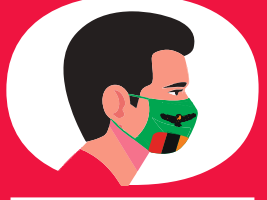


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PURSUING JUSTICE AND EQUITY WITH INTEGRITY

PF rubbishes poison claims

By SIMON MUNTEMBA

THE Patriotic Front (PF) is planning to arrest and poison Hakainde Hichilema as a way of eliminating him from contesting this year's elections, Senior Chief Mukuni has claimed. However, PF Secretary-General Davis Mwiila has rubbished Senior Chief Mukuni's allegations saying, "the only person who can poison him is his wife." (To page 3)

Lungwangwa jumps in ship

By SIMON MUNTEMBA

THE Patriotic Front (PF) has adopted Nalikwanda UPND Member of Parliament (MP) Geoffrey Lungwangwa to recontest his seat in the August 12 general elections. (To page 2)

ARV SHORTAGE LOOMING

By NATION REPORTER

AN impending shortage of critical first line anti-retroviral drugs may place the lives of more than 70,000 patients in jeopardy.

Patients on HIV treatment have complained that the supply has been reduced to two weeks in response to the shortage that most hospitals and supply centers are facing.

A patient who spoke to the Nation said Government needed to take urgent steps to address the shortage of life-prolonging anti-retroviral drugs (ART) at all public health institutions to prevent drug resistance and other complications.

About 70, 000 people who are on TLE - the first line ARV drugs have been left stranded as they have not been receiving their medication for two weeks.

According to patients talked to, the

life-prolonging drugs have been out of stock for two weeks now and the situation has now escalated into a crisis.

"The TLE drugs have run out of stock and we are worried that will have other complications now. At the health centres, they are not giving us satisfactory answers why the drug has run out and it has been two weeks now," the patient complained.

Efforts to get a comment from the minister of Health by press time proved futile.

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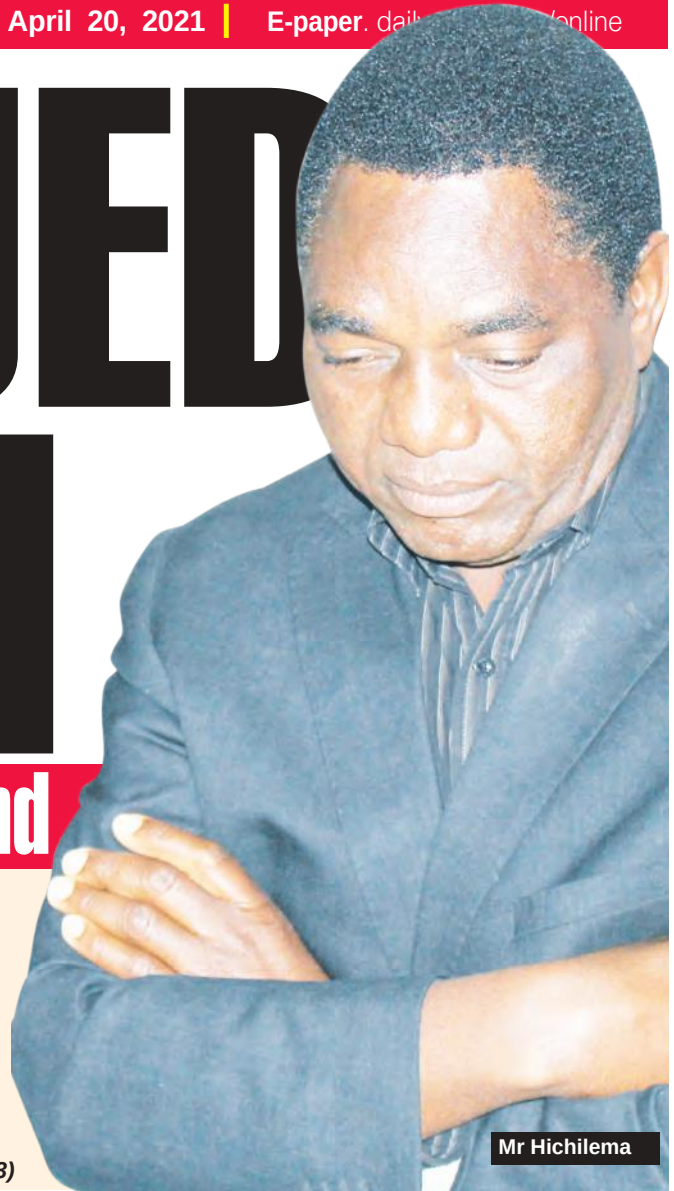
By GRACE CHAILE LESOETSA

UPND president Hakainde Hichilema has been sued in the Lusaka High Court for alleged fraudulent acquisition of three farms measuring over a total of 1, 500 hectares located in Kalamo,

Mr Misheck Hambwalula suing as administrator of the estate of his late father, Mr George Nsemani Hambwalula claims to have suffered a stroke in his pursuit to stop Mr Hichilema from illegally occupying the

three farms.

Mr Hambwalula seeks an injunction restraining Mr Hichilema and his agents, employees purporting to act on his behalf from carrying out farming activities, erecting structures, cutting down trees, entering, occupying, interfering with the beneficiaries' quiet enjoyment of farm numbers. 3275,801 and 803, Kalamo. (P.3)



Mr Hichilema

HATEMBOS' ABDUCTION: Police break through?

By KALOBWE BWALYA

SENIOR Chief Mukuni's wife, Veronica has been apprehended and is expected in Lusaka to join those in detention who are also believed to be linked with the missing Hatembo siblings.

It is believed that Ms Mukuni was constantly in touch with the

missing Hatembos, with records showing that Pheluna, used her cellphone to make calls, an indication that she might have spent some time at the palace.

It is also believed that mobilisation of cadres at Mr Hakainde Hichilema's house on Sunday was intended to prevent a search for the Hatembos and other actors implicated in the

abduction but are on the run.

Meanwhile, Minister of Home Affairs, Stephen Kampyongo yesterday warned that if UPND president, Hakainde Hichilema or anyone else has participated in the abduction of Pheluna and Milton Hatembo, the Police would pursue all suspects regardless of their status in society.

Mr Kampyongo said no one was above the law and the perception which UPND was creating that they can prevent such an arrest was ridiculous as the Police had a constitutional obligation to maintain law and order and can investigate and pursue any suspected criminal.

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LUNGWANGWA JUMPS SHIP

...as PF unveils western province list, Iris Kaingu on list

The PF has also adopted Iris Kaingu, the daughter of former Education Minister Michael Kaingu for the Mwandi seat.

PF Secretary General, Davies Mwila, announced at a media briefing yesterday that the PF Central Committee has adopted candidates to contest as MPs, mayor, and council chairperson in Western Province.

Professor Lungwangwa and Iris Kaingu were among the 19 candidates who were adopted to stand on the PF ticket.

Poniso Njeulu will stand on

the PF ticket in Sinjembela constituency while former District Commissioner for Mulobezi Albertina Mwanamwale has been adopted to contest the Mulobezi parliamentary seat.

Mr Mwila said Sioma independent MP, Subulwa Mbololwa, would recontest her seat on the ruling party ticket.

He advised those that were not adopted remain loyal as there was always next time.

Mr Mwila also announced that the party would this weekend announce candidates for Southern and North-Western Provinces.

Meanwhile, Mr Mwila said the

PF central committee has adopted and approved the party manifesto for 2021 to 2026. He said the new 2021-2026 PF manifesto will be officially launched by President Edgar Lungu on the new tomorrow.



Professor Lungwangwa

Italy trains Zambia's security officers in cyber security

By SIMON MUNTEMBA

AS debate around the cyber security law rages, the Italian embassy in Zambia has offered a special online course on crime detection and management in the cyber space cyber to Zambian security officers.

The training by Luiss University is being conducted at the Italian International School in Lusaka.

Italian Ambassador to Zambia, Antonino Maggiore, was happy that the Zambian

Government had enacted the cyber security law.

Mr Maggiore pledged his government's continued support to Zambia in ensuring that there was sanity in the cyber space.

Luiss University Professor and former Italian Justice Minister Paola Severino said cyber security was essential in today's social and economic development.

Prof Severino said it was important for countries to develop cyber security competences to be able to detect

cyber-crimes and their locations.

And speaking when he officially opened the training, Home Affairs Minister, Stephen Kampyongo, said the programme came at a critical time when Zambia had just set itself ready to take charge of its cyber space.

Mr Kampyongo said that cyber-crime has been growing slowly in Zambia and some people in communities were victims of the crime.

He said training of security officers in crime detection and management in cyber space would play a critical role in increasing their knowledge and saving citizens from any form of cybercrime.

The minister said it was

Government's duty to protect citizens from any form of abuse including cyber bullying and all those opposing the law did not mean well for the country.

He said the country now has sufficient laws to protect citizens from any form of cyber bullying.

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja, said understanding modern technology was important for modern day policing as crimes were committed through technology from the comfort of people's homes.

He said this through Commissioner of Police for Administration Lombe Kamukoshi.

Akafumba should not impersonate, says Kambwili



Mr Akafumba

By CHARLES MUSONDA

NATIONAL Democratic Congress (NDC) president Chishimba Kambwili has warned his former vice president Joseph Akafumba and others that anyone

putting a claim to the party leadership risks being jailed for impersonation.

Mr Kambwili told journalists yesterday that after last Saturday's NDC general conference, Zambia and the world were now aware about the party owners.

He was speaking at the Lusaka Magistrates Court complex shortly after the case he has been put on his defence for defamation of the President was adjourned to today because both the prosecution and the defence were not ready to proceed yesterday.

In this matter, Lusaka Magistrate Felix Kaoma has found Kambwili with a case to answer for alleging that Lusaka business executive Valden Findlay was using the Presidential jet to courier drugs.

Mr Kambwili said politicians do not run political

MR KAMBWILI

"This is the last time I am issuing a statement concerning that group because there are inconsequential,"

parties in courts and that the NDC followed its constitution to hold the general conference where he was elected as its president.

He challenged Mr Akafumba and his camp to call a central committee, national governing management body, or even a ward meeting if they were a party.

"How can you claim to have a party when you don't even have a ward? We followed procedure, the rest is history and we are not going to waste

time exchanging words with the Akafumbas.

"This is the last time I am issuing a statement concerning that group because there are inconsequential," Mr Kambwili said.

He said proceedings in the Ndola High Court relating to the battle over NDC leadership were stayed and that last Friday Mr Akafumba and his group just obtained leave to commence contempt proceedings against him and not an injunction.

He said Mr Akafumba and others said they had removed him as NDC president because he was just an interim president before the convention elected him.

Mr Kambwili said those who had failed always have reasons for their failure and that those rushing to courts and the media have no basis.

He said they were only six people fighting the entire NDC.

HATEMBOS' ABDUCTION: No one above the law

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He said the anarchy and lawlessness being promoted by the UPND will not be tolerated as no one is above the law.

Mr Kampyongo said Government has an obligation to maintain peace, order and security of the country and would not allow anyone to behave as if they were above the law.

He warned Mr Hichilema and UPND spokesperson, Cornelius Mweetwa to stop causing public alarm, political hysteria and promoting anarchy in the country.

Mr Kampyongo was reacting to reports of UPND youths marching to Mr Hichilema's home to allegedly prevent him from being arrested by the Zambia Police.

The minister warned that Government will not allow any

citizen who intends to continue alarming the nation for the sake of political mileage.

Mr Kampyongo who said this when he featured on HOT FM radio station's Hot Breakfast Show programme, yesterday however dismissed allegations that the ruling Patriotic Front had a scheme to arrest and kill Mr Hichilema or prevent him from participating in the August 12 general elections.

He said the allegations being peddled by Mr Mweetwa were causing public alarm and hysteria and the government would not allow lawlessness to reign.

And Mr Kampyongo appealed to Mr Hichilema to provide leadership in his party in the on-going intra-party elections. He said the wide threats and violence that has characterised the UPND intra-party elections was regrettable and Mr Hichilema or his leadership has failed to condemn the violence.

He said the reports from places such as Chingola, Kabwata in Lusaka, Choma, Monze and Mkushi showed high level of intolerance in the UPND that had degenerated to violence.

'No vaccine side effects recorded so far'

By KETRA KALUNGA

THERE are no major side effects recorded since the roll out of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine, Health Permanent Secretary Kennedy Malama has said.

Meanwhile, about 706 people have been vaccinated as of Wednesday last week.

Dr Malama, who is in charge of technical services, said Government would remain resolute to ensure that no major side effects were recorded.

He was speaking on ZNBC's Sunday Interview programme.

Dr Malama said the ministry has ensured that its pharmacovigilance was stringent where people could

report back after vaccination.

"For Zambia using the evidence we are saying that we can give the Zambians an opportunity to be vaccinated and protect them from severe forms of Covid-19 and death," he said.

Dr Malama said no major side effects had been recorded apart from slight headaches and a bit of muscle pain which were minor and common ones.

He advised those given the vaccine to seek medical attention if they develop anything unusual especially as the number of people getting vaccinated in the country increases.

Zambia received the first consignment of 228, 000 doses of the vaccine from the COVAX facility which is a global initiative.

The represents a partnership between the World Health Organisation, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation, UNICEF and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, working on the equitable distribution of the Covid-19 vaccines.



HH SUED AGAIN ...over Kalamo farm land

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He wants the court to order that the alleged sale of farms no 3275 and 803 to Mr Hichilema is a nullity or null and void ab initio for failure to comply with the provisions of Intestate Succession Act chapter 59 of the laws of Zambia.

He is also claiming an order of possession of the three farms and a payment of mesne profits for illegal use and illegal occupation of the farms.

Mr Hambwalula wants Mr Hichilema to pay him damages for the mental distress, anguish and surgery as a result of the stroke, an order for the removal of the caveats of farms 3275 and 803, damages for fraud and costs. According to the statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court on April 16, this year, Mr Hambwalula described Mr Hichilema as a trespasser and an illegal occupant of the three farms which form part of the estate of his father.

He stated that his father

died intestate on July 18, 1998 in Kalomo and was buried on farm 801.

He said that after the funeral of his father, he left his mothers and siblings on the farm and for 16 years he never received any complaint regarding the farms.

However, Mr Hambwalula claims that it had not come to his attention that Mr Hichilema was interfering or illegally occupied the farms until 2015.

He said that all he knew from where he lives inimba was that his mothers and siblings had occupied the farms.

But when he visited the family in 2015, Mr Hambwalula stated that he was shocked to discover that Mr Hichilema in 2000 trespassed, fenced and illegally occupied farm no. 3275. He also learnt that the defendant had also occupied the other two farms and while gathering more information, he received a call from Mr Hichilema.

Mr Hambwalula then asked Mr Hichilema why he had illegally occupied farm 3275 for over 15 years without informing him as the eldest surviving son of his father and going further to even occupy the two other farms in question.

'IMF FACILITY BEST PRESCRIPTION FOR ZAMBIA'

By BUUMBA CHIMBULU

THE Extended Credit Facility (ECF) from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is the best prescription for Zambia in the immediate term as it will assist in clawing back investor confidence.

This will however need to be complemented by aggressively executing the Economic Recovery Plan (ERP), says Economics Association of Zambia (EAZ) National Secretary, Mutisunge Zulu.

Mr Zulu stressed that to allay fears of those thinking the ECF was a loan that Zambia would pay for the rest of its life, the facility was the best prescription for the country in the immediate term.

“The package is not for debt service neither will it effectively solve our economic woes but the most tangible externality of bailout by the lender is investor confidence (to claw back) which has dwindled after the elevated fiscal fragilities to include the three-coupon payment defaults on Eurobonds outstanding.

“The fundamentals are clearly in favour of Zambia from a commodity price perspective i.e. copper on the London Metal Exchange is racing north of US\$9, 125 per tonne supported by strong Chinese and United States growth recovery amidst a greenfield driven electric car era and other infrastructure pushes globally,” he said in an interview.

The Zambian Government was currently in talks with the Washington based lender- the IMF, for an ECF.

Mr Zulu however said this would require aggressive execution of Zambia’s ERP especially to drive private sector led growth to help the nation improve its export earning capacity, as the country strides to restore fiscal fitness.

He indicated that there was a strong manufacturing opportunity call for Zambia that had been underestimated for years.

Mr Zulu added that it was high time Government became deliberate about reorganising production policies as well as financial institutions including the regulator the Bank of Zambia to address the cost of capital perpetual hurdles.

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Mr Mwila said in an interview yesterday that Senior Chief Mukuni was just politicking out of desperation because he has realised that his business partner was headed for another defeat in the August 12 elections.

“It is not true that we are planning to poison him, those are just false allegations. Senior Chief Mukuni is just politicking.

“How can we poison him as if we live together, the only person who can poison him is his wife or children,” Mr Mwila said.

PF rubbishes poison claims

He said the ruling party has no time or intention of poisoning a person who is known to be a perpetual loser.

Senior Chief Mukuni said in a statement that the sustained propaganda that the UPND President was unwell was meant to prepare people's minds as the PF was planning to poison him during any arrest and claim he was sick.

He said contrary to reports that Mr Hichilema was sick, he was a very healthy man.

Senior Chief Mukuni said that propaganda orchestrated by the PF that Mr Hichilema was a sick person was not a mere coincidence but a strategy and psychological preparation for the minds of Zambians to harm him, and then blame it on his purported sickness that did not exist. “This sustained propaganda that HH is unwell is meant to prepare people's mind as the PF plan to poison him during the arrest and confinement and then say ‘we

told you that he was sick,” Senior Chief Mukuni said.

Senior Chief Mukuni has also accused the Daily Nation of working with the PF in trying to tarnish Mr Hichilema's reputation.

“How can it be normal that only one man on a daily routine attracts headlines in the Daily Nation of being the only opposition politician? How many opposition party leaders do we have in Zambia?” he questioned.



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Summary of audited results for the year ended 31 December 2020

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act, No.41 of 2016, and the listing rules of Lusaka Stock Exchange, Standard Chartered Bank Zambia PLC announces the results for the year ended 31 December 2020.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 31 December 2020			STATEMENT OF INCOME OR LOSS for year ended 31 December 2020			STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY as at 31 December 2020		
	2020 ZMW'000	2019 ZMW'000		2020 ZMW'000	2019 ZMW'000		2020 ZMW'000	2019 ZMW'000
Assets			Revenue	1,161,112	1,084,345	Balance at 1 January 2020	742,825	613,551
Cash and cash equivalents	5,251,892	3,381,132	Operating expense	(910,234)	(714,828)	(Loss)/Profit for the year	(48,078)	12,286
Cash on hand and balances at Bank of Zambia	2,095,891	1,582,665	Operating profit	250,878	369,517	AFS reserve movements	115,668	121,989
Loans and advances to banks	-	101,999	Impairment on financial instruments	(293,252)	(303,730)	Dividend	-	(5,001)
Pledged assets	100,000	100,000	(Loss)/ Profit before Tax	(42,374)	65,787	Balance as at 31 December 2020	810,415	742,825
Derivative financial instruments	4,590	45,273	Income tax expense	(5,704)	(53,501)			
Investment securities	3,542,091	2,049,415	(Loss)/ Profit for the year	(48,078)	12,286			
Loans and advances to customers	2,410,457	3,131,664	(Loss)/ Earnings per share	(0.029)	0.007			
Other assets	357,185	379,626						
Assets held for sale	9,761	-						
Property and equipment	179,158	119,397						
Current tax assets	-	43,283						
Deferred tax assets	165,707	80,297						
Intangible assets	70,138	52,688						
Total assets	14,186,870	11,067,439						
Liabilities								
Amounts payable to group banks	325,740	229,469						
Amounts payable to non group banks	21,266	12,297						
Derivative financial instruments	8,548	41,740						
Deposits from customers	12,214,521	9,289,297						
Dividends payable	4,896	5,146						
Subordinated liabilities	84,680	56,800						
Provisions	78,703	105,290						
Current tax liabilities	22,127	-						
Other liabilities	615,974	584,755						
Total liabilities	13,376,455	10,324,615						
Total equity	810,415	742,824						
Total liabilities and equity	14,186,870	11,067,439						

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and the requirements of the Companies Act no. 10 of 2017, the Banking and Financial Services Act and the Securities Act of Zambia.

The year 2020 was marked by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic had both health and economic impacts that materially affected the global economy. Zambia was not spared of the effects.

Despite the tough operating environment in 2020, as Standard Chartered Bank Zambia Plc, our remarkable resilience and agility enabled us to uphold our exceptional service standard through our talented and well equipped people, our unique global proposition and our unrivaled digital platforms. We demonstrated that we are truly 'Here for good' by staying close to our clients and other key stakeholders, including our valued communities throughout the various challenges, most notably the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial Highlights

The 2020 performance was delivered against a very challenging macroeconomic environment and strict adherence to accounting standards.

Revenue increased by only 7 per cent in comparison to 2019 which was mainly on account of increased income from investment securities (52 per cent increase year on year), this was negated by an 11 per cent decline on interest income from loans and advances which was on account of the Bank's de-risking exercise notably of the personal loan book in Retail Banking (RB), rationalizing limits in Corporate, Commercial and Institutional Banking (CCIB) and the running down and exiting of the Commercial Banking business. Non funded income reduced by 12 per cent year on year on account of reduced activities.

Expected Credit Losses recorded in the year were in line with prior year. This is on the back of the Bank's robust expected credit loss modelling (ECL) in alignment with International Financial Reporting Standards which take into consideration several factors including external and internal sovereign downgrades. The Bank is among the few in the industry who are booking provisions on investments in government securities. In addition, based on our own internal ECL modelling, we are the first in the market to book provisions on statutory reserve deposits.

Operating expenses increased by 27 per cent year on year, on account of human capital restructuring costs and other costs relating to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 pandemic. The depreciation of the kwacha also largely affected foreign currency denominated costs which grew by 52 per cent year on year. The Bank further expensed some of the costs associated with the move to the new Head Office.

Loans and advances to customers dropped by 24 per cent in line with the Bank's strategy to de-risk and tail manage low returning assets which resulted in the personal loan book reduction of 27 per cent year on year.

Customer deposits increased 31 per cent with an increase in both the RB and CCIB client accounts.

We will continue to leverage on our cost optimisation initiatives and enhanced revenue momentum supported by a strong statement of financial position and dedicated team.

Outlook

The macro-economic variables in 2021 are projected to remain under pressure, coupled with the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as 2021 being an election year. Progress around debt restructuring discussions and an International Monetary Fund (IMF) funded programme could positively impact the economic trajectory in 2021.

Having proactively and effectively managed risk, appropriately reshaped the business, and refocused around the right business opportunities, we are optimistic about the Bank's continued sustainable growth and profitability to deliver healthy returns to shareholders, and prosperity for our clients.

By Order of the Board
Rose Kavimba
Company Secretary

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WE'LL DEFEND THE WEAK

WE are not surprised by the remarks from Senior Chief Mukuni in which he has attacked us for allegedly reporting in the negative against UPND president Hakainde Hichilema.

But we would like to remind Senior Chief Mukuni that we hold no grudge against the UPND leader, but we have taken a principled stand that guides our editorial policy.

We are proud to state that we speak for the voiceless and marginalised in society who would otherwise be trampled upon by the powerful.

It is a principle which we proudly proclaim and for which we have been attacked in the past, even physically.

A molotov cocktail was a few years ago thrown at our offices which fortunately failed to explode. Had it exploded, the entire office building would have been destroyed and some people would have died.

But we have accepted that defending the weak in society is often a thankless task, which does not dissuade us from carrying out our mandate.

Senior Chief Mukuni thinks we are working with the Patriotic Front in trying to tarnish Mr Hichilema's reputation.

"How can it be normal that only one man on a daily routine attracts headlines in the Daily Nation of being the only opposition politician? How many opposition party leaders do we have in Zambia?" he questioned.

Our support for the Hatembo family who have two of their members kidnapped and have not been heard of for almost three months is based on the principle of defending the weak.

The Hatembo saga has its origins over the manner in which Mr Hichilema acquired their farm in Kalomo which is the subject of a court hearing in which Pheluna and her brother Milton are key witnesses.

Senior Chief Mukuni said Mr Hichilema is a bona fide citizen of Zambia and must not live a round-the-clock life of threats and intimidation by the PF government.

So should the Hatembos and others like them whose lives should also be protected from powerful predators.

If anything, Senior Chief Mukuni's defence of Mr Hichilema is merely for selfish interests as they are close business partners.

Moreover, the traditional leader is an avowed UPND cadre who has not let his conscience guide him in his public life.

This is the more reason why Senior Chief Mukuni has never spoken out over the UPND-sponsored violence in several parts of the country but has always been quick to attack the PF.

The ongoing violence characterised in the adoption process within the UPND in which even people have been shot and wounded have seen the party top leadership maintain conspicuous silence.

These are the double standards that people are seeing every day because the perpetrators think they are above the law.

With Mr Hichilema contesting the August 12 presidential election, it is possible that he could emerge victorious which could threaten our existence.

But even with such a looming scenario, we refuse to take this line because we want to ensure that justice and equity prevails in the nation for the weak.

**PURSUING JUSTICE AND
EQUITY WITH INTERGRITY**

SINAZONGWE MP, CHATO TUMBLE IN UPND PRIMARY POLLS

By **ANDREW MUKOMA AND KETRA KALUNGA**

GIFT Silubalo, the UPND Sinazongwe Member of Parliament has lost the Southern Province vote in the primary elections for party adoption Percy Chato, the former prisons Commissioner General, has suffered a similar fate in Bwacha constituency.

Members in the four wards of Chililalila, Makululu, Moomba, and Zambezi have vowed not to give their party President Hakainde Hichilema a vote if he goes ahead to impose a candidate on them.

According to the score sheet obtained by the Daily Nation, Mr Sialubalo lost the vote to Mr Nchimunya Siakole after the incumbent only managed to get 10 votes out of the 36 available.

However, Mr Sialubalo had won the election at ward, constituency and district levels but tumbled at the just ended provincial polls held in Chisekesi.

Mr Sialubalo is not the only incumbent

MP who has suffered defeat as Monze Central's Jack Mwiimbu, Choma Central's Cornelius Mweetwa, Katombora's Derick Livune, and Livingstone's Mathews Jere have all tumbled.

But some senior party officials familiar with the process have explained to the Daily Nation in Livingstone that winning at ward, constituency, district or province did not entail that one was automatically a candidate as the final election is at the national management committee.

The UPND officials explained that this means that all those who had tumbled still had chance of being re-adopted depending on the outcome of the top-most decision-making body.

And UPND Youth Chairperson for Chililalila ward, Steven Mwansa said members would have no choice but to vote for an independent Member of Parliament (MP) if the national management committee imposes Mr Chato.

Mr. Mwansa said during a media

briefing that members were displeased with the decision to impose Mr Chato on them, a person who they did not know at the grassroots.

He said Mr Chato who has only been with the party for about four months.

"We want Mr. Yousuf Khondowe, he has been with the party here in Kabwe for a long time and he has helped strengthen the UPND in Bwacha constituency, not the one who doesn't even stay in Kabwe," he said. Zambezi ward chairperson, Maxwell Mutinta, said Mr Chato was not known by the people in all the four wards because he has never taken time to the people on the ground.

Mr Mutinta appealed to Mr Hichilema to rescind his decision and give the party members their preferred candidate failure to which he risked losing their vote.

"If they don't give us the candidate we want as our MP, will vote for an independent, we don't know Percy Chato and we don't want him because we know he will not deliver," he said.

Women hail Lungu for empowerment

By **MARTIN AKENDE, in Siavonga**

Buyantanshi Women, Youth and Kamimbi Multipurpose Cooperatives have hailed President Edgar Lungu's Presidential Fish Farming project which is aimed at empowering and uplifting small scale fish farmers.

The two Siavonga based cooperatives which are first beneficiaries of the presidential fish farming initiative are today harvesting the first cycle of fish.

In November last year, President Lungu commissioned the Presidential Fish Farming Project to the Buyantanshi and Kamimbi Women Fish Farmers in Siavonga, Southern Province.

The President's donation to the two cooperatives included a new boat and engine worth K80,000, fish feed to cover the entire 6 months production cycle, 6 Cages of 6 x 6 diameter suitable for commercial productions.

Other materials donated by the Head of State to the Cooperatives included a feeding deck, PPEs, Oxygen, Temperature, pH meter and a digital scale and other accessories.

One of the beneficiaries from Kamimbi Multipurpose cooperative Baron Chimpeleme has thanked President Lungu for prioritising projects aimed at alleviating poverty for the poor.

Meanwhile, another beneficiary from Buyantanshi cooperative Agness Ngosa encouraged the president to continue with desire to empower poor especially Women.

Dr Tembo's suspected killer has mental disorder - report

By **GRACE CHAILE LESOETSA**

DOCTOR Tasila Tembo's alleged killer, Zambia Army officer, Lieutenant Nigel Mwaba had a mental disorder at a time he committed the offence, a mental assessment report has revealed.

Consultant psychiatrist from Chainama hospital, Dr Patrick Msoni said the personality disorder was further precipitated by imminent loss.

Dr Msoni however, said that Mwaba is fit to make a plea, stand trial and follow the proceedings in court.

Facts of the offence are that between October 24 and 26, last year in Lusaka, Mwaba, 33, did murder Dr Tembo, alleged to be his lover.

Mwaba's lawyers on February 1 applied that the accused undergoes a mental checkup at

Chainama Hospital for condition or conditions of disruptive, impulse-control and conduct disorder. This is a disorder that can cause a person to behave angrily or aggressively toward people or property.

"On the basis of the above information, observations and findings Nigel Musonda Mwaba has Borderline Personality Disorder characterised by unstable interpersonal relationships, variable moods and impulsivity.

"He may have been predisposed to the disorder by environmental factors and the disorder maintained by his drinking repertoire. At the time of the alleged offence of the act may have been precipitated by an emotional decompensation consequent upon an imminent loss," said Dr Msoni.

"It is my opinion that he had the above disorder at the time

of the alleged offence. His cognitive (thinking) process is normal and has no perceptual disorders. He has insight," he concluded.

Judge Wilfred Muma read the report when the matter came up for commencement of trial. Mr Justice Muma then ordered for Mwaba to take a fresh plea and he again denied killing Dr Tembo.

The matter could not however proceed to trial because Mwaba's lawyers from the Legal Aid Board were not ready and applied for an adjournment.

"We are unable to proceed owing to the fact that we were served with four new witness statements on Friday and considering that it was a weekend in between, we were unable to confer with the accused in order to get instructions," Dr O' Brien Kaaba told the court.

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KABANSHI JUDGEMENT DEFERRED

By CHARLES MUSONDA

THE Lusaka Magistrates Court has adjourned to this Thursday judgement in a case former Community Development Minister Emmerine Kabanshi has been put on her defence for alleged wilful failure to comply with the law relating to procurement.

High Court Judge Lameck Mwale, who sits as Lusaka Chief Resident Magistrate in the matter, had set yesterday as judgement day but adjourned the verdict on grounds that it was not ready.

Kabanshi, who is also Luapula member of Parliament is facing two counts of wilful failure to comply with the law, applicable procedure or guidelines relating to procurement.

In the first count it is alleged that between January 1 and August 21, 2017, Kabanshi, being Community Development and Social Services minister, wilfully failed to comply with the law, applicable procedure or guideline by extending the scope of coverage of contract number MCDSS/SP/10/2017 between Zambia Postal Services Corporation (Zampost) and the ministry to include three provinces and two districts under the social cash transfer programme.

In count two particulars of offence are that between August 21, 2017 and April 26, 2018, Kabanshi wilfully failed to comply with the law, applicable procedure or guidelines relating to procurement by re-engaging Zampost as the service provider under contract number MCDSS/10/2017 for the social cash transfer programme following termination of the said contract.

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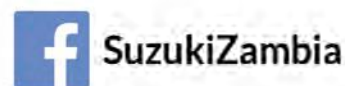
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ZAMBIA POISED TO BOLSTER ECONOMY

By BUUMBA CHIMBULU

BANK of Nevis International Limited (BONI) has predicted that Zambia will be among Sub-Saharan Africa's most successful economic revival stories due to a boom in copper prices, as it supports the country's financial sector through Investrust Bank.

Zambia's prospects are looking more positive than ever before, says BONI Chief Executive Officer, Michael Prest.

"In a post Covid-19 and vaccinated world, and as we enter what will be the next commodity super cycle, Zambia will be one of Sub-Saharan Africa's most successful economic revival stories," Mr Prest said in a response to a press query.

The largest global commodity trader Trafigura sees

copper rallying aggressively to highs of US\$15,000 a tonne as global decarbonisation efforts fuel global deficits.

On BONI'S investment in Investrust Bank, Mr Prest said it enabled the company to increase its geographic footprint, product range and diversity of outreach and support which would enhance its role in Zambia's financial services sector to encourage innovative solutions to banking.

Mr Prest explained that BONI saw significant pipeline of commercial opportunity in Africa where there was space for infrastructure and essential services in health-care, retail and transport to be completely reformed through flexible capital investment.

From a financial services standpoint, he explained, BONI saw a new robust fintech platform as being transformational to how Investrust Bank served its domestic cus-



Mr Prest

tomers.

BONI recently acquired a 24.08 percent stake in Zambia's Investrust Bank Plc, making it the second largest shareholder after ZCCM Investments Holdings Plc.

"BONI's investment and insistence that Investrust Bank better aligns itself to serve ZCCM and Industri Development Corporation secures the future of Investrust Bank and its role in Zambia's commercial banking sector. We see the bank as playing a pivotal role in Zambia's post Covid-19 success.

"Our depth of experience in commodities and a two-decade track record in providing holistic wealth and portfolio management services, we feel that the breadth of skills and expertise that we can bring will compliment Investrust in its pursuit of revitalising the industry," he said.

Plough back, investors urged

A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO) has challenged investors in Sinazongwe to plough back in communities where they are serving.

Centre for Environmental Justice (CEJ) Executive Director, Maggie Mapalo urged mining investors and other business houses to utilize their annual budget allocations for their Corporate Social I Responsibility towards supporting surrounding communities.

Ms Mapalo was speaking in Sinazongwe during a stakeholders meeting for the mining investors and other business houses held at Lyawa Lodge.

She noted that the response from investors over supporting communities under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is poor and needs to improve.

"Investors such as mining companies in Sinazongwe District have not been utilizing their budget allocations for their CSR to support surrounding communities in provision of health, education, sanitation and other needs," she said.

Ms Mapalo said the organization in consultation with the communities and local leaders has developed a strategic plan which outlined priority needs of the communities in the areas of health, education, sanitation and others that required support of investors through

their CSR.

She said stakeholders from the private sector were key in the implementation of the strategy because it outlined the needy areas identified by communities themselves.

Ms Mapalo stated that community members were entitled to benefit from the proceeds of the mining and other forms of natural resource extraction taking place in the district.

And Sinazongwe District Commissioner, Shenna Muleya said despite CSR not being mandatory, investors must support communities in order to enhance and improve their livelihoods as a way of supplementing Government efforts.

"Through implementation of their corporate social responsibilities investors may also market their best practices and promote the image of their companies for other greater investment opportunities," she said.

Ms Muleya stated that government will not relent in engaging investors to support the local communities under their CSR by providing them with an enabling environment for them to carry out their businesses.

She called on investors in the mining sector in Sinazongwe district, to work closely with government and its stakeholders towards meeting the needs of local communities.

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the official contact details of the company should be maintained. This will ensure that the company receives any communication from ZRA and not the agent.

We hope that these few tips will help the company safeguard its confidential tax information. The growth of a company lies in the strategic information it keeps to itself including its tax portfolio.

Help us to keep your tax information confidential by doing the right thing. Ensure your demographic company details are up to date all the time.

IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION SAFE

TAX information is confidential company information. It is therefore important that taxpayers take due diligence in keeping their information safe. For Zambia Revenue Authority, as a custodian of tax information, the issue of confidentiality is taken seriously.

This is because the Authority realizes that correct information in the wrong hands is dangerous and detrimental to the owner of the information. In this regard, all tax matters are treated with the utmost confidentiality to safeguard taxpayers' information.

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copy or print taxpayer data and submit it to any unauthorized entity.

To protect taxpayers whose information is in our custody, this is why we always endeavor to exhibit high levels of integrity and confidentiality in our information dissemination dealings.

To make sure that company information goes only to the intended recipients, we always carry out some basic checks when people communicate with us via various platforms to seek for example change of login credentials or change of official contact details about a company or simply to carry out any requested change on tax account.

In this technological era, taxpayers get to communicate with the Authority regarding their tax issues via different platforms such as telephone, email, hard copy letters, and sometimes through official social media platforms. As much as these are the official communication channels,

technology has also made it very difficult to ascertain whether the one initiating the communication is the officially authorized person for the company.

So with such circumstances



how do companies safeguard their confidential tax information? As we endeavor to protect taxpayers' information it is also expected that taxpayers take precautions in safeguarding their confidential tax information.

Here are the few tips that may be helped:

1. Safeguarding company login credentials to your

TaxOnline account. This will ensure that there the credentials don't end up in the wrong hands thereby exposing the company. If the company feels unauthorized person may have access to the credentials

the company needs to immediately change the credentials.

2. Update the contact details of the contact immediately there is a change so that any communication goes to the correct company details. The contact details include company email, phone numbers, and address.

3. Communicate with the Authority immediately there

is a change in terms of the authorized person managing the company's tax account. This may be the accountant or the tax agent responsible for filing company returns.

4. For those companies that use tax agents, they need to communicate immediately they change the tax agent so that the agent no longer has access to the company's official information.

5. When you write to us through our email address i.e. advice@zra.org.zm ensure you use an official letterhead signed by the directors of the company to show authenticity. This is why we always advise those that just call us asking for initiation of any change to put it in writing on a company letterhead so that we guarantee authenticity.

6. Know to what extent the company can use a tax agent. Remember that the company needs to give the agent permission to do certain tasks on behalf of the company. Even if the company uses a tax agent

KITWE COUNCIL TO ACT ON MARAUDING STREET KIDS

By **ROGERS KALERO**

THE Kitwe City Council will liaise with an investor at the former Astra Cinema in the City centre to fence off the facility to prevent street kids from using it for other mischievous activities, Town Clerk Mbulo Seke has said.

He said the local authority would discuss with the owner of the property to completely fence it off in order to curb the nuisance which had been happening there.

There had been concerns from some mobile booth operators about the filthy state of the property as street children and other people had turned it into a sex den and also use it for other mischievous activities.

Some mobile booth operators said that the street children were sometimes having sex during day at the same place.

When contacted for a comment, Mr Seke said the former Astra Cinema was a private property, but that the local authority would liaise with the owner so that it could be fenced off and guarded.

"It is regrettable that the former Astra has been turned into a toilet by street children and this was making the job of mobile money booth operators difficult because of the smell of urine and faecal matter

"That place is a private property and what we will do as a local authority is to liaise with the owner of the prop-

erty find ways of abetting the nuisance. We will discuss the possibility of completely fencing off the area so that there is no way in for street children," Mr Seke said.

But some residents said the problem of street children had become a very complicated issue which needed to be addressed immediately.

Mr Stephen Chanda said there were some complex issues in addressing the problem of street children especially that the children were not eager to be empowered in any way, but were happy with being given alms.

"These children have become so much used to begging and even if Government comes up with initiatives to empower them, things don't

work because they want to go back to beg in the streets, Mr Chanda said.



'Make sanitary products affordable'

By **SANFROSSA MANYINDA**

VISION Zambia Initiative (VZI) has called on Government to consider the removal of tampon tags as it was a more sustainable way of fighting period poverty.

VZI Executive Director, Namutula Sindila, said the removal of tampon tags would make sanitary products about 20 percent cheaper and more affordable for more women and girls across different parts of the country.

Ms Sindila said in Kitwe that it was a pity that the country had continued to import sanitary products from tampon tags free countries yet in the same breath peg them at high prices.

"Distributing sanitary pads without an accompanying policy will have us

dealing with the branches of the problem as opposed to the roots at hand.

"We call upon to hear our cry as girls and women of the country to help us in bridging the gap of menstrual equity that we keep experiencing," she said.

Ms Sindila said the gap kept affecting the productivity of women as a number of girls were still using unhygienic absorption methods due to the high prices of sanitary products that the country was still experiencing.

Ms Sindila called upon Government to create some incentives for companies that locally produce sanitary towels so that one day the country could have products produced at a cheaper price and sell them to the Zambian women and girls at a more affordable price.



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Additionally, the Bank recorded an increase of 27 per cent in operating expenses on account of expenses relating to personal protective equipment for the COVID 19 pandemic, human capital restructuring costs, depreciation of the Kwacha largely affecting the foreign currency denominated expenses and operational expenses associated with the new head office which were expensed.

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HH DEATH CLAIMS A BARRAGE OF FALSEHOODS

Dear Editor,

In the evening of Sunday, social media was awash with the claims that the

government was targeting 58-year-old long serving president of the United Party for National Development (UPND) Hakainde Hichilema.

The allegations were to the ex-

tent that the police specifically from State House were on their way to Mr Hichilema's home with a view to administer the poisonous substance on him which would later be the source of his death.

Home affairs Minister Stephen Kampyongo dismissed the claims and clarified that State House Police do not carry law enforcement operations save to provide security for the Head of State.

Among the high priests of lies is embattled Choma Central Member of Parliament Cornelius Mweetwa who is so far facing an uphill battle in his bid to reclaim the seat which is nearly slipping off his hands.

It is being irresponsible for the Choma MP who is a lawyer by profession to turn himself into the high priest of falsehood and alarming statements in the run up to the August 12 general elections.

The claims of poisoning are serious in nature and if they are well founded, UPND should report the case to the police especially that they claim to know the people threatening the life of their leader.

The statements if coming from the leaders are quite unfortunate especially that the

UPND cadres even responded and carried an unlawful procession to the home of Mr Hichilema.

We recall, there are instances when HH has been caught in the web of willful confrontation, entice the police to act and when they act, he moves with the narrative of being a target of death.

The credibility of such claims which are expressionless been made without tangible evidence makes his assertion farfetched. By now he should have provided sufficient details so that the state can grant him the necessary protection to thwart the threat on his life.

We advise Mr Hichilema not to worry about his health, his life matters just like any other Zambian citizen. Government has shown political will in investing in the security of the nation.

This is the reason the government has taken proactive steps in equipping staff with necessary skills and resources to carry on their responsibility of protecting human life.

It is therefore wrong for Mr Hichilema to single out himself as the victim of imaginary state sponsored killing yet the state has done its best to put measures of safeguarding human life.

MARVIN MBERI.

CHANDA

Don't use youth as tools of political violence ahead of 2021 polls

Dear Editor,

ZAMBIA will be holding the general elections on August 12, 2021. The electorate will be afforded an opportunity to elect leaders of the former's choice. This is good as it entails democracy because people will have the democratic right to elect their own leaders without being coerced.

However, some politicians both from the ruling party and the opposition party don't mean well as they incite the youth to engage in political violence which should not be the case. This becomes imminent prior to the elections.

Some pockets of political violence have been witnessed in our country where the political cadre crashed. The incidences of political violence in most cases culminate in deaths and injuries owing to the fact that guns and iron bars are used.

The cadres from the ruling Patriotic Front (PF) and the opposition United Party for National Development (UPND) have been the major culprits of political violence going by the recent happenings in the political spheres.

President Edgar Chagwa Lungu is on record denouncing political violence perpetrated by cadres either from the ruling party or the opposition parties. President Lungu further mentioned that there shouldn't be any sacred cows when it comes to political violence.

It is unfortunate that some politicians take advantage of the vulnerability of these youth because the latter are not employed. These youth are either bought beer or given money by some politicians to wage a fight against their perceived political rivals. This doesn't augur well.

In view of the aforementioned, I implore some politicians to desist from using the youth as tools of political violence ahead of the 2021 polls. Why should people fight because of having divergent political views? In a nutshell, politics should not divide us because we are one. There is need to co-exist.

Youth should be responsible citizens by not engaging in political violence let alone killing or maiming each other because of politics. The point worth noting is that there can only be one leader at any given time. Let us practice peaceful campaigns instead of resorting to political violence ahead of this year's general elections.

ELEMIYA PHIRI Lusaka.

Recruitment of 3, 600 teachers by Government a welcome move

Dear Editor,

THE Ministry of General Education has embarked on the recruitment exercise of teachers across the country. The first phase of the teacher recruitment will see 3,600 teachers employed in the education sector.

The government move to employ teachers is welcome in that it will cushion unemployment in the education sector. The country has more than 60, 000 unemployed teachers.

However, the number of unemployed teachers has escalated because the Ministry of General Education has not been employing the teachers because of limited financial resources. The Minister of General Education, Dr. Dennis Wanchinga recently announced that the teacher recruitment exercise will be ongoing. This will entail many teachers getting employed both in primary schools and in secondary schools.

Ultimately, this will avert the problem of shortage of teachers especially in rural areas where most schools do not have enough teachers.

Most trained teachers who are not employed are suffering owing to the high cost of consumer goods and services and lack of income. The few privileged teachers are employed by the private schools where they are poorly remunerated.

In view of the high unemployment levels in the education sector, some scammers are on the loose aiming at swindling the teachers seeking employment.

In this vein, the teachers must be wary about the fraudsters. On the other hand, the scammers must be arrested and ultimately prosecuted so that they can face the full wrath of the law.

To crown it all, the teacher recruitment exercise across the country is the right move by the government in that it will mitigate the unemployment levels in the education sector. This is because the teacher recruitment will be ongoing.

ELEMIYA PHIRI, Lusaka.



Mr Hichilema

MP's role is not giving donations, UPND says

By ROGERS KALERO

I WILL not be a Member of Parliament (MP) to only help bereaved families in Kwacha constituency, but will create employment for the people to help themselves during funerals, UPND aspiring candidate Crispin Chomba has said.

He said once elected as MP, his role would be to make laws in Parliament and push for employment creation and not only giving support to bereaved families.

Mr Chomba was speaking at the weekend in an interview after he came out first among those aspiring to stand in Kwacha constituency during the UPND Kitwe district preliminary adoptions process.

He said instead of giving hand-outs to the bereaved families like the incumbent MP, Joe Malanji, was doing, he would create employment for the people so that they were financially independent.

I will not be an MP to give help and support to the bereaved families, but I will create employment for the local people so that they are able to support themselves whenever they have funerals.

"I will not be an MP to give help and support to the bereaved families, but I will create employment for the local people so that they are able to support themselves whenever they have funerals.

"It is not my responsibility to give out donations, but my role as MP will be to make laws in parliament and push for employment creation. I don't have money to be giving out to each family which has a funeral," Mr Chomba said.

Mr Chomba said he would bring investors across the Kafue River in the New Kitwe to invest in agriculture and other sectors so that they could employ people and grow crops for export to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Angola.

Mr Chomba, who until now was working as an accountant at a private company, said the new Kitwe has been opened for both local and foreign investors to create employment for the local people and to grow the economy.

"Investment will not be only agriculture, but other sectors of the economy like manufacturing and others. I will develop Kwacha constituency and you will see it for yourself," he said.

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CB UPND disenchanted members back PF aspiring candidate

By **ROGERS KALERO**

SOME UPND supporters have hinted that they will support Patriotic Front (PF) Chimwemwe constituency aspiring candidate Allen Banda because of the confusion which has rocked the adoption process in their political party.

The UPND members, who did not want to be named, told the Daily Nation they were contemplating supporting Mr Banda in the August elections because he had proved to be down to earth and humble.

Last month, some UPND officials from Chimwemwe defected to the PF and pledged to support Mr Banda because even before he could be elected member of parliament, he had demonstrated good leadership which had inspired them.

“We have hinted this to Mr Banda and we are yet to discuss every thing in details. So far, we think it us much better to be in PF than to be UPND. If UPND stalwarts like Charles Kakoma can leave UPND, who are we,” they asked.

The UPND supporters said the adoption process was marred by corruption and tribalism hence their decision to consider supporting Mr Banda and President Edgar Lungu in the August elections.

“the truth is that there is a lot of tribalism and corruption in the adoption process. This is why we want to support Mr Banda and President Lungu,” the UPND members said in an interview.

“We have hinted this to Mr Banda and we are yet to discuss every thing in details. So far, we think it us much better to be in PF than to be UPND. If UPND stalwarts like Charles Kakoma can leave UPND, who are we,” they asked.

And when contacted for a comment, Mr Banda said he had received such information but was yet to meet them and discuss everything.

“I can’t say much for now, I will say much more at an appropriate time when we organise a big thing when they officially join the big family of PF under the humble and mature leadership of President Lungu,” Mr Banda said.

More health services for Kapoche coming

By SANFROSSA MANYINDA

THE Government has worked hard to take health care services closer to the people in both urban and rural areas, Kapoche constituency aspirant candidate Luckson Lungu has said.

He said the government had huge plans for the area, stating that it was the reason it had started making plans of constructing more health centres as well as improving the road network.

Mr Lungu said there would be no need for people to walk long distances in order to access health care services once the construction of the centres was done.

He has therefore urged the constituents to vote wisely and ensure that President Edgar Lungu and the PF

bounced back to power come August 12, this year.

He added that the people in the area needed to give the President another mandate so that he could carry on with the many projects that were on the development agenda.

"The head of state is the president for the poor people who care for their needs that is why he is spearheading all these projects you are seeing across the country.

"We have all seen the way road infrastructure, health care services are improving in the country, an indication that the president has a heart for his people," he said.

Mr Lungu said that the Government was considering distributing the farming inputs early so that farmers could start their cultivation on time.

Jere hails ECL's Church support

By SIMON MUNTEMBA

LUSAKA lawyer, Dickson Jere, has urged police officers and their families to give full support to President Edgar Lungu as he has transformed their camps across the country.

Mr Jere, who was guest of honour at UCZ Congregation at Lilayi Police camp, said Government's transformation agenda was visible at Lilayi police camp as modern houses and the church building was testimony for all to see.

He said officers and their

families were now living in habitable houses due to the infrastructure developments by President Lungu across the country.

He said the President has shown unprecedented love to the officers.

And Reverend Serge Changa, UCZ presiding minister of the Lilayi congregation, thanked President Lungu for the help rendered towards the construction of the church within the police camp.

Mr Jere is aspiring parliamentary candidate for Matero constituency under the Patriot Front.

ZRA DONATES 86 VEHICLES TO GOVT ...seized from defaulters

By BUUMBA CHIMBULU in Kapiri Mposhi

THE Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) has donated 86 vehicles seized for dubiously entering the country, to Government institutions.

ZRA also announced that it will start impounding and seizing all illegally imported vehicles May 26, this year.

The organisation has declared war against any form of illegality such as smuggling, misclassification of goods, under-valuation, and dubious importation of motor vehicles.

ZRA Commissioner General, Kingsley Chanda, said his organisation was already aware where the uncleared vehicles were due to the audit which was being conducted.

Mr Chanda stressed that all the groundwork had already been done in preparation of the place where the seized vehicles would be parked before donation.

He said no one with an illegally imported motor vehicle would escape the dragnet.

Mr Chanda said this in a speech read on his behalf by ZRA Corporate Communications Manager, Topsy Sikalinda, yesterday in Kapiri Mposhi during the donation of 86 vehicles to Government institutions.

"We promise to sweep the nation of all illegally imported vehicles. May I, therefore, take



From left to right, Zambia Police Service Kapiri District Commanding Officer Brighson Mwape with Zambia Revenue Authority Corporate Communications Manager Topsy Sikalinda and ZRA Kapiri Station Manager Pamela Chunda looks on during the function yesterday.

this opportunity to sound the last trumpet on the motor vehicle amnesty we are currently running.

"Let all those with dubiously imported motor vehicles step forward and clear their vehicles before the deadline. After the deadline, all those who will not step forward will have themselves to blame. Do not dare us!" he said.

On the donation, Mr Chanda said ZRA got approval from the Finance Minister, Bwalya Ng'andu, to donate forfeited goods in line with Section 204 of the Customs and Excise Act, Chapter 322 of the Laws of Zambia.

He explained that ZRA was

donating 86 motor vehicles sitting in various Customs stations in the country to 14 recipients.

"We decided to use this Enforcement Centre for this activity so that the public appreciates our efforts of curbing smuggling along the Nakonde-Lusaka route.

"I am sure you hear through the media the seizures we record through this Enforcement Centre such as illegal immigrants in containers, salaula, etc," Mr Chanda said.

Among the recipients were Zambia Police Service, Drug Enforcement Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, University Teaching

Hospital, National Prosecution Authority, Judicial Complaints Authority, and Auditor General's Office.

Zambia Police Service is getting the biggest number of 17 motor vehicles plus seven motorbikes.

Speaking on behalf of the recipients, Zambia Police Kapiri District Commanding Officer, Brighson Mwape, expressed gratitude to ZRA for the donation.

For the police service specifically, Mr Mwape said the vehicles would ease transportation challenges.

"We are grateful on behalf of everyone who is receiving today," he said.



LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT No. 3, SECTION 53(2) OF 2015 OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES intends to apply for planning permission for change of Land use from **Agriculture to Place of Worship** at Stand No. Sub G of Sub 39 of Farm 916 Jack South Lusaka. The plot measures approximately 1727m² in extent.

The application may be viewed at the Office of the Town Clerk of Lusaka City Council; P. O Box 30077, Lusaka and submissions or observations on the application may be made to the planning authority without charge. Submissions or observations must be in writing and made within the period of 30 days beginning on the first date of the period for the publication of this notice being 19th April, 2021 and ending on 18th May, 2021.

Alex Mwansa
TOWN CLERK
For/ **THE CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY**
Date of erection of site notice 19th April, 2021



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

KASAMU RHODSITE intends to apply for planning permission for change of Land use from **Residential to commercial (Lodge)** at Stand No. Sub Y of Lot 13058/M Lilayi Lusaka. The plot measures approximately 1210m² in extent.

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TOBACCO RAKES IN US\$23.3M

HARARE - Zimbabwe has so far raked in US\$23.3 million from the sale of 9,5 million kg of tobacco in five days, a 152 percent improvement compared with last year's US\$9,2 million from 3.9 million kg, statistics released by the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB) show.

An estimated 90 percent of the tobacco delivered came from the contract crop, with just 10 percent being sold on the auction floors.

Buyers offered a highest

price of US\$6.30 per kg at the contract floors, while the highest price at the auction floors remained at US\$4.99 per kg.

In the same period last year, tobacco generated US\$9.2 million from the sale of 3.9 million kg.

At this stage, 133, 408 bales have been laid and 129 704 sold as compared with 54, 060 laid during the corresponding period last year, with 52, 705 bales sold during the same period last year.

The majority of farmers

in the country are currently producing tobacco under contract farming.

The contract farming arrangement sees tobacco farmers being guaranteed a timely supply of inputs and, in some cases, funds to pay workers.

The farmers are given technical advice because the contractors want their crop grown according to market requirements.

Last year, production of the golden leaf reached 184 million kg. And this year TIMB has projected that



production could reach 200 million kg due to the positive rainfalls. - THE HERALD, Zimbabwe.

Bumper year ahead for agriculture, ...but farmers still need to plan for tough times

JOHANNESBURG - Favourable weather conditions and more robust international demand is expected to set up the South African agricultural industry for further growth, but producers must use these good times to plan for the future, says an analyst.

The industry expanded by 13.1 percent during 2020, while eight other industries, such as mining, trade and finance, suffered setbacks in economic activity.

Notably, the country experienced a record citrus crop with growth up 35 percent from 2019. According to the Citrus Growers Association, the industry exported 146 million cartons which, if lined up, could nearly cover the earth's circumference, Fin24 previously reported.

"We have good maize and oilseed crops in the ground with excellent prices," said Dawie Maree, head of information and marketing at FNB Agriculture.

He explained that it was not common to have a large crop and good prices in one year. Usually, prices are driven down when there is sufficient market supply.

Commercial maize in 2019/20 increased by 36 percent year-on-year, to 15.3 million tons. The potential maize crop for the 2020/21 production season is expected to expand to

more than 16 million tons.

Maree said producers might have room to settle debt and even consider expansion, given a better agricultural season.

He explained that producers needed to use the "good times" to work on good production and financial management for the future.

This included working on succession planning for when farmers retire and investing in productive assets.

Farmers should also consider diversification - to move operations beyond farming and into processing. Investing in pack houses could be a starting point, an extreme step would be to move out of agriculture and into manufacturing.

Maree emphasised that farmers needed to consider measures to ensure survival for tough times. - FIN24.



Expansion of Port of Durban to cost \$7 billion, Ramaphosa says

JOHANNESBURG - The expansion of the Port of Durban precinct would require R100 billion in new investment over the next decade, in a project that aimed at improving efficiency at one of the country's key drivers of economic growth, according to President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Work would include the deepening of the Maydon Wharf channel to allow larger, modern vessels to enter the port, the infill of Pier 1 and Pier 2 to create additional capacity for containers, and the development of a new container terminal in the Point Precinct.

"These ambitious plans will require greater private sector participation and investment. Transnet, including the Durban Port, is an important national asset belonging to the people of South Africa," said Ramaphosa in his letter to the nation.

Ramaphosa had visited the facility last week and he said "the expansion of infrastructure at the port will require R100 billion in new investment over the next decade and more."

The port is ideally located to serve as a hub for containerised cargo from the Indian Ocean Islands, Middle East,



Far East and Australia, and upgrade is expected to expand capacity for container han-

dling from 2.9 million units to more than 11 million units.

Some of the challenges that have contributed to low productivity levels at the port, a factor that has seen it slip from the top position in Africa to third, are slow turnaround times, truck congestion, ship berthing delays and anchorage times, poor maintenance of equipment.

During his visit to the port last week, President Cyril Ramaphosa said although some notable progress had taken place in driving efficiency at the facility, more work needed to be done to improve efficiency. - FIN24.

China's economy grows 18.3pc in post-Covid comeback

BEIJING - China's economy grew a record 18.3 percent in the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same quarter last year.

It's the biggest jump in gross domestic product (GDP) since China started keeping quarterly records in 1992.

However, Friday's figures are below expectations, with a Reuters poll of economists predicting 19 percent growth.

They are also heavily skewed, and less indicative of strong growth, as they are compared to last year's huge economic contraction.

In the first quarter of 2020, China's economy shrank 6.8 percent due to nationwide lockdowns at the peak of its Covid-19 outbreak.

"The national economy made a good start," said China's National Bureau of Statistics, which released the first



quarter data.

But it added: "We must be aware that the Covid-19 epidemic is still spreading globally and the international landscape is complicated with high uncertainties and instabilities."

Other key figures released by China's statistics department also point to a continuing rebound, but are also un-

usually strong because they are compared against extremely weak numbers from last year.

Industrial output for March rose 14.1 percent over a year ago, while retail sales grew 34.2 percent.

However, some analysts predicted a number of sectors will slow as government fiscal and monetary support is reduced. - BBC.

Brexit: Euro MPs' vote bolsters EU-UK trade deal

BRUSSELS - Two key European Parliament committees have overwhelmingly approved the UK's post-Brexit trade deal with the EU, bringing its ratification closer.

The wide-ranging EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement was clinched on December 24. It is in force provisionally.

The EU still has concerns about the way the UK is implementing the separate protocol for Northern Ireland.

MEPs are yet to vote on the trade deal in a full session. The deadline for that is the end of this month.

There were 108 votes in favour, one against and four abstentions in the parliament's trade and foreign affairs committees.

Why does the trade deal matter?

There was relief on both sides when the deal was finally struck before Christmas, because a no-deal scenario on January 1 would have meant the imposition of many tariffs (import taxes) and quotas under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules.

Even with the deal, Brexit has brought extra paperwork and other administrative costs for UK and EU businesses. But without the deal the costs would have been greater, along with disruption to transport and various other EU-UK links.

The EU is in a legal row with the UK because the UK government unilaterally extended a series of "grace periods" to ease trade be-

tween Britain and Northern Ireland.

Under the protocol, new EU checks are to be imposed on that trade, but the UK's move has delayed them.

The controversial protocol, which followed years of legal wrangling, is designed to keep Northern Ireland inside the EU's single market for goods.

But as Britain is now outside, various bureaucratic hurdles have arisen. And that has fuelled political tensions. The protocol is seen as a factor in the recent street clashes in Belfast.

The different rules are aimed at maintaining an open border - and smooth trade - between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, which remains in the EU. - BBC.

Continue praying for peace, Church urged

By ANDREW MUKOMA

THE Church should pray for political leaders to co-exist as the nation heads to the polls on August 12, PF Livingstone Parliamentary candidate, Evans Fenete has pleaded.

Mr Fenete urged the church to continue being instrumental and provide guidance in matters of the country's wellbeing.

He added that as the country holds the general elections this year, there will be need to pray for peace before, during and after the elections.

The aspiring candidate said that the church has a critical role to play in inculcating values and morals among citizens and that was the only way to upholding the Christian nation declaration.

Mr Fenete was speaking during the farewell service for Reverend Manda of the Coillard Memorial congregation of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) who has been moved from the Western zone to the Eastern zone.

"I am asking you to keep praying for the leaders to co-exist as they go about the daily affairs of the nation because it is through prayer that we can ask God's guidance in taking this nation

to greater heights. I also call upon the church to pray for this year's elections so that there is peace before, during and after the elections," he said.

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And in his farewell message, Rev Manda encouraged the congregants to continue to exhibiting love and unity not just at church but even in their communities.

Rev Manda said that it was not easy to lead the church but with God's blessing, he has managed to lead the zone for the past years.

He thanked Western zone and Coillard Memorial congregation for giving him an opportunity to serve God's people.

STICK TO ELECTORAL RULES, POLITICIANS URGED

By ANDREW MUKOMA

PROJECT Support Learners Zambia (PSLZ) in Livingstone has urged political players and other stakeholders to ensure that they adhere to the electoral code of conduct.

PSLZ district coordinator, Nyambe Mutete, said that during this year's general elections, a new approach would be required especially with the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr Mutete said that while electoral players would conduct their activities, adherence to the health protocol must be a priority.

He said that because of that, changes in campaign strategies and the holding of meetings must be prioritized as a country anticipates a third wave of covid-19 since the cold season has started.

"We are now in the critical period of the of the electoral process where intra party democracy shall be tested as many who will not be adopted from their political parties due to frustrations, will have to find space to contest as in-



File Photo:

dependent candidates

Mr Mutete noted that in the past held elections, voter education had been a challenge due to limited funding, hence the need for political players to up their game in educating

their electorate.

He said this was one of their requirement under the electoral code of conduct that regulates all stakeholders in an election as civil societies only supplement what the Electoral Commission of Zambia

(ECZ) does.

"We want to appeal to the commission to ensure that voter education is intensified for the electorate to quickly know on the current changes to the electoral process," Mr Mutete said.

Women urged to positively contribute to national economic growth



Professor Luo

MINISTER of Livestock and Fisheries Nkandu Luo has encouraged women in North-Western Province to actively engage themselves in livestock farming and positively contribute to national economic growth.

Professor Luo said livestock farming is a lucrative venture which women must take advantage of if they are to be economically self-reliant.

The minister was speaking in Solwezi yesterday when she empowered 19 women led cooperatives and various churches with goats and improved village chicken breed.

"We as a ministry we have said there is not going to a small scale farmer in livestock but emerging farmers because we know that one day you will be a commercial farmer," Prof. Luo said.

She said in making a sus-

tainable household food security in livestock, government wants to grow the sector through everyone's participation women inclusive.

Prof. Luo advised the beneficiaries to ensure that they care for the domestic animals and consequently multiply to benefit others.

"Livestock has so many areas in which you can make money so make use of the sector to better your lives," she said.

Meanwhile, Solwezi District Commissioner, Rosemary Kamalonga said the empowering of women in the district is a clear demonstration of President Edgar Lungu's commitment of not leaving anyone behind in matters of national development.

Ms Kamalonga said the empowerment will go a long way in uplifting the living

standards of women and the future generations.

And United Church of Zambia Trinity congregation's representative Joyce Mwambazhi, thanked Government for the empowerment.

Ms Mwambazhi assured that they will make sure the goats multiply and benefit all members in the cooperative.

"We are so grateful to government, these goats are not meant for the pots but to uplift our living standards. We will look after them very well so that they multiply to benefit others," she said.

And Solwezi civic centre women cooperative chairperson, Susan Malipilo said they will use the empowerment to sustain their families and thanked government for empowering everyone regardless of who they are.

- ZANIS

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GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF HALF - LIFE

Learning objectives.

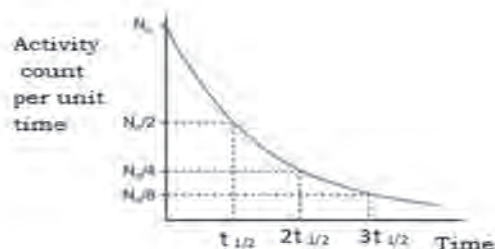
- Define half-life
- Interpret the decay curve
- Solve problems of the decay curve

As explained in the previous lessons, a radioactive element undergo gradual disintegration which later on changes it into another element depending on the type of radiation it emits. In this lesson we explore further the concept of half-life.

The half-life of a radioactive nuclide is the time taken for half the radioactive nuclei present in any given sample to decay. Half- life can also be defined as the average time taken for the activity to decrease to half of the initial value.

The activity is defined as the average number of disintegrations per second of a sample.

The half-life of radioactive element can be represented graphically. The activity is plotted on the y- axis and the time taken on the x-axis. The activity of decreases with time. The decrease of the activity is exponential. See the graph below.

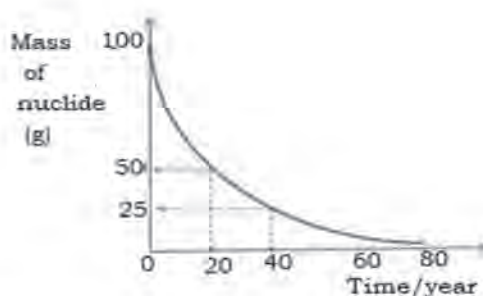


Procedure for determining half-life on a decay curve.

- Calculate half of the original sample given
- Locate the calculated value on the y-axis
- Move in a straight line towards the curve
- When you have touched the curve, move downwards and locate the time of the x-axis.
- The value on the x-axis is the half-life

Example 1

1. Study the decay curve shown below and answer the questions that follow.



- (a) Determine the half-life of the radioactive shown above
- (b) How much of the radioactive element remained after 40 years

Solution

- (a) $N_0 = 100\text{g}$
 $N_0/2 = 100\text{g}/2 = 50\text{g}$
 Moving towards the curve and downwards, 50g corresponds to 20 years
 $t_{1/2} = 20 \text{ years}$
- (b) Locate 40 years on the x-axis, move upwards and after touching the curve move towards y-axis. This corresponds to 25g
 Therefore after 40 years, **25g remained.**

Number of half lives

The number of half-lives can be calculated once we know the half-life of a radioactive element and the time taken for the given sample to decay. The formula for calculating number of half-lives is expressed as follows:

$$\text{Number of half lives} = \frac{\text{Total time taken to decay}}{\text{Half-life}}$$

Example 2

2. From the decay curve in example one, calculate the number of half-lives in 100g of radioactive element.

Solution

$$T_{1/2} = 20 \text{ Years,}$$

$$\text{Total time taken} = 80 \text{ Years}$$

$$\text{Number of half-lives} = \frac{80 \text{ years}}{20 \text{ years}}$$

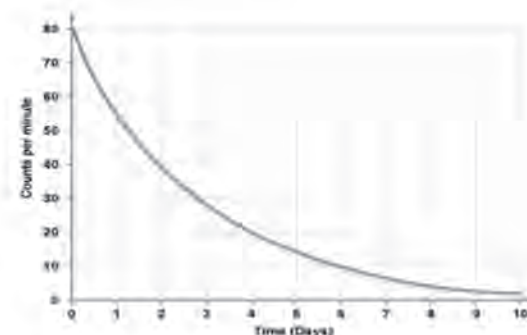
$$\text{Number of half-lives} = 4$$

The table below shows the half-live of some radioactive elements;

Element	Mass Number	Half-life
Uranium	238	4500×10^6 years
Plutonium	239	24,000 years
Carbon	14	5,600 years
Radium	226	1,600 years
Caesium	133	30 days
Iodine	127	8 days
Bismuth	210	5 days
Sodium	24	15 hours
Bismuth	212	1 hour
Polonium	218	3 minutes
Radon	220	54 seconds

TASK

1. Study the decay curve shown below of a radioactive element.



- (a) Define the term half- life
- (b) Use the decay curve to determine the half-life of the radioactive element shown above.
- (c) Calculate the number of half lives
- (d) How much counts will remain after two half-lives?
- (e) State **two** ways on how radioactive elements should be handled.

BRIEFS

Man arrested over Table Mountain blaze

JOHANNESBURG - A suspected arsonist has been arrested in connection with a raging runaway veldfire on Table Mountain. The man, in his 30s, was arrested on Sunday night.

This comes as the City of Cape Town investigates the cause of the fire that started on Sunday morning and has destroyed several historical structures. -NEWS24.

Elephants kill suspected poacher in SA's Kruger park

JOHANNESBURG - A suspected poacher has died after being trampled by elephants in South Africa's Kruger National Park.

The South African National Parks on Sunday said the deceased and his two colleagues had been running away from the park's field rangers "when they ran into a breeding herd of elephants." - BBC.

UN suspends operations in northern Nigeria

ABUJA - The UN has suspended humanitarian operations in Dikwa and Damasak towns in Nigeria's north-eastern Borno State, after recent attacks by the Boko Haram jihadist group, local media sources have reported.

"We have temporarily suspended operations in these areas in order to safely relocate humanitarian staff and are closely monitoring the situation," said Edward Kallon, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria. - BBC.

Nasa successfully flies small helicopter on Mars

WASHINGTON - The American space agency has successfully flown a small helicopter on Mars. The drone, called Ingenuity, was airborne for less than a minute, but Nasa is celebrating what represents the first powered, controlled flight by an aircraft on another world.

Confirmation came via a satellite at Mars which relayed the chopper's data back to Earth. The space agency is promising more adventurous flights in the days ahead. - BBC.



Russia expels Czech diplomats over spying row

MOSCOW - Russia has announced that 20 diplomats from the Czech Republic will be expelled after the Czechs expelled 18 Russian diplomats.

The Russian diplomats are suspected of being intelligence operatives involved in an explosion at a Czech arms depot in 2014 which killed two people.

Two Russians suspected of carrying out a nerve agent attack in the UK in 2018 are now also being linked to the blast.

EU foreign ministers are due to discuss the accusations.

Moscow has given the Czech diplomats a day to leave, while the Czech Republic has given the Russians 72 hours.

Russia's foreign ministry called the Czech decision "unprecedented" and a "hostile

act."

"In their desire to please the United States against the background of recent US sanctions against Russia, Czech authorities in this respect even outdid their masters from across the pond," said a foreign ministry statement.

Czech authorities say the diplomats are believed to be intelligence operatives, accusations the Russians have classed as unfounded and absurd.

The explosion tore apart an ammunition storage depot in a forest at Vrbitice in the Czech Republic on October 16, 2014. Windows in nearby buildings were blown out and local schools were evacuated as emergency vehicles rushed to the scene. The remains of two men - aged 56 and 69 - who worked at the site were found more than a month later. The blast was assumed to have been an accident.

But painstaking detective work by the Czech authorities has pointed the finger at Moscow - and Unit 29155 of Russia's GRU intelligence agency. - BBC.

STOP DEBATE

...as Tanzanian leader tells off MPs on Magufuli comparison

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan has asked parliament to stop debates comparing her with her predecessor John Magufuli.

She said she was disappointed that the parliament was discussing her differences with the former president, who died on March 17, rather than focusing on the government's agenda.

The president, who has been hailed for being unafraid

to take the country in a new direction, said she and her predecessor were "one thing" - and that she was focused on continuing the work that Magufuli had started.

She said it was worrying that "something that is trending on social media is what now guides the debate in parliament."

"We are supposed to be discussing and passing the government budgets...Let's work the way parliament is supposed to..." she said, speaking at a national conference

organised by religious leaders in memory of the late president and to pray for the new leaders.

President Samia became Tanzania's first female president after the death of President Magufuli.

There have been notable changes including the setting up of the team to advise on Covid-19, whose severity had been downplayed by the predecessor.

She's also allowed some media outlets that had been censored to reopen. - BBC.



Chakwera fires minister over Covid-19 funds

LILONGWE - Malawi President Lazarus Chakwera on Sunday fired Labour Minister Ken Kandodo for diverting \$800 worth of Covid-19 funds to pay for a government trip, part of a wider embezzlement scandal.

In a televised address to the nation, Chakwera said the minister was named in an audit report as having listed the funds in his allowances for the travel to South Africa.

"I have dropped him from my cabinet accordingly. Even though the minister has since returned the money, his usage of the funds means that the money was unavailable for its intended purpose when it was needed most," Chakwera said.

"I cannot have in my cabinet any individuals who either spend money budgeted for one thing on something else or do not ask tough questions to ensure that the money they are



spending on something was budgeted for that purpose." Chakwera also ordered the arrest of scores of civil servants implicated in plundering \$7.8 million of Covid-19 funds. "As

I speak, over a dozen individuals suspected of committing the crimes exposed by this audit report have just been arrested by the Malawi Police Service. There are no sacred

cows... There will be more arrests," he said.

Kandodo on Sunday told the Reuters news agency that he was shocked by the decision, without making further comments.

Meanwhile, police have confirmed the arrest of 19 people suspected to have misused Covid-19 funds - including officials from the president's office and the cabinet as well as a well-known journalist, Mzati Mkolokosa, who was recently replaced as the director of information.

Malawi has so far recorded more than 33,000 cases of Covid-19 and 1,138 deaths.

Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries, has recorded 34,000 cases of Covid-19, with 1,138 deaths, including those of two cabinet ministers.

Its under-resourced public hospitals were overwhelmed at the peak of the pandemic. - AFP.

'The commission will not be intimidated'

...Zondo after office burglary, shot fired through window

JOHANNESBURG - Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo said the judicial commission of inquiry into state capture will not be intimidated into not doing its job.

This came after a shot was fired through the window of an office of the commission last week, and a break-in at the commission over the weekend when a computer was stolen.

At the start of yesterday's proceedings, Zondo, who chairs the commission, referred to the two incidents, saying it was "cause for concern."

He said law enforcement agencies were investigating the incidents.

"I don't know whether it is ordinary criminality or something else," Zondo said.

"I just want to say if anybody is trying to intimidate the commission into not doing its job properly, they must know the commission will not be intimidated," he said.

He lauded the dedication of the commission's staff. "I certainly will not be intimidated into not finishing the job."

Zondo said the shot fired through the office window must have happened in the evening. He said a bullet was found in the office.

The break-in at the commission's office in Parktown, Johannesburg, was discovered



on Sunday morning, News24 reported earlier.

The commission was established by corruption-accused former President Jacob Zuma in early 2018, shortly before he left office. It has since laid bare scores of alleged corrupt activities involving companies and businesspeople, officials and

active and retired politicians from the governing ANC.

Yesterday, the commission continued to examine Parliament's oversight function, with National Assembly Speaker Thandi Modise answering questions from evidence leader, advocate Alec Freund SC. - NEWS24.

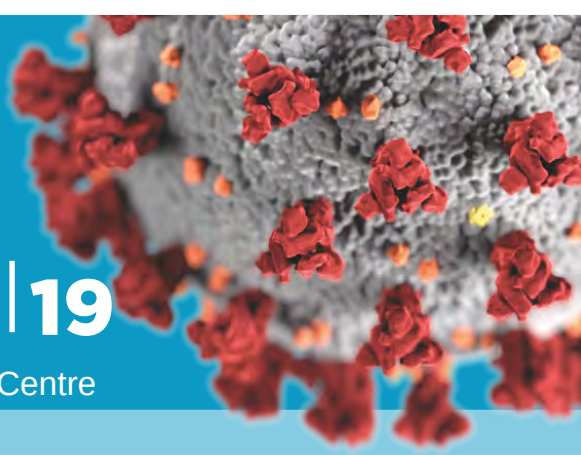


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By DR MBUYI MASUWA Frontline doctor working at Levy Covid Centre

Send your comments and questions to masuwambuyi1118@gmail.com



WHEN IT AINT COOL TO BE FULL

MOST parents love to show off their well fed bundles of joy and these kids with big round cheeks are usually considered so cuddly and cute. I am one of those who likes pinching those soft big cheeks, am sure most of you do too, who would resist those softies?

But just how far can those cheeks grow for them to still be considered cute or over cute? Today as we proceed with lets burn it series, I would like us to touch on the subject of childhood obesity: this is when a child is so fat that the weight becomes a ticking time bomb. This is "when it aint cool to be full".

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Childhood obesity is a serious medical condition that affects children and adolescents. It usually signifies the start of the child's path to a cascade of health problems that were once considered adult problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Childhood obesity can also lead to poor self-esteem and depression. By the way this problem is not for "rich kids" only but affects even those from poor backgrounds.

Not all children carrying extra pounds are overweight. Some children have larger than average body frames. And children normally carry different amounts of body fat at the various stages of development. BMI s and ZD scores can guide. In our case weight plotting on the under 5 card can be very helpful, so please take your children for under 5 checkups..

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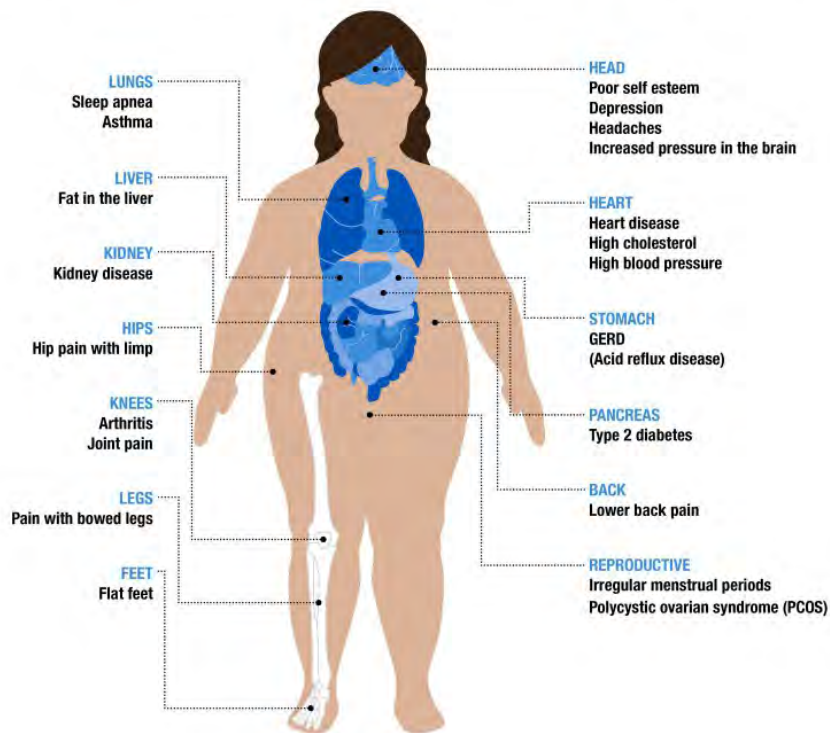
*Lifestyle issues: Too little activity and too many calories from food and drinks — are the main contributors to childhood obesity.

*Even mothers weight and lifestyle during pregnancy does affect future weight of the unborn child. Please monitor your weight when pregnant.

*Genetic factors :Like Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) which is caused by a loss of function of specific genes on chromosome 15. In newborns, symptoms include weak muscles, poor feeding, and slow development. Beginning in childhood, those affected become constantly hungry, which often leads to obesity and type 2 diabetes.

* Hormonal factors: We covered this extensively and while at it, kindly allow me make a correction on a typo in the article entitled BMI VS

Complications of Childhood Obesity



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BMR .On thyroid hormones disorders : hypo and hypersecretion ,it was written that both would lead to weight gain, no it was supposed to have been that hypothyroidism leads to slow BMR which leads to weight gain while hyperthyroidism leads to fast BMR which leads to weight loss. Please kindly note this very important difference.

RISK FACTORS:

Among the many factors that increase your child's risk of becoming overweight are:

- Diet. Eating too much of high-calorie foods, such as fast foods, baked goodies. Candy and desserts also can cause weight gain so do sugary drinks, including fruit juices and sports drinks etc are culprits..

- Lack of exercise. Children who don't exercise much are more likely to gain weight because they don't burn as many calories. Too much time spent in sedentary activities, such as watching television or playing video games, also contributes to the problem. TV shows also often feature ads for unhealthy foods.

- Family factors. If your child comes from a family of

overweight people, he or she may be more likely to put on weight. But remember "Genetics is the gun but lifestyle is what pulls the trigger".

overeate to cope with problems or to deal with emotions, such as stress, or to fight boredom. Their parents might have similar tendencies.



- Psychological factors. Personal, parental and family stress can increase a child's risk of obesity. Some children

- Socioeconomic factors. People in some communities have limited resources and limited access to supermar-

kets. As a result, they might buy convenience foods that don't spoil quickly, such as frozen meals, crackers and cookies. Sometimes kids from low income neighborhoods might not have access to a safe place to exercise.

- Certain medications. Some prescription drugs can increase the risk of developing obesity. They include prednisone, lithium, amitriptyline, paroxetine (Paxil), gabapentin (Neurontin, Gralise, Horizant) and propranolol (Inderal, Hemangeol). While drugs like Metformin may do the opposite.

COMPLICATIONS

Childhood obesity often causes complications in a child's physical, social and emotional well-being.

PHYSICAL COMPLICATIONS

These may include:

- Type 2 diabetes. This chronic condition affects the way your child's body uses sugar (glucose). Obesity and a sedentary lifestyle increase the risk of type 2 diabetes.

- High cholesterol and high blood pressure. A poor diet can cause your child to develop one or both of these conditions. These factors can contribute to the buildup of plaques in the arteries, which can cause arteries to narrow and harden, possibly leading to a heart attack or stroke later in life.

- Joint pain. Extra weight causes extra stress on hips and knees. Childhood obesity can cause pain and sometimes injuries in the hips,

likely to develop obstructive sleep apnea, a potentially serious disorder in which a child's breathing repeatedly stops and starts during sleep.

- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). This disorder, which usually causes no symptoms, causes fatty deposits to build up in the liver. NAFLD can lead to scarring and liver damage.

- Challenges if they get covid 19. Will share an Article of how The P1 Brazilian Variant is causing havoc among younger people, who are now filling up the ICUs.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPLICATIONS:

Children who have obesity may experience teasing or bullying by their peers. This can result in a loss of self-esteem and an increased risk of depression and anxiety. This was the case with Ricky Naputi the "man who ate himself to death": He was teased for his weight when he was a teenager which led to depression ,social withdraw with the only friend and solace being Food. More food led to more weight repeating the cycle time without end until time ended for him on m

PREVENTION

To help prevent excess weight gain in your child, you can:

- Set a good example. Make healthy eating and regular physical activity a family affair. Everyone will benefit and no one will feel singled out.

- Give healthy snacks. Options include air-popped popcorn without butter, fruits , or whole-grain cereal, like slices of brown bread.

- Choose nonfood rewards. Promising candy for good behavior is a bad idea.

- Ensure your child gets enough sleep. Some studies indicate that too little sleep may increase the risk of obesity. Sleep deprivation can cause hormonal imbalances that lead to increased appetite.

They don't necessarily need to be older even at a tender age they can start developing health problems as long as they are obese and if not corrected it may lead to an early death. One certain early death to avoid at the moment is by Covid 19 which obese children are very much at risk of getting and succumbing to.

UNTIL THEN ALUTA CONTINUA, THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES, PLEASE

***MASK UP**

***OBSERVE HAND HYGIENE**

***SOCIALISE WISELY**

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knees and back.

- Breathing problems.

Asthma is more common in children who are overweight.

These children are also more



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MBESUMA GRIEVES

AFCON failures regrettable but we can rise, says 2012 AFCON champion

By MICHAEL MIYOKA

COLLINS Mbesuma says football politics have killed the Zambian game resulting in the national soccer team failing to qualify to three consecutive Africa Cup of Na-

tions.

Mbesuma, a 2012 AFCON winner currently playing for University of Pretoria FC in the South African First Division said it is painful to see Zambia failing to qualify for the Africa Cup despite having a lot of talented players.

He said there is need for FAZ to focus on developing the game instead of paying attention to football politics which will never develop the sport.

In an interview, the former Roan United player who went on to feature for South African giants Kaizer Chiefs, Orlando Pirates, Mamelodi Sundowns and Portsmouth in England urged the Football Association of Zambia to ensure that football is played on the pitch and not on social media.

Mbesuma observed that some players are also overhyped on social media but fail when they are summoned to represent the country.

He noted that some players have also contributed to Zambia failing as they may not be hungry enough to achieve greatness at national team level.

"It is very sad that we have failed to qualify for the Africa Cup of Nations three time in a row despite having a lot of talented players but I hope FAZ knows what they are doing now. "FAZ has implemented a number of projects at junior level which is good and as a footballing nation we have a lot of talented players but my honest opinion is that we should stop playing football on social media. Let's forget about football politics because football politics will never take our football anywhere," Mbesuma said.

Mbesuma is however hopeful that Zambian football will rise to regain its status as a footballing nation because of the availability of many talented players.

He said there is need for the public to respect the current FAZ administration given the mandate to develop football in Zambia.

Mbesuma said Chipolopolo coach Milutin "Mico" Sredojevic deserves to be supported as preparations for the World Cup qualifiers kick off in June. He reaffirmed his commitment to represent Zambia at national team level noting that he still has lot to contribute as he competes in one of the toughest leagues in South Africa.



FAZ search for more friendly games for Copper Queens

By MICHAEL MIYOKA

FAZ president Andrew Kamanga says the association is still looking around for more friendly matches for the Copper Queens preparing for the Tokyo Olympic Games slated to kick off in July in Japan.

Speaking after Kenya withdrew from the friendly match which was scheduled for April 25, Kamanga said the draw that takes place on April 21 will give FAZ an insight on which opposition to test the team against.

Zambia carries the only ticket for Africa and will join Japan, Australia, Brazil, Netherlands, New Zealand, Great Britain, Sweden, Canada, Chile, China, and United States of America.

Meanwhile, Kamanga has hailed the committee of eminent women selected to spearhead fundraising efforts for the Tokyo assignment to raise funds for the team.

He has called on the corporate world to partner with FAZ and help raise funds for the women who have done us proud.

Kamanga also hailed Vice President Inonge Wina who has taken a front seat to help the committee raise funds for the Tokyo-bound Copper Queens.

Meanwhile, Kamanga said FAZ has continued to engage government on the possibility of having a limited number of fans returning to stadia.

Kamanga said it is unfortunate that Super League and ABSA Cup games have continued to be played behind closed doors due to the existing ban on spectators at stadia.

"It is our hope that the Ministry of Health and their sports counterparts will give us a hearing on our plea.

"Our collaboration with the Zambia Medical Association (ZMA) with whom we have a Memorandum of Understanding to handle Covid-19 protocols at our matches will help us in implementing some of the guidelines to be observed," Kamanga said.

He hailed ABSA Cup and the Minister of Sports Emmanuel Mulenga who graced the ABSA Cup semifinals played at Arthur Davies Stadium on Saturday.

Tottenham sack Mourinho

TOTTENHAM Hotspurs have sacked Jose Mourinho as manager after 17 months in charge.

The Portuguese replaced Mauricio Pochettino as Spurs manager in November 2019 and guided the club to sixth in the Premier League last season.

They are currently seventh, having picked up two points from their past three league games, and were knocked out of the Europa League in March.

Spurs face Manchester City in the Carabao Cup final on April 25.

On Sunday, Tottenham were one of six Premier League clubs to announce they were joining a new European Super League, but it is not related to Mourinho's sacking.

Mourinho's coaching staff of Joao Sacramento, Nuno Santos, Carlos Lalin and Giovanni Cerra have also been sacked.

"Jose and his coaching staff have been with us through some of our most challenging times as a club," said Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy. "Jose is a true professional who showed enormous resilience during the pandemic.

"On a personal level I have

enjoyed working with him and regret that things have not worked out as we both had envisaged.

"He will always be welcome here and we should like to thank him and his coaching staff for their contribution," said Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy.

Meanwhile in Uganda, Northern Irishman Johnny McKinstry has agreed to end his contract in charge of the national team after 18 months in charge.

"Fufa would like to thank Coach McKinstry and his staff for the work and dedication to developing the Uganda Cranes during their tenure," the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (Fufa) said in a statement.

The news follows the 35-year-old being asked to 'step aside' from coaching Uganda at the start of March. - BBC.



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