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**partnership**  
**with DSTV**

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# Schools Situation - Tread Carefully



**T**ough time to be a Minister of Education. On one side, not closing schools looks like putting the lives of students at risk. On one the other, another closure of school will definitely, in way or another, affect students' academic life – and, as witnessed in the pregnancy and marriage reports last time, their future in general. Tough time to be a President. It is a crisis. One we never imagined we could experience in our lifetime. But, funny enough, the nation is expecting you to act against the virus as an experienced

leader. An experienced leader who has never dealt with the Coronavirus in his old life, ey? Tough time to be a Malawian. Making demands however we feel. Say they close schools, what next? Are we shutting down schools for as long as the coronavirus is here? What if it doesn't go in a year? We will have the vaccine, right? But the first to receive the vaccine in Malawi will not exceed 3 million people. Meaning, we are in this situation for a little while. Then why should the government close schools, again?

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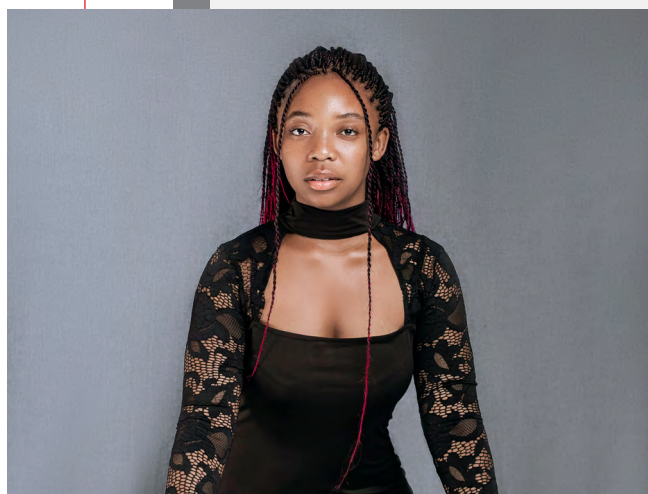
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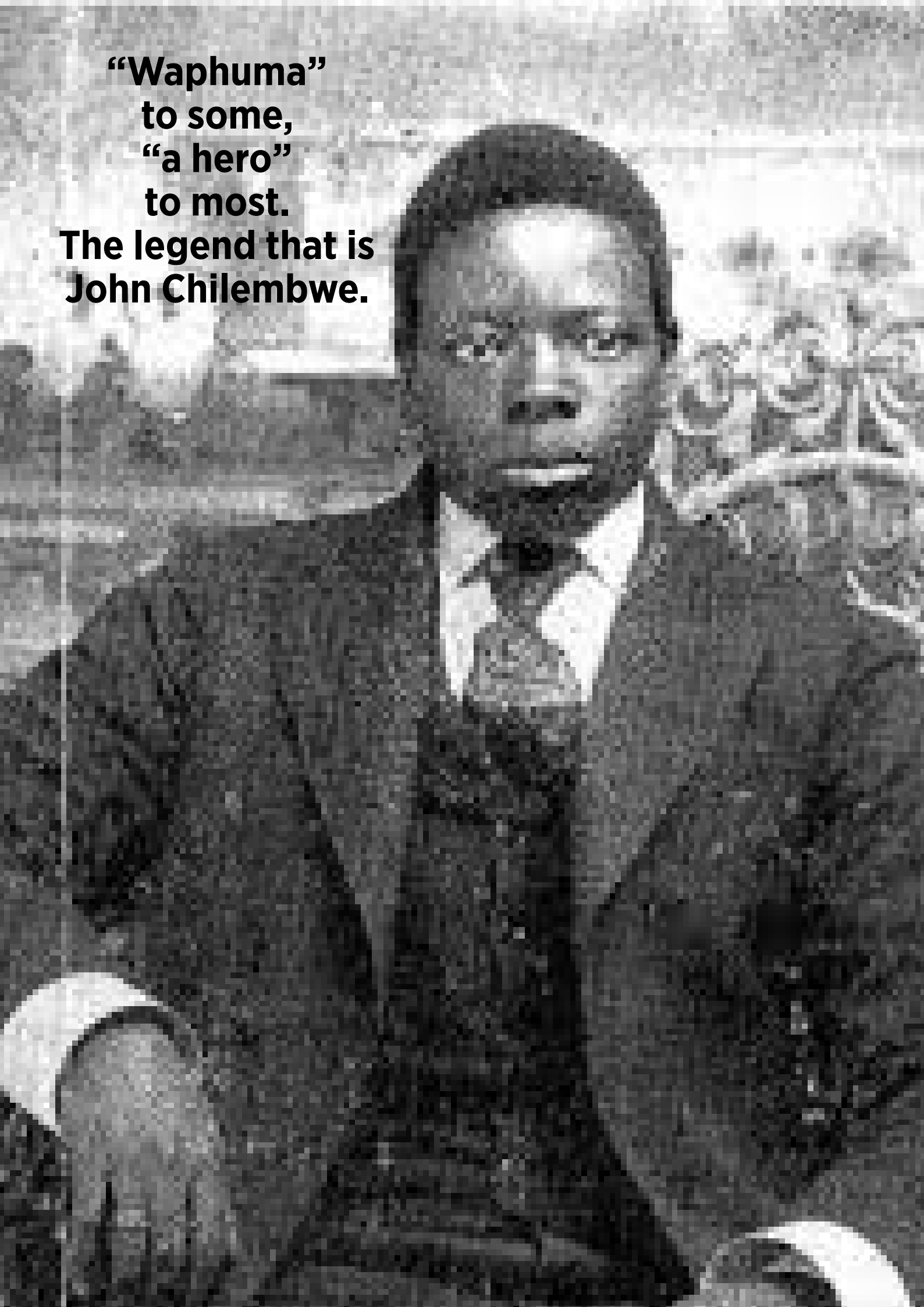
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**“Waphuma”  
to some,  
“a hero”  
to most.**

**The legend that is  
John Chilembwe.**





# COLLEGE NEWS



Malawi College of Accountancy in Blantyre temporarily stopped classes from progressing this week as a student tested positive to Covid-19. The college did this to disinfect the premises, and classes will resume on Monday 18 Jan.

## Brief Gossip

### Accused 'Nyekhwe-Girl' Denies Allegations

In case you've lived under a rock for the past year, Nyekhwe is (was, actually) a Twitter account created with the sole purpose of exposing (or lying about?) people's secrets – for social media gossip.

The page has since talked about different Malawians from social media celebs to politicians.

This week, Twitter Malawi pointed



## Machinga sex related cases on a rise

Machinga Police Research and Planning Officer, Damiano Paluma recently announced that the rate of sexual offences in the district increased by 30% last year.

Machinga registered 160 sex-related crimes in 2020; and 23 in 2019.



fingers at a girl, who they said was apparently arrested on allegations that she used to run the account.

In an interview with FYI, the girl, who asked not to be mentioned in this article, denied the allegations and said the incident is nothing but a mix up situation.

"The story started 'coz of a fall-

out I had with my best friend. She started spreading rumours that I run the Nyekhwe account. The issue about my arrest is a lie as well. I was simply questioned at the mall [in Lilongwe] by a police officer for a completely different issue," she said.

## Creative of the Week - Mwenecho Phiri



**M**wenecho Phiri is an entrepreneur who's running her own salon called Necho's House of Beauty. We had an interview with her and here's it went:

### **What's inspired you to open a salon?**

"I have always loved hair and beauty stuff. It's always been my dream and passion to one day own a beauty salone that offer multiple services. We call the salon a house 'coz it accommodates different kinds of customers."

### **What's your vision?**

"Our vision is to provide top class beauty services at one stop; be it hair, nails, makeup, etc – for men, women and children."

### **Any message to young entrepreneurs?**

"Doing something you love and are passionate about is the best gift you can give to yourself, 'coz that will make you work wholeheartedly."

Salon details:

Name: Necho's house of beauty

Location: Ginnery corner, Blantyre, right before PG glass

Contact details : WhatsApp :0994470017 Or 0888010150

Instagram & FB: @nechoshouseofbeauty

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## 2020 UMP Model King & Queen





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## Trace Africa “Follows” Phyzix

BY Bridgitta Flao



**R**apper Phyzix has started the new year where he left off in 2020 as “Follow” which features Eli Njuchi has been accepted by Trace Africa TV.

The channel will soon air the music video, as indicated in a communique sent to Phyzix undersigned by the a Trace Africa employee Lungelo Motaung.

Phyzix could not contain his joy and gratitude in an interview with FYI.

“It’s very exciting. It’ll be my first video of many to be aired on Trace Africa. It’s very encouraging for me to carry on producing high quality music videos going forward.”

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## WHAT SUP IN MALAWI?



### Osaphweketsa Project

**M**alawian artists; Hyphen, Barry One, Saint and Rita have have teamed up for a musical project dubbed ‘Osaphweketsa’ which is aimed to raise awareness about Covid-19.



### Mw Islamic Awards Next Month

**A** group with art at heart are organizing Malawi Islamic Artists Awards to recognize and promote muslim artists in the country. The awards will be held at Dorvic Hotel in BT on 7 Feb.

## DSTV Buddies – Nthanda & Kell Kay

BY Gary Samati



**M**a l a w i a n Social Media Influencer, Nthanda Manduwi, and Malawian artist, Kell Kay, were announced this week as DSTV Influencers.

The two are in a 6 month-deal with the Digital Satellite Television Company – a deal posing as an inspiration to Malawian creatives as far as corporate deals are in the picture.

Nthanda, who's also known for being a media entrepreneur, took to her brand – By Ntha – website to express her excitement

with the deal.

“As a creative and a media entrepreneur, I am even more excited for all the opportunities this collaboration will bring my way,” she wrote.

In an interview with FYI, however, she explained that she has no message for young creatives in regards to her deal – but hopes they can learn from her by what she achieves and not what she says. “I’m actually not speaking much. I hope people can learn more from just watching me make strides and less

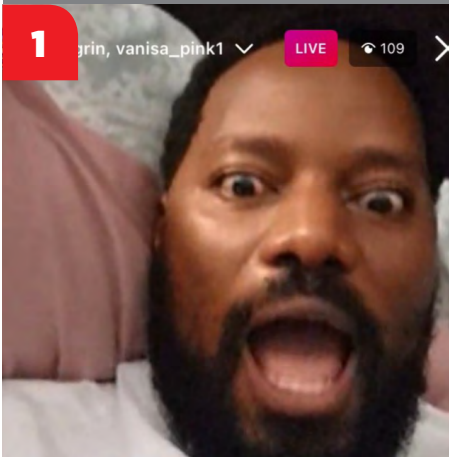
about what I say,” she said.

Meanwhile, Kell Kay took to his Facebook page to celebrate his deal with DSTV in a post captioned, “Thank you God. Thanks to everyone that has always been on my side through both low and high moments.” DSTV announced the duo as the brand’s social influencers on Wednesday.

As influencers, the two will be engaged in DSTV promotions and campaigns.



## PICTURES OF THE WEEK

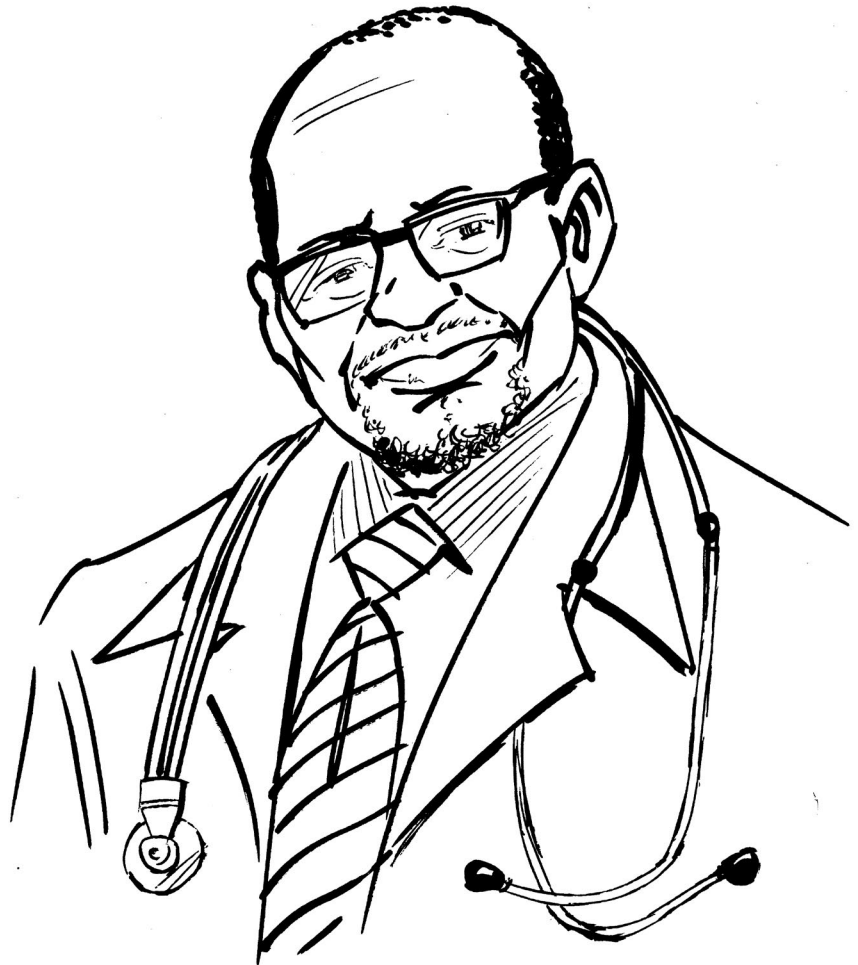


1. Tay Grin's reaction to Vanessa, who twerked in a sexy outfit on the rapper Instagram Live.

2. A colorized John Chilembwe picture by @KChimt on Twitter.

3. Gabadinho in action against Tshakuma FC, in a game in which he scored as his team won 3-0.

## ASK SIBWENI



*Dear Sibweni, there is a guy that I really, really, really like. He's my type as well, definitely. But I think I could be overthinking chances of him becoming my boyfriend. How do I get him to ask me out?*

**Look out for next week's FYI issue for Sibweni's answer.**

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## NEWS RECAP

### LL Girls Records 136 Student Covid Cases

**P**residential Taskforce on Covid-19 this week announced that Lilongwe Girls Secondary School had registered 136 Covid-19 cases among students.

### Teacher arrested for defilement

**A** 25 year old primary school teacher from Mulanje identified as Peter Namoto has been arrested this week for allegedly defiling his standard 7 pupil on December 17 last year.

### K1BN to Education

**T**he donation was made by Presidential Taskforce on Covid-19 to be used for purchasing tents to increase the number of classrooms for learners across the country.

## Blessings Nyondo Justice: Uni students add to the pressure



**U**niversity of Malawi Students, through University of Malawi Students Union (Umsu), have added to the pressure demanding for justice to prevail in Blessings Nyondo's death.

The union's president, Scoliat Chithokonya has said although Homeland Security Minister Richard Chimwendo Banda already said justice should prevail, the group is adding to the pressure for the same result.

Blessings passed on on 8 Jan. after sustaining to gun shots on 31 December 2020 by an MBC security guard.



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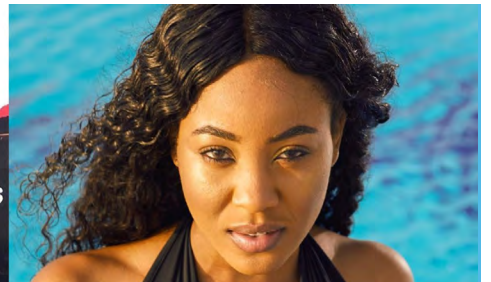
### **Trump impeached for 'inciting' US Capitol riot**

Donald Trump has become the first president in US history to be impeached twice, after being charged with "incitement of insurrection" over last week's deadly storming of Congress.

## **Brief Gossip**

### **The latest on Kim-Ye Divorce Rumours**

These are likely the final days of Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's marriage, sources have made clear to multiple outlets over last week, while noting that Kardashian still hasn't made a final decision about their relationship.



### **Erica & Kidd unfollow on IG**

Shortly after Erica announced her exit from Twitter while advising fans to stop insulting people in her name, the ex-housemates and friends reportedly un-followed each other on Instagram.



But Kardashian is a little more decisive about what her future will look like, People reports, and it won't involve being West's wife.

The outlet reports that while Kardashian isn't about to file divorce papers today, she knows this is the end and has known

for a while. "Kim and Kanye's marriage is beyond repair," a "family source" told the outlet. "Kim is over Kanye's chaos, and at this point she just wants to focus on the kids and her own life."



# Social Media Gossip

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## Mercedes not Benz Cupcakes

Or our eyes are playing with us... but that looks like a failed attempt at making a Mercedes Benz cupcake, no?

Well, Twitter Malawi took shots at the page and we understand why (not saying we wouldn't have a bite, though!).



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**Henry Kachaje**

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Komatu penapake inu asing'anga athu kuno simukutithandiza. Imagine mukanapeza mankhwala a covid ndi inuyo, ngakhale tikanamapanga \$10 pa katemela aliyense, and we administered it to just one billion people, pano tili ndi \$10billion ngati dziko. Umphawitu ukanatha.

Chonde asing'anga, taye setsani. Izi zomangopanga mankhwala "opezera mkazi" kapena "obwezeretsa mphamvu kuchipinda" sizitithandiza kaya.

## PETER BANDA LEFT FOR MOLDOVA

BY Martin Mpungah

**N**yasa Big Bullets midfielder Peter Banda is set to be the second Malawian player to play at a European country, Moldova after being invited to a one month trial period at a top Moldovan league outfit Sherriff Tiraspol fc.

The 20 year old boy left the country on Wednesday through Chileka International Airport and he's expected to start his trials on 15th January. "I will try my best to impress the team coaches during my trial period there." He said. Peter is expected to be accompanied by his former teammate Charles Petro.

FC Sherriff Tiraspol is dominating a ten-team Moldovan National Division League table with 55 points from 20 league games. Banda started his professional football career with outstanding performance since he was named 2019 TNM Super League player of the season. Meanwhile in his previous TNM Super League match against Kamuzu Barracks, He managed to appear on the scoreboard twice.

### TNM SUPER LEAGUE LOG TABLE

	Played	Points
<b>1. Red Lions</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>2. Silver Strikers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>3. Civo United</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>4. TN Stars</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>5. Ntopwa</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>