



PREGNANT SCHOOL GIRLS TOLD TO REPORT FOR CLASSES

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AKWATIRA
LITI?” - ASKS
THE INTERNET**

**MALAWIAN
MODEL
K1.8 MILLION
LESS FROM A
NAIJA TRIP**



Kudos Chitipa



As schools where closed due to the 'Rona, pregnancy cases reportedly surged in different districts across the country. Whether the two are directly related, well... might be. But 'Rona or 'Rona, a lot of teenagers are having unprotected sex and a lot of girls fall pregnant at young ages.

This week, Education stakeholders in Chitipa urged girls who have fallen pregnant during the five months schools have been closed (especially those in examination classes) to

report back to school. We can only hope that other districts follow suit. Better yet, we can only hope that the Ministry of Education addresses this issue, so no one has to withdraw and get more school delays.

Quite a heartbreaking story, as well, to hear girls being disowned by parents (some saying they can't pay for their school fees due to the "disrespect"). But well, it is what it is and it's only right to move on henceforth.

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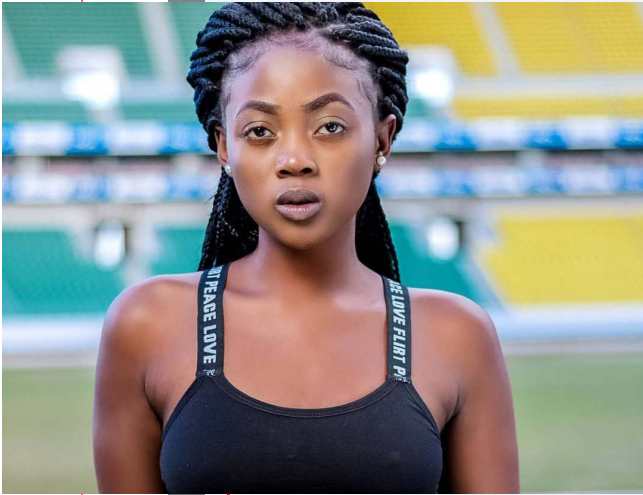
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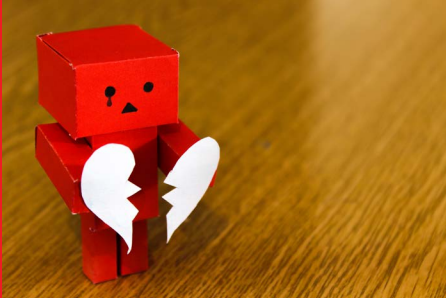
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THINGS THAT CAN SEND A WOMAN INTO EMOTIONAL OVERLOAD

By Precious Hemah



In the previous article, I received positive and negative comments, most of my fellow women accused me of betraying my gender well maybe I was. To say the truth, women are selfish when it comes to relationships issues.

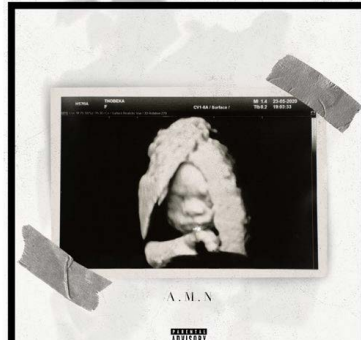
Maybe it's high time that some other guys should stand up for themselves in a relationship; they apologize to their girlfriends juts to avoid drama yet they know they are not at fault. Regardless, here are a few things that can send a woman into emotional overload.

1. When you don't know how to admit you're wrong.
2. When a guy isn't willing to help out.
3. Ignoring serious issues.
4. Making her feel like she's on her own.

TOP 5 2020 ALBUMS (NON-MALAWIAN)

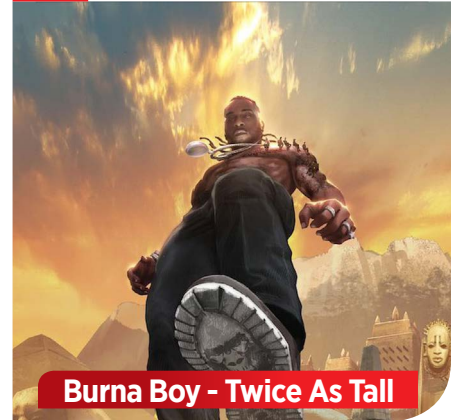
Here we go again. Another week, another list, more opposing views to hear! What are the best 5 albums you have listened to in 2020? Well, like we always say, this is according to what's crossed our editor's ears anyway lol.

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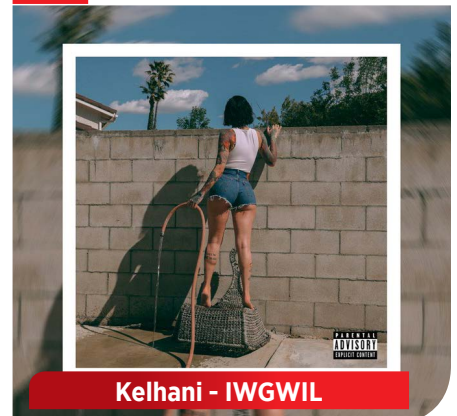
Burna Boy - Twice As Tall

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Jhene Aiko - Chilombo

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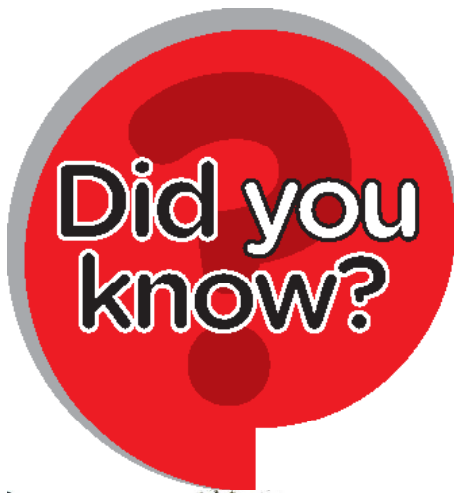
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Big Sean - Detroit 2

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In 2015, Roger Federer (a Swiss professional tennis player) spent \$13.5 million on establishment of 81 pre-schools for children in Malawi.

Brief Gossip

**“Tay Grin akwatile”
- aMalawi**

The jokes were sparked by Uncle Funk, who turns out to be a young talented artist called Griver by the way, as he pulled a “dude with a sign,” stunt. First sign read, “Bundle Ndiliba.” Well, a hit at the #ReduceDataCosts trend that never really yielded much. The



Akuti “Yesu Wabedwa”

Well, bizarre news that broke this week. Jesus, apparently, got stolen in Mangochi. Weird way to phrase it really, by the Mangochi Diocese who put out a statement entitled, “Kubedwa kwa Yesu Khristu okhala mu sakramenti loyerayera la ukaukaristia.”



second sign? “Chibwezi change chinatha ntabubela mkazi wanga wig iyi.”

Then, the dude with a sign post went on to Malawian celebrities. Started with, “Namadingo ndi Tanah nenapaniko chonde!” Tanah hit back by the way, with a sign that said, “Kunenepa

sakamizana.”

But Uncle Funk hit Tay Grin too, saying akwatile. Well, being the attention lover he is; the hit-maker hit back with a meme that said, “I have never seen anyone die of marrying late.”

Chasowa's death under investigation



Minister of Homeland Security, Richard Chimwendo Banda disclosed this week that relevant institutions are investigating the murder case of then-Polytechnic student Robert Chasowa. Responding to concerns described as security lapses in the country made by Francis Kasaila and Werani Chilenga (MPs), Banda said that the government will investigate murder cases that have been reported and ensure that the culprits will face the consequences. Other murder cases being investigated are the cases of Issa Njauju (then Director of Corporate Affairs at the Anti-Corruptions Bureau) and murder suspect Buleya Lule who met his demise while in Police custody. The relevant organizations, as disclosed by Banda, are also looking into the death of a motorcycle taxi rider, identified as Thokozani Kambalame, who is feared to have been murdered recently in Lilongwe. Before his death, Thokozani led other riders to a protest against government's decision to force all motorcycle operators out from operating in the city. There are a lot of cases in the country that are yet to be resolved. Most of these cases are believed to have been politically orchestrated. The case of Robert Chasowa is still yet to get resolved since 2011. His mysterious death, which occurred during late President Bingu's death, made international headlines but was deemed a suicide under Bingu's administration. However, the late president's successor, Joyce Banda, led a commission of inquiry and the results showed that Robert Chasowa was murdered.

DRESSING FOR CHANGEABLE WEATHER

BY The Irish Times

It's not always a case of say yes to the dress when it comes to a striking seasonal outfit. Deciding what to wear in an uncertain climate with unpredictable weather can be tricky.

The main thing to think about is layering. If you need a coat for an event, consider a lightweight jacket, a leather jacket or a blazer – leave them open in the sun with the sleeves rolled up. If you've a pinafore, jumpsuit or a sleeveless dress, warm them up with a T-shirt underneath on a chilly evening. A midi-dress looks great with a neat denim or leather jacket, trainers or heels, the tailoring being a way of smartening up a fluid dress.

Your best friend in summer is a scarf which can change any outfit; it can cover the shoulders, be a neck tie, wrap around the head on a hot day to keep cool or simply tied casually to a handle of a bag the French bourgeois way.



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Hide & Seek with 17 Artists

BY Gary Samati



Hide and seek riddim medley, a musical composition made up of a series of short pieces, dropped this week that features Saint, Provoice, Fyah Bwoy, Blackafella, Blakjak, Jay Jay Cee, Nes Nes, among other artists.

The medley, a project under a media firm dubbed In-House Media, also features a few up and coming artists that include Dattaz, Hanjeba, and Marfix, among others.

The medley premiered on MBC Radio 2's (mmm, more like 'Joy

Nathu's,' sounds like a better description) limelight music show Made on Monday and is now available for radio plays. "The medley will be available especially with reggae dancehall DJs across the country. After two weeks of radio promotion, we will release the album for sale so that people can appreciate and support the talents through buying," In-house founder and owner BlackJak narrates.

The "Hide and Seek" riddim features 17 artists including Blakjak, Nes Nes, Saint, Provoice,

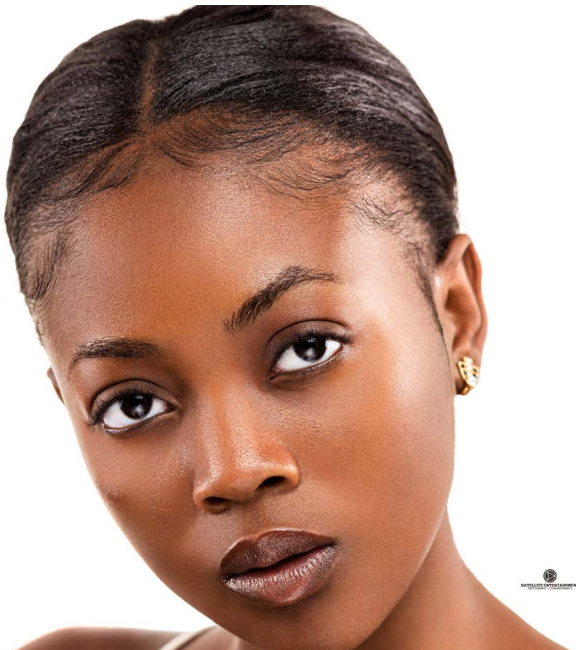
Jay Jay cee, Ting Ah leak, K one, Blackafella, Mad spark, Fyah bwoy, Nique Bangin from Jamaica, Black seed (UK), Dattaz and many more.

All the 17 songs were mixed and mastered by Fyah Bwoy, the In-house media producer.

Inhouse media provides conducive environment for artists to explore their creativity. Currently, the firm provides free recording sessions and helps in creating material for artists.

Malawian Model K1.8 Mill short of a Naija Trip

BY Gary Samati



Mphalitso Kachigwada, a Malawian model, is K1.8 Million short of a trip to Nigeria. The model was chosen to represent the country at Season 2 of Project Next Model, a modelling reality show that sees 25 models that stay in a house together for 40 days, live on TV.

The competition hosts models from a few countries across Africa in one place; for them to learn and exchange cultures. The contest also sees models sharing ideas on how to develop modeling, culture, tourism and arts in their countries.

The model selected from Malawi, Mphalitso, has been involved in different local modeling gigs. She now stands a chance to head to Nigeria on 17 November (as the show starts on 19 November) and stand a chance to win 1.5 Million Naira, a trip to Cape Verde and a 1 year model contract with Brewmodels, a giant in the modeling agency industry. First and Second runner-up will get 500 thousand and 250 thousand Naira each. Mphalitso has since pleaded with the general public to help sponsor her trip by sending money to different mobile money wallets and a National Bank account.



MALAWIAN URBAN DICTIONARY

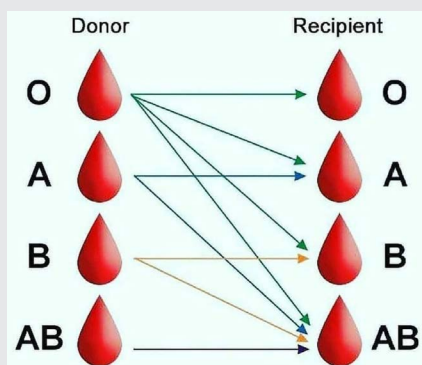
WORD OF THE WEEK

Ngezi

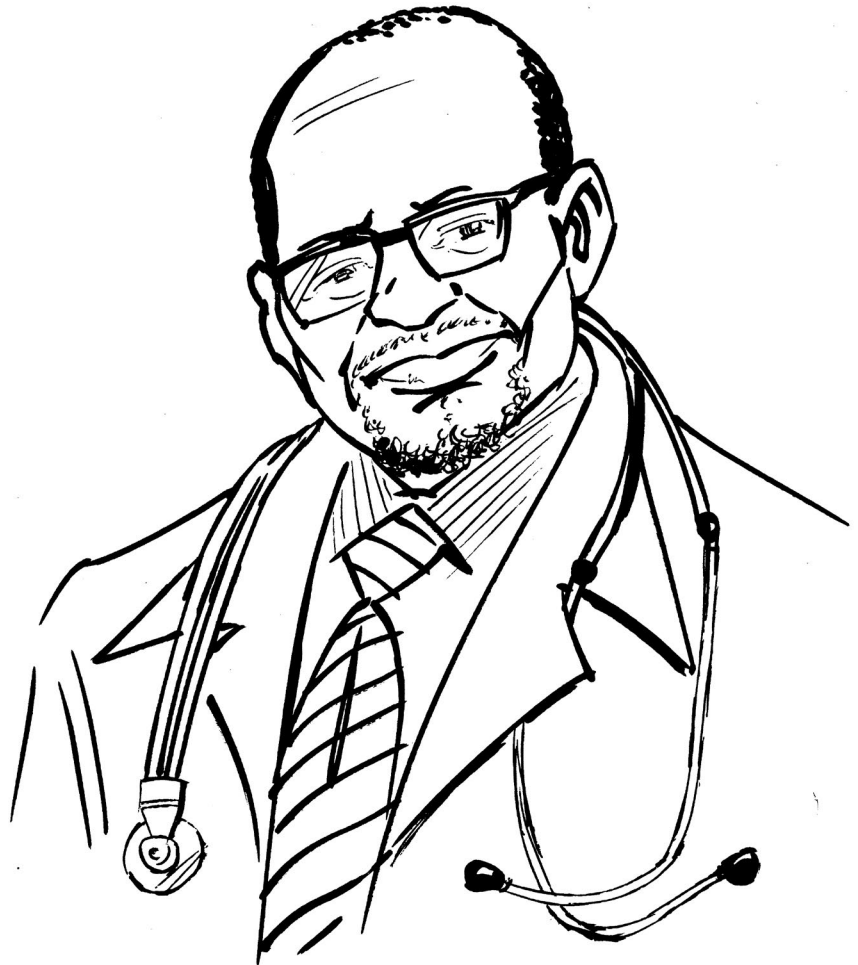
A common word for most Malawians. Do we even have to define it? But, oh well...

Ngezi is the language you're reading this in...
ENGLISH.

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Racist shampoo ad sparks protests in SA

by Aljazeera



Protesters have gathered outside several pharmacy chain stores in South Africa in reaction to a shampoo advertisement slammed by the critics as “racist”.

The advertisement, commissioned by the TRESemme hair company and carried on the Clicks pharmacies’ website, compared two photos of Black women’s hair with two photos of white women’s hair, labeling the natural hair “dry and damaged” and “frizzy and dull”, while the white women’s hair was “fine and flat” and “normal”.

The opposition Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) party on Monday called for demonstrations over the issue and rallied people to protest outside the company’s outlets.

“We will not permit the unrepentant and perverse racism of Clicks to go on in South Africa. #clicksmustfall,” the EFF posted on Twitter.

Local website TimesLive reported that at least one store had been petrol-bombed early in the morning, causing minor damage.

Videos on the EFF’s social media pages and in local media showed small groups of protesters - clad in the party’s red berets - dancing and singing protest songs in several malls. Many on social media also

expressed their outrage over the advertisement, with Black women posting photos of their hair with hashtags #RacismMustFall and #BlackHairIsNormal.

“Not only is this disrespectful to black lives, it is also evidence of an absence of representation and diversity within the organisation,” tweeted Zozibini Tunzi, who wears short natural hair and was crowned Miss Universe in December.

“And we are talking about a South Africa with a population of about 80 percent black people... No ways.”

As anger over the advertisement grew, Clicks Pharmacy, one of the two largest retailers in the country with more than 500 stores, issued “an unequivocal apology” and pulled down the images.

“We are strong advocates of natural hair and are deeply sorry we have offended our natural hair community,” it said in a statement on its Twitter account on Friday.

“We have made a mistake and sincerely apologise for letting you down.”

Unilever SA, TRESemme’s parent company, published an apology on its website that read:

“We are very sorry that images used in a TRESemme South Africa

marketing campaign on the Clicks website promote racist stereotypes about hair.

“The campaign set out to celebrate the beauty of all hair types and the range of solutions that TRESemme offers, but we got it wrong.”

Hair is a sensitive issue in many parts of Africa. South African students have had to campaign in the past to be allowed to wear natural hairstyles - like dreadlocks, afros and cornrows - at school.

In 2018, the EFF staged protests, trashing outlets of Swedish clothing giant Hennes and Mauritz (H&M) in Johannesburg over a controversial advertisement featuring a Black boy.

A photo on H&M’s website of the boy wearing a green hoodie with the inscription “coolest monkey in the jungle” had triggered outrage on social media.

H&M and Clicks are not the only major companies to be hit by advertisement scandals in recent years. Spanish clothing brand Zara in 2014 removed striped pyjamas with a yellow star after facing outrage over its resemblance to clothes worn by Jewish prisoners in concentration camps.

Old School - Letter Writing

BY Zindzitswa Mvula

Our anniversary celebration this year was a little bit different from what we had planned due to Covid19.

Sticking to video call-dates was just monotonous & I wanted to try something a little different, so knowing that I & my boyfriend have our tradition of leaving each other gratitude notes whenever we visit each other; which happened to be one of the things that we missed doing for each other, I decided to write a love letter to him for our anniversary.

Despite the digital world, letter writing is one of those things you can do. When my boyfriend got the letter, he was impressed & loved it, to the point we decided to go to the old school way by sending each other love letters every month. I just wanted to share and appreciate the beauty that still exists in writing `letters.

Letter -writing is more authentic & thoughtful, the intimacy felt while you write is amazing. You tend to find unique & tiny details about yourself, relationship/

partner. It's not about the time but it's about the quality & the emotional way of being open and sharing your feelings with your loved one/yourself.

Letter writing is therapeutic as well. There's healing in writing; it's one of the self-care/love that one can use for healing and connecting with themselves in every psychology aspect of their thoughts that accompanies forgiveness. It's easier to see flaws in your logic when you start to write something down and it's also possible to say something stupid in the letter & that's okay. Letter- writing provides time & space to process some feelings that have been expressed by your partner.

Whoever receives it has time to process what was said & formulate their response, a little bit of space makes a huge difference & impact because it makes it so easier to understand your partner's perspective.

WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

Here is a recap of the 5 things that happened this week.

1. The High Court in Lilongwe has summoned former President Peter Mutharika and former Chief Secretary to Government, Lloyd Muhara on September 28 to explain why they should not personally pay the cost of the case in which they sent Chief Justice Andrew Nyirenda and Justice of Appeal Edward Twea on forced leave in June this year.
2. Former Chief Secretary to Govt Lloyd Muhara has come under fire from some concerned lawyers who are calling for his removal as a High Court Judge.
3. The High Court in Lilongwe declared that it will on 29 September deliver its judgment in a case where, among other charges, former Minister of Home Affairs Uladi Mussa is being accused of aiding foreign nationals to obtain Malawian citizenships and passports.
4. Leader of Opposition Kondwani Nankhumwa ripped apart the State of the Nation Address (Sona) which President Lazarus Chakwera delivered in Parliament on Friday, saying it failed to meet the expectations of Malawians.
5. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) was called in to investigate the Ministry of Education for messing up the implementation of Malawi Education Sector Improvement Project (Mesip) where K7.2 Billion is believed to have been lost.

Expectant school girls urged to report for classes

BY Feston Malekezo



Education stakeholders in Chitipa District have urged girls who have fallen pregnant during the 5 months schools have been closed especially those in examination classes to report back to school.

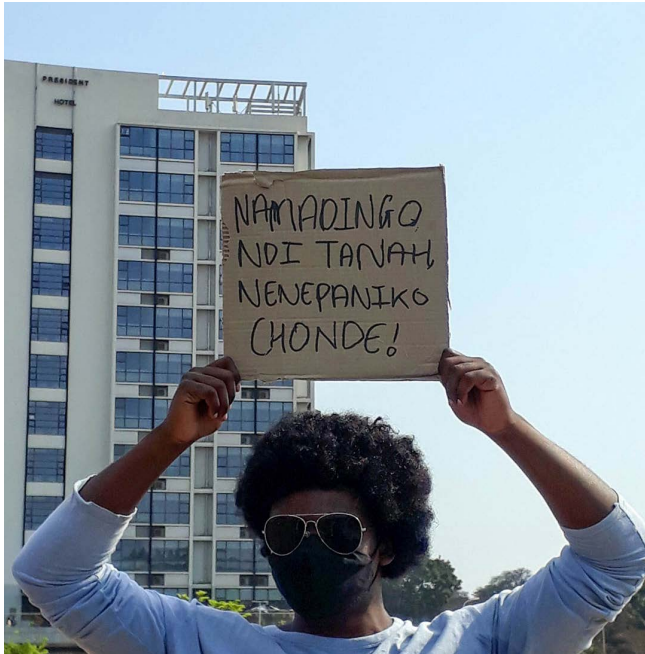
Statistics from Chitipa District Education Office show that about 269 pregnancies and early marriages have been recorded during the Covid-19 induced holidays.

Speaking during a research dissemination meeting held in Chitipa yesterday, Action Aid Cluster Manager for the Northern Region, Stonard Madise, urged school structures to protect the girls from discrimination.

“In our view, we want these girls to be allowed back in class. Otherwise if they do not report for classes now it might worsen the situation,” he said.

Commenting on the report, Sydney Simwaka of Chitipa District Education Network who compiled the report said participants indicated that closure of schools greatly affected both learners and parents.

The research was conducted in nine schools in Nthalire where statistics show that 30 girls have entered marriage and 8 are pregnant.



“Namadingo ndi Tanah nenepani chonde” - Uncle Funk

Well, in what was a funny series of “Dude with a sign” stunt, a guy calling himself Uncle Funk took shots at Patience Namadingo Tanah AKA Mr. Broken English. Saying the two need to gain weight.



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“Kunenepa sakakamizana” - Tanah

Well, you can’t mock a comedian and expect him not to retaliate.

Tanah hit back at Uncle Funk by telling him, “kunenepa sakakamizana.”

You’ve got to love the humour Malawians have!



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Unsung Hero - Joyce Mvula

BY James Zizwa

Unsung Heroes – stories that go uncelebrated. For the next few weeks, FYI will publish a series of articles written by James Zizwa. For the pilot article, James Mvula, a Malawian netball player who was the fifth top goal scorer in the Netball World Cup (NWC) 2019.

Joyce finished the 2019 NWC with 216 goals and was the only player on the tournament's top goal scorers' list to register a height of under 6 feet (NWC's site puts her at 5'9).

On the other hand, the Commonwealth site puts her at 5'11. Regardless, Joyce was the second youngest at the age 25 on the list. More than anything, she used a mixture pure precision and agility. When she got to the rim she worked harder than anyone in that top 10 list.

