

Ndola man wants wife, baby mama to get along

By CHRISTABEL CHIWILA

A WOMAN of Ndola has been dragged to court after she hurled insults at her baby's step mother while trying to collect child maintenance money.

Priscilla Chilese, 46, who sued Regina Mulenga, 35, for defamation of character said Mulenga followed her husband whom she had a child with to demand for money.

"She came home demanding money from my husband but I asked her to leave, she started insulting," Chilese told the court.

But Mulenga told the court that though she had a child with Chilese's husband, she had gone to his house because he had borrowed money from her.

"When she heard about me, she followed me and asked if I was having an affair with her husband of which I accepted because there is a child," Mulenga said.

Mulenga said the families involved had meetings and the whole issue was sorted out.

She said after the meeting that was when Chilese's husband paid K650 remaining with a K500 balance.

But when Mulenga asked Chilese's husband about the well-being of the child that was when Chilese held her and the two started fighting.

And Apla Nkhata told the court that Chilese was his wife and Mulenga was the woman he had a child with.

Nkhata said he borrowed some money from Mulenga but when he was about to make a mobile money payment, his wife got his phone.

He said when he told her why he failed to pay her, she never understood so she went to his house and ended up confronting his wife.

He said he wanted the two to reconcile because there was nothing between him and Mulenga apart from them sharing a child.

He, however, denied ever hearing Mulenga insulting his wife.

Passing judgement presiding senior magistrate John Kabwe sitting with senior magistrate Emelda Masuwa ordered Mulenga to pay Chilese K2,000 in monthly installments of K250.

No sofa, no fridge, no marriage

By CHRISTABEL CHIWILA

A MAN who lied about his personal finances and property during courtship has been kicked to the curb by his wife of only six months.

Clara Nambaba, 23, of Ndola sued her husband Mathews Kashiya, 30, after she discovered all the property he claimed he owned was just an illusion.

Nambaba was also upset that Kashiya's family had borrowed part of the money gifted to her at her kitchen party and had not paid it back.

Nakamba told the court that after the wedding day she discovered that her husband had no properties attached to his name like he told her before the two got married.

She said she was left disappointed because her dream of having sofas and a stove were not fulfilled.

Nakamba told the court that her husband's family lied to her that they would buy a sofa, fridge and kitchen unit but went silent after he married her.

"My husband kept quiet about the

whole issue and I did not understand why. I would not want to continue with a man who is a liar," he said.

Nakamba said there were some gifts that

people bought for their kitchen party but she had not seen them after the event.

She said her husband was a liar and she did not see any reason why she should continue being married to him.

Nakamba said she had lost love and interest in him because of the same property issues and wanted out of the marriage.

Nakamba told the court that Kashiya had forced her to marry him after five years of being in courtship.

She told the court that the two got married this year on the 22nd of January and K250 dowry was paid.

But Kashiya told the court that problems in their marriage started after he showed her the goods he was selling and buying.

He said his wife did not understand that things he was showing her were for his business and not for their entertainment.

Kashiya said he was open from the start of their relationship and he told

her the fridge and the sofas were for sale.

He told the court that he did not understand the reason for their divorce as she told him two weeks before their marriage that she was forced into marriage.

He said she started insulting him after he explained that his family had used part of the money from their kitchen party and it would be reimbursed.

"After explaining this to Nakamba, it did not sit well with her and filed for

divorce," he said.

Kashiya told the court that he still loved his wife and he used to show her all the business transactions which he made.

But in submission Nakamba told the court that all she wanted was a divorce from her husband.

Passing judgment presiding senior magistrate John Kabwe sitting with senior magistrate Emelda Masuwa granted divorce without compensation.

Lost virginity must be compensated for, woman tells court

By CHRISTABEL CHIWILA

A NDOLA mother says she wants to be compensated by a local businessman she has accused of deflowering and impregnating her teenage daughter.

Alice Shindano, 50, sued Morris Kaluba of Kabushi township for compensation for damages to the virginity of her 19-year-old daughter.

Shindano told a Kabushi local court that Kaluba accepted responsibility and the two families agreed that he would be charged after she gives birth.

She was giving evidence before senior presiding magistrate, John Kabwe sitting with senior magistrate Emelda Masuwa. "So we agreed that he should be staying with our daughter until she gives birth. After we took her to his place, we were surprised that just after staying with her for some days, he started telling her that he could not keep her because he had also impregnated another woman who he wanted to marry," she said.

Shindano said Kaluba decided that the girl should go back so that he could bring the woman to whose parents he had already paid dowry. "So we decided to get our daughter back because he stopped feeding

her knowing that she is four months pregnant and would lock her in the house. So I decided to sue him, he needs to compensate me," she said.

But in defence, Kaluba said he decided to take the girl back to her mother's house because he could not keep her as he used to stay with his friends.

"It is a boys' house and I cannot keep a woman there too. Because of her family's behaviour I told them to take her because they were accusing me that I was not keeping her well," he added.

In delivering the ruling, the court adjourned the case and told them to come back to court when the girl gives birth.

"As per tradition, we only discuss matters of damages when a girl gives birth. So when she gives birth, the court will give a list of items to Kaluba that he is supposed to buy and money for food during the pregnancy," the court ruled.



NGO donates laptops to three students

Rotaract Club donates to cancer hospital children's wing

By DOROTHY CHISI

THE Rotaract Club of Lusaka has donated 50 blankets to the Cancer Diseases Hospital children's Ward.

Making the donation, club president Robert Chikwaulo said proceeds from its movie night fundraiser held in April were used to procure blankets.

Mr Chikwaulo said after conversing with personnel at the Cancer Diseases Hospital, members of the club quickly realised more support was needed for the patients whether in terms of financial support or equipment.

He said in their call for corporate social responsibility and charity work, it became apparent that they come to the aid of the children especially during this cold season.

Mr Chikwaulo said the club realised that Government grants alone could not sustain the hospital and the needs of the patients hence their call to support the hospital with blankets.

Receiving the donation, nurse manager for the paediatric ward Chosha Mulungu said the lack of linen at the hospital was visible as some patients would have to bring their own linen.

Mr Mulungu said that some families were not able to afford to buy blankets and the donation would go a long way in assisting them.

This issue is all the more alarming considering the fact that the Cancer Diseases Hospital is the sole hospital in Zambia to treat cancer, the number of patients is thus an average of 35 at a time, and can go up to 60, only in the paediatric ward.

Mr Mulungu expressed gratitude to the Rotaract Club of Lusaka and urged them to continue such voluntary work which would enable the hospital to continue operating.

He said the donation was appreciated, especially that winter made it crucial to keep patients.



• A STREET 'pharmacist' selling medicine including birth control pills in a bucket to a woman at Mpongwe district's Kalwao market.

Picture by CHRISTABEL CHIWILA

'Chongwe GBV perpetrators paying way out'

By DOROTHY CHISI

SOME traditional leaders in Chongwe have bemoaned the low conviction rates for cases of gender based violence in the district due to alleged graft by perpetrators who pay their way out.

The traditional leaders who were responding to concerns by children trained by ChildFund Zambia on why perpetrators of GBV were seen scot free in communities, deputy headman Kasonkomona said they were concerned with the increasing number of perpetrators who were let free without any punishment.

Headman Kasonkomona

said the situation was traumatising especially to the victim and the entire family seeing the person who caused pain walking free in the community.

He called for stringent measures by the enforcement agencies to ensure the perpetrators of rape, defilement and other GBV vices were punished to deter others from committing similar offences.

Headwoman Chimballi revealed that some GBV perpetrators would even threaten anyone who reported them when out of police.

"GBV especially defilement and rape are real and on the increase in our villages. The problem

is that there is a lot of corruption. When a person is taken to the police they are asked for money and later are released," she said.

She said this was retrogressive in fighting GBV especially among the young people who were the future.

Headwoman Chimballi said that government should strengthen laws on protecting children because most of them have their future blocked because of selfish adults who fell to control their sexual desires.

She said that Senior Chieftainess Nkomeshya Mukambo II was very firm on perpetrators of GBV and if anyone was

found to be against the law had to be dealt with.

Headwoman Chimballi said it was unfortunate that following the Chieftainess directive, the villages had come up with committees to ensure that perpetrators were reported to relevant offices for action to be taken on by them.

She said to this effect a lot of arrests had been done but it was a drawback because some perpetrators were back in the communities without any punishment.

"We have the belief that one day we will have a GBV free community and our children will be able to be protected from all forms of GBV," said the headwoman.

Meanwhile, Chongwe District Commissioner Evans Lupiya said government was doing everything possible to ensure children were protected from all risks of contracting HIV as well as early pregnancies.

Mr Lupiya said it was for that reason that government had ensured education was free from early childhood to secondary so that everyone had access.

Speaking through the District Administrative Officer Kelvin Ndamanda, Mr Lupiya said children's demand for a better future was all what the New Dawn Government was working on as it realised that they would take over from where this generation left.

He said it was through the provision of education which was now free which would ensure everyone had equal access and work for the country in the near future.

Kabwe NGO to plant 1,000 trees

By PASSY HAACHIZO

UBUNTUNGWA Youth Organisation, a Kabwe-based non-governmental organisation is spearheading a project to plant 1000 trees in the district to help absorb lead poison and stop its further spread.

Ubuntungwa Youth Organisation executive director Mwape Mwangelwa said the project was meant to ensure lead poison that had spread in most parts would be absorbed by some trees.

Ms Mwangelwa said her organisation was working with an Africana Woman blogger to ensure the project was taken to some parts of Railways and Chowa townships by the closure of the year.

She said her team had also planted about 100 trees with students at Mulungushi and Kwame Nkrumah universities with the help of former Kabwe Member of Parliament Tutwa Ngulube.

Ms Mwangelwa said in due course the trees would be transplanted from the safe zone to the areas of implementation of the designated purpose of ensuring the fight against lead poison was executed at full beam. "This year we have partnered with the Africana Woman Chulu Chansa, a woman who runs a blogger Africana Woman to plant 1000 lead absorbing trees in the households in the coming rainy season where we are targeting Chowa and Railways, we started with Katondo Mini-Hospital and at Railway-Chowa where we planted about 100 trees," Ms Mwangelwa said.

She said the idea that trees were only used for oxygen was long gone as they were instead expected to be used for making money and fighting various toxic metals in the soil such as lead poison.

Ms Mwangelwa on the advocacy, her youth group was working with a women's group from Highridge Township led by Munambeza Muwanei, a plant enthusiast.

"We are also focusing on fruits so as to promote food security as there have been a lot of talks on diverting from over-dependence on maize production by planting papaws, and other fruits to increase food security," she said.

Lusaka City library receives donation of books

THE Library Information Association of Zambia (LIAZ) says the association will continue coming up with initiatives to improve library facilities in Zambia.

LIAZ president Mutinta Nabuyanda said most of the libraries in the country are faced with a lot of challenges starting with infrastructure and reading materials.

Ms Nabuyanda said the Government alone cannot manage to rehabilitate or meet the library environment suit and that through partnership with other stakeholders the facilities can be improved.

Ms Nabuyanda was speaking in an interview with ZANIS shortly after she donated an assortment of items to the Lusaka City library.

She said one of the initiatives that the association has taken is to come out with fundraising programmes where

funds are raised to help revamp library facilities.

"We had held the fundraising event on October 24th 2021, at the Lusaka Golf Club which was graced by the mayor, the purpose of the event was specifically to raise resources towards renovating the Lusaka city council main library," she said.

The association had also helped many other libraries by stocking them with reading materials so that they could be rich with information.

She said library facilities in rural areas will also be given books and other materials.

Ms Nabuyanda further urged Zambians to develop interest in reading so that the country's reading culture can improve. -ZANIS

