

**Maria Langa**

# Chilanga can produce WORLD CLASS BOXERS

## - Maria Langa

**By Ashton Kelly Bunda**

Chilanga Member of Parliament (MP) Maria Langa is optimistic that her constituency is capable of producing boxers that can provide formidable competition to world in their various weight categories judging the situation according to the high of rate of street fights that has brought to light hidden talents.

The Member of Parliament who bubbles with confidence said his team and Chilanga sports administrators will mobilize street fighters and train to fight from the ring where there is discipline rules and regulations to observe.

She speaking after the "Maria Langa Boxing Tournament" that took place at Munda Wanga Botanical Garden in Chilanga on 23rd November 2019, that hosted boxers from the Esther Phiri Boxing Academy, Exodus Boxing stables, Evergreen

Boxing stables and the police outfit Nkwazi Boxing stables she said has abundant boxing talent that can produce fighters qualities of Lottie Mwale the late, Chisanda Mutti former heavy weight Joseph 'No Pressure' Chingangu caliber who once faced-off with former world champion Vladimir Vladimirovitch Klitschko born 25 March 1976 from Ukraine boxer based in Germany July 17th, 1999, Muhammad Ali, the late who became world heavy weight champion in the 1970s.

Vladimir Vladimirovitch Klitschko competed from 1996 to 2017 and held the world heavyweight championship twice, including the WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO, Ring magazine and lineal titles.

Langa commended president Edgar Chagwa Lungu for leading 'sports, wellness and health campaign has encouraged constituency to follow his 'running footsteps' and prompted her team to diversify from football to other sports disciplines like boxing.

The first Maria Langa boxing tournament which was graced by world Boxing Federation (WBF) champion Charles Manyuchi from Zimbabwe saw one of the outstanding bouts that exhibited skill and power packed punches from Emmanuel Katema from Zambia army stables and Gideon Matanda from Exodus stables which ended in the second round from the allocated 4 rounds with Zambia Army Buffaloes boxers Katema who turned opponent into a punching bag prompting the referee to stop the ending in a technical knockout (TKO).

In 64 kg female boxing category upcoming fighter from Chilanga stables Memory Chishimba defeated Takela Kumwenda from the Esther Phiri stables in the allocated time round three and by a split decision 2-1 much to the joy and victory of the Member of Parliament (MP) Maria Langa who celebrated together with the Chilanga fans.

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# The Provisions on representation of marginalised groups in the Constitution (Amendment) Bill



By Linda Kasonde Executive Director Chapter One Foundation

Chapter One Foundation has heard of calls for the Constitution (Amendment) Bill (Bill 10) to be passed on the basis that it will enhance the representation of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in the National Assembly. Chapter One Foundation wishes to clarify our position on this matter. We believe that the representation of marginalised interest groups such as women, youth and differently-abled people in government is an important aspect of an inclusive democracy. We would like to highlight that the Zambian Constitution, which is the supreme law of the country, already provides that the electoral system must allow for the representation of

different interest groups at presidential, parliamentary and local government level. Article 45 (1) of the current Constitution states as follows:

“45. (1) The electoral systems provided for in Article 47 for the election of President, Member of Parliament or councillor shall ensure—

(a) that citizens are free to exercise their political rights;

(b) universal adult suffrage based on the equality of a vote;

(c) fair representation of the various interest groups in society; and

(d) gender equity in the National Assembly or council.”

These constitutional provisions have been in place since the Constitution was amended in 2016 and yet the Government has not implemented them. This shows a lack of political will on the part of the Government. It begs the question why this government is now keen to push this agenda when they have had the power and authority to operationalise the laws that would enhance the participation of marginalised groups for the last four years.

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Section 9 of Bill. 10 seeks to amend Article 47 of the Constitution which provides as follows:

“47. (1) Elections to the office of President shall be conducted directly, under a majoritarian electoral system, where the winning candidate must receive more than fifty percent of the valid votes cast, and in accordance with Article 101.

(2) Elections to the National Assembly shall be conducted under a first-past-the-post electoral system in accordance with Article 68.

(3) Elections to councils shall be conducted under a first-past-the-post electoral system and in accordance with Articles 153 and 154.

(4) A constituency and a ward shall return only one member to the National Assembly and council, respectively.”

It is proposed that section 9 of Bill. 10 will replace Article 47 of the Constitution with the following provisions:

“Article 47 of the Constitution is amended by the deletion of clause (2) and the substitution thereof of the following:

(2) Elections to the

National Assembly shall be conducted under a mixed-member electoral system, as prescribed.”

A mixed-member electoral system is a mixture of two principles of electoral system design: a majoritarian system, which is what we currently have, where the parties with the most elected officials have the most seats in parliament; and proportional systems where the seats in parliament are divided according to the proportion of the votes that each party receives in a general election.

Subsequently, unlike the provisions of the current Constitution, Bill 10 only provides for a mixed-member system but does not specifically provide for representation of marginalised groups.

The constitutional provisions for the representation of marginalised groups already exists and can be implemented and enforced by the Electoral Commission of Zambia as well as political parties.

Bill. 10 does not address the concerns raised by some sections of the youth, women,

and people living with disabilities that they are underrepresented.

The current Constitution is not the enemy of fair representation, it provides clear and mandatory terms that the system of elections “shall” ensure fair representation of various interest groups and gender equity in the National Assembly and the Councils. What is lacking is enforcement of those provisions which the Government has the power to do.

Further, Article 259 of the current Constitution of Zambia provides as follows:

“259. (1) Where a person is empowered to make a nomination or an appointment to a public office, that person shall ensure—

(b) that fifty percent of each gender is nominated or appointed from the total available positions unless it is not practicable to do so; and

(c) equitable representation of the youth and persons with disabilities, where these qualify for nomination or appointment.

(2) A person empowered to make a nomination or appointment to a public office

shall, where possible, ensure that the nomination or appointment reflects the regional diversity of the people of Zambia.”

The Zambian Cabinet has eight female ministers against twenty-nine positions of a possible thirty Cabinet Ministers. There are currently ten provincial ministers that are all male.

From the evidence and trends in appointments, it is clear that Article 259 of the Constitution is not being followed by the Government. Therefore, it is clear that it is not the law that stands in the way of representation of marginalized groups but a lack of political will.

Currently, one can legitimately argue that the composition of the National Assembly, Cabinet and many Councils can be said to be unconstitutional where they do not comply with the provisions of the Constitution.

In light of the above, Chapter One Foundation would like to reiterate its position that Bill. 10 should be withdrawn as it is a danger to the principles of democracy and only seeks to undermine the power of the Zambian people.

# Indiscriminate, Open-air burning of waste chocking Chawama residents

■ By Patrick Soko

THE issue of land scarcity in Lusaka is prompting some residents of Chawama Constituency to be burying the dam which has been used as drainage for many years, much to the displeasure of some people as they are continuously being subjected to open-air burning of waste thereby exposing them to health risks.

Most of the people who reside near the dam and those who have businesses around it have been trying to expand their land by encroaching the Dam by claiming to own the land in question.

While they are focused on allocating themselves pieces of land soon it will equally lead to floods as the area has a poor drainage system. But what would happen after this, is something that has never been discussed.

The dam came into being as a result of quarrying activities that were being undertaken by some residents of Chawama and John Howard compounds respectively.

However, what is regrettable is that the people are concealing the dam with garbage and sand among other materials through illegal means such as open-air burning.

The World Health Organization reported that in 2012 around 7 million people died and one in eight of total global deaths was as a result of air pollution exposure.

This finding more than doubles previous estimates and confirmed that air pollution is now the world's largest single environmental health risk, which entails that reducing air pollution could save millions of lives.

The data revealed a stronger link between both indoor and outdoor air pollution exposure and cardiovascular diseases, such as strokes and ischaemic stroke (heart disease) as well as between air pollution and cancer.

This is in addition to air pollution's role in the development of respiratory diseases, including acute respiratory infections and

chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases.

The people of Chawama have limited options on where to dump garbage, everything thing ends up in the same dam hence different substances containing different materials are being found thus posing health risks to the nearby residents.

The sickening smell of piles of illegally dumped garbage in the dam aided by irritating smoke coming out of the vicinity is what the residents are subjected to almost daily.

Some residents interviewed expressed disappointment that authorities have not been doing anything about the matter as they articulated their fear of contracting respiratory diseases.

“It has been like that here for some time, we are subjected to this kind of smoke it very very bad and these people just burn things anyhow and any time which is not fair,” Florence Chanda explains.

She has wondered why the local authority, area

councilors and the Member of Parliament have not taken an interest in this matter.

However, in an interview Chawama Ward Three (3) Councillor Kafula Mutale said the activities have no blessings of the local authority as he condemned the issue of open-air burning.

He assured to conduct the on spot checks in order to crump down the illegal activities.

“If they are people who are doing that, they are doing it without the knowledge of the council and if we find them, appropriate action will be taken because it is against the law to burning things at whatever time without following the guidelines,” said Kafula.

In the meantime, as provided by the Law, any person who contravenes the provisions of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 12 of 2011 and Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 112 of 2013 is liable to a fine of between K1,800 to K15,000 or serve a jail sentence of up to 2 years.



Kafula Mutale



Conwell Hakapya

SI No. 112 of 2013 under Part III states that

“A person shall not conduct open-air burning of waste from industrial, commercial operations or domestic or community activities except with written consent of the Agency.”

And the Citizen Environmental and Social Concern (CESCo) has called on members of the public to refrain from open-air garbage burning as it leads to the emission of lethal chemicals that pollute the atmosphere.

Organization Executive Director Conwell Hakapya said the corporate community and citizens must take up the responsibility of subscribing to garbage collection with management companies to avoid the practice of burning waste which affects the environment.

“Open-air garbage burning

is a very big environmental challenge that needs concerted efforts not only by the government, local authorities and civil societies but also the general public because open burning emits greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, and black carbon,” Mr. Hakapya said.

He said black carbon has emerged as a major contributor to climate change and possibly second to carbon dioxide as the main driver of climate change around the globe.

“The emitted gases cause numerous health complications such as respiratory and skin diseases which mostly affect children and the elderly,” he said.

Mr Hakapya said there is a need for proper disposal of waste as part of pollution control measures in Zambia.

# Media statement by Operation Young Vote on Bill 10: The impasse & what it means for Zambia and Zambians

Delivered @ a Media Briefing by Guess Nyirenda (Mr.) On Behalf of Operation Young Vote (OYV) @ Melsim Lodge Kalingalinga – Lusaka 14:00 hours .

Sunday 22 nd March, 2020: Media Statement by Operation Young Vote on: Bill 10: The Impasse and What it means for Zambia and Zambians

All protocol observed. Dear Media Institutions, Comrades and Colleagues present. May I take this opportunity to Welcome you all to this media engagement on the current impasse on Bill No. 10 and what it means for Zambia and Zambians going forward.

But before we begin to delve into the topic of the day allow me to wish ourselves here, our fellow citizens across the country and the citizens of the globe especially in countries that are already hit by the coronavirus – Covid-19 protection and safety from the Coronavirus challenges.

Introduction Operation Young Vote (OYV) a Youth Non-Governmental Organization whose mandate is around the plight of the youth/young people which include Youth Participation, Governance and the Electoral

Process, Human Rights, Leadership and Sustainable Development and other related matters, shall continue to voice out and offer guidance on all matters of national significance.

With the current happenings around the Constitution Amendment through Bill No. 10, as OYV we are obliged to offer counsel to the nation, players, stakeholders and citizens.

We note with delight and gratitude, the Humility and Wisdom the Government has exhibited by accepting to make amendments to Bill 10 in view of stakeholders and citizens' concerns.

OYV is also of the considered conviction that among the measures of leadership is the aspect of agreeing/accepting to meet and engage those with divergent views in the background for consensus building an inevitable ingredient in constitution making processes worldwide.

Those opposing Bill 10 (especially the MPs) even after the proposed adjustments to it by Government must come out of themselves (self-centeredness) and put the country and Zambians at the centre governance and



Guess Nyirenda

development.

Government has led the way in embracing the doctrine of 'give and take' for consensus building in constitution making. This is commendable and at the same times a challenge to all other players and stakeholders to take a leaf especially MPs if Zambia is to steadily move forward on Bill 10 and generally constitution making.

It is seemingly that the battle is no longer that of giving Zambia and Zambians a better constitution that reflect the will and aspirations of the citizens/people but a battle for political space and identity.

We must emphasize and encourage all to exercise the principle and doctrine of give and take if Zambia is to have a constitution that is consistent with the values and aspirations of its people. World over, where constitutions or rules governing the people are progressive, the principle of give and take is given centre stage.

If the MPs continue to take us on this injurious trajectory (of abusing the privilege Zambians have bestowed on them by abandoning the responsibility to represent constituents in Parliament and formulate legislation and law) which is not only costly but divisive, we risk as a people not having a good

constitution in the near future as no party will form an absolute majority (two thirds) regardless of who forms government in 2021 or in the closer beyond. This essentially entails that Zambians and the country are not a priority but battle for political space and identity.

The Government through cabinet has shown magnanimity by accepting stakeholders' and citizens proposals. The opposition and some independent MPs should also exonerate themselves by either showing the citizens which components of Bill 10 they still are not comfortable with or better still produce the kind of Bill they envisage to produce and give the people of Zambia rather than continue hiding in the name of “the Church, CSOs and Zambians have said this or that”.

CONCLUSION In conclusion, OYV, would like to give the analogy of the two women in 1 Kings 3:16-28, who were fighting for the baby each claiming it was theirs – It took Wisdom of Solomon to intervention by threatening to kill the baby by cutting it into half.

While the other woman

accepted that the baby be killed, the true and rightful mother to the baby opted to save the life of the child by saying it be given to the other woman and Solomon realized who the true and rightful mother was.

This for us is what is obtaining in our politics as a country. We therefore earnestly call on all our leaders to seriously consider sitting down together and caucus taking advantage of the coronavirus break so as to agree (guided by the doctrine of 'give and take' – which Government through Cabinet has led) on how they deliver a better constitution to the people of Zambia as soon as Parliament resumes.

It must be noted that the Zambian people are keenly watching the discourse and will be the Solomon in the general elections next year. They are judging. They know who has what motives and intentions. They will give their final verdict. May God bless us all. Have a pleasant week ahead of you, I thank you all.

Guess Nyirenda Executive Director For and on behalf of: OPERATION YOUNG VOTE



# UPPZ's Charles Chanda reduces Zambia's 1.5 million housing deficit

■ By Derrick Sinjela

As a way of decongesting the over populated city of Lusaka and as solution to the 1.5 million housing deficit the government is currently facing, United Prosperous and Peaceful Zambia (UPZ) President, Charles Chanda popularly known as (CC) through his land EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME has released 1000 plots FOR FREE on the land he recently acquired in SHIBUYUNJI.

The plots are FREE and all you need to do is take full responsibility for SURVEYING COSTS. People that keep on complaining about distance do not realise that Lusaka, Chilanga, Kafue has no land for residential purposes.

This will surely push land prices beyond average citizens. Reasonable and responsible citizens will ensure that every land available closer to Lusaka is taken advantage of.

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# Accelerating Africa's industrialization based on agriculture as a business

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Most of African countries got independence in the early 60s. Since then, this has remained only political independence, that, evidently, this has been the thick genesis to most of countries experiencing conflicts and pandemonium provisions that have left most of people homeless and bursting them in informal sector.

Without a thick doubt, most countries have suffered economically due to lack of accountability, transparency and not knowing the game they are in, leaders. I say so, because poverty has not been reduced but instead it has been getting depilating in nearly most of countries if not all.

Economic independence is farfetched, as such; something has to be done now rather than later before the situation gets out of limbic system. Africa being the goal custodian of the natural resources and availability of land that would wither poverty, the only way to go is prioritizing Agriculture as a Business in order to reduce poverty levels.

In the excitement of economic independence, Agriculture sector is an undeniable focal point that would swamp Africa with the loads of industry for the

wellbeing of Africa as a whole.

As anything else in life, business is value which cannot be flooded with challenges that are beyond human understanding. Our humanity is driven by value. People buy, share, give gifts, donate and enter into business agreement and forth based on perception of value.

Agriculture is not difference. In fact, farming is a business, to think that farming stands alone, is incorrect. If you have a farm there is just as much consideration needed assessing the risks and growth potential as any other concern in life.

Also farming is the catalyst that health ecosystems, wellbeing, livelihood, jobs and sustainable growth which will impregnate Africa with thick and tangible industrial elements through the action sea-shore of foreign investment and burst in economic independence than political independence.

It also creates food security system, market, liberation of people from the poverty datum line; improve the country's economy that paves a wider way of industries in Africa. Because if farmer A produces twenty bags of maize and sold at K100 each bag, there would be a solemnly difference from farmer B who indulges in irrigation farming practice and and harvest 4, 000 cobs of fresh maize and sell K1 per cob, farmer B will

get more profit than farmer A.

The question that arises therefore is why the continent spontaneously struggle with limited economic transformation, low or no resources rent and scarce employment. In some years ago, commodity prices have hit a super-cycle and intentionally Africa share of windfall earnings have been minuscule, compared to what our tentacles have expected per share. On the other hand, the reducing policy space available must be made independent where Africa within international trade processes.

This will also eradicate people who are working in informal sector, because more jobs mean more revenue which means more infrastructure based on Agriculture as a Business.

These activities are, bio diesel which is given birth from domestication animals and plants which can be an asset to industrialization in Africa. Indigo offers endless ideas, innovative and creative which farmers can replace economies that are based on natural resources upon reviving industry operation in Africa.

Marketing is one of the biggest challenge for small scale farmers in developing countries. Thousands of farmers would like to improve their outputs, but most of them are peddlers/hawkers.

Most of those in industry will grow to appreciate the

value of Agriculture as a Business digitally, and if DSTv and Govt could advertise its provision on its own! It's crystal clear for farmers to advertise their produce, more especially by creating their own channel where only agricultural products are advertised spontaneously.

In conclusion, to solemnly transform Africa's status where industry is determined, Africa should prioritize "Agriculture as a Business" which will empower its youths as they are the catalysts to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal for 2030 (SDGs) and other relevant activities.

Africa's countries need to create the circle of safety in order to create a wider way for economic independence and not political independence only. The author, Silomba Thompson is an Agents of Change Foundation Zambia (ACFZ) Volunteer Youth Reporter (VYR), Children's Radio Foundation (CRF), a Volunteer Facilitator (VF) and Climate Change Ambassador (CCA) at UNICEF Zambia and Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia, and a Youth4Change member. Born on 5th March 1998, Silomba competed in the Junior Mayor for Kabwe spearheaded by Restless Development Zambia, an assistant program coordinator under an agriculture project called



# Cooking



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## BEEF STEW WITH CARROTS & POTATOES

### Ingredients:

This classic French beef stew is the ultimate cold weather comfort food. After a few hours in the oven, the meat becomes meltingly tender and enveloped in a rich wine sauce.

- 3 pounds boneless beef chuck (well-marbled), cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 7 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 cups water
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1-1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 large carrots, peeled and cut into one-inch chunks on a diagonal
- 1 pound small white boiling potatoes (baby yukons), cut in half
- Fresh chopped parsley, for serving (optional)

### Directions

This classic French beef stew, otherwise known as Beef Bourguignon, is the ultimate comfort food. Chunks of well-marbled beef are seared in olive oil first, and then gently braised with garlic and onions in a wine-based broth. After a few hours in the oven, the meat becomes meltingly tender and enveloped in a rich, deeply flavored sauce.

It takes some time to make but I promise it's well worth the effort. Aside from being delicious — it is my all-time most popular recipe — it's a one-pot meal that feeds a crowd. You can also make it a day ahead; in fact, you should because the flavor improves the longer it sits. Lack pepper

2 tablespoons sesame seeds



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## Stepping into the unfamiliar

### 'Recipe for Greatness'

Recently, a good friend of mine visited me all the way from Lusaka west to Libala Stage Four A along Burma Road. It was his first time visiting Libala. Taking into consideration that he had no idea of the area, I told him to get on a bus from town going to Woodlands and disembark at the Traffic lights just opposite Arakan Barracks. I also told him that when he disembarks at the traffic lights, he should seek for directions going at Kenneth Kaunda Technical School and I was to pick him up from there. The deal was set!

After some time about an hour later, he called me confirming he had arrived at Kenneth Kaunda Technical School. So I rushed to go and pick him up. It was such a joyful moment seeing him. I had not seen my friend in a long time. We discussed various issues as we were going at my place while taking a slow walk and the sun was shining gently.

"Did you ask for directions after you had disembarked at the Traffic Lights?" I asked. He smiled confidently and said, "Nelson, I was monitoring my Google Map as I was coming here and it clearly guided me up to this School (In reference to Kenneth Kaunda Technical School)."

Oops! I shook my head and whispered within myself, "Ooh! We are in the 21st century, a Digitalized World." I somehow laughed at myself. However, the moment got me into deep thoughts and thought of sharing

in today's article what I am calling 'STEPPING INTO THE UNFAMILIAR.'

So, let's rewind the scene once more. My Friend had never been to Libala Stage Four A. In fact, it was his first time coming to this place. Now, here is what's fun. My friend had all the information about his journey at the finger tips. He had the details on his phone using Google Map system. Thanks to Technology! You are right.

In the same way, God has a plan for your life. Nelson, how do you know? Jeremiah 29v11 says for I know the plans I have for you. God has a route overview for your life. Before you were born, he knew you and laid out a plan for your life.

Now here is the problem! In fact, a big problem. The difference between God and Google Map system is that God doesn't show you a Route overview for your life. My Friend knew his journey by monitoring Google Map. Unfortunately, God won't tell you how long you have to go in life, what you will encounter and what to expect. The problem with us human beings is that we love the details. We love knowing. As a result, whenever we find ourselves in a situation that we don't understand. We easily give up because we can't see what God is seeing on his Map for our lives.

If you could see where that idea you have of running an Organization would take you, by now, you would be taking that idea seriously and working

towards it. If you knew how your life will change after you get that diploma or that degree, by now you would have been taking your studies very serious.

But you may wonder! Why can't God just give us the details for our lives? It is not a big deal; moreover, the bible says there is nothing impossible with God. Beloved, the reason is simple, if God had given us all the information about our future. There would be no need to have faith. Oh yeah! You heard me right!

The Road Map for our lives is with the creator of the universe. Just because you can't see where you are going doesn't mean simultaneously God can't see. He keeps the details to himself so that you are given room to grow, to believe and to stretch out from your comfort zones.

The scripture says in Psalm 119vs 105, "your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Lamp ladies and gentlemen means you have enough to see in front of you.

In the scripture, we read about the story of Joshua and how he led the Israelites into the Promised Land. However, prior to that Joshua and the Israelites came to the Jordan River.

Previously, these people heard how Moses held up his Rod and the Red sea parted.

Am sure Joshua must have thought, "Ah! It is not a big deal. We saw how Moses dealt with this problem. But God changed the system. God had his own Map. He



told Joshua to get the Priests to walk into the River and that the water would part.

Come rain or sunshine, come in thick and thin, God is saying am getting you to the other side. Will you be bold enough to step in the unfamiliar?

The scripture says in Psalm 138 v 8, "The Lord will work out his plan for my life." God is saying I will work out my plan for you. Now, will you be strong, tenacious and courageous enough to stand strong in the midst of the strong winds? Step into the unfamiliar. By Nelson Longesha +260 97 2560423



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## ZICTA advises consumers to sanitise ICT gadgets and use Digital Payment Platforms

It is undeniable now that Information Communication and Technologies (ICTs) have become indispensable in our lives, for instance, we always move with mobile phones with us now just the way we move with wallets and handbags, noted Zambia Information Communication Technology (ZICTA) Corporate Communications Officer, Hanford Chaaba (Mr) in a Media Statement issued on Thursday March 26, 2020

In view of this global and national concern of the

coronavirus diseases, Mr. Chaaba reiterated that it is important that members of the public remember to sanitise their key ICT gadgets such as mobile phones and laptops, among others to avoid the possible spreading of the virus.

This can be done by wiping the gadgets regularly with the disinfectants such as hand sanitisers.

"We also advise members of the public to avoid sharing gadgets like mobile phones, as this could easily transmit the virus from one individual to

another. Having said that, the Authority also encourage companies that deal in various products and services to adopt digital or online payment platforms," admonished Chaaba.

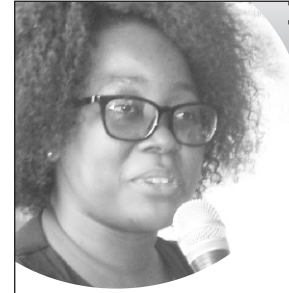
Using digital platforms will not only avoid unnecessary social and physical contact which can make consumers susceptible to the virus, but is also an effective and secure way of accessing products and services.

"Remember, e-payment or online payment systems are a



Hanford Chaaba

bedrock of a well-functioning digital economy, and this is very critical in quest to achieve digital financial agenda," admonished Chaaba.



■ By Mwazipeza Sakala

Saturday 28th March 2020

Preamble  
We, the leaders of the Church Mother bodies namely the Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ), the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ), the Independent Churches of Zambia (ICOZ) and the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops (ZCCB), greet you, as we pray together for one another, for our loved ones, and indeed for all God's people in these trying times of the Coronavirus disease (COVID19) pandemic.

We acknowledge the measures government has put in place and the call to the nation made by President Edgar C. Lungu that we unite in fighting against the Coronavirus Disease. The concerned Church Mother Bodies do hereby pledge to work closely with government and other non-state actors in combating the spread of COVID-19 in Zambia.

Covid-19; Our Perspective



## Education Education

With Sydney Muponda



## STATEMENT BY THE CHURCH MOTHER BODIES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

As Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, we understand the effects of this outbreak on the people of Zambia and the world at large. We are in a scenario like that found in the

Gospel according to Matthew 8:23 where the storms hit the boat on which the disciples were while Jesus Christ was asleep on the same boat. The storms were very strong and almost overpowered the boat. But the disciples knew who was with them in the boat and they cried out to Him; and he woke up and rebuked the storms. We wish to encourage everyone that we will be secure because there is hope in the Lord; we will take our rest in safety (Job 11:18).

Given the rising numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Zambia, we have resolved to suspend Church gatherings for at least 14 days. For some Church Mother Bodies, this will take effect on Sunday 29th March 2020, while for others, the commencement date, as already

communicated, will be Monday 30th March 2020.

To the Government  
While we acknowledge the measures put in place by the Government so far, we wish to urge the Government to consider closing all our borders to non-citizens and allow only a few exceptions to cross into Zambia. In the same vain, we advise that Pastoral and Chaplaincy services must be deliberately integrated into the interventions and responses to COVID-19. People who are affected and at risk require not only medical care but also pastoral care.

To our Political Leaders  
The Coronavirus pandemic does not respect the boundaries of party affiliation. The reality is that the virus we thought was far away is here in our midst and for us as a nation to overcome it, we need unity of purpose in ideas and logistics.

To our Health workers  
We applaud the hard work, sacrifice and endurance being

demonstrated by gallant men and women in the health profession across the country and wish to assure you that our prayers are with you. During this period, you will be required to be on high alert and subsequently will be expected to work beyond your normal working hours.

The Media  
We call upon all media houses and journalists to carefully exercise their role of educating the masses about the Coronavirus disease by publishing credible and true information. Further, we urge the media to consider charging lower rates on Coronavirus adverts and programs as a way of

contributing to the fight against this pandemic.

To the Clergy  
We wish to call on all clergymen and women across the country to understand the times we are in and act accordingly in response to what is going on.

The Church members and general citizenry  
Instead of panicking, make every effort to follow strict personal hygiene so you prevent the transmission of the disease. Adhere and follow all instructions and guidelines being shared by the Government and other authentic stakeholders and pray for God's intervention. . Economic Impact and

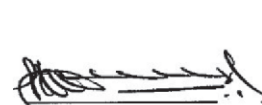
Mitigation

We urge the government to come up with mechanisms such as economic stimulus packages and mitigating measures as well as incentives to help the industry and citizens in coping with the adverse effects of the Coronavirus.

Conclusion  
We, the Church Mother Bodies, commit ourselves to continuously monitor and give you necessary updates until this pandemic is completely eradicated. We also remain united in prayer for the nation and our leaders across the political, tribe and religious divide.



Bishop Sauros Phaiika  
CCZ PRESIDENT



Bishop Paul Mususu  
EFZ PRESIDENT



Bishop George Lungu  
ZCCB PRESIDENT



Bishop David Masupa  
ICOZ PRESIDENT



## "ZCYPWD FORUM" WITH BECKER MWEA

## Do Zambian pupils-students evaporate after an exam?

FORMER Zambia Council for Social Development (ZCSD) Executive Director Lewis Mwape is disconcerted over ramifications created by the country's pyramid education structure seemingly confining learners to destitution and near extinction.

Mr. Mwape says it is concerning that at primary school level, a lot of children are enrolled but fail to reach or attain tertiary education and qualifications on account of lack of sufficient progression learning spaces.

A vexed Mwape grieved that it annually puzzled him where learners are pushed to as thousands of pupils and students fail to proceed beyond primary, secondary, college and university learning level.

"In the Zambian Pyramid Education structure, a lot of children and young people enrolled at primary level disappear and remain accounted for. We see a lot more people entering college and university but only a handful graduate. Where do our pupils and students go to, do they evaporate," quizzed Mwape.

The ZCSD Executive Director is aggrieved that in rustic Zambia, the situation is more dire as a lot more children especially the girl-child is married off at Grade, with parents seeking to profit



Lewis Mwape

on account of a sibling being too old to remain in less rewarding classroom.

"Really, the million kwacha question I continue to pose to school authorities is, where do children and young people go after dropping at Grade 4, Grade 7, Grade 9, Grade 12, and college and university levels? Do our learners cease to exist and worse still, the Government plans to sell National Research Development Centre (NRDC). If they have found land on which to relocate this infrastructure, it will equally increase learning spaces by transforming NRDC onto a university, teaching skills to students in line with the Patriotic Front (PF) Government two-tier system of education; placing emphasis on academic and skills development," admonished Mwape.

Mwape proposed that the envisaged developer, AVIC International, a Chinese firm with whom Government is negotiating to sell NRDC to,

needed to employ a Public Private Partnership (PPP) as a means of citizens retaining control.

"If AVIC wants to proceed and take control, this must be done through a PPP arrangement as we do not want foreign capital to dispossess citizens of a highly valued asset such as the NRDC," Mwape noted, pointing out that in line with the 7th National Development Plan (7NDP) it is imperative for Government to walk the talk. We call upon AVIC International to conduct clean business and not to take advantage of the corrupt leadership in Zambia, our ignorance or foolishness and bait our leaders with dirty money and gifts," advised Mwape.

Mwape agonized that Zambian poverty was man-made and time had come for society to revolutionize policies employed to ease noted vulnerability, income inequality and unemployment.

## The Speech Analyst with Mike Sichula



## Over 520 ABSA Bank employees working without contracts

...as #MizingaMelu delays settlement of redundancy packages

Information has emerged that Absa Bank Chief Executive officer #MizingaMelu, "is reluctant" to trigger speedy settlement of redundancy packages to former Barclays Bank employees now working under the newly launched Absa Bank Limited.

The over 527 Unionized Workers since the launch of the Absa Bank brand on the Zambian Market have been working without contracts, a situation that has created fear, panic among the workers who have lost hope in their union, the Zambia Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers.

According to information obtained by our Team of Analysts, the Union is unbelievable siding with Absa Bank, a stance that has disappointed the Unionized Workers.

Mizinga Melu, the celebrated Banker is treating the workers as even they are still under extinguished Barclays Bank, hence no need for the workers to be paid redundancy packages.

But a look at the country's Labour Laws show that the workers deserve to be paid redundancy packages.

The labour laws of Zambia state that the contract of service of an employee shall be deemed to have been terminated by reason of redundancy, if the termination is wholly or in part because of the employer ceasing or intending to cease to carry on the business by virtue of which the employee was engaged or the business ceasing or reducing the requirement for the employees to carry out work of a particular kind in the place where the employee was engaged and the business remains a viable going concern.

We have also established that those in management under duress signed new contracts but conditions of service changed negatively compared to when they worked under Barclays Bank PLC.

Those in the inner circle believe that there is a well-orchestrated plan to silence anyone pushing for the settlement of redundancy packages since Barclays Bank Zambia ceased to operate in Zambia.

Without contracts the workers can be mutually be dismissed thereby losing everything considering that Barclays Bank is no longer in existence.

The change of name from Barclays Bank is not a mere name change. A lot has happened, which requires the settlement of redundancy packages to "former Barclays Bank employees".

In 2013, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of Musanje and 63 others against Zambia Breweries PLC. In this case the employees under Zambia Bottles and Copperbelt Bottling Company Limited queried the decision by the company to transfer their contract to a new entity named Zambia Bottles PLC.

In conclusion, as even it is a planned undertaking Absa Bank has flooded mainstream media with its rebranding advertisements, a trend that has compromised the media industry to pay a blind eye to such a happening at a reputable Financial institution.

It is also understood that Zambia Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers, is siding with Absa Bank instead of the Unionized Workers. The Union at the inception of the rebranding from Barclays Bank to Absa Bank was in support of employees but Unionized Workers have been let down due to unexpected dragging by the Union to pursue the settlement of redundancy packages. © The Speech Analyst



# 'A healthy people build a wealthy Nation'

A MAN Doctor came to me this afternoon. Crying. That we have caused him to do an operation on a fee paying patient that is surrounded by those who returned from South Africa under circumstances of covid-19.

I recounted to him of our own experiences in 1990s when we had to operate patients actually diagnosed with HIV disease. And that upto now, 31 years, we still live.

Here is what I told him:

1. Protect yourself in a way that you keep 1 meter from such patients, respecting them always.

2. Protect yourself in such a

## Chronicles of Young Doctors

way that you follow preliminary self-protective techniques of handwashing while avoiding all self-touching to all areas of your face

3. Finally, love your patients, as you do all these things, treating them as though they are not dangerous to you and others, but knowing they are.

Now I got all this strength to talk to my doctors this way because upto 13hrs, I was in a meeting, sternly talking to Dr. Francis Mupeta to

reassure me that this fear may actually be over exaggerated.

Now, as we go along, this my friends, is not new. I have seen Doctors, albeit on a fake outlet, they operated wearing plastic bags. May God lead you always. Chile Mazuba stated: "Rebecca Bulambo valuable lessons here, with Namwiinga Stella Moyo thanking Professor Mulindi Mwanahamuntu for sharing.

Namwiinga Stella Moyo added: Susan Luse Moyo Barbara Moyo Nyama, to which Professor Mulindi

Mwanahamuntu remarked:

"But when he finished to operate at 1909, Dr Kawelwa sent me this message: CS done. Mother and baby are well. Dr. Kawelwa .....I will respond to him early morning tomorrow".

Ravonna Gossett

Threadgill Martin said :Excellent Dr M!!!, Mazuba Monze tease: "Shame! It's real people!"

Tendai Lova just said:

"Thank you doctor, for Victor Like, just said:

Wonderful while Chilala

Daka Mungaila stated thus: "Straight forward advice".

Chilala Daka Mungaila encouraged: "Hammer the Nail on the Head, Shadrack G Lungu quipping in the Tonga dialect literally what are you reading in a car park: "Badala mubelenga chani uku mu car park. It could not wait?"

Professor Mulindi Mwanahamuntu responded: "Shadrack G Lungu there was no power. When I came in!"

Mable M Moonga said: Doc where are you going?"

Mweemba Simpande remarked: "Great advice Doc!!

And Lancy Wisdom said Dokotela uuluka.kkkk with



**Doctor's Corner**  
With Dr. Mulindi Mwanahamuntu

Rabson Mwanza stating: "Doc, you are the pillars of health facilities hence giving hope to the hopeless. I salute".

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## Village Banking solution to high bank charges pleads Ngosa Chisupa

■ By Derrick Sinjela

VILLAGE banking enterprise philanthropist Ngosa Chisupa believes the concept of people led financial inclusion will act as an effective bulwark against prevailing high bank charges.

Following failure by financial institution to heed a plea by President Edgar

Chagwa Lungu and bank of Zambia (BoZ) Governor Dr. Denny Kalyalya to reduce the cost, voices are increasing on the need to popularise Chilimba or Village Banks (Community Based Savings Teams).

In the last couple of months both the Ministry of Finance (MoF), BoZ, Financial Sector Deepening

Zambia (FSDZ), Bankers Association of Zambia (BAZ), Patents And Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) and Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR) in collaboration with electronic and print media journalist have led a crusade establishing and motivating village Banking countrywide.

Said Mr. Chisupa: "Village Banking: Is this the solution to high bank charges. What are the implications for the formal banking system?"

Is there need for us to begin thinking of alternatives in response to the high cost of banking services ie interest rates, account maintenance fees and ATM charges.

Alex Ngweji Mbumba Mobile Banking has probably taken up that role. Very popular easy and manageablefor the rural. Buckley Mwanza viewed Village banking as an Interesting subject: "There is need to strengthen the regulation of the banking sector".

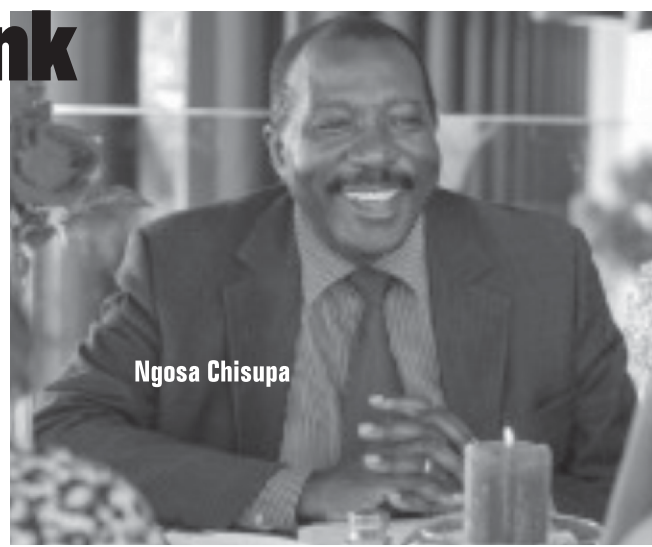
Mwine Pe Tabwa Zambian women have done very well in terms of this with their various saving groups but am yet to hear of a savers group for men. What services are the big banks really offering us and at what cost?

Taonga Idah Ngoma said: "You can never go wrong with village banking mwe".

On his part, Thandiwe Chuma noted: "Banks really need to sit down and do serious strategy before village banking takes the lead. I see people in the near future stop to go to the bank and borrow. Village Banking is really on the boom. Most teachers we are all in it. It is working on so very well".

Charles Chengo observed: "The banks will go under. Let us look at the problem from another angle; the bank claims govt dictates lending rates and an amount from interest rates goes to BOZ. Are you aware govt with effect from last year gets something like 2 per cent of monthly loan installments? The buck squarely falls on government as it is the one suffocating the banks".

Festus Nchenesi Snr Village implored: "Banking is doing very well in our area, Chongwe, even the men have joined in,big business men for that matter. Conventional



banks better watch out".

Petronella Halwiindi Simuchimba added a voice: "We do it as a family. Works well. We even get loans, decide our own repayment modes and interest".

Alex Ngweji Mbumba learnt a lesson or two: "Lots of learning here".

Ngosa Chisupa explained: "I am sharing an article soon in the papers on how we can learn from Grameen Bank in Bangladesh from where the concept was developed. From one village banking group, am familiar with, they meet once a month and you need to bring an amount at a meeting as a way of building the fund.

Large amounts require about six months to repay at 10 percent interest which is very affordable compared to the charges banks are charging".

Gabriel Konayuma quized: "All the best Mr Chisupa. What of mobile banking?"

Ngosa Chisupa responded: Well mobile banking has its own charges but one can rarely borrow for business.

Mobile banking is convenient when it comes to transferring money or making payments ie MTN Money or ZOONA".

Mathews Dalitso Banda said: "Village banking working well. Am running one with my friends. It is solving our problems and our saving culture is improving".

Ngosa Chisupa quipped: "Interesting!" Cynthia Phiri Mubanga got encouraged: "I want to join one mwe (for sure)!" Ngosa Chisupa said: "KBC ladies have one which is active".

Cynthia Phiri Mubanga

pushed Ngosa Chisupa: "Really uncle? Please link me to one of the members".

Ngosa Chisupa advised:

"Cynthia Phiri Mubanga done. Please check your inbox".

Ronald Chola explained: "My spouse participated in one at her work place, and it assisted in paying her tuition fees during her degree programme. Have seen ladies meeting at our club bimonthly in such discussions. This is OK while it lasts, before our taxes move in and stifles it! Would like to hear from experts any legal impediments to this yet?"

Rainbow Zambia quizzed: Village Banking: Is this the solution to high bank charges. What are the implications for the formal banking system? Is there need for us to begin thinking of alternatives in response to the high cost of banking services ie interest rates, account maintenance fees and Automated Tellr Machines (ATM) charges?"

Ngosa Chisupa responded: "In broader scheme of things, Financial Inclusion is the main objective, whilst savings and loan schemes like village banking, mobile banking and banking industry will complement one another depending on country specific circumstances".

Congestion at border posts is a threat to Africa's domestic resource mobilization and a setback to Africa's intra Trade.

- Kingsley Chanda | ZRA Commissioner General



## Zambia, Luapula emulate Australia, prods Dr. Bunda

■ By Ashton Kelly Bunda

FORMER freedom fighter Dr. Ashton Mwansa Mulongoti Bunda has appealed to the authorities of Luapula Province, current and future government leaders to remember his grandfather Ashton Mbita Chitoshi Bunda (AMCB) who fought in the World War 1 and 2 and attained the rank of Lieutenant General.

The late Chitoshi Bunda was killed in action during World War 2, and received a posthumous promotion to General from the 14th Australian Prime Minister John Curtin in 1945 after helping Zambia's colonizer, Britain conquer Germany.

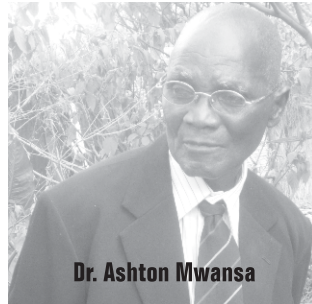
Speaking ahead of annual the 25th November 2019 'End of World War 1, celebrations whose last shots happened in Zambia Abercorn, now called Mbala, 87-year-old Dr. Bunda old narrated that his grandfather courageously acted as adviser to the British Prime Minister (PM) Winston Churchill during World War 2 and arranged a lunch meeting in 1945, in an effort to bring peace and unity among warring parties of Adolf Hitler of Germany, and Benito Mussolini of Italy.

Dr. Bunda told Rainbow Newspaper crew in Lusaka that the government and the Ministry of Defense should liaise with the Military Service Department of Britain and Australia to come up with a World War modern Cenotaph (memorial) accompanied with a trade and industrial center in honor of General BUNDA's contributions beyond participation in World War 1 and 2.

"Remembering fallen world war soldiers will help increase high levels of patriotism in the everyday lives of youths and children, this will inspire them own the nation and its economy, and they will be an army of God as leadership demands good moral standards. We must expose Luapula's industrial potential to Britain and Australia where Ashton Mbita Chitoshi Bunda served as a soldier of valour", Dr. Bunda stressed.

The octogenarian Dr.Bunda implored government and former Luapula province ministers to emulate Australians who honored his grandfather by naming the Sydney 'Bunda High Way road' after Ashton Mbita Chitoshi Bunda, pointing out that Zamia's former First Republican President Dr. Kenneth David Buchizya Kaunda invited him to lay wreaths on graves of his gramps and other world war fallen soldiers in 1970.

Dr. Bunda commended



British High Commissioner to Zambia Nicholas Woolley, who replaced Fergus Cohrane –Dyet for interest in digging deeper on the Zambian World War history, through ongoing meeting of surviving war heroines, heroes and historians.

"I believe Commissioner Nicholas Woolley effort will establish a firm history and documents that will stand a test of time on which to teach young generations through archived information

Dr. Bunda helped the late President of Mozambique Samora Macheal draft the country's Constitution in 1960s and participated in assisting the late Jonas Savimbi drafting the constitution of Angola before the civil strife that started in 1975.

"Ashton Mbita Chitishi Bunda was nicknamed "King Fisher" by the Britons in the Second World War, due to his brevity, and shrewd communication skills that helped Britain conquer Germany. The 'King fisher' name came when he made a mile stone attack by bombing and putting on fire the Germany Broadcasting Services building, when his army crew went to revenge the bombing of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) which was then called 'The Big Ben'.

"Lieutenant General BUNDA won the heart of the Britons in the World War 2 , when he displayed his intelligent war tactics by painting the British war plane the same colours as the German war plane and managed to masquerade and succeeded to bring down the German Broadcasting media building, guaranteeing victory to the British people.

The World War 1, started on July 28th 1914 till 11th November 1918 led by Sir John Monarch then a commander of the Australian Army corps in France, hailed from Chief Chitoshi in Luwingu and recruited his cousin the famous Chisenga Lumbe, who attained the Regiment Sergeant Major while serving as 'King's African Rifles "and was later named after Chisengalumbe Basic School located in Arakan Barracks Lusaka.

General Bunda was naturally peaceful and calm



Chief was known to an action and solution oriented person by his subjects and hence, had no difficulties in recruiting influential comrades from the southern part of then Rhodesia currently (Zimbabwe) namely,Mazimba Motto, Chikelema and Nyandoro in the World War 1.

"In an effort to secure a peaceful and bright future for the Southern Africa Federation that included Malawi. Lieutenant General Bunda was promoted to Lieutenant General after his death, had a background of a school cadet trainer with survival skills in artisan carpentry and joinery, and recruited one of Africa's great leaders from the Southern African Federation of South and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, now Malawi, the late Hastings Kamuzu Banda into the Word War1 and 2.

The two who became fond of each other also worked together at Malamano mission in Nyasaland currently Malawi and that prompted Hastings Kamuzu Banda to name one the higher learning institutions in Malawi, BUNDA Agriculture College," recollected Dr. Bunda .

Dr. Bunda, a former political science lecturer and historian said history as a school subject should be innovated as some of the individuals like his grandfather are not recorded from the African side to inspire future generations.

The 87-years-old political scientist and historian, a retired medical doctor reminisced that his grandfather Lieutenant General Bunda was born 1866 and fought alongside Sir John Monash, then commander of the Australian Army corps in France impressed on the Rainbow History investigative crew that the World War 1 actually finished at Abercorn near now called Mbala near the border of German East Africa in 1918 on the 25th of November.

"The Zambian teachers and the education system should provide poppies and sensitize youths and children in primary schools and higher learning institutions to dedicate the month of November to commemorate war heroes including

Armistice Day that falls on 11th November as well as 25th November that celebrates Zambia where the First World War ended.

Children and youths in primary schools and higher institution of learning should be taught or sensitized on observing the month of November to celebrate fallen soldiers of the World War land 2 and teachers should as well as the government help explain what the red and green flower called the 'poppy' stands for, this will help them to be peace makers and modern soldiers to build their economy and their spiritual lives," Dr. Bunda played.

The World War 1 whose roots emanated from the Balkans in Europe in July 1914 saw over 65 million men volunteered or conscripted to fight in mass.

Among other World War 1 heroes that were groomed by Lieutenant General BUNDA is Henry Makulu who became the First Black Commissioner of the Public Service Chairman at Cabinet Office in Zambia.

Lieutenant General Ashton Mbita Chitoshi Bunda earned the 'King fisher' name by the Britons because he was able to discern what his enemies planned and he predetermined ahead in his efforts to bring peace to reality.

Bunda advised the Prime Minister of Britain Winston Churchill to arrange a luncheon with his adversaries, Benito Musolini of Itlay and Adolf Hitler of Germany in an effort to promote unity, peace and brotherhood on 1st September 1945 during the world war 2

And the other attributes as to how he named 'King fisher 'by the Britons in the world war 2 ,General Bunda was an astute and shrewd in communications skills accompanied with good persuasive ways of negotiating as well as to broker peace with his superiors like Winston Churchill, Benito Musolini of Italy and Adorf Hitler of Germany .

According to Wikipedia, nearly two million Africans were recruited by European super powers fighting for more power and territory in the war.

Though, largely forced into the war, it is disappointing that most of the African soldiers have not received much recognition globally.

NOTE: The word for a person in their seventies (70's) is septuagenarian. A person in their eighties (80's) is an octogenarian, and one in his or her is a nonagenarian.

## Bill 10 is good for Zambia, prods Raphael Mangani Nakachinda

■ By Derrick Sinjela

Bill 10 is here to cure Zambia's constitutional contradictions, insists Nominated Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) Member of Parliament (MP) Raphael Nakachinda (RMN), as citizens continue to await it Second Reading, which Speaker of the National Assembly, State Counsel Patrick Matibini will chair.

Briefing the electorate in Kafue at a meeting which observed Coronavirus (COVID 19) one metre Social Distancing Practice, by participants sitting on classroom desks, following a resident driven petition against United Party for National Development (UPND) Kafue Member of Parliament (MP), Mirriam Chonya, Mr. Nakachinda explained that the ongoing Bill 10 background, arose after more than five Constitutional review efforts and Fifth Republican President, late Michael Chilufya Sata's Technical Committee on Drafting the Zambian Constitution, 2011 – 2013 (TCDCR) headed by Justice Annel Silungwe did not yield a positive outcome.

Nakachinda or RMN reiterated that the current attempt I'd meant to enact a people-driven law reform campaign designed and construed at replacing the colonial law, bequeathed by the British Colonizers. Said Nakachinda: "This came out of the lacuna's of Tuesday 5th January 2016 Constitutional Amendments, which President Edgar Chagwa Lungu assented to at Lusaka's National Heroes Stadium. For instance, the present set up expects MPs to drive community development yet, they are excluded from sitting in a City or Municipal Council meeting were development aspirations at grassroots level are discussed," stated Nakachinda.

Nakachinda recollected that before the ongoing process, Justice Minister, Given Lubinda, equally serving as Patriotic Front (PF) Kabwata Member of Parliament (MP), undertook countrywide meetings to Zambia's ten (10) provinces namely; Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Luapula, Lusaka, Muchinga, Northern, North-Western, Southern and Western, and later convened a National Dialogue Forum at Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC) on the Great East Road in Lusaka.

The NDF had 400 plus members; who agreed to move the declaration of Zambia as a Christian Nation from The Preamble to main body in Clause 4 & 5 and 8 that deals with national core values. We believe that the Mixed Member Proportional Representation (MMPR) will increase voices of Zambian Children Young People and Women in Development (ZCYPWD) as the voice percentage of women, millennials - youth and disabled persons will become louder. Out of the present 156 MPs, only 10 percent are women, and just 3 individuals can be ascribed as physically challenged," RMN observed. Beyond this gender disaggregated Clarion Call, Nakachinda says time has come to exorcise the 'Westernized Zambian Leadership Structure', through the proposed introduction of a Council of Paramount Chiefs, acting as an Upper House of the House of Chiefs.

"There is debate that Bill 10 that is awaiting Second Reading is a bad bill with inimical clauses, is not true! If you read it, there is no proposal that only councilors, or persons who have previously held elective office can vie for the Republican Presidency. The only qualification is a certain level of academic education and one being a bona fide Zambian national with a Green National Registration Card (NRC) and a Voters' Card. There is no re-introduction of Deputy Ministers. Sadly, people want to use Coronavirus as a political tool," argued Nakachinda, who protestingly insisted on UPND MP Chonya paying allegiance to Kafue electorates, and not heed to her political leader, Hakainde Hichilema, popularly branded as HH.

"MPs are 156 and Eight (8) nominated by the Republican President, and though I was nominated by Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, he (ECL) can only appeal to my conscience and not go as far as directing me to take a particular line of thought. The million dollar or Kwacha question is just why did the UPND MPs walk away? What is bad about increasing numbers of women, young people and disabled persons in Parliament," puzzled Nakachinda at Kafue Estates Community Hall. Aside from Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) Member of Parliament (MP) Raphael Nakachinda (RMN), President Edgar Chagwa Lungu nominated First Deputy Speaker Catherine Namugala, Finance Minister Bwalya Ngandu, Labour and Social Services Minister, Gladys Nonde-Simukuko, National Guidance and Religious Affairs Minister, Godfridah Nsenduluka-Sumaili, Edify Mukambala Hamukale , Provincial Minister - Southern Province, Richard Masati Kapita, Provincial Minister - Western Province, Nathaniel Mukubwanu , Provincial Minister - North-Western Province,

Kafue has 16 wards and is only allocated K1.4 billion, as Constituency Development Fund (CDF), which Nakachinda described as inadequate in comparison with constituencies in Uganda, which are just as equal to Kafue Estates, pointing out that Kanchibiya Constituency in Northern Province, under Dr. Martin Malama as MP is equal to Swaziland, thus giving credence to the delimitation exercise that intends to increase Constituencies in Zambia.

RMN promised to deliver a Petition in which Kafue Residents want Chonya not to walk out of Parliament once debate is called to order by Speaker of the National Assembly, State Counsel (SC) Patrick Matibini, First Deputy Speaker, Catherine Namugala and Second Deputy Speaker Mwimba Malama.

Nakachinda chaired and presented the Republic of Zambia Report of The Parliamentary Select Committee appointed to scrutinise The Constitution Of Zambia (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 10 Of 2019 Appointed on 2nd August, 2019, during the Third Session of the Twelfth National Assembly.

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- ACROSS
1. Seaman (6)
  8. Discussion (6)
  9. False teeth (7)
  10. Proverb (5)
  11. Give up (9)
  14. Near (5)
  17. Greek letter (5)
  18. Two times (5)
  20. Esteemed (9)
  23. Expel (5)
  24. Food provider (7)
  25. Calm (6)
  26. Savoured (6)
- DOWN
2. Street (6)
  3. After (5)
  4. Run a film again (5)
  5. Mark boundaries (9)
  6. Umbrella (7)
  7. Erased (7)
  12. Amuse (9)
  13. Attire (5)
  15. Try (7)
  16. Alike (7)
  19. Ebb (6)
  21. Factory (5)
  22. Board game (5)

**SOLUTION TO PUZZLE 67**  
**ACROSS:** 7. Desire, 8. Avenue, 9. Pile, 10. Tin, 11. Ebb, 13. Reveals, 15. Marry, 17. Chief, 19. Stagger, 22. Nit, 23. Imp, 24. Echo, 26. Reduce, 27. Edible  
**DOWN:** 1. Reside, 2. Line, 3. Gentle, 4. Saint, 5. Mew, 6. Rubber, 12. Hang, 14. Ever, 16. Stopper, 18. Heifer, 20. Exhale, 21. Liner, 24. Exit, 25. Cub.

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