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# 11 killed as truck keels over

*...Three infants among dead after overloaded truck tips into drainage in Munali hills*

By **MUNAMBEZA MUWANEI, HELLEN TEMBO and SYLVIA MWEETWA**  
**ELEVEN people, among them three infants, have died on the spot while 29 others are nursing injuries after a light truck plunged into the**

**drainage on the Kafue-Mazabuka road on Thursday night.**

Police said the 40 passengers travelling in the back of a Hino truck loaded with an assortment of goods - including a hammer mill - were heading to various destinations in Namwala, Choma and Kalomo districts of South province from Lusaka.

A female passenger said to be in a particularly critical condition was rushed to University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka for treatment.

Southern Province Police Commissioner Bonny Kapeso named the driver of the truck (registration AKB 2872) as Constantino Sibusenga of Namwala.

"Eleven people died on the spot while 29 others sustained injuries and are admitted to Kafue district hospital and one female was rushed to UTH after the vehicle they were travelling in rolled into the drainage in the Munali hills on Thursday night," Mr Kapeso said.

He said the deceased (five of them adult females), had not yet been identified and invited members of the public in the three districts that might know of relatives who had travelled to Lusaka for business but had not been heard from to visit Mazabuka and Kafue district hospitals where the bodies were being kept.

Explaining what might have caused the accident, Mr Kapeso said inexperience on the part of the driver might have played a part in the tragedy which happened just after the Kafue bridge police check-point.

Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) head of public relations Frederick Mubanga appealed to members of the public to use appropriate mode of transport.

Mr Mubanga said the truck was also loaded with an assortment of

goods - including a hammer-mill.

"RTSA is saddened by the death of 11 people in the Munali hills traffic accident on the Kafue-Mazabuka road. The crash could have been avoided had the passengers used appropriate means of transport," he said.

Southern Province Minister Edify Hamukale described the accident as saddening and called on transporters to desist from carrying passengers in vehicles with merchandise and also with animals as that was endangering the lives of the people.

Meanwhile, a South African man

has died on the spot while four other people sustained injuries in an accident which happened on Thursday.

The accident happened on the Zimba-Kalomo Road at Mayombo area.

Police spokesperson Esther Katongo said in a statement it seemed the driver of the motor vehicle, aged 22 and driving a Toyota Hilux towing a trailer, lost control of the vehicle due to speed.

"The driver of the motor vehicle escaped unhurt while the four injured who are also South Africans are admitted to Zimba

Mission Hospital," Ms Katongo said.

She said the names of the victims were withheld until the next of kin were informed.

Ms Katongo said in a similar incident, a five-year-old boy of Hospital township in Chama district, died after he was hit by a motor vehicle (registration number ABG 733) which was being driven by Layson Banda, aged 34.

In Solwezi, irate residents yesterday vented their anger on passing motorists after a 17-year-old boy was crushed to death by

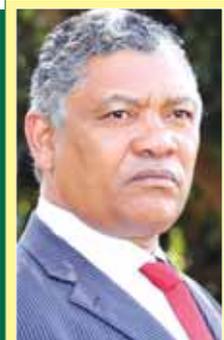
a speeding truck as the driver attempted to avoid a pothole.

The incident happened around 09:40 hours in the Mitec area on the Solwezi-Chingola road.

North Western province police chief Auxensio Daka identified the deceased as Philip Samona, saying he died on the spot.

He named the driver as James Katai, aged 37, of Mufulira who was driving a Freightliner truck (registration number BAB 7321).

Angry members of the public started stoning vehicles passing and a few were damaged in the process.



• LUBINDA

## Lubinda spells out police extra powers

By **CHILA NAMAIIKO and KASONDE KASONDE**

People who break the law under the state of threatened emergency (Article 31 of the Constitution) could lose their passports and may be held up to seven days in police custody.

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• **FIRST** Lady Esther Lungu listens to Better Immunisation Data (BID) Zambia representative Mandy Dube as Health Minister Chitalu Chilufya looks on during an exhibition at the Ministry of Health BID Initiative Showcase programme at The Radisson Blu Hotel in Lusaka yesterday. Picture by THOMAS NSAMA (See story on page 3)

# FRA eyes \$13m from maize exports

By HOPE BWALYA

THE Food Reserve Agency (FRA) expects to earn at least \$13million from exports of some 100,000 tonnes of maize to East Africa and the Great Lakes region from the surplus of the 2016 farming season.

FRA executive director Chola Kafwabulula said the agency was playing the role of facilitator in the transaction that would involve 29 companies of the 42 that had applied for permits to carry out the business.

Mr Kafwabulula said this at a joint media briefing held in Lusaka yesterday with the ministries of Agriculture and Finance to give the nation an update on the amount of maize it had been authorised to sale.

He said for the long term, what was important was to cultivate a market outside Zambia for farmers to be able to profit from bumper harvests such as the nation had experienced in recent seasons.

"We want to have clients in East Africa and the Great Lakes region, so that when we have a bumper harvest the farmers are not stranded in terms of where they will take

their harvest," he said.

Of the 29 companies permitted to export the maize, 26 were Zambian companies while three are foreign companies.

Mr Kafwabulula said the institution would by early next week announce its maize buying price in preparations to start buying in the first week of August.

Finance Minister Felix Mutati said Government was committed to exporting to the Great Lakes region, East Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Kenya.

Mr Mutati said his ministry would facilitate for transportation in which it would make the border authorities flexible in transporting the maize.

He said the border posts being targeted where Nakonde (for the Great Lakes and East African market) and Kasumbalesa (for the DRC market).

Mr Mutati also said the Kenyan government had agreed to remove the import duty on Zambian maize which was expected to roll into that country for the next 12 months.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Dora Siliya said the participation of Zambian companies in the export of the maize was an encouraging development as it would bring money in the country instead of it going to other countries.

## 'Work n talk', striking 'Pick n Pay' staff told

By HELLEN TEMBO, STEPHANIE KUNDA and RABECA CHIPANTA

LABOUR Minister Joyce Simukoko has called on striking 'Pick n Pay' staff to return to work while negotiations to resolve their complaints progressed between their representatives and management of the chain-store.

Workers at all 'Pick n Pay' outlets countrywide withdrew their labour yesterday morning demanding salary increments and an end to what they said was rampant casualisation.

Ms Simukoko who visited Woodlands Pick n Pay in the morning pleaded with the workers to go back to work advising them that their action was premature and a breach of labour laws.

Ms Simukoko said later in an interview that the National Union of Commercial and Industrial Workers (NUCIW) which represented workers was negotiating with management.

"I intend to see both management and the union to see how far they have gone with their negotiations," she said.

'Pick n Pay' country manager Mark Vicery's phone went unanswered.

Earlier in the morning, workers at Manda Hill, Kabulonga, Woodlands and Levy Mall and Society House were found protesting outside the supermarkets.

Speaking anonymously for fear of reprisals, the workers described their conditions of service as poor, citing long hours and a minimum wage of K600.

They said some employees who had worked for more than seven years were still not confirmed.

"The reason we are protesting is because we want our management to hear us. We have been talking about salary increment for so long but they have decided to give us a deaf ear," one of the workers said.

They pointed out that management's claims that the company was not making enough money to pay them more

did not make sense when it had opened 17 stores in seven years.

The workers said their demands K500 increment was met with a counteroffer of K150.

In Ndola a check by the Times found Jacaranda, Z-Mart and Kansenshi outlets closed with workers gathered outside demanding for K1,000 salary increment that was agreed upon in the collective agreement.

Some workers talked to said management had backed out on the collective agreement saying it would only effect a K200 increment next year.

Z-Mart deputy workers union leader Moses Mwansa said the workers were among other things demanding the issue of casual workers to be addressed and better conditions of service and salaries.

Mr Mwansa said it was their right as workers to have better treatment and conditions of services which they had requested management to look into.

He said that some part-timers had worked for four years and deserved to be employed full time because their current terms of getting paid per hour were unfair.

"We asking for an increase in our salaries and full time employment of the casual works that we refer to as part-timers because the current situation of working per hour is not right. Some of them have worked more than four years and still not getting

any hope of being employed full time, which is unfair. So we need to be heard," he said.

Mr Mwansa alleged that management was dragging its feet over a meeting requested by the workers since June.



•SIMUKOKO

## Man (63) bolts after impregnating grand-daughter (13)

By FRANCINA PHIRI  
A SIXTY-YEAR-OLD man of Chikoya village of Luapula province has defiled and impregnated his 13-year-old grand-daughter with his wife hiding the incident for fear of losing her husband.

The man identified as Lameck Chola, a father of six was discovered to have impregnated his 13-year-old granddaughter who is now six months pregnant.

Luapula Diocese administrator Richard Mushimba said the grandfather had been at large upon hearing that the case was reported to the police.

"He started defiling his granddaughter when his wife went to visit her children in Kitwe last year," Mr Mushimba said.

He said the wife had hidden the case to the police because she was scared of losing her husband.

And the police have launched a manhunt for the old man.

Luapula police Commissioner Hudson Namachila said such cases should not be left unchecked.

Meanwhile, a 24-year-

old woman of Lunga district in Luapula province has been murdered by her husband after a marital dispute.

Mr Namachila identified the deceased as Mweshi Poto of Chileya village in Lunga.

He said the deceased was murdered by his husband Anthony Kaisala, 32, after a marital dispute.

"The deceased was severely beaten by his husband after a marital dispute," Mr Namachila said, explaining that

the deceased sustained bruises on the neck, left arm, on the chin and had bled profusely from the nose.

The Commissioner said cases of spousal abuse were becoming rampant in the province.

## Cops nab man for attempting to sell three-yr-old daughter

By FRANCINA PHIRI, SYLVIA MWEETWA and KAFULA MUTALE

A TWENTY-TWO-year old man of Kazembe Village in Chieng District who tried to sell his three-year-old daughter for K5,000 is in police hands after a man posing as a potential buyer reported his intentions.

Police named the suspect as Abel Kaputa of Chief Puta's chiefdom. Luapula district commissioner Hudson Namachila confirmed the incident, saying: "The business man reported the suspect to the police after feeling pity for the child."

He said Kaputa had been arrested and charged with human trafficking. In Kitwe, police are looking for an ex-convict who is alleged to have disappeared with two boys aged nine and 12-years after he pretended to be taking them for shopping at the mall in their mother's vehicle.

Deputy Copperbelt Commissioner of Police Wamunyima Wamunyima gave no details of the man or the children to avoid jeopardising investigations.

"I cannot give much details but I can confirm that we have launched a man hunt and investigations to establish the whereabouts of two boys who are alleged to have been taken by an ex-convict

after he pretended to be taking them for shopping," he said. In another child case in Ndola, police are looking for the parents of a six-week-old baby girl that was discovered abandoned in a locked Chifubu house.

The child is currently being kept at Arthur Davidson Children's Hospital (ADH) and is said to be in good health. A nurse who chose to have his identity withheld, said the baby was brought in on Thursday.

"The child was brought in on Thursday by police officers from Chifubu Police Station in the company of the good Samaritans that heard the cry of the baby. We believe the parents will be traced soon as records of the mother are in the hospital," he said.

Police officers at Chifubu police station said neighbor's heard the cry of the baby at 14:00 hours and immediately alerted the police who showed up at 15:00.

Police said if relatives don't avail themselves and efforts made to find the child's parents prove futile the child would be taken to an orphanage.

# Lubinda spells out police extra powers

(From Front Page)

Outlining the extended powers given to the police and other security wings of the state under Article 31 of the Constitution which was invoked by President Edgar Lungu over two weeks ago, Acting minister of Home Affairs who is also Justice Minister Given Lubinda said yesterday the maximum detention period was now seven days (extended from 48hrs) if the police satisfied a magistrate that this was necessary.

Any other period beyond that would be done by order of the President, he said at a press briefing.

Mr Lubinda said the regulations had also extended the powers of the defence forces and other national security services when acting in aid of the police.

He said the regulations were not meant to interfere with freedom and liberties of law abiding citizens but would only be applied to citizens who were found breaking the law.

He repeated President Lungu's statement when he announced the measures on live television on July 5 that law-abiding citizens were at liberty to go about their business.

Mr Lubinda, said the President

would only invoke the remaining regulations under compelling circumstances.

He said the regulations could be enforced while Article 31 remained in place related to closing of premises, curfews, detaining of specific persons, controlling of electricity, directing persons to proceed to and remain in any part of the country and prohibiting activities at dwelling places and at some public places.

Mr Lubinda urged members of the public to continue with their normal lives and support the security agencies in the preservation of public security.

"I am encouraging members of the public to take interest to read the regulations to avoid being misled, these regulations can be obtained by the public from the Government printers at K40 per copy," Mr Lubinda said.

Meanwhile, a former Inspector General of Police has said President Edgar Lungu made the right decision to invoke Article 31 of the Constitution.

Martin Malama, who is Kanchibiya Patriotic Front Member of Parliament, said President Lungu took a brave decision that was intended to safeguard the nation against a spate of criminal acts by giving

police more powers to do their work more effectively.

"What the country experienced in the past few weeks is an act of terrorism. This needed to be stopped and President Lungu, who is Commander-in-Chief of the Armed forces, made the right decision to invoke Article 31 so that security officers can deal with those acts of sabotage," Dr Malama said.

He said Zambians should appreciate the President's decision to proclaim a State of Threatened Emergency was done in the best interests of preserving the nation against criminality.

Dr Malama urged all citizens to continue to support the Head of State's hard work to ensure those involved in destructive acts were arrested.

On Wednesday, two former Defence ministers said President Lungu's invoking of Article 31 did not in any way represent a slide into dictatorship as was being portrayed in certain quarters.

Richwell Siamunene and Christopher Mulenga said people should realise that the President's decision to proclaim a State of Threatened Emergency was done in the best interests of safeguarding the nation against a spate of criminal acts.

SINCE its ascendance to power slightly over five years ago the Patriotic Front (PF) Government has spent colossal sums of money on infrastructure development.

This forward-looking programme by the PF Government has seen an unprecedented construction of new infrastructure which includes, among others, hospitals and health centres.

Despite these efforts by the Government to better the lives of the people through the provision of health infrastructure, it is sad to note that some expectant mothers still choose not to utilise these facilities and would rather deliver at home.

What is even more saddening is that even in urban areas

## Chief Chamuka's timely advice to expectant mothers

where health facilities are in abundance, there are women who don't make use of these facilities.

It is against this background that we sympathise with Chief Chamuka of the Lenje speaking people in Central Province who probably because of having seen many women lose their lives when giving birth yesterday told his subjects that he would be forced to charge those who opted to deliver at home.

The chief who was speaking during the commissioning of Mwantaya Health Centre in Chisamba told his subjects that women delivered at home would be made to pay K250.

The traditional leader did not stop there as he also told the headmen and indunas to join in sensitising their subjects on the importance of delivering at the health centre failure to which they would be charged K500.

Though the measures being proposed by Chief Chamuka may seem drastic, few would blame him especially if one looks at Zambia's maternal mortality rate which is believed to stand at 224 deaths per 100,000 births and is estimated to be the 23rd highest in the world.

The womenfolk should realise that delivering at home especially in the absence of a trained midwife is risky and unnecessary especially with the efforts that Government

is making to bring health services closer to the people.

Statistics show that only 5.4 per cent of births in Zambia are attended by a trained traditional birth attendant while eight per cent of the maternal deaths that have been recorded in the country are due to obstructed labour which is difficult to deal with at home.

It is our hope that other traditional leaders across the country will emulate Chief Chamuka by sensitising their subjects on the need to make use of the health facilities that are being brought closer to them.

## OPINION

# EL yearns for more Madagascar cooperation

By REBECCA MUSHOTA

PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu has congratulated the people of Madagascar and their President Hery Rajaonarimampianina following the commemoration of that country's 57th independence anniversary.

In a congratulatory message delivered by Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa with extra accreditation as Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Madagascar Emmanuel Mwamba, President Lungu wished his counterpart and the people of Madagascar good health, peace and prosperity.

This is according to a statement issued by first secretary for press and public relations at the Zambian embassy in South Africa Naomi Nyawali.

President Lungu said Zambia remained committed to strengthening the friendly relations that the two countries shared.

"He said it was his desire and the people of Zambia to see the relationship between the two countries grow from strength to strength in order to enhance the interest of both countries at bilateral and multilateral levels," the statement said.

President Lungu commended that country's President for his commitment and unwavering support to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) as its current chairperson.

He said President Rajaonarimampianina had remained committed in steering COMESA to a fully regional integrated and internationally competitive body.



•PRESIDENT Edgar Lungu with his Madagascar counterpart Hery Rajaonarimampianina (right) at State House in Lusaka during his recent visit to Zambia.

## 'KK in high spirits'

By CHUSA SICHONE

THE Government has cautioned the media and members of the public against spreading falsehoods on the condition of Zambia's first President Kenneth Kaunda, with Health Minister Chitalu Chilufya assuring that the country's founding father is alive and in high spirits.

Dr Chilufya said there was no need to panic and speculations because Dr Kaunda was recuperating well from a minor ailment, his condition remains stable and that he was also attending physiotherapy from an old joint-related condition.

Dr Chilufya told journalists at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) shortly after visiting Dr Kaunda at the Fast Track VIP ward that doctors attending to the first Republican President had concluded investigations that constituted his routine medical check-ups.

Dr Chilufya said people should be factual and not speculate when talking about Dr Kaunda's condition as he was a national asset and world-renowned statesman.

He said stories circulating on social media suggesting that Dr Kaunda had either died or was in a critical condition were a total fabrication and that the Government would be issuing periodic statements on the first President's situation.

## Take child health growth serious – First Lady

By CHUSA SICHONE

FIRST Lady Esther Lungu says Zambia should take the healthy growth of a child seriously in all national programmes.

Ms Lungu observed that children were the future of every nation and that was the reason it was imperative to keep them healthy all the time.

Ms Lungu said this when she officiated at the Ministry of Health Better Immunisation Data (BID) Initiative showcase meeting in Lusaka yesterday.

"As the old Zambia adage goes, 'The shrubs of today become tomorrow's forest' and another adage says, 'Children are the future of every nation'. These sentiments may sound as mere oratory, they are actually true.

"That is why every effort in ensuring the healthy growth of a child should be taken seriously in all national programmes. An absence of common vaccines to prevent childhood diseases jeopardises the future of our children and indeed our nations," she said.

Ms Lungu noted that immunisation had proved to be one of the best methods of keeping children healthy but that it was not sufficient without information like who should receive vaccines,

the location of the target children and the type of vaccines they should receive.

The First Lady said information mattered as much as the vaccines as it was a critical tool in health service delivery and sustainable national development hence all measures to improve data integrity at health facility level should be put in place.

She said putting in place measures to improve data integrity at health facility level provided critical baseline data which then escalated to inform planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, adding that data integrity was cardinal for decision making and policy formulation.

Ms Lungu was elated to learn that the Ministry of Health had been working closely in the last four years with BID Initiative aimed at improving the integrity of data collected and ensure that the data was used to improve the level of care by health workers to children and mothers.

Ms Lungu said her office was in total support of the Ministry of Health's transformational agenda as well as with other stakeholders, especially in advocating for primary healthcare to reach the doorsteps of Zambians including immunisation.

## Sureties in trouble as accused disappears

By PERPETUAL SICHIKWENKWE

THE Lusaka magistrate has summoned sureties to one of the suspects accused of forging Home Affairs Minister, Stephen Kampyongo's signature to appear in court on Monday and explain the whereabouts of a Mambo Maluba.

Owen Siatumbu and Maluba are accused of having forged Mr Kampyongo's signature purporting to show that he had signed and issued a work permit for a South African, a transaction in which K12,500 allegedly changed hands.

It is alleged in the first count that Shatumbu and Maluba between October 1, 2016 and October 18, 2016, with intent to

defraud or deceive, jointly with other unknown persons wrote a letter authorising issuance of a work permit for Mahmood Muffakakar, purporting to show that it was genuinely signed and issued by Mr Kampyongo.

In the second count, it is alleged that the two uttered a false letter authorising the issuance of a work permit to Muffakakar.

Shatumbu and Maluba are in the third count alleged to have during the same period, with intent to defraud forged a work permit purporting to show that it was genuinely signed and issued by the minister.

In the fourth count, Shatumbu and Maluba are alleged to have uttered a work permit to Mr

Muffakakar. In the fifth count they are alleged to have obtained K12,500 from Mr Muffakakar by falsely pretending that they had a genuine work permit for him.

Magistrate, Faides Hamaundu on June 27, 2017 issued a bench warrant to have Siatumbu and Maluba arrested and be taken to court so that trial could commence as they had been interchangeably absconding court sessions.

The state prosecutor on Thursday, however, informed the court that the bench warrant against Maluba had not been executed because he was at large.

Ms Hamaundu adjourned the case to last Thursday for the return of bench warrant against

Maluba but when the matter came up, the court was informed that Maluba was still at large.

She ordered Maluba's sureties to appear in court on July 24, 2017 to explain the whereabouts of the accused person.

In another count, a police reserve from Chawama police station in Lusaka yesterday opened his defence and denied insulting President, Edgar Lungu.

Peter Habasimbi told magistrate Sylvia Munyinya that the allegations against him were cooked up by people who hated him as he had at one time arrested one of the State witnesses' father for defilement.

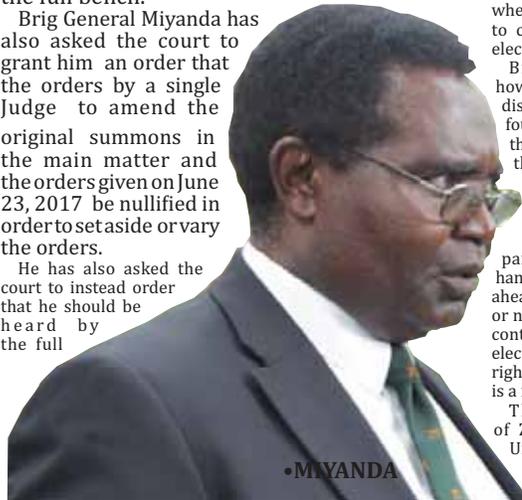
Ms Munyinya has set August 18 2017 for judgment.

# Miyanda demands full bench's attention

**By PERPETUAL SICHIKWINKWE**  
HERITAGE Party leader, Godfrey Miyanda has demanded that his application where he is asking the Constitutional Court to dismiss a case where four opposition leaders are seeking the interpretation of the court on whether President Edgar Lungu is eligible to contest the 2021 Presidential election should be heard by the full bench.

Brig General Miyanda has also asked the court to grant him an order that the orders by a single Judge to amend the original summons in the main matter and the orders given on June 23, 2017 be nullified in order to set aside or vary the orders.

He has also asked the court to instead order that he should be heard by the full



•MIYANDA

bench of the constitutional court as originally ordered.

This is in a matter where Christian Democratic Party president, Dan Pule, Zambia Republican

Party's Wright Musoma, Pastor Peter Chanda, for New Congress Party and President of Citizens Democratic Party, Robert Mwanza wants to know whether Mr Lungu is eligible to contest the Presidential elections in 2021.

Brig Gen Miyanda has however asked the court to dismiss the petition by the four leaders on grounds that they had no locus standi as they were leaders of their own political parties and could not speak for Mr Lungu.

The four opposition parties have on the other hand urged the ConCourt to go ahead and determine whether or not Mr Lungu is eligible to contest the 2021 Presidential elections because they had the right to raise the question as it is a matter of public interest.

The Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) and the United Party for National Development (UPND) are other interested

parties in the matter while the Attorney General is the respondent.

Brig Gen Miyanda argued that he was not served with processes hence would not attend the court hearing on the set date as such the Single Judge's orders which were issued were arrived at without affording him a hearing.

Brig Gen Miyanda stated that his application is and has been ripe for hearing by a full bench of the ConCourt after he filed his record of proceedings on June 5, 2017 as was ordered by a single Judge.

He said that it was irregular for Dr Pule and three others in the main matter to attempt to have his summons to dismiss case heard by the full bench without making a formal application and that it was presumptuous for the four to assume that his summons be dismissed before it was heard.

Brig General Miyanda said that the nature of his application to dismiss the case was based on a point of law as such it could be properly heard and determined by the full bench.

## Two Army soldiers jailed

**By RABECCA CHIPANTA**

TWO Zambia Army soldiers have been sentenced to six years imprisonment with hard labour for illegal possession of Government trophy namely leopard skins.

Joseph Tapwila and Charles Mukanda of Mpepetwe Barracks were convicted and sent to Mukobeko prison for unlawful possession of two leopard skins.

Ministry of Tourism and Arts public relations officer Sakabilo Kalembwe said in a statement yesterday that the two officers were convicted by a Kapiri Mposhi Magistrate Court.

He also said that the Department National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) has arrested 17 suspects in Northern and Muchinga provinces respectively for wildlife offences.

Mr Kalembwe said three suspects were arrested in Nsumbu national park and one AK 47 rifle with 25 rounds of ammunition were recovered.

He named the suspects as James Kalumba of Chocha Village in Kaputa District, Julius Kapembwa of Kasakalabwe Village in Mpulungu District and Kauzi Chongo of Senga Hill who were expected to appear before the Magistrates Court in Mporokoso for unlawful possession of prohibited articles.

Mr Kalembwe said 14 people were arrested for various wildlife offences during an operation in Chiefs Chikwa and Magodi's Chiefdoms in Muchinga province with the help of North Luangwa National Park sniffer dogs.

"Fourteen suspects were arrested for various wildlife offences and three homemade shotguns, two muzzle loader guns, one champion shot gun, one 7.62 mm round for an AK47 rifle and various tools for manufacturing firearms were recovered," he said.

Mr Kalembwe said four lion claws, two cat skins, two python skins, one crocodile skull, 4.5kgs porcupine flesh, five kilogrammes of Kudu meat, one zebra skin, one piece of elephant skin, four warthog teeth, one bow and arrow, gun powder and four pellets were also recovered.

Meanwhile, the baboon that was electrocuted after entering a ZESCO switch yard in Livingstone has been released.

Mr Kalembwe said the adult male baboon was unconscious for about 40 minutes after suffering severe burns in the arms and on the back.

He however said that the hind legs were not affected after the baboon touched the live 11KV cables which caused the transformer to shut down as a result some parts of Livingstone were plunged into darkness.

## Zambia-Malawi trade ties vital

**By REBECCA MUSHOTA**

ZAMBIAN High Commissioner to Malawi John Phiri has said that trade relations between Zambia and Malawi are vital and should be constantly cemented.

Dr Phiri said there was need to continue consolidating the relations between the two countries at every level of governance.

He said this in Lilongwe at Kamuzu Palace when he addressed the media shortly after presenting his letters of credence to President Peter Mutharika on Thursday.

Professor Mutharika and Dr Phiri also held private talks.

This is according to a statement issued by the first secretary for press and tourism at the Zambian embassy in Malawi Crispin Mukwita.

Dr Phiri said Zambian and Malawian governments would continue working together and said that he was looking forward to a time

when the two nations would have total integration. He said total integration

would help solve a lot of issues of interest to both nations. Dr Phiri is the 15th High

Commissioner to Malawi since 1964. He took over from Salome Mwanashiku.

## Govt commissions Mwantaya Health Centre

**By SYLVESTER MWALE**

THE Government has commissioned Mwantaya Health Centre in Chisamba District which is among the three built under the Indian-aided project which is aimed at constructing 650 health posts across the country.

Central Province permanent secretary Chanda Kabwe said the new health post which would serve more than 4,000 people in Chief Chamuka's area was another important milestone in the provision of health services.

Mr Kabwe said during the commissioning on Wednesday that Mwantaya was the second health post after the completion of Kachele last year while the Chisamba Ranch health post would

be operational within a few weeks.

"Today we are here in Mwantaya to commission this health post, a further demonstration of the Government's new motto of 'Walking the talk' being championed by President Edgar Lungu.

"The opening of Mwantaya Health Post is

another step towards achieving our health

mission because over 4,491 people of this area will now be accessing the needed health care services which have been brought closer to them.

"You will agree with me that these steps being undertaken by this Government are truly aimed at

mitigating the health infrastructure shortages in both rural and urban areas," he said.

Mr Kabwe said the Government had prioritized the construction of health facilities in its efforts to contribute to the realization of a national health vision of a nation of health and productive people.

Some of the priorities in the 2017-2021 national health strategic plan are human resource for essential drugs and medical supplies, health information and research as well as infrastructure and equipment.

Chief Chamuka warned his subjects that he would be forced to charge those

delivering at home after the commissioning of the health centre.

The traditional leader also warned his indunas to ensure they joined in sensitising people on the need to use health facilities failure to which he would also fine them.

"If you deliver at home when there is this clinic then you will pay K250, and for you headmen and indunas you must encourage the people and if your subject delivers at home you will be charged K500," he said.

Chief Chamuka said he was excited that the health centre had been opened because most of his subjects were walking more for than 20 kilometres to the nearest Chipembi Rural Health Centre.



•KABWE

## Kampata new Lusaka water MD

**By STEVEN ZANDE**

THE Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company (LWSC) has appointed immediate past Water Resources Management Agency (WARMA) acting director Jonathan Kampata as its new managing director.

Mr Kampata pledged to work hard to transform the water utility firm into an innovative company that provided quality water and sanitation services to its customers.

He was unveiled on Thursday by LWSC board chairperson Paul Moonga.

"We have the responsibility to provide an efficient and pleasant service while our customers should support us by paying their bills on time," Mr Kampata said.

He said water and sanitation were vital for good health and economic development, stating that LWSC had a task to deliver efficient service to its seven operating areas in Lusaka with a customer base of two million.

Mr Moonga implored Mr Kampata to use his vast experience in the water and sanitation sector to improve operations at the water utility company.

He said LWSC had challenges which included lack of capacity to meet the growing demand for water due to population growth in Lusaka.

Mr Moonga said in view of the challenges confronting the company, there was a need for robust reforms at LWSC which could also help improve the financial standing of the firm.

Mr Kampata has 22 years working experience at operational and management levels in the water sector.

# Ndola woman (62) sues son over insults, death threats

By KAFULA MUTALE

A SIXTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD woman of Ndola's New Mushili Township has told a Ndola magistrate court that her son has been insulting and threatening to kill her.

Irene Chilufya said sometime in May as she was coming from the market, her son threatened to kill her and insulted her adding that he had a tendency of stealing

not just from her home but also from her tenants within the yard.

"My son is always insulting and threatening to kill me, the tenants are not free to hang their clothing outside and I'm afraid, all I want is for him to leave," she said.

Lucky Chilufya, 36, is charged with two counts. Facts in the first

count indicate that on April 1, 2017 the accused broke and entered the house belonging to Moses Phiri, 34, of new Mushili and stole one duvet valued at K250.

In the second count on May 14, 2017, Chilufya while armed with a knife threatened his mother with injury to which he did say "I will kill you."

In his statement witness and

complainant Phiri said on the mentioned date he found the back window of his house partly broken, opened and beddings missing.

Phiri said he knew that the accused was the one who stole the duvet as he had a tendency of taking things that didn't belong to him.

Chilufya admitted the first count and denied the second and then he later denied the first count on the basis that he was owed a K100 by Phiri who delayed to pay back the money so he took the duvet.

He further said he didn't threaten his mother and that she wanted him to leave because she was having an affair with a pastor.

Magistrate Veronica Sikwangala after going through the statements said she did not find any honesty in the intention of the accused, adding that he took the duvet after breaking the window at a time when no one was around.

"I therefore find no reason why Phiri and your mother would team up to get rid of you so that she would continue her affair, and I have noted that you are not a first offender" she said.

The matter was adjourned to July 26 for sentencing as State counsel Manson Sichimabenzu appealed for time to Chilufya's old records.

## Chipata cops probe Kanjala Ward councillor

By JULIUS PHIRI  
POLICE in Chipata are probing Kanjala ward councillor William Phiri for alleged illegal land allocation in Referendum area along the Great East Road.

Eastern Province Police Commissioner Alex Chilufya said yesterday that police received a complaint on the illegal land allocation involving Mr Phiri adding that investigations have been instituted in the matter.

"Yes we have instituted investigations on the alleged illegal land allocation and we understand that a councillor is involved in the sale of the land. But what I can promise is that police are getting the list of the affected people who can be witnesses in court if we decide to arrests," he said.

Mr Chilufya said police would work day and night to ensure that the people behind the illegal land allocation were brought to book.

Last Saturday, Eastern Province Permanent Secretary Chanda Kasolo called for the arrest of Mr Phiri for alleged illegal land allocation.

Mr Kasolo blamed Mr Phiri for allocating plots on the land that was privately owned.

Chipata Mayor Sinoya Mwale said the local authority was not involved in the allocation of illegal plots at the Contract Haulage (CH) land in Referendum area.

He explained that the council has nothing to do with the land in question because it was a private property.

Mr Mwale said police officers

should target individuals who were alleged to be allocating

plots at the private land and not the council.

## Closure of Mabula FRA Depot worries farmers

By ESTHER NG'ANDU.

FARMERS of Mabula in Mungwi's Malole constituency of Northern Province are saddened with the closure of a Food Reserve Agency (FRA) depot.

The farmers have called on area Member of Parliament Christopher Yaluma to intervene in the closing of the facility.

Mabula area chairperson Edward Kangwa speaking in an interview yesterday said the shift of the depot by the FRA to Chonya about 20 kilometers away was costly for the farmers.

"We are not happy that Government has closed the depot in our area and have moved it to Chonya which is about 20 kilometers away and not easily accessible," he said.

He said roads leading to Chonya were in a deplorable state and wondered how farmers would transport the produce.

But Mungwi District Commissioner Bwalya Kaniki said Government had advised farmers to put their maize together before transporting it to the nearest FRA depot.

Mr Kaniki said FRA was only buying 500,000 tonnes but most farmers were providing less of what was targeted hence making it costly for Government.

He disclosed that about six depots were closed in the district because of the farmers failure to comply.

He urged farmers to cooperate with Government and ensure that they followed procedures put in place to avoid crying foul due to their mistakes.

## Moderate airflow to affect Zambia - MET

By JULIUS PHIRI

THE Zambia Meteorological Department has said that a moderate airflow from the east would be affecting most parts of Zambia resulting into mainly sunny and warm to hot weather during the day from yesterday to Monday.

The department said in its weekly weather forecast released yesterday that from July 25 and 27 a moderate, relatively cool and moist airflow from the southeast would be affecting most parts of the country reducing both day and night time temperatures especially over the eastern half.

In Northern, Muchinga and Eastern Provinces there would be few clouds, slightly windy

and cool to mild becoming partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon.

The rest of Zambia would be mainly sunny, hazy and windy at times and cool to mild becoming warm to hot in the afternoon.

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"The rest of Zambia will be sunny, windy and cool to mild becoming and warm to hot in the afternoon," it stated.

It said that the nights would be mainly clear slightly windy and mild to cool tending to be cold over the Kafue flats and higher grounds.



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# Mugabe resumes nationwide rallies

**LUPANE, Friday**  
ZIMBABWEAN President Robert Mugabe was set to resume his nationwide rallies in Lupane, Matabeleland north yesterday amid speculation the gatherings are a prelude before he calls a snap election during the first quarter of 2018.



•MUGABE

Constitutionally, the country is due for polls between July and August 2018, but analysts claim Mugabe wants to catch the opposition unawares.

The opposition is currently squabbling over who will lead a proposed grand coalition.

At least 100 000 Zanu-PF supporters are expected to attend what has been dubbed as

the "Presidential Interface" with youths.

The rally will be held at Somhlongo stadium.

Lupane, a usually "sleepy" town of the dusty and dry province of southern Zimbabwe, has been a hive of activity with the Zanu-PF faithful thronging the area in preparation for Mugabe's rally in as many months.

People have already started trickling into the stadium, with some having arrived as early

as 07:00.

Mugabe is expected to arrive by helicopter later in the afternoon.

The Zanu-PF leader has already held rallies in Marondera, Mutare and Masvingo in the past three months.

The rally in Lupane had been scheduled to take place two weeks ago but was postponed after Mugabe went for an unscheduled medical check-up in Singapore.

## 83 police, protesters injured in Morocco clashes

**RABAT, Friday**  
CLASHES between police and Moroccan protesters yesterday left at least 83 injured in clouds of tear gas and running battles at an unauthorised demonstration over inequality and corruption. Moroccans have in recent days demonstrated in Rabat and as far away as Amsterdam to show their support for the protesters who gathered on Thursday in El Hoceima, a city that has become a symbol for rising public anger.

Their Hirak protest movement has become the biggest challenge to the kingdom, a key US ally known for its stability, since the Arab Spring in 2011 overthrew longstanding regimes elsewhere in the region.

Moroccan activist leader Nasser Zefzafi called for a protest in El Hoceima on July 20 — the anniversary of an uprising against Spanish colonizers — before his arrest last month in a dramatic manhunt.

Authorities banned yesterday's demonstration for administrative reasons, but crowds gathered anyway.

Police ringed the city center and fired tear gas to disperse crowds, then held running battles with protesters who scattered into side streets, according to Moroccan media reports. Internet access in the city was restricted for hours.

The government said in a statement that masked protesters hurled projectiles at police. It said 11 protesters

were hospitalized and 72 police officers injured.

Protesters are demanding government investment in the impoverished northern Rif region, and justice for a fish vendor crushed by a garbage compactor last year while trying to save fish that officials had confiscated.

The death unleashed protests

that have simmered for months.

The government has promised development projects for the region, which has a long history of rebellion against Morocco's leaders.

The head of the Tangiers-Tetouan-El Hoceima region, Mohamed El Yaacoubi, called the protest "useless" because the protesters' demands

"correspond exactly with the projects launched by His Majesty," according to La Depeche website.

Police have rounded up dozens of activists in recent months, accusing some of receiving foreign money and support for protests seen as threatening Morocco's reputation. — News24

## Deadly clashes rock Venezuela

**CARACAS, Friday**  
MILLIONS of Venezuelans have joined a general strike called by the opposition as pressure mounts on President Nicolás Maduro to cancel elections for a new constituent assembly.

Clashes between police and protesters killed at least three people. More than 300 others were reportedly arrested.

Maduro said the strike was minimal and that its leaders would be arrested.

Since April, when opposition protests intensified, almost 100 people have died across the country.

Protesters barricaded roads in the capital, Caracas, and other cities with rubbish and furniture. The opposition said that 85 per cent of the country joined the strike.

But in pro-government areas of the capital, life went on as usual, with shops open and streets busy. Public employees also appeared to have worked normally.

In several cities, police fired tear gas as they clashed with protesters. One death was reported on the outskirts of Caracas while two others died in the northern city of Valencia.

More than 360 people had been arrested across the country, a local rights group said.

Colombia, France, Spain, the US and the EU have urged the Venezuelan government to cancel the vote for a new constituent assembly on 30 July.

But Maduro has rejected the calls. — BBC.

## Regional plan last chance for S/Sudan peace

**NEW YORK, Friday**  
THE United States warned on Thursday that a new regional plan to shore up South Sudan's failing peace agreement was the last chance for Juba's leaders to end the war, now in its fourth year.

US Deputy Ambassador Michele Sison told the UN Security Council that Washington will reconsider its support for the deal signed two years ago by President Salva Kiir and rival Riek Machar, if the latest effort fails.

The remarks highlighted growing impatience by the US administration with leaders in South Sudan, which won independence from Sudan just six years ago with strong backing from the United States.

"It is high time for action," Sison told the council.

The plan agreed by the regional IGAD group is "the last chance for salvaging the peace agreement," she said.

"If South Sudan's leaders do not participate in this high-level forum in good faith, and stick to its deadlines, the United States will need to review our position and priorities on support for the peace agreement and its implementing bodies."

The seven-nation IGAD group agreed this month to launch the so-called "revitalization forum" to push for a permanent ceasefire and talks on ending the war, the latest bid by the regional leaders.

Ethiopia's Ambassador Tekeda Alemu said the region was now speaking with "one voice" on South Sudan and that there was "no viable alternative" to

the regional plan to support a settlement.

The United States has repeatedly called for an arms embargo and sanctions on those who are blocking peace efforts in South Sudan.

A US bid to impose the tough measures failed to win support at the council in December after Russia, China, Japan, Egypt and four other countries abstained in a vote on a US-drafted sanctions resolutions.

"The Security Council waits and waits," Sison deplored. "We wait for things to change in South Sudan, but nothing is changing in South Sudan."

"The violence continues. Horrific atrocities are reported so often that they become almost routine." — News24

Around the Globe

DODOMA, Friday

TANZANIA has asked foreign employees of London-listed Acacia Mining to leave the country in an escalation of a dispute that began in 2016 over allegations of tax evasion, a source with knowledge of the matter said on Friday.

Two senior local staff of the mining firm, Tanzania's largest foreign investor, were detained and interrogated at an airport this week, two sources with knowledge of the matter said. One of the sources said the arrests were related to the dispute.

SEOUL - South Korea's proposed military talks aimed at easing tension between the two Koreas planned for Friday failed to happen after the North snubbed the call, a setback for new President Moon Jae-in's hopes for dialogue.

The North has remained silent on the South Korean proposal, made on Monday, for talks on ways to avoid hostilities along their heavily fortified border. Moon took office in May pledging to engage the North in dialogue, as well as to bring pressure on it to impede its nuclear and missile programs.



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# K376m for 5,400 health jobs timely

EDITOR,

I wish to commend the Members of Parliament for approving the K376.7 million supplementary budget for the Ministry of Health.

The money is meant for the recruitment of an additional 5,400 frontline medical personnel in 2017.

People should appreciate that the Patriotic Front (PF) Government has been building health facilities countrywide in line with the manifesto since 2011 and it is just proper that the health facilities start being used by providing them with qualified medical personnel.

We have a lot of medical graduates waiting to be posted and this decision by Government to allocate funds

is timely.

The Government should also release more funds to districts health and education boards to clear all outstanding leave, travel and other personal emoluments for teachers and others who went on leave as far back as 2008 in some cases. Timothy Kambilima

**Former  
Chililabombwe ZNUT  
Branch chairperson.**



•THERE are many medical graduates waiting to be posted.

## Well done Blades

EDITOR,

After going through a bad patch for several games, it is nice to see my childhood team - 'Sharp' Konkola Blades - whitewashing Nakambala 3-0 on 15th July, 2017.

It was good that Coach Lewington Mujembe believed in the Under 20 boys sourced within Chililabombwe.

These boys, like Victor Mubanga, rose to the occasion by putting smiles on the faces of die-hard fans once more.

So far, the team has managed to collect maximum points from Buffaloes, City of Lusaka, Nakonde and Nakambala Leopards.

Withdraws in the Warriors, Lumwana, Arrows, Lusaka Dynamos and Green Eagles games, Konkola Blades now has 17 points.

I believe that Konkola Blades will start winning more games like we won in 2016 under the mentorship of former trainer Enos Silwimba.

Lastly, allow me to commend the Zambia national soccer team for whacking Swaziland national team 4-0 in the 2018 Chan qualifier first leg encounter.

**T.K.  
Luanshya.**

# Catholic bishops challenged

I WRITE to implore Catholic bishops to take a very deep introspective reflection of their activities in the wake of the just ended meeting with President Lungu in the face of many Zambians if they have to win the confidence of the people.

It is very encouraging to see them go all the way to meet the President to discuss issues pertaining to, among other things, the incarcerated opposition UPND leader's visitation.

The general take by many Zambians is that there are so many people in incarceration, some convicted while others still appearing in courts of law to be proved innocent or guilty.

However, what has surprised people, me included, is what is so special about one individual who took a centre stage against many in the same situation, many of whom cannot even afford legal representation.

If their visiting incarcerated UPND leader is to truly express their Christian norm and calling, then it should not be single sided.

I actually commend President Lungu for giving them audience over the matter and hope they will show a Christlike stance to all incarcerated people.

It is also fair to distance the President from this single situation until the due process of justice is over.

Zambians are alive to the

fact that never ever in history of this country have the bishops sought the audience of a sitting President to seek permission to visit previously incarcerated political party leaders.

This will surely go in history as a special one for mother Zambia.

President Lungu on the other hand has proved to be a peace loving person by actually calling for peace and unity among all Zambians.

**Concerned resident,  
Chingola**

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## ...POEM.....POEM.....POEM... Strength of Time

**TIME** may have eyes not ears.

It may have ears not eyes.

**With time, the wind shall blow.**

**The same time will not wait but flow.**

**In a cob-web, life may be caught,**

**To break through, may fight.**

**With a smile, time shall see it right,**

**Hot and tight.**

**Shall wave, shall by pass you.**

**Shall dive, shall not wait for you.**

**Find time but time shall never be kind.**

**Shall be found, shall not understand.**

**You may resist movement,**

**Time shall insist, shall not relent.**

**You may have time and pretend to own it,**

**Time shall be silent, shall not hold it.**

**Better time may render the fruit.**

**With time, the fruit will rot.**

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# Publish and be damned

**HOW would you feel if you were burying a dear relative and at the same time someone called you from the blue accusing you of shattering their life? It happened to SIMON MWALE. Read on...**

MY mobile phone rang and I quickly stepped out, excusing myself from the burial site to answer the call. I saw a strange number.

"Is that Simon Mwale?" the caller asked in a shrill, hysterical voice, typical of that of a mourner at a funeral.

"Yes, I am, how may I help you?" I said, puzzled by the caller's choking from spurts of crying. Who had died? Before my troubled thoughts could consume me, the caller shouted: "You are a very bad person! Do you know what you have done to me? I'm still young and you have ruined my career! If I was your age I wouldn't mind, but..."

"Lady, may I know you, please?" I interrupted the clearly distressed caller as my own emotions were becoming confused as I was the master of ceremonies at the burial of my mother-in-law whom we were about to put to rest at Lusaka's Memorial Park on February 22, 2017.

"There's no need for you to know me. What you have done is evil! And I will never forgive you. You..."

The line got cut and I returned to the grave side to continue with my role as master of ceremonies, but shortly, the phone rang again and I recognised the number at once. It was the aggrieved person's.

"You have got me fired because of the article you wrote, you evil man!" I am a contributing editor to this column and I have written numerous articles and it wasn't easy for me to tell which article the woman was referring to.

"Which article was that? I write a lot..." I did not finish and she let the cat out of the bag. The article in question was published in this column on July 25, 2015 titled: "Tasting Zampost customer service" with my byline.

When she said this, it immediately clicked in my mind and I recalled the experience. My heart sank! I've got someone fired because of my journalistic work? When I did the piece, the intention was to expose the shoddy service I received from the young woman when I went to renew my road licence. Here are excerpts of the article:

"The man in front of me was served and it was now my turn. I'd already arranged the paperwork for the lady at the counter-the white book, an insurance certificate and, more importantly, K130.00 for one quarter and presented to her.

"After a minute or so, my road tax certificate had been printed, but on a wrong piece of paper! A plain A4 white bond paper and not on the specially branded RTSA paper with its trademark background emblazoned with the water mark RTSA logo!

"Sorry, I have made a mistake. I printed your road tax (disc) on a wrong piece of paper," the lady said.

"How and why is it on a wrong piece of paper," I ask, totally unconvinced by her statement.

"I don't know what has happened," she says with a blank face. "You must be kidding. How can you not know what happened? I need my road tax disc now."

"She asks me to wait and walks out of her cabin or cubicle that is her office and promises to be back shortly. Ten, 15 minutes come and go but she is nowhere to be seen. My adrenaline begins to rise and I realise that there's another teller issuing the road tax certificates to customers just next office.

"Excuse me, lady. Would you be kind enough to print my road tax disc? Your colleague says she printed mine on a wrong piece of paper."

"I'm sorry, Sir. It's not possible because this involves change of profiles. Someone else has to print it with a different password."

"... I've been here for more than an hour now. I need to go and pick up my daughter from school." The lady insists it's not possible for her.

My article was to let Zampost management know how clients are handled by some of its staff so that remedial measures could be put in place to improve service delivery and protect the company's image.

Of course, there are many ways of disciplining erring workers in an organisation. Verbal or written warnings or suspensions can do, but a dismissal as in this case was too harsh, I thought. I'm not a sadist.

I felt pity for the young woman and regretted that it took my article to get her removed from her post. My mind went wild. Here I was mourning the mother of my wife and in the midst of all this, I stood accused of wrecking another person's career.

It was my saddest day as far as my memory can remember. I let the church take over the ceremonies as I was gripped by deep emotions compounded by the passing of my mother-in-law. Should I have ignored the poor service I received at the young woman's hands?

Supposing this was how she treated other customers? Is it wrong to expose wrong? Conversely, is it right to perpetuate incompetence and thereby save the skins of erring employees? These and many more questions took me to the depth of confusion.

I lost a job myself before and I know the cost, what pains come

with this experience. My immediate reaction was to go to Zampost to appeal to management to spare the young woman and mete out lesser punishment.

I consulted a number of people on this asking them what they would do if they found themselves in my position. Some said they would have done what I did and others said they would have appealed to management to re-instate the employee.

Those who supported what I did argued that maybe the lady had a record of poor performance and my article



was merely the last straw that broke the camel's back. They further argued that the article was not written with malice aforethought, since it was a true and sincere account of what happened.

In journalism we are taught to publish and be damned. By this journalists are expected to report truthfully, objectively and fairly regardless of the consequences. This I believe I did.

But did it have to be me to get some-

one fired for lethargic performance of duty? Worse still, did this news have to coincide with the burial of my mother-in-law? May her soul rest in peace. This life!

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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# Wrong caller saves Masheke's life

By SAM PHIRI

WRONG caller at a wrong time saved the life of Zambia's former Prime Minister Malimba Masheke from a fierce inferno that gutted part of his house.

Had it not been for that call, the entire country would have surely come to a standstill with numerous questions of what would have caused the inferno and a huge budget of a State funeral.

Although he survived the incident and has lived to narrate the ordeal, it is not difficult to pierce through his thoughts that have harboured that fear of insecurity.

One month has elapsed since the horrific incidence, yet nothing tangible has been established as the prime cause of the life threatening fire that gutted one of the bedrooms, the entire kitchen and study room!

It was on May 22, 2017, past midnight and General Masheke was fast asleep at his farm house situated in Lusaka West.

He least thought he could receive a call past midnight but when he did, he was told that it was a wrong number.

"After getting disturbed from sleep by the 'wrong' caller, it was difficult for my wife and I to catch sleep again such that we remained awake for some time," he narrated.

An hour plus after the phone-call disrupted his sleep, the general, whose health is not that sound after he suffering an episode of a minor stroke, gratefully went back to sleep.

But his wife remained awake.

It was during the early hours of the morning, around 01:30 hours, that Mrs Masheke heard some popping sound coming from the other end of the house.

Fire was least on her thoughts as she suspected that it could have been some unscrupulous persons trying to steal some maize that was stored in the garage.

Fearlessly, she arose from bed without disturbing General Masheke and opened the door, only to be greeted by a cloud of thick smoke and a smell of fire emanating from the gutted

kitchen, study room and bedroom.

Now it was a matter of urgency such that she rushed back to the bedroom to, this time around, wake up General Masheke!

"When I came to the sitting room, it was clouded with smoke and I almost got choked... I thought for sometime what would have had happened to me if the fire found us in deep sleep," he said.

General Masheke, feeling the man in him, was tempted to open the door leading to the kitchen but his wife was swift in pulling him away from there.

She led him to the exit door.

Calling for fire fighters was another hustle as the old and well-known emergency number 999 had apparently been changed.

By a stroke of mistake, General Masheke dialled a wrong number which turned out to be helpful as that was the person who informed him the emergency line had changed.

Two hours passed, the fire fighters were nowhere to be seen and that raised General Masheke's anxiety.

The geography of General Masheke's house was another challenge the fire fighters were supposed to deal with and time was ticking away.

General Masheke, his wife and some neighbours stood by helplessly as they watched the flames devour part of the house which was the general's retirement asset.

Five deep freezers, one upright fridge, an electric cooker and other kitchen utensils, beds, wardrobes, linen, literature and other personal documentation

kept in the study were some of the items that were reduced to ashes right before the eyes of General Masheke and his wife.

It was a nerve racking experience, especially with the fact that all the food items were consumed in the inferno, leaving General Masheke and his wife with nothing ready to eat.

Two and half hours later, the siren was heard and apparently, the fire engine had missed the location of the house, but came later and managed to save part of the building.

Even though the fire was extinguished before it engulfed the entire

house, the extent of damage and loss was huge such that even to date, General Masheke's life has not been that easy.

As the former prime Minister of the land, it is heart-rending to see how in his ripe age and owing to health challenge caused by a stroke, he is still struggling to make ends meet.

"To me, there is no minor or major stroke because stroke is stroke; it is terrible that is why I would say it is better to have a broken bone than a broken mind," he said.

General Masheke's tragedy apparently eluded the mainstream media such that few know what really hap-

pened to him and what he is currently going through.

Surprisingly, he tells this sad story with a sense of humour, but looking at what he is going through, especially after suffering the stroke and experiencing the fire incident, one would surely tell that it is just that military personality of not easily giving up that still stands strong in him.

Mrs Masheke has lost all her pride of the kitchen utensils such that she can hardly imagine what it will take to rebuild her kitchen with the current challenges she and her husband face.

Apparently, in other countries, persons who

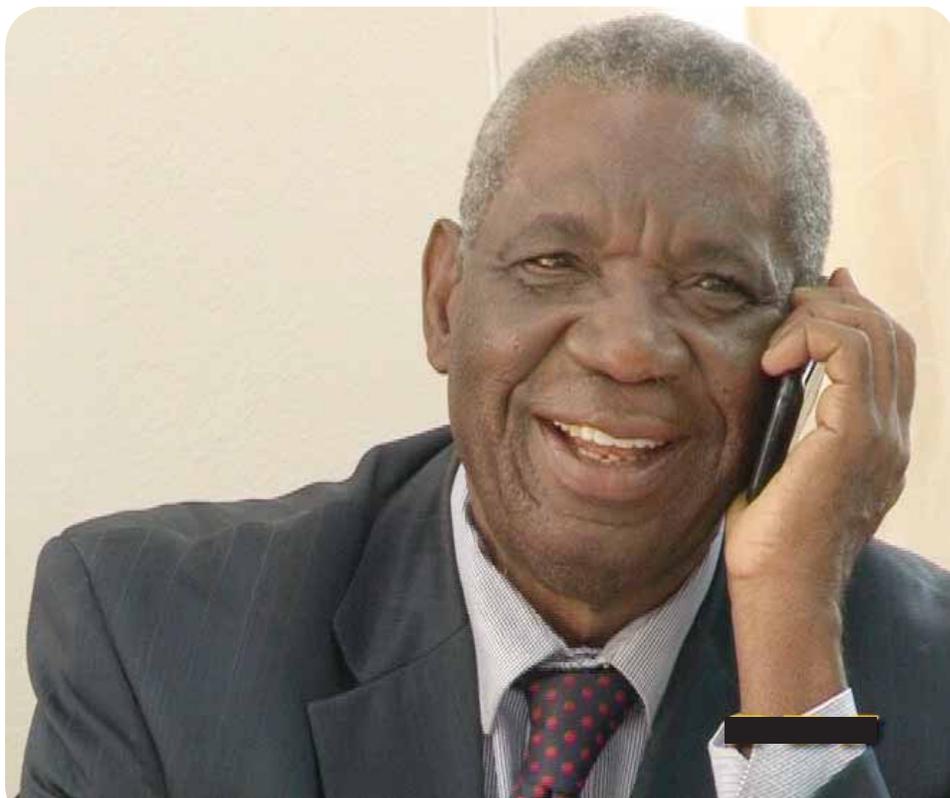
served in such high portfolios both in the army and the entire country usually have that special life treatment and care from government.

Such high ranking people automatically become state's responsibility such that even occurrences like the one General Masheke has had would have been a lighter burden for them.

But that cannot be said about Zambia.

It is good that today, General Masheke and his wife can live to tell this story, otherwise one wonders how the story would have been had it not been for the 'wrong caller' who woke up General Masheke at that 'wrong time'.

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•MASHEKE

# Who owns the IMF?

IN 1985 Zambia experienced a steep decline in her economic fortunes, leading to shortages of many consumer goods and services. As a result, prices for the few available essentials sky-rocketed such that one had to wake up very early in the morning to join long queues of shoppers or miss out.

In the light of shortages stampedes outside and inside parastatal super markets like ZCBC and Mwaiseni shops, became the order of the day across the country.

In fact, shortages led to rampant corruption and bribery because one could procure a bag of mealie-meal, the staple food, only if one knew a top official or close relative who worked in the shop that had stocks who would phone to give you a 'tip' that the commodity was available.

As a result, productivity suffered as workers, eager to put bread on the table for their families, abandoned their posts to buy the consumer goods. Some, in fact, never reported for work or arrived late because they had gone hunting and fishing for the goods that had become elusive overnight.

At the heart of the paralysis was the Government's decision to devalue the Kwacha, the local currency allegedly in the 'orders' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which insisted that Zambia implements in full its Economic Structural Development Programme, including the removal of subsidies meant to cushion the poor; if it was to receive any assistance from the global financial lending institution.

Lusaka had no choice but to comply with far-reaching ramifications. To bail out the poor and avert popular discontent - even an uprising - as had happened elsewhere in African states where the IMF 'bait' had been swallowed hook and sinker - Government introduced the coupon system, but with the price of copper, the country's principal foreign exchange earner, rapidly falling on the world market, it proved unsustainable.

Smuggling of essentials like mealie-mealie - produced from State-owned milling companies like Indeco Milling; and cooking oil produced by Refined Oil Products (ROP) both based in Ndola, for example - became so rife that Government was compelled to mount not less than a dozen road blocks along the Ndola-Mufulira road, which was frequently used by smugglers into neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where the items were purchased in United States (US) Dollar.

With their continued stay in power now under threat, politicians started to look for scapegoats that naturally included the IMF and 'unknown forces' in foreign capitals like London, Washington, Bonn, Paris, Brussels, and Stockholm, etc. Yes, things had started to fall apart in the country. In fact it marked a point of no-return - the beginning of the end - for both the United National Independence Party (UNIP) and founding president Dr Kenneth Kaunda's reign.

So when the country returned to multiparty politics in 1991, it came as no surprise to most keen watchers of the Zambian political scene when Dr Kaunda and UNIP - unassailable since 1964 when they swept to power - were soundly beaten by Frederick Chiluba and his Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD).

Chiluba liberalised the once command economy and implemented aggressively the privatization of the economy which in essence returned nationalised commercial and industrial assets, which were taken over after Kaunda's socialist 1968 Mulungushi Economic Reforms, to their 'rightful' private owners. But the exercise was not without its own unpleasant consequences for Chiluba himself and the MMD.

It must be realized that wholesale privatization of former State enterprises, as 'demanded' allegedly by IMF and the World Bank as a conditionality, entailed closure of loss-making industries that had for years survived on the revenues from the now thin and dying 'milk cow' (copper mines) and retrenchment of thousands of workers some of whom have since died without receiving their terminal benefits.

The move which was seen in the beginning as the panacea to the country's economic woes turned out to be a massive 'own-goal' for Chiluba. The former Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) chairman-general, the biblical Moses who freed the Zambian workers from the shackles of One-party



system and brought him to the land 'overflowing with milk and honey', became so unpopular that only crawlers supported his bid for a third term in State House in 2001.

Again the IMF-inspired structural adjustment programmes were blamed for Chiluba's fall from grace. But is it true the IMF and BW are the nemeses of cash-strapped African and even Asian countries where a perception had developed among the perplexed indigenes that if you borrowed from the IMF in particular to prop up your ailing economy you were doing so at your own peril?

It is a thought, I must say, that has always set my mind searching for an answer. So who owns the IMF and the World Bank? It is probably public knowledge that the two financial lending institutions are dominated by the major powers led by the United States of America (US) which has also offered its territory to house the headquarters of the two UN agencies in New York and Washington.

In a bid to throw some light on some of the IMF functions, I did some research this week and came across a special Report on the Increased Borrowing and Lending Powers - Creation of US\$86,000,000,000 Buffer Fund against Runs on Currencies. The report lists 10 countries as principal contributors of the funds that made the IMF run as a viable entity then.

The countries included Belgium - equivalent in US Dollars - (150, 000, 000); Canada (200, 000, 000); France (550,000,000); West Germany (1, 000, 000, 000); United Kingdom (100, 000,000); United States (2, 000,000, 000); Japan (250, 000, 000); Italy (1,000,000,000); Sweden (100,000,000); and the Netherlands (200, 000, 000).

The ten countries set down the procedures they would follow in making supplementary resources available to the Fund for the financing of a particular transaction for which such resources were considered necessary. It was stated that the general borrowing arrangements should make it possible to mobilize quickly large additional resources in defence of the international monetary system. The need for assurance of additional resources should not arise not from any failure of the monetary system but from the broader convertibility of currencies, particularly those of the main industrial countries. This widespread convertibility, which was considered so useful for the growth of world trade, had

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at the same time made possible sudden and substantial shifts of funds from one country to another. To avoid any undesirable impact on the functioning of the international monetary system as a result of such development, it had become imperative to strengthen the resources which might be made available, and so to enable the countries which experienced difficulties to pursue appropriate policies.

'Fortunately,' the report says, 'most of the industrial countries already possess substantial reserves of their own. For its part, the IMF has nearly \$3,000,000,000 in its gold account and \$6,500,000,000 in the currencies of the main industrial countries. At any given time, however, some of these countries may be facing balance-of-payments difficulties, so that in order to promote international monetary balance it would be advisable that temporarily these currencies should not be drawn from the Fund. Fund-drawing should be made mainly in the currencies of those countries that have strong balance-of-payments and reserve positions. The new general borrowing arrangements are designed to provide the Fund with additional resources of these latter currencies when they are needed for the purposes of forestalling or coping with impairment of the international monetary system. In this way both the liquidity of the Fund and the resilience of the monetary system will be enhanced, to the benefit of all members.'

As a consequence, the IMF decision provided that:

- Requests for drawings by participant countries for which supplementary resources were required would be dealt with according to the Fund's established policies and practices with respect to the use of its resources;
- Repayments of such assistance to the Fund would have to be made when the country's problem was solved, and in any event within three to five years;
- The Fund, when receiving repayment from the borrowing country, would in turn repay the lending countries, and in any event would repay not later than five years after a borrowing; and
- If a lending country should request earlier repayment because its own repayments position had deteriorated, the Fund would repay accordingly. Rights to repayment would be backed by all the assets of the Fund, thus guaranteeing to the claims of lending countries.

Interest payable to lending countries on the resources lent to the Fund would be based on a formula (at that time) yielding one-and-a-half per cent per annum; in addition the Fund would pay a charge of half-per cent on each borrowing transaction. Both interest and charges would be paid in bar gold as far as possible, and any balance in US Dollars.

According to the report, the Agreement became effective after formal adherence by at least seven participating countries with commitments totaling the equivalent of \$5,500, 000, 000, and remain in force for four years thereafter, with provision for extension.

In the light of developing circumstances, however, the amounts included in the Agreement of the IMF could be reviewed from time to time and altered with the agreement of the Fund and all the participating countries. Any member or institution not specified above might become a participant at any time, after consultation with the Fund, and provided the Fund agreed and no existing participant objected. The amount to be made available by any new participant must not be less than the equivalent of US Dollar 100, 000, 000.

The need for firm borrowing arrangements aimed at increasing the IMF resources to help maintain international monetary stability was strongly emphasized by IMF director at the time, Per Jacobsson when he presented the

Fund's Annual Report to the Board of Directors on September 18, 1961.

Much has happened since then and most of it, I must confess, is beyond the scope of this essay but suffice it to say it serves in some way to give the reader some insight as to who the principal actors are; why certain IMF decisions are made, what influences such decisions - some favourable and others unfavourable - as experienced in Zambia during the Kaunda and Chiluba eras.

It also gives the reader some idea as to who calls the shots in multilateral organizations like the IMF

and World Bank and why African governments and their leaders must learn to work together (as President Edgar Lungu advocated in Mbabane during his three-day State visit to Swaziland), mobilize resources and speak with one powerful voice in global economic and political affairs.

The Englishman has an adage which says, 'he who pays the piper calls the tune'.

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# Tips on what to wear this July

I hope July is treating you well. We continue with our rock and roll fashion month with more edgy fashion styles to try out and still more trends for you this winter season and tips on how to wear what this July.

**THE OFF SHOULDER DRESS OR TOP:** They are an absolute must have this year and trending like hot cakes on the fashion scene. They are flirty and youthful, fun and found in various colors and prints, with either sleeves or without; mostly flared in design.

**OPAQUE TIGHTS:** Lovely accessories for this winter to much your formal or elegant outfits this winter, to help keep you warm and still fashionable at the same time. Match them well with printed outfits or solid colored clothing with ankle boots or closed pumps.

**OVER THE KNEE BOOTS:** They are comfortably warm and fashionably trendy. Lovely match for leggings, jeans or short dresses for those brave enough to beat the cold weather. Match them with a lovely long trench coat and dark sunglasses.

**FLARED JEANS:** They are back and trending! These jeans give you an

extra flare and leg space for movement. They also give you more leg coverage to protect you for the cold weather. Do wear your heavy woolen socks on the inside as denim can be pretty cold on the skin in the wintertime.

**FLANNEL PAJAMAS:** Comfortable and warm, perfect for this season. Cuddle up in them this winter. You can find them in various colors and prints.

**TWEED FLARED PANTS:** Lovely formal wear, great for the

office or on a day out. Please do keep in mind to buy a pair that fits you well and accentuates your figure otherwise they will look horrible and sludgy on you. Do pair them with bright or neutral color woolen jerseys or sweaters.

**WOMEN'S WEAR 1**  
Subtle, fashionable and laidback. It is a lovely black and white striped sweater matched with black denim leggings, deep brown ankle boots, a netted scarf, faux leather hand bag, and a ream white trench coat.

**Makeup:** Wear this look with natural eye palette and a pale pink lip colour.

**WOMEN'S WEAR 2**  
Fashionably warm. It is a lovely cream white woolen jersey matched with a pair of denim jeans, beige suede ankle boots, a dusty brown suede hand bag, a beautiful plain brown woolen trench coat and

accessorized with ethnic jewelry.

**Makeup:** Wear this look with a bronze eye palette and subtle bronze lip colour.

**WOMEN'S WEAR 3**  
Edgy but sophisticated. It is a lovely shearling coat matched with military green vest, denim jeans, a woolen sweater, brown faux leather boots and a brown leather hand bag.

**Makeup:** Wear this look with neutral tones and a subtle nude lip colour.

**MEN'S WEAR 1**  
Laid back but formal. It is a lovely red and blue sweater over a plain white shirt, matched with safari fitted trousers, deep brown formal shoes, a gray tie and a statement watch.

**MEN'S WEAR 2**  
Edgy and Eccentric. It is a lovely cardigan jacket matched with a statement T-Shirt, dark blue denim jeans, deep brown boots, a military green woolen scarf, a statement hat, and torn gloves.

**MEN'S WEAR 3**  
Fashionably Dapper. It is a beautiful green double breasted coat matched with a white shirt and



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black tie, black blazer, woolen gray trousers, a vintage inspired hat, fashionable sunglasses, brown formal shoes and rusty brown statement leather gloves.

**WOMEN'S HAIRSTYLE OF THE WEEK**

It is a lovely caramel blonde and brown braided hairstyle inspired by Alisha Keys' 2000's braids. They are on the go and perfect for this winter season.

**MEN'S HAIRSTYLE OF THE WEEK**

It is a lovely rusty low fade hair cut with chopped highlighted ends, and a rusty trimmed beard.

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# Two sides of ethnocentrism

WHILE ethnocentrism is usually defined as the act of having pride in the ethnic group or race that you belong to, it is rarely positive as presented.

Ethnocentrism, which is derived from two Greek words meaning 'nation' and 'centre', refers to any instance when people's limited experiences and perspectives cause them to regard their own culture as the central basis for what is expected and acceptable from all others.

Because everyone's expectations derives from their necessarily limited experiences, no one is immune to ethnocentric thinking — and usually, people even fail to realise when they make such assumptions.

While refraining from ethnocentrism altogether may be impossible, people can aim to counter the tendency's negative effects by recognising and controlling their own biases, as well as seeking additional knowledge and perspectives when biases do surface.

Many scholars argue that positive ethnocentrism means you are not ashamed of who you are by openly embracing

your heritage, and you are somewhat keen on spreading this cultural knowledge to others around you.

This is simplistic since the cruel truth is that in most cases, ethnocentrism is negative because it usually crosses the 'safe' realm, becoming too extreme in the expression of one's ethnic sentiment leading to disrespect for other ethnicities, races or nations.

It is for this reason that ethnocentrism has become a hot subject in sociology since it is usually the source of much of the conflict that we see in the world.

The very fact that ethnocentrism entails a group or a circle of individuals living together and believing that such a group is everything to them because they share the same beliefs, norms and activities is problematic.

Ethnocentrism is one of the main reasons why division exists among members of different ethnicities, religious groups and races.

Even if humanity belonged to one ethnic group, problems will arise in relation to region, factions and other determinants that are negatively divisive.

This usually emanates from the belief that members

of an ethnocentric group believe they are superior or better in a number of ways compared to others around it.

Although many people cannot identify ethnocentric groups in the current world, such groups still exist both at political and social levels.

Take the region we call Zambia for example, conflicts arose among tribes for the simple reasons that they practised different customs which created a fertile reason for military confrontation.

We can also attribute colonialism that saw white settlers displace aborigines as hinged on ethnocentrism because the former group

felt it was superior and, therefore, had an obligation to conquer 'inferior' natives.

This was best defined by Rudyard Kipling in his poem, *White Man's Burden*,

a term which has been interpreted as racist, or possibly taken as a metaphor for a condescending view of 'undeveloped' national culture and economic traditions, identified as a sense of European ascendancy which has been called 'cultural imperialism.'

However, it is interesting to note that long before the white settlers set foot in this region, the Bantus,



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who were perceived to have a 'superior' culture, also displaced the Twas or Bushmen militarily or by persuasion.

Some critics argue that ethnocentrism has a positive side, like allowing a group to be far more productive than any one individual.

They say this happens when a group explores the strengths and weaknesses of its members and allows people to capitalise on their strengths.

Proponents of ethnocentrism also advance the fact that it leads to pride in beliefs and traditions that fosters cohesion and solidarity among groups' members, and also strengthens the sense of identity and self-esteem for individuals within those groups.

They argue that shared geography, national origin, language, religion, folklore, symbols and traditions help instil such a sense of group pride and become ingrained in individuals' sense of self.

They also argue that sharing common beliefs helps societies establish and reinforce standards

and expectations among coexisting people in areas of family, relationships, politics, economics, law and more.

Some scholars who defend positive ethnocentrism argue that individuals' abilities to live up to established expectations and reflecting the common cultural identity inform the extent to which they may advance through life successfully with the benefits and privileges of their societies' resources.

However, the disadvantages of ethnocentrism greatly outweigh the advantages as evidenced in most societies.

For example, experience of one group are usually extended to judge another group and in most cases lead to harm, offence, ill-feelings or otherwise put a damper on further relations between the groups.

For instance, Howard Culbertson, professor of missions and world evangelism at Southern Nazarene University, identified such tendencies as when people say that Europeans drive on

the "wrong" side of the road or Hebrew writing is "backward," where "opposite" or "left-hand side" would be more suitable a description in the first case and "from right to left" would be more acceptable in the second case.

Such tendencies to consider alternative practices as "wrong" rather than merely "different" lie at the root of all of ethnocentrism's negative consequences.

Historically, some ethnic groups have suffered oppression at the hands of a larger or more powerful groups due to the latter's internalized beliefs that their ways and identities were necessarily superior.

In Zambia, examples of this 'superiority' abound and is even evidenced in the perceived numerical advantage of some tribes that led to the adoption of seven languages to be broadcast on the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC).

When others seem "wrong" or "backwards," the individual groups

themselves may be viewed as unintelligent, insignificant, disposable or less than human — and treated as such.

This explains why all tribes have a word for a foreigner or outsider.

Bembas use the word *mwisa*, *umutulafaye* for a foreigner, the Lozis use *munyukunyuku* (alien) while Tumbukas refer to foreigners as *bantu bawaka* (people of nothingness).

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We can also cite efforts toward mass extermination of Jewish people during the Holocaust and discriminatory and genocidal practices that still take place internationally, such as the recent holocaust in the Darfur region of Sudan and the Rwandan genocide.

Prolonged stigmatisation of the so called inferior people and their failure to assimilate into the dominant culture can lead oppressed individuals to internalise their culture's degradation, believing their own identities, practices and beliefs are inferior or perverse.

One needs to look at how blacks have reacted to the bigger canvas of racism at the hands of whites who consider themselves some sort of an Aryan race.

In Africa, 'small' tribes like 'small' and 'insignificant' races have usually resorted to resentment toward themselves, others of their own culture, their oppressors or members of outside groups which may range from conformity to violent protest.



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# She wants to get married but . . .

THERE is no doubt that parents feel proud when men approach their daughters for a hand in marriage.

Normally, when men find women they want to marry, they ask them to inform their parents or relatives about their intentions and from then on, marriage formalities start to take place. In this situation, the men find people who are referred to as bashibukombe (male go-betweens) who deliver messages to the families of the women they intend to marry.

The women also inform their relatives about the men who have proposed to marry them and it is the relatives who give the green light to the men to go ahead with their plans to marry their daughters. But before this is done, the go-betweens have to arrange dates in which they have to meet the relatives, especially uncles or grand parents of the women they want to marry.

There are times when some women find that it has taken so long before men could approach and propose them for marriage and when this chance comes their way, they waste no time in informing their relatives about the good news and their relatives also don't waste time in arranging to meet the go-betweens in order to start the marriage rites.

But there are instances when some women become reckless and engage themselves in immorality and finding themselves in drinking places and drinking too much and going out with different kinds of men that they are labeled as 'amaule' (whores) who are not capable of getting married and yet there are some men who have shown interest in them and would very much want to marry them but their relatives are reluctant to give them chance to get married for fear of being embarrassed in future.

Last week on Saturday, I was in Masala Township in Ndola to visit a sister-in-marriage who is a trader at the main market selling goods which include bags such as school bags and hand bags.

When I got at the place where my sister sells her goods, I found her busy with customers who had flooded her table because she had just opened her container and many people wanted to get the best.

When she saw me, she asked me to take a seat on a bench while she dealt with her customers. It took about 15-20 minutes for my sister to clear her customers and I saw her bubbling with joy as she had sold a good number of bags in just a few minutes after opening her container.

She took a seat next to me and after greetings we started chatting on matters relating to family issues. It was while we were chatting when a young woman, probably in her teens or early 20s, came to the table and looked at the displayed handbags.

She picked one handbag and asked my sister how much it was costing. While my sister and the young woman were negotiating the price, three women came to the table and one of them urged the young woman to get the bag she was holding because it looked good.

Apparently, the woman knew the young woman from somewhere. The young woman persuaded my sister to reduce the price a bit and when she agreed, she paid the money and left.

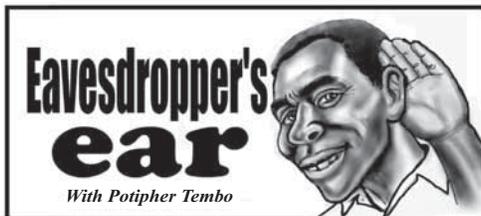
Then the woman who asked the young woman to get the bag asked the two friends whether they knew the young woman.

"She is my next door neighbor. She stays with her grandparents," said the woman as she was admiring the handbags. "She wants to get married to someone who has shown interest in her, but her grandfather is refusing to talk to the man blaming his grand

daughter of being a prostitute who should not get married to any decent man and he has given her conditions that he would only talk to the man if she agreed to his conditions," continued the woman.

On hearing this, one of her friends asked what conditions the grandfather had given the young woman.

"He has told her that he could only talk to any man that she wanted to get married to and give him the green light if only she allowed him to tell the truth about her. He has to tell her that she was a whore and she had a child whose father she did not know," explained the woman.



What kind of conditions were these? How could a grandfather tell a potential husband of her own granddaughter about her wrong doings and worse still that she was a whore and had a child whose father she did not know?

As an eavesdropper, I wanted to hear more.

While I was thinking of hearing more of this, I heard another woman comment that the young woman's grandfather was cruel because that was not the right way of doing things, especially to his own granddaughter who wanted to get married.

Then the woman started explaining about the young woman and her grandfather's conditions if he was going to accept to be the go-between for his grand daughter.

According to the woman, the young woman who was her neighbor had been known to be a whore for a long time.

She said when the man who wanted to marry her told her that he wanted to meet members of her family so that he announces his intentions to marry her, the young woman told him she was staying with her grandparents and she said she would inform her grand father so that he talks

to him about the marriage arrangements but her grandfather was reluctant to meet the man because his daughter was an infidel who could not stay in marriage.

The woman said the young woman many times pleaded with her grandfather that although she had been a whore, she had changed since that man proposed marriage to her and that she had been a whore because she was not married and now that someone to marry her had been found, she would stop her old immoral ways and she would make a good wife but her grandfather insisted that he would only accept to talk to the man if her granddaughter agreed to his conditions.

"Her grandfather has insisted that there was need for the man to know that she was a whore and had a child because he did not want to be accused in future if things backfired that he did not tell him about his granddaughter's true colors," explained the woman.

The woman who had earlier commented that the young woman's grandfather was cruel again chipped in and said there were many women who were immoral but had changed their ways after getting married.

"In fact the man who wants to marry that young woman even knows that the woman he wants to marry is an infidel and he knows that she could change once he marries her. The best you can do is to advise her grandfather to talk to the man to enable his granddaughter get married," advised the other woman.

She said the young woman had approached her and other people in the neighborhood about the problem she was facing with her grand father but no one had bothered to talk to him about it.

Then the other woman asked my sister how much the handbag she was holding was costing. My sister told her the price and the woman produced the money to buy it.

After the three women left, I remained wondering how a grandfather was so tough to his grand daughter.

May be he knew she was incorrigible and she would not change her ways whatsoever of being an infidel even if she was married. But the truth is that many have changed after getting married.

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# New dawn of Ndola's industrial activities

By FRANK CHING'AMBU

FROM 1970s going up to the early 1980s, Ndola - the capital of the Copperbelt had a bustling industrial sector, thanks to a strong economic base which the country had after independence.

Through the use of grants from Government, the local authority (Ndola City Council) heavily invested in housing stocks and good road infrastructure.

Good housing stocks coupled with good road infrastructure acted as an incentive to investors.

This was due to the fact that accommodation for their employees was readily available, supplemented with a good road network for easy transportation of goods and services.

Thus a thriving industrial hub was conceived and born. Alderman Tom Mtine, one of the two blacks nominated as councilors during the pre-independence era and later the first black Mayor for the friendly city of Ndola after the country had gained independence says, Ndola was envy for the country due to the fact that it provided a nucleus for industrial development.

"We had many industries such as the sugar industry, milling companies, Rover Zambia, Dunlop - a company that manufactured high quality tires, Lever Brothers among other industries such as the Kawambwa Tea Company that produced a very popular tea which was loved by many.

"Most of companies decided to leave because there was no interest on the side of Government when it came to critical issues such as an increase in duty. You will agree with me that for every business to thrive there has to be that provision of a conducive business environment by government. But because the investors' voice could not adequately be looked into, many industries left."

Stanford Mschili, former permanent secretary in the ministry of Local Government and Housing and one time, Ndola City Council employee, says Ndola City Council at that time had a deliberate policy that aimed at enticing investors into the city.

He adds that because of what the local authority provided for in the town, a swarm of industries had to through the industrial area of Ndola, a situation he described resulted in massive job creation for the locals and other people from other surrounding areas.

Mr. Mschili says, "Because of what we provided, many industries were willing to come to Ndola. We realised that having a good water supply, sewage reticulation system, good road network and housing was critical to attracting meaningful investment and as such, we made sure that such facilities are put in place."

He adds that today, Ndola can boast of being an initiator of the site and service schemes currently spreading across the country stressing that without proper housing and good water supply system, investment cannot be attracted.

Because the local authority valued the massive contribution which industries made to the Ndola City Council such as an increase in the revenue base, Mr. Mschili recounts that the Council had a deliberate programme where each road within the city was worked on at least once after every three years.

He says, "Ndola could boast of having been the most buoyant cities in the country, we never had dilapidated roads like it is the case. Our revenue base was strong. Through the long term 'industrial development as regards to infrastructure, there was a deliberate programme (Loan Sanction System) where the Central Government gave us long term loans at reasonable cost of borrowing so that roads and other kind of infrastructure could be maintained."

He, however, sadly noted that slowly people started losing employment due to the fact that a lot of industries started exiting Ndola and decided to go to other places in search of greener pastures with regards to business opportunities.

The exit of many of these industries came with it massive losses to the Ndola City Council as its revenue base drastically reduced as the rate of income continued to dwindle.

Mr. Mschili further added that as consequence of the changes that have been made in the economy, the district and the country as whole, has seen some policies which initially meant to grow all sectors of the economy, resulting in the mass exodus of many investors, adding up to employment.

He said because the poor policies, Ndola ended up in a situation that led to many families being subjected to poverty as a lot of household bread winners lost their jobs.

Government concentrated its investment in social economic infrastructure such as the Tazama pipeline, Tanzania Zambia Rail Authority (TAZARA) rail line, roads, schools, hospitals and housing units.

The fall in commodity prices and the rise in crude oil and an ever swelling debt stock among others, however, led to a deceleration in the growth of the economy.

And following the introduction of multi-party politics in 1991 and the subsequent economic reforms embarked upon by the Movement for Multi-party Democracy (MMD) government led by then president Fredrick Titus Jacob Chiluba, the economy was liberalised in 1993.

Consequently, a number of state owned enterprises were privatised resulting in further reduction of manufacturing activities due to restructuring and weak investments. As such, some companies which had set base in Ndola had no option but to shut business.

A former worker of one of the privatised state-owned companies, George Chisulo recounts what used to happen at that time,

"Jobs were all over during that time. Ndola was a host to many people from various parts of the country who were coming to look for jobs.

"I must say that there was no casualization during that period, what used to happen was that one could only save on probation for three months and be confirmed thereafter. We used to get our salaries between 21st and 25th of every month.

"There was a lot of money in circulation such that almost every household had disposable income."

Today, a visit to the once vibrant industrial area located near the Zambia International Trade Fair grounds rises some hopes as new companies have emerged.

Thanks to Government efforts through institutions such as the Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) which has made it possible for companies such as Global Industries to set up base in the area.

Through the Zambia Development Act No.11 of 2006, the Zambia Development agency has been promoting and facilitating investment in many parts of the country. This has been supported by the provision of both tax and non-tax incentives to investors that set up their industries in specific locations.

Established in 2008 as an edible oils company with an initial investment of US\$30million, Global Industries Limited has grown from strength to strength.

Today, Global industries products command more than 40 percent of the Zambian market.

Global Industries Chief Executive Officer, Malolan Sampath said his firm decided to set up base in Ndola because of various factors such as political stability which the country has enjoyed since 1964 when it attained its independence from the colonial masters.

Three years down the line, the large market and steadily ever growing economy which Zambia is currently enjoying compelled Global Industries to inject an addition tune of US\$10million in their soaps and plastics plant to ensure self-reliance.

And in 2016, the firm decided to expand its investment by injecting a tune of US\$16million in its state of the art multi-purpose oil seed crusher and processing plant.

As a consequence of this state of the plant, Global Industries is now able to export not less than 60,000 metric tones of soya cake to advanced economies such as South Africa and other countries.

"In 2016, we made a very big investment of US\$16 million in the world's most advanced plant. And we are happy to note that we have brought the latest technology from advanced countries such as the USA and others from the European continent here in Zambia.

"What is pleasing most is that this plant is entirely run by Zambian professionals who we sent for training in South Africa, China and Argentina before the commissioning of the plant. This has enabled us become a stronger regional player and this is in line with President Lungu's vision for Zambian companies to become strong regional players," Mr. Sampath said.

Apart from job creation, the plant has created an ever ready market for the growing number of soya bean farmers on the Copperbelt.

Previously, local soya bean farmers used to transport their produce to central and Lusaka provinces where they sold their beans mostly not at a favourable price.

But to the farmers' comfort, the establishment of a crushing plant at the firm has enabled them sell their beans locally at a good price besides bidding farewell to transportation costs incurred before the coming of the crushing plant in Ndola as Emmanuel Kalonje - a soya bean farmer attests, "The setting up of this plant here in Ndola has brought relief to many soya bean farmers here on the Copperbelt as we used to incur numerous costs when it comes to transporting our beans to Lusaka previously.

"In terms of prices, they are also paying us well despite the drop in the commodity price. Currently, a kilogramme of soya beans is going at between K1.80 and K1.20 but those of us selling here are getting between K2.00 and K2.20/kilogramme."

Another company, more similar to Dunlop that has invested in the area is Superdoll.

Superdoll is the largest plant in Africa that retreads and repairs of giant tires.

The company which has so far employed about 100 people commenced its operations in Zambia last year after smelling the business aroma from the mines.

Superdoll Zambia Country Manager Vick

Nachshon says, "As long as mines are operating, their tires are getting damaged and that means more business to us.

"We have Lumwana, Kansanshi, kalumbila, KCM and other giant mines giving us business and I must state that the company is enjoying a favourable business in Ndola."

Mr Nachshon adds that the coming of Superdoll to Ndola is helping several mining firms on the Copperbelt and North Western Provinces to save a lot of money that could have been spent on purchasing new tires whose cost is currently at US\$70,000 outside Zambia.

Just within the industrial area, another company- Zambia Electrometer has been set up.

The firm is jointly owned by ZESCO and another firm from Egypt on a government to government deal.

The Zambia Electrometer commenced its activities by manufacturing energy metres before extending its operations to the manufacturing of water metres and compact floscent lamps and energy saving bulbs.

Like other companies, Zambia electrometer is also helping in the creation of jobs as it has already created 104 job opportunities.

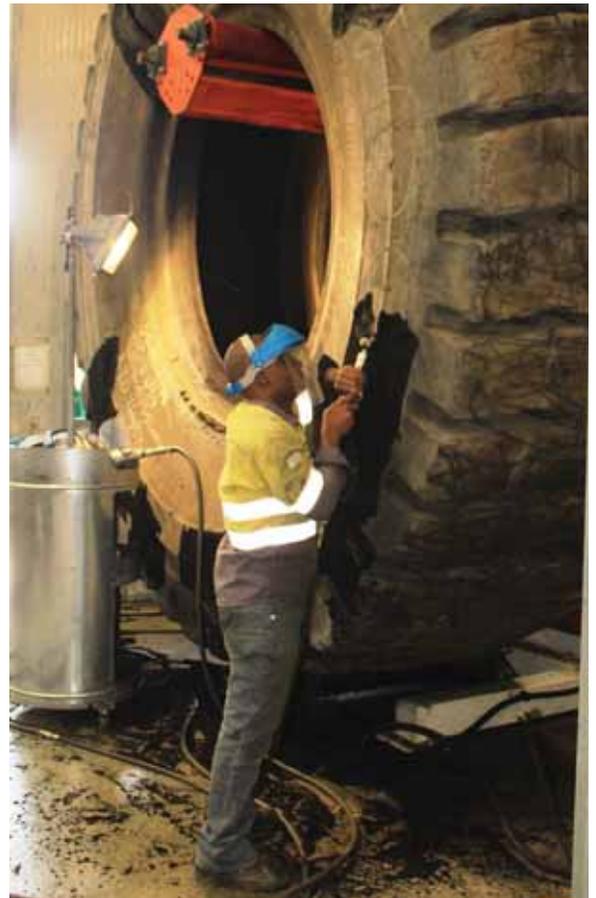
Copperbelt Minister, Bowman Lusambo is confident measures that Government under the leadership of President Edgar Lungu that have been put in place, industrial activities in Ndola and Copperbelt in general will be revamped.

He said Government is doing everything possible to bring back the lost glory to Ndola through putting up various measures aimed at attracting investors to the district.

The Copperbelt Minister cites the coming of firms such as Global Industries and many others that have created jobs as an indication that Ndola is on track of regaining the lost glory as regards to industrial activities.

Mr Lusambo added that the planned Multi Facility Economic Zone opposite the new Copperbelt International Airport will further stimulate industrial activities in Ndola.

From the recent activities in the old industrial area and the proposed plans to set up a Multi-Facility Economic Zone, it is evident that Ndola will register a thriving manufacturing sector that will provide job opportunities and also contribute to the country's economic growth -ZANIS.



•SUPERDOLL, a Ndola-based company has invested in retreading of Off-The-Road (OTR) tires an activity that has contributed to job creation and revitalising of Ndola's industrial sector. Superdoll is the only plant in the entire Africa that handles the retreading and repair of giant tyres. Currently, the company is operating in Tanzania and Zambia.

# Rising suicide cases source of concern

By MARGARET MANGANI

**T**HE country has of late experienced an increase in the number of suicide cases being recorded, a sign that something is amiss in society and if left unchecked, many more lives could be lost in the same manner.

The obtaining scenario has prompted some stakeholders, such as the church as well as the ministry of National Guidance and Religious Affairs in particular, to express concern at the happenings.

National Guidance and Religious Affairs Minister Godridah Sumaili has attributed the apparent increase in the cases of suicide to growing levels of selfishness, ungodliness and substance abuse.

Hardly a day passes by without the media recording a case of suicide, some of which – without doubt – can be linked to the social ills that have hit society such as failure of people to manage finances, or failure to cope with certain social hardships leading to depression.

But other people have taken their lives without even disclosing reasons behind such acts.

On April 4 this year, this paper carried a story of a case of suicide involving a Zambian engineering student who was based in India, who resorted to taking his own life by tying himself to a ceiling fan using a bed sheet.

The deceased left behind a suicide note whose contents the police refused to reveal.

But from the sources point of view, it is like the 22-year-old man was suffering from depression after failing to cope with certain pressures of life.

Hence the man resorted to taking his own life by cutting short his academic programme as well as a prospective future.

In yet another case, a Kitwe man alongside his two children aged below 10 years plunged himself into the crocodile infested Kafue River ending his life and that of his siblings in unknown circumstances.

The man was apparently on separation with his wife.

Most recently, an elderly woman took her own life after a dispute with her son over a K10 note.

And not too long ago, two young men also took their lives in separate suicide incidences while a teacher of Batoka Secondary School in Southern Province took his life under unknown circumstances.

In yet another incident, a 35 year old man of Wusakili Township had committed suicide by drinking a pesticide.

Nashi Chabalenge of house number B5-176 is suspected to have committed suicide between 21:00 hours on Saturday, July 15 and round 06:00 hours on Sunday.

Police sources and his brother Michael Mushitu confirmed Nashi's death.

In a similar incident, a concerned resident of



•SUMAILI



•ACCORDING to Chainama Hills Hospital, suicide accounts for 1.5 per cent of all deaths.

Luanshya wrote in a letter to the editor submitted to the **Times of Zambia** newspaper that increasing cases of suicide in Luanshya have become worrying.

The author in the letter expressed concern over the rise in the number of suicide cases in the town, citing the months of May and June 2017 which he said were dark ones for Mpatamoto Township in which three lives were lost.

What is really wrong with our town? The author asked? 'We lost two school girls and a police officer due to alleged suicide', read the letter.

The author wrote that, this is very worrying as the dead souls were contributing to the development of mother Zambia.

'Yes, we all faced by many problems but we must find a solution by sharing with others in a bid to find a solution as opposed to people killing themselves.

'We must be prayerful all the time,' the author wrote.

The author advised those

who could be going through issues to seek counselling services which he said must be encouraged in all schools and work places.

But Grace Ministries International Overseer Bishop Newton Mulenga, in a sermon delivered to his congregants recently in Ndola, cited financial stress as one of the reasons why some people could be resorting to taking their lives prematurely.

He explained that some people were so heavily indebted such that they could not cope with the pressures of life but were now resorting to taking their lives as the only option.

Bishop Mulenga said financial mismanagement has brought about emotional disasters which are leading to death.

He urged his congregants to resist the temptation of incurring huge debts and advised them to exercise financial discipline as a way of avoiding such unfortunate deaths.

He said people should desist from the habit of impulse buying and also ensure that they were financially disciplined in life.

'Stop overspending; ensure that you adhere to the budget as not doing so creates a lot of financial stress on families.

'You should not even strive to compete with others if you cannot afford certain lifestyles,' he said.

Bishop Mulenga quoted the book of **1 Corinthians 6:12** in the Bible to support his argument.

He counselled the church members to avoid debts and urged them to learn to be content with life and strive to live within their means.

'Whenever you venture on a shopping spree, adhere to the budget; limit yourself to what you have outlined to buy on that particular day,' he said.

He urged the church members to restrain themselves from going beyond their limits as money comes only seasonally.

'If it is not your time you, are better off waiting patiently until that moment comes when you can procure what you desire; be content with what you have and

they can own some of the luxurious things that they see around, such as cars, houses or expensive clothes.

Bishop Mulenga further urged his members to desist from impressing others as many people were fond of such habits, or getting concerned about what people might say about them.

'Relax! You are at your best with what you have. You are at your best when you are yourself. Avoid competing with others and also avoid being wasteful,' he said, quoting John 6:12.

He further urged his flock to desist from putting up their houses as collateral in an event that they borrow money from a bank or any lending institution.

He said people should get what they can afford to pay back in securing a debt to avoid unnecessary pressures.

The clergyman prompted the flock to limit their debts in case of a want for one, saying people should never keep someone's money or avoid paying back on the due date.

According to information provided by Chainama Hills

economic factors; failed relationships and disappointments; dysfunctional homes; infidelity and unfaithfulness; poorly prepared marriages and cheating; and, stressful life situations and challenges.

'We would confirm that so many cases of suicide have been referred to Chainama Hills College Hospital every year mostly from law enforcement urgencies and legal institutions for assessments as well as treatment in most of the cases,' Mr Tafuna said.

He put the rate of suicide at 16.7 per cent per year and described it as the 14th cause of death worldwide.

He said suicide accounts for 1.5 per cent of all deaths.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the number of self-inflicted deaths will increase by as much as 50 per cent from 2002 to 2030.

The most consistently reported pattern is that the risk of first onset for suicidal behaviour increases significantly at the start of adolescence (12 years), peaks at age 16 years, and remains elevated into the early 20s.

Adolescence and early adulthood are the times of greatest risk for first onset of suicidal behaviour.

Early stressors, such as parental absence and family history of suicidal behaviour, have been associated with an earlier age of onset.

34 per cent of lifetime suicide ideators go on to make a suicide plan.

72 per cent of persons with a suicide plan go on to make a suicide attempt.

26 per cent of ideators without a plan make an unplanned attempt.

### PREVALENCE RATES

Prevalence varies by gender, with men having higher rates at 20 per cent than women who are at five per cent; but women are almost twice as likely to attempt suicide.

Men tend to use more lethal means than women.

Age - in general, older men have higher rates of completed suicide (although the increase in suicide in young men has narrowed this gap); younger people have higher rates of suicide attempts.

Marital status - there are high rates of suicide attempts for single people; high rates of completed suicide for people who are widowed, separated, or divorced; risk also diminishes if a person has children.

### SUMMARY

Suicide is strongly related to serious mental health problems and other risk factors hence the need to be seen and examined and treated quickly by our qualified staff.

Suicide rates vary widely by different aspects of social context such as alcoholism, loss of sense of belonging and rejection in families and society.

Reducing availability of lethal means of suicide is important for effective prevention.

There is need for a more focused, coordinated national strategy to deal with this problem although currently, there seems to be very little partnership between the church and service providers such that there is a break in communication.

***"According to information provided by Chainama Hills Hospital Public Relations Officer George Tafuna, there are so many things that are causing suicide cases in Zambia."***

ensure that you do not exceed your limits,' he said.

The prelate urged his flock to refrain from envying others, but to be patient and wait for their time to come when

Hospital Public Relations Officer George Tafuna, there are so many things that are causing suicide cases in Zambia.

He highlighted social



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# 2019 African Nations Cup to be moved to June/July

**RABAT** - THE African Nations Cup will move from January to June and July from its next staging in Cameroon in 2019, and be expanded from 16 to 24 teams, the executive committee of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) decided on Thursday.

The change of timing will be welcomed by European club sides, many of whom have lost players at vital periods of the season in years gone by because of the time slot.

The changes were approved at a meeting in Rabat as the executive committee adopted recommendations made at a wide-ranging symposium in Morocco earlier in the week.

Other decisions taken at the meeting included the awarding of the 2021 and 2023 Nations Cups to the Ivory Coast and Guinea respectively.

Major changes have also been introduced to Africa's Champions League and Confederation Cup tournaments, which will now run from August to May, like the UEFA Champions League, rather than over the course of a calendar year.

This week's symposium was called by new CAF president Ahmad and was aimed at overhauling the game in Africa.

CAF hold a congress in Rabat on Friday to pass changes to the body's statutes in order to bring it in line with recent FIFA changes.

The expansion of the Nations Cup puts pressure on 2019 hosts Cameroon, who have denied claims that they are behind in their preparations.

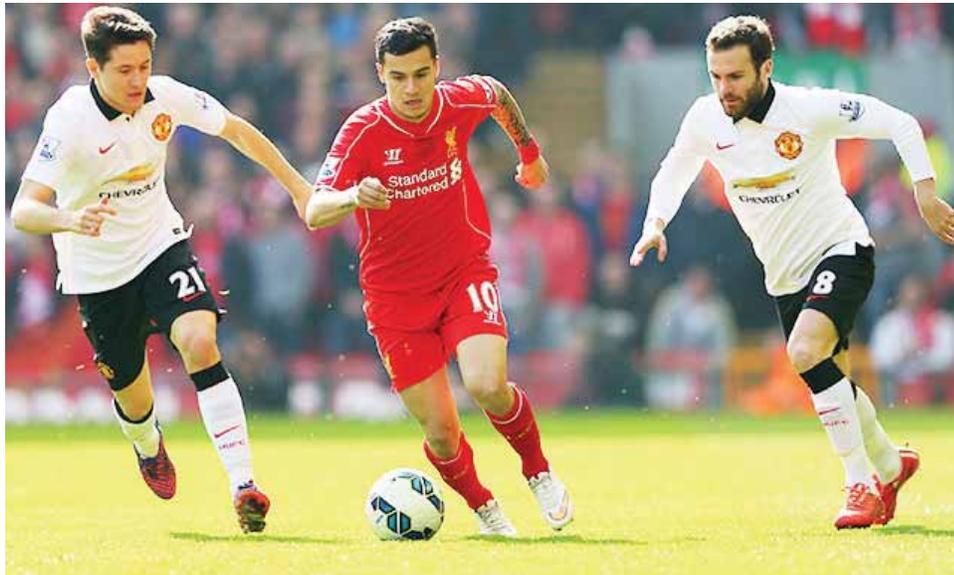
"I would like to reassure the national and international opinion that the government is fully committed to fulfilling the CAF's specifications and to date, no CAF mission has reported any delay in preparations," said Cameroon sports minister Ismael Bidoung.

African football chiefs are due to inspect Cameroon's

tournament preparation in September, with Morocco on stand-by as a potential back-up host if needed.

"Morocco will not hesitate for a second to respond

favourably to any invitation to host this Nations Cup," said their football association president Faouzi Lekjaa when asked. - Reuters



• COUTINHO (m) is seen as a traditional Brazilian number 10 and has been compared to Ronaldinho

## United's Lukaku, Rashford on target

**HOUSTON** - ROMELU Lukaku and Marcus Rashford were on target as Manchester United defeated Premier League rivals Manchester City 2-0 in their International Champions Cup pre-season clash at Houston's NRG Stadium on Thursday.

Belgian international Lukaku grabbed his second goal in his second start for United as the Red Devils eased past a disjointed City.

England striker Rashford meanwhile continued his impressive pre-season form with his third goal in three games of United's US tour.

The game was the first ever Manchester derby played on foreign soil and both teams commemorated the May 22 attacks at a concert in the city shortly before the kick-off.

"It was a very good training session," United manager Jose Mourinho said afterwards.

"We had to play well in the first half, is good intensity, the players are tired. I am really pleased and I'm sure Pep (Guardiola) is the same. The result is not the most important thing."

City manager Pep Guardiola meanwhile shrugged off the loss, preferring to enthuse about the performance of teenager Phil Foden, a 17-year-old who has emerged from the club's youth set-up.

"I don't have words... It's a long time since I saw a performance like this - it was another level," said Guardiola, who also confirmed that defender Aleksandar Kolarov was on his way out of the club, with Roma the likely destination.

"I don't like working with people who don't want to stay. He has a big chance to go to Roma. He has said he wants to leave," Guardiola said of Kolarov.

Kolarov's looming exit heightens speculation that City are close to signing Monaco fullback Benjamin Mendy.

Earlier, United enjoyed the better of the early exchanges, with Henrik Mkhitaryan testing new City keeper Ederson with a long-range effort just after 20 minutes.

Ander Herrera also tried his luck from distance shortly afterwards but the young Brazilian gathered comfortably.

At the other end meanwhile, City, who handed a debut to new signing Kyle Walker, slowly got into their stride, with a deflected Raheem Sterling effort tipped over by David De Gea.

City should have had a penalty on 31 minutes when youngster Patrick Roberts was tugged back by Chris Smalling as he burst into the area.

Instead Smalling managed to get a foot in and clear with Sterling's follow-up effort blocked.

Six minutes later United took the lead with a superb goal from Lukaku.

## Hands off Coutinho, Klopp warns Barca

**HONG KONG** - LIVERPOOL manager Jurgen Klopp on Friday brushed off a reported \$93 million offer from Barcelona for Brazilian playmaker Philippe Coutinho, insisting: "We're not a selling club."

"We want to work together and we want to make the next step, and to do this we need to stay together," the German told reporters before his side face Leicester City in the final of the Premier League Asia Trophy in Hong Kong on Saturday.

"The very important message is that we are not a selling club," added Klopp.

As Barcelona circle for Coutinho, Liverpool midfielder Adam Lallana backed the mercurial Brazilian to help lead the Reds to success in the new season.

"He's a fantastic player so it's no surprise that there's teams interested in him," said Lallana.

"I feel like we're going to achieve big things here and I feel like Phil is going to be a

big part of that.

"He's in that elite bracket and there is no reason he can't continue to be in that elite bracket and continue here at Liverpool," added Lallana.

"We're a massive club. We're in the Champions League - okay we need to qualify - but if we are going to win competitions like that, and the Premier League, we need to keep hold of players like Philippe."

Fan favourite Coutinho signed a new five-year contract at Anfield in January that did not include a release clause.

"He can improve his consistency but there is no doubt about his quality," Klopp said of the 25-year-old.

"He's a really good player but the nice thing is he's still young and he can improve. Phil is a very, very important player."

Klopp, whose side beat Crystal Palace 2-0 in midweek in their first run-out in Hong Kong, was less keen to discuss Liverpool's pursuit of Leipzig

midfielder Naby Keita.

The German club rejected an \$86 million bid for the Guinea star from Liverpool earlier this week.

"I have nothing to say about this," shrugged Klopp, looking to strengthen as he attempts to end Liverpool's 27-year title drought.

"Obviously these stories are without my saying, so

why should I disturb this process? Do whatever you want with this news, I'm not interested. But keeping the group together would make sense."

Leicester boss Craig Shakespeare, meanwhile, revealed his club had received an offer for Algerian winger Riyad Mahrez from Roma. - AFP

## Barca tops global football digital benchmark

**BARCELONA** - BARCELONA, Real Madrid and Manchester United in that order have emerged top of the latest global football digital benchmark released by leading global digital research company, Result Sports from Germany.

The reports highlights the top 148 Clubs in the world of digital and social media and takes into consideration six of the top social media platforms with Facebook, Instagram,

Twitter, Google+, Periscope and YouTube

Result Sports CEO, Mario Leo told supersport.com "The Global Digital Benchmark is unique in many ways. It allows club and platform comparison. The evolution and digital growth keeps going - from our latest research in January, an additional 31 clubs 'stepped' over the million fan community milestone. We observe, clubs in Asia, the Americas and in Africa have identified the digital opportunity and now put much more emphasis on its platforms."

"The leaders and Top 10 of our Global Digital Football Benchmark do focus on engagement, sponsorship integration and video initiatives to attract new fans and followers."

"Sporting success is a major catalyst for growth in digital communities. Football clubs should be engaging, with interactive text to allow the fans to 'participate' in the victory!"

Barcelona lead the pack with a total digital community of 206, 711, 621, followed by Real Madrid with 204, 968, 920 and Manchester united with 111, 821, 507. - AFP

## Spanish soccer federation boss to be held in custody over graft case

**MADRID** - THE head of Spain's soccer federation and FIFA vice-president Angel Maria Villar will be held in custody without bail pending an investigation into corruption allegations, a Spanish High Court judge ruled on Thursday.

Villar, along with his son Gorka and two other soccer executives, was arrested on Tuesday after a police raid on several offices. The four were detained on allegations of collusion, embezzlement and falsifying documents.

Investigating magistrate Santiago Pedraz said in a written ruling on

Thursday that he considered Villar to be a flight risk. Pedraz ordered that Villar, his son, who is a sports lawyer, and Juan Padron, who looks after financial affairs at the RFEF, be held in custody during the probe.

The judge set bail for Ramon Angel Hernandez, a member of the soccer federation in the Spanish island of Tenerife and who was also among those arrested on Tuesday, at 100,000 euros (\$116,290).

The RFEF Spanish federation and the Tenerife soccer federation could not immediately be reached for com-

ment on behalf of those arrested and they have made no public comment on the case since Tuesday.

Villar, a one-time midfielder for Athletic Bilbao, has headed up the RFEF for nearly 30 years and is also a vice-president of UEFA.

He was fined 25,000 Swiss francs (\$26,000) last year by FIFA's Ethics Committee for failing to co-operate with an investigation into the contest to host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, which triggered the worst crisis in the soccer world governing body's history. - Reuters

# Spieth, Koepka, Kuchar lead American charge

**SOUTHPORT, England** - Americans Jordan Spieth, Brooks Koepka and Matt Kuchar tamed a fiendish course in tough conditions to fire sparkling first-round 65s and lead the British Open by one shot.

Spieth, world number-three and twice major champion, putted smoothly to pick up five birdies and did not drop a shot as fierce crosswinds buffeted the early starters at Royal Birkdale.

"That was one of my top five rounds at a major. I'd give myself a nine (out of 10)," the 23-year-old told reporters.

Koepka, who won the U.S. Open last month, hit three successive birdies from the 11th hole before making his only bogey at the 16th.

He chipped in from a pot bunker for an eagle at the par-five 17th to return to the top of the leaderboard and he put his success down to a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate his first major title.

"It was fun, I had a few friends out. We had a good time. Getting back to the gym was tough, but if I'm mentally recharged then so is my swing," Koepka said.

Kuchar moved to five under at the turn and looked poised to open up a healthy lead as conditions improved in the afternoon but he parred each hole on the back nine to stay level with his compatriots.

"I watched some of the golf this morning on TV and it looked awfully challenging. But for me to start my British Open with a 29 on the front nine is a great way to start," he said.

The trio finished a shot ahead of England's Paul Casey and South African Charl Schwartzel.

England's Ian Poulter, runner-up in the 2008 Open on this course, Spaniard Rafael Cabrera-Bello and

**•JORDAN Spieth reacts to his putt on the 14th hole during the first round of The 146th Open Championship golf tournament at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. USA TODAY Sports**



Americans Justin Thomas and Charley Hoffman were among a group of players

a stroke further back following rounds of 67. - Reuters

## Froome safe in yellow as Barguil wins on Col d'Izoard

**BRIANCON, France** - Tour de France leader Chris Froome remained rock-solid on a thrilling Col d'Izoard climb won in audacious fashion by Warren Barguil on Thursday and now looks unstoppable in his bid to claim a fourth title in Paris.

Fans wedged onto the 2,360m sun-bleached landscape roared home Barguil who became the fifth Frenchman to win the iconic climb which had posed the last serious threat to Froome.

It was not the story the home fans craved though.

They had imagined Romain Bardet leaving Froome in his wake and snatching the

yellow jersey on the last day in the Alps.

The AG2R La Mondiale rider did beat Team Sky's Froome over the line at the end of a 179km stage culminating in a brutal 14km ascent to the lunar-like Izoard summit finish.

But his third place, behind Sunweb's Barguil and Colombian Darwin Atapuma, only allowed him to shave four seconds off Froome's 27-second lead as the British rider finished just behind in fourth place with other GC rival Rigoberto Uran fifth.

One-time race leader Fabio Aru's hopes evaporated as he suffered and slipped

from fourth to fifth on the leaderboard behind Froome's strong-finishing team mate Mikel Landa.

"I gave it my all," 2016 runner-up Bardet, who had set out to become France's first Tour winner since 1985, said. "I risked everything. I have nothing to regret."

After some early wobbles Froome has looked in control in the Alps and with just Friday's straightforward 222km ride south followed by a time-trial in Marseille before the ceremonial roll into Paris he looks armour-plated for the third year in a row.

The Briton leads Bardet by 23 seconds and Uran by 29.

"For sure it would have been amazing to have won on the most iconic climb of the race but my goal is the yellow jersey," Froome said. "The hardest part of the Tour is behind now."

"The top three are all within 30 seconds. Rigo seems to be the biggest threat for the time trial, but there are still two days of racing, so anything can happen."

Everything that happened during the ride from Briancon, including the leg-sapping Col de Vars climb, was a prelude to the eagerly anticipated final act on Izoard -- a climb that is as much part of Tour folklore as Mont Ventoux. - Reuters

## Ex-London mayor Johnson gives Japan Olympics advice

**TOKYO** - Britain's Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has advised Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike on Friday to shrug off criticism during the 2020 Games preparation period, saying everything will work out in the end.

Johnson, elected mayor in 2008, was eventually celebrated for his role in London's successful hosting of the 2012 games after weeks of negative headlines critical of planning mistakes and costs.

He congratulated Koike, who came to power a year ago, on the city's preparations and said she should take the next three years until the Games start on July 24, 2020, in stride, saying there are cycles in how the public and the media respond.

"First of all there's a euphoria when you get the games, and then a bit of anxiety starts to creep in, and it sort of goes downhill and people have all sorts of stories, we had all sorts of problems," Johnson told Koike at the start of a meeting.

"Then when finally the games begin, after it seemed as if you could do nothing right, then you can do nothing wrong and everybody gets behind you."

Johnson, in Tokyo to meet with officials including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Olympics Minister Tamayo Marukawa, added that he was sure Tokyo's Games, the second time the city has hosted, would be an "absolute sensation."

Though the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has also praised Tokyo's preparations to date, the city has faced a rough road since being awarded the games in 2013 that included the resignation of Koike's two predecessors due to scandals.

The original Games logo was withdrawn following plagiarism charges, and the first plans for the centrepiece National Stadium were scrapped due to ballooning costs, putting the start of the stadium's construction about a year behind schedule.

On Thursday, officials said that parents of a 23-year-old stadium worker who committed suicide have petitioned the government to recognise it as "karoshi," or death by overwork.

Media reports say he worked more than 200 hours of overtime in the month before his death due to tight deadlines created by the delays.

## Post- Phelps era dawns

**BUDAPEST** - The world swimming championships will usher in a new era following the retirement of American great Michael Phelps when eight days of racing commence at Budapest's Duna Arena on Sunday.

This will be the first global meeting since 1998 without either Phelps, holder of 23 Olympic gold medals and 26 world titles, or compatriot and six-time Olympic gold medalist Ryan Lochte who is ineligible to compete after a 10-month ban.

Although Phelps missed the 2013 and 2015 championships, it is his farewell after his final competitive race at the Rio Olympics which still resonates.

Phelps was the last to leave pool deck as he waved an emotional goodbye to a boisterous crowd after helping the U.S. to gold in the men's 4x100 meters medley relay.

Nearly one year on, his departure has left a void as the sport searches for the next global star to take over the 32-year-old's mantle.

A mixed medley relay, along with a men's 800m and women's 1500m freestyle races were last month added to the Tokyo 2020 program by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in a radical shake-up of the Games program.

However, if those changes were implemented to ensure gender parity across the sport, it is women's elite swimmers who are likely to receive top billing in Budapest.

Following local favourite Katinka Hosszu's trio of Olympic titles at last summer's Olympics, an expectant nation will now be anticipating more bounty in the pool where she has been training for multiple individual tilts.

Following her Rio exploits, the self-billed 'Iron Lady' has entered six individual events across medley, backstroke, freestyle and butterfly. The 28-year-old is also bidding for a hat-trick of world titles in both the 200m and 400m individual medley.

Katie Ledecky of the United States is set to go one better. Unbeaten at world championships, the American's freestyle brilliance is set to continue in the Hungarian capital as she aims for a hat-trick of individual world titles in the 400m, 800m and 1500m.

Like Hosszu, she is entered into six events - and unless she scratches some races, the 20-year-old collegiate will undertake her most active schedule yet in a major meet.

Along with Hosszu and Ledecky, Swedish sprint star Sarah Sjöström, 23, will be vying to win her first freestyle world title, having come to the fore with Olympic gold in the 100m butterfly, her signature event.

Top male swimmers to look out for in Budapest include Britain's Olympic breaststroke champion Adam Peaty and South African Chad le Clos, who is aiming to put a disappointing Rio Games behind him after the defending champion finished outside of the medals in the 200m Olympic butterfly final. - Reuters

## Jere draws against Chitumbo

By NDINAWE SIMPELWE

ZAMBIA'S chess duo of Daniel Jere and Chitumbo Mwali drew a tough ninth round game against each other to maintain second position at the ongoing South Africa Open chess tournament in Durban.

As the two were playing to a stalemate, leader Sahaj Grover, an Indian Grandmaster (GM), moved a point clear and now on eight points from nine matches with the two Zambians sharing second position with two others.

Jere and Mwali are now on seven points but both remained unbeaten thus far with two rounds left to end the competition.

Grover got the vital win off Zimbabwean star Rodwell Makoto who subsequently slipped to seventh on the ladder as his compatriot Spencer Masango moved into joint second after profiting from a shock win over Botswana's Providence Oathotse.

The other player on seven points and sharing second position with the Zambians is South African Matt

Pon who check mated countryman Deon Solomons.

In the next round, Mwali will be on Board-Two playing white against Masango while Jere has a less straining game against Malawian Joseph Mwale who is on 6.5 points.

On Board-One, leader Grover could be crowned champion with a game in hand if he beats Pon.

Two other Zambians at the tournament in Epah Tembo and Joseph Ambali had mixed fortunes with Tembo winning her game and the latter losing.

Tembo, the sole Zambian female at the tournament, defeated David Malobato move to 4.5 points and right in mid-table on 47th position and in the next round plays South African Sekgwari Mahomole.

For Ambali, it was a sad tale as he fell to Cailin Chetty, his fourth straight defeat that left him on the three points he had after round five and will in the 10th round play John Samuriwo in the hope to revive his fortunes.

## 23 drivers Pembe Rally

By ADRIAN MWANZA

TWENTY-THREE drivers will take to the road as they compete in the 2017 Pembe Rally which revs-off with a qualifying round today at the Lusaka's Show Grounds this afternoon.

The rally will then take the action to Chisamba's Fringilla Farms where the drivers will compete in the 203km terrain which has been divided in four parts which the riders will repeat in two legs.

Muna Singh Jr will be going in the Pembe Rally as the national rally leader with 25 points and is closely followed by his elder brother Jessy who has 21 points while Leroy Gomes is in third position with 18 points.

Miles Monge is in fourth position with 16 points and Geoffrey Chulu completes the top five with 14 points.

However Singh junior will not have it easy even if he takes pole-position going into the rally as he will have to look out for the likes of Gomes and Monge who have proved to be tough opposition.

Other notable drivers that have confirmed participation in the rally include Kyle Latife, Haminda Singh, Kleevan Gomes, Wellington Matimba, Muhammed Ally, Laston Hamoonga, Muhammed Hassan, Chibula Kapala, Zain Sidique, Yazdaa Ticklay, Mayur Patel, Kumaren Naidu and Aadil Ebrahim Gelu.

The Pembe Rally will however not without veteran driver Muna Singh senior who will not take part in this year's event tournament.



# Chipolopolo seek to finish off Swaziland

By NDINAWE SIMPELWE and ADRIAN MWANZA

CHIPOLOPOLO today will look to finish off Swaziland in the second round return leg of the African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifier at the Heroes National Stadium in Lusaka.

Zambia is carrying a healthy 4-0 advantage from the first-leg played in Swaziland last week which puts them one foot into the last round of qualifiers.

Swaziland will try to do the inevitable by reversing the score line but the odds are stacked against them and look set to continue missing out on the tournament designed for players playing in nation's respective local leagues.

However, Swaziland skipper Tony Tsabedze has warned Chipolopolo that this team was not in the country to fulfill a fixture but to turn the table in their favor.

He said Swaziland will not be derailed by the heavy defeat suffered in the first-leg a week ago because football is dynamic.

"We have played Zambia before and we were just shocked with the huge score line but it is football and everything is possible," he said.

Chipolopolo assistant coach Aggrey Chiyangi said the 4-0 win was water under the bridge as the team was more focused on bigger assignments.

He said the technical bench is using the CHAN qualifiers to assemble a strong team ahead of the World Cup qualifiers that resume in a month's time.

"We have an upper hand but we are not going to take the clash for granted and will be going to push from the beginning to the end," he said.

Coach Wedson Nyirenda is likely to name an unchanged squad with Toaster Nsabata retaining his position between the sticks

while captain Ziyi Tembo and Isaac Shamujompa will partner in central defense with Fackson Kapumbu and Simon Silwimba manning the

left and right backs respectively. Cletus Chama and Kondwani Mtonga will take charge in the midfield with Augustine Mulenga

and Ernest Mbewe on the wings while hotshot Brian Mwila and Martin Phiri will start upfront though Justin Shonga may be

given a chance in the game. The winner will face either South Africa or Botswana in the last round of the qualifiers.

## Nkana in hot soup over media attacks

BY GODFREY DUBE

PREMIER side Nkana persistent complaints about the delayed clearance of striker Walter Bwalya has landed them in hot soup with the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) now summoning them to a Disciplinary Committee.

FAZ issued a short statement saying Nkana should appear before the Disciplinary Committee next week Wednesday at the Football House for attacks on the mother body in the media.

FAZ Communication Manager Desmond Katongo confirmed the development in a statement issued to the media saying the summoning of Nkana is in connection with several media attacks the association has received in the recent.

"I can confirm Nkana Football Club has been summoned by the FAZ, this follows a series of attacks we have received from the media, they are supposed to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on Wednesday July 26 at the Football House," Katongo said.

FAZ had directed Nkana to halt the use of striker Walter Bwalya until investigation of the transfer

saga is concluded.

Bwalya has been involved in a transfer saga started by Lusaka Dynamos who claimed Bwalya had played in the Democratic Republic of Congo before under the names Binene Sabwa and came to Zambia without an International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

The matter has degenerated with his nationality brought into question and the immigration department stating he was Congolese and had been issued with a work permit this year.

FAZ on the 20th of June wrote to Nkana to stop them from

using Bwalya until investigations were concluded and that those with documentation of the player's move should provide the information to help with documentation.

Nkana and Forest Rangers, from where the Kitwe giant bought him from, have sat with a Congolese club to sort out the matter with the ITC now sent.

Nkana have since issued a strong statement that they will not wait for FAZ to tell them to start using Bwalya as the ITC, which was brought into question has been issued.

## FQMO donates to Ndola Wanderers Rugby Club

By RONALD CHAWA

MINING giants First Quantum Mining Operations (FQMO) has donated a rugby kit worth K20,000 to lipping Ndola Wanderers Rugby Club.

FQMO Technical Manager Andris Scott, who presented the kit on behalf of the company, said the gesture should motivate the players and all the members at the club to work hard in the remaining league games.

Scott, a former rugby player, said the amount the kit was bought at was not significant but that the gesture itself was more important.

"This gesture is a goodwill one to motivate the players and the team. In terms of the cost, first I had to go through FQMO sub-divisions, say gentlemen the rugby club in Ndola is in dire needs of a kit, who can help me?"

"This security department, Kansanshi and Kalumbila came

## LCC mayoral tourney gets underway

By TIMES REPORTER

ALL is set for today's Zamtel-sponsored Lusaka City Council (LCC) Mayoral Sports tournament scheduled for the Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC) in Lusaka.

The one-day Mayoral Sports Tournament running under

the theme: "Enhancing a Clean Environment through Sports", has attracted more than 30 companies.

The tournament is expected to be graced by Local Government Minister, Vincent Mwale.

The Mayoral Tournament is held annually for members of the public and the corporate world to interact with the elected civic leadership to discuss various issues affecting the city and how best development can be enhanced in Lusaka.

Proceeds from the tournament will be channelled to the affected marketeers of the gutted City Market on 4th July, 2017.

"It's all systems go for the 9th edition of the 2017 Mayoral tournament. We are grateful to the companies that have come on board to make this tournament a success; among them Zamtel who are the official sponsors, Californian Beverages and Samsung, among many other institutions and organisations, as well as individuals who have come forward to support this cause."

Sport is a unifying factor which transcends national, cultural, socio-economic and political barriers. We believe sport can be used as a tool for helping national development and is its universal popularity can bring people together, no matter what their origin, background, religious belief or economic status.

Events to be contested for include football, netball, athletics, swimming, basketball, volleyball, needle race, high jump, long jump, table tennis and darts among others.

Registration for some events is continuing ahead of the tournament which is also a fun-day for families and will include special events for children such as jumping castle and other entertainment.

## Over 70 fight for Midlands Open badminton honours

By RONALD CHAWA

MORE than 70 players will today convene to jostle for honours in an inaugural K60,000-rich China GEO sponsored Midlands Open badminton tournament scheduled for Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC) in Lusaka.

In an interview, Badminton Zambia (BZ) General Secretary Kingsley Mulenga said yesterday that 42 men and 28 female players from every part of the country had confirmed participation.

He said that even schools had entered players for the event.

Mulenga, who hoped that the number would increase before the start of the contest, said the event would help star player Ogar Siamupangila prepare for the 2017 Total World Badminton Championship to be held in Glasgow, Scotland next month.

"We are set although we may start late because of some activities that are happening

at the venue. The only exclusion in the men's category is Zambia seed-one Chongo Mulenga, who is currently in India for school.

"However, this will give other players an opportunity to prove themselves and win the singles and doubles in the men's category," he said.

In Mulenga's absence, his young brother Kalombo, who is the continent's top seed in the junior's category, would seize the opportunity to win the trophy but would face stiff competition from among others his coach Juma Muwono, who is also BZ Deputy General Secretary.

Other players Chongo should be wary of are Chalwe Chongo, Charles Kalonde, Donald Mabo, Mark Banda and upcoming star Rodrick Mwansa.

In the ladies category, which has all top seeds present will see the race be between the Siamupangila sisters in Ogar and the younger Evelyn but have to look out for Ng'andwe

Miyambo, Elizabeth Chipeleme and Mary Chilambe in both singles and doubles events.

And Ogar said she had trained hard and was looking forward to the event, though she was still waiting for direction in terms of sponsorship. She said the Midlands Open was a good platform for her to gauge herself ahead of the big event in Scotland.

"I am hoping to have my ticket from government having qualified to this big event. Just want to go and play with best players in the world, learn from them also give them my best game I have, who knows maybe I can cause an upset by winning the championship, and that hard work have to start with this tournament," she said.

Ogar said qualifying to the world championship was the best thing ever in her life to represent the African continent on the foreign soil.

# Sprinter Luchembe storms finals

By ADRIAN MWANZA

ZAMBIAN 400m sensational runner Kennedy Luchembe has stormed the finals of the ongoing Bahamas 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games after he topped his heat at the Thomas A Robinson National Stadium in Nassau

Not only did Luchembe win Heat-One of the 400m category, his time of 47.75 seconds was the best of all the eight runners who made the finals and looks set to win Zambia's second gold at the tournament.

This performance effectively erases the bad memories Luchembe has from the 2017 IAAF World under-18 championship in Kenya where he was disqualified after winning his heat for overstepping his lane.

The Zambian showed a clean pair of heels to Jamaica's Lindo Ramone who clocked 48.25 seconds to finish second while Canada's Louza Sheldon was third with a time of 48.58 seconds.

Botswana's Olesitse Bernard was fourth with a time of 49.26 seconds and Omari Hill of the British Virgin Islands completed the top five after he clocked 49.75 seconds.

The final is expected to take place this morning around 02:00 hours Zambian time.

The other runner at the game, Suwilanji Mpondela again stormed the semi-finals in the 100m flat after she clocked 12.30 seconds in Heat-Two which was close to her personal best time of 12.12 seconds.

However, she again failed to get to the finals after she came out fifth in the semi-finals with a poor time of 12.59 seconds.

Zambia under-20 athletics coach Sydney Mushipe expressed hope that Luchembe would mint a medal in the category.

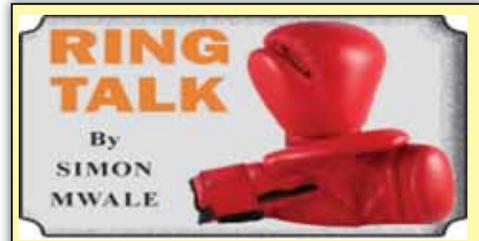
Mushipe said Luchembe had the potential to mint medals and that he was confident that he will keep his composure especially under the watchful eye of coach Douglas Kalemba.

"Kennedy has what it takes to mint a medal at the event we just have to keep our fingers crossed as he runs in the finals. Otherwise, he is a fine and promising athlete," he said.

Meanwhile 14-year-old swimmer Mia Phiri again failed to make it to the finals in the third category she was competing in (the 50m backstroke) despite coming out first in her heat after she timed 30.96 seconds.

With spaces in the final reserved for the best eight swimmers in all heats, Phiri fell short of making the final.

She has two more events to compete in which are the 100m butterfly and the 50m freestyle categories.



## AIBA initiative laudable

CERTAINLY, if there's nothing much happening to amateur boxing in Africa and Zambia in particular currently, the scenario is headed for change sooner rather than later.

It isn't often that we hear organisations close to the sport come up with something of a revolutionary and ambitious initiative aimed to pave the way for the next generation of boxing champions.

The International Boxing Association, originally the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA) launched the 2017 AIBA Year of Africa (YoA) on March 16, in South Africa.

The YoA Truck rolled into Zambia following a successful three weeks in South Africa, on Friday July 14 for 10 days of activities, courses and events to help inspire and educate the continent's boxing community while also bringing a new audience to the sport. The truck will visit five hubs Togo, Congo, South Africa and Zambia before being shipped to Hamburg, Germany for the AIBA 2017 World Championships.

The significance of this continent-wide programme is its direct reach of more than 750,000 people across 12 regional Hubs through initiatives including the HeadsUp Truck, AIBA's new Gloves-Up gateway into boxing and 4,835 certified course places, set to initiate a 250 per cent increase in the number of certified coaches, referees and judges and technical staff and herald in a new era in which African boxing can thrive.

AIBA will expect its national federations to effectively organise and coordinate activities and engage fully with the nearest hub, promoting the courses and communicating effectively to the widest possible audience.

"The YoA continues to go from strength to strength as it travels the continent sharing the values and spirit of boxing... we are delighted to touch down in Zambia and work with the Olympic Youth Development Centre as well as once more deploying the YoA Truck to bring boxing closer to the region's rural communities and further inspire the young people who could become this country's next great champions," said AIBA President Dr Ching-Kuo Wu last week.

OYDC Director Clement Chileshe: "I am glad that AIBA has brought this extensive development programme here to the OYDC. Our experience in working with AIBA to ensure that principles of youth development and gender equality are widely integrated has been very positive, and I look forward to further collaborations across the next Olympic cycles to ensure maximum synergy between the facility support of OYDC and AIBA's development programme."

If nurtured properly, our young boxers, under the AIBA programme can plot their paths to being amateur world champions before deciding to turn professional. Referees, judges and federation staff also stand to gain a lot from this all-embracing and commendable initiative.

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•FIRST Quantum Minerals Operations' technical manager Andries Scott (left) hands over rugby kit worth K20,000 to Ndola Wanderers Rugby Club chairperson, Joseph Chipempele as some players try on the new strip. Picture by RONALD CHAWA

## Top four face rugby easy path

By RONALD CHAWA

THE top four teams in the National Rugby League (NRL) seem to have easy fixtures this weekend with the real battle coming in Kabwe where fifth and sixth placed Green Eagles and Lusaka go to 'war'.

**Kansanshi v KPF**

Fresh from thumping Eagles 26-16 to open-10 point lead, leaders Kitwe Playing Fields (KPF) travel to Sowlezi to play second from bottom Kansanshi, who are yet to win a league game.

Kansanshi will need to better the Maybin Sinkala tutored side in all departments in order to get a win.

The Kitwe has tasted defeat only once at the hands

of bitter rivals Diggers and do not look like a team about to drop more points with George Mwamba and Carlos Kanyama expected to lead the charge and supported by Charles Tembo and Benaya Mukwamba.

**Buffaloes v Mufulira-A**

Second placed, Buffaloes with 36 points will be aiming to maintain their position when they host unpredictable Mufulira-A, who are in seventh place with 22 points.

Buffaloes, who took advantage of out-of-action duo of champions Red Arrows and Diggers last weekend to jump into second position, will look to Larry Kaushiku, Chola Chilufya, Richard Kapoma, Raphael Mulenga and Carlos

Kanyembe for inspiration.

A loss for Buffaloes will give room to third and fourth placed Arrows and Diggers to overtake them knowing they have winnable matches against troubled Roan and struggling Ndola Wanderers respectively.

**Eagles v Lusaka**

Green Eagles play host to former champions 'Powerhouse', Lusaka in the tie of the weekend as both are looking to add a win to their successful outings last weekend.

The hosts would look to Thaddius Chipoya, Martin Chisanga and George Mwape for victory while 'Powerhouse' has players like Temwani Koloko, who handed Eagles a defeat at home.

In other matches, Chibuluma host Nkwazi with Mufulira-B having a date against Nchanga while Konkola are on bye.

## 70 golfers battle in UCZ fundraiser

By NDINAWA SIMPELWE MORE than 70 golfers will today compete in the annual United Church of Zambia (UCZ) St. Andrews fundraising golf tournament at the Ndola Golf Club with tee-off set for 08:00 hours.

The tournament has attracted golfers from Lusaka and Ndola who will compete to raise money for the church which will be channelled to community help.

Organising committee member Emmanuel Katebe said in an interview that the

tournament is expected to be exciting with notable golfers such as Ndola Golf Club captain Greg Lubasha and former Local Government minister Emmanuel Chenda will compete.

He said Leadway Insurance Company had made the event more exciting by dangling a prize of K750,000 worth of house insurance for any golfer who gets a hole-in-one during the tournament.

"In the past, we have built a house for an old woman,

we have bought beddings and other things for the needy, so the money raised from this tournament will go towards the same cause. We are targeting to raise about K80,000," Katebe said.

He said the entry fee for a team of four players has been pegged at K1,000 adding that the organisers were expecting at least 80 participants.

Katebe further said the door was still open for sponsors and players who were ready to compete to join today.

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## Under-17 rout Madagascar

By GODFREY DUBE  
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ZAMBIA started the COSAFA under-17 championship with a huge announcement but coach Numba Mumamba refused to be carried away and called on his troops to remain focused on getting the big prize.

Mumamba said winning the first game in a tournament was always motivating and praised his for putting up team work on their way to the demolition of the islanders in Mauritius.

"Basically the boys played a good game and deserve the win, we started the game on a higher note, scoring goals in the first-half which gave us composure.

"We have to stay focused as we face South Africa in our next fixture, they are a good team and we must prepare well, they are our rivals and we play the same type of game," Mumamba said.

And Madagascar coach Nicolas Dupuis said Zambia had a good team that will go far in the

tournament.

"Congratulations to Zambia, they really deserved the win, they gave us a good run and technically they are a good side, our players lacked pace in defence and the aerial balls were a challenge," he said.

His team was down 6-0 at break.

A hat-trick apiece from Lameck Banda and man of the match Martin Njobvu with Kingsley Hakwiya weighing in the other sent Madagascar to the cleaners as Zambia sent a warning message in the tournament.

Banda opened the floodgates as early as the 10th minute after benefiting from a Njobvu through ball from outside the box with Njobvu doubling the lead nine minutes later for the junior Chipolopolo.

Kingsley Hakwiya rose the highest to head in an Andrew Phiri set piece in the 24th minute before Banda scored his second in the 31st minute after a series of passes with Njobvu to lead 5-0.

Njobvu struck again in the 43rd minute to close the first-half scoreline at 6-0 and added another with a long range thunderbolt in the 74 minute to complete his hat-trick.

Coach Numba Mumamba gave a run in for John Mulalagabo and Moses Mwanza who came in for hat-trick hero Banda and Niza Simutenda respectively.

Madagascar pulled one back in the 83rd minute from the penalty spot when Maimosa Adriamalala converted taking the tally to 7-1.

Zambia next play South Africa who beat Mozambique 3-1 on Sunday in their second group match.



•ZAMBIA Under-17 midfielder Clinton Lubula dribbles two Madagascar players during the opening match of the COSAFA Under-17 championship in Mauritius. Picture courtesy of cosafa.com

# FAZ bows out

...withdraws from hosting U-23 AfCON tourney

By NDIKAWA SIMPELWE  
THE Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) has cited economic challenges as the reason for retreating from hosting the 2019 Under-23 Africa Cup of Nations.

And FAZ has said they will consult the Government if the association can bid for the senior Africa Cup of Nations in the future.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) confirmed the withdrawal at its symposium that was held in Rabat, Morocco this week.

FAZ Communications Manager Desmond Katongo in a brief statement said the withdrawal was arrived at after thorough consultations with the Ministry of Sports.

CAF had granted Zambia to host the under-23 championship in 2016 prior to the country's hosting of the under-20 tournament this year which attracted huge crowds.

"FAZ decided to withdraw from hosting the (under-23) 2019 Africa Cup of Nations edition after thorough consultations with the Ministry of Youth.

"After these consultations with the Government, it has been concluded that the country is not in a position to host the tournament due to the current economic climate," read the statement in part.

FAZ thanked CAF for showing confidence in the association and the country by granting the rights to host a tournament of a big magnitude.

Earlier this year, Zambia successfully hosted the under-20 tournament which received praise from then CAF president Issa Hayatou who went on to hint that the country was ready to host the senior tournament.

Meanwhile FAZ has said it will seek guidance from the Government if plans to bid for the hosting of the senior tournament would still

be reconsidered following the change in format of the championship.

FAZ General Secretary Ponga Liwewe, who attended the CAF symposium, said in an interview that the increased number of teams at the Africa Cup meant increased cost for the host nation.

He said the association will engage the government and explain new format and what came with it.

"FAZ will consult the government and advise them on the new 24 team format and seek guidance if it is still an option given the new requirements and increased costs," Liwewe said.

CAF at its symposium resolved to increase the number of participating teams from 16 to 24 as well playing the tournament from June to July instead of the traditional January to February.

The Changes are expected to start during the 2019 tournament to be staged in Cameroon.



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