



Give us space to work, deliver to people of Zambia - Kasanda

By Kholiwe Miti

GIVE us the space to work, deliver to the people of Zambia, appeals former information minister Chushi Kasanda. The Chisamba UPND member of parliament

called out those MPs who are condemning the proposed 2024 budget.

"Give us a space to deliver to the people of Zambia. Give us the space to deliver to the people of Chisamba because that is what they're expecting of

us," she said.

Debating the proposed 2024 budget on Wednesday, Kasanda said it was disappointing to hear some members of parliament oppose the budget in the House and "they speak differently in the corridors".

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...has proved a thousand times that he is an excellent 'useful idiot' - Banda

AZWELL Banda has charged that mines minister Paul Kabuswe is a useful idiot for President Hakainde Hichilema and multinationals in the mining sector.

Banda, a Marxist-Leninist and trade unionist, notes that Kabuswe has proved to be extremely weak in the way he has conducted himself over the mines.

"The UPND and Hakainde Hichilema were voted into government having presented themselves as economic geniuses, competent government managers and champions of good governance, democracy and defenders of our constitution and the rule of

law. Through their, let us just say thoroughly untrustworthy 'Great Leader' Hakainde Hichilema, the UPND told us they had solutions to our economic and social problems. Hakainde Hichilema was going to 'fix' our problems and reduce the cost of living and doing business, create employment, especially youth employment, and fix our social services including education and health. At the heart of our many now deadly economic, social and cultural crises, is the mess in our mining sector. Hakainde Hichilema proudly announced he not only had solutions to the painful and costly mess in our mining sector, but many foreign investors

were waiting for him to become our President for them to invest in our mining sector. Mining still connects us to the world, as it remains our largest foreign exchange earner. Our mineral wealth, to be extracted, still depends on foreign money, just as it was during the days of our formal colonialism. This perpetuates the unequal division of labour and wealth accumulation between Zambians and foreigners just as it was during our colonial days," writes Banda. "Upon forming government, Hakainde Hichilema appointed Paul Kabuswe as his Minister of Mines and Mineral Development. In the past two years, Paul Kabuswe has proved

a thousand times that he is an excellent 'useful idiot' for Hakainde Hichilema and his friends in government. Kabuswe is extremely weak, a liar, extremely inconsistent and has not demonstrated that he is politically in charge of our mining sector, any of it. If he was none of these things, Vedanta would not be resuming mining in Zambia, Glencore would be nowhere near any of our mines, two years down the line, we would not have the chaos reigning supreme in our entire mining sector. So, why is Paul Kabuswe still minister of mines? Clearly, he is a very good political front for Hakainde Hichilema and foreign money for

concealing from the public everything important happening in the mining sector under the UPND government. Only this explains, logically, why Hakainde works very well with, and needs, Kabuswe. One day, and perhaps very soon too, Zambians will come to learn everything, every detail in every deal, verbal or written, the UPND government has entered into with foreign money and who has benefited from these deals. Then Paul Kabuswe will experience what political 'fronts' and 'useful idiots' endure, once their masters are deposed, and they are exposed."

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PF having a taste of its own medicine, says Nevers

By Thomas Ngala

WE believe that the former ruling party, PF, is having but a taste of its own medicine, says MMD leader Nevers Mumba.

Mumba said he was shocked at the hypocrisy and arrogance in those that seemed to think it was okay for them to orchestrate the injustices currently happening to PF on others.

He noted, in a Facebook post, that the same people want to cry the loudest when at the receiving end.

"The Movement for Multiparty Democracy does not celebrate the unfortunate state of confusion that seems to be upon the former ruling Patriotic Front party," Mumba said.

"A few years ago and for a long time, it was the Patriotic Front themselves that launched a protracted, immoral and heavily sponsored assault on the MMD and this was all done to us without a single word of remonstrance from the very people that are today complaining and urging us on to speak in their defence."

Quoting Ecclesiastis 1:9, Mumba said "that which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun."

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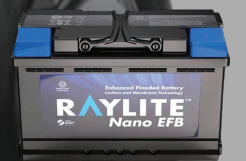


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Is it time to write the obituary for PF - Ng'uni

By Bright Tembo

NEWTON Ng'uni wonders whether this is the "sad time to write the obituary for PF".

In a Facebook post, Ng'uni, a former deputy finance minister in the MMD government, laments recent events in the former ruling party which could weaken it further.

On Sunday, PF vice-president Given Lubinda suspended national chairman Davies Chama and three members of parliament Davison Mung'andu, Miles Sampa, and Robert Chabinga for Chama South, Matero, and Mafinga constituencies respectively.

On Tuesday, Sampa held a mock general conference where he was elected PF president.

But PF secretary general Raphael Nakacinda obtained a court injunction against Sampa's group, using lawyers from Makebi Zulu Legal Practitioners.

Since then there have been twists and turns in the whole matter.

But Ng'uni views Sampa as a complicated person.

"I must admit Hon Miles Bwalya Sampa is simply a complicated person. Those of us who held the view that PF was MCS (Michael Chilufya Sata) and MCS was PF are being proved right in an unwanted way - the possible destruction of PF. The failure to hold together or have the tenacity to follow through the rigors imposed by constitutional procedures and provisions is sad

for PF," he wrote. "Of course the cause of all this is commonplace knowledge - the scheming to bring ECL back in the fray, spurred on by two factors: (i) the perceived unexpected underperformance by the new dawn government, and (ii) the frenzy to avoid being held accountable for things done wrongly by some senior PF leaders in the previous administration. Is it the sad time to write the obituary for PF, a party that rose from nothing in 2001 to form government 10 years later?"

Ng'uni probed into the Sampa organised general conference procedure, wondering if it adhered to the PF constitution.

"There are many things I do not understand in life. Hon Miles Sampa's thinking and conduct on most issues affecting the PF is one of them! (1) Who called the General Conference? Even if Lubinda and they are illegally in office, there must be a way in the PF constitution which specifies who can call a Conference under any circumstances," said Ng'uni. "(2) Who chaired the Conference before elections were held, since Hon. Chama, the hitherto National Chairman, doesn't seem to have been there. Or was he? (3) Where were the other presidential candidates? Why were they not informed? (4) Which rules were followed to conduct the one day conference and who drafted and approved them?"

We should never forget that everything in creation is connected, says Kabilika

By Rhoda Nthara

LAUDATO si Animator in Zambia Eugene Kabilika has commended government for reactivating and injecting a sense of vigour in replacing trees that have been lost through increased human activities.

He says "we should never forget that everything in creation is connected".

Kabilika said fighting for environmental justice is a noble task of awakening all God's people to the realisation that they have moved away from "this deep relationship they had with nature which our ancestors enjoyed".

"And now and every day we are fighting and trying very hard to conquer nature..." he lamented.

Kabilika strongly advised that Zambia adopts even with more urgency the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) method as one of the most important and effective way of recovering Zambia's lost trees and forests.

"I would like to commend government for reactivating and injecting a sense of vigour in replacing trees that have been lost through increased human activities such as charcoal manufacturing, timber processing, large-scale mining and agriculture," he said. "This is being done through the National Tree Planting initiative. However, let me strongly advise that Zambia adopts,

even with more urgency the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) method as one of the most important and effective way of recovering Zambia's lost trees and forests. The value of using this strategy is that Zambian indigenous trees will be saved from extinction as the National Tree Planting initiative is by and large promoting the planting of alien species in this region such as pines, palm trees and other non-indigenous species".

Kabilika said the FMNR strategy is cheap and can save government a lot of money as it depends on the already existing trees that are suited to each area in Zambia.

"We should remember that, according to the bible, God created the world and everything on it and when he finished it was very good. In doing so God created different geographical areas each containing its own unique characteristics and a biodiversity that suits it and yet all these regions are linked to form one whole global system that influence favourable climatic conditions for all forms of life to thrive on earth - Zambia sits in the Savana region," he said. "Failure to respect this relationship and connectedness that exist between all creation leads to the malfunctioning of the environment and the emergency of climate change and its

adverse effect of increased high global temperatures, flash floods, draught, forest fires, strange diseases and simply the beginning of the collapsing of the global systems that support life. Let us work with nature, and in a sustainable manner nature will give us all that we need, nutritious food, medicine, materials for improved technology and indeed the peace which we desire. We should never forget that everything in creation is connected; and so I call upon government to adopt a National Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) Strategy without delay. Then we shall have our trees back."

'They tortured me first before dumping me here' - Tembo

By Thomas Ngala

SEAN Tembo told me "tell the press that they tortured me first before dumping me here," Patriots for Economic Progress (PeP) chairperson for mobilisation Ariel Phiri reveals.

Tembo was on Wednesday arrested in connection with the offence of hate speech.

Briefing Socialist Party (SP) leader Fred M'membe who went to visit Tembo at Chilenje Police Station, Phiri said the conduct of the police left Sean's children traumatised.

"They (children) were there with him. They (police) broke the

windows; they broke all the doors. Liberty House has three doors before you can get to where you can access the other rooms. They broke the first door. He was talking to them, he was telling them why are you doing this? I have children here, give me five minutes the lawyers are coming," Phiri narrated. "They refused all of us officials, they said nobody should come. They put battalions by the gate saying... just stand there with guns, no one should move in. Me and the SG we couldn't even move in. We didn't know what was going on in there."

He disclosed that he and other party officials didn't know where Tembo was taken to after the arrest.

"When they took him, we didn't know where they took him to. From 10:00 [hours] we were looking until we found him here. When I was talking to you, he is even limping when walking. He just whispered and said 'they tortured me first. Make this clear, tell the press that they tortured me first before dumping me here'," said Phiri. "I have a mattress in the vehicle. I went to buy a mattress, they have denied. The officer in charge says 'I need to get instructions. I am consulting I will get back to you'. Whilst I am waiting here the officer in charge is nowhere to be seen. I am told the officer in charge has knocked off. So he can't sleep...he will sleep on the floor. I have the mattress in the vehicle. I have bought the mattress, the person is not well. Here is the mattress, let him sleep comfortably, they have

refused."

Meanwhile, Dr M'membe said the police service is not there to punish those who have offended the state.

He explained that the role of the police is to apprehend law-breakers, take them to court and prosecute them.

"It is the court that mete out the punishment. The police is being used to punish people. What is the use of the court if the police has already brutalised you, police has already punished you? Why take you to court? What is the role of the court if the police is a law on itself? It is worrying," he said. "This is not the way to govern. This is not a recipe for governing well. This is an abuse of the state institutions. This is an abuse of the police. It doesn't matter what crime Mr Tembo has committed, subject him to fair treatment."

He implored the police to take Tembo to court.

"Get him to the courts. Let the courts determine his case and mete out the right punishment. Torture is prohibited in this country and what has happened is torture. He has been tortured and those who have tortured him are going to go scot-free in this country because they are above the law," noted Dr M'membe.

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"I must say I have been following the debates. The debates on your right and the debates on your left and Mr [second deputy] speaker [Moses Moyo] I must say that most of the debates have been very disappointing. Some of them shocking and others misleading with full of insinuations. Mr Speaker, I heard one of the people on your left saying that this budget is useless and empty. I must say that it is very disheartening when we hear our colleagues say that here on the floor of the House and yet they speak differently in the corridors," she said. "In the corridors they are actually appreciating this budget because what brings any member of parliament back into this House is what you take to your constituencies. And clearly this budget speaks to what we are going to take back to our constituencies."

Kasanda said K1.6 million in Constituency Development Fund in the PF government was a drop in the ocean "as we hardly did anything in the constituencies".

"Mr Speaker, I must state that this is the second time that I'm coming back to this august House. CDF was at K1.6 million and that was a drop in the ocean in the constituency. We hardly did anything progressive in the constituencies but I heard some people there saying that K1.6 [million] did a lot of things in their constituencies. I was wondering if they ever entered their constituencies or they're only going at the time of voting," she said. "But Mr Speaker, I must say that the UPND government has changed the narrative today. This budget is speaking to CDF worth K30.6 million which is a game changer. I have seen a number of my colleagues here buying graders. We have seen a number of our colleagues here building schools, building clinics. It was embarrassing in the

past seeing women who are most respected delivering in the roads but today CDF is a game changer."

Kasanda said at the time the new dawn government's 10 years in office will be over that they will see a big difference.

"And one thing we want to assure our colleagues is that they will see the difference by the time our 10 years is over. They will see the difference between themselves and ourselves. And one thing they need to realise is that they were given their chance to rule, they were given a chance to be in offices. And the chance that we have been given as the new dawn government give us the space to work. Give us a space to deliver to the people of Zambia. Give us the space to deliver to the people of Chisamba because that is what they're expecting of us," Kasanda said. "And one thing, Mr Speaker, they need to realise is that they keep on talking about UPND borrowing. Didn't they borrow themselves? And what they need to realise is that they left a huge mountain of debt and that is the debt that we are here to dismantle. And they need to know that the external debt is under control following the debt restructuring agreement."

She said with the increased CDF more is being done in constituencies.

"I have dealt with CDF for a very long time. I was once a councillor, then member of parliament and I'm still a member of parliament. And I know the importance of CDF in a constituency because CDF brings development closer to the people. As we take development closer to the people, the people today are appreciating what the new dawn government is doing," Kasanda said. "Mr. Speaker, when we look at the social sector we have provided free education and education as we know is an equaliser. Today we have, over 2.3 million

students that have gone back to school and those are true figures. Numbers don't lie. And that is exactly what the new dawn government stands for and stood for when they were in opposition. And this is why we are saying this budget is speaking exactly to our promises as a new dawn government. When you look at the PTA contributions, those are things of the past. They don't exist anymore."

She said schools are now getting grants.

"And if these grants are being used, these monies are being used prudently, we have seen the results of these grants. I can give an example of one of the schools in my constituency where they've been able to put up a borehole. So that shows that there are some schools that are using this money prudently and the results are there to show," Kasanda said.

"We have recruited more public workers. I know we've heard a number of people saying that it is the responsibility of government. We do not dispute that. That is the responsibility of

government. But just the numbers that we were talking about, the numbers that we have recruited as a new dawn government compared to the numbers that were being recruited in the past are totally different. And this time you do not need to know anybody for you to get a job. You do not need to bribe anybody for you to get a job. All you need to do is have the right credentials and you will get that job. So this is what we are talking about Mr Speaker, that this budget is a budget that every well-meaning member of parliament should support."

She said what the UPND has done in two years, "these are achievements would have been done in five years".

"But because we are a focused government, we heard in the past that there was a listening government but I can assure you that this is a listening government. This is a government that has come to work for the people. This is a government that has come to deliver to the people. And this is a government that will deliver to the people," said Kasanda.

Puma Zambia acquires OGAZ

By Margaret Malenga

PUMA Energy Zambia has acquired a Zambian based Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) supplier, OGAZ.

Puma energy general manager Patricio Chababo said the transaction aligns with Puma Energy's purpose of energising communities.

The transaction would see Puma Energy acquire two 50-metric tonne storage tanks and a cylinder filling facility in Lusaka's industrial area as well as over 37,000 LPG cylinders. OGAZ currently supplies around 18 per cent of the LPG market in Zambia.

He said in a statement yesterday that LPG is a safe, convenient and cost-effective way for households to access cleaner cooking.

"The use of LPG in place of traditional fuels protects the community's health and is a more environmentally friendly and lower carbon alternative than many of the alternative sources of fuel," Chababo said. "Our innovative PumaGas app will create a step change for customer convenience as customers are offered the option to purchase supplies at the touch of a button without even needing to leave their homes."

He said apart from being used for home cooking and heating, LPG can serve as a vital energy source for various other commercial and industrial applications, including in hotels, restaurants, hospitals, schools, and shopping malls.

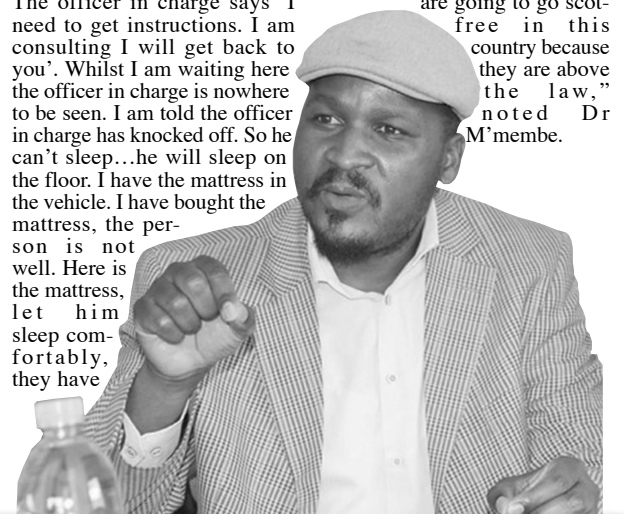
According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), LPG plays a vital role in the energy mix in sub-Saharan Africa, where an estimated 970 million people lack access to

clean cooking fuels and technologies.

IEA notes that many households rely on solid fuels such as wood and charcoal or kerosene, leading to environmental and health hazards.

It highlights that household air pollution, predominantly from cooking smoke, is linked to 2.5 million premature deaths globally, while the use of wood also contributes to deforestation.

And Puma Energy said it would maintain OGAZ's current range of three kilogrammes, five kilogrammes, six kilogrammes, nine kilogrammes, 14kg, 19kg and 45kg cylinders and will start to inject new nine kilogrammes, 19kg and 45kg cylinders into the market from 2024 and that OGAZ's distinctive blue cylinders will be retained, but be progressively rebadged as Puma Energy.



Twisting scriptures for selfish reasons; the case of one prophet Sunday Sinyangwe

It's quite disheartening the clergy, particularly those from the ranks of the protestant movement, continue to use the scriptures for selfish reasons.

One such character that stands out from the rest of the pack like a sore middle finger is one Sunday Sinyangwe, owner of one of the mega Church businesses in Lusaka. During the just ended National Day of prayer, fasting, repentance and reconciliation; Sinyangwe invited former president Edgar Lungu who somehow found himself in his Church in Kanyama shanty compound to step forward.

"On behalf of the

youth," begun Sinyangwe as Lungu paraded himself before the vibrant congregation. "I am asking you to release us from what ever happened that day in the stadium."

He was of course referring to the booing Lungu suffered at the hands of the youth when he went to Heroes stadium to handover the "instruments of power" to the newly elected President, Hakainde Hichilema.

"We need the mercies of God for all the abuse...all the things that have been thrown at you...," continued the excited papa. "My humble request is for you to declare a release that it may be well with us; our blessings and

prosperity are tied to you!"

Now wait a minute... what exactly is the meaning of this? I don't need a Bible scholar or indeed a prophet (I actually have a challenge recognising such

grandiose titles as the real prophets only existed in Biblical times) to help me fathom the blessings and prosperity of our nation can be tied to an individual... worse still, someone that only came to know Christ when he stepped inside the gates of State House for obvious reasons. What can deny a nation blessings or deter her from prosperity as the case may be with us isn't a single human being but rather the relentless political

violence, unbridled corruption and absolute plunder of national resources as we witnessed during the tenure of the man Sinyangwe shamelessly asked to pray for our beloved nation.

It's actually embarrassing that these so-called men of God, or gold if you like, can arrogantly or ignorantly continue to use the pulpit to make outlandish declarations and peddle lies with a straight face as their gullible followers cheer on and ululate. The papa is never shy of courting controversy. A few months before the elections, Sinyangwe who appeared to be seething with uncontrollable rage could be

seen in a video that went viral on the internet discrediting and disparaging Hichilema and his political party UPND from the comfort of his pulpit as his audience applauded and chanted amen!

"Mr. HH and your leaders, I beg with you by the mercies of the Lord," he pokes a warning finger into the camera. "Go before God and ask for mercy for what you did on Friday."

The nation would remember that around that same period, there was a crucial council chairman by-election taking place in Kaoma, Western Province which was marred by violence from PF cadres



By Prince B M Kaping'a

after sensing embarrassing defeat at the hands of a resurgent UPND. A UPND cadre was caught up in fracas and shot in cold blood. Instead of waiting for the police to conclude their investigations, the papa attempted to twist things in favour of the former ruling party, PF. Isn't it a serious indictment on his part that some PF members ended up being arrested and for murder at the end of the day?

In the same video, Sinyangwe is seen bragging that he's now taking to the pulpit to make a decree.

"If you don't reverse what you did on Friday," he continues daring Hichilema. "You'll never enter State House. Your party will be rejected. You'll never sit on the throne!"

If outcome of the August 2021 general elections is anything to go by, then clearly, whatever Sinyangwe preached on that day wasn't of God but his own fickle imagination as the will of God finally prevailed amidst attempts to rig the elections. Last time we checked, Hichilema was sitting on the throne: providing much needed free education to our people; taking development direct to the masses through increased CDF; stamping out cadrerism in the stations and markets; uprooting political violence synonymous with PF and most importantly, reuniting the nation by appointing a cabinet that has a national character.

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Denny Nyoni faces court action over illegal sale of plots on Baobab Land

Lusaka resident Denny Nyoni is facing court action to stop him from selling plots on Baobab land in Makeni, which he has been doing despite three court judgments that have previously dismissed his family's claims of ownership of part of that land.

According to documents filed in the Lusaka High Court on October 19, 2023, Nyoni has been selling plots to unsuspecting members of the public, purporting to be administrator of his brother Thomas Turgas Nyoni, whom he reported as having died in 2014, but has since been found alive.

A statement of claim filed together with a writ of summons served on Nyoni, prepared by Messrs Haimbe Legal Practitioners, says their client, the owner of Baobab land (Farm 4300, Makeni, Lusaka), Jonathan Van Blerk, wants a court declaration that Nyoni is not entitled to sell plots on this land.

Van Blerk is also seeking a declaration that the letters of administration purportedly issued to Nyoni are null and void because they were obtained irregularly and by misrepresentation and fraud.

He is further seeking a declaration that all acts carried out by Nyoni, as administrator of the estate of Thomas Turgas Nyoni, including the demarcation and sale of plots on Baobab land are also null and void.

Van Blerk is also seeking an order to set aside the said appointment of Nyoni as administrator of the estate of Thomas Turgas Nyoni, and setting aside any and all actions taken by him in his purported capacity as administrator, including the alienation and disposal of any part of Farm 4300, Lusaka; and an order for injunction, so that the status quo remains until disposal of the main matter in which he is challenging the compulsory acquisition of part of his farm on grounds of fraudulent misrepresentation.

"The defendant (Denny Nyoni) continues to sell portions of the subject land under the guise that he is the Administrator to the Estate of Thomas Turgas Nyoni who purportedly passed away on 5th of February, 2014, pursuant

to which the former obtained letters of Administration on the 30th December, 2016," the summons read in part.

"The Plaintiff avers that the said Thomas Turgas Nyoni whose Estate the Defendant (Denny Nyoni) is allegedly Administrator of, is a live and in good health."

Thomas Turgas Nyoni has also sworn an affidavit in support of ex-parte summons for interim injunction, in which he states that it has come to his attention that Denny Nyoni, has been purportedly subdividing and selling portions of the property in question to unsuspecting members of the public, ostensibly as the administrator to his estate.

"...I have had sight of the Defendant's Letters of Administration which the Defendant ostensibly obtained as my Administrator, which documents he has been using to dupe innocent members of the public.... That according to the Letters of Administration, I allegedly passed on interstate on the 5th of February, 2014," Thomas Turgas Nyoni has deposed.

Thomas deposed further that he believed that any transactions entered into by his brother Denny, as administrator were null and void because he (Thomas) is still alive, and the letters of administration used can reasonably be inferred to have been irregularly or illegally obtained.

"...the Defendant herein has never been my Administrator; I therefore disavow any and all actions taken by the latter in such capacity."

Because of the foregoing, Denny's actions taken purportedly as administrator of the estate of Thomas are null and void as the letters of administration were irregularly and illegally obtained, hence any demarcations and sales of plots on Farm 4300 (Baobab land) carried out by him were fraudulent.

Regarding earlier court cases, the statement discloses that the first one was on or about January 6, 1983, the Van Blerk family took action against Thomas, on Cause number 1982/HP/669, in his capacity as administrator of the estate of Violet Nyoni, his mother.

Van Blerk was seeking possession of a portion of Baobab land from the Nyoni family.

"By a Judgment in open Court on 7th April, 1987 by Justice Matthew Chaila, as he then was, the Court found that Violet Nyoni, the mother of Thomas Turgas Nyoni, was not entitled to the pieces of land in question, being part of Farm 4300, Lusaka, which piece of land is the subject of this suit. It was further the Court's holding that the portion of land occupied by Thomas Turgas Nyoni, the Defendant's brother, belonged to the Plaintiff's father," the statement said further.

In the second case, Denny, in or about April 12, 2022, made an application to be joined to Cause number 2017/HP/2193, which was a suit taken out by Van Blerk against the Attorney General, Lusaka City Council and others, relating to the compulsory acquisition of part of his land.

Denny started a third action under Cause Number 2023/HP/0126 in January, 2023, seeking an order of delivery of the portion of land measuring 300 acres held under certificate of title number 195993.

After Van Blerk raised a preliminary issue on point of law, on grounds that issues under Cause number 2023/HP/0126 had already been heard and determined under Cause number 2019/HP/0551, High Court judge Ruth Chibbabbuka dismissed Cause number 2023/HP/0126.

Currently, there is an appeal pending hearing and determination in the Court of Appeal, lodged on September 1, 2023, against a judgment delivered by justice Sharon Nawa, with regard to the issues raised regarding the process of compulsory acquisition of part of Baobab land.

"Despite the above mentioned, it has come to the attention of the Plaintiff (Van Blerk) that the Defendant herein (Denny Nyoni) has alienated portions of the subject piece of land and sold them to unsuspecting members of the public," read the claim.

Van Blerk contends that Nyoni has trespassed on his property, resulting in loss of use of land and potential profit.

Mines minister Paul Kabuswe: Hakainde Hichilema's most "useful idiot"!

It is the fate of the majority of the colonial natives to be consigned to the periphery of both the colonial and post-colonial economy.

This should not be too difficult to understand: the colonial division of labour and accumulation of wealth, systematically and structurally, places the native in an inferior position to the coloniser. In fact, what saves the colonial native from the original intent of colonialism to exterminate the native is the need by the coloniser of cheap labour for the coloniser's farms, mines, factories and homes. It is only as a domestic worker, security guard, factory hand, farm and mine labourer that the coloniser has value for the colonial native.

In the colonial government, the native is only good and useful as an office and toilet cleaner, office orderly, and messenger. All superior jobs requiring even the most basic post primary education and skills are reserved for the white coloniser. This consciously designed division of labour, at a time when massive wealth is extracted from the lands and natural resources of the native is essential to sustain the massive flow of wealth to

the coloniser's country, thereby cementing the global division of labour, wealth and power, with the coloniser in a dominant position and the native in an inferior one.

The colonial Christian missionary ploughs and cultivates the mind of the native and ruthlessly cleans it of all native religions, which hence forth are relegated to the rank of "primitive superstitions" and "pagan" practices, while simultaneously planting the colonisers superstitions and pagan practices ("superstitions" and "pagan" precisely because being strange to the native, and having no relevance whatsoever in the lives of the natives, and clearly in a minority, the coloniser's religion and practices are alien, pagan and superstitions to the natives, who have their own world view and religions!). Divested of their gods and goddesses, the natives are denuded of any sense of belonging to the world, and rendered spiritually impotent in preparation for their eventual economic and political conquest, by the coloniser.

Systematically, while amassing great fortunes from their natural wealth and

overabundant cheap manual labour, the coloniser consciously miseducates the natives to fit into the colonial division of labour and wealth accumulation, locally and globally, as inferior human beings. This is easily achieved by in fact investing as little as possible, in the education of the native, by the colonial government. The missionary school may be allowed to offer some advanced, but still inferior education, to the native. Thus, a life of spiritual inferiority and dependence, economic and political dispossession, oppression, domination and super exploitation of the native is guaranteed, as the massive natural wealth and cheap labour of the natives powers the growth and development of the colonisers' country, cities, towns, villages and advanced industries.

The natives, in a very short space of time during colonialism, lose all that which thousands of years of independent economic, social, cultural and political existence had accumulated and developed in them, including their spirituality, languages, culture, wisdom and knowledge. They become a carbon or

photocopy, of their colonial masters. And like all carbon or photocopies, they can never be the original copy! Henceforth, only a revolution can recover the humanity of the colonial native. Nothing said above is rocket science: it is simple history of colonialism and how colonialism manufactures a dependent, inferior and impoverished native fit only to serve the colonial master. In our case, this is how White Supremacy was inculcated in us, and African inferiority burnt into our collective psyche.

Of course, from the first contact with the coloniser, the native resists land, body and soul dispossession, oppression, domination and exploitation. But the odds are badly stacked against the native. The Bible, gun and manufactured goods of the coloniser do the trick for the coloniser: the native is defeated, sometimes with the able and very willing help of the natives' kings and queens.

And then came the struggle for our "independence". The natives lucky to have acquired some religious and colonial education from missionaries are quick to notice the discrepancy between what is contained in the Bible and how the coloniser treats the native.

Having paved the way for colonisation, the missionary school, college and university suddenly also becomes the nursery school for the birth of natives' freedom and independence fighters! This confirms the wisdom of the colonial government in depriving the colonial native of investments in native education: any "education", to merit being anything resembling "education" must have some emancipatory content and import, no matter how little and mediocre this could be!

Deprived of a large educated urban colonial native population, we must celebrate our freedom fighters whose vision of our "independence" was ruthlessly and deviously limited to the economic, political, state and government forms of the coloniser. What else could they vision and create outside the little world the coloniser and the missionary allowed them to know? More importantly, it is now patently clear that our freedom fighters were no match to the scheming and plans hatched in London to perpetuate our colonial dependence, now through our "independence", thus sustaining the colonial division of labour and wealth, and the superiority and inferiority relationship of the coloniser and the colonised. Our colonisers actually wrote for us our "independence constitution", complete with its liberal filth.

By August 2021, we had tried liberal democracy, a one-party state, and then reverted back to liberal democracy, now renamed "neo-liberalism", and still the majority of the people of Zambia were suffering from, astonishingly, exquisite hunger. Zambia had now joined the ranks of four of the hungriest countries on earth. Poverty, also fuelled by mass unemployment inherited from our colonial days, still affected the majority of Zambians. Millions of Zambia's children from poor urban and rural families could not be in school as the neoliberal prescriptions to remove government funding to education threw them back into the colonial days, when the native child was not judged worthy of education.

The UPND and Hakainde Hichilema were voted into government having presented themselves as economic geniuses, competent government managers and champions of "good governance", democracy and defenders of our constitution and "the rule of law". Through their, let us just say thoroughly untrustworthy "Great Leader", Hakainde Hichilema, the UPND told us they had solutions to our economic and social problems. Hakainde Hichilema was going to "fix" our problems and reduce the cost of living and doing business, create employment, especially youth employment, and fix our social services including education and health.

At the heart of our many now deadly economic, social and cultural crises, is the mess in our mining sector. Hakainde Hichilema proudly announced he not only had solutions to the painful and costly mess in our mining sector, but many foreign investors were waiting for him to become our President, for them to invest in our mining sector. Mining still connects us to the world, as it remains our largest foreign exchange earner. Our mineral wealth, to be extracted, still depends on foreign money, just as it was during the days of our formal colonialism. This perpetuates the unequal division of labour and wealth accumulation, between Zambians and foreigners, just as it was during our colonial days.

Hakainde Hichilema, by his



Pure Politics
By Azwell Banda

own admission, was in the opposition for 15 years, enough time for him to acquire a minimum of 4 PhDs in any field. Zambians expected high quality government decisions, efficient management in the national interest, and reversal of the painful, costly and disastrous chaos in our entire mining sector, not just copper mining.

After 59 years of independence, Zambia now has more than enough national capacity and experience to own, manage and add value to our mines, of all minerals. We now understand that our hunger and multifaceted poverty before and after independence has been because we have not fully owned, properly managed and developed value adding industries, for all our minerals. We understand colonialism was exactly about denying us all this. We expected the UPND to reverse this fundamental cause of our national hunger and poverty, in our favour. It has not happened, and, we are about to be robbed during a period of global energy revolutions involving our minerals.

Upon forming government, Hakainde Hichilema appointed Paul Kabuswe as his Minister of Mines and "Minerals Development". In the past two years, Paul Kabuswe has proved a thousand times that he is an excellent "useful idiot" for Hakainde Hichilema and his friends, in government. Kabuswe is extremely weak, a liar, extremely inconsistent and has not demonstrated that he is politically in charge of our mining sector, any of it. If he was none of these things, Vedanta would not be resuming mining in Zambia, Glencore would be nowhere near any of our mines, two years down the line, we would not have the chaos reigning supreme in our entire mining sector.

So, why is Paul Kabuswe still Minister of Mines? Clearly, he is a very good political front for Hakainde Hichilema and foreign money, for concealing from the public everything important happening in the mining sector, under the UPND government. Only this explains, logically, why Hakainde works very well with, and needs Kabuswe. One day, and perhaps very soon too, Zambians will come to learn everything, every detail in every deal, verbal or written, the UPND government has entered into, with foreign money, and who has benefited from these deals. Then Paul Kabuswe will experience what political "fronts" and "useful idiots" endure, once their masters are deposed, and they are exposed.

Two years of the UPND government, it is abundantly clear that Zambia is going nowhere but deeper under, with Hakainde Hichilema and his Zambian friends and foreign associates. Zambia awaits its genuine liberators, and true, complete independence.

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The Russia-Ukraine war and now the Israel-Hamas conflict has revealed a chilling fact about how far and low Zambia's foreign policy has sunk. While our leaders can speak and defend their policy position with eloquence, theirs is a serious variance with the strategic position that Zambia has been known for. Foreign policy is not one you tinker with willy-nilly. You don't shift your foreign policy so that you become buddies with some strong foreign power!

On the eve of the 59th Independence anniversary, Bishop Trevor Mwamba, the president of UNIP, said "...wisdom we glean from the first independence is our identity and sovereignty in a global world. The guiding policy the visionary leadership of the UNIP government formulated was that of non-alignment. It advocated the right of a nation to make informed choices on the basis of each issue merits regardless of the interests of the global powers. Zambia assumed political independence in foreign policy that has to be guarded jealously. One example shall suffice in the light of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Zambian government developed and initiated a foreign policy which addressed Middle East issues, such as the right of Israel to live within secure and recognised boundaries and the right of the Palestinian people to live in a free and independent state. In the present conflict and being consistent with our past policy Zambia condemns all violence and unnecessary loss of hundreds of innocent civilian lives on both sides and the destruction of properties.

Zambia should strongly advocate negotiations towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict in line with the previously adopted UN resolutions recognising the existence of the two states. Zambia's non-alignment has ensured an environment of peace in which Zambia can promote a life of dignity and creativity for their citizens. And provide a positive influence in the world not as a sterile neutralism. The wise leaders of our first independence saw Zambia as a place of peace, hope and reconciliation. A place where Zambia planned, consciously and unconsciously, an equitable world order, by promoting anti-colonial principles. A haven for refugees and unflinching partner of those who fight for justice, human rights and peaceful coexistence. So the policy of non-aligned in the light of Zambia's independence holds to the rights of all peoples

to freedom and self-determination. Zambia's independence signalled opposition to economic and political domination of one people by another or compromising itself as a base of war games."

We agree. We have lost - shelved - most of the values and morals that

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the founding leaders worked so hard to inculcate in our citizens. Today deceit and dishonesty carried out with a perfected populism is the order of the day. While the country is stagnant or indeed reversing whatever socio-economic achievements the UNIP government had attained for the nation, the last 30 years sold out and today our independence is just on paper. We have no foreign policy of our own. Let's not even talk about economic plans. We simply are a managed economy. It's very difficult to imagine that a once promising country can sink to the levels Zambia has found herself in. We certainly must remedy this by picking ourselves up, learn the

lessons from the past.

As Bishop Mwamba stresses, "The hoisting of the Zambian flag on 24 October, 1964 was about pursuing wholesome values that are very important in life. It's these values over the past 30 years we lost and as we celebrate our 59th independence celebration remember and rekindle in our lives and nation. Zambia can enter a new future only by reconnecting with the wisdom of the first independence and adapting it to our times. Sir Shridath Ramphal the former secretary general of the Commonwealth reflected on values when he turned 91. In his memoirs Glimpses of a Global Life, he wrote of how his life had been driven by values which he tried hard to respect; sometimes failing, but sometimes coming close. He had a habit for making difficult choices. He asked himself - when the pros and cons were exhausted - what was the choice that more closely conformed to his values; in other words the path of principle. And he always felt assured that his decision was right when he found that path. Values should be rooted in morality, this is the path of principle. The path to do the right thing, to enable us, that is, make us better people and nation. Values are a moral compass which we ignore at our peril as individuals or as a nation. The British writer and Anglican lay theologian C.S. Lewis wisely said, 'Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.'

To be educated without values is to be an educated fool. Values are the richest inheritance a person or nation can have. The wisdom from the first Independence are the values we need to build a prosperous Zambia that is able to uplift our people and create a better life for them. To guarantee a better Zambia for generations to come we need to go back to the future. In other words as Marcus Garvey wisely wrote: 'A people without knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots'. We learn from the past to build the future. We learn of One Zambia One Nation; belief in God; the well-being of people; identity and sovereignty. These lessons of wisdom are values passed on to us to guide us by our founding visionary leaders. They lived them and these values can transform us on if they inform our own lives. And as stewards acting on them we too can pass them on to the next generation."



State House honours late FQM leader Philip Pascall

The late co-founder and chairman of First Quantum Minerals Ltd, Philip Pascall, has received the rare honour of being recognised and honoured at the annual Independence Day awards at State House.

Mr Pascall, who passed away in September this year, was posthumously bestowed with the Order of the Eagle of Zambia Third Division in recognition of his service to the nation.

The accolade was accepted from President Hakainde Hichilema by his son and FQM chief executive officer Tristan Pascall during an investiture ceremony in Lusaka on Tuesday (October 24, 2023).

"It is a great honour to accept from the President, on behalf of my father, this State Award in recognition of his contribution to Zambia, a country whose people welcomed him so warmly over many years," said his son, Tristan.

The Order of the Eagle of Zambia is awarded to Zambians and non-Zambians who perform exalted services to the Republic.

Philip Pascall co-founded First Quan-

tum in 1996, serving as chairman and chief executive officer since its inception until 2022. Under his leadership, he instilled an entrepreneurial and bold culture that saw the company grow from an annual production of 10,000 tonnes cathode copper from reprocessing copper tailings at Bwana Mkubwa in Ndola, to one of the world's largest copper producers with operations spanning five continents and employing more than 20,000 people globally.

Among the many legacies he leaves behind, the greatest source of Philip's pride were the many programmes for the local communities in which First Quantum Minerals operates, bringing improved standards of health and education in often remote places.

"Philip will be remembered as a kind and determined man who touched the lives of many in his professional and personal capacities. For the Zambian government to recognise his contributions to the country is a profound honour for all of us at First Quantum," said FQM country manager for Zambia Dr Godwin Beene. — **Langmead & Baker**



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Skeletons discovered in rare 5,000-year-old tomb in Orkney

Archaeologists say they have uncovered the ruins of an "incred-

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ibly rare" 5,000-year-old tomb in Orkney.

The Neolithic site at Holm, East Mainland, was largely destroyed by Victorian antiquarians 127 years ago.

Experts from National Museums Scotland (NMS) and Cardiff University rediscovered the tomb after a search for its precise location.

Despite the damage, the archaeologists have found 14 skeletons of men, women and children.

Archaeologists said the bodies had been carefully set out, and DNA and isotope analysis would show if

they were relatives and where they were from.

Individual pieces of human bone were also found. Local volunteers working with University of Central Lancashire made other finds, including pottery, stone tools and a pin carved from bone.

The three-week excavation led by Dr Hugo Anderson-Why-mark, of NMS, and Cardiff's Prof Vicki Cummings has revealed traces of a stone cairn 15m (49ft) in diameter, which had contained a 7m-long (23ft) passage.

The archaeologists said a stone chamber lay at the centre of the cairn, and this was surrounded by six smaller cells. It is believed to be a type of tomb only previously recorded 12 other times in Orkney - islands famed for Neolithic archaeology - and considered to be the "pinnacle" of Neolithic engineering in Scotland.

Much of the site at Holm was damaged by antiquarians, without any records being made of what they found. Stones were also removed for building a farmhouse.

Dr Anderson-Why-mark said: "This find is extremely exciting. "Orkney is exceptionally rich in archaeology, but we never expected to find a tomb of this size in a such a small-scale excavation.

"It's incredible to

think this once impressive monument was nearly lost without record, but fortunately just enough stonework has survived for us to be able understand the size, form and construction of this tomb."

Dr Anderson-Why-mark said 5,000 years ago, the tomb would have been a prominent feature on the landscape, and likely to have looked similar to Orkney's Maeshowe chambered cairn.

He said it was possible further discoveries, including more skeletons, could be made at Holm.

Prof Cummings said: "The preservation of so many human remains in one part of the monument is amazing, especially since the stone has been mostly robbed for building material.

"It is incredibly rare to find these tomb deposits, even in well-preserved chambered tombs and these remains will enable new insights into all aspects of these peoples' lives."

Ann Muir, who owns the land where the tomb was found, told BBC Reporting Scotland she was "very excited" by the discovery.

She said: "If it can help Hugo and his team learn more about how people lived in Orkney then it is definitely a bonus.

"It is quite remarkable to have it on your land."- BBC

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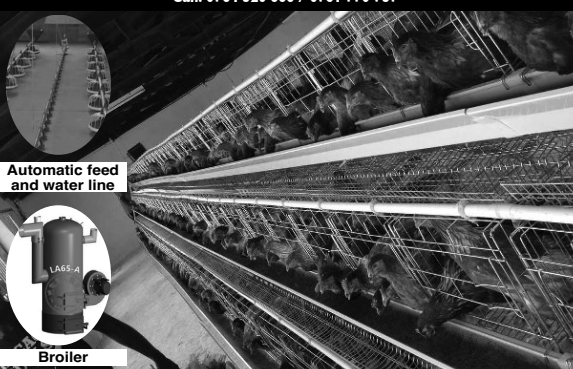


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Tolerate dissent, otherwise govt is no better than a dictatorship - CSOs

GOVERNMENT should invite or at least tolerate dissent otherwise it is no better than a dictatorship, says a consortium of Civil Society Organisations.

In a joint press statement delivered by Chapter One Foundation executive director Linda Kasonde yesterday, the CSOs said criticism allows the government to course correct where it has erred adding that transparency and accountability are the bedrock of good governance.

"We will only improve and grow and strengthen as a democracy if dissent is allowed and if the government is held accountable for what it does. This concept of 'it's our turn to eat' is not a democratic response to criticism. If this government is one of the rule of law and human rights, public institutions should act independently without fear or favour. Legislative and

constitutional reforms that strengthens human rights and the rule of law should be prioritised. Rights and freedoms must be promoted and respected including freedom of the media, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. Without that, ladies and gentlemen, we are not a democracy and we should not pretend to be," she said.

The CSOs included Action Aid Zambia, Alliance for Community Action, Bloggers of Zambia, Christian Churches Monitoring Group, Chapter One Foundation, Centre for Trade Policy and Development, Council of Churches in Zambia, Free Press initiative, Transparency International Zambia, NGOCC, Panos and Zambia Council for Social Development.

Kasonde said the civil

society organisations believe that as a plural democracy, Zambia needs to embrace the rights and freedoms of every citizen for the nation to develop.

They highlighted a number of incidences that "shows a growing intolerance for dissent and have the potential to plunge the country into the abyss of demagoguery and political repression by the government".

"Recently, we have observed worrying trends with the failure of public authorities to protect the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly which are the bedrock of our democracy. In June 2023, the Zambia Daily Mail fired a photo journalist for photographing people queuing up for mealie meal in Ndola. On the 13th of October, 2023 the Independent Broadcasting

Authority (IBA) cautioned Hot FM radio station over their interview of Dr Sishuwa Sishuwa, a Zambian academic, for not challenging his sentiments on tribal discrimination in the public service. On 18th October 2023, a day when the nation was supposed to be fasting, praying, reflecting and reconciling, law enforcement agency in Lusaka thwarted a planned protest against the rising cost of living. On 25th October 2023, a day after independence day the Zambia Police Service forced its way into the home of Patriots for Economic Progress (PEP) president Sean Tembo's house in a bid to arrest him, despite him urging the police to wait for his lawyers to arrive," Kasonde noted. "Previously, around the first week of September 2023, Mr Tembo had been arrested and detained by the police for

alleged hate speech for six days in violation of his right to be brought before a court of law within 48 hours. These examples are but a few that show signs of a shrinking civic space in Zambia. Preventing citizens, including those with dissenting voices from discussing issues of national importance is the very opposite of democracy. President Hakainde Hichilema has repeatedly expressed his commitment to safeguarding human rights and the rule of law in our country and we are taken aback by such actions coming from his own appointees. Such actions not only limit the free flow of information, but also undermine citizen's responsibility to hold decision makers accountable and to create a so-called governance environment where citizens as right's holders fear raising any

issues with duty barriers either directly or through the media."

The CSOs urged the government to enact the access to information bill and the public gatherings bill to safeguard the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly in the country.

"We further call on the government and public officers to urgently address the embarrassing dent on Zambia's democratic image and to act in line with their constitutional mandates by serving without fear or favour. If left unchecked, this trend threatens to reverse the gains we thought we had made as a country following the August 2021 general elections and may once again lead the country down a path of democratic decline," said Kasonde.

Zambia a democratic model in Africa, says Korean minister

By Staff Reporter

KOREAN deputy minister for political affairs Chung Byung-Won says Zambia has emerged as a model democratic state which has achieved both political and economic development.

Speaking in Seoul on Wednesday at the Zambian mission during the commemoration of Zambia's 59th independence, Byung-Won said South Korea was willing to further strengthen cooperation with Zambia in agriculture, education, and infrastructure sectors.

"Also, as a member country of the African Union (AU), Southern African Development Community (SADC), and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Zambia actively contributes to the pursuit of the integration and development of Africa" he said.

Byung-Won said since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Korea and Zambia in 1990, the two countries have strengthened their friendship and cooperation in a wide range of fields.

"Recently, the relations between the two countries are stronger than ever. Under the Vision 2030, Zambia is pursuing seven principles such as democracy, human rights, peaceful coexistence, gender responsive sustainable development, and private-public partnerships. Sharing these common values, Korea and Zambia co-hosted the second Summit for Democracy in March this year," he said.

He said high level exchanges between the two countries had also increased in the recent past especially after the election of President Hakainde Hichilema and the new dawn

administration.

"In May this year, Prime minister Han Duck-soo and President Hichilema had a fruitful meeting in London on the occasion of the coronation of King Charles. In August this year, foreign minister Park Jin visited Zambia for the first time as Korean foreign minister and met with President Hichilema and foreign minister Stanley Kakubo," he said.

Byung-Won said visitors from Korea would increase post COVID-19 era adding that considering Korea's high competitiveness in the era of the fourth industrial revolution, there is tremendous potential for mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries.

He said Korea was planning to host the first ever Korea-Africa Summit next year to further cement relations between Seoul and Africa.

"Through the summit, the Korean government hopes to upgrade relations with Africa and establish a new framework for win-win solidarity between Korea and Zambia," said Byung-Won.

Zambia's Ambassador to South Korea Andrew Banda said Zambia remains a beacon of peace in Africa.

He said since independence Zambia has had seven peaceful transitions and change of governments.

"Zambia possess great potential for investment in Agriculture, mining, tourism, manufacturing and Energy," he said.

Ambassador Banda said President Hichilema was looking forward to deepening and expanding bilateral relations with South Korea based on mutual values of economic diplomacy and shared interests.

There's increased distribution of resources to grassroots, notes MDC

By Bright Tembo

MOVEMENT for Democratic Change has commended government for actualising decentralisation through among other avenues devolving some functions of government to local level.

In her independence day message, Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) acting secretary general Joyce Musenge also cited the increased Constituency Development Fund.

"As a political party, we want to commend the government for actualising decentralisation through among other avenues an increase in the distribution of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and devolving some of the functions of government to the local level. Through these interventions, there is an increased distribution of resources to the grassroots and development expedited unlike the times that we had resources centrally managed," she said. "This distribution of resources to the local level speaks greatly to this year's independence theme. Despite the decentralisation of government's resource envelope to local levels, we want to urge authorities in government to put stringent stop-gap measures of any revenue leakages because where there is human interaction, there will always be individuals with dubious intentions to dupe the system. Sealing all revenue leakage loopholes will be instrumental in our quest to accelerate national development given the equitable distribution of

resources as already demonstrated by government. We also want to urge Zambians to reflect on the 1964 independence struggle by our forefathers and freedom fighters and hold hands together to preserve this great opportunity of peace and development realised in Zambia."

Musenge said there was a

need to uphold founding president Kenneth Kaunda's motto of One Zambia One Nation.

"At the moment, there is some level of dependency of tribalism championed by a few elements who do not mean well to the country's unity. It is our strong standing as a party that all Zambians feel of belonging to the country without being

intimidated based on tribal or political lines. Unity and prosperity must remain key even as we commemorate 59 years of independence," said Musenge. "We, therefore, wish every peace-loving Zambian a happy independence and call on more people to join in our country's political dispensation to have diverse voices of reason."

Sextortion raising a lot of concern - ACC

By Fanny Kalonda

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has noted that sextortion has been emerging especially in higher learning institutions.

During the ACC's third quarter media briefing, head of corporate communications Timothy Moono said the crime has raised a lot of concern adding that the issue should not be taken lightly.

He noted that the vice is emerging in the country because "if nothing goes wrong the giver and the receiver are both satisfied".

"As you may be aware, in the space of two months the commission has arrested three lecturers at the Copperbelt University over this crime and this has raised a lot of concern. In our ongoing battle against corruption, we are acutely aware of the insidious threat posed by sexual gratification (sextortion), another form of corrupt practices which appears to now be coming in the open, especially in colleges and higher institutions of learning. Sexual gratification not only

preys on individuals' vulnerabilities but also erodes the very essence of trust and erodes the moral fibre within society. The commission is determined to fight this immoral practice in its pursuit of curtailing this vice and holding perpetrators accountable for their actions. The commission would like to urge victims of this form of corrupt practices not to shy away from reporting but to be courageous enough to bring culprits to book," Moono said. "What kind of a society are we going to have in terms of qualified workforce that are supposed to undertake various jobs after graduation? What kind of labour force are we going to have? Because if it is allowed, it compromises the same jobs that we take up because we are not qualified. It takes away opportunities that the qualified, those that have studied and worked hard to get better grades. And here you find people have not studied are being given grades because of sex. So it is of major concern. It should not be seen as a light thing. You have to look at the impact of such

corruption on the nation, on the industries. So we will not tolerate it. So that is our job, that we put measures in place to curtail it."

And Moono said ACC has investigated an unprecedented higher number of corruption cases involving officials in the former government.

"Just last year, 82 arrests were made and there were 86 cases before the courts of law. In 2021, there were 73 cases before the courts of law and 28 arrests were made. Just this year, 38 arrests have been made so far and 147 cases are before the courts of law," Moono said. "In conducting these investigations, the commission will use all available legal means to preserve evidence and this may be through restrictions and seizure of assets. I wish to assure all members of the public that the commission will continue to carry out its mandate professionally and independently without any influence from any entities."

Moono said during the period under review, the commission received 187 reports of suspected corruption of which 157 reports contained elements of corruption and were authorised for investigations.

"17 arrests were also affected during the quarter. During the quarter, 67 criminal cases and 25 civil cases were before the courts of law. The commission in the quarter recorded five convictions and two acquittals and 10 cases were appealed," he said. "The commission received one report of suspected corrupt practices from the Financial Intelligence Centre, thus making a total of six cases received so far this year. All the cases are still under investigation."

Moono said the fight against corruption cannot be won without participation of members of the public.

He called on citizens to continue reporting all suspected cases of corrupt practices.

"This will help the commission root out corruption in the country and deal with perpetrators," said Moono.

Gender equality a precursor of macro-economic, financial stability - ZNWL

By Bright Tembo

THE Zambia National Women's Lobby says it is saddened by the continued under-representation and limited participation of women in most governance processes.

The ZNWL reminded the government that gender equality is a precursor of macro-economic and financial stability.

In her independence message, chairperson Daisy Ng'ambi said women in Zambia continue to face challenges in ascending to leadership positions due to entrenched patriarchal norms.

She called on the government to prioritise the mainstreaming of gender equality and create a gender commission as provided for by the law.

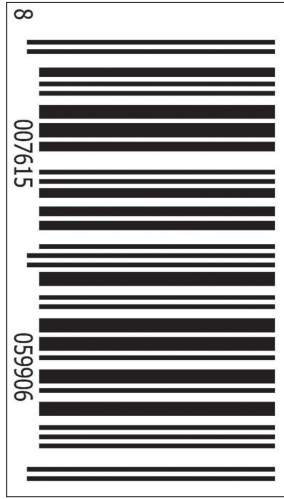
"As we reflect on the last 59 years of self-rule, and look forward to Zambia's Diamond Jubilee in 2024,

we are saddened by the continued under-representation and limited participation of women in most governance processes. Women in Zambia continue to face challenges in ascending to leadership positions due to the entrenched patriarchal norms which have sustained a social system in which men have remained the primary power holders and dominated, especially in roles of political leadership and control of finances," she said in a statement. "ZNWL is of the view that the envisaged national development and equitable distribution of resources primarily involves giving each segment of society what they need, and in a manner that will allow them to derive the highest benefit. However, this can only be achieved when women are included in the decision-making processes to input on priorities that affect them. We believe that all sections of society, including youths, and persons with disabilities must be represented in making decisions about matters that affect their lives."

She added that the ZNWL looks forward to beyond the 59 years of Zambia's independence.

"ZNWL therefore calls on the government to prioritise the mainstreaming of gender equality and creating a gender commission as provided by the law, to guarantee that all the laws on gender equality and equity are adhered to without fail. As we look forward, beyond the 59 years of Zambia's independence, we are hopeful that through a robust legal framework, and attitude change of the citizenry we can achieve gender equality in leadership and decision-making at all levels," said Ng'ambi. "Further, the mainstreaming of gender must be prioritised by government if national development is to be achieved as gender equality is a precursor of macro-economic and financial stability. The board, management, and staff of ZNWL wish the women, men, youth, and children of Zambia, a happy 59th independence anniversary, and best wishes of economic prosperity and peace."

HELP BUILD MUZA, NO PERCEPTIONS!



By Bright Tembo

WHO goes to war with a negative attitude and expect positive results? This is the life of some MTN Super League teams when they go to Nakambala stadium in Mazabuka to play FC MUZA. The end result has been a bitter pill to swallow and has brought some ugly scenes that we should not see in football, especially Zambian football.

Hooliganism should be no where near our football; harassing match officials in any way should not be near our football. I understand football is an emotional game but we should not reach that extent.

The recent video circulating on social media where match officials who handled the game between MUZA and Mufulira Wanderers are complaining over the behaviour of fans who sprinkled some substance on one of the assistant referees is

not good for football, ladies and gentlemen. It's very bad for both MUZA and Wanderers. Yes, football mind games are there but in Zambia they are turning to be childish and are not helping in developing our league.

Attacking referees is not the solution to poor officiating because it only ends up affecting the teams protesting, as can be seen from how Nkana has been affected. The technical teams equally overreact and encourage fans to do the same; only aggravating the situation, so it is their duty to calm their fans. Just to repeat what I said above, going with a negative attitude to Nakambala stadium will always break most of the teams down.

FC MUZA seems to have brought serious headaches to the dootball fraternity. People are living in past glory and underrate them so much not knowing that football is dynamic. Let me just quote what center referee in the

MUZA and Mufulira Wanderers game Maimba Katiti said to the technical bench of Mufulira Wanderers before the start of the second half.

"What is this? Talk to your supporters. Surely, you came to this pitch with this motive that the referees have been bribed, who does that? Surely, who does that," wondered Katiti

One will argue that Katiti was offside in asking the Mufulira Wanderers officials to address the fans after one of his assistant referees was sprayed with some substance.

Sometimes you should act wise. A layman once said "it's not always that you follow protocol, sometimes you can use initiative to move forward". The perception that MUZA buys referees' royalty is in public domain and as such he did well to complain. What if his assistant referee was sprayed with a dangerous substance?

And by the way, who goes to

war with a negative mind? This is just sickening and it should come to an end. And those defending clubs should introspect in a modern way how football has changed.

I was a bit relieved last week during the launch of Betwa Zambia as the official betting partner of the Super League. Zambia Premier League chairman Cephas Katongo said there were plans to bring on board referee assessors in the league. These will work hand in hand with the referees department. I want to see how it will work out for the league, and anything that brings development to our football should be supported.

Let's all put our brains together in developing our own football. Thank you so much for your support and keeping reading The Mast. Adios!

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Mbonambi named in S/Africa team to face New Zealand



SOUTH Africa hooker Bongani Mbonambi will start against New Zealand in Saturday's Rugby World Cup final after a ruling there was "insufficient evidence" he used a racial slur towards Tom Curry.

The England flanker said he was abused during last Saturday's semi-final, which

South Africa won 16-15. Governing body World Rugby said Curry had made the allegation in good faith.

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) says it is "deeply disappointed" by the decision not to charge Mbonambi.

World Rugby's investigation had also taken into account an allegation that Curry had been abused by Mbonambi during England's match against South Africa last November. - BBC

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