



GAY LUSAKA COP RAPES MALE DETAINEES

It is reported that at about 19:30 hours, Constable Muntanga went and picked Tinashe Banda who was detained for disorderly conduct and released him after severe warning.

Aubrey Chilufya and took him the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) office.

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Police arrest Chawama SDA master guide for defilement

By Buumba Mwitumwa
WHILE Lusaka residents were squeezing each other at the entrances of Heroes and Woodlands Stadiums in a bid to watch Yo Maps or the ABSA Cup final last Saturday, a 40 year old Seventh Day

Adventist (SDA) master guide of Cornerstone congregation in Chawama Compound is said to have also been busy forcing his manhood inside the private parts of a minor from his church.

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By Kalembe
POLICE in Lusaka are combing the capital city in search for one of their own officers who took matters to his own manhood and mercilessly raped two male detainees left under his watch.

According to narrations of the shocking incident which happened on the cold evening of May 28, constable Moses Muntanga was manning Lusaka's Kalundu Police Post alone with four suspects in the cells.

Then around 20:30 hours, the officer went back to the holding cells and collected a 34 year old theft suspect identified as

Hivos call for Smart Agriculture

"We abducted and raped the girls," abductors confess

By Mwaka Ndawa
AFTER several failed delaying tactics, the juvenile criminal tag-

team of James Bwalya and Matthew Siakaonga both aged 23 have admitted before the Lusaka High

Court to abducting, raping and assaulting 13 young women.

What is left is now, is for the court to reward them with lengthy jail sentences.

Altogether, they faced 53 charges of abduction, rape, assault occasioning

actual bodily harm, prohibition of trafficking in persons for purposes of sexual exploitation and aggravated robbery involving more than K100,000.

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Commander in chief of the defence force, President Hakainde Hichilema decorates Major General Humphrey Nyone with the rank of Lieutenant General at State House yesterday

HH confers Nyone with Lt. General rank

By Moses Makwaya
PRESIDENT Hakainde Hichilema has conferred the newly appointed United Nations Multi-dimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) commander Major General Humphrey

Nyone to Lieutenant General.

Lt Gen Nyone of the Zambia Army was last month appointed force commander for the United Nations (UN) to succeed Lt Gen Daniel Sidiki Traoré of Burkina Faso.

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Police have since arrested Collins Chikwangala for the offence of defilement and rape.

According to sources from within the church, the 12 year old victim was not in the usual company of her mother but was with her two young siblings when she caught the eye of the suspect.

Her mother was out with her choirmates representing the church at an event.

She narrated that noticing the absence of the mother, Chikwangala, a master guide followed the victim to the toilet where he told her that her mother had left with him a parcel which he needed to give her.

Unsuspecting of the church leader, the victim believed and accompanied him home where he stays with his parents.

However, on arrival at home where there was no one, Chikwangala is said to have asked her go inside the house and when she refused, he grabbed and dragged her inside.

Once in the house, Chikwangala is said to tossed away the master guide law of being

an example in Word, Conduct, Love, Spirit, Faith, and Purity," and tied up the victim and defiled her.

As if the sexual assault was not enough, the master guide is accused of having warned the victim that should she tell anyone about what he did to her, he would not only kill her but her entire family.

Despite the threat, the victim opened up to her mother and revealed what she had been through after which the matter was reported to the Chawama

Police Station.

According to the medical report, the victim suffered a broken hymen and bruises on her private parts.

Zambia Police Service spokesperson Rae Hamoonga confirmed the matter and the arrest of Chikwangala, saying the suspect had since been released on bond awaiting court appearance.

When contacted for a comment on the matter, Chikwangala confirmed his arrest for defilement

and rape but vehemently denied the accusations.

He told Kalemba that he was only accused of the sexual crime because him and the mother of the victim had scores to settle arising from differences they had at church.

Chikwangala said the truth will come out during trial.

Upon his release from custody on Friday, Chikwangala took to Facebook and posted; "Why me lord, all I have done my entire life is to do your work".



Lungu joins Zambians celebrating HH's birthday

By Kalemba
FORMER president
Edgar Lungu has added to

the outpouring messages of goodwill going in the direction of President Hakainde Hichilema as he turned 61 on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

In a note addressing the 'birthday boy' as "Mr President, my dear brother Bashi Miyanda", Lungu prayed that; "May you be blessed with dedication, courage, determination, resilience, and unwavering commitment as you work for the betterment of our people"

He added, "As you celebrate another year of life and embark on a new chapter of leadership on behalf of our nation, my family and I join fellow Zambians in extending our heartfelt congratulations to you, Mr. President".

Lungu wrote that on a joyous occasion such as this one, he was sending President Hichilema the warmest regards and best wishes for his continued good health and happiness.

"Happy 61st Birthday, Mr. President!" Lungu concluded the note before signing off with, "Your brother, ECL, 6th President".

I didn't have sex with chicken, I just fingered it, Malawi man tells Chipata Court

By Kalemba

THE Chipata Magistrate Court has booked a one way Yango ride to jail for a Malawian man who chose to have sex with a chicken instead of eating it to derive the dietary benefits of the protein-rich bird.

While his compatriots a few kilometers away from Chipata City were battling hunger and devastation brought by the Cyclone Freddy last March, Chibande Phiri

based in Chipangali district of Eastern Province chose to do the unthinkable with a chicken.

Upon being found, shirtless Chibande with only Bikilons on his feet stormed out of the chicken run and attempted to bolt from the village but having lost considerable energy after climaxing on the chicken, the Malawian was quickly apprehended and with his flaccid rod, marched to the police where

he was charged with Unnatural Offences and Bestiality.

The poor chicken died a few minutes after the rape ordeal.

At trial, owner of the chicken Zandonda Phiri testified that he found his employee, Chibande during the ghost hours of March 21 having sex with one of the birds in the chicken run.

Also testifying against Chibande, Dr Chrisborn Mubamba from the veterinary department who examined the chicken said it died from shock because a blunt object penetrated it and that it also had lacerations.

The veterinary doctor said the findings were collaborating with

the report of this matter.

In his defence, Chibande admitted having penetrated the cloaca of the bird although it was not with his 28 year old manhood but only with his finger.

Chibande said his intention was for the bird to die from his fingering so that his boss could tell him to eat and deduct money from his salary since he was craving for some chicken meat but had not been paid his salary.

The Chipata Magistrates Court found Chibande guilty of the offence and committed him to the Higher Court for sentencing.

His stay in jail will not be anything less than 15 years.

KBF, 3 others deny engaging in criminal activities

By Mwaka Ndawa

LEADER of the Zambia Must Prosper party, Kelvin Fube Bwalya and his co-accused have denied engaging in money laundering activities and for failing to inform law enforcement agencies about a suspicious transaction.

Bwalya a lawyer of house no. 44 sable road Kabulonga is jointly charged with proprietor of Kalandanya Music Promotions Bwalya Kalandanya of house no. 325 mberere road Olympia extension, Beauty Chama a clerk of house no. 428 Jack

Compound Ibrahim Mitha a businessman of house no. 8178 emmasdale and Hassan Mitha a businessman of house no. 8178 emmasdale.

Chama who is co-charged with Bwalya is accused of possessing apartments which are suspected to have been illegally obtained.

It is alleged in the first count that Chama, between March 1, 2017 and February 28, 2022 possessed seven flats at stand No. JES/ 118 in Jesmondine valued at K 6,125,000.00 suspected to be proceeds of crime.

In the second Count

it is alleged that Bwalya, Chama, the Mithas and Kalandanya between March 1, 2017 and February 28, 2022 whilst acting together engaged directly or indirectly in a transaction that involved proceeds of crime.

And in the third count it is alleged that Bwalya between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022 negligently failed to submit a suspicious report to the Financial Intelligence Crimes centre.

Appearing before the Economic and Financial Crimes Court, the quintet pleaded not guilty to the charges before principal resident magistrate Sylvia Munyinya.

Trial commences on July 17, 2023.

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HH 'congests' Tokyo Way with K100, 000 smiles

By Kalemba

THERE was a "congestion" of smiles on a section of Tokyo Way in Lusaka On thursday when traders received K100,000 cash from President Hakainde Hichilema for them to further boost their businesses.

Hichilema 'congests' Tokyo Way with K100,

000 smiles

The given amount will be treated as a revolving fund for people who trade along Tokyo Way (Ring Road) from Mosi oa Tunya traffic lights to Community House (President Hichilema's home) in New Kasama area.

The President's finance and investments

advisor Jito Kayumba handed over the amount to a group of thrilled traders who gathered, near Mosi oa Tunya traffic lights on Thursday, last week.

The group's chairlady, Catherine Ng'ombe, received the K100, 000 from Kayumba.

The traders, who have organised themselves,

will share the amount and invest it in their businesses.

As he is classily driven from Community House to State House for work, President Hichilema usually throws air kisses to traders in his neighbourhood.

One day, he made a stop-over to briefly chat with some of the traders and it is then when he promised to organise "ka samfing" for them to augment their businesses.

Yesterday, Bally paid

and all the proud and free traders could do is smile and sing, in support of President Hichilema.

Ng'ombe then gave a short speech to the group, coming out almost like a financial literacy trainer.

"We thank the President for this amount of money that he has given us. But my word to every one of us who will receive is that let us use this money to grow our businesses," said Ng'ombe.

"Let us invest it in our businesses. It is not

money for anyone of us to go and start buying chickens for relish at home."

Meanwhile, Wezzy Zulu gave a vote of thanks and thanked President Hichilema for delivering the amount, through Kayumba.

"The President knew us even when he was still an opposition leader. We thank the President and the first family. May he continue helping not only us but other people in other parts of this country," said Zulu



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UN elects Zambia as vice president of the 78 session General Assembly

By Moses Makwaya

ZAMBIA has been elected as one of the 21 vice presidents of the 78 session of the United Nations General Assembly.

According to a statement by First Secretary for Press and Public Relations

Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations, Namatama Njekwa, the country was elected during the plenary meeting held at the UN Headquarters in New York.

"Zambia and five other countries namely, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Morocco, Senegal and Uganda were endorsed for election in the African States category."

"The General Assembly elected 21 countries for the position of Vice President representing different geographical regions to run for a one-year term, which starts in September this year to September 2024," Njekwa said.

Meanwhile, the General Assembly has elected Dennis Francis, the permanent representative of Trinidad and Tobago,

as the President of the General Assembly for the 78th Session.

In his address to the General Assembly shortly after his election, President-elect, Francis committed to discharge

the responsibilities of the office with transparency, accountability, vigor and dedications, bearing in mind that all members have the same rights.

Female Kalemba journalist catches 'Abductor's' eye

By Buumba Mwitumwa

DESPITE the 54 charges of rape, aggravated robbery, assault and abduction among other alleged offenses making him an eligible candidate for life imprisonment, this did not stop abduction-accused James Bwalya from openly expressing his admiration for a female Kalemba journalist that was covering him.

While being led to the holding after a hearing at the Lusaka High Court, Bwalya shocked the battalion of prison authorities guarding him, bystanders and journalists loudly remarked about how

beautiful one of the journalists was.

With his glowing eyes and a lustful gaze fixed on Mwaka Ndawa, Bwalya remarked; "Aka kena kasuma sana," (this girl is very beautiful) while suggestively licking his lips.

Bwalya's sentiments sent everyone within hearing distance into giggles of surprise, especially that the court had just declared him fit to stand trial for countless criminal charges.

An elderly fruit-selling lady was heard wondering how Bwalya could still be thirsty for more ladies after what he had been accused of.

"Uyu mwana, sazakachinja," she said as she loaded her fruits to quickly get out of Bwalya's sight with disgust written all over her face.

Bwalya and his childhood best friend, Mathews Sikaonga are accused of abducting and sexually abusing 13 young women in Lusaka last year.

Lusaka High Court judge Charles Kafunda declared that the 23 year old who had been nursing a spinal injury, was now fit to stand trial.

The duo are expected to take plea next Monday Besides the 54 charges in the Lusaka High Court, Bwalya is

S/Province controller of government vehicles arrested

By Buumba Mwitumwa

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has arrested Southern Province controller of government vehicles for willful failure to follow procedure in the disposal of properties belonging to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information and Ministry of Education.

Levy Wangwamba, 48 of Dambwa North Extension in Livingstone has been charged with four counts of willful failure to follow procedure, contrary to Section 34 (2) b of the anti-corruption Act No. 3 of 2012.

According to a statement issued by ACC acting head corporate communications Dorothy Mzumara, on unknown dates but between May 11, 2016 and December 31, 2017 in Choma district, Wagwamba willfully failed to follow applicable procedures or guidelines regarding the disposal of properties, being motor vehicles and motor bikes.

The properties separately belonged to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education and Zambia Police, which are public bodies.

Wangwamba and Mwamba Chanda corruptly acquired a motor vehicle registration number ABR 264 Mitsubishi Rosa belonging to the Ministry of Health between May 11, 2016 and December 31, 2017.

However, Wangwamba has been charged with one count of corrupt acquisition of public property.

Details are that Levy Wangwamba and Mwamba Chanda, on dates unknown but between May 11, 2016 and December 31, 2017 in Livingstone district jointly and acting together corruptly acquire a motor vehicle registration number ABR 264 Mitsubishi Rosa bus belonging to the Ministry of Health a public body.

The duo has since been released on bond and will appear in the Choma Magistrates' Court on June 7, 2023.



Dear Honorable Minister of Health Hon Silvia Masebo MP, Honorable Minister of Education Douglas Syakalima MP, and His Excellency Republican President Hakainde Hichilema,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you as the Vice President of the Students Union at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University, with a deep concern that our institution has been overlooked in terms of student loans and scholarships, despite being

a government-funded university. I kindly request your immediate attention and intervention in rectifying this situation.

Levy Mwanawasa Medical University has a strong commitment to producing highly skilled medical professionals who

will serve our nation with dedication and compassion. However, we have observed that many of our deserving and vulnerable students

face significant financial challenges in pursuing their education due to the lack of accessible loans and scholarships. This predicament places their dreams of becoming healthcare providers at risk and hampers the progress of our institution.

We firmly believe that investing in the education and future of our students is an investment in the nation's healthcare system. By providing adequate financial support to these aspiring medical professionals, we can ensure a brighter future for our healthcare sector and, ultimately, the well-being of our citizens. With your support, we can bridge the gap and empower deserving students to fulfill their potential.

Therefore, we humbly appeal to your esteemed offices to consider the urgent need for student loans and scholarships at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University. We kindly request the government's intervention in establishing a dedicated

fund to assist vulnerable students pursuing medical education, making it more accessible and equitable for all.

We are fully aware of the numerous demands on your time and resources, but we believe that addressing this pressing issue will contribute to the overall development and advancement of our nation's healthcare sector. We stand ready to collaborate with your ministries and the university administration to create a sustainable framework for these financial aids, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Your unwavering support in this matter would serve as an inspiration to our students, encouraging them to excel academically and professionally. It will also solidify the government's commitment to inclusive education and reaffirm the belief that no deserving student should be denied access to quality education due to financial constraints.

We eagerly anticipate a positive response to our appeal and remain hopeful that you will champion this cause for the betterment of our institution and the future of healthcare in our beloved nation.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Evans Mumba.

Vice President, Levy Mwanawasa Medical University Students Union

Letter to the editor

Urgent appeal for student loans and scholarships at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University

June, July will be hot - Government

By Moses Makwaya
GOVERNMENT has revealed that the country will continue experiencing high temperatures in the months of June and July, a period which is considered as winter in Zambia.

Minister of Green Economy and Environment Collins Nzovu said in a statement that the high temperatures are attributed to the El Nino conditions being observed over the equatorial Pacific Ocean and the warmer Indian Ocean sea surface temperatures.

Nzovu said there had been an increase in the heat trapping Greenhouse Gases in the atmosphere globally which is fuelling the high temperatures being observed.

Recently, citizens did not need to use machines or gadgets to note that temperatures were not normal for the period as Ice cream traders still had the audacity to go round selling ice lollies like it's summer.

The current condition has spared some bachelors from the cliché sermon of finding a partner during Winter as they still haven't even rekindled their relationships with their warm clothes or thick blankets to wrap themselves in during a June night.

Nzovu said observations from meteorological stations across the country indicated that high temperatures were recorded since the start of May with most days recording warmer than

normal temperatures for both day and night exceeding two degrees celsius above average.

"Temperature forecast for June and July indicate that Zambia will continue experiencing high temperatures above normal for both day and night. However, episodes of cooler night temperatures may be experienced for a few days over Gwembe, Ndola, Mansa, Mwinilunga, Kasempa, Kabompo, Livingstone and Mbala Districts and surrounding areas," Nzovu added.

Nzovu said the expected high temperatures may drive increase in energy demands for cooling and irrigation.

He also said it may provide favourable conditions for agriculture pests as well as human and animal diseases to thrive.

"In addition, the increased water losses due to evaporation resulting from the high temperatures may affect water levels in dams and other water bodies," said Nzovu.



Minister of Green Economy and Environment Collins Nzovu (r) with his Justice counterpart Mulambo Haimbe graced the World Environment Day in Lusaka's sprawling Compound Bauleni on Monday. They were also Hivos and Agriculture Youth Organisation was in attendance

Appreciation post: 33 years of unbroken service

By Immanuel Kaluba

I met with Mr Chomba Yumbe in 2011 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka. Although I can't remember the exact month, I do remember the time was just before 19:00 Hours.

By that time I was working for Muvi Television, the biggest Private TV station. Yumbe must have been a Senior Camera man for ZNBC the position which he has retired on.

Waiting for a late assignment for the former Vice President Doc Guy Scott, Mr Chomba Yumbe was enjoying the company of some senior people. He was supping some wine in an open bar kind of arrangement. I was just relaxing and pressing my ZTE smart phone when he approached me.

The smartly dressed Yumbe asked me if I had ever operated or used the camera he had. I said no!

He went on to explain that cameras operated on the same principles. He said to me that the principal of these cameras did no differ.

Yumbe said he was

feeling a bit dizzy just the same I am sure and wanted someone to help since I was working with a TV station

I accepted to work double shift as my camera was just next to his. I did the assignment diligently after which he asked for my number.

I gladly gave him my number and forgot about the incident. Fast forward - months passed and I was working on a project for an Organisation called Citizens Forum with Mr Simon Kabanda. The project was being monitored by Mr Robert Kabanse Ntitima and we were in Chadiza.

As we were filming the documentary and trying to climb Chadazi mountain right in Chadiza CBD, I received an odd call

There I was with my big brother Robert Ntitima and my good friend Peter Chitala breathing heavily - then someone on the call was like can you send me your papers right now! I was like who is this calling? I just heard that it was Mr. Yumba from ZNBC.

I called a friend who I

was staying with Elias Chulu to help and organize the papers for me and probably deliver them on my behalf to Mr Yumbe.

He confirmed receiving after a month or so I received a phone call that I should go and attend the interviews.

fast forward I joined ZNBC and worked for 5 years and the same man gave me another opportunity through a phone call on a Sunday while I was at Church

Again he called and said Ba Emmanuel I know muli ku Church but just a quick one I

have recommended you to go and work on secondment are you okay with it? I said yes Boss that's fine - Everything was done and now I am working for the organization he recommended me to on secondment which has even employed me full time.

With all this said I just want to say thank you to you Boss as I always called you. Mr Chomba Yumbe you believed in me and trusted my abilities.

It hasn't been easy - 33 years of unbroken service patali.



Chomba Yumbe

By Moses Makwaya
 AS the Country close the host of Africa Agriculture Leadership Policy Dialogue Conference, Hivos Southern Africa is expecting to see government utilise the platform reform the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) to be more of a smart agriculture vehicle.

Hivos country engagement officer for the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) William Chilufya told Kalembe that climate



William Chilufya

HIVOS calls on Govt to reform FISP into a smart agriculture vehicle

change was one of the biggest challenges in Agriculture.

Chilufya therefore said the Zambia should aim at promoting smart agriculture, climate change adaptation and alternative farming inputs which were organic rather than fertilizer.

The event was being held to discuss different Agriculture policies across the continent to have a much more productive sector.

The two days conference was being held at Mulungushi

International Conference Center with President Hakainde Hichilema being represented by Finance minister Situmbeko Musokotwane.

"Fertiliser should not dominate our conversation within the agriculture sector we need to move to an extent where farmers have more and more information on smart agriculture, ecology (and) all these things that will make them redevelop the soil, and bring all the nutrients to the soil unlike fertiliser,"

Chilufya said.

He also called for a strong budget commitment in the area of Smart Agriculture.

"Financial provisions at the grassroots level to mitigate climate change and enhance climate adaptation solutions."

"There are a lot of things that are happening at the community level around climate solutions but the local people lack resources," he said.

Chilufya was however glad that Zambia was taking the right step to sign an agreement which would enhance carbon

or climate financing.

He however noted that there had been lack of adequate information on carbon credit financing

"We are challenged

with climate finance, so any way that helps to put finance together in addressing climate change issues that we face as a country is critical," said Chilufya

Cattle thefts irritate Monze's Makambo villagers

By Buumba Mwitumwa
 RESIDENTS of Makambo village in Monze district have complained about the trend of cattle thefts in the area.

Years back, cattle rustling was not as rampant as is the situation in chief Monze's Makambo village now.

These days, the trend is such that unrepentant cattle rustlers are, almost night in, night out, targeting kraals to isolate the best of people's cows, for a journey to the abattoir.

Cattle owners told Kalembe recently that such thefts are forcing them to stay awake in the cold, guarding their livestock - a symbol of undoubted wealth, especially among the Tonga people.

Nsondo Mweemba, whose kraal was twice strayed into by cattle

rustlers, told Kalembe that they (thieves) have designed a tactic of capturing and slaughtering the cows.

"They fill a cow's mouth with leaves to prevent it from lowing (making a moo sound) and then slaughter it," Mweemba explained, in Chitonga.

He added that thieves then head to the nearest towns to sell the beef, to unsuspecting butcheries.

"Each month, at least three or four cases of cattle theft from Makambo village are reported. Unfortunately, the thieves are always unknown and not caught," noted Mweemba.

There are currently about 30 cattle-owning households in Makambo village.

Other locals spoken to pointed to sparse population as the reason for insecurity in the area.

Conwell Hakapya calls on more protection of waste collectors

By Buumba Mwitumwa
 C I T I Z E N S Environmental and Social Concerns (CESCo) executive director Conwell Hakapya has called on the government and concerned organisations to help to supply waste collectors in dumping sites with suitable working attire, to protect them as they are key players

in Zambia's circular economy diversion.

Hakapya, who appeared on Phoenix FM's Let the people talk programme this morning, said the working conditions of waste collectors is a great health hazard to collectors, especially during the rainy season as the dump site becomes messy and filled up.

He added that despite

the unhuman state of the dumpsite, waste collectors still play a huge role, especially in the government's transformation to a green economy and clean nation.

Hakapya further said in order to help the collectors, his organisation has identified 2,000 waste pickers from Chunga dumpsite who they

supply with applicable attire to wear when working in the dumpsite.

"with the help of other organisations, we are of the plan to erect a facility for the waste collectors so they can work better during the rainy season, despite the tedious job they do, they lack a shelter to operate in at the dumpsite during the rainy season," he said.

Hakapya has called on the government, well wishers and organisations to help provide the waste collectors with materials and attire they can use and wear when carrying out their job.

Makambo residents covering long distances to access water

By Buumba Mwitumwa
 RESIDENTS of Makambo and Malambo villages in Monze district have complained about lack of clean water in the two areas.

For years now, there has been no access to clean water in Makambo and Malambo villages.

The situation is forcing locals, especially girls and women, to walk a distance of about three kilometres to fetch clean water from a hand pump.

Those who cannot cover that long distance resort to fetching water from nearby wells.

Even the nearest hand pump has seen better days; it was put up in November 1994.

Now, it cannot live up to the demands of the community.

Mody Muchoka of Makambo village, who is affected by the challenges around water access, says it is almost a miracle to find three buckets of water full in the morning in the house, saying she cannot manage fetching as much.

"When we go to fetch water, we mostly come back tired due to the distance that we cover and the queue we stand in to wait. But still, we are

forced to go to the hand pump in fear of catching diseases if we use the unsafe water from the shallow wells, which dry in hot seasons," said Muchoka.

For Mayaba Mweemba, her biggest plea to the government is that of making water challenges in the area a thing of the past to tell to their future generations.

"Our children go late to school in the morning because the distance the cover is too much for them to reach on time. If they go earlier to the pump, it still remains unsafe for them as they could easily be attacked or worse still be raped at 04:00 hours in the morning," said Mweemba.

"We plead to government or any organisation that can be of help to assist us with even one hand pump, it would help us a lot, as the long queues that we mostly deal with can be reduced."

The other residents spoken to feel a new hand pump should be drilled for them to reduce on the distance they cover.

Malambo village has 60 households while Makambo village has about 30 with a primary school consisting of a population of up to 800 people.

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Maj Phiri proposes creation of Kariba, Kanele Provinces

By Kalemba
MAJOR Ben Phiri has made a passionate appeal to President Hakainde Hichilema to consider creating two additional provinces in regions which have more than 15 districts each.

Southern Province has 15 districts while Eastern Province has 14.

Maj Phiri, who briefly served as Luapula Province permanent secretary under Michael Sata, said out of Zambia's 10 provinces, only Southern and Eastern Provinces consist of 15 or more districts each.

"We can create what we may possibly call 'Kariba Province' comprising Chirundu, Siavonga, Sinazongwe, Sinazeze, Munyumbwe, Gwembe, Kalomo, Zimba and Livingstone," Maj Phiri wrote.

"The other region which can retain the Southern Province appellation can have Kazungula, Itezhi-Tezhi, Namwala, Choma, Pemba, Monze, Mazabuka, and Chikankata."

Currently, Maj Phiri says he works in the office of the UPND secretary general, Batuke Imenda.

He added that there is need to evaluate the possibility of de-linking Magoye from Mazabuka district, and have it as a district on its own, to accelerate development in the area.

On Eastern Province, Maj Phiri said it can also "possibly" be split two.

"The envisaged new province, which we may call Kanele Province, can have Chama, Chasefu, Lundazi, Lumezi, Chipangali, Kasenengwa, Chipata, and Vubwi," Maj Phiri stated.

"The other one will ideally remain Eastern Province [and] can include Mambwe, Chadiza, Katete, Sinda, Petauke, Msanzala and Nyimba."

He noted that to enhance the decentralisation concept further, Chama, Lumezi and Mambwe districts can be split into two each.

"This can undoubtedly speed up the development agenda, particularly in areas like tarring

the Chisekesi - Malangata areas of Munyumbwe, Chipepo-Pemba, and the valley Siavonga road, crossing part of Lumezi, among points in Kasikili, others.



Maj Phiri

"We abducted and raped the girls," abductors confess

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"We abducted and raped the girls," abductors confessed

Before pleading guilty today, the "hostage takers" tried every trick in the book to avoid prosecution. Bwalya even attempted to escape from prison.

However, all their attempts were futile.

Five days ago High Court judge Charles Kafunda declared Bwalya fit to stand trial today, after Dr Brian Sonkwe a consultant orthopedic and spine surgeon at UTH certified that he was in good shape as he (Bwalya) had recuperated from his spinal cord injury.

Bwalya injured his spinal cord when he fell from a five meter brick wall upon putting up a youthful bravado to break free from jail at Mwembeshi Maximum Correctional facility together with two other inmates, on February 26, 2023 during an interruption in power supply to the prison.

When the matter came up for plea Senior State advocate Bob Mwewa asked judge Kafunda to use initials

of the captors' victims when reading out the charges, as some of them were minors and Sections 81(5) and 25(3) of the Children's Code Act no.12 of 2022 stipulate that names of children should not be revealed in any report including a law report.

Lawyer representing the "Kidnappers" Osborne Ngoma proposed that the State's application to use the victims initials should not apply to those who are adults as Section 81(5) and 25(3) of the Children's Code Act no. 12 of 2022, clearly refers to a child and a child in accordance with the Constitution is defined to be a person below the age of 18.

"It will be prudent to outline the year of birth of the said complainants so that the Court determines the age. We do not agree that a blanket decision should be made that even those above 18 should be identified by initials in court. We have perused through Article 18(11) of the Constitution which the State referred to. This refers to situation on whether to hold a case in

camera or not. It does not relate to the instant case on the use of initials," said Ngoma.

"Our objection is two fold, we agree that those aged 18 and below can have initials used instead of their names and those above 18 should have their names in full."

In response Mwewa explained that the State's intention is to protect the victims.

"We submit that the exclusionary powers of this court as opposed to just clearing courts can be used to limit the information, to protect the private lives of persons in the proceedings," he said.

In his ruling judge Kafunda ordered that the complainants be referred to by their initials.

Court marshal Manase Phiri proceeded to read the charges to Bwalya and Sikaonga who admitted their guilt to 54 counts of offences against humanity.

Judge Kafunda adjourned the matter to June 8, 2023 for reading of facts and possible judgement.

It's a blatant lie to say K65 million was misappropriated - ACC Board chair

By Moses Makwaya
THE Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) has questioned the legitimacy of a letter which is circulating purporting that the Commission misappropriated funds which it obtained from Faith Musonda.

ACC Board chairperson Musa Mwenye said the purported leaked letter

was meant to deliberately embarrass the law enforcement agency.

On Mondays, News Diggers edition has reported that K65 million was missing from the forfeited funds.

However, Mwenye said the graft watchdog did not receive any letter from the Auditor General, stating that the funds were missing.

He said the funds

were handed over to the Ministry of Finance which was reportedly used by the Ministry of Education for loans for government-sponsored students at public-owned universities.

"We don't have the money. I've never seen K65 million in my life!" Mwenye said

He refused to speak to the said leaked letter.

"Please, bear with

us; we (ACC) will not address the document that is circulating on social media but suffice to say that it contains a lot of inaccuracies and details that appear tailored to deliberately embarrass the institution," Mwenye said.

"For example, at page 61 of the purported management letter, there is an allegation that K65 million forfeited from

Ms Faith Musonda was misappropriated. This is a blatant falsehood!"

He further said on February 23 last year, the ACC handed over a cheque for K65,333,046 to Minister of Finance and National Planning Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane.

"The money moved from the Anti-Corruption Commission account at Bank of Zambia to the Ministry of Finance on 3rd of March 2022. It is therefore not true that this money was misappropriated," Mwenye clarified.

Mwenye added that the media ought to verify information before they publish, stating that no attempt was made to verify with the ACC, Bank of Zambia or the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, any of the information contained in the letter.

"I wish to reiterate that the Anti-Corruption Commission, like any other government institution, is open to accountability and warranted criticism but such criticism must be based on facts and not innuendos," said Mwenye.



Anti-Corruption Commission Board Chairperson Musa Mwenye SC addressing journalists at media briefing hold at ACC Headquarters in Lusaka

HH confers Nyone with Lt. General rank

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Yesterday, President Hichilema presided over a conferring ceremony where all the defence and service chiefs were in attendance, together with other dignitaries.

The President congratulated Lt Gen Nyone on his achievement, stating that it is the highest honour the country has received from the UN system.

He advised Lt Gen Nyone to take care of the men and women he will be leading, as they will have basic human needs beyond Army needs.

“We will continue praying for you,” President Hichilema said, as he told Nyone to always call back to the people in the country whenever he needs support.

Lt Gen Nyone expressed gratitude over his new rank conferred on him by President Hichilema, stating that he is humbled by the gesture.

“I know it’s challenging. I know the expectations are high [but] there is no challenge insurmountable,” Lt Gen Nyone remarked, as he promised to work hard in his new capacity.

Meanwhile, Zambia’s permanent representative to the UN Chola Milambo said he would like see the UN appointing more Zambians to higher ranks.

Milambo said Zambian soldiers are disciplined and that is the reason the UN is looking at Zambia in order to have a more disciplined force.

HH, Chinese Ambassador compare notes

By Kalembe

PRESIDENT Hakainde Hichilema today received Chinese Ambassador to Zambia Du Xiaohui who paid a courtesy call on the President at State House.

President Hichilema said they discussed

issues of mutual interest and expressed that: “we are committed to strengthening our bilateral ties, as we continue working together.”

“Both countries are opening up opportunities for business and investment as we work to create prosperity for our people,” stated President Hichilema.

Mutati invests K10,000 in Premier Credit, calls it a bank without boundaries

By Buumba Mwitumwa
MINISTER of Technology and Science Felix Mutati says the PremierCredit product launch on the Zamtel Mobile Money platform is a game changer in the tradition of banking.

Zamtel, in partnership with Fintech PremierCredit last Wednesday launched the PremierInvest product on its mobile money menu.

The launch took

place at Zamtel house, in Lusaka.

PremierInvest is a peer-to-peer lending product by PremierCredit that is a first mover in the Zambian market to connect investors from around the world to borrowers in Zambia.

Zamtel mobile money users will be able to access the investment product and earn 36 per cent per annum in interest on their investment.

Speaking during the launch, Mutati said the innovation is a great and aggressive technological idea that does not only make banking easier and profitable, but also brings the bank into the people’s hands.

He said the innovation comes as a change in the tradition of banking, as it is one that will drive financial inclusion in Zambia by its capability to reach all.

“PrimerCredit meets and fulfils the criteria of access, availability and affordability. Something that every banking community should be able to work on. It is a cost that should be delivered to the bulk of citizens as the cost of money is almost becoming a problem in this country,” Mutati said.

“I am proud to be among the 25,000 investors in PremierCredit because I understand that my K10,000 will not only be safe through a trust account, but equally, gives me a 36 per cent per annum return of my money as it is secure, safe and profitable. I therefore advise other banks to emulate this product...”

The minister noted that the government is currently at 54 per cent, with the aim of reaching an 80 per cent financial inclusion and access by 2030, through the Digital National Identity.

“As government, financial inclusion has

been a top priority. We firmly believe that no one should be left in our journey towards economic growth and development through technology,” noted Mutati.

Meanwhile, PremierCredit Chief Executive Officer, Chilufya Mutale highlighted the importance of the said initiative, saying it is an operation that lies on a dedication of financial inclusion.

“Our primary objective is to prioritise the needs of our customers by providing them with user-friendly products and services. We have augmented our investment product range within the Zamtel mobile platform. This initiative aims to cater to a broad spectrum of individuals, including marketers, traders, and the general mass market,” said Mutale.

For, Zamtel acting chief executive officer Joshua Malupenga, the company has partnered with PremierCredit to offer the investment platform that will allow subscribers to access the best and quickest online-based investment option.

“This partnership will drive digital investment solutions in line with global trends and ensure that Zambia does not lag behind in digital financial development trends,” said Malupenga.



Felix Mutati

Gay Lusaka cop on the run after raping male detainees

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Once the in the CID office, at gunpoint Constable Muntanga handcuffed Chilufya undressed him and applied Vaseline on his manhood after which the officer stripped off his combat trousers and instructed the suspect to vandalise his anus.

Despite the threat of being shot, Chilufya refused to do the unthinkable to the officer and was dumped back in the detention cells.

Constable Muntanga then picked another theft suspect identified as Luka Banda aged 38 and also threatened to shoot him if he did not do as instructed.

This time, the suspect agreed to penetrate and destroy the Lilayi-trained bottom which he eventually filled with baby-making fluids.

Not satisfied and with dripping fluids, constable Muntanga went back to the cells and obtained another suspect, Geoffrey Kaluba aged 28.

At gunpoint again, Constable Muntanga handcuffed the suspect, pulled his trousers down, marinated his rectum with Vaseline and proceeded to drill him mercilessly.

So painful was the ordeal that Kaluba wiggled and screamed until the officer’s manhood came out before he was returned to the cell and promised to be released in the morning.

After undergoing a night of Queen B horror, the suspects reported the matter in the morning.

However, attempts to arrest Constable Muntanga have not yielded fruit as he is on the run with a surely painful exhaust.

Zambia Police Service spokesperson Rae Hamoonga has confirmed that constable Muntanga is on the run and a manhunt for him is currently on.

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MAITE, MUTONDO STARS WIN PROMOTION TO SUPER LEAGUE

By Moses Makwaya
 Yesterday, Mufulira Wanderers and Mutondo Stars put up a show to secure promotion to the Zambian elite league next season, after beating their opponents.

The two teams booked themselves out of the National Division One league into the 2023/24 FAZ/MTN Super League, joining Trident FC and Konkola

Blades Mufulira Wanderers sliced Konkola Blades 2 - 1 while Mutondo Stars went all out by crucifying Young Green Buffaloes 4 - 0, ending their last game in jubilation.

Trident came out on top of the national league and secured promotion to the Zambian Premier League with two games to spare.

However, other teams in the National Division One were not crushing

like Trident but escaped relegation by a thread as they fought till the last 90 minutes to stay floating

in the league. Atletico Lusaka and Aguila Stars survived the drop on the last

day of the season while Livingstone Pirates were relegated, joining Kafue Celtic, Barts FC and

Lusaka Dynamos in the respective provincial leagues.



File picture

'Mourinho' wants Nkwazi early preps for next season

NKWAZI coach Oswald Mutapa says it is gratifying to achieve a target which he was engaged for after replacing Tenant Chilumba early this year.

And Green Eagles coach Alex Namazaba has described the 2022/2023 season as disappointing.

In an interview after Nkwazi beat Eagles 1-0 at Edwin Imboela Stadium in Lusaka on Saturday, Mutapa was happy that the Zambia Police Service-sponsored side will continue rubbing shoulders with the elite of Zambian football.

Nkwazi finished in 14th position with 39 points while Nchanga Rangers (37 points), Lumwana Radiants (34), Chambishi (32) and Buildcon (10) got dropped to National Division one.

"The season was not

easy but we are happy we have done the job that we were brought to do," Mutapa, who is popularly known as Mourinho, said.

He said the player were eager to remain in the super League, hence beating Eagles.

"Division One football is tough and looking at the calibre of players we have, it was going to take a long time to come back. I think the players really fought in the last match," Mutapa said.

He also said there is need to start preparations early so that Nkwazi could compete favorably in the 2023/2024 season.

"There is need for reinforcement and also investment in the team. We also need to start early preparations as a result can only come with preparations," said Mutapa.

Credit: Zambia Daily Mail

Kamanga pledges to improve FAZ secretariat

By Buumba Mwitumwa
NEWLY appointed Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) general secretary Reuben Kamanga has said he is ready to utilise his new office to implement a system of team work in the Association.

Kamanga was appointed as the general secretary on Saturday following Adrian Kashala's re-call by authorities in the Zambia Police Service.

Speaking when he appeared on Hot FM's Hot Breakfast Show programme, Kamanga said his main agenda at Football House is to reinforce the desired goals and aims of the Association's

president, Andrew Kamanga, and to implement prudence in the application of resources at FAZ.

"We will bring in a corporate culture and prudence in the Association. The executive is the governing board of FAZ and the secretariat is the management and therefore, the management of the day to day affairs will lie into the secretariat which I am now privileged to head," Kamanga said.

"It is very important that we bring in that private thinking in the Association for that culture of performance should be something that every member of the secretariat contains. People must account for their actions for we live to leave a

better secretariat than we found it."

He added that he will ensure to establish a new foundation that is built on team work.

"I like to embrace the culture of team work. I want a team that is so linked together. We want to build a strong system rather than people because people come and go, but a good system remains that even a person that doesn't know how to play football can work for FAZ," he said.

Before his appointment to FAZ, Kamanga served in various positions like being the chief executive officer at United Bus of Zambia (UBZ) and several senior executive roles at Zamtel.