is only second to Nakonde that has recorded 815 cases,” said Dr Chilufya.

“What are we doing at Kasumbalesa is to ensure that the cases continue to reduce. From the data sources, we have noted that cases that we test both in Chililabombwe and in other parts of the country, the cases that test positive are only a reflection of the tests that we do. There are definitely more people that will be infected out there that exhibited multi symptoms but did not seek care or did not show symptoms and as they do this they do spread the disease to others. We are therefore mandated to strengthen surveillance not only in Chililabombwe but country wide so that the cases, mild as they may be, early symptoms are picked early so that we can disrupt transmission in the community.”

# A few individuals should not hold our development Hostage!

By Bright Chizonde

PUBLIC procurement is the purchase of goods, services or works by the government or state-owned enterprises. The government uses the procurement process to purchase goods such as essential drugs for hospitals and books for schools. Consultancy and financial advisory services are also procured through the procurement process as well as projects or work to construct public infrastructure such as roads and airports. In the case of large projects requiring the submission of bids, the procurement process is also termed the 'tender process'. Public procurement is therefore the spending of public resources or taxpayers' money to purchase goods, services and works required by government.

During budget execution, when the approved national budget is implemented, the central government or ministry of finance disburses funds to the relevant spending agencies for the purchase of goods, services and works in accordance with the approved budget. It is at this stage that the entire budget process, and by extension the nation's development agenda, is at the mercy of the procurement process. A well-functioning procurement system would support good economic management and prevent public financial leakages through corruption. It would ensure that funds meant for the purchase of essential drugs or the construction of a hospital are used correctly and transparently for the intended purpose.

A corrupt public procurement system limits

governments ability to deliver development to its people through increasing the cost of service delivery. Through inflating prices and the award of contracts to undeserving entities, government and by extension the taxpayers, would be made to incur a higher cost for service delivery. Drugs valued at US\$ 20 million can end-up costing US\$30 million and a school worth US\$5 million can be constructed at a total cost of US\$20 million in order to fund corruption. Moreover, most goods and works would be of poor quality as the undeserving and underqualified firms are corruptly awarded contracts at the expense of competent firms. Government would therefore spend more resources towards maintenance and replacement. In the long-run government's ability to deliver developmental projects would be limited.

Corruption in the public procurement process is a deadly vice! It increases income inequality and occasions the underutilization of resources which are key ingredients to propel national development. As more resources meant to improve the living standards of the many are used to enrich a few public officials, such corruption would undermine government's objective to improve income distribution. Furthermore, funds meant for stimulating growth through public investment would be underutilized in private hands. Growth prospects would reduce, especially because most of the corruptly acquired resources would be used to purchase redundant properties for individual use. Most of these funds would also not be invested in the financial sector, for fear or being discovered, and would thus not be channeled towards national savings or investments.



Considering these economic costs of corruption within the public procurement system, a country should root out all corruption in the system through appropriate legal reforms and punitive measures. Beyond this, public officials should also be reminded that it is their moral obligation to facilitate economic development. A country's development should not be held hostage in order to enrich a few individuals!

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

DEPUTY Chief State Advocate Gamaliel Zimba has submitted before the Lusaka Magistrates' Court that disclosure of former Zambia Air Force (ZAF) commander Eric Chimese's emoluments will not affect state security as the said payments do not fall under classified information which can threaten State security.

## Disclosure of Chimese's dues won't affect state security, submits State

Zimba added that in line with the Presidential Emoluments Act, the Head of State's emoluments were in public domain, and further

wondered how the defence could argue that the personal emoluments of another public officer who was subordinate to the Commander-in-Chief

of the armed forces became classified information.

This is in a matter in which Lieutenant General Chimese is accused of abuse

of authority of office and money laundering relating to properties in Ibex Hill and Lilayi.

Lt Gen Chimese is jointly charged with Chita Lodge director James Chungu.

On Wednesday, Lt Gen Chimese's lawyers objected to a witness disclosing information relating to the accused's earnings and conditions of service, on grounds that the data was classified information.

Kelvin Bwalya Fube told the court that information relating to Lt Gen Chimese's salaries, pension benefits, allowances, among others, that received as ZAF commander could not be presented before court without a waiver from President Edgar Lungu, who was the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

This was after Colonel Bernard Chileshe, a director in charge of salaries and pensions at the Zambia Air Force finance department testified before Magistrate Nsunge Chanda that in May 2019, he was given an assignment to compute personal emoluments and benefits accrued to Lt Gen Chimese for the period he served as commander from

2011 to 2018.

He said this was after officers from the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) visited them.

Col Chileshe testified that to undertake the said task, he got the information from the Pensions Fund relating to payments made to NAPSA, gratuity, leave days, three months' salary notice and repatriation for Lt Gen Chimese.

He said on Lt Gen Chimese's salaries, he got the information from the payroll for the period 2011 to 2018 when he retired.

Col Chileshe added that he also collected information relating to Lt Gen Chimese's foreign travel allowances.

"I prepared the information and submitted to DEC," the witness said.

However, as Col Chileshe tried to reveal to the court the money accrued to Lt Gen Chimese, Fube objected, saying the law relating to classified information was very clear and if any communication of classified and protected information was to be given to any person other than an authorized person, there must be a specific waiver by way of authority.

"My instructions are to inform this court that a commander's earnings and conditions of service are classified as confidential," Fube said. *Story continues on P10*

## ACC must act on Nawakwi's allegations against HH – Mumbi

By Julia Malunga

PATRIOTIC Front deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri has wondered why the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has not acted on former finance minister Edith Nawakwi's allegations on UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema's role in the sale of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs).

And Nawakwi says Zambia will completely be transformed in terms of development if the ruling party is given an opportunity to govern for 20 more years.

Speaking when she featured on a Radio Mano programme, Monday evening, Phiri argued that Nawakwi was a whistleblower, who should be taken seriously.

"The big question that the Zambian people are asking is, if Hakainde Hichilema declared interest when selling these companies, if he didn't declare, under the rules which were set, then, it is a conflict of interest, which is an offence. People are asking why this matter has surfaced 30 years after it happened. Umalandu taubola! (a crime can never be forgotten!) We heard last week of a man in America, who escaped from prison 30 years ago; he later married and had

three children and changed his name. But the police followed him up and put him behind bars. This shows a crime can never be forgotten. We, Zambians, like to compare ourselves to other countries. We say America is democratic, we should emulate them. But should we only emulate them when it suits us? It should be across the board. If I committed a crime 50 years ago, I am answerable for my mistakes I did," Phiri argued.

"I am even wondering where is ACC? Because to me Nawakwi is a whistleblower, we have a witness. I don't think she can be talking from without. And mind you she was the finance minister for seven months and she knows what she is talking about. Why hasn't ACC followed up on this matter? Is ACC meant to follow politicians only? Nawakwi cried that the problem is that we think that it's only ministers in government who are corrupt."

She also expressed confidence that Lukasha residents would vote for PF candidate George Chisanga in next Thursday's by-election.

"From my observation, people have accepted George Chisanga and I have no doubt that he won't be selected. We

want to mobilise a lot of people to vote. What draws us back is voter apathy. Our friends in the opposition, the reason why they have a number of votes is that they go in numbers to vote. But here, and our friends in Eastern Province, we are lazy! We forget that voting is our right. I am here for quite some time to encourage people to vote for George Chisanga," she added.

And Phiri said that the ruling party had embarked on a number of developmental projects, and if given 20 more years to govern, they would transform the country.

"Have you ever seen a government that has constructed 65 health posts in one area? Even if they are not completed, they are there. Look at the houses we have built in these police camps, can you not say we are working? Look at the schools. We are the only government that has done this in eight years. We have constructed a hospital in Mungwi. We have heard your complaints that there is no mortuary, it will be constructed because this is a listening government. What if you give us 20 years what can happen to this country? This country can change. We are moving steadily," said Phiri.

By Zondiwe Mbewe

COURT of Appeal judge Mubanga Kondolo has fined Kingsland City Investment Limited K175,000 for disobeying the injunction which restrained continued works at Kingsland City.

Judge Kondolo ordered that the said amount should be paid into court within the next four weeks, failure to which the Chief Executive Officer of Kingsland City Investment Limited, Huang Bing and directors Xiaoqiang Wen and Zhizhong Zhang shall be committed to prison for the period of four weeks.

On February 17, this year, judge Kondolo granted Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust Limited and nine traditional leaders of the Soli people an injunction restraining the continued works at Kingsland City.

Delivering his ruling, judge Kondolo said the Kingsland City, regardless of the magnitude of the

project, does not enjoy State immunity from injunction.

“The application for an injunction is successful and the first to fifth respondents (Zambia Airforce Projects Limited, Kingsland City Investment Limited, Drimtown Investment Limited, Shangrila Investment Limited and Datong Construction Limited) are restrained from continuing works on the area covered by the decision letter issued to the first respondent (ZAF Projects Limited) on February 7, 2019,” he ruled.

However, Kingsland City Investment Limited disobeyed the Court’s injunction by continuing with the construction works.

This prompted Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust and the nine traditional leaders through their lawyers from Messrs Nchito and Nchito to apply for an order that the Court of Appeal commits Bing, Wen and Zhang to

# Court fines Kingsland City K175,000 for disobeying order

prison for contempt of court for disobeying the injunction ruling which restrained them from breaching the conditions of the Zambia Environmental Agency’s decision letter of February 7, 2019 by continuing any building or construction works or restricted actions until further order.

According to an affidavit in support of notice of motion for contempt proceedings filed in May this year, Robert Chimambo, the secretary of Chalimbana Headwaters Conservation Trust, stated that Kingsland City Investment Limited, Drimtown Investments Limited, Shangrila Investment Limited, their directors and agents

despite being served with the injunction ruling had willfully and wantonly disobeyed the ruling of the court by continuing to clear and uproot more of the vegetation and proceed with building works on the site.

“Kingsland City Investment Limited, through its Chief Executive Officer Mr Huang Bing who also heads Sunshare Investments Limited and its directors Xiaoqiang Wen and Zhizhong Zhang have continued construction and are still selling and conveying properties on the site to various purchasers despite being fully aware of the injunction ruling,” he stated.

But Bing had argued that

Kingsland City Investment Limited, Drimtown Investments Limited, Shangrila Investment Limited, their directors or agents had in no way wantonly disobeyed any order of the court and that they had not undertaken any works since being served the ruling of the court.

He added that Kingsland City Investment Limited, Drimtown Investments Limited and Shangrila Investment Limited were not responsible for any activity that maybe taking place but that it was Zambia Airforce who was undertaking the activities complained of.

However, when the matter came up in Court of Appeal yesterday before

judge Kondolo, a lawyer who was representing the alleged contemnners, Kampamba Kombe from Messrs Andrew and Partners, informed the court that his clients sought to purge their contempt by giving a full and frank admission of the contempt before court.

He said his clients also made an undertaking before court to comply with the provisions in the decision letter that was issued in respect of the said project until further order of the court and to further take remedial action for the breaches that were already in place.

Judge Kondolo allowed the alleged contemnners to proceed and purge their contempt.

After taking oath, Bing admitted disobeying the Court’s order and continuing with the construction works at Kingsland City.

He admitted that after the Court’s order they constructed some houses and handed over others.

Bing said they also dug a foundation for a water tank and further ran adverts on some houses which were on sale.

He said they had since ceased the construction works and further asked the court to be lenient on them and exercise mercy, adding that they would obey any Court’s orders going forward.

And Wen, who is a director in Kingsland City, also asked for the Court’s leniency saying the company would do everything possible to comply with what the court was going to decide.

In his ruling, judge Kondolo said he had considered that the contemnners had readily admitted to disobeying the Court’s order and thereby not wasted the Court’s time.

He said he had also considered their prayer that he exercises leniency on them.

Judge Kondolo however, said orders of the court cannot be disobeyed, adding that the court cannot condone a situation of lawlessness where orders of the court were disobeyed.

He said the directors of Zambia Air Force Limited who he believed were public officials, should have seen to it that their contractors were not in contempt of the order of the court.

Judge Kondolo consequently fined Kingsland City K175,000.

“I consequently fine them (contemnners) a sum of K175,000 to be paid into court within the next four weeks, failure of which the directors cited shall be committed to prison for the period of four weeks,” ruled judge Kondolo.

## Court rejects Mwiimbu’s application to renew judicial review petition against Matibini over Bill 10

By Zondiwe Mbewe

THE Court of Appeal has refused to grant Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Jack Mwiimbu leave to commence judicial review proceedings against Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Patrick Matibini’s decision to allow continued consideration of Bill 10 in Parliament despite it lapsing.

In the ruling delivered by Court of Appeal Judge Justin Chashi on behalf of Court of Appeal president Fulgency Chisanga and deputy Judge president Chalwe Mchenga, the Court stated that Mwiimbu’s renewed application for judicial review lacks merit as the decision in question relates to internal processes and procedures of the National Assembly, which the Court is excluded from checking in the absence of contravention or breach of the Constitution.

The Court has also condemned Mwiimbu to costs.

In July, this year, Lusaka High Court Judge Sharon Nawa refused to grant Mwiimbu leave to commence judicial review proceedings against the said decision of the Speaker, saying she had no jurisdiction to interrogate the exercise of the Speaker’s powers pursuant to the internal practices and procedures of the National Assembly.

She said the Speaker being protected from any court action where he exercises his powers under the internal procedure of the National Assembly, would only be amenable to such court action if in the exercise of that power, there was alleged breach of the Constitution.

Judge Nawa further said the Constitutional Court by virtue of Article 128 (1) of the Constitution was the Court that was vested with jurisdiction to deal with such matters.

Mwiimbu, however,

renewed his application for leave to apply for judicial review before the Court of Appeal on the same day his case was dismissed by the Lusaka High Court.

He cited Attorney General Likando Kalaluka as the respondent.

According to his statement on renewed application for leave to apply for judicial review filed in the Court of Appeal, Mwiimbu was seeking an order of mandamus directing the Speaker of the National Assembly to discontinue any or any further consideration, debate or other proceedings in relation to the Bill.

He also wanted a declaration that the decision was invalid, null and void and of no effect and an order that all proceedings in the National Assembly relating to the Bill be stayed until after the determination of the matter or further order of the court.

The grounds upon which the said reliefs were sought were that: the Speaker’s decision was unreasonable and/or irrational and without

justifiable reason given the fact that the Bill lapsed on June 4, 2020, and as such, that it was not amenable to further consideration, debate or process in the House.

That the decision was illegal, null and void ab initio in terms of the established practice and procedure of the National Assembly, which is binding on the House.

That the decision was wrong at law by reason of failure by the National Assembly to follow laid down procedure when it resumed business relating to the Bill and subsequently deferred the said business for consideration on a date yet to be advised, but within the current session of the National Assembly despite the fact that the Bill was “killed” upon its lapsing on June 4, 2020.

“The Applicant will also advance the proposition that the role that the Speaker of the National Assembly played in

this matter was administrative in nature and these officers are public officers, his decisions are amenable to Judicial Review,” Mwiimbu stated.

But in its ruling, the Court of Appeal refused to grant Mwiimbu leave.

“It will be noticed that the applicant (Mwiimbu) is asking the Court to interfere with the manner in which the National Assembly proposes to conduct its business procedurally. The proposed application for judicial review does not reveal or allege a breach or contravention of the Constitution. Rather, and as conceded by Mr (Mulambo) Haimbe (Mwiimbu’s lawyer), it hinges on the internal processes and procedures of the National Assembly,” Judge Chashi said.

He said no Constitutional question had been formulated on the papers, warranting examination by the Court, adding that had that been so, the jurisdiction of this Court would have been called into

question.

Judge Chashi said a plethora of authorities revealed that the Speaker and the National Assembly could only be amenable to Judicial Review if there was breach or contravention of the Constitution in its decision-making.

“The application for Judicial Review is bereft of merit as the decision in question relates to internal processes and procedures which the Court is excluded from checking in the absence of contravention or breach of the Constitution. Leave is accordingly refused,” ruled Judge Chashi.

“As earlier alluded to, there are a plethora of cases on this matter, which should have guided the applicant. This is, therefore, a proper case in which to condemn the applicant to costs. The applicant shall bear the costs of the application in this Court. Some to be taxed in default of agreement.”

## 2019 FIC Trends Report a PR document – TIZ

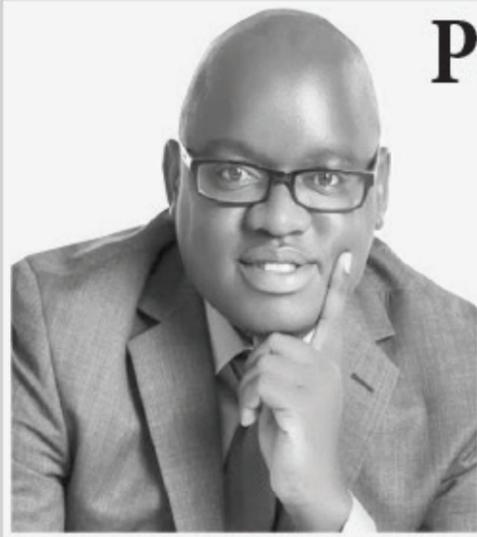
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WE NOTE that in 2018, the FIC received Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) related to timber valued at ZMW2,156,000. Many of the individuals in the illegal trade of Mukula established other businesses through which these proceeds were laundered. Our concern, as TI-Z, is that this issue of Mukula production is not new and government has not handled the illegality surrounding Mukula in an appropriate manner and it is clear that there is a lot of money laundering linked to this trade. We want to remind the Zambian people of two previous reports on Mukula trade, which have not received active attention from government. The 2019 Mukula Cartel Report by the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), which alleged that Mukula continues to be

trafficked despite the outcry of the Zambian public and that the sale of this natural resource was allegedly benefitting only a few people,” stated Lifuka.

“The 2018 Report on Mukula trade between China and Zambia, by the Centre for International Forestry Research, which highlighted that recent Mukula production in Zambia could have amounted to about 110,000 m3 per annum, with revenue losses of about US \$3.2 million and bribes paid to State officials of about US \$1.7 million. This CIFOR Report also highlighted that what leaves Zambia as sawnwood seems to arrive in China as logs – ‘It seems clear that Mukula, which is largely exported in logs, often gets declared as sawnwood at departure to comply with the legal framework, as a log-export ban remains

in force in Zambia.’ Finally, this report made a serious finding of discrepancies in declarations both in volume and value. For example, in 2016, Zambia declared to have exported about 3,000 m3 Mukula for an approximate value of US \$900,000, while China declared imports of about 61,000 m3 for an approximate value of US \$87 million. FIC reporting on Mukula trade today, while important, does not change the sad reality that, as a nation, we are aware of unscrupulous activities related to this trade and we have done nothing about it. Most likely, the 2020 Trends Analysis Report will bring out similar concerns and in typical Zambian fashion, this will not move the people to realise the magnitude of the loss of vital natural resources, which only end up benefiting a few.”



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## DEAR HONEYBEE AND MOH - Our People's Lives Matter

**By Andyford Mayele Banda**

**S**UCCESSIVE auditor general reports have pointed out various irregularities in the Ministry of Health and you will find that it is one of the most queried ministries. Drugs ordered are not delivered, payments for drugs delivered but not ordered, overpriced orders which is one of the most common ones and payments made but drugs, goods and services not delivered, ghost workers on the payroll, unretired imprest and so on. Now News Diggers reports and we quote "THE controversial US\$17 million Health Centre Kits tender awarded to HoneyBee Pharmacy has culminated into a supply of damaged, toxic drugs to the Ministry of Health. But Zackir Motala, who is now carrying the title of HoneyBee Pharmacy manager, says the discolouration on the drugs could have been caused by exposure to water and that this is the fault of the manufacturer who he says has since been contacted to recall the affected batch". Good luck with the manufacturer.

While government officials and suppliers alike are pocketing money through dubious supply contracts, our people are dying in hospitals due to these syndicates. This is truly a crime against humanity. As we speak today there is no government hospital that is adequately stocked with drugs because of such syndicates where most of our people will get prescription and only those that can afford are the ones that can buy these drugs while the majority who can't just don't take the prescribed medicine and end up dying. This is all as a result of greedy government officials and suppliers who don't care about the lives of our people. If people had any morals left in them at least they would have the decency to think of the suffering majority at these hospitals around the country.

It is not surprising that a company like Honey Bee with zero supplier track record of a magnitude contract worth seventeen million United States dollars could have failed to supply the right goods because they are just not capable. And who knows this could have been planned from the beginning because people are just capable of doing such things and later act shocked that the medicine that was supplied was toxic and expired. The levels of corruption in this country have just reached alarming levels and today we should be seated here pretending that COVID 19 is the reason for the economic meltdown in Zambia when we carelessly just toss money such as seventeen million dollars to a sole trader supplier like its seventeen thousand kwacha.

The question we have is that what is the difference between criminals who rob and kill people and criminals who steal money meant for drugs in hospitals which results in people dying because they can't access the medicine? I think

it's the same even worse criminals who steal money meant for drugs because while robbers can attack and injure one person after a while, hundreds of people die in hospitals as a result of lack of medicines. And yet when you go to the prisons around the country, you will find that petty thieves and marijuana smokers are the ones that are in the prisons while white collar murders and robbers are enjoying a good life in mansions because they are connected to the government.

The corruption under the PF should teach us valuable lessons. Once PAC forms government in 2021 we will use the worst corruption period in the history of our country to deliver valuable lessons to the country so that from then onwards people will have to think twice if they want to get involved in corruption or not. This is unacceptable. Many people are suffering around the country just because of the greed appetite of a few individuals.

Zambia is need of selfless leaders; leaders who are eager to build this country as opposed to building mansions for themselves. Below is our repeated plea on the fight against corruption:

"The PAC believes that a very significant portion of the problems we face to-day could be eliminated once we clamp down on corruption. The fight against corruption is PAC's priority number one. Corruption has been a cancer in so many ways. Services are either delayed or not delivered at all due to corruption. Government's supply chain has had to purchase goods and services at overly inflated prices due to corruption. The wrong people have been awarded tenders even when it is clear that they don't deliver or deliver poor quality goods and services. All this is the fruit of corruption. A lot of bad elements have been employed and they have contributed to the inefficiency of government operations. Health care services, Education facilities and empowerment programs have been affected due to corruption in the system.

Corruption has made service delivery a nightmare. People that have been connected with successive governments have been awarded dubious deals due to corruption at the expense of the majority Zambians. People have died in hospitals because they have been denied basic care due to corruption. Children have been subjected to poor learning facilities.

Most projects have been abandoned without being finished even when the government has paid advances to contractors; another fruit of corruption. The system has favoured a few individuals as opposed to the majority Zambians due to corruption. Farming inputs and payments to farmers have been delayed due to corruption. Some people have failed to access services that rightly belong to them due to corruption.

Corruption is a cancer. It's clear if we fight it, we can win half the battle of the challenges we

are facing as a country. Our politics have affected the fight to stamp out corruption. Successive governments have embraced the old rotten systems because it aids them to hold on to power and because they want to continue looting. The system which has long supported people that are friendly to the system, the so-called big donors who get money from the government to fund the political party in government has to be stamped out.

The PAC on its agenda will give first priority to war on corruption. We will re-structure systems and come up with new and modern ways to fight corruption. We have to place in systems that will make it easy to trail corruption. We need to implement electronic system to improve transparency in the operations of government especially in the supply chain.

The PAC will ensure that the systems that have long supported the people close to the system are stamped out. This will only be possible by the restructuring the Anti-Corruption Commission. It must have some greater level of autonomy in order to ensure that the ACC is able to prosecute even high-level individuals such as Ministers without having to ask permission from the President.

The PAC will introduce stiffer punishment for individuals who will be caught in corrupt deals. The PAC will ensure that all individuals follow the law in acquisition of opportunities. The PAC will apply political will and ensure awareness to the general public on the dangers of getting involved in corruption or not reporting individuals involved in corrupt deals.

The PAC will ensure that the ACC takes an interest in Auditor General reports. The ACC will ensure that all queries raised are answered. All individuals who did not remit documents to support payments do so or payback the money owed to the government. All senior government officials who do not execute duties professionally in the execution of audit queries will either be dismissed or be recommended for prosecution should elements of corruption be cited.

We need to ensure that the judiciary is reformed to ensure speed process on working on corrupt officials.

We must also set precedence to prevent future leaders from committing the same crimes. Once PAC forms government, forensic audit will be conducted in the activities of previous governments and all found wanting will be punished to set a good example for those who may want to contemplate getting involved in corruption".

**Andyford Mayele Banda**  
**President**  
**People's Alliance for Change (PAC)**

# Former ministers still need to repay K4.2m for illegal stay in office, Yamba tells ConCourt

**By Zondiwe Mbewe**  
SECRETARY to the Treasury Fredson Yamba has submitted to the Constitutional Court that the correct amount of repatriation allowances former Cabinet ministers and their deputies, who received emoluments after the dissolution of Parliament in 2016, are entitled to is K8,000 each and not the K15,000 they are claiming.

Yamba adds that his office has, therefore, re-calculated the summary for net pays and allowances to be recovered from the ministers taking into account the K8,000, which brings the total amount recoverable from them for the period May to July, 2016, to K4,266,664.10.

This is according to an affidavit in reply to the notice of non-objection to the quantum settled by the Attorney General.

"With regards to the issue of repatriation allowances, the correct figure to be paid to the former Cabinet ministers and former deputy ministers is K8,000 each. My office has, thus, duly re-computed the summary for net pays and allowances to be recovered from ministers taking into account the K8,000. As can be seen from the said re-computation, the total amount recoverable from the former Cabinet ministers and former deputy ministers for the period May to July, 2016, is in the sum of K4,266,664.10," Yamba stated.

"With regards to the issue relating to the 31st respondent, Obius Chabu Chisala, I can confirm that he was paid his salary for the months of May, June and July, 2016."

He further submitted Chishala's pay slips for the

period of May to July, 2016.

In July, this year, Fides Kalangwa, a Director-Policy Research and Standards in the Office of the Accountant General at the Ministry of Finance disclosed to the Court that the total amount recoverable from the former Cabinet ministers and deputy ministers for the period May to July, 2016 was K4,778,664.10.

And last month, the former ministers and their deputies did not object to the K4,778,664.10 quantified by the State as money they were required to repay.

They, however, told the Court that they were not paid their repatriation allowances amounting to K15,000 per person.

"Take notice that the respondents represented by Messrs Ellis and Co., Messrs D H Kemp and Co. and Messrs Lungu Simwanza and Company do not object to the quantum of emoluments as quantified by the first respondent (Attorney General). Save (i) that the said respondents were not paid their repatriation allowances in the sum of K15,000 per person; (ii) the 31st respondent, Obius Chabu Chisala, did not receive his June and July, 2016, emoluments as his contract of employment was terminated on June 8, 2016," read the notice of non-objection to the quantum settled by the Attorney General.

In this matter, the State, through the Attorney General's chambers, had asked the Constitutional Court to assess the amount of money that ministers, who continued to earn a salary after dissolution of Parliament in 2016, were required to repay.

This was as a result of the Constitutional Court

judgement of August 8, 2016, which ordered Cabinet, provincial and deputy ministers to repay the State all the allowances and salaries they received while the National Assembly was dissolved.

The judgement was rendered in a matter where the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) and UPND, through its secretary general Steven Katuka, challenged the continued stay in office of the ministers after Parliament was dissolved ahead of the 2016 general election.

Katuka and LAZ petitioned the Court to order the ministers who stayed in office after dissolution of Parliament to repay the funds they had received.

They cited the Attorney General, Ngosa Simbyakula and 63 others as respondents.

# ECZ postpones commencement of mobile voter registration to Oct 28

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And Nshindano cautioned that any eligible voter who failed to present themselves for verification would be considered as deceased.

"But further, as part of the process, the Commission will consider one who is registered as deceased if they do not present themselves, as part of the process involves the removal of the deceased persons from the register," he said.

He also clarified that all the already-registered voters will be retained in the new register, but on condition that they presented themselves for verification, update and capture of additional required information.

"Allow me to also reiterate, and this is something that has a lot of mixed interpretations that all eligible Zambians that are eligible to vote must ensure that they turn up to register. This is regardless of whether you have a [voter's] card now or not in order for them to participate in the 2021 general election and, indeed, future elections. Whilst the Commission will retain the current



registered voters, all those that are registered will be retained. This is conditional. It is on condition that they present themselves for verification, update, and capture of additional required information, including the biometric system that we introduced, that is your ten finger prints and your portrait, and, indeed, the issuance of a new voter's card," he said.

Meanwhile, Nshindano said that the Commission was in the process of undertaking a pilot project to convert streams into polling centres for next week's Mwansabombwe and Lukashya by-elections.

"The Commission has in the past shared its intention to turn streams into polling stations

as part of the enhancement for result management and to generally quicken the voting process, counting, announcement, and declaration of results. The Commission will now pilot the conversion of streams in the forthcoming Mwansabombwe and Lukashya parliamentary by-elections, which are scheduled for 17th September, 2020. This plan has already been communicated to participants in the two elections, who have supported the idea. The Commission will share the effectiveness of this pilot and share with political parties and, indeed, the general public on the changes that will be put in place in the 2021 general election," said Nshindano.

# We won't let PF rig 2021 election via fake NRC issuance – Katuka

By Ulande Nkomesha

UPND secretary general Stephen Katuka says the party will not allow the PF to rig the 2021 general election through the illegal issuance of National Registration Cards (NRCs).

In an interview, Katuka said the party was aware of the PF's intention to rig the 2021 general election through the issuance of NRCs to underage children and foreigners, adding that the party was carefully watching the activities and will act to stop them ahead of next year's polls.

"Why has NRC issuance become an issue? It has never been an issue, today, it is a big issue. Every day, we are seeing children obtaining NRCs, those pictures are there. They can investigate

that matter. They are trying to take advantage of that for their benefit. So, since they are beneficiaries, they will not investigate those matters. It is the start of the process of rigging. This, we assure them, we will be vigilant on polling day to see if those kids and foreigners will vote. If they try to vote, we will apprehend them from there and we will do a citizen's arrest," Katuka cautioned.

He wondered why Home Affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo was quick to dismiss the issuance of NRCs to children and foreigners as mere propaganda before investigating the matter conclusively.

"Similarly, if he is doubting these foreigners being registered, why doesn't he take the trouble to move in the areas to investigate? You have seen videos of people complaining and saying that, people are ready to testify. So, those who are ready to testify must be followed. You see, the problem is that we have a government that doesn't realise they are in charge. Government has

been given by the people of Zambia all the machinery to investigate issues, but they are failing to do that. They want to depend on people that bring evidence. Government must investigate that matter to its conclusive end. 2016, we had similar complaints of Malawians being registered, Mozambicans and Congolese being registered. What did they do? Nothing! Similarly, we have those issues and someone who is in charge of the Ministry is saying, 'bring evidence.' What evidence do they want us to show?" Katuka wondered.

"The people in Lundazi and they have been on radio and TV that they saw a vehicle, which carried foreigners and the vehicle was mentioned. The people in Lundazi are saying they are seeing '52' on their registration cards, which is not their number, that is for Chipata, but the people in Lundazi are being given 52. We have seen all those anomalies, I think a serious government must take trouble

when a whistle has been blown to investigate the matter. Not within his office; he just wakes up, 'I am calling for a press briefing to dispel this and that,' how do you dispel before investigating? I think the system has collapsed."

And Katuka predicted that the extension of 10 more days in the issuance of NRCs for phase one will not meet its intended target.

"That extension is window-dressing! What will happen is, they will go to an area that, 'we have extended' and then they will be there for a day and move on to another area. If they have so many stations, how can they do those stations that they did 40 days in 10 days? I don't see the logic there. They did it for 40 days and now they are complaining about the work that was done in 40 days. What difference will it make by extending by 10 days? They will not be able to go to all the areas. So, how does it help out? So, it is not going to help in any way, it is camouflage," said Katuka.

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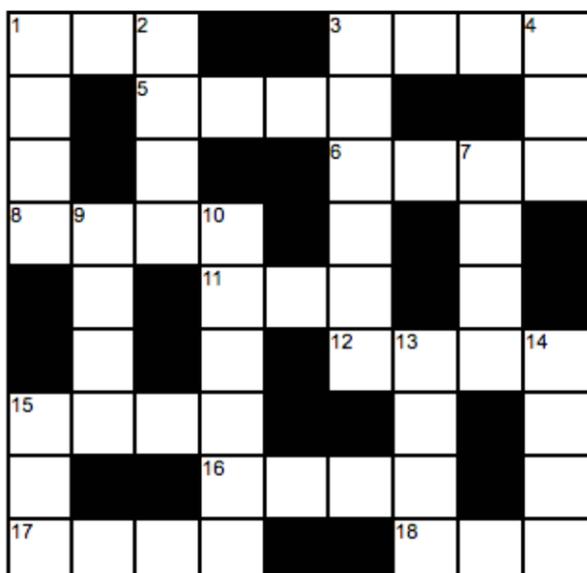
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*“To conquer, you must endure not just your own suffering but the suffering of others. Indifference is the ultimate evolutionary achievement, the highest rung on nature’s ladder.”*  
- Rick Yancey

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| <b>Across</b>         | <b>Down</b>                  |
| 1. Car for hire       | 1. Organised group of people |
| 3. Yard               | 2. ___ in the Belfry         |
| 5. Region             | 3. Court figure              |
| 6. Healthy            | 4. Zippo                     |
| 8. Person in charge   | 7. Tramp’s love              |
| 11. Bind              | 9. Complete                  |
| 12. Mantas            | 10. Thoroughfare             |
| 15. Tall woody plant  | 13. Bohemian                 |
| 16. Radiate           | 14. Whirl                    |
| 17. Manner of walking | 15. Child’s game             |
| 18. Craving           |                              |

## Crossword puzzle No 687



# Readers' Feedback

## DIGGERS' OPINION: Arresting HH over privatisation a dangerous undertaking

Editor,

"Finally he has managed to get proper intelligence people around him. Sata had the best informers. So let's leave him stay home for the good of the country which needs his services next year". - Brian Sichula

"They are indeed desperate that HH is political competition that won't

easily go away and are fast running out of legitimate reasons. Fortunately her successor at the ministry of finance, Dr. Katele Kalumba, set the record straight despite his own shortcomings". - David M Mwanangombe

HH is Lungu's number one threat! He will do all what it takes just to have him out of the way! But one thing is for sure! This

propaganda won't work for PF, the well meaning Zambians have decided to go FORWARD!" - Edith Tobby Malawo

"Now I understand why he is virtually on house arrest. He has been informed of this scheme to eliminate him. We need his safety for the good of the country. Let's not force him on the campaign trail. Let's mobilize and campaign for him". - David Mungole

"Whether they arrest him or not, even in his grave we'll still vote for him... Speaking on behalf of

disgruntled youths!" - Ian Malekhanie

"So HH was right with his assertion that government was aiming at killing him! So sad". - Bravol BM Mulez

"They can't even arrest him on what grounds? On hearsay? They 1st need to investigate the allegations personally I have tried and failed to find any document showing that HH was a non executive director of sun international during in before the sell of mosi oa tunya intercontinental..." - Maimbolwa Kamanga

## 'ACC now a corruption-laundering organisation!'

Editor,

"ACC is now a corruption laundering institution. There is need for the board and management to be taken to task on the way they have handled certain issues e.g. Fire trucks, 48 houses and Mukula. Surely incompetence, negligence, collusion and facilitation are cases we charge them with". - Richard Waga

"They should just monitor and record because as at now ACC is a toothless institution with no spine, maybe when we have a serious government in place that's serious about corruption and making sure all those that plundered the country's economy are brought to book and hanged, as at now nothing is gonna happen". - Kris Mubanga Malama

"Personally I am surprised that people still believe in the ACC.... These guys lamentably failed to locate the owner of the 48 houses.... An investigation that can be done even by a five year

old..... Its high time we zambians came into terms that we are on our own!" - Ian Malekhanie

"Does ACC stands for" AID CORRUPT CRIMINALS? Sorry just arrived from MARS last month, they arrest, prosecute and defend the rich corrupt suspects in Court!!" - George Bwalya

"ACC is corrupt, Don't even waste your time to report any corrupt case to ACC. imagine an ACC officer took Dr chitalu chilufya who himself knew was innocent.and after they suspended the officer the organisation abandoned the case. The whole ACC is rotten. we need to restructure ACC when there is change of gvt,after that we have to investigate the corrupt practices by the current ACC officers / officials , followed by the cases poorly handled. issues of 48 houses, 42 fire tenders, mukula scandle, Malawi maize gate scandle, review cases of criminals who shot at citizens during elections, etc". -- Chipatala E-j

## 'We'll ensure Lungu losses by 80% in 2021'

Dear editor,

"In a clean and fair election. Mr Lungu can get 25% Bally 65% the 10% can be shared by the others". - Vincent Sakala

"Mmmmmmmmm.... That's a serious joke Honourable Lubinda. I can't imagine being led by Mr ECL for another 5 years..AIKONA MAN... that will be suicidal. Your Boss has lamentably failed in all circles.... We can't continue to have a clueless leader to be in charge of our economic affairs. Infact next year we will be looking for a Leader not a Politician". - Emmalito Lias

"We all have dreams that can never become true". - Lwendo Mwamba

"This is what I mean when I say our government lives in a different world. These people live in a fantasy world. They

are day dreaming. They'll have a shock of their lifetime". - Richard Nkhoma

"That's not possible, which Zambians can do that?" - Preston Kasempa

"Will ensure he loses by 80% in 2021". - Mukusa Muksa Mumba

"That guy is not even eligible to stand in the first place!" - Harri Sons Oka

"We already did the experiment on you

and it backfired in our face, so we won't repeat it again. we are going back to what Democracy used to be time ya MMD when cabinet was made up of people that knew the job not cadres who's main purpose is to fatten up n praise the head". - Kris Mubanga Malama

"So why are you disenfranchising the opposition? They can't meet their people on the ground while imwe you are busy campaigning! Come rain come sunshine imwe kuya bebebe!" - Gershom Habile

## Chirwa's advice to HH not to drag Nawakwi to court

Editor,

"Criminal allegations are sorted out by courts not politicians. All these years, this issue was in the hands of politicians who only took advantage of this issue to disadvantage fellow politicians and failed to provide answers. This time, the courts will decide and it will be final. Anyone who feels wise enough, let them show it before the courts of law". - Temani Mwale

"I would like to defame this lawyer. Is he guaranteeing he won't take me to court? I have a lot to say about his character - all bordering on innuendo, ridicule and plain character assassination using words that in their ordinary and natural meaning will border on defamation to reasonable persons. Let's test the truth in his claim". - Kalwani Kay

"I don't know which law ba Chirwa is following. Nawaki accused HH of stealing and who should prove the case, is it the accuser or the accused? On whom does the burden of proof lie, the accuser or the accused? Innuendo is the same, whether political or non - political. It is Nawakit who should prove. She said she aimed at bringing HH down by proving her allegations. This is her golden opportunity to do so. The best ba Chirwa be her lawyer.... Period!" - Hastings Munchini

"Fortunately this is a personal opinion, not even a professional one. So it remains just that an opinion". - Kanyata Mubita

"And I quote, 'the debate about privatisation is a political issue which Hichilema should address with political answers'. End of quote. I am sure Mr Chirwa has not been up to date with what he is referring to... HH has tried to respond in a political way for so many times but I believe the court would be the best way to go so that we determine from there..." - Elvis K Makwangala

"Such thinking is what is making lawyers in Zambia look like they are dull. Surely you don't see any merit in him going to court after his persona was brutally defamed?" - Sydney Kasoka



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By Ulande Nkomesha

Divisions have emerged in the FDD, as some officials are calling for the expulsion of president Edith Nawakwi on grounds that she is using the name of the party to advance a personal agenda, in relation to her stance against a fellow opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema of the UPND.

Meanwhile, the FDD Central Province Chairman has suspended his secretary Jerry Simpepa who called for an emergency National Policy Committee meeting to discuss Nawakwi's position in the privatisation debate.

Senior FDD officials who sought anonymity ahead of a planned national executive committee meeting revealed that party members were calling for Nawakwi's expulsion because she had prioritised her fight against a fellow opposition leader rather than organising the FDD.

"...Because of the same issue, they have resorted to suspending members. The provincial secretary of Central Province has been suspended for calling for an urgent national executive committee meeting to discuss the issue of president Nawakwi because members feel that this fight should not be there because she is supposed to be organising the party instead of fighting the other fellow opposition. I know that within a few days from now, there will be another development because we are mobilising ourselves and we want to go and expel her from the party," the sources said.

## FDD members plot to expel Nawakwi over privatisation stance

Another official who, on record referred the matter to party vice-president Chifumu Banda, said the party was also in shock to see Nawakwi's stance against the UPND.

"On that one, you may want to ask the vice-president to give the official party position. But what I can tell you is that everyone is in shock, including the vice-president himself. As party officials we are not aware of this stance which appears to be advancing the president's personal agenda and campaigning for the PF, rather than mobilising our own votes. There are various thoughts, we are told that there are some discussions between President Lungu and our president around the issue of running mate. Whether that is true, we don't know because there has not been a meeting where this issue was discussed. All we are seeing are these activities which suggest that something is going on which we don't know about," the source said.

"This is why some officials feel there is need to sit down as a party so that we can get some direction on the matter. If PF is seeking an alliance, that is an issue that is supposed to be discussed, it cannot be a decision of one person, regardless of the position. That is not a democratic way of running party affairs."

When contacted for a comment, vice-president Banda said he does not give interviews

on phone, but later when prompted for an interview at his office, he referred the matter to the spokesperson who also declined to comment, saying the party was yet to hold a meeting.

In a letter dated September 9, 2020, Central Province FDD chairman Innocent Chanda stated that he was suspending Simpepa for trying to bring the party leadership into disrepute.

"It has come to our attention that you have been accused of destabilising the party having made numerous telephone calls between July-August, 2020, to various provincial chairmen across the country urging them to petition the National Policy Committee (NPC) to convene an urgent NPC meeting whose agenda only you know, despite not being a member of the National Policy Committee. You have further continued to call various provincial chairmen with a view of bringing the name of the party and its leadership into disrepute, in the matter involving our party president before the courts of law," stated Chanda.

"In view of the above, I find your alleged conduct in breach of article Article 9 (c) and (k) of the party constitution, which required you to exhibit in service the highest morality and probity in your conduct and always act civil and responsible as deserving of a leader. I, therefore, suspend you from your office and given 14 days to exculpate yourself why further

disciplinary action should not be taken against you. Your matter will be considered by the disciplinary committee within the stipulated period. Kindly handover all party properties if any, that may be in your possession to my office while on suspension."

But in response to the letter of suspension, Simpepa argued that he was not in breach of any clause of the party's constitution and that his suspension was illegal and unconstitutional.

"Good morning, I acknowledge receipt of the above subject matter. Your letter of suspending me from the party is illegal, unconstitutional and in gross violation of article 8 (a) (b) of the party constitution, which I quote as follows: A member of the party has a right: (a) To freely and publicly demand the fulfilment of what is enshrined

in the constitution, resolutions, directives and obligations of the party; (c) To participate in forum and/or meeting at the relevant level of the party organs to which he belongs and to freely contribute in any debate and other relevant activities. Further, article eight subsection (4) states and I quote: 'No retribution of whatever sort shall lie against any member for the reasons only that he held a different opinion on an issue under debate,' Simpepa stated.

"Furthermore, in accordance with article 8 subsection (5), which states as follows: Any member of the party who by his/her actions undermines the right of members to freely express themselves shall be subject to disciplinary action. It is in light of the foregoing that your letter purporting that you have suspended me is null and

void and has been disregarded. Besides, I will ask the provincial executive committee to take disciplinary action against you for violating article 8 sub-section 5 of the party constitution. Sir, remember that I did consult you as my provincial chairman and you did advise me to proceed in the manner I did."

Simpepa insisted that calling for an NPC meeting to discuss Nawakwi's stance on privatisation was not illegal, but constitutional.

"May I also educate you that demanding for an NPC meeting and discussing the matter of the party president over the stance she has taken in regard to the issue of privatisation is not illegal, but a constitutional requirement and, therefore, I am wondering where you are drawing this authority to suspend me. But I want to retaliate that I shall not be intimidated in exercising my democratic rights," vowed Simpepa.

## NGOs ask ConCourt to compel govt to include marginalized groups in governance

By Sipilisiwe Ncube

THREE women NGOs have petitioned the Constitutional Court of Zambia seeking the Court's intervention in redressing discrimination of marginalized women and youths from participating in the democratic governance of the country.

In a joint statement which was read by NGOCC Legal Advisor Daisy Ng'ambi, NGOCC, Chapter One Foundation, and the Young Women in Action charged that the past successive governments had ignored the constitutional requirement to include women, the disabled and youths in government positions.

"The importance of equity and equality in the democratic governance of the country cannot be overemphasized. Everyone has the right to take part in the government and public affairs of the country, to vote and to be elected. Beyond elective office, every citizen regardless of any other consideration has the right to participate in the governance at different levels. However, over the years' women, people with disabilities and indeed the youths have been systematically discriminated against participating in the governance of their country. This is despite the fact that both women and the youths constitute the majority of the country's population," Ng'ambi said.

"It is against this background that we the aforementioned organisations have today, Thursday 10th September 2020, lodged a Petition in the Constitutional Court to among other seek the Court's intervention in redressing the historical and structural discrimination of these marginalized groups. The Petition before the Constitutional Court is in accordance with Article 2 of the Republican Constitution which provides that "Every person has the right and duty to: (a) defend this Constitution; and (b) resist or prevent a person from overthrowing, suspending or illegally abrogating this Constitution."

Ng'ambi said the Constitution provided for the inclusion of women, youths and the disabled

in all the governance spheres, which all successive executives had ignored.

"As you may be aware the constitution clearly provides for the need for the inclusion of all in the governance of our country. The constitution provides for the inclusion of women, youths and the disabled in all the governance spheres. However, the practice in the recent years since independence in 1964 has been such that the Executive specifically the successive and current Head of State have ignored these very important Constitutional provisions in their appointments and nomination," Ng'ambi said.

She said the NGOs wanted the court to compel the government to include the listed groupings of people in key government positions.

"As evidenced in the appointment of Cabinet and the nominated Members of parliament, the Executive have continually ignored these provisions and thus continuing to exclude a critical part of the population from both participating and benefiting from the various development processes of the country. As stated the organisations are therefore seeking specific orders from the Courts to ensure that the youths, women and indeed people with disabilities are included in the governance of the country," Ng'ambi said.

She added that the proponents of Bill 10 had been lying to people that the law, if enacted, would address this challenge when in fact not.

"In the last few months the proponents of Bill 10, specifically Government have been misleading citizens that the Bill will ensure the equitable representation of women, youths and disabled persons when in fact the same Government has failed to implement the current Constitutional provisions as provided in our laws as we are demonstrating in the Petition. It is therefore our fervent hope that the Constitutional Courts will help in redressing the long-standing injustice and exclusion of citizens from participating in the governance of the country," said Ng'ambi.

## Disclosure of Chimese's dues won't affect state security, submits State

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He added that the salaries, allowances and pensions for Lt Gen Chimese as a Zambia Air Force Commander were classified and that those who disclosed classified information without a waiver were liable upon conviction to imprisonment of a term not less than 15 years but not exceeding 25 years.

"We further submit that in the absence of such a letter from the Commander-in-Chief who is the President waiving such classified information to be released, the witness on the stand may find themselves in trouble. The witness is incompetent to go beyond what he has told this court without committing an offence," Fube said.

The matter was then adjourned to Thursday, for the State to respond to the defence's objection.

And when the matter came up, Thursday, Zimba submitted that section four of the State Security Act which the defence relied on in their objection was cited out of context.

He said the said section related to protection of codes, passwords, sketch plans, models and other documents or information for use at a protected area or place.

Zimba said what the witness talked about on Wednesday were the emoluments of the accused.

He added that one's personal emoluments could

not be said to be a code, a password, personal sketch or other documents for use at a protected place.

Zimba said in line with the Presidential Emoluments Act, the Head of State's emoluments were in public domain.

"How then would we argue that the personal emoluments of another public officer who is subordinate to the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces become classified information?" he wondered.

Zimba submitted that Lt Gen Chimese's personal emoluments did not go anywhere near what the State Security Act sought to protect, adding that transparency would also require that the evidence relating to the emoluments should not be deemed as classified.

He prayed that the court overrules the objection by the defence.

But in reply, Fube maintained that the witness on stand should not present further evidence.

He submitted that it was the defence's serious contention that allowing the witness on stand to testify on Lt Gen Chimese's personal emoluments was giving free intelligence information to enemies of the country and opened a Pandora's box in Lt Gen Chimese's defence.

Fube said there was a danger in allowing the witness on stand to continue testifying.

Magistrate Chanda then said the date for ruling would be communicated and adjourned the matter to September 30, 2020.

## Bonanza Resort set for Oct 23 grand opening

By Tenson Mkhala

BONANZA Resort general manager Adrian Penny says the resort is targeting to raise standards in Zambia's tourism and hospitality industry by offering world-class facilities, which will reposition the country to being the preferred international destination in the region.

Speaking during a media tour of the facility in Lusaka, Thursday, Penny said the resort was targeting to be a key player in the hospitality and events industry by offering the highest standards, which would reposition Zambia as a preferred international destination in the tourism and hospitality sector.

"Our market focus is to grow domestic travel and we have the ambition to be a key player in the hospitality and events industry by offering the highest standards in Zambia. Our proximity to the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport is ideal for international conventions, meetings and events, which will put Zambia on the road map to host international events, enabling Zambia to compete in the African market as the preferred venue to host big events," Penny told journalists during the tour.

He added that the US \$30 million investment had employed 300 locals in the hotel development phase and that 150 will be employed on a permanent basis upon its

imminent grand opening next month.

"At Bonanza Resort, we aim to continue playing a pivotal role in the local community through our corporate social responsibility programmes we will be undertaking. We have so far provided work for over 300 locals in the hotel development phase. Once open, we will employ 150 permanent staff, and have around 200 flexi-staff as we continue to improve the lives of those in our communities," said Penny.

"As you may be aware that this \$30 million investment is the first-of-its kind in Zambia, we are not only offering employment, but also providing extensive training to our team members to develop

them into highly-skilled and confident professionals at an international level."

The luxurious Bonanza Resort, located 10Km from KKIA, opens its doors to the public on October 23, with an impressive 249-room capacity, inclusive of 3 presidential suites, and has facilities such as tennis and squash courts, a kids play area, conference and meeting rooms, together with a chapel suitable for weddings, among others.

Its signature Peter Matkovich 18-hole golf course, voted number one last year, is equally part of a range of facilities designed to make guests feel relaxed and escape city life.

# IOC approves programme to safeguard athletes

By Abraham Kalito

THE International Olympic Committee has approved the establishment of the 'International Safeguarding Officer in Sport Certificate', a programme aimed at safeguarding athletes, protecting the integrity of sport and promoting sporting values.

According to IOC, the move implied that athletes would, from 2021 onwards, need to have officers with certificates representing them before they could fully participate in IOC competitions.

"As part of its ongoing efforts to promote athletes' safety and wellbeing, the Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today approved the establishment of the "International Safeguarding Officer in Sport Certificate". The course leading to certification is set to commence in September 2021. This is a first of its kind because there is currently no certificate or minimum standard of education or training for safeguarding officers in sport on an international level. The five-month education course will be developed by an International Advisory Board of experts, under three Programme Directors, and will be fully aligned with other international efforts to protect athletes and align sports policies and programmes with the United Nations 2030 Agenda," an IOC statement read.

"It will be hosted on sports oracle. The course will

include a final examination, which must be passed in order to receive the certification. Registration for this course – which will be open to anyone, but aimed in particular at International Federations (IFs), National Federations (NFs) and National Olympic Committees (NOCs) – will incur a fee. Successful candidates proposed by the NOCs will be able to apply for Olympic Solidarity scholarships to enroll in this course."

The committee further clarified that the programme seeks to create awareness among athletes on the need to promote sporting value and tackle vices such as racism.

"Additionally, the IOC is planning a safe sport digital education and awareness campaign starting in the fourth quarter of 2020.

This Athlete365 campaign will look to build global awareness around safe sport in the run-up to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020," stated the Committee. "The overarching principle of the safe sport digital education and awareness campaign is to safeguard athletes, protect the integrity of sport and promote sporting values, through: Educating and empowering athletes with knowledge of what safe sport means. Removing the stigma surrounding this topic and moving the conversation towards a positive message of support and solidarity. Encouraging action by providing easily understood education, and awareness of reporting frameworks and procedures such as the IOC Games-Time Framework, during the Olympic and Youth Olympic Games."

# Patson enjoys hot streak

By Abraham Kalito

CHIPOLOPOLO hitman Patson Daka netted four goals on Wednesday as Red Bull Salzburg to thrash lower tier side Schwarz-Weiß Bregenz 10-0 in the UNIQA ÖFB Cup first round.

Midfielder Enock Mwepu, who captained the side, was also on the score sheet, having chipped in one.

Daka scored all the four goals in the first half as his brilliant movements inside the box made scoring look easy.

By the time the two teams went for a break, the score line read, eight goals to nil in favour of the Austrian champions.

The humiliation began in the 13th minute when Daka assisted Senegalese Sekou Keita who finished neatly to open the score charts.

Daka introduced himself short after as he won a penalty in the 17th minutes after he was brought down in the 6 yard box.

He converted confidently to make two nil in favour of Salzburg.

About 20 minutes into the game, Daka hit the ball beautifully with his left foot, sending it volleying past his opponents shot stopper.

It was three for Salzburg and two for Daka.

A few minutes later the Chipolopolo wonder kid provided another assist, setting up Mohammed Camara who made it four



nil.

Daka's compatriot, Enock, beat the goalkeeper with a close range shot in the 34th minute to make it five nil.

He then scored two goals in two minutes as he benefited from two assist from teammate Rasmus Nissen Kristensen.

Daka had at the time taken charge of the show. Luka Sučić took the tally to eight nil before the interval after he converted from spot kick.

Masaka Okugawa and Max Wöber added to that tally, scoring a goal each to complete the humiliation.

Daka could not register his name on the scoresheet anymore as he was substituted at half time.

Salzburg are in action again on Sunday in the Austrian Bundesliga League match against Wolfsberger AC on Sunday.

# Mamfunda seeks clarity on aggrieved parties ahead of FIFA meeting

By Abraham Kalito

SOCCKER administrator Ricky Mamfunda says there is need for FIFA to clarify on who should be categorised as an aggrieved party ahead of a meeting later this year.

FIFA had proposed to host a meeting on September 1, 2020 with the Ministry of Sports, Football Association of Zambia, National Sports Council of Zambia and the aggrieved parties to the electoral process.

In an interview, Mamfunda said the names popping up that wanted to be part of the much-anticipated FIFA meeting had nothing to do with the electoral process.

He told Goal Diggers that there were several individuals who didn't file for any position but intended to be part of the meeting to resolve electoral issues with FIFA, adding that guidance should be given on the matter.

"One thing that I have noticed that I think a lot of stakeholders may not be aware of is when we use the terminology like aggrieved because some of the names that are popping up now wanting to be part of the FIFA meeting had nothing to do with the electoral disputes. Because some of my honourable colleagues that have issues with FAZ do not necessarily have disputes with FAZ pertaining to elections

because they did not file in for any position at all. So even when you talk of aggrieved parties, I think it's imperative and it's very important to clarify who are we talking about here. Then on the people that had electoral disputes with FAZ, there are those that had taken their matters to natural courts, then there are some of us that opted to seek the intervention of the National Sports Council of Zambia," Mamfunda said.

"So, I think it's important to distinguish first and foremost the meeting that FIFA has called, is it to discuss challenges generally in football or to discuss issues where those people that had filed for positions at FAZ and their nominations were not valid? Because look, before the nominations, people had issues with FAZ, there are former officials that were banned, suspended and expelled so those had nothing to do with the electoral process."

He said he was not among the aggrieved individuals being represented by lawyers.

"And for the record, I am not being represented by any legal counsels because my issues are straightforward. So, in any meeting that will be called by FAZ or FIFA, I won't be represented by

any legal counsel. The same way I have been sitting in the stakeholders meeting with the Sports Council of Zambia is the same way I will represent myself everywhere else. I'm not under the umbrella of anybody," Mamfunda said.

He said his issues with the association could easily be addressed by the local administration without the involvement of FIFA.

"I don't think my issues with those of Mr Simwanza will have need for FIFA to get involved because ours, I think can be resolved administratively by football house. That is why I didn't go to the courts of law and I also know that Mr Simwanza did not go to the courts of law because we were of the view that our issues did not warrant us to go to court," said Mamfunda.

"I'm hoping and praying this thing comes to an end because football needs to go on and we administrators in whatever dealings, we should not be selfish. You cannot go to a negotiating table hoping to get 100 percent, go to the negotiating table with a spirit of give and take. So, my expectation is that everybody concerned, be it from FAZ or the so called aggrieved, should be able to sit and look at an angle of give and take."

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**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
THE Automotive Premier Futsal League (PFL) today enters week two with leaders Kabwe K-Line looking for a second straight win after when they face Siavonga beetles at the Automotive Futsal Arena.

Last week, K-Line made a statement of intent when they shot to the summit of the table after beating Petauke FC 6 – 1.

To maintain their hold on the summit, the leaders will be looking to replicate their performance against a Siavonga side which is smarting from a 4 – 3 defeat against Lusaka Automotive Futsal Academy.

Elsewhere, Monze George Futsal Club and Chipata Boys

# FUTSAL LEAGUE ENTERS WEEK 2

will face off as they both seek to record a victory after defeats on the opening day.

George was silenced 3-1 by Kitwe Bullets while Chipata suffered a 4-3 defeat at the

hands of Livingstone Pirates hence this match being a clash of the weeping boys.

George coach Witson Nyirenda has said in an interview that his charges

will be looking to record their first win of the season to get themselves going.

“We have seen from the first round that teams are ready to compete because they don’t want to be relegated at the end of the day and for us, we will surely come back stronger in the second round,” said Nyirenda.

Pirates on the other hand are targeting their second straight win when they come up against Kafue Saints while Automotive will tackle DS Isoka FC.

The other game will see Kitwe take on Siavonga.

## Hockey teams back in training

**By Ngosa Chalwe**  
ZAMBIA Hockey Association (ZHA) secretary general Thomas Mumba says the resumption of training after the COVID-19 induced break will help teams prepare for the Africa Cup of Club Champions scheduled for November in Malawi.

Zambia will be represented by Lusaka Sharks Hockey Club and Hot Spurs at the prestigious event set for the Malawian city of Blantyre.

Earlier this week, the Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC) gave a green light to some sports disciplines to use the facility after it partially closed owing to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Mumba said in an interview yesterday that ZHA was delighted with the development as the continued inactivity had begun to take a toll on teams and players.

“We are happy with the indication

that we can use the OYDC to train after the unexpected COVID-19 break, this is good for the teams and more so that we have clubs that will play at the Champions League,” Mumba said.

He said the long break had taken a toll on the players.

“It was difficult for the players, ZHA and everyone involved...the long break had started to negatively affect the players. We are looking forward to being active again,” Mumba said.

He said teams were expected to start training on Monday and that ZHA expected Zambia’s representatives to perform well at the Malawi event.

“The expectations are high, we are going in there to compete, we hope the teams will prepare well and as you know, every tournament has a surprise package,” said Mumba.

The tournament is expected to run from November 30 to December 5, 2020.

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