



What the youth expect from the “official” President

Fredokiss tells his side of the story

Dear official President, please deliver



Oftentimes in Malawi, politicians play the usual politics game when looking for votes then deliver the “*munandiuza ma size anu?*” after-promising-voters-shoes energy – when they win.

One thing the 2020-2025 Malawian President shouldn't neglect is the power of the youth. More than ever, I believe, young people are playing an active role in the politics of the country. Additionally, being the largest population in Malawi, the youth have a lot of influence of who gets to be president and who doesn't.

It is therefore our plea to the official president announced by the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC), to take the needs and challenges of the youth seriously. I mean hey, even a 13 year-old (this year) will vote in 2025 – which says a lot about the number of young people the incumbent president will have to

take seriously. Not just for votes, but for a better Malawi. Young Malawians face a lot of problems; from lack of job opportunities to lack of access to tertiary education, just to mention a few. Imagine the number of people that can actually make it in colleges but aren't enrolled because Malawi has a few colleges that oftentimes are only looking for those that got less than 20 points. Worse still, imagine finally making it to college but failing to finish due to financial problems. Then imagine getting your degree despite all these challenges, but you hang it on the wall – jobless for years.

Young people are facing a lot of challenges in Malawi, and so we ask, Mr. Official President, please deliver. Please.

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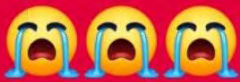
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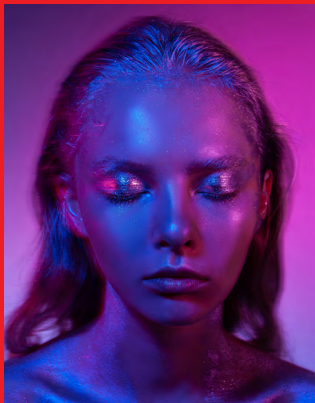
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All about eyeshadow



by **Wezi Kumwenda**

Have you ever looked at someone's make up and loved the bold colours perfectly blended from the brow arch down to the lash line, and thought you could never do the same on your eyes? This article is for you!

» Your tools are very important

A common mistake with a lot of make-up lovers who struggle with eyeshadow is using the wrong brushes. I usually recommend having at least one blending brush and one shading brush as a minimum. Morphe and ELF are brands that have good quality brushes that are affordable and are not harsh to your skin. Both brands can be bought online.

» Priming the eye lid

Applying your foundation or concealer can work so long as it is completely absorbed by the skin before applying the colour. Specialist primers for eyeshadow can also be used but it is not necessary, your foundation or concealer can be enough to give your eyeshadow the good base that it needs.

» Blending in the colours

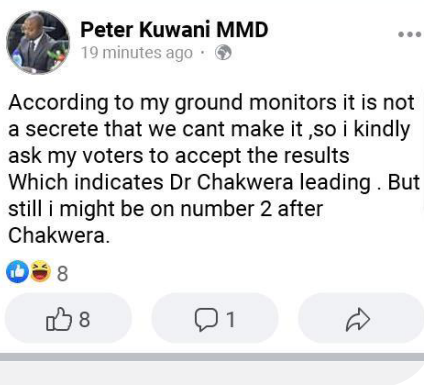
One colour that has been well blended is enough to make your eye pop. If you are using two eyeshadow colours you will need to have an idea on how complimentary colours work to create a cohesive look.

» Applying make-up to your eye area can be dangerous

The best memes/posts of the election period

The internet never rests when it comes to creating humour out of an eventful period. Here is a list of what I think are the best memes/posts of the election period...

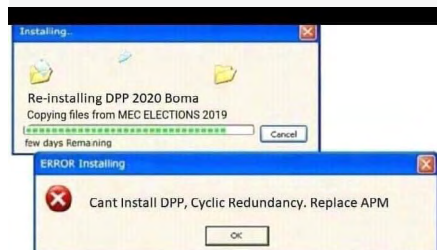
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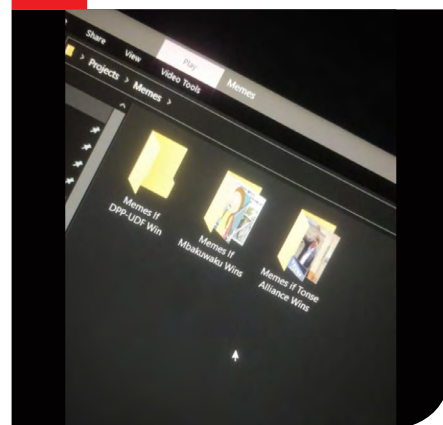
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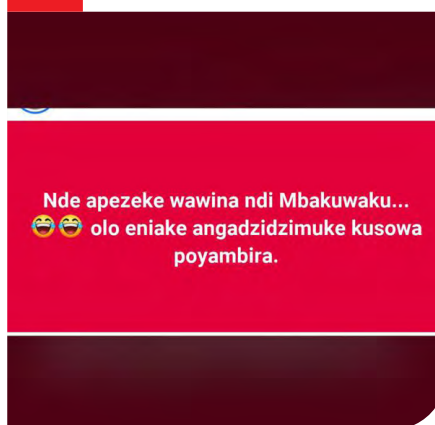
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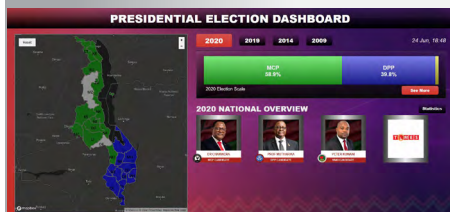


How well do you know Dr. Lazarus Chakwera?

- Which football team is Chakwera reportedly a fan of?
 - Manchester United
 - Chelsea
 - Arsenal
 - Liverpool
- In which year did he become the president of Malawi Congress Party (MCP)?
 - 2010
 - 2011
 - 2012
 - 2013
- How old is he?
 - 62
 - 64
 - 65
 - 60
- How many children does he have?
 - 2
 - 4
 - 5
 - 3
- What's his wife's name?

Answers

1: C, 2: D, 3: Monica, 4: B, and 5: C



According to the Times Group's unofficial results of the 2020 Fresh Polls released on 24 June 2020, the four best performing districts for Prof. Mutharika were only about 75 thousand votes more than the votes Dr. Chakwera received from Lilongwe alone.

Brief Gossip

Fredo's side of the story

Fredokiss (real name Penjani Kaluwa) was arrested in Rumphu on 23 June, 2020, for allegedly giving out money to people in exchange for DPP votes in Rumphu, where his father, Kamlepo Kaluwa, is the legislator (Rumphu East).

Social media had all the gossip this week as news of the rapper's arrest

was spread by some of the big media in the country; like BNL Times, Nation Publications and, well, FYI. News of the arrest was confirmed by Edward Chingaibe, officer-in-charge for Rumphu Police Station, who added that the rapper will be charged according to the electoral laws.

Fredokiss, however, has so far disregarded the claims of him dishing out money for votes. "I have nothing to do with my father's politics. I am not into politics. Sadly, it keeps following me," wrote the rapper on his twitter page. Our efforts to speak to Fredokiss directly proved futile.



Multitalented Tiya drops an EP

BY FYI Contributor



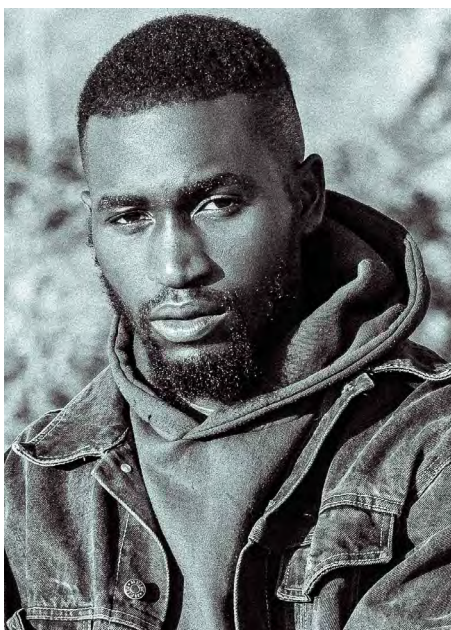
Get to know Tiya Joan – a multitalented artist. She is a poet, singer and a rapper using her music and poetry as a way of expressing her experiences as a Christian and as a way of reaching out to others with the gospel of Christ.

She has performed at a number of high profile events locally such as Tumaini Festival, the Gateway Sounds of Christmas organized by MPICO, Rhema Bash and Behind Closed Doors which was organized by Sapitwa

Poetry. The artist has also shared a stage with American poet and singer, Joseph Solomon, and major local artists like Faith Mussa, KBG, among others.

Tiya Joan is now set to make her first foray as a solo music artist as she is due to release her debut project on 29 June, 2020. The solo body of work, titled Walking Shoes, centers on the Christian's conduct as she relates with and follows Christ. The EP will be available for free, with an option to buy.

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Mumatha – 4 the Creatives

Name: Ken Banda

Creative Field: Photography

Inspiration: “Nothing inspired me to be a photographer. I never wanted or thought of being one; it was a friend who introduced me to the field (he wanted someone to help him with some work) and then I later fell in love with the craft.”

Vision: “My vision is to grow big and work with international brands. On top of that, I want to create jobs.”

Achievement: “My best achievement so far is that my work is being appreciated

not only in Malawi but also outside the country. I also love that big international brands [like Coca-Cola, Mercedes Bens] are now noting my work and that's promising.”

Challenge: “My main challenge, not just as a creative but a young Malawian, is lack of big opportunities. Additionally, a lot of people and brands take advantage (I feel like most companies or people in Malawi love to work with people who already made a name for themselves even when their work is not as good as that of young and new artists like me). I have been exploited a couple of times, that's why I'm no longer interested in working with local brands.”

Winter wardrobe essentials (Men's Edition)

BY Iradukunda Pacifique

Leather Jacket

The hype behind leather jackets is that they are timeless, versatile and really stylish. There are so many ways you can wear them; with almost everything actually. When it gets colder, rug up in a hoodie underneath or keep it casual with a T-shirt.



Black Jeans

Black jeans will allow you to switch from semi-formal to casual real quick. Everyone can rock this wardrobe staple with ease. You May want to wear it with a suit jacket, leather jacket, boots or any colorful top.



Denim jacket

When it comes to casual dressing, denim is king. Whether you choose to wear it with a hoodie or a T-shirt underneath, you still get to look casual and fresh. Denims are timeless and adaptable as they make a great top layer for every outfit all through the year.



Wool blazer

Usually worn in semi-formal settings, this piece of clothing will keep you warm while looking oh-so-cool. Best paired with a nice button shirt, or roll up neck. If you are a fan of suits, why not just pull off a whole wool suit at once? If you're feeling extra chilly, throw an overcoat on top, and you'll be ready to make an entrance anywhere you go!



Zip up sweater

Nothing screams winter like a zip up sweater, usually with an elevated neck for extra warmth.





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Dealing with situationships

BY Zindzitswa Mvula

What are we? The question is scary enough to send the person being asked running the opposite way before the one asking even gets to “we.” This question has always been difficult to answer in most situations, and has been ignored entirely. Instead, “relationships” get themselves caught up in muddy, confusing, and sticky situationships. Urban Dictionary defines a “situationship” as “a relationship that has no label on it, like a friendship, but not quite a relationship.” In other words, a situationship is like being friends with benefits; except, this time, there are strings attached no matter how slight for both parties involved. Couples engage in normal boyfriend-girlfriend activities like going on dates, meeting each partner’s friend etc. What couples in situationships do not do, however, is ask that terrifying question: “What

are we?” Instead, both individuals just continue teetering and tottering on the see-saw that is their undefined relationship for months, sometimes even years. Main reasons we enter into situationships is some of us enter into it with the hopes of just having fun, some of us enter into situationships because we want a relationship while the other person is not ready for a serious relationship. The problem with situationships? There are no rules and he/she can literally turn around and be upfront with you, “you’re not my girlfriend or boyfriend.” Yes, it can be so heartbreaking but technically the person is right because your relationship is not defined or has no title. It’s so easy to get hurt because your heart does not know the difference between ‘I’m just having fun’ and ‘I will go with the flow’ because our heart is built to gel with someone else in an actual committed

relationship. There are a few ways in which you can prevent yourself from getting into a situationship in the first place; stay true to your standards. Don’t settle for being someone’s side chick or boyfriend number two if you want a real relationship. Also, avoid the idea that you need some kind of romantic or sexual partner, or that being in a situationship is better than being alone. You deserve better than that. Secondly, as hard as it may be, you need to make things clear from the beginning. The truth about situationships is that they aren’t for everyone and you can’t enter into one with a mentality that it will eventually involve into something more. You need to just take it for what it is, no hidden stuff. Don’t alter your plans for some girl or guy. Choose yourself every time. It is okay to be selfish; do what you want to do without considering anyone else’s influence or input.

Our expectations from the 2020 – 2025 Malawi President



"I would like the government to fix the problems that Malawi already has. Our former president mainly focused on things like buildings, programs but neglected issues that the country has. For instance, the health care system is not the best in Malawi; we still have people dying from things that could have been prevented. Additionally, the education system is just as bad; corruption, poverty etc. I expect the President to focus on improving those issues first before going for other ventures. I also expect more opportunities for the youth. We need fresh ideas and employing capable and qualified young people in positions that have been dominated by the older generation for a long time."

Mphatso Makamo.

"I voted wisely but politicians will always try their best to prove your right choice wrong when the power starts running in their veins but with all faith in God, I hope it will be different this time and the right choice will still be the right choice even when they are in power."

Richard Samati



"The following are my expectations: The leader should combat corruption in all sectors. The leader should make MACRA independent. We don't want MACRA to be blocking private media houses from broadcasting their programs freely. The leader should be able to offer job opportunities for the youth. The leader should be able to combat tribalism and regionalism"

Kingsley Clement Lambulira

"I expect him to unify Malawians from all corners of the country. Dealing with issues of tribalism and regionalism. I also expect him to implement his manifestos. With Unity we can move together towards prosperity."

Sam Billz Mazonde



"I expect the new government to cushion the inability of citizens to provide for themselves especially in vulnerable conditions of youth, old age, sickness, disability and unemployment due to forces beyond their control. I also expect the government to heavily fund education and revise our syllabus, I feel we need our stories to be told. Lastly, but definitely not the least, I expect justice for those Msundwe women."

Tadala Mbalakumwendo

MALAWIAN URBAN DICTIONARY

WORD OF THE WEEK

Gilibati

No one knows how this word came by, but it's a Chichewa urban word for pork.

"Eh, ofunika kudya gilibati after kuwina zisankho zimenezi"

URBAN LANGUAGE MISTAKE

Among vs. Between

Among is used to express a loose relationship of several items.

Between expresses the relationship of one item to another item.

"I found a pen hidden **among** the papers on the desk."

"I found a pen hidden **between** two sheets of paper on the desk."

ASK SIBWENI



"Dear Sibweni, I am seeing a guy who is in a relationship. I really like him, I almost love him to be honest. But I am so confused about our situation. Will he leave his MG1 for me?"

— Anonymous

"Dear Side Dish, drop your expectations! Let me tell you about my ex-wife, Mary. Mary was the most caring beautiful girl in the world! She 'completed me'. Then young me got my first car, an E10 Corolla (I called her Sally), shortly after Mary and I got married. Stupid me got so carried away with that car ... eish. I was everywhere man! I even got a side squeeze! But oh man, that girl made me drive her everywhere and buy her everything. It was all nice in the beginning, considering Mary was pregnant and side squeeze (what you young ones call side dish now) was giving me attention. She started asking me to make it official. However, reality hit home. It would not be worth it to break a love I have had for 10years for a girl that was just a side. Long story made short, I did not leave Mary. I left the side and that was the day Mary found out about side-y too. Mary left me and my heart was broken. I'm not saying it's impossible, but it is highly unlikely that he will leave his wife. And do not believe it until he actually does leave her for you. Also, why are you with someone else's man? Get your own 'sis'. Get someone that can give you his 100, not just bits and pieces."

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“Does my vote count?” The youth wonder

by Elita Soko



Voting is considered and revered as a democratic right and for a young person, taking part in an election for the first time is an exciting experience. When the constitutional court, on February 3, 2020, ordered that a fresh election be held after the 2019 presidential poll was annulled; a couple of young people were really looking forward to finally being brought into the fold of eligible voters. Most had been so close during the first election, but had not yet attained the required age of 18 by the time the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) was registering voters. Unfortunately for them, laws are laws and the fresh poll did not turn out to be the opportunity they had hoped it would be.

One particular young man in Blantyre comes to mind. He would have turned 18 in April 2019, and therefore been of the appropriate voting age by May 21 2019, when the poll was to take place. However, since he was not yet 18 during voter registration, he was deemed

ineligible to register. “Very unfair”, he called it.

This young man is just an example of many who were so eager to be part of this illustrious part of democratic society that is an election (some who managed and some who were not so lucky); so why such enthusiasm?

For years, the youth have been called the “leaders of tomorrow” and for so many years, they have believed it. Tomorrow, however, is now today for many young people and most realize that they cannot keep letting decisions that affect their lives be made without their involvement. The youth have been watching their older siblings struggle to find jobs and strain even harder to establish businesses that can better their lives. They have been watching their parents struggle to make ends meet with their salaries or lack thereof (depending on their state of employment). Young people, in a nutshell, want to be a part of the choice that leads them either to prosperity or

destruction (there is always a chance for either). For once, many young people want to take charge of their destiny and not merely be used as pawns in the game that is politics.

But do these choices count? Have young people ever had anything to show for the choices they make on the ballot? If recent trends are anything to go by, the answer would be, generally no. Unemployment is incredibly high in the country and access to good quality services in areas such as education and health is below par.

If at all anyone is watching, or indeed listening, now would be time to consider the youthful voice and make it count. The “tomorrow” when the youth were expected to lead is here today and they need to be brought into the fold. If they continue to be neglected, the “tomorrow” we love to refer to will be full off banditry, debauchery and a general lack of confidence that is being nurtured by this disregard for young people.

Yohane Banda – a child's gift

by Lonjezo Msodoka



As human beings, I believe we all have a responsibility to take care of one another while we live in this world. One may say, “It’s not my child, not my problem, not my community and not my country.” But I believe expressing concern and showing love and care brings strength and courage to those who need it.

Love blossoms when we have a heart to care more for other people than how we care about ourselves. As others put it, “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile” it only shows that showing love, care and kindness to others do not only make them feel loved and happy but also brings that inner peace and happiness to our hearts.

This is the story of Yohane Banda who happens to be the founder of a self-named Establishment; Yohane Banda Foundation – a charity Organisation

based in Malawi.

Having a single parent, his mother could not afford to pay school fees for him until other well-wishers volunteered to sponsor his education. He finished his fifth year at The Polytechnic and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2016.

“This miracle triggered my heart to always put others first and to keep in school as many as possible who are struggling with fees.”

The Foundation was founded with an aim of helping and sponsoring those students struggling to be in school due to lack of financial support. He now helps hardworking students who are in primary, secondary as well as those in colleges by giving them financial support so that they can stay in school and achieve their goals.

Again, the Foundation helps provide shelter for homeless kids by providing them with a home and sending them to schools; in so doing empowering them.

“I can say this work is being made possible by my salary, the help of our sponsors and dedicated efforts and support from the board of trustees. We truly believe life is beyond living for ourselves.

Our goal is to set-up homes in various regions of the country as well as across Africa for students and orphans in need of shelter and a supportive community”

Just like a candle does not lose anything by lighting another candle, when we show love, care, compassion and kindness to others, there is nothing that we lose. Remember; to the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

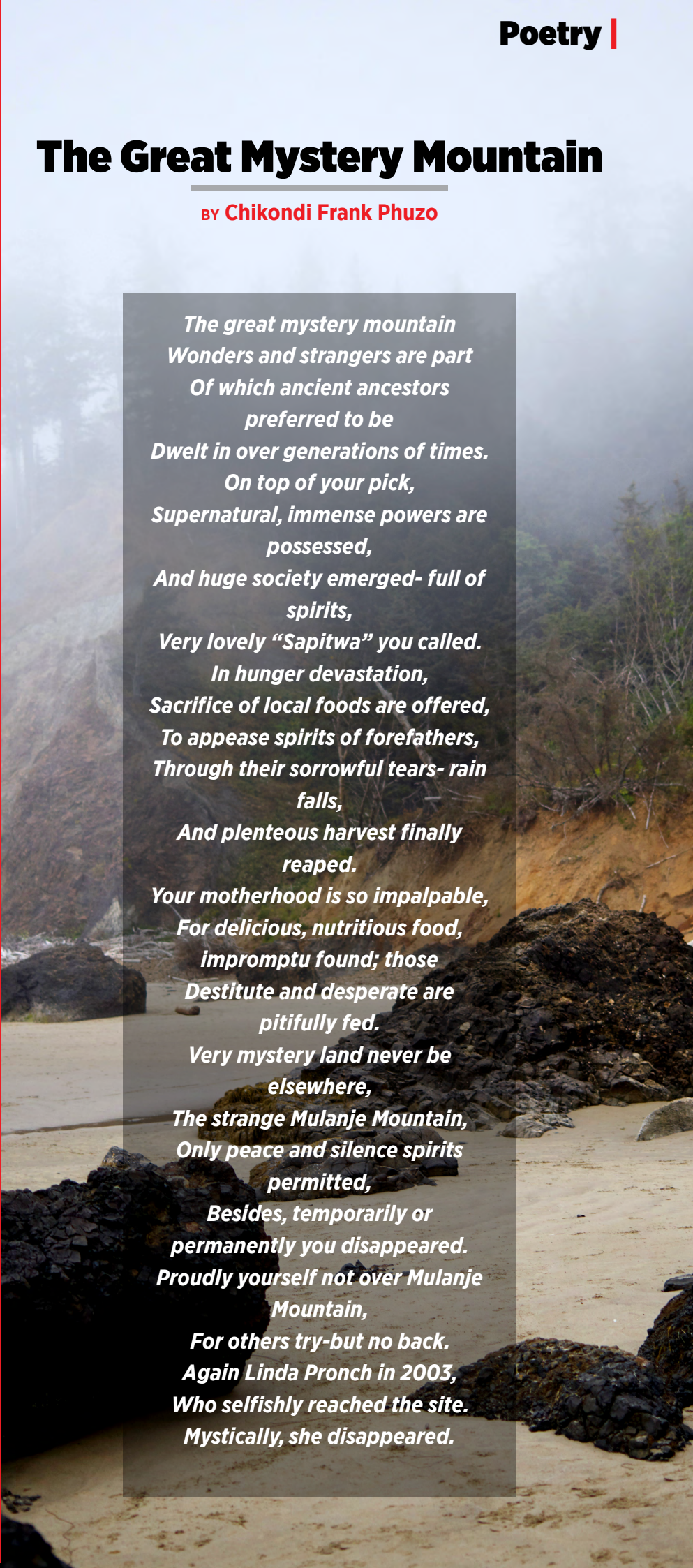
WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

Here is a recap of 5 things that happened this week:

1. Unofficial results indicate that Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera is the 6th President of the Republic of Malawi.
2. Penjani "Fredokiss" Kaluwa got arrested in Rumphi for allegedly dishing out money in exchange for DPP votes. The rapper denied the allegation by saying he is not into politics – an almost Blantyre City South Constituency Member of Parliament.
3. Nicholas Dausi claimed that DPP monitors were abducted by gule wamkulu.
4. Nicholas Dausi showed an unopened Flash disk as evidence that he has footage of violence that DPP monitors were supposedly subjected to.
5. Peter Kuwani, torchbearer for the Mbakuwaku Movement, played a strategic move – waiting until the actual election period starts, to make claims that Dr. Chakwera and Prof. Mutharika should be disqualified on the basis that they used different running mates (as opposed to the ones they used in the nullified 2019 Presidential Elections).

The Great Mystery Mountain

BY Chikondi Frank Phuzo



*The great mystery mountain
Wonders and strangers are part
Of which ancient ancestors
preferred to be
Dwelt in over generations of times.
On top of your pick,
Supernatural, immense powers are
possessed,
And huge society emerged- full of
spirits,
Very lovely "Sapitwa" you called.
In hunger devastation,
Sacrifice of local foods are offered,
To appease spirits of forefathers,
Through their sorrowful tears- rain
falls,
And plenteous harvest finally
reaped.
Your motherhood is so impalpable,
For delicious, nutritious food,
impromptu found; those
Destitute and desperate are
pitifully fed.
Very mystery land never be
elsewhere,
The strange Mulanje Mountain,
Only peace and silence spirits
permitted,
Besides, temporarily or
permanently you disappeared.
Proudly yourself not over Mulanje
Mountain,
For others try-but no back.
Again Linda Pronch in 2003,
Who selfishly reached the site.
Mystically, she disappeared.*



“I make K4 million/month,” okay. But who are you?

An anonymous account (@chiswa_mw) on Twitter got a lot of backlash (well, and props from a few twitter users) for saying that he makes K4 million a month – while calling out people that make K300 thousand but sign up for executive banking and drink expensive alcohol.

We caught up with the one behind the account for an interview. “I am an entrepreneur with interests in real estate, renewable energy and equity investment to startups,” he said. “I own a couple of property in Lilongwe, one in Johannesburg and my newest addition in Nairobi with combined value of \$5 million. I invest in technology and agriculture value chain startups – I currently have interests in 5 startups in Malawi, Zambia and Botswana.”

However, the user said he doesn’t want people to know who he is (at least for now).



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Fredokiss: I am not into politics Twitter: “This you?”

The irony in Fredokiss saying he is not into politics... I mean hey, on one side we feel for the rapper – the allegations have not been proven, but, “not into politics,” really?

Well, Twitter was ready to remind the ‘Ghetto King Kong’ that just last year he got 12 thousand votes; as he contested for Member of Parliament (i.e politics).



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The Multitalented Lyness Chilenga

BY Precious Hemmah



Lyness Chilenga, a young lady from Mzuzu, is a sports enthusiast who is studying Procurement Purchasing and Supply at Mzuzu Business College of Accountancy.

Here is a list of the different sports she plays:

Handball

- She started playing handball in 2014.
- She played in the Presidential Games in the same year and her team won the league (she was the top goal scorer of the season).
- Then she joined the Malawi National Handball Team (2014).
- Played in the International Handball Federation in Zambia (2014).
- Played in the International Handball Federation in South Africa (2016).
- Went to Zambia again in 2019 during the International Handball Federation.

Basketball

- She plays at Magic Spurs team
- She won the Sozoball Championship
- Played in GY Exports and Imports league in Lilongwe
- She won the Most Valuable player at Charity Baptist league

Volleyball

- Plays at Moyale Volleyball queens
- She won Best blocker at the Northern Region Volleyball League; won the Kumudzi Ladies Invitation League in 2016

Netball

- Played for Mzuzu Queens and won the Jappie Mhango League in 2018
- Played for Happy Sisters, her team won Presidential championships in 2016.