



Elections aftermath: what's next for Tay Grin?

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Politics and anything



Can you mix politics with anything? Right Honourable Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima comes to mind. Imagine leaving a killer private career to start an uncertain political career? I know, it paid off in the end, but think of it, when he left Airtel Malawi, with what I can only assume was one hell of a salary – being the Chief Executive Officer of a big network company – imagine if the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) lost in the 2014 Elections, what would have been the next move for the now Vice President of the Republic of Malawi? Kudos to the man, for we now know *amaganizadi bho*.

But, a lot of people, well, artists, seem to be risking their careers to join politics or to publicly show affiliations to some political parties.

On the contrary, however, we believe there is no actual harm in that – it's a matter of public perception. If an artist joins a political party because he either believes in their vision or he just wants to get money from the affiliation, should we judge? On one hand, the essence of democracy allows anyone, even public figures, to choose a party on their own – regardless of public perception. On the other hand, if the DPP paid you good money to campaign for them, would you agree?

Joining politics usually means whatever you were doing before that becomes a sacrificial lamb.

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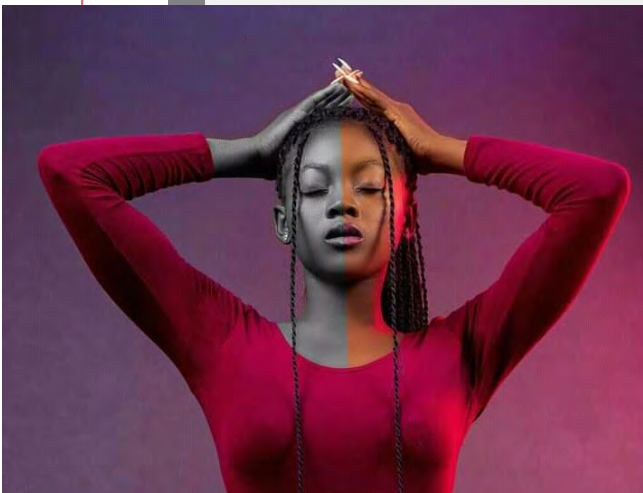
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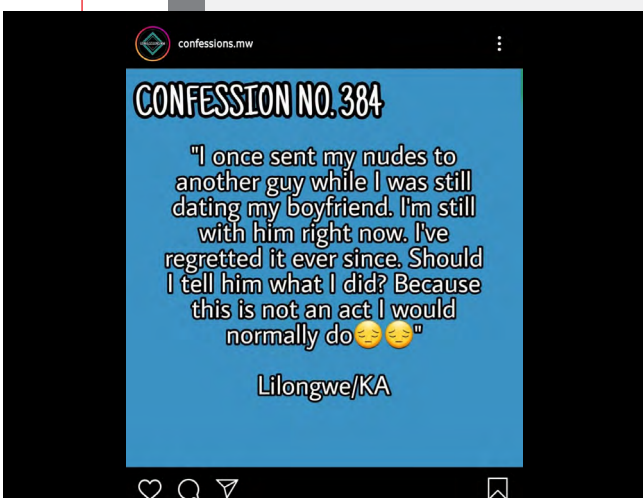
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10 Funny tips on life



BY Your Dictionary

Life. Where's the guidebook, huh? Until we learn how to play this game called life, we might as well laugh along the way. Take a look at these 10 funny tips on life to keep your spirits high and your determination strong.

» Don't grow up. It's a trap

Don't forget to laugh, be silly, and dance around the kitchen in your pj's! Your youthful nature will always be your best attribute. So go ahead and shake the sillies out. You might find it helps relieve stress and tension and keeps you sane.

» Don't get mad, get a puppy

Studies have shown that puppies lighten our mood, lower stress levels, and even help us live longer. So next time you're feeling overwhelmed, go home and play with your pooch!

» Accept who you are. Unless you're a serial killer.

Love who you are, all the way down to your last quirk and others will love you too... after all nobody's perfect!

» To make a long story short, don't tell it.

We're all guilty of it — using five words when two will do! Keep your stories short and sweet and people are more likely to listen and remember them. And if you're a fan of filler words in your writing it's time to give them the chop!

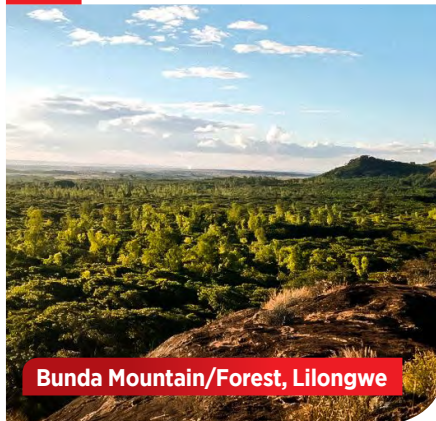
» Never give up on your dreams. Keep on sleeping.

We kid. Getting your rest is important but never stop dreaming big, especially with that youthful nature of yours!

Cooldest places to visit in Malawi

FYI, this list is in no particular order... (Credit: @Tkaydrift's thread on twitter)

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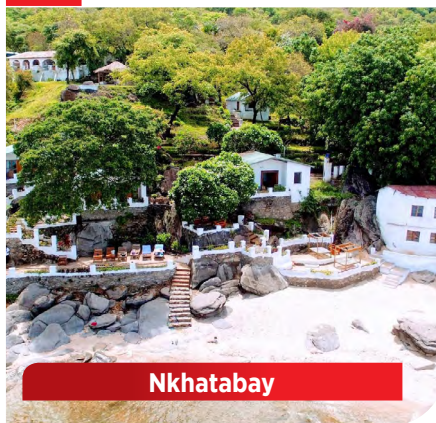
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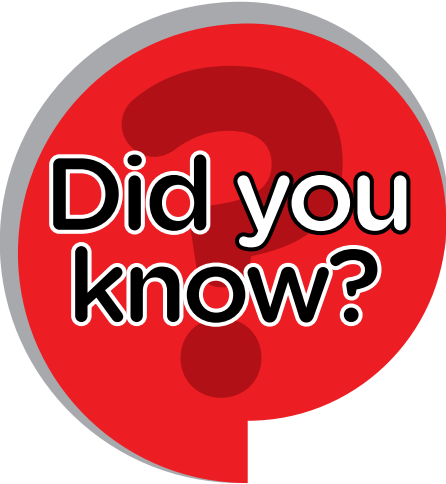
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Did you know?

QUIZ!



- 1). What is the Italian word for pie?
- 2). What is one quarter of 1,000?
- 3). How many sides, in total, would three triangles and three rectangles have?
- 4). What's the name of the fictional character whose household duties did not prevent her determination to dance?
- 5). Usually partnered with milk. Name this yellow-gold dry food.

Answers in next week's edition

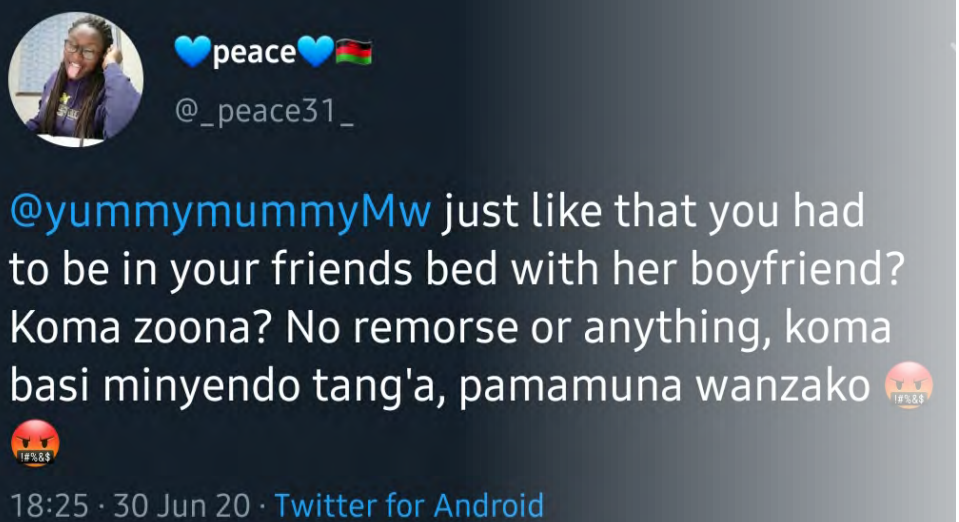


Only 3 Malawian Presidents have won by a majority of more than 50%. Muluzi, 1999 (52.34%), Mutharika, 2009 (66.1%) and Chakwera, 2020 (58.6%).

Brief Gossip

“Found my man and my bestfriend on my bed, in my house...”

We love a week with some good gossip, because... CONTENT. The wildest thing that happened on social media this week was sparked by a twitter user @fluffy_bootie who said she found her boyfriend in her house, on her bed, with her bestfriend (yes, doing exactly what you think).



Moments later, a twitter user (@_peace31_) called out one other twitter user @yummymummyMw, to collaborate the claim made by @fluffy_bootie that, indeed, she slept with her bestfriend's man... Yikes, but why do people air out their dirty laundry on social media like that? Nonetheless, we're here for it.

Efforts to interview both of the girls proved futile but @yummymummymw simply told us, “my side of the story will shock these streets,” but she didn't share it with us.

BB Naija season 5, next month

BY Sam Banda Jnr



Big Brother Naija (BB Naija) reality show will premiere on July 19. A press statement from MultiChoice says viewers on DSTv and GOtv across Africa can tune in to witness the start of the most anticipated season yet, which is proudly sponsored by Betway in association with Guinness.

The statement further says the announcement of the premiere follows the conclusion of the online auditions back in May which recorded over 30,000 entries from BB Naija hopefuls across Nigeria. The reality show will be broadcast live and 24/7

on DSTv channel 198 and GOtv Max and GOtv Plus packages on channel 29, with the live eviction shows and weekly highlights aired on Africa Magic Showcase, Africa Magic Urban and Africa Magic Family.

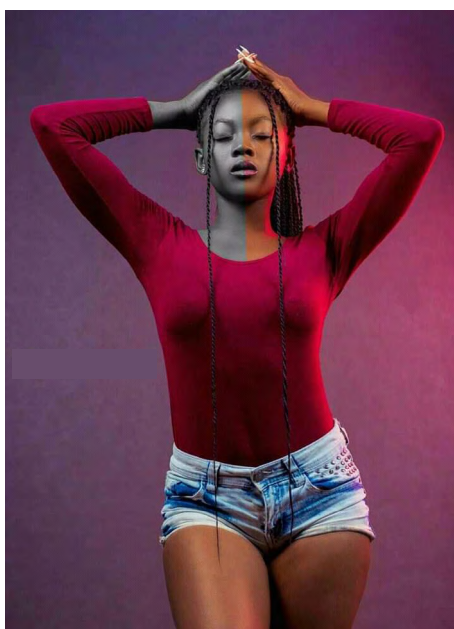
DSTv viewers will also follow the drama this season with the DSTv Now app on a smartphone, tablet or laptop.

Meanwhile, organisers of the reality show say that this season's prize money promises to be bigger including other surprises for viewers and fans of the show.

Given the prevalence of

Covid-19 pandemic, MultiChoice Nigeria has assured viewers that global best practices, precautions and preventive measures will be followed throughout the show.

BB Naija, formerly known as Big Brother Nigeria, is a Nigerian reality competition television series, based on the Big Brother television franchise, in which 12 to 21 contestants live in an isolated house and compete for a big cash prize, at the end of the show by avoiding being evicted from the house by viewers.



Mumatha – 4 the Creatives

Name: Mphalitso Blaq Kachigwada

Creative Field: Modelling

Inspiration: "I love fashion and it's my dream to bring something new in fashion industry and I thank God that people I came across inspired me to start modeling."

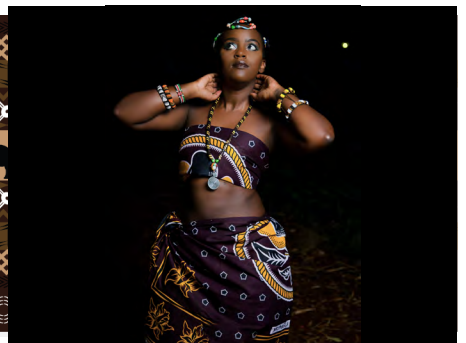
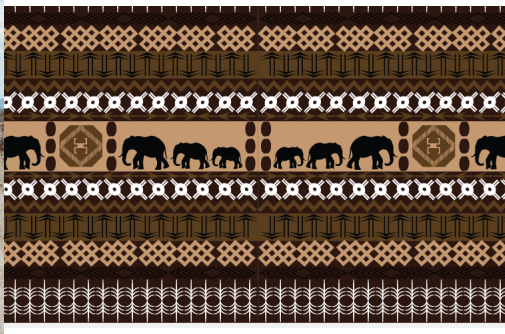
Vision: "My vision is to carry my country flag and go international with modelling."

Challenge: "Modelling in Malawi is far behind because of lack of sponsorship, negative minds and lack of seriousness...if we can improve this we can do better."

Mphalitso is a Fashion model; commercial; editorial, print and parts model. You can find her @Mphalitso (IG) and @Mphalitso2 (Twitter).

African Fashion

What the African streets would have been full of if not for westernization





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Dating or Fornicating?

BY Chifundo Banda



Let me start by asking you a question, why are you dating? Oops, maybe you are not dating, but for those of you who are dating, why? You will find out that most of the youth nowadays find it hard to give an honest answer simply because the answer is shameful.

Only a few people care about true love but the rest are to satisfy their sexual desires. Frankly speaking, to many youths it's all about sex. If you think am lying, do you think you can be dating that beautiful girl or handsome man of yours from now till you marry without having sex? That's if you don't breakup along the way, LOL.

Above all, friends make it harder for you even if you are determined not to have sex before marriage. They go like, *"is she your sister or brother kuti uzingomulera?"* In no

time you fall into the same trap of the so called *"tidya basi sitilera"*. All this just to have a sense of belonging; not to be teased by your folks.

Let me make it crystal clear and it ain't subject for argument, if you are having sex and you are not married, it is not called dating, it is called fornication. Whether we like it or not it is a sin against GOD. Despite being youths, we are also bound to our religious faith, whether being Christians or Muslims. Wait a minute, I am not preaching here, just highlighting a simple fact we tend to ignore bearing in mind that if we put it into consideration we might not enjoy ourselves. Read 1 Corinthians 6 verse 13, it justifies why we should avoid fornication.

But hey, am neither saying it is easier nor impossible to avoid fornication. Personally, I believe that

sex and dating are two different things, some people have sex while not dating and others date and yet do not have sex. Reaching this juncture, back to the question, why do you date?

As a young generation, we are living in a digital world where information about anything can be sourced within seconds, this matters a lot because youths spend much of their time on internet exposed to things like nudes, pornographic videos, sex magazines et cetera which at the end influence the youth to go and practice; have sexual intercourse.

The good thing is, we are all responsible for our own lives both sexually and spiritually that is if you believe in God. Whether you are dating or fornicating, that's a personal question to answer.

Post Elections – What's next for Tay Grin?

BY Gary Samati



Tay Grin and Dan Lu have been the most vocal artists in the 2020 Fresh Elections as they both vouched for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and United Democratic Front (UDF). Well, we had a sit down with the former (efforts to reach the latter proved futile). Here is the interview we had with Tay Grin:

Q: Why risk your music career to join politics?

“As an artist, I have the platform to influence people in many ways. I want to use that platform to influence the youth to participate fully in democratic Malawi. For a longtime, we have always complained that the older generation dominates politics; they make decisions for us. We have a lot to learn from the older generation and make things better in future. That can only happen if we participate. I chose to participate in politics because I am able to use that platform and influence a lot of people especially the youth. To see a lot of young people lining up to vote made me happy, my appeal to the youth has always been to register and vote.”

Q: How has your mother, Jean Kalilani, Influenced your political choices?

“There is a lot that I have learnt from my mother, somehow she influenced me to join politics but she didn't force me to join politics. I admire what she has achieved and I want to continue that legacy. I could have joined any other party but I chose DPP because I believe I would have that platform to contribute. In a democracy, we have to choose which side we should belong to depending on the ideologies of that part. Having said that, I do not want people to judge me based on my mother's achievements or failures. What motivates me right now is to be among the youth who want to participate fully in shaping the future of the country. My involvement in politics was primarily to influence the youth to be involved, to vote and make choices. If we are not involved in politics, no-one will do that on our behalf.”

Q: One would assume that your affiliation with DPP/UDF will affect your music career. Do you think so?

“My affiliation to DPP/UDF cannot af-

fect my music and career. Of course I supported the alliance through music but if you analyse my music, it's about entertainment and celebrating our culture. In a democracy, you cannot run away from being involved. You do that through leadership positions or you vote to choose leaders. Everyone is a politician. I have been in the frontline but that doesn't mean I am better than everyone or I am worse than everyone. I regard it as an opportunity that I have the platform to contribute in a big way.

Q: What's your next move now that the DPP lost the Elections?

“Elections are an event that happens periodically in a democracy. But the life we live is continuous. My involvement in politics is not all I live for. You would want to appreciate that my fans are affiliated to different political parties. We are united as Malawians and no-one should hate another because of their [political] choice. Going forward, I will continue influencing the youth to decide their future; this can be achieved if we are involved in politics in one way or the other.”

MALAWIAN URBAN DICTIONARY

WORD OF THE WEEK

Itsanana

Itsanana has been adapted as a slang word for "It's an honour"

The word originated from the accent of His Excellency Dr. Lazarus Chakwera as "it's an honour" sounded like "itsanana".

"Itsanana to serve you as the 6th President of the Republic of Malawi"

URBAN LANGUAGE MISTAKE

"Years old"

When you're referring to someone's age (including your own), there are two subtly different variants:

- He is 20 years old
- He is a 20-year-old farmer

The hyphenated version acts as an adjective or describing word

ASK SIBWENI



"Dear Sibweni, what's your take on sex before marriage? I am one of (I believe) few 19 year-old virgins (a girl). My boyfriend wants us to have sex but I feel like I am not ready yet."

— Anonymous

"Dear Unplucked Flower, Sex is a delicate and intimate act, even though so many people have diluted its value in this day and age.

I suggest you tell your boyfriend that you are not ready and if he cares for you, he will understand that and wait until you are ready.

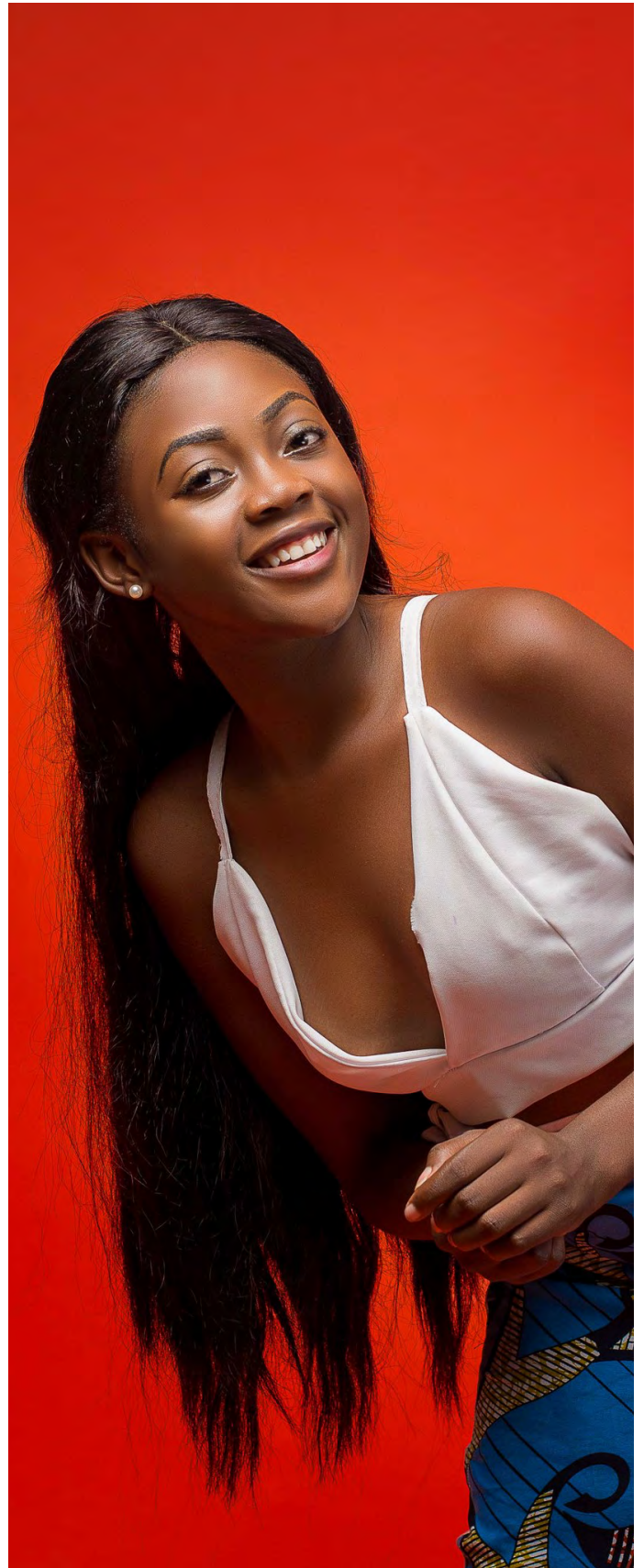
In regard to sex before marriage, that's all up to you. What people say about sex after marriage making that marriage last is not true – I have seen so many marriages (those that waited and those that did not) end. What is true is that if people love each other enough to want to stay together for the rest of their lives, they will.

Remember, your views, feelings and beliefs also matter in this relationship you are in."



Man crush

Hayze Engolah - is a rapper who has dropped an EP titled Welcome to the Shop.



Woman Crush

Mphalitso is a vibrant young model...

Malawian Identity Part 3: They come as we go

by Tuto Kalitera



At this very moment there are many Malawians making plans to migrate to another country in search of greener pastures (those plans may be on hold for now due to corona). At this very same moment there are many Indians making plans to migrate to Malawi in search of greener pastures. Suppose they both go through with their plans. Who do you think will be better off in 10 years?

The consequences of these decisions are what we are seeing and living today. The Indian community dominates virtually every industry nationwide. They own the most commercial real estate and the wealth gap between us and them is only increasing; yet they only make up a fraction of the population. How? To be honest, there is much Indians do that is to be admired: They work extremely hard. They support each other. They prioritise in investing in assets that bring value (as opposed to assets that elevate social status). They have successfully mastered the art of passing on wealth from one

generation to the next. Though many migrated here 3 or 4 generations ago, they have managed to preserve and pass on their cultural heritage. In short, they are a people with an identity.

With that being said, it's not all rosy. Many Indian business owners are abusive toward their employees. Hearing of workers complain about harsh working conditions, verbally abusive bosses, and low wages is becoming all too frequent. Along with the success they've amassed, so too have many (not all) become arrogant. This arrogance can be seen in the little things. Observe how the shop owner speaks to his employees, or in turn how his children speak to their (older) caretakers.

Have you ever experienced being ignored by a shop owner who then later warmly greets the Indian customer who comes in after you? Then of course you hear of how some are told to their face, "Dziko ndi lanu, koma ndalama ndi zathu".

It is very easy to grow resentful when you hear and witness such.

However that is not the solution, for we cannot be resentful to other races/ethnic groups for doing to us what we do to ourselves. My grandmother tells me "Ulemu umadzipatsa wekha". I sometimes wonder about the inner dialogue and private conversations other ethnic groups have about us: "Look at these people. Look how divided they are. Look how they can easily turn on each other." Hard truths, but would you disagree?

We will not be respected by anyone until we respect ourselves. Nobody will empower us, we must empower ourselves. Embracing our cultural heritage is deeper than speaking our vernacular languages and wearing our traditional attire. It is about finding our sense of belonging, togetherness and identity. The Indian community have this identity and sense of belonging; hence they are united and ultimately successful. It is now our time. For only when we know who we are, can we then know what to stand and fight for.

WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

Here is a recap of 3 things that happened this week:

1. The Tonse Alliance government led by His Excellency Dr. Lazarus Chakwera unveiled a K722 Billion provisional budget in which it has planned to implement some of its campaign promises including raising the Pay As You Earn tax free threshold to K100,000 from K45,000 per month.
2. Fredokiss pleads not guilty to charges of offering handouts during the Fresh Presidential Election. His case has been adjourned to July 28 when the State is expected to parade 8 witnesses during the case trial.
3. Covid-19 cases surge: Okay, the elections are gone. It's no longer time to say "they're politicising the pandemic," that government is gone. In the new government, cases are still rising. Dr. Gift Kawalazira, Blantyre Director of Health and Social Services expressed on 1 July 2020 that cases are on the rise, says about 10 organisations have recorded positive cases. Can we go back to being extra careful about the pandemic now?

Meet Ulemu Daza – an entrepreneur

BY Precious Hemah



Upon seeing the high rate of early pregnancies and how the youths were behaving in her area, Machinjiri, Blantyre; 26-year-old Ulemu Daza decided to start her own organisation in 2017 to help young girls and prevent them from unwanted pregnancies.

The association is called Future Champions Organization which is aimed at preparing young girls to maturity. Daza aims at providing knowledge to young girls about stages of changes of their bodies and she also aims to teach them about the consequences of unwanted pregnancies.

Ulemu says the organisation has helped more than 100 girls and they are planning to extend the organisation to other districts as well so that other girls can learn the dangers of early pregnancies and

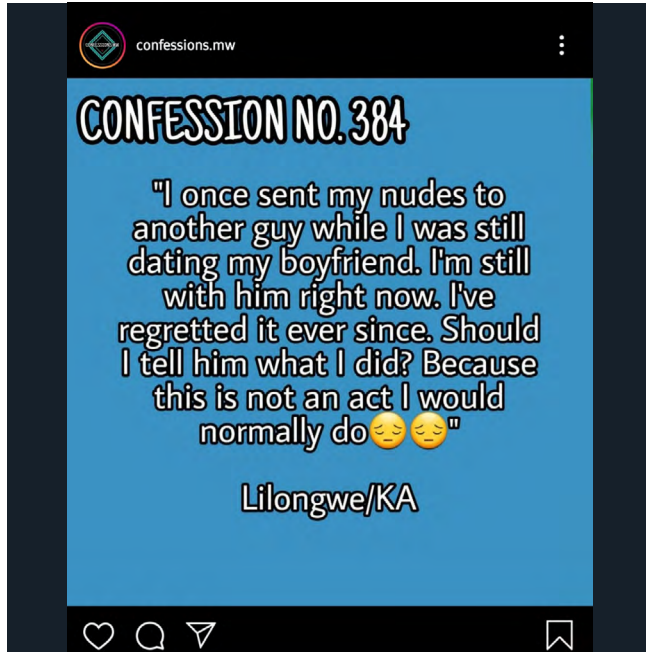
early marriages.

While helping the youths in dealing with early pregnancies, they found that a lot of parents do not advise their children about things that they may experience as teenagers. As a result, they end up getting pregnant because they have are uninformed.

Ulemu also encourages young aspirants of the entrepreneurship field to have faith and mostly trust themselves.

"To all youths out there, everything is possible. Stop saying I'm young; I need a lot of money to start a business or an organization. With the little you have, you can start something, I'll take myself as an example; I started with nothing but I am now able to manage the organization"

According to UNICEF, Malawi has the 12th highest prevalence rate of child marriage in the world.



Confessions page on Instagram

The day you get bored, and have enough internet bundle, peep through a page on Instagram called Confessions Malawi (@confessions.mw). The page is apparently dedicated to IG users who would like to air their dirty laundry for the world to wear.

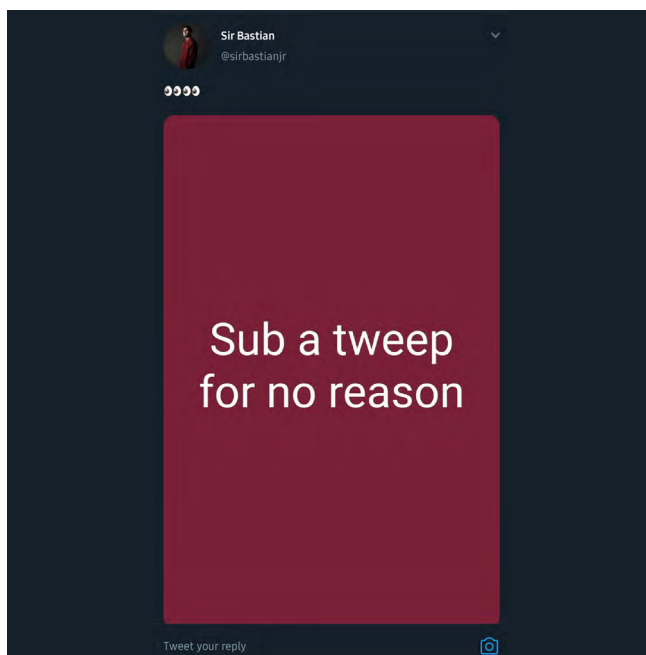
The authenticity of these confessions is up to you to judge, all we know is, they're quite funny. I mean hey, "I once sent nudes to another guy while I was still dating my boyfriend?" Wow, the audacity... the nerve... the disrespect... but then again, loyalty in relationships is rare these days. But that's a story for another day.



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To sub a tweep or to say it with your chest?

Okay first of all, to our millennial readers, 'subbing a tweep' is when you post a tweet directed at one of your followers on twitter but don't want to mention who you're targeting. Secondly, for argument sake (again for those who won't get it), let's define 'saying it with your chest' as an act of making it clear who you're dissing in your mischievous tweet.

With that being said, what's with twitter fingers and the fear of directly pointing out who the tweet is about? On one hand, we know its fun to only give hints without mentioning names. But hey, mentioning names would add to the drama... you'll actually give us, as FYI, a lot of gossip content for our Friday editions... *winks*



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The Flames AFCON Journey: 10 years later

by **Tiyamika Mkwanda**

Qualification

As you would expect, the Flames AFCON qualification was anything but smooth. In the first phase of qualification they were put in group 12 alongside heavyweights Egypt, Democratic Republic of Congo and fellow minnows Djibouti. Thanks to surprise wins against Egypt and the Congo DR, the Flames managed to finish second with twelve points behind Egypt and qualify for the second round.

During the second round, they were put in a very difficult group alongside Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea and Burkina-Faso. With a relatively bad record of only one win and one draw, it was only thanks to Guinea's series of shambolic performances that they managed to book a ticket to Angola, cue pandemonium as the country went into celebration mood, they had finally made it, Kinnah had succeeded where highly paid foreign coaches had previously failed.

The Tournament.

Malawi's first game was against the Desert Foxes of Algeria, and that's when the Flames decided it was time to burn. The Flames first

11 was as follows: 1-Swadick Sanudi; 3-Moses Chavula, 5-James Sangala, 7-Peter Mponda, 12-Elvis Kafoteka; 13-Hellings Mwakasungula, 10-Joseph Kamwendo, 18-Peter Wadabwa, 19-Davi Banda; 9-Russell Mwafulirwa, 11-Esau Kanyenda.

After a somewhat cagey start and with the Flames enjoying 54% possession against their World Cup bound opponents - a stat that looks like an anomaly in itself - in the 17th minute they drew first blood through Russell Mwafulirwa, the upset had begun. The Algerians shell-shocked, were soon 2 nil down, Elvis Kafoteka scored a thumping header in the 34th minute and the Flames were seating pretty. There was no respite for Algeria as after half time the Flames finally put the result to bed when Davie Banda was quick to react after Russell had hit the post. It was all over as the Flames managed to hold on to the unreal result and topped the group, back home the whole country went bonkers with some fans even believing Malawi would go on to win the whole damn thing. Alas, things would quickly turn murky.

The Flames quickly reverted to their default settings, eventually finishing dead bottom after losing 2-0 to Angola and 3-1 to Mali respectively.

But the drama was not over yet, not by any chance it wasn't.

Match Fixing Allegations

No sooner had the Flames arrived home from the doomed AFCON tourney than things quickly turned for the ugly. The Malawi National Football Team was embroidered in a match fixing scandal, dating back to 2009 during the 2010 AFCON qualification matches. Reports soon emerged that up to 7 Flames players were involved with a match-fixing syndicate and the 7 had pocketed \$360,000 (K270 million) and were being investigated by FIFA. Now the Cat was among the Pigeons. It is alleged that the players took \$30,000 each for fixing matches at AFCON 2010 and another \$15,000 per game in eight other matches between 2009 and 2010.

Obviously it's a story filled with shame, but Malawians love their football and during this time starting from the qualifiers - when Malawi beat Egypt and Democratic Republic of Congo at Kamuzu Stadium, culminating in that result against Algeria - the raw emotions that these matches evoked showed how Malawians feel about their National Team.