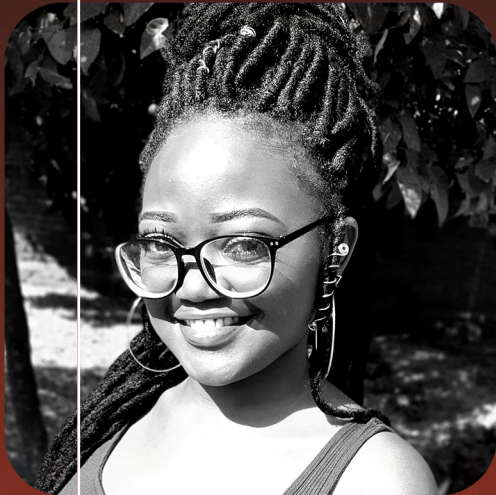




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What's #ChallengeAccepted?

Malawian blesser hotline: bizarre?

A black & white week



Felt the need to break this week's note into two, to touch on the topic of "religion in Malawi," and, well briefly, "jumping on the world's social media trends."

Title choice? Easy, we've had a black and white week in the country – a lot of good and bad news. From the First Lady receiving Covid-19 donations from the China... Malawi having no recorded Covid-19 deaths on 28 July... the fall (or what simply looks like) of Cash-Madam... former President APM being questioned by the police at his house... Malawian girls joining a trend with a positive impact (despite most simply thinking it's just a black and white picture challenge – but that's neither here nor there)... to the religious controversy that was sparked by an ad that seemed to talk about the Quran and the Bible.

Well, the reaction was not surprising,

to us at least. You see, religion, in Malawi as much as elsewhere, has always been a very sensitive topic. Whether the ad (picture shown in the subsequent pages) was wrong or not – the debates go on. The most interesting question we came across on social media is, "if the shoe was on the other side, would the reaction have been any different?"

A shoe that perfectly fits however is our females jumping on a positive world-wide trend. But what exactly is #ChallengeAccepted? Well, we exist for the information you need... it's in our name (PS: pun intended). So head over to page 10 for the full details.

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5 RULES TO FOLLOW IN YOUR DAY TO DAY LIFE!

By Precious Hemah



1. **Always prioritize your goals.** Think about goals you want to achieve, it doesn't matter if it's a perfect body, a job you wanna get or a school you want to go to.
2. **Keep your calm.** A lot of times in life you're going to run into people that want to have some altercation with you. It could be a fight or an argument or the person could be assaulting a person close to you.
3. **Don't think you need to prove your worth to anyone.**
4. **Lose the ego.** If someone is better than you at something, congratulate them, ask them for tips or analyze what they're doing better than you.
5. **Be confident.**

Best Comedians

Worst fear about making this list is being told, "the only comedians (clowns) here are you guys for making this list." But well, lists are always subjective so here's ours:

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Chris Tucker

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Kevin Hart

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Trevor Noah

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Chris Rock

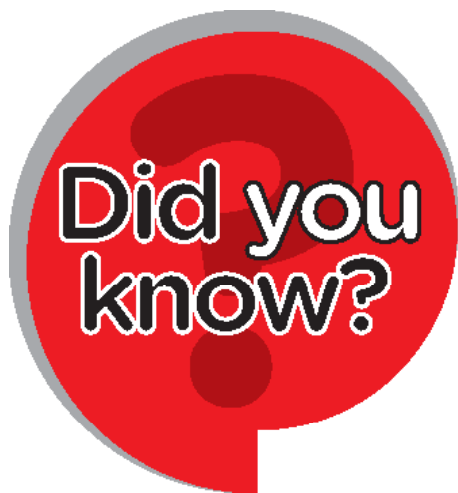
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Dave Chappelle

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Nintendo first produced playing cards.

Brief Gossip

We see you, Cash Madam

In one pandemic: we have seen the rise of a queen, from a Times TV interview... and the fall of a queen. Well, innocent until proven guilty they say, but even if found innocent, will her public image bounce back?

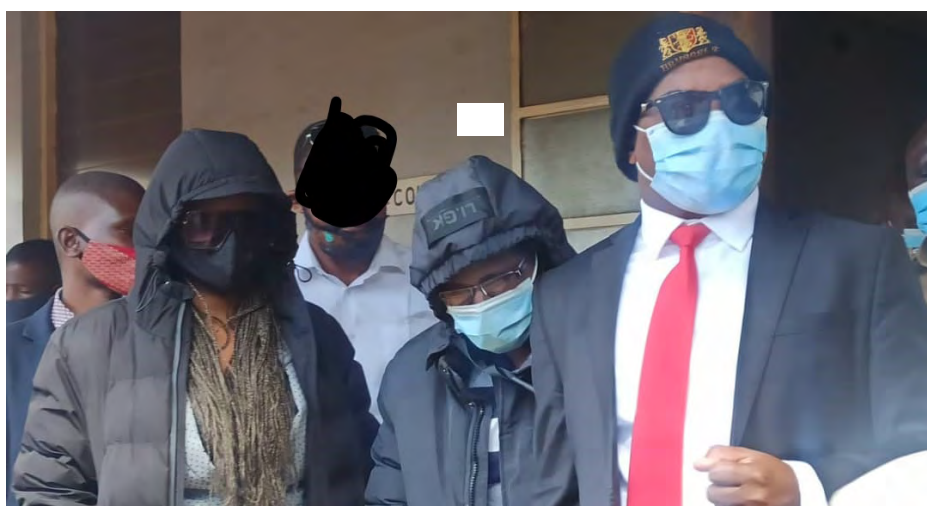
Thus the story of Dorothy "Cash-Madam" Shonga – spotted this week at the magistrates' court in Lilongwe – although she tried to disguise herself.

Cash-Madam was arrested this week



Blesser Hotline Service in Malawi?

This might be one of those businesses to get despised in public but make a lot of money in private. 'Coz men are thirsty out here. But yeah the news is, there is a hotline blesser service in Malawi covering Blantyre, Mzuzu, Lilongwe and Zomba. The service finds girls for sugardaddies (and vice versa) on a daily or monthly basis, they say.



together with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (Mera) Collins Magalasi and the Spokesperson of Mera Patrick Maulidi. She was reportedly "business partners" with the Mera CEO and the three are charged with fraud, money laundering and entering into procurement with an employee, contrary to the Public Procurement and

Disposal Act.

Well, specific details of the crime are that in 2019 (August) the three induced the Internal Procurement & Disposal Committee at Mera to approve procurement of various items worth K107 million through Vink Enterprise, a company belonging to Cash-Madam – Magalasi's business partner.

Creative of the week



Name: **Aisha Natalie Mposa (22).**

Creative Industry: **Fashion Student**

Where are you studying for fashion?

"I'm currently studying at abbi university college in Accra,Ghana."

Are you strictly learning designing or fashion as a broad aspect?

"I'm strictly learning about fashion designing which involves fashion illustration, garment construction, flat pattern, design synthesis, textiles and color theory."

When done with school, will you come back to Malawi or your goal is to work elsewhere?

"I have got bigger plans for my future when I complete school. I would love to come back to Malawi to open up a flagship store for myself but my goal is to work in countries like France, Italy, UK, India, Dubai ,China and South Africa because they dominate retail purchasing and market share in the clothing industry,"

What's your vision for the Fashion Industry, how do you plan to have an impact?

"My vision for the Fashion Industry is to globalise sectors that work to meet the demand for apparel and dictate the trends for what should be worn especially on luxury wear, affordable luxury wear and mainstream clothing. I would love to innovate; to lead; to enhance; to provide best-value products and service to global customers, making a difference through branding to stay ahead of fashion trends, market changes and the latest technology."

HOW TO DRESS TO IMPRESS WOMEN

BY Mayamiko Chiwaya



A few days ago I overheard a lady complaining about her boyfriend's dressing to a friend, "he just can't dress right," she said.

This lady's frustration can be justified 'coz some guys honestly do not know how to put together clothes to create a perfect

combination... yet you always wonder why that lady you have been crushing on for a year now can't say yes. I mean, you have got the looks but she is not moved at all.

Well, here are some tips to help you impress ladies around your circle with your style >

1. Stop dressing like a little boy.
2. We love a pair of jeans.
3. Up your foot wear, please!
4. Invest in a good wrist watch.
5. Wear a jacket that elevates your look.



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Warming the underprivileged

BY Gary Samati



Rapper Hayze Engolah, in collaboration with Samaritan Trust, DAPP and Masks Malawi, concluded the WARM WINTER initiative last week with the last of 1,000 underprivileged Malawians from Blantyre city receiving their warm clothes, face masks and laundry soap.

The project is the first initiative by KNQR foundation which is a part of the ever growing KNQR brand which was founded by the rapper in 2017.

Engolah released his debut solo project titled *WELCOME TO THE SHOPEP* which is a commemoration of him opening the first of its kind apparel store in Malawi called the KNQRstore. The EP, still selling at K2000, was also released in line with the Warm Winter campaign to use 50% of the sales for the

initiative. Welcome to the Shop broke a Malawian music record by being bought for K1 million for a single copy and sold K1.6 million in its first week of release.

The once Home Grown African artist has also been fundamentally involved with a charity organization named *COURAGEOUS KIDS FOUNDATION* where he recently donated a TV, toys and clothes for children and has plans of introducing a computer school at the foundation.

“Imagination builds the future. As children we need simple things like TVs, toys and colour to spark that creativity. We are living in a digital age and most of our youth are still in the dark and it’ll be difficult for them to compete in the future if they’re not educated early in

regards to technology and basic knowledge.”

Director of KNQR foundation, Victor Mwale shares the sentiments as he believes our generation needs to do more in preparation for the future.

“It is imperative that our generation work hard in empowering the less fortunate because there’s so much that they can offer instead of just being statistics in our day to day lives.”

The Warm Winter Campaign isn’t where it stops for the rapper as the KNQR Foundation is set to launch a *Project Your Mind* campaign which will advocate for mental issues; to empower young people that, among many issues, are struggling with financial instabilities and alcohol abuse.

What's #ChallengeAccepted?

BY Iradakunda Pacifique



Women all over the world, this week, posted black and white selfies with the hashtag #ChallengeAccepted. The selfies, posed and filtered – taken from flattering angles and accompanied by benign captions about “supporting women.” From Khloe Kardashian to Ivanka Trump (Trump’s daughter) to over 4.6 million hashtags on Instagram, a lot of women joined in on the latest selfie trend that swept Instagram and well, WhatsApp for most of us – as a lot of Malawian ladies jumped in on the train too.

But did you know the reason behind or “*bola ndaika nao chithunzi*” was all that mattered?

Well, we know the gents must have been confused at first but not surprised – because we ladies have used our WhatsApp statuses to play

games that were meant to confuse our boys... the toy games and what not. This time however, the “Black & White” challenge was as important as they come – but well, again, most Malawians just played along without knowing the genesis.

So, long story cut short, the #ChallengeAccepted selfie trend is about the rising number of femicide cases (sex based hate crime, broadly defined as “the intentional killing of women or girls) pretty much everywhere in the world but this time around; Turkey.

Remember South Africa’s “Am I next?” Well here is a recap. #AmINext was a social media campaign that launched on September 5, 2014 in Canada to call attention to the high rate of missing and murdered indigenous women in the country. Well, in South Africa, when a lot of

women kept dying and suffering at the hands of men, the #AmINext campaign resurfaced.

#ChallengeAccepted is no different as reports say in 2019 alone, over 500 women were murdered in Turkey, with more deaths going unrecorded. And just this week, several deaths were recorded too.

For the longest, the Turks have woken up to a Black & White photo of a woman who had been murdered, on their social media feed, Newspapers or Televisions.

So this challenge is a way of raising women’s voice and standing in solidarity with the lost lives; to show that one day it could be YOUR picture being displayed across platforms after YOUR demise, with a Black and White filter.

MALAWIAN URBAN DICTIONARY

WORD OF THE WEEK

Yes, man

Weirdly, this is a greeting among peers. It's basically saying "hie."

Person A: "Yes man."

Person B: "Ah, indedi man, zabwino?"

URBAN LANGUAGE MISTAKE

Also vs Too vs As well

Also is commonly used in writing, before a main verb and after the modal verb.

"He is a singer and also an actor."

Too is commonly used in spoken and informal English – used in end position.

"I would like to come too."

As well is Commonly used in speaking and at the end of a sentence.

"Are you coming as well?"

ASK SIBWENI



Think of Sibweni as the uncle you wish you could get advice from. Send us the uncomfortable questions you have through our social media inbox @FYlonlinemw or WhatsApp 0881 885 512.

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TRUMP WANTS USA ELECTIONS DELAYED

Trump, who has made false claims about voter fraud, recently tweeted, "With Universal Mail-In Voting (not Absentee Voting, which is good), 2020 will be the most INACCURATE & FRAUDULENT Election in history. It will be a great embarrassment to the USA. Delay the Election until people can properly, securely and safely vote???"

So, Trump is trying to start a groundswell to put off an election where polls show him way behind Joe Biden. The claims of voter fraud have no foundation ... nevertheless, he's been beating that drum for months.

So, why would Trump want to delay the election? Well, we just got word on GDP for the second quarter, and it reached historic proportions, plunging more than 32%. It's pretty obvious Trump wants to stall, hoping for a vaccine and an economic rebound. The big worry ... Trump might as well just come out and say it ... he's not gonna leave The White House willingly.

WANDI SUKALI - POET

BY Ameze Okoro



What sparked your passion to do poetry?

"Poetry was my therapy. Became passionate as a way of expressing my feelings so poetry was the best medium for me. Also I say Poetry is not only about expressing my own truths, but I also see it as a way of speaking for others."

Do you make money from poetry? How do you think the poetry industry can be improved in Malawi?

"Poetry in Malawi can be improved by providing a platform for budding poets from secondary through the corporate levels. Such platforms could be annual competitions (spoken word), written competitions, dedicated

newspaper slots, dedicated social media pages to showcase poems on a weekly basis, among others. As well as encouraging poets to be more out there, not to be afraid of sharing. As of making money, I currently haven't made any money off it, I'm still trying to build a fan base for my works. I do intend however, to gain recognition and money off of my work."

What work have you put out so far?

I've written 3 collections so far namely: A Thief's Beginning (that's just the working title), Dead Eyes, and Barren Womb.

FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

BY Zindziswa Mvula



It takes more than the occasional great date to keep your relationship afloat. Dr. Gary Chapman, the author of the 5 love languages: The secret to love that lasts, says the key to a lasting relationship is learning love languages. The key, according to Chapman, is discovering which love language you and your partner respond to the most than regularly putting that into practice. Well let's get into knowing what are these five love languages;

1. Words of affirmation are verbal expressions of care and affection. Think: "Thanks for making lunch" or "You looked really nice today." Conversely, insults can be particularly upsetting to people who favor words of affirmation.

2. Gifts Tangible and intangible items that make you feel appreciated or

noticed. Going to your partner's business launch for example; dropping some bunch of flowers at your partner's office. Gifts are a visual symbol of love, surprising your partner with regular presents regardless of their monetary value is a great way to show affection. To individuals who favor this love language, the absence of everyday gestures or missed special occasions are particularly hurtful.

3. Acts of services are things done to make life easier for your partner Think: Picking up an outfit at a laundry shop when your partner has a busy day or doing dishes so that your partner can relax. For someone who favors acts of service, lack of support is more damaging than anything else.

4. Quality time Engaging in an activity

together particularly one you both enjoy like going for walks or playing scrabble or snakes & ladders with a platter of Doritos. Time may even mean engaging in meaningful conversations without being distracted.

5. Physical touch signifies a person who feels the love most through intimate contact. Touches can be large or small and intimate or casual. The most important thing to learn about a partner who speaks this language is their specific preference for touch. For example, holding hands with your partner's in church or on your way to the shopping mall. The key idea is that physical touch is a powerful way to show love. The question is who speaks which language?

WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

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

1. The case involving rapper Fredokiss has been adjourned to 3rd August 2020. The rapper is on trial for allegedly handing out money during the 2020 Fresh Presidential Elections.
2. APM's aide, Norman Chisale is now answering to three different charges.
3. APM was interrogated by the Police over his involvement in the K5 billion cement deal in which his Tax Payer Identification Number was used.
4. Cash Madam AKA Dorothy Shonga got arrested on fraud and money laundering charges.
5. Airtel has reduced Pay-as-you-go tariffs from K15/mb to K5/mb.
6. On July 28, Malawi experienced zero covid-19 deaths for the first time in a long time. Covid-19 cases are now at 2,065 with 1,807 recoveries and 109 deaths (As of July 30 10hrs27).

VJ KEN: VIDEOGRAPHER AND VIDEO DIRECTOR

BY Precious Hemah



Kenneth "VJ Ken" Makina is a videographer and a video director who studied for a Diploma in Journalism at Malawi Institute of Journalism (MIJ).

During his internship at AFJ TV in 2015, he used to shoot and edit videos so artists at that time could come to him and ask if he could shoot their videos.

"I asked one of the videographers at that time how much money they get after shooting and editing a music video. The amount he told me made me realise that if I shoot two to three music videos the money I could earn is more than my salary. The Person who inspired me the most in this Field is a Nigerian Videographer and Director, Clarence Peters. The journey has been good, it didn't take me long to settle in

this field and I thank God for this opportunity and because I didn't give up on my passion, I take this career as a calling."

But in every career one needs to achieve something or improve his or her life from the career. Well, the videographer says he has achieved a lot through the grace of God – as he is a believer.

"I won the Best Videographer of the year at the UMP Awards in my debut year (2018). I really thank God for this award. I managed to buy my own cameras that produced good quality videos that [some] aired on Channel O, Trace Africa, One Gospel and Trace Urban."

VJ Ken advises his fellow young would-be entrepreneurs to discover their talents before investing.



Coexisting with our different beliefs

The Quran/Bible and the Muslim/Christian talk has distanced a lot of people across the world.

I think of the two, I think of the black/white racial war that's been going on in the world for a long time now. Seeing the 'controversial' religious ad drew my mind to the NO-RACISM-MONKEY advert that was made by the Italian football league, the Serie A, earlier this year.

The energy is not that different – spreading a positive message by using controversial choice of words/image. The blacks didn't take the Monkey advert well; same as the Christians' (well most) perception on the "Last Testament" advert.

If you ask me, both the advert and the reactions were off... but we can all coexist despite the different choices we make in our religious lives. At the end of the day, humanity needs to win.



Chisale Back to Back

"I've got a lot of bars like Chisale," – Skkr skrr rapper, 2021.

Because wow, if 2020 was a person, Chisale would be the year. One bad thing after the other. From seeing a man whom you aided for a long time lose his presidency seat, to seeing bars as often as the number of times Peter denied knowing Jesus. Well, history repeats itself when it comes to Peters denying people – as APM has distanced himself from the Chisale case. Cold, big man.

Having being arrested 3 times already for 3 different cases, what's next for the man? Will he get acquitted or found guilty of all charges? And are these arrests over now? We doubt it. Nonetheless, the memes created from this saga are quite hilarious.



Coach Profile - Charles Lubani

BY Tiyamika Mkwanda



Name: Charles Jolamu Lubani

Sport: Football (Coach)

AKA: Guardiola

Born: 10 December 1987

Weight: 63 Kg

Family: Charles is the first born in a family of four, 3 boys and one lady (late)

Teams: BT Zero, Maggie Chombo Academy

Bio: Led BT Zero to championship in 2019 and second place in presidential cup 2019-2020 being his inaugural year.

Lubani believes that we can achieve everything we want in life only if we work hard. His ambitions are to coach the national team and become one of the best coaches not only in Malawi but the whole world.

On his free time, Lubani trains people in his community and all people that need assistance in work-out or any fitness exercises. His most memorable moment was when he led BT Zero to

victory in Zomba against Atu FC.

His disappointing moment is when he lost the presidential final to DD Sunshine in December 2019.

Lubani is a holder of FAM C, Malawi's highest certificate in football and he plans to sit for the highest certificate in Africa after the COVID 19 Pandemic.