

**Is it still anana?**



**COVID-19:**

***Deadly, get  
your masks  
on!***

**What's "pay Ngi"?**

# It's worse than we think



**T**he president of the United States of America (USA), Donald Trump, in June, told his administration to slow down on taking corona virus tests. Trump, arguably the most powerful man in the world, logically thinks “by having more tests, the USA is having more cases.”

A few days after he made that statement, a CNN reporter, probably thinking *no way we could ever witness a USA president who thinks like this guy*, asked if he really meant it. I mean hey, maybe at this moment he's thought about what he said and had a profound thought days later. He's response? “I don't kid.” Yes, he point blank said that, I kid you not.

The country, as of July 9 2020, had tested about 40 million people (in a population of about 328 million people), finding at least 3 million cases during the course. Well, the

only truthful thing about Trump's logic, is that a country can have a lot of cases and not know, if they make a few tests.

Which brings us to our not-enough-test-kits Malawi. As of 9 July, we had tested at least 18 thousand people. For a population of 18 million people, this should tell us more than meets the eye. We could (and definitely do) have more cases than we think, only that most people haven't been tested.

His Excellency President Chakwera, in his earlier address to the nation, asserted that in the past few weeks local transmissions have risen. This means it's no longer being imported; we're living with it among our peers. Fellow youth, more than ever, it's time to take Covid-19 seriously.

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# 5 Random life tips to make you wiser

- » Don't make decisions while angry... don't make promises while happy.
- » If you expect something in return for being a nice person... you're not a nice person.
- » If someone close to you borrows money from you & you never see them again... it was definitely worth the money.
- » If you want to tell a believable lie, add some random embarrassing detail... no one will doubt a story that makes you look dumb.
- » The night before, place things you don't want to forget when leaving the house... on top of your shoes!

## Top 5 best footballers of our generation

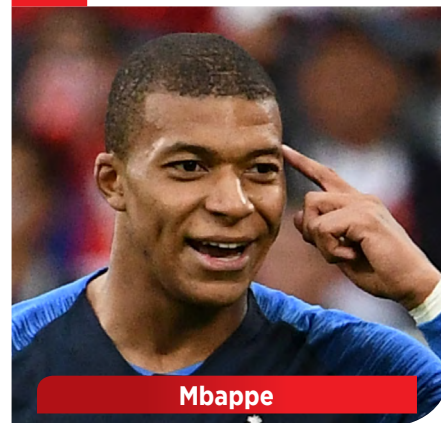
Who are your top 5 best footballers of our generation? Here's our list (PS: Don't drag us)...

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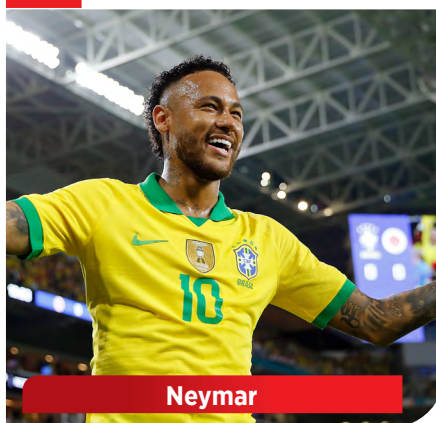
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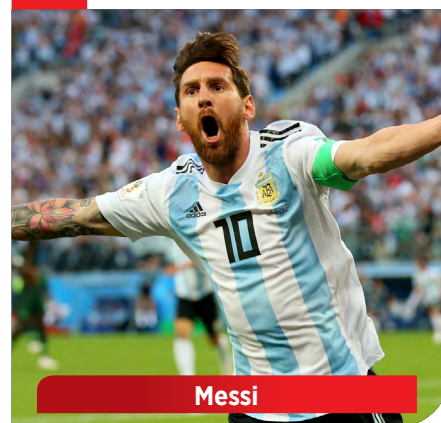
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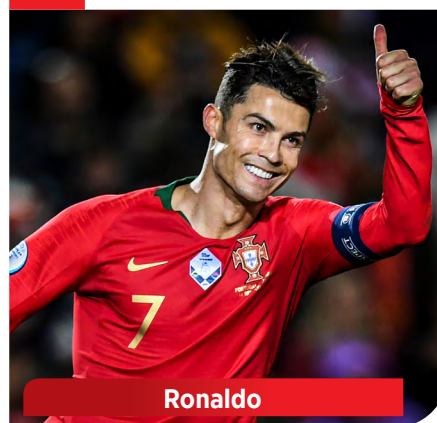
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# Did you know?

## QUIZ!



1. What was the original name of Twitter?
  - a). Twittr
  - b). Twit It
  - c). Twier
  - d). Twite
2. When was Twitter launched?
  - a). 2004
  - b). 2005
  - c). 2006
  - d). 2007
3. When was Twitter actually incorporated?
  - a). 2009
  - b). 2008
  - c). 2007
  - d). 2006
4. Who recommended the hashtag feature?
  - a). A company programmer
  - b). A company engineer
  - c). A user
  - d). The Twitter CEO

10 inventions that originate from Africa: 1. Art. 2. Medicine. 3. Mining. 4. Architecture. 5. Phones. 6. The Calendar. 7. Cooking. 8. Phones.

[source: Afrogist Media]

## Brief Gossip

### What's "Pay Ngi?" – Story of an innocent cock

So, your 'favourite' Malawian celebrity, Tay Grin, started a #MayoAjaChallenge where contestants had to take a video of them killing a cock (signifying *tambala wa MCP*). To spice up the competition, the rapper promised to send money to some of the contestants. Well, "Uncle Ngi"



as he's known on the twitter streets, joined the competition. A few days later, Tay Grin said he would pay Ngi (@Uncle\_Ngi) K200 thousand for the video he made. And, yeah, you guessed right, he hasn't paid Ngi till date. Twitter users have since been commenting "Pay Ngi" on everything Tay Grin

posts on Twitter.

**And, side-note, if Ngi killed**

**a *tambala* that signified MCP,**

***si cadet?***

## Creative of the week



### What inspired you to start graphic designing?

"I think my main inspiration came from when I used to do music. I got tired of having someone make my artworks and decided to give it a try, from there I began to study the works of other graphic designers like my good friend Atamandike Ngoma better known as Astro. That helped me get my own rhythm in graphics design and I fell in love with the art form and I continue to evolve in the field."

### Seeing that the graphic designing industry in Malawi is somewhat saturated, what would make you stand out as a graphic designer?

"The graphic design industry is saturated not only in Malawi but in the world. There are so many graphic designers but then I think the style of each graphic designer is distinct to a certain client base. In other words, I have my own unique style that a certain group of people find aesthetically pleasing hence to them I become their preferable option. So it's the same with other graphic designers as well, people will be drawn to them because they provide the exact aesthetics that match what they're looking for."

### Apart from designing, what other creative field do you get involved in? How do you balance the different fields?

"Apart from graphic design I do videography and photography, I was recently working with BRK Shots and I learnt all I know about videography and photography from them. I am very passionate about all three but I currently do not own a DSLR Camera so the other two [videography and photography] are not a full time thing so I easily balance them with my graphics design. I also do music in my spare time though I have almost nearly abandoned that because I'm more focused on graphic designing."





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komanso uziteteza.**

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with wearing a mask  
for protection, get a  
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a fashion trend.**





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# Patience mash-up with Giddes

by Sam Banda Jnr



**A**fter several reggae mash-ups with some prominent musicians such as Soldier Lucius Banda and Black Missionaries among others, Patience Namadingo has connected with legendary Giddes Chalamanda popularly known as AGide in his latest musical episode.

In the latest reggae mash-up music video which has already hit the market, Namadingo has also revealed that FDH Bank will build a grocery for him. Namadingo as the brand ambassador of FDH Bank also declares in the music video that Chalamanda, was now a 'retired musician'.

"Today, I want you to retire. Giddes Chalamanda is now a retired musician but now what can we do to make sure that as you retire, you should live a comfortable life?" Namadingo tells Chalamanda in the music video.

He then goes on to say that FDH will build a grocery for the 90-year old legendary musician, who but still swimming in poverty. The move comes barely a week after Namadingo also announced that he would assist an up and coming musician Made See real name Medson Kapeni with FDH Bank

pumping in K2 million for the initiative.

The reggae mash up with Chalamanda has been well-done and has seen the two artists blending well. Some of the songs in the mash-up include 'Liny', 'Napolo', 'Buffalo Soldier', and 'Che Meli'. FDH Bank Public Relations Officer Lorraine Lusinje confirmed the development yesterday.

"It is a package for him and it includes a grocery and being Banki Pakhomo agent," Lusinje said.

Davis Njobvu of the Edgar ndi Davis Band which has been starring with Chalamanda, welcomed the development Tuesday saying they had no problem with anyone working with Chalamanda provided it was for his benefit.

"That is why we got involved with him in the first place. In one of my early meetings with him, I said to him, I am not a music promoter and I don't promise you riches but I want to work with you on stage that will bring you to the people who love your music," he said.

He said immediately after they started working with him, the legendary musician got his first mobile

phone from Soldier Lucius Banda then a pair of brand new shoes from Eunice Chipangula and then a guitar from Stuart Miller of Chameleon Four Seasons.

"Then there is the United States of America trip which was made possible through hard work, sacrifice and collaboration of many Malawians within Malawi and the diaspora. So naturally, we are elated with the coming in of FDH Bank," Njobvu said.

He said this has been their prayers as Chalamanda's partners.

"Edgar ndi Davis Band wish to thank the directors and management of FDH Bank for the promise of a grocery and surprise retirement package to Giddes Chalamanda. We are happy to see that the corporate sponsor has come in to recognise Chalamanda, who we regard as a hero and a true legend," Njobvu said.

On Chalamanda's wife, Abiti Alfred's sentiments in the mash-up that he had been dumped by music partners, Njobvu said:

"Everyone knows Gidde's story and we love Abiti Alfred just as much as we love Giddes Chalamanda," he said.



# It is real, stop playing!

BY Sharon Chirwa



As Sharon sees It

It is really tedious to keep delivering a message to an audience that feels it does not need it.

It is irresponsible to keep sharing the message and not follow the guidelines.

It is very sad to see that a lot of people are suffering because of lack of will in dealing with a situation that has affected THE WORLD.

This is what our society has come to. Especially on social media where hypocrites go all out expressing worry about The Rona and moments later see that very person exposing him/herself to the threat.

And before I get an “it’s not all of us”, I know, but it does not make us any better when we don’t call out our so-called-friends as they put themselves in the line of threat.

As I write this (9 July 2020, 5h24), Malawi has confirmed over 1,900 coronavirus cases and 19 deaths.

The cases have been on rapid increase since May 2020 but that was also when life seemed to be getting ‘back to normal’.

Listen, those of you that still believe Coronavirus is not real need to get

over that lie and get real with life.

People are dying; we already know the health system in our country is worrisome and so we definitely need to do what may seem like the bare minimum by staying at home, and if you cannot stay at home, at least follow the preventive guidelines that have been put in place.

As for you, who have been found positive and are deliberately not in isolation, exposing others to the virus, GROW UP. *Tiyeni tikondane a Malawi anzanga.*



## ASK SIBWENI



“Dear Sibweni... my girlfriend recently broke up with me. I don't blame her, you see; we had an unhealthy relationship for 10 months. Long story cut short? We dated in 2018, broke up cause things weren't healthy (and I don't mean cheating, we were both loyal, I believe). I started seeing her friend after the break up. She got with her other ex during the time. A few months later we got back together... I told her about the friend; the relationship got back to normal (well not really, but we were trying). Our honey moon phase lasted for about a month lol. Things then got unhealthy... we used to exchange words, a lot. And we've had a lot of 2-3 day break ups during the 10 month period until recently when she told me that we're really toxic with each other (rightfully so) and that she wasn't over the fact that I had a fling with her friend when we broke up last year. I can't blame her for choosing to let go of the relationship 10 months later, it's just something I'm finding hard to comprehend and I'm scared it might weigh on my mind for the next few months. 'Cause as much as the relationship was toxic most times, we have some good memories & the relationship was really important to me. I told her I'm not supporting the break up idea. But she said we should go on with it and I'm trying to accept. Given the situation, what's the best way to accept and move on?”

— Anonymous

“Water is life...” but can a human body survive on water alone? Well, it's the same with relationships - We mostly date because of love... but love alone can't sustain a relationship. There is a looooot that is needed... a lot that I am afraid I'd digress if I were to start unpacking that phukusi lol.

Peace of mind is one of the many things a relationship needs to effortlessly offer to the partners in a chibwenzi.. Your partner didn't have peace of mind and the toxicity of the relationship didn't help - it would be sooo selfish of you if you ain't going to let her go just because the relationship was important to YOU. Bossman, you have to let her go and don't send her a “heyyy” next time she looks sexy on her WhatsApp status.. let her go.

Best way to accept and move on? There is no best way to get over someone you used to love.. baby-steps basitu! First way - go through everything that reminds you of her (uflashe), let everything flow through you, khetsani misozi (shed some gangsta tears..lol). Go through the grieving process.. Second way - Get rid of everything that reminds you of her (includes deleting her nudes hey, avoid talking about her and get yourself a new crush ah



### **Man crush**

Chimwemwe Seyama – a multitalented creative; Graphic Designer, Videographer & Photographer.



### **Woman Crush**

Sharon Chirwa – Can you talk of women in media without her? We think not.



# Letter to my unborn daughter

BY Tuto Kalitera

**B**aby girl, I am already thinking about you.

Thinking about the conversations we will have. Thinking about what I will say to you and how I will prepare you for this journey called life. Thinking about the responsibility of what it will mean to be your father. Thinking about how who I am will lay the foundation of your perception of men for the rest of your life.

The truth is I see many girls who have unresolved pain because of the relationships they had with their fathers. Their fathers broke their hearts long before any man ever did. Unresolved hurt of abandonment, neglect, resentment weighs heavy on their hearts; and I can see it in their eyes. I never want to see that pain in your eyes. When I reflect I ask myself: Would I be happy if you ended up with a man just like me? Thinking about you makes me want to be a better man; for

I never want to be the type of man I'll be spending my life trying to protect you from.

Always remember you deserve to be with someone who will bring you joy and happiness. Someone who will wholeheartedly love you, and make you feel cherished and valued. Someone who will not only admire your physical beauty, but will be infatuated with the beauty of your soul. When such a man finds you (even if he is a Manchester United fan), he'll be alright with me. In helping judge characters of men, always remember "Manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous".

In this life you must be strong. Strive to be emotionally and financially independent, and only spiritually dependent on God. Stand for what you believe in, and do not be afraid to express yourself. As a woman do not be afraid to question the oppressive views that our culture and society accepts as

normal. Know your worth and never settle for less. May you always find the strength to walk away if you ever feel you deserve better. Also chase after your dreams and pursue your passions. Aspire to be all that you can be.

In all that you do trust in God, for he is the Perfect Father. Where I may let you down because I'm human, he's the only Father that will never. In my absence, he will always be there. He will dry your tears, give you peace and joy, and will always watch over and protect you wherever you go.

On days when you feel low and feel the weight of the world on your shoulders and I am no longer around, may this letter bring you comfort and remind you who you are. You are capable of all things. You were fearfully and wonderfully made. You are beautiful. You are complete. You are whole. You are my girl.

Forever your biggest fan, Dad.



## WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

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

1. A “family affairs” 31 member cabinet was released by His Excellency President Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera.
2. Vice President Saulos Chilima, who is also Minister of Economic Planning and Development and Public Sector Reforms, threatened to fire heads of parastatal organisations that are not performing as he champions the change of work ethic in government ministries, departments and agencies. Oh and, at a meeting with heads of the parastatals’ CEOs, he sent back every late comer.
3. As of 9 July 2020, Corona Virus cases in Malawi are at 1,986 (29 deaths and 369 recoveries).

## Patience, a key in relationships

BY Wezi Theu



Christian discipleship and Christian marriage involve laying down your life in love and service. When long-lasting couples are asked the receipt of success, many identify patience as a key ingredient. It is an indispensable virtue of living together day after day in relative peace without constant struggles to change the other to our likings.

Our everyday routine gives us an opportunity to practice patience. In relationships, patience means discerning what needs to be changed and what needs to be tolerated. Sometimes behaviors and personal characteristics resist change. Therefore, it is good for the couple to teach each other the lifestyle they want and set some instructions towards those annoying

characteristics so that they move from point A to B. This helps couples to get used to each other and live happily.

At the same time, some behaviors, like domestic violence, need never to be tolerated. Abuse victims sometimes believe if they are patient, the abuse will eventually end. However couples go through periods of disillusionment and boredom. They may find their spouse unappealing and wonder how they can ever spend the rest of their lives with this person. These stages, although difficult, are normal. With patience, however, a couple can work through them and emerge into the next stage with a deepened connection.

Patience is the key to a healthy, happy and long relationship. No matter what happens, I ask of you to always choose patience.



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## It's "HOT PINK" bro

We swear; Tay Grin would give us content every week. Because wow, if 'blander' was a person, you're looking at him.

It's never a dull day camping at the self-proclaimed Nyau King's social media account. It's either he is making fake promises, or being accused of owing somebody's money. And we're not only talking about Ngi (recap: page 5), we're talking about random people that have repeatedly made allegations.

One that surprised us this week was Sukez, who hinted that the rapper owes him K100 thousand (from the "21" music video) in a random Twitter comment. But that's a story for another day.

On today's menu rather, can someone please tell their favourite rapper to distinguish mauve from pink...

## Cabinet Reaction



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## Is it anana still?

Social media was the place for reactions over the ministerial positions made by His Excellency Dr. Lazarus Chakwera. While most people felt the cabinet represent nepotism and family politics, a few believed that there is no problem with the President rewarding those who helped him bring the DPP regime down. Be that as it may, one would believe that this was the same nepotism Malawians hated from what the Mutharikas delivered.

So, if individuals are being rewarded for taking down the DPP rule, the wishes of voters won't be rewarded? On the other hand however, maybe we need to give the cabinet the benefit of the doubt and see where things go from here. We can imagine the weight on the President's shoulders now, out goes the honour, in comes the pressure.



# Sporty Presidency

BY The Daily Times

**A**t long last, the nation has witnessed the inauguration of Lazarus Chakwera and Saulos Chilima as State President and State Vice President, respectively.

One such sector, sports, has every reason to be more excited with the two leaders who share a common denominator of having been in the game at various levels.

Chakwera served the nation as board chairperson of the Malawi National Council of Sports during late Bingu wa Mutharika's rule.

It is not clear which team Chakwera supports locally but his preference outside the country seems to be English Premiership side Arsenal FC, whose jersey the first citizen has been spotted wearing on several occasions.

Even during his time as leader of opposition between 2014 and 2019, Chakwera would put on his favourite red football boots and a tracksuit each time he attended a sports event.

As for Chilima, this is a man who needs no introduction as far as sports is concerned as he still slum-dunks his way through the basketball court with relative ease.

On several occasions while serving as former president Peter Mutharika's vice, Chilima would don his sports

attire and grace competitions such as National Bank of Malawi's Mo626 College Basketball tournament and the Standard Bank Be More Race.

Unlike other leaders who would just be contented with sitting on their executive chairs watching the action from the sidelines all day, Chilima would join the athletes and show them that he has what it takes to be a true sportsman.

Therefore, the two leaders' ascendancy to power must have made the sports fraternity smile with expectations of a better future.

Football Association of Malawi president, Walter Nyamilandu, said they have expectations from the two leaders given their passion for sports.

"We have very high expectations from the leadership of Chakwera and Chilima. We believe that this time sports will be taken seriously and not just as a social pastime. Given the passion that the President and the Vice President have for sports, we definitely stand a very good chance that sports will receive a lot of attention.

"We are therefore very excited with the prospect of the new government pumping in significant investment towards sports so that Malawi must be a shining star in top international

competitions," Nyamilandu said.

A sports analyst, Chimwemwe Nyirenda, asked the two leaders to pay special attention to netball as it is a key sport that has put the country on the world map.

"The new government should prioritise supporting netball. This is a key sport that has put the country on the map. Motivating netball players with better incentives will go a long way in improving our national team's performance.

"We also need an international standard netball court as soon as possible. The new government should also find ways of helping Netball Association of Malawi to create and find sponsors for a national netball league," Nyirenda said.

Malawi can only look forward to a bright future in sports with Chakwera and Chilima at the helm.

Success has eluded almost all sports sectors since independence and one only hopes that the new government will bring back the sweet memories of 1978, 1979 and 1988 when the Malawi national football team lifted the East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup.

Better must come!