



Poly students sleeping at College of Medicine



Priscilla VS Dan-Lu

*"She has personal
issues with me,"
- claims Dan Lu*



Mask-up, this second wave scary



I know it never left, but it feels like Coronavirus is back in Malawi. And it looks like it's back with a really, really bad bang. Since Christmas alone, at least 1, 000 new cases have been registered in the country – according to the stats given by the Ministry of Health. Jan. 6 saw a record as 227 new cases were registered. Of the 227, at least 80 were from Blantyre alone. If the fun that went down

during the festive season is anything to go by, Blantyre probably had the most entertainment events.

So hey, it must make sense for the city to be infected this way.

The numbers are scary, but we can beat it together – if we follow all the necessary precautions and protect our loved ones.

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8 Financial tips to survive January



1. Draw a budget:

An easy way to survive this long month is to sit down and check what you have between you and poverty post December. Then make a realistic budget.

2. Cut down your outings:

You've had a "Tiyeni," December. Now, stay home and don't go to the club. It will even save you from Covid.

3. Save money on food costs:

Buy strictly the food that you need. Osati basi tiyeni ku lunch while you're running short.

4. Avoid buying on credit:

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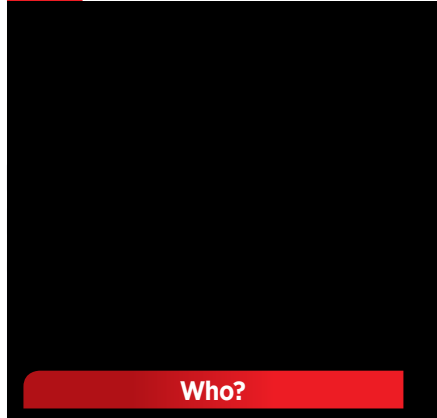
5. Make a pay-day loan:

If times are that tough, you can make a loan that you'll be able to pay back soon as your salary is in at the end of the month – with some leftovers after you pay back.

Top 5 Artists of 2020

The 5 best Malawian artists of 2020.

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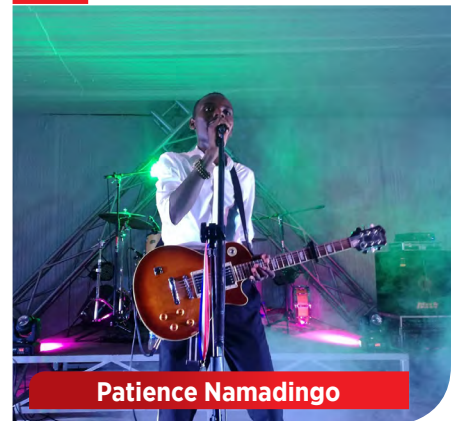
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Eli Njuchi

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COLLEGE FEED



Some students at the Polytechnic are sleeping at College of Medicine hostels. A few hostels at Poly are being renovated, which left management no choice but to outsource hostel space for some students at COM.

Brief Gossip

Mlindo makes fun of his long Malawi stay

South African musician Mlindo the Vocalist who came to Malawi on 27 December 2020 for his show with Kell Kay at Comesa, is still in Malawi.

Recently, reports emerged on social media that the AmaBlessers hit-maker is still in Malawi

BIZARRE!



10 arrested in the North

10 people have been arrested in Nkhata Bay, for being suspected of killing two elderly people on allegations of practicing witchcraft.



for apparently not receiving money for the performances he delivered during the festive season.

However, Mlindo, or whoever is running the page, took to his Twitter account to express that he is having a good time in Malawi.

Eyebrows were raised though, when the South African responded to a number of Chichewa tweets – as if the page was being managed by a Malawian.

However, tweets still took the stand that Mlindo manages the page, and is having fun in Malawi.

Creative of the Week - Roy Kafoteka



Roy Kafoteka, also known as Odyssey is a Malawian entertainment/content writer, content marketer, music promoter and blogger.

Roy founded Mdub2six5, and has written for South Africa's Hype Magazine, Malawi's Zonse Live, MassPlug Magazine, Malawi Heat and Malawi Rap Battle and Entertainment.

The 28 year old writer has once provided content for Trace Africa and SoundcityTV Africa.

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A 'toast' to a fashion icon





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WHAT SUP IN MALAWI?



Mlindo in Mzuzu

South African artist is performing at Mzuzu Hotel on Sat. 9 Jan. alongside Kell Kay and Charisma.



Music Book

Author John Lwanda will this year release a book titled "Making Music in Malawi," – a collection stemming from 20 years-plus of research.

Eli Njuchi complains of imposters



Eli Njuchi has recently complained of fraudsters who he says have been pretending to be the artist to solicit money and favours through WhatsApp numbers.

The artist took to his Twitter on Thursday, 7 Jan. to express his disappointment to his fans and ask them to bother one of the alleged culprits until they stop using it.

"We have managed to get hold of all the numbers and been sorted but there is a line [withheld] is adamant on being dolo. So if you can, please call it till they get tired of calls probably they will decide to stop using it," he said.

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Priscilla vs Dan Lu

BY FYI Reporter



Not just an ordinary week on Twitter. Nay, come to think of it... a week full of drama on Twitter is an ordinary week these days.

So, yeah, this week was nothing short of that drama as UMP TV Personality award winner took to twitter to criticize Dan Lu, who performed his latest 'dirty' single titled "Uziyankha Phone," in front of kids and made them sing along.

The tweet led to a lot of engagement as different users on the platform felt the artist needs to be responsible in choosing what songs to perform in front of kids.

Dan Lu, who replied to most of the criticism with nothing but rude words, told FYI in an interview that Priscilla has "personal issues" with the Uziyankha Phone star.

"That girl Priscilla has issues with me. She wanted to have an affair with me ndinamukanila; I told her I have a beautiful wife I can't date her. Since that time she

stopped supporting my music on her programs pa zodiak. Now she has finally taken it to [social] media," he said.

Addressing why he performed a dirty song in front of kids, Dan Lu told FYI that it was by their own demand that he ended up performing the song.

"See on that show, ndimati ndikaimba nyimbo ina anthu amangokuwa 'we want uziyankha phone' even those kids ndiamene anavuta kwambili. I had no choice but to give them what they wanted. My point [during the twitter argument] was the show organizers called me instead of other artists in Malawi. They know my songs komanso nyimbo yomwe anandiitanila kumeneko ndi uziyankha phone and Chakalaka komaso nyimbo yanga ndiyabwino imaseweledwa ma radio station onse. Komaso ndimalandila tima video clip azibambo akuimba, akuvina ndi banja lawo kusonyeza kuti ndinyimbo yokonedwa and it's

been on number one up to date," he added.

On her part, Priscilla told FYI that she has no problem with the artist.

"I don't even have his number; he has been on my programs before to promote his music. I have never made him feel unwelcomed or uncomfortable; I have respect for him as an artist that has been in the industry for a long time. He needs to lead as an example and protect kids. It's quite shocking to me that he still doesn't see a problem with what he did, which brings in so many questions to him as a father and as an adult. Artists shouldn't just do anything and sing to anyone just to promote their music. They need to know what they are singing and to whom first. I really wish legal action could be taken to such acts so public figures could be more aware of the things they put across," she said.

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

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1 - Busiswa poses at Amaryllis Hotel in BT [Image credit: Ron Cz]

2 - SummerJam x Umami event [Image credit: SummerJam]

3 - Malawian golden boy Eli Njuchi receives free furniture from Fadeth Furniture for his influence in Arts.

ASK SIBWENI



A New Year, the same Sibweni! Send us your uncomfortable questions and situations and get the best advice in the subsequent magazine – in the ASK SIBWENI section.

Send us a DM on any of our social media platforms @FYIonlineMW

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NEWS RECAP

7 Recorded deaths on 31 Dec

Police revealed this week that at least 7 people died in road accidents between the night of December 31 and morning of January 1.

Bushiris' extradition case starts 8 March

Self-proclaimed prophet Shepherd Bushiri and wife Mary have a bit of breathing space, as their extradition case starts on 8 March 2021. The couple will also not be arrested in any way in the meantime.

Maneb director faults guard

Suspended Maneb Executive Director Gerald Chiunda recently told the Education Committee of Parliament that a security guard leaked the cancelled 2020 MSCE.

'Punish men that abandon wives'



Alliance for Democracy (Aford) women, under the group Victory Queens, have asked the government to institute policies that would penalise men that abandon women.

Aford president Enock Chihana's wife, Tadala, said this when Victory Queens visited a woman-headed family with six children, who are all physically challenged, in Mzuzu City.

The woman, Lines Gondwe, claimed that her husband abandoned her after noting that she was only giving birth to children with disability.

Buying Shares

BY Mphatso Mwale



The New Year is here! As usual, at the onset of each year, people make several 'Resolutions' for the year.

Either to drop some bad habits or adopt some good new habits. It is another chance to sow for the next years or execute the ideas which were already conceived and planned. These goals range from academic to economic, among others.

In this article I am articulating all you need to know, from scratch, to start investing in public listed companies by buying shares.

For starters, by buying shares of a company you own part of it. Imagine being one of the owners of TNM or Airtel Malawi. The ownership is in units called shares, which means you own a percentage of the company. Over time, the value of your shares grows, and you can sell them to make a profit which is called a capital gain. Not only that, but you also enjoy profits made by the company in form of dividends.

The most interesting fact is

that individuals of all ages (including you), institutions, or organizations who are willing to become part-owners or shareholders of a business can invest on the Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE).

Another mind-boggling fact is that you can even buy one share which can go at a very low price as MWK 12, and still be one of the owners of the company. Meaning, you can start investing from pocket money, right?

To start investing, you need to understand what you are doing. Get the necessary information about Stock Exchange investing as you are doing by reading this. You do not have to know everything. Stockbrokers trade on your behalf.

Since stockbrokers do the job for you, you are at liberty to choose the stockbroker. These are licensed firms that buy and sell stocks on your behalf at a small brokerage fee. Examples of stockbrokers are Stockbrokers Malawi Limited and Cedar Capital, among others.

The next thing to do (probably the most important) is to make the investment decision. Decide if you want regular income from your investment or want your asset base (what you have invested) to increase in value over time. This will help the broker to give you the necessary advice to meet your investment goals. They can also tell from your decisions if the Stock Market is suitable for your needs. The opening of a brokerage account and a free depository account (for receiving gains) is followed, with the help of the broker. Your broker then buys shares for you, after you have decided which company's shares to buy. The broker is responsible for guiding you throughout the process, as a novice in the Financial Markets.

Finally, make investing on the Stock Exchange a regular habit by allocating small amounts of funds to buy shares.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



4 killed in post-election riots in US

Washington DC Police Chief Robert Contee said the dead included a woman who was shot by the US Capitol Police on 6 Jan. as well as three others who died in “medical emergencies”.

Brief Gossip

Kanye accused of cheating on Kim, with a man

It did not take long for rumors to sprout amid Kanye West and Kim Kardashian’s uncertain future.

After news broke on Tuesday, Jan. 5 that the couple’s six-year marriage may be approaching its end, rumors emerged on social media that the Grammy-winning



Zambians using unsafe condoms

Reports in Zambia have revealed that citizens have been using unsafe condoms which pose a risk of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.



rapper is now hooking up with YouTube personality Jeffree Star (male).

However, a source very close to Kim and Kanye completely denies those claims, telling E! News “There is absolutely no truth to Jeffree and Kanye rumors.” As chatter continued to spread

online over the speculation, Jeffree also weighed in on social media, except he fueled the flames instead of putting them out.

Social Media Gossip

Onesimus makes bad "Covid Joke"



Musician Onesimus, who's been trending on Twitter lately for, well, mostly, not so good reasons, made what he called a joke about Covid.

The artist wrote, "The day Africa will realize that Covid-19 is a made up pandemic a lot of people will be angry," on his Twitter page.

Well, all that did was made people angry on Twitter.



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Tigers Coach Sacked

BY Martin Mpungah

Mighty Tigers recently announced that they have sacked head coach Rodgers Yassin after going seven league games with a single win and 5 defeats.

On record, this is the worst start to a season for the team in the past 5 TNM Super League seasons.

In his reaction after receiving the news, Rodgers blamed the lack of motivation by the team on the welfare of its players.

“It is true that I have failed as a coach because when the team loses, the blame goes to the coach. How do you expect good results from players who are not well looked after?” asked Yassin, rhetorically.

His last match was a 3-2 home defeat to newly promoted side Ekwendeni Hammers which left them second from the bottom of the top-flight league standings with just four points after seven games.

Rodgers Yassin was appointed as Tigers Head Coach in February last year after former coach Gerald Phiri left the club due to the team’s financial problems.

TNM SUPER LEAGUE LOG TABLE

	Played	Points
1. Civo United	6	14
2. Red Lions	7	14
3. Silver Strikers	7	13
4. Mafco	8	13
5. TN Stars	7	12