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**FRA eyes $13m from maize exports**

By HOPE BWALYA

The Food Reserve Agency (FRA) expects to earn at least $13 million 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's acting administrator Cholwa Kafuwabula 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.

Kafuwabula told 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 able to export.

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.

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**Cops nab man for attempting to sell three-year-old daughter**

By FRANCINA PHIRI, SYLVIA MWEETWA and KAFUILA MUTALE

A TWENTY-TWO-year-old man of Kazembe village in Chingwe 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 Kapata of Chief Pata’s chifamba.

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 Kapata had been arrested and charged with human trafficking.

In Kitwe, police were looking for a man who disappeared with two boys aged nine and 12 years after he pretended to be taking them for shopping at the mall in their vehicle.

Deputy Copperbelt commissioner of Police Wamunyima said 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 to establish the whereabouts of the two boys who are alleged to have been taken by an ex-conviKapata after he pretended to be taking them for shopping,” he said.

In another incident, a pregnant woman of six-week baby girl that was discovered abandoned in a locked Chifuba 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 witnessed the incident, said the baby was born in on Thursday.

The child was brought in on Thursday by police officers from Chifuba 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 breaks,” he said.

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

Police said relatives did not avail themselves and efforts made to find the child’s parents failed to leave the house.

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 brutally murdered by her husband Anthony Kaikala, 32, after a marital dispute.

“The deceased was severely beaten by her 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.

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Minister of Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs Sugamoto Lubinda has spelled out police extra powers to profit from bumper harvests such as the nation had cultivated a market outside Zambia for farmers to be able to sell their harvest.

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**Work n talk’, striking ‘Pick n Pay’ staff told**

By HELLEN TEMBO, STEPHANIE KUNDA and BECCA CHIPANZI

LABOUR activist Joyce Simukolo has called on striking Pick n Pay workers to avoid any form of confrontation with management.

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Earlier in the morning, workers at Handy Hill, Kabulonga, Woodlands and Levy Mall did not go back to work as they were found protesting outside the supermarkets.

Spar, on the other hand, was unanimous for fear of reprisals, the workers deserted the shop as service as poor, citing long hours and a minimum wage of K5,000.

They said some employers were getting away with less than K10,000 when workers were getting more than K15,000.

Spar is another company that is not in a hurry to strike.

Mr Mwansa also said the Kenyan government had agreed to remove the import duty for the DRC market.

Mr Mwansa was part of a team that is said to have been flexing the borders in the past few weeks is an act of terrorism.

This needed to be stopped and President Lungu, who has been in office since the end of 2015, must come up with a strategy to make sure that there is no safe passage for terrorists from the South African and other national security departments.

Mr Mwansa and other ministers are set to meet next week to come up with a strategy to make sure that borders will be under control and no safe passage for terrorists from other countries will be allowed.

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Since its ascendance to power, 18 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 its citizens through the provision of health infrastructure, it is sad to note that some expectant mothers still choose to deliver these facilities and would rather deliver at home. What is even more saddening is that even in urban areas 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 in speaking people in Central Province who have been accused of having seen many women lose their lives when giving birth. Yesterday he told his subjects that he would be forced to charge those who opted to deliver at home, K250.

The chief who was speaking during the commissioning of Mwantaya Health Centre in Chimba told his subjects that women delivering at home would be paid 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, he is right 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 trained midwives 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 are being 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 follow Chief Chamuka by sensitising their subjects on the need to make use of the health facilities that are being brought closer to them.

Chamuka’s timely advice to expectant mothers

**President Edgar Lungu with his Madagascar counterpart Hery Rajaonarimampianina during his recent visit to Zambia.**

Sureties in trouble as accused disappears

By PERPETUAL SICHIKWENYE

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

Owen Satumbwa and Maluba are accused of having forged Mr Kambagwe’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 Satumbwa 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 Muffakahar, purporting to show that it was genuinely signed and issued by Mr Kambagwe.

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

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

In the fourth count, Shatumba and Maluba are accused of having uttered a work permit to Mr Muffakahar.

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

Magistrate, Pades Hamaundu on June 27, 2017 issued a bench warrant to have Satumbwa 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.

The sureties are being proposed to appear in court on July 24, 2017 to explain the whereabouts of the accused.

In another court, a police constable from Lusaka 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.

Mr Munyinya has fixed August 18, 2017 for judgment.
Miyanja demands full bench’s attention

By PERPETUAL SICHIKWENKWE
HERITAGE Party leader, Godfrey Miyanja has declined his application where he is asking the Constitutional Court to dismiss a case where four opposition leaders are seeking an 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 Gen Miyanja 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 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 Musokatwe want to know whether Mr Lungu is eligible to contest the Presidential elections in 2021.

Brig Gen Miyanja 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 was 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 Miyanja argued that he was not served with processes hence would not attend the court hearing on the set for August 30 at the Single Judge’s orders which were issued were arrived at without affording him a hearing.

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

He said that it was inefflatable 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 Miyanja said that his application to dismiss the case was based on a point of law which could be properly heard and determined by the full bench.

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 Kalembwe said the new health post which would serve more than 6,000 people in Chief Chamuka’s area was another important milestone in the provision of health services.

Mr Kalembwe 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 demonstration of the Government’s new motto of health being championed by President Edgar Lungu,”

The opening of Mwantaya Health Centre at 11:30h Post is another step towards achieving our health mission because over 4,491 people in this area will now be accessing the needed health care services which have been lacking for a long time,” he said.

You will agree with me that the steps being undertaken by the Government are truly aimed at mitigating the health in infrastructure and equipment.

Mr Kalembwe said the Government had prioritized the commissioning of health facilities in its efforts to contribute to the realization of the 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 got involved in sensitizing the community on the need to use the health facilitiesfailure to which he would also fine them.

“If you deliver at home when there is this clinic then you will be charged K500 and you will be charged K500,” he said.

Chief Chamuka said he was excited 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.

Kamptapu named Lusaka Water Web\n
By STEVEN ZANDE
THE Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company (LWSC) has appointed immediate past Water Resources Management Agency (WARMA) acting director Jonathan Kamptapu as its new managing director.

Mr Kamptapu 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 Kamptapu 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 using a customer base of two million.

Mr Moonga implored Mr Kamptapu 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 “LWSC was advocating that the water and sanitation sector challenges confronting the company, there was a need for robust reforms at LWSC which could also help improve the financial standing of the company.”

Mr Kamptapu 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.

“Mr. Chilufya said police would work day and night to ensure that the police do their job and arrest the accused,” he said.

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 duffet after tasting foods 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 duffet.

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 duffet 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 Barangera 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 arrest,” he said.

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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 Yakuma 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 Chunya 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 Chunya which is about 20 kilometers away and not easily accessible,” he said.

He said roads leading to Chunya 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 producing 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 own 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 to 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.

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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.
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 this year.

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

Lupane, Friday

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" rally.

The rally will be held at Somhlolo stadium.

Lupane, a usually "sleepy" town in the deep rural 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.

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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 Kambila  

Former Chilalabombwe ZNUT  
Branch chairman.

•**THERE are many medical graduates waiting to be posted.**

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**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 so strangely happened in a situation where only 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.

**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 Lewingtone Mugabe believed in his Under 20 boys sourced within Chililabombwe.

These boys, like Victor Mabanga, 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.

With draws 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 whitewashing Swaziland and national team 4-0 in the 2018 Chan qualifier first leg encounter.

T.K  
Luanshya.

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**Strength of Time**

TIME may have eyes not ears. It may have ears not eyes.

With time, the wind shall blow. In a cob-web, life may be caught, with time, the fruit will rot.

**...POEM.....POEM.....POEM...**

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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 sprints 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 my troubled thoughts could consume me, the caller shouted.

“Lady, may I know you, please?” I interrupted the clearly distressed caller as my own emotions were becoming confused.

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 reinstate the employee. Those who supported what I did argued that 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 someone fired for libel or performance of duty? We're 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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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 studyroom!

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.

“No time I came to the sitting room, it was cloudy with smoke and I almost got choked,” he said. “I thought for sometime what would happen or 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 assert.

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 sirens were 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 happened 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 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…’

•MASHEKE
Who owns the IMF?

In 1985 Zambia experienced a steep decline in its economic fortunes, leading to shortages of many consumer goods and services. As a result, prices for the few available essentials skyrocketed 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. One 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 food. As a result, 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 problem was the Government’s decision to devalue the kwacha, the local currency alleged by the ‘orders’ of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which insisted that Zambia implements in full its Economic Structural Adjustment Programme (ESAP). In essence, it included 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 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 crook. The 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 unworkable.

Smuggling of essentials like mealie-meal - produced by State-owned milling companies like Indeco Milling and cooking oil produced by Refined Oil Products (ROP) both based in Ndola - became so rife that Government stampeded to mount not less than a dozen road blocks along the Ndola-Mulala road, which was frequently used by smugglers to offload pre-borrowed Copperbelt kilns into 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 on the IMF’s grave had come up with a plan, that naturally included the IMF fund ‘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 Foun ding President Dr Kenneth Kaunda’s regime.

So when the country returned to multiparty politics in 1991, it came as no surprise to most keen watchers of the Zambian political stage when Dr Kaunda and UNIP - unassailable since 1964 when they swept to power - were soundly beaten by Fredrick Chiluba and his Movement for Multi-party 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 Mongusho 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, ‘demanded’ allegedly by the IMF and the World Bank as conditionsality induced closure of loss-making industries that had for years survived on the revenues from the mining industry and ‘dying milk cow’ (copper mines) and retribution of thousands of workers some of whom have since died without receiving their terminal benefits.

The move was not without its benefactors too as the paracces to the country’s economic woes turned out to be a massive ‘own-goal’ for Chiluba. The former Zambia Congress Trade Unions (ZCTU) chairman-general, the biblical Moses who freed the Egyptian people from the shackles of One-party 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 experiencing payments difficulties, so that in order to promote international monetary stability it would be advisable that temporarily these currencies should not be included in the Fund. Fund-drawings 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. The Fund’s resources will thus be available not only to the IMF and the World Bank and why African governments and their leaders must learn to work together (as President Edgar Lungu advocated in Mbale in his first-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.’
**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 your 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 edgy 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.

**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.

**KNEE BOOTS:** Close pumps.

**OVER THE KNEE BOOTS:** They are brave enough to match them with leggings, deep brown ankle boots, a netted scarf, faux leather hand bag, and a cream white trench coat.

**MAKEUP:** Wear this look with a bronze eye palate and subtle bronze lip colour.

**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 cream white trench coat.

**WOMEN’S WEAR 2**

- 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.

**WOMEN’S WEAR 3**

- 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.

**MAKEUP:** Wear this look with a bronze eye palate and a pale pink lip colour.

**MEN’S WEAR 1**

- Comfortable and warm, the wintertime.

**MEN’S WEAR 2**

- 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 3**

- 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.

**MAKEUP:** Wear this look with brown leather faux leather boots and a woolen sweater, brown leather boots and a woolen sweater, brown leather boots and a woolen sweater, brown leather boots and a woolen sweater, brown leather boots and a woolen sweater.

**HAIR**

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**MAKEUP:** Wear this look with a white shirt and a brown leather hand bag.

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Have a lovely weekend!

By Mwangala Lubila
Zambia’s film industry has potential to grow - Mulenga

By CHRISTINE MWAABA

Information and Broadcasting Minister Kampamba is saying the film industry in Zambia has potential to grow and effectively contribute to the national economy.

Ms Mulenga said this when she opened a consultation meeting for the establishment of a film and television content production centre at Zambia Information and Communication (ZAMCOM).

Ms Mulenga, who is also Chief Government Spokesperson, said the consultative meeting underway was intended to begin the process of setting up the film industry in Zambia.

Ms Mulenga said she believed Zambia has what it takes to join the league of countries with developed film industries.

The minister said the government was working towards developing the film industry in the country and that it was possible to make it happen.

Ms Mulenga said for many years, the country had a lot of time on having discussions at various levels on the need to develop the film industry guided by a Film Policy which the government has since put into effect.

She said the policy had created a conducive environment for the industry to grow and will facilitate growth in the film industry.

The minister said the government was appreciative of the effort of film makers who are working under difficult conditions.

“Their work is now being done around local and international platforms that are truly important for the film industry,” she said.

Ms Mulenga said she hoped the consultative meeting would find a solution on how to grow the film industry in the country.

President Edgar Lungu is active in her ministry in December 2015 to develop a Film Policy which would provide clear guidelines aimed at developing the film industry.

Ms Mulenga expressed gladness that the Film Policy was finally approved by Cabinet and what was remaining was to consult stakeholders on how to make it operational.

She described the Launch of ZAMCOM as being important if the policy is to yield the desired results of promoting creative arts and job creation for young people in the country.

“Unleash this opportunity to summon the board and management of ZAMCOM for being proactive towards establishing such a facility in line with the Film Policy,” she said.

She called on cooperating partners, the private sector and individuals to support the establishment of the film and television training and content production centre so that it can start operating within the year.

ZAMCOM Director Oliver Katane said the purpose was to ensure that the country was in a position to promote local capacity building in the television production.

He said ZAMCOM had muted to ensure that there is a unification of the use of the media in support of the achievement of national economic, social and political development goals.

Multichoice Zambia founder Fredrick Shava said the launch of the platform which was unprecedented grows the possibility of the company.

He added that there were still opportunities for the establishment of the film and television industry in the country.

The platform was expected to be the first of its kind in the country and would help create a platform for dreams to blossom, he said.

Shava noted that Sahara Group powered Hanatu, which tells a story of how a young corps member named Preye stood up and Hanatu brightens up the girl’s future when she (Hanatu) in a village rediscover her prosthetic leg following a dastardly accident which claimed her father’s life.

From a melancholic girl (Hanatu) in a village to a positive and happy young girl (Hanatu) in a village, he said.

Tiwah releases her first single

By BOBOTHU CHILU

Music Star 2018 contest winner Tiwah’s self-titled LP, which she has released, has received some mixed reviews from music critics and her fans.

The new song, by the African and American songwriter Tiwah, is about overcoming the challenges of life to make a positive impact.

Tiwah, whose music is sweet and uplifting, said Mr Maxwell, Mark Kibble of Take 6, Cedric and Victor Caldwell plus Alliance executive resulted in his signing to the label for his 1996 self-titled LP, with producers Bill Maxwell, Mark Kibble of Take 6, Cedric and Victor Caldwell plus Alliance executive.

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WHILE ethnocentrism is usually defined as the act of having pride in the ethnic group or race that you belong to, it is rarely practiced 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 derive from their necessarily limited experiences, no one is immune to ethnocentric thinking — and usually, people even fail to realize when they make such assumptions.

While refraining from ethnocentrism altogether may be impossible, people can aim to counter the tendency’s negative effects by recognizing 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 or by openly embracing your heritage, and you are somewhat keen on spreading the 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.

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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 immoral activity and find 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 good 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 hand bags.

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 grandfather 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.

“She has insisted that the man was to advise her to stop her old immoral ways and she would make a good wife. She 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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“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 and allow him to tell the truth about her.”
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 stock and a good road infrastructure acted as an incentive to investors.

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

Thus a thriving industrial hub was conceived and born. Alderman Don Mwene, one of the two leaders who acted 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 my fortress 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 the tax laws. You will agree with me that for every business there have to be some provision of a conducive business environment by government. But because the business climate could not be adequately looked into, many industries left.”

Stanold Mischili, 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 the local authority provided so many incentives for in the town, a swarm of industries had to throng the area. The local authority provided in the case of the town, a swarm of industries had to throng the industrial area of Ndola, a situation he described, resulted in massive job opportunities for the locals and other people from other surrounding areas.

Mr. Mischili says, “Because of what we provided, many industries were lured to Ndola. We realised that 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 it has currently spread across the countryside signifying that proper housing and good water supply system, investment cannot be attracted.

Because of what was provided, Ndola has received the massive contribution which industries made to the Ndola City Council such as an increase in the revenue base. Mr. Mischili recounts that the Council had a reorganisation whereby 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 bucolic cities in the Copperbelt, the dilapidated roads like 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 Bank of Zambia did a low cost of borrowing so that roads and other kind of infrastructure could be maintained.”

He, however, sadly noted that slow development 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 better 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 a whole, having been partially initiated mainly because of the all sectors of the economy resulting in the mass exodus of many investors, adding up to employment.

He said besides the above, 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.

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As a result, 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 Chirulo recounts what used to happen at that time.

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Rising suicide cases concern 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 stake holders, 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 Godfridah Sumaili has attributed the apparent increase in the cases of suicide to growing levels of selfishness, ingooldness 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 ill 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 jumped into a lake in India, who resorted to taking his own life by tying himself to a ciling fan using a bed sheet.

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He urged his congregants to refrain from committing suicide and urged them to learn to live within their means.

"We must be prayerful all the time," he said.

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

Bishop Mulenga further urged his members to desist from impressing others as many people were fond of such habits, or getting offended 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 were unable to pay their bank or landlord as per the regulations.

He said people should get what they can afford to pay back in securing a debt without making unnecessary pressures.

The clergyman prompted his flock to refrain from committing suicide in a case of a want for one, saying people should never keep someone’s money or avoid paying back the due dates.

He highlighted social 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 month mostly due to low enforcement of criminal suits and the institutions for accommodation as well as treatment in most of the cases," Mr Tafuna said.

He put the rate of suicide at 167 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 deathswill 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 in the early 20s.

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

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

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PREVALENCE RATES

Prevalence rates for men and women differ, with men having higher rates than women when they are five percent; but women are almost twice as likely to attempt suicide.

Men tend to use more lethal means than women.

Age and sex are the main factors, older men have higher rates of completed suicide (although the increase through the day among men has narrowed this gap); younger people have lower 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 divorced, separated, or divorced; and a diminished risk for those in committed relationships.

SUMMARY

Suicide is strongly related to stressful life events and personal life events and risk factors such as mental illness; lack of adequate social support; lack of access to care; lack of confidentiality; or anonymity.

Suicide rates vary widely by region, reflecting the presence of social and cultural factors that impact on suicidal behaviour.

Reduction of suicidal behaviour is an important part of suicide prevention.

There is need for a more focused and coordinated national strategy to deal with this problem although currently, there is no clear indication on whether the church and service providers such as 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. He highlighted social economic factors; failed relationships and disappointments; dysfunctional homes; infidelity and unfaithfulness; poorly prepared marriages and cheating; and stressful life situations and challenges.

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CHAPTER 398 THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION FOR MONEY LENDERS CERTIFICATE BY: MISOZI MBWE MISOZI MBWE - APPLICANT

NOTICE OF INTENTION FOR A MONEY LENDERS CERTIFICATE

TAKE NOTICE that the applicant intends to apply for a Money Lender’s Certificate under the Money Lenders Act CAP 398 of the Laws of Zambia at a Lusaka before the Honourable Magistrate A.K. MWALI in Chambers on the 4th days of AUGUST 2017 at 08:30 Hours in the forenoon and that business will be carried on under the name and style of MISOZI MBWE.

DATED at Lusaka this 18th day of July, 2017

CLERK OF THE COURT

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REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

THE CITIZENSHIP OF ZAMBIA ACT

(REGULATION 5) NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION

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THE LANDS AND DEEDS REGISTRY ACT

(CHAP 185 OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA)

SECTION 56 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE I INTEND TO ISSUE DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 7815 IN THE NAME OF ANHUI SHUJIAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP CORPORATION (ZAMBIA) LIMITED REGARDING LUS/31264 in extent of 2400 Square Metres situated at Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia.

All persons having objection to the issue of the Duplicate Certificate of Title are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Lands and Deeds within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

William Mwale (Mr)
Principal Registrar

LANDS AND DEEDS

CC Registry of Lands and Deeds
P.O. Box 30069
Lusaka

Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Mutola Nkhani.
May you be showered with God’s blessings today and always.

Love you sweetness.

Tamina - Sara

Auntie Gertul

Happy birthday

Thank you

We would like to extend and express our profound gratitude and sincere appreciation to the following during the funeral and burial of MR FRAZER PHILIP KACKIKOI who passed away on 9th June, 2017 and was put to rest on 13th June, 2017.

Words alone cannot express how grateful we are during this time of grief and hardship.

- The Clergy and all Anglican Church members Northern and Central Dioceses.
- All choirs for the wonderful music.
- All neighbours, friends, relatives and colleagues to numerous to mention.
- May his soul rest in eternal peace. Dearly missed.

Wife Judith, children and grandchildren.

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RBAT - THE African Nations Cup will move from January to June and July after 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 players at the peak of their 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 wording of the 2019 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, 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 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 Issa Diop.

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 Lekjia when asked. - Reuters

HUONTON - ROMELU Lukaku and Marcus Rashford were on target as Manchester United defeated Premier League rivals Manchester City 3-0 in their International Champions Cup pre-season clash at Houston’s NRG Stadium on Thursday.

Belgian striker Lukaku grabbed his second goal in three matches to see his side past the Red Devils 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 huge occasion,” United manager Jose Mourinho said afterwards.

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

Man City manager Guardiola said he had suffered ahead of the loss, preferring to emhase the performance of teenager Phil Foden, a 17-year-old who has emerged from the 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 Aleksander Kolarov was on his way out of the club, with Roma the likely destination.

“I don’t like playing 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 full-back Benjamin Mendy.

Earlier United enjoyed the better of the first half with Henrikh Mkhitaryan on test as 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 young goalkeeper Adam Bogdan, slowly got into their stride, with a deflected Luke Shaw effort tipped over by David De Gea.

City defenders have had a penalty on 31 minutes when youngster Patrick Roberts was tugged by Manchester United’s 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.

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 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 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’s no reason he can’t continue to be in that elite bracket and continue here at Liverpool,” added Lallana. “He’s a massive club. We’re in the Champions League – okay we need to qualify – but if we are going to win competitions, he’s the difference, 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 at the 25-year-old.

“It’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 a friendly on Thursday in their first run-out in Hong Kong, was less keen to discuss 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, I just keep the group together and make sense,”

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

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Result Sports CEO, Mario Leo toldAFP.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 Top10 of our Global Digital Football Benchmark do focus on engagement, sponsorship integration and video initiatives to attract new fans and followers.

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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.”

“He’s in that elite bracket and there’s no reason he can’t continue to be in that elite bracket and continue here at Liverpool,” added Lallana. “He’s a massive club. We’re in the Champions League – okay we need to qualify – but if we are going to win competitions, he’s the difference, 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 at the 25-year-old.

“It’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 a friendly on Thursday in their first run-out in Hong Kong, was less keen to discuss 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, I just keep the group together and make sense,”

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

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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 crosswindsbuffeted 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 mentally charged then so is my swing," Koepka said.

Kuchar moved to fifth under 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 Americans Justin Thomas and Charley Hoffman were among a group of players a stroke further back following rounds of 67. - Reuters

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

Fans wedged into the 2,360 m-long climb roared home Barguil who became the fifth Frenchman to win the iconic climb which had postponed 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 up a healthy lead as Mattia Badell of Italy at the finish line.

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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, it after it seemed as if you could do nothing right, then you can do nothing wrong and everybody gets behind you."

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Froome 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 4x100m 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 would give birth to an Olympic Games where Phelps would be the only competitor in his most recent specialization.

Follow their 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 titles.

Following her Rio exploits, the self-styled ‘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 400m and 800m 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 Sjostrom, 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
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**23 drivers Pembere Rally**

**By ADRIAN MWANZA**

TWENTYTHREE drivers will take to the road as they compete in the 2017 Pembere Rally which revs-off with an opening ceremony today at the Lusaka’s Showground

The rally will then take the action to Chisamba’s Fringilla where the drivers will compete in the 203km terrain which has been divided into four stages. The road will roll in two legs.

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**Kncana in hot soup over media attacks**

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The team has been struggling to get to a winning formula...
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 in a time of 47.75 seconds, it 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 Louisa Sheldon was third with a time of 49.58 seconds.

Botswana’s O Leisite Bernard was fourth with a time of 49.26 seconds and Omari Hill of the British Virgin Islands completed the top four 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 gate, Suwilanj Ji Mpmdelagoa, stormed the semi-finals in the 100m flat after she clocked 12.30 seconds in Heat Two which was so 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 Kalambo.

“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 back stroke) 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 hosts, 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.

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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 Chimpepele as some players try on the new strip. Picture by RONALD CHAWE**

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The top four teams in the National Rugby League (NRL) seem to have easy fixtures this weekend with the mal battle coming in Kabwe where fifth and sixth placed Green Eagles and Lusaka go to war.

Kansanshi vs KPF

Fresh from thumping Eagles 26-16 to open-10 point lead, leaders Kitwe Playing Fields (KPF) travel to Slowele to play second from bottom Kansanshi, who are yet to win in 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 Kanyembe expected to lead their charge and supported by Charles Tembo and Benaya Mukwamba.

Buffaloes vs Mufulira-A

Second placed Buffaloes with 36points will be aiming to maintain their position when they host unpredictable Mufulira-A, who are in seventh place with 22points.

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 Kaushik, Chola Chiluya, Richard Kapoma, Raphael Mulenga and Carlos Kanyembe for inspiration.

A loss for Buffaloes will give room to third in fourth placed Arrows and Diggers to overtake them knowing they have winnable matches against troubled Roan and struggling Ndola Wanderers respectively.

Eagles vs 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.

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**70 golfers battle in UCZ fundraiser**

By NDINAWE 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 Labesha and former Local Government minister Emmanuel Chenda who 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 bedding and other things for the needy, the money raised from this tournament will go towards the same cause. We are targeting to raise at least K80,000,” Katebe said.

He said the entry fee for a team of four players has been pegged at K10,000 adding that the organisers were expecting at least 80 participants.

Katebe further said the door was still open for sponsors and players who wished to compete to join today.

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**AIBA initiative laudable**

Certainly, if there’s nothing much happening to amateur boxing in Africa and Zambia in particular, the scenario is headed for change sooner than later.

It isn’t often that we hear organisations close to the sport nurturing with something out 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 the release of more than 750,000 euros across 12 regional Hubs through initiatives including the HeadsUp Truck, AIBA’s new Gloves-up gateway into boxing and 4,855 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 Development Centre as well as on 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.

YoA 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 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.

Representatives and federations from Zambia looked forward to gaining a lot from this all-embracing and commendable initiative.

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Under-23 Africa Cup of Nations.

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The Confederation of African Football (CAF) confirmed the withdrawal at its symposium that was held in Rabat, Morocco this week.

FAZ General Secretary Ponga Livewo, 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,” Livewo said.

CAF at its symposium resolved to increase the number of participating teams from 16 to 24 allowing 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 hosted in Cameroon.

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.

Earlier this year, Zambia successfully hosted the under-20 tournament which received praise from then CAF president Issa Hayatou who went onto hint that the country was ready to host the senior tournament.

Meanwhile FAZ has said it will seek guidance from the Government if the country can host the senior tournament.

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