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Abbreviations and acronyms

ATI	Access to Information
DN	<i>Daily Nation</i> newspaper
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
DTT	Digital Terrestrial Television
IBA	Independent Broadcasting Authority
MISA	Media Institute of Southern Africa
PF	Patriotic Front
ToZ	<i>Times of Zambia</i> newspaper
ZDM	<i>Zambia Daily Mail</i> newspaper
ZICTA	Zambia Information, Communication and Technology Authority
ZNBC	Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation
ZRA	Zambia Revenue Authority
ZUBID	Zambia Union of Broadcasters and Information Disseminators

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The *State of the Media in Zambia* is a quarterly report based on the assessment of events touching on the environment under which the media operated during the period under review. The report summarises the conditions under which the media houses and media practitioners operated, but more specifically in respect of the economic, technological, legal and political environments as well as any other pertinent major issues that affect the media industry in Zambia. In addition, the report reflects the main topical national issues that arose during the period and how the media reported these in its role of ensuring that the public was fully informed.

The quarterly report is prepared by the Media Institute of Southern Africa, Zambia Chapter (MISA Zambia). The report helps cumulatively to document major developments in the media industry in Zambia and to flag off any negative trends requiring remedial measures by both MISA Zambia and other major stakeholders.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The third quarterly report of the State of the Media in Zambia is essentially based on careful review and analysis of materials that were available during the said quarter containing information that had an impact and influenced the operations of the media in Zambia. The materials reviewed included materials such as news reports in the media related to the media fraternity, reports, press statements, and MISA Zambia media alerts published during the period under review. Further an analysis of the media houses with presence online was done paying particular attention to their presence online and how active they have been.

It should be noted at this stage that, the assignment to compile the report of the State of the Media report was given long after the end of the second quarter. As a result monitoring the broadcast media proved difficult to monitor the news aired in the quarter under review.

Efforts were nonetheless made to engage various selected broadcasting stations for recorded news-casts. Further the media houses were engaged to get further information on how the media operated in the third quarter with attention to the environment of operation and how they were affected. Some media houses responded on time while other did not respond to the request.

3.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MEDIA EVENTS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER

Cyber security concerns heightened in the third quarter of 2018 with increased records of censorship of what was posted on social media pages and accounts. To a great extent, the debate on cyber space has overshadowed the discussion on the long sort after Access to Information (ATI) bill. The approval of the 30 Ngwee tax by cabinet was another issue that came up following the continued talk on the cyber space. The justification for the proposed tax is that telecommunication companies have been losing revenue as the public have resorted to internet calls instead of traditional calls when the country has a less than 30 percent internet penetration.

A few legal cases were highlighted in the third quarter. The media published information that was not accompanied with evidence leading to legal suits. The legal suits involved sources and in some instances media personnel. As such, journalists should publish information accompanied with evidence in cases where publication of such stories may lead to law suits.

Further, it is worth noting that journalists' safety wasn't guaranteed in the period under review. For example, a photojournalist was detained for capturing images of a ZESCO substation. This was disheartening because the police, as an institution charged with the responsibility of protecting journalists are key perpetrators in trying to threaten and muzzle them. More so that the behaviour of the photographer in question was not contrary to the law and neither was it threatening peace or national security.

Overall, the report highlights various issues that transpired which threatened the profession and its freedom. With calls for self-regulation, media practitioners are still working in a tough environment as anything critical of government is treated as an attack on government.

The print media in the quarter under review allocated enough space to publish information likely to affect the practice of the profession. Among them include follow ups on the cyber security bills proposed by government, harassment and assault of journalists as well as stories on the progress made on the Access to Information Bill following the opening of parliament during the first quarter of the year.

Efforts to diligently allow for all views and voices in the media continue despite threats on the private media by government officials to reduce their criticism of government. In the period

under review, papers that published stories related to the media which were monitored in relation to the State of the Media were the *Times of Zambia*, *Zambia Daily Mail*, *The Mast Newspaper*, *News Diggers* and the *Daily Nation* and some online newspapers.

During this period, incidents of harassment of media practitioners and media houses slightly reduced compared to the second quarter – July to September. The fact that media practitioners were nonetheless harassed, worse still, at the hands of the Zambia Police, was in itself a demonstration of lack of political will by the government. This has been a recurring trend throughout the year. There is need to find a lasting solution that ensures safety and peaceful working environment for media practitioners and media houses.

4.0 FINDINGS - OVERVIEW

4.1 Policy and Statutory Framework

4.1.1 Internet Call Tax

The debate surrounding social media regulation has continued as government and the public are in contention over the need to reduce the level of social media regulation. Following the announcement on the need to introduce three bills to regulate the cyber space, government later announced that it would introduce a 30 ngwee tax on internet calls. At first it was WhatsApp calls, and now it has included Facebook calls.

Government on 6th August was quoted by the *Daily Nation* justifying the proposed 30 ngwee tax on internet calls¹. According to the *Daily Nation*:

Government and Tele-communication companies have been losing US\$22 million annually as a result of internet phone calls while enriching Facebook and WatsApp giants, hence the introduction of 30 Ngwee tariff.

Some stakeholders had questioned cabinet's approval of the issuance of the Statutory Instrument to facilitate the introduction of the 30 Ngwee-a-day tariff on internet calls.

¹ Daily Nation – Free Calls Drain \$22m- Thirty Ngwee Tariff to sustain conventional operators – 6th August, 2018

But Chief Government spokesperson Dora Siliya said internet calls have created unfair competition in the telecommunication industry despite contributing taxes.

Further calls for responsible use of social media are being made mostly by government authorities.

4.2 Economic and Technological Environment

4.2.1 Economical

The media in the quarter under review experienced financial fortunes following a number of economic events that took place. It is during this period that the Agriculture and Commercial Society of Zambia (ACSZ) exhibitions took place with a number of businesses, individuals and organisations transacting in airtime and space. This presented opportunities for media houses to increase their revenue base.

One notable case is that of the *Zambia Daily Mail* which in the past quarter drew attention for its financial struggles. In the previous years, *Zambia Daily Mail* has been said to be making losses. In the quarter under review, the newspaper indicated to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services that it had finally come up with the strategy on how to break even².

4.2.2 Technological

Social media continued being used by different media houses in the country to reach out to the public. Most prominent is the Mingletainment app which has been extensively promoted by Hot FM. Mingletainment, an app which is a consortium of different value added offers that are put together in a seamless and effective manner for a user to enjoy digital entertainment services from one location, has significantly increased radio station's reach. In fact, for Hot FM, the mingletainment app has helped increase the listenership and engagement with the audience. People are able to tune in to Hot FM from anywhere and it can act like TV. In areas where the station is not there they can use it to access the station online.

Apart from this app, other media houses and practitioners used Facebook Live to engage their audiences during the on air programmes.

² Daily Nation – Daily Mail plan impresses Siliya – 16th August, 2018

Apart from the increased usage of social media, as the country draws close to the deadline of the digital migration process, government in the quarter under review procured five (5) Outside Broadcasting (OB) vans for the ZNBC to improve its signal and broadcast quality³. Apart from the purchased vans on behalf of the national broadcaster, ZNBC and ZANIS had their studios renovated. According to *Lusaka Times*:

Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services Dora Siliya disclosed that the refurbishment of ZNBC and ZANIS studios have been completed with state of the art equipment installed.

Ms. Siliya has since challenged the two institutions to work on the business side of the project and its subsequent sustainability.

She hoped that with the new OB vans there will be improved execution of duty and signal so that viewers can also appreciate the shift in technology.

Another notable case in the quarter under review was the TopStar Village TV project, which saw an increase in the number of satellite television being distributed in the country. Government in partnership with the Chinese government is distributing satellite TV⁴ in rural areas in a bid to increase access to information in rural areas. Among the areas the distribution was announced include, Kabombo⁵ (North western Province), Sioma⁶ (Western Province) and Sinungu (Western Province). This is part of the Chinese aid to the Zambian government.

Another technological trend in the quarter is the announced plan by the *Times of Zambia* on its plans to launch an e-library. On 8th August, during the Agriculture and Commercial Show, Times Printpak Zambia Limited announced that once launched, the electronic library will give researchers and other users of past information access into the company's rich trove of historical material from any part of the world⁷.

³ Lusaka Times – Dora Siliya hands over five broadcast vans to ZNBC – 11th July, 2018

⁴ Zambia Daily Mail – Satellite TV installation extended – rural communities to access information – 5th September, 2018

⁵ Zambia Daily Mail – Government distributes equipment for satellite TV in Kabompo – 6th September, 2018

⁶ Times of Zambia – Village TV launched in Sioma – 10th September, 2018

⁷ Times of Zambia – *Times to launch e-library – Ng'onga – 8th August, 2018*

It is reported that the company which pioneered the use of electronic paper in Zambia was also working on other business models to be employed as part of a multi-prolonged strategy to surmount current challenges and regain its leadership in local media.

Speaking at the well decorated stand at the 92nd Agricultural and Commercial Show in Lusaka, Times Printpak Managing Director Bestone Ng'onga told judges in the commercial category that along with the e-library the company planned to introduce electronic text books for education and other sectors as part of its innovative strives to diversify from relying on income from newspaper production alone.

This announcement by Times Printpak demonstrates innovative strategies of the media in the country. Particularly, the diversity in revenue streams is an indication of the sustainability measures for the press in Zambia.

4.3. Legal and Political Environment

4.3.1 Censored

Media censorship in the third quarter of 2018 leaned more on social media more than any other. Despite government continuing monitoring and treating as a direct attack on government the publication of divergent views, the media in the period was under heavy censorship. This is evident in the number of threats recorded in the quarter as indicated in the threats section. With regard to social media censorship, according to the *Times of Zambia*, on 23rd August, government announced that about 200 Facebook pages were blocked.

About 200 Facebook pages so far been cancelled for being in bad taste or suspected to be for criminal purposes, as authorities express concern over rampant pornography that Zambians are engaging in online.

Zambia Information and Communications Authority (ZICTA) says that producing, transmitting and even storing any pornography material on digital equipment is illegal.

ZICTA cautioned the public against circulating videos on social media of women who have produced nude videos themselves for pornography purposes.

Recently, a number of videos have been duped by tricksters promising them huge amounts of money but only end up being blackmailed.

4.3.2 Detentions

The media in the period under review saw a journalist detained for four hours after being found taking pictures of the ZESCO substation in Kamwala South. According to Lusaka Times⁸, police confiscated Salim Dawood’s camera before detaining him at Kabwata Police Station around 17:30 hours.

He was released on bond about four hours later after the intervention of prominent Lusaka lawyer Keith Mweemba.

Police handed back the camera to Salim after deleting the images and making him pay an admission of guilt fine.

Earlier, MISA Zambia had expressed concern over the actions taken by police. MISA- Zambia Vice Chairperson Hyde Haguta was quoted by *The Mast*⁹ stating that the detention and subsequent release of Dawood for taking pictures of ZESCO substation was a source of concern because Zambia continued to lag behind in Technology.

“The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia raises this concern based on the fact that Dawood was kept in police custody for four hours and later released after payment of admission of guilt fine for taking pictures of the said substation when the world can see it through internet based map applications,” Haguta stated.

“MISA-Zambia is worried with the continued enforcement of laws that are archaic, Moreover, the deletion of the pictures Dawood took amounts to censorship and it is a violation of the media and its ability to report news based on its newsworthiness.”

⁸ Lusaka Times – Reporters without borders condemn arrest of Zambian journalist – 14th September, 2018

⁹ The Mast - MISA Condemns Dawood’s arrest – 15th September, 2018

4.3.3 Law Suits

The third quarter of 2018 saw a number of court cases involving the media. The cases involved contestations around abuse of freedom of expression and publication of information without verification and evidence. In one particular case, a journalist was charged for content of court for publishing false information.

In relation to legal suits, the quarter opened with the case of former Post Newspaper Editor-in-Chief Dr. Fred M'membe suing Rainbow Party Secretary General Winter Kabimba on allegations of homosexuality which were aired on Millennium radio and also published in the *Daily Nation* on 4th April, 2018. Months later on 6th July, the *Zambia Daily Mail* carried a story headlined, *Kabimba Denies defaming M'membe*. The article read in part:

On April 3, 2018, Mr. Kabimba while on Millennium Radio program allegedly said Mr. M'membe and Dr. Cosmas Musumali were being funded by homosexual and they broke away from the Rainbow Party after he refused to entertain homosexuality and denunciation of Christianity.

Mr. Kabimba's remarks were allegedly published in The Mast, Daily Nation and News Diggers newspapers.

Towards the end of the quarter on 26th September, the *Zambia Daily Mail* carried a story in which the *Rainbow* newspaper Editor-in-Chief Derrick Sinjela pleaded guilty to contempt of court. According to the *Zambia Daily Mail*, Sinjela published or caused to be published an article titled 'Zambia Supreme Court verdict in the SAVENDA vs STANBIC bank is questionable.'¹⁰ The journalist was charged on the basis of having published a story which he had no evidence to support his claim of a 'questionable' verdict made by the Supreme Court.

In relation to the same Savenda vs Stanbic case, on 23rd August, *Lusaka Times* reported that a clergyman also pleaded guilty for accusing judges of being corrupt in handling the case. Bishop

¹⁰ Zambia Daily Mail – Supreme Court Convicts Journalist – 26th September, 2018.

John Mambo however said he had no evidence to support his earlier claim that the Judges who handled the matter were corrupt¹¹.

In another case, different from journalists, Media 365, a company behind the production of the famous soap opera “Love Games” was sued for using two songs in their production without the artists’ permission. The *Times of Zambia* on 25th August reported that two local artistes sued Media 365 for allegedly using their two songs in their series of movies without their consent¹².

Thomas Mvula and Brian Ngubu have asked the Lusaka High Court to order the media outlet to pay them damages of K200, 000 for use of the two songs and loss of opportunity and business.

Mr. Mvula and Mr. Ngubu want a declaration that they are the rightful owners of the songs “Love songs” and “Everyday”.

4.3.4 Threatened

Similar to trends in previous quarters, the media continues receiving threats from government authorities, sometimes political cadres – PF cadres to be specific. The third quarter saw an increase in the number of threats issued to the media following a few publications that led to court cases.

Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya acknowledged that the media is allowed to criticize government to a certain degree¹³. However in her calls to the media to offer criticism to government, she was quick to caution media houses using language which government deems offensive.

The warning followed National Democratic Congress (NDC) political consultant and Roan PF member of parliament Chishimba Kambwili who was quoted by News Diggers saying “We don’t have a President in the country, what we have is someone who talks like an empty tin that has no idea on how to lead the country.”

¹¹ Lusaka Times – Bishop Mambo Pleads Guilty – 23rd August, 2018

¹² Times of Zambia – Two artists sue Media 365 over songs – 25th August, 2018

¹³ The Mast – It’s ok to criticize government – 2nd August, 2018

The following week, Ms Siliya was quoted telling journalists to stop being channels of insults. She explained that the media should help build the nation through responsible reporting and not hide in the name of media freedom when they use insulting language. The *Daily Nation*¹⁴ reported that:

Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services Dora Siliya says the media freedom does not mean using freedom to insult and demean other people in public.

Ms. Siliya said this when she addressed reporters yesterday that journalists should not allow politicians to use their media platforms to insult and demean people.

The chief government spokesperson closed the quarter with a call on journalist to regulate themselves to the save the profession in the country. On 28th September, *Lusaka Times* reported¹⁵:

Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Dora Siliya has urged journalists to quickly formulate a self-regulatory media council that will save journalism from total collapse in Zambia.

Ms. Siliya has expressed dismay that some owners of newspapers are masquerading as journalists and writing opinionated articles in their publications.

Ms. Siliya says society also expects journalists to follow their code of ethics which state that opinion should be different from fact and should belong to different columns of the newspaper.

The continuation of treating as criticism of every news item not in favour of government, is worrying as it does not show freedom of the press. It shows that government does not accept opposing viewpoints contrary to the spirit of press freedom.

¹⁴ Daily Nation – Don't be medium of insults – 14th August, 2018

¹⁵ Lusaka Times – Regulate yourselves and save journalism, Dora Siliya tells the media – 28th September, 2018

4.3.5 Freedom of Expression Online - Cyber Space

Despite increased reports of threats on the cyber space, the quarter recorded both threats and abuse of the cyber space especially social media. The pronounced introduction of the cyber security bills early this year has become a topical issue, taking over the engagement of government over the Access to Information (ATI) bill.

On 6th July, *Times of Zambia* reported that 627 Zambians were victims of cybercrimes in which more than K600, 000 was stolen¹⁶. *Times of Zambia* reported:

An upswing in cybercrimes and abuse of social media is grappling Zambia as 34 cases have been flagged from 627 victims with more than K600, 000 already stolen, Parliament heard yesterday.

Transport and Communications Minister, Brian Mushimba said the majority of the stolen funds were transmitted through commercial banks and withdrawn in foreign countries within Africa.

Mr. Mushimba said the cases in which unsuspecting people were duped into believing they were communicating with someone in position of authority or a politician on Facebook such as Cabinet Minister and were being offered assistance in getting employment, loans, contacts or scholarships.

He said the Zambia Information and Communications Authority (ZICTA) and Zambian Police had in the recent past recorded an upswing in the number of cases.

Another case in which the cyber space was being monitored involves the arrest of a teacher from Samfya for defamation of the President. Zambia Reports reported that¹⁷:

Police in Lusaka have arrested a 29 year old male adult of Msolo Primary School in Samfya identified as Dickson Banda in connection with the defamatory

¹⁶Times of Zambia – Cybercrimes invade social media – 6th July, 2018

¹⁷ Zambia Reports - Facebook Happy Samfya Man Nabbed for defamation of the president – 6th July, 2018

statements against the Head of State which he allegedly posted on Facebook and for being in possession of pornographic material.

The suspect is alleged to have created four different Facebook accounts using different names on which he was posting derogatory statements against the Head of State. He was apprehended from Luanshya after Police launched investigations.

Continued abuse of social media in the quarter also justified intensified monitoring and tracking of fake Facebook accounts by ZICTA. Following such revelations, government instructed the authority to shut down Facebook accounts which ‘cyber criminals’ were using to defraud people¹⁸.

The Government has instructed the Zambia Information and Technology Authority (ZICTA) to write Facebook requesting it to help shut down at least 670 fake accounts that are being used to defraud people in Zambia.

And Chief Government Spokesperson Dora Siliya said that currently there are about 155 fake Facebook accounts for President Lungu, 434 for different ministers and 81 for her alone even though she did not have a presence on the platforms.

In addition, the President on 3rd September directed the Minister of Transport and Communication to protect the cyber space¹⁹. The Head of State feared that the growth in technology usage in the country has come with its positives and negatives. The minister was directed to protect the cyber space from those who abuse it.

¹⁸ Times of Zambia – Shut down Facebook – ZICTA directed – 12th July, 2018

¹⁹ Zambia Daily Mail – Protect Cyber Space- Lungu directs Mushimba to curb abuse - 3rd September, 2018

4.4 Review of Burning Issues

4.4.1 Top Star

There is controversy, contestations and questions over the relationship between Top Star and ZNBC. This was partly demonstrated by the chief government spokesperson sentiments when she met 18 television owners to discuss challenges and concerns of the industry. The *Zambia Daily Mail* on 21st September, reported:

“I think generally, there has been an atmosphere of mistrust, a belief that Government does not care about the Zambian player (investor) in this industry and that we are just inclined towards Chinese Star Times,” Ms. Siliya said.

A case in the third quarter involving Top Star is one in which a Matero resident sued ZICTA, Top Star and IBA. On 31st August, *Times of Zambia* reported that²⁰:

A Matero resident and chief executive officer (CEO) of Acts television has sued the Zambia Information Communication and Technology Authority (ZICTA) asking it to take necessary action against Top Star Communication company Limited for operating contrary to the license conditions given to it.

Golden Malama, who has cited Top star Communication Company Limited as second defendant and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) as third defendant is asking the Lusaka High Court to order Top Star to remove all channels which are not licensed by IBA on the digital migration platform.

Mr. Malama is seeking further specific performance on the content services provider license that he starts broadcasting a television station known as Acts.

A seemingly possible response to the issue, government denied inclination to Top Star. The *Zambia Daily Mail* reported that the state wants full participation of the private sector in the television industry in the country²¹.

²⁰ Times of Zambia – Matero Resident Sues ZICTA, TOPSTAR, IBA – 31st August, 2018

²¹ Zambia Daily Mail – Government not inclined to Topstar – state wants full participation of the private sector – 19th September 2018

The paper read in part:

She (Dora Siliya) said players in the television industry want to know if Government is really involved in Top Star through the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) and the corporation's role in ensuring a fair play for everyone.

She said while all the issues raised by sector players are significant and can be resolved the bigger picture should be supporting initiatives aimed at growing the television industry in Zambia.

From the response given on the issue during the quarter under review, the license given to Top Star is not pronounced and is not clear to the public.

4.4.2 Journalist Safety

Journalist safety in the third quarter of the year was unassured following threats of journalist by government as well as the arrest of a photo journalist for capturing an image of a ZESCO substation. The fact that the police would arrest a journalist for performing their duty and delete images after detaining a media practitioner does not guarantee the safety of journalists in the country.

Apart from the arrest of a photo journalist, another case that resurfaced during the period under review is the dragging case in which a photo journalist was kicked by a musician in 2012 and is still in court in 2018²². The case is that of Jean Mandela, a photojournalist who wrote to the DPP over review his case with Koffi's Olomide.

Lusaka Times report that:

Mandela said he is surprised that the Zambia Police is now claiming that Koffi is free to perform in Zambia saying the only case he was facing was dropped for lack of evidence.

²² Lusaka Times – Photojournalist Jean Mandela writes to the DPP over Koffi Olomide's case – 24th July, 2018

But Mandela insisted that the case against Koffi for assault and occasioning bodily harm is still active and that the only challenge he has had was access to the Rhumba King in order to serve him the summons.

If the police who are expected to protect journalist from assault during their work are not defending them, then their safety is certainly not guaranteed.

4.4.3 Internet Tariff

After the announced introduction of the three cyber security bills, 30 ngwee tax was announced as a charge on internet calls made via WhatsApp and Facebook. Despite the percentage of internet users in Zambia being small as indicated by the ZICTA statistics, introduction of the 30 ngwee tax is retrogressive. Advocates such as Consumer Unit Trust Society (CUTS) noted that the move negatively impacts SMEs and the public in the country²³. The payment of the 30 ngwee tax brings a double charge which is paid by the consumer.

Despite claims that Mobile Network Operators lose a lot of money yearly on internet calls, it does not justify the introduction of the 30 ngwee extra charge as consumers pay a tax on every data purchased which is used to make internet calls.

Cabinet therefore should be engaged to rescind its decision on issuing a statutory instrument (SI) to facilitate the introduction of a K30 Ngwee-a-day tariff on internet phone calls based on a claim of ‘saving jobs in the telecommunication industry’.

4.4.4 Violation of Public Freedom of Expression

Freedom of expression is cardinal in every democratic society. However, abuse of this freedom injures those who should enjoy such freedoms. In light of the freedom of expression for the public, despite its threat from the end of government, the public equally abused it. The third quarter of 2018 recorded an increase in the number of pornographic videos circulating on social

²³ Times of Zambia – Abort Internet Call tariff - 16th August, 2018

media. Government noted that the number of women in porn increased which called for concern by Ministry of National Guidance and Religious Affairs Godfridah Sumaili²⁴.

Another case related to circulation of porn is one which led to the arrest of a 28 year old man of Petauke for producing a porn video for fondling a woman's private parts and circulating it on social media²⁵.

In light of these events and happenings among others on social media, ZICTA on 27th September indicated that a team of experts from Facebook were in the country to help the authority curb abuse of social media²⁶.

Following request by government, a team of experts from Facebook has arrived in Zambia to help government curb social media abuse, the Zambia Information Communication Technology Authority (ZICTA) has confirmed.

ZICTA Corporate Communications Officer, Hanford Chaaba said in an interview yesterday that authority was currently having talks with the Facebook team that arrived in Zambia three days ago.

Mr. Chaaba said with the help of the team, police and various stakeholders, ZICTA has commenced measures to curb social media abuse.

Mr. Chaaba said social media provided a platform for people with business ideas and skills to market themselves without the hassle of renting an office.

He said as one strategic institution in managing information Communication Technology (ICT) the Facebook team that was in the country would help the country avoid occurrences of abuse and secure the cyberspace.

²⁴ Zambia Daily Mail – Women in porn worry state – 22nd August, 2018.

²⁵ Mwebantu – Petauke Porn producer faces 19 years in Jail ‘for making katundu video, police say – 10th September, 2018

²⁶ Times of Zambia – Facebook team in...experts from online social networking service holding talks with ZICTA, govt on ways to stop social media abuse – 27th September, 2018

4.5 Other Developments

On the 10th of August, *Times of Zambia* reported about a WhatsApp group called Clean Choma. The main thrust of the story is that using the WhatsApp group, some residents of Choma organized themselves to clean Choma General Hospital.

The group mobilized itself and managed to raise about K2 000 to buy cleaning materials²⁷.

5.0 CONCLUSION

It is worth noting that the media in Zambia continues operating under an environment where media freedom is not improving. From events which took place during the quarter under review, threats, censorship and increased legislation which fights divergent views is indicative of the continued suffocation of press freedom.

Journalists' safety in this quarter was under threat following the arrest of a media practitioner when undertaking his duty.

Lastly, the fact that the discussions to engage government on the progress made with regard to the enactment of the Access to Information (ATI) bill died in the quarter should be a wakeup call to the media and media advocates to strongly engage government on the issue.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Following what transpired in the third quarter, the following are the recommendations.

- ✓ MISA Zambia and media advocates should continue to engage government on the ATI;
- ✓ Cyber security bills should be reviewed before they are enacted;
- ✓ MISA Zambia, the media and other stakeholders should engage government to rescind its decision on proceeding the enactment of the 30 Ngwee tax on internet calls and
- ✓ Lastly, MISA Zambia should engage the Zambia Police on issues bordering the safety of journalists.

²⁷ Times of Zambia – WhatsApp group clean Choma – 10th August, 2018

Appendix

Appendix 1: Summary List of Radio and Television Stations in Zambia

Broadcasting service	Number
Commercial free to air television	26
Commercial free to air radio	49
Community free to air television	08
Community free to air radio	60
Satellite subscription broadcasting	03
Subscription management service	03
Landing rights broadcasting service	05
Total	154

Combined List of Television and Radio Stations in Zambia

Licensee Name	Type	Category	Province
Econet Media Limited - SMS	Subscription Management Service	Subscription Management Service	Lusaka
Top Star Communications Company Limited	Subscription Management Service	Subscription Management Service	Lusaka
MultiChoice Zambia	Subscription Management Service	Subscription Management Service	Lusaka
Kopala TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Copperbelt
Copperbelt TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Copperbelt
Chipata TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Eastern
Covenant Broadcasting Company	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
CAMNET	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka

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Power TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Fresh TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Kwesé TV (Econet Media Limited)	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Africa Network Television	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Kwesé Free TV (Econet Media Zambia - FTA)	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
City Channel Cable Network	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Platinum	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Nonkas TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Catholic TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Acts TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Fire TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Kenmark TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
View Sat	Television	Satellite Subscription Broadcasting	Lusaka
Prime TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Agri-Business ABN	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Zed Entertainment	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
City Television	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Mozo TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Hope TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
StarSat	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Muvi TV Satellite	Television	Satellite Subscription Broadcasting	Lusaka
GoTV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka

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MultiChoice Zambia Limited	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Trinity Broadcasting Network	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Mobi TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Strong Technology	Television	Satellite Subscription Broadcasting	Lusaka

Revelation TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Muvi TV Terrestrial	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Mwix 24TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Litovia TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Healing TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Blessing Miracle Television	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Life Television	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
QTV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
France 24 TV	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
North Western TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	North Western
Mkushi Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Lusibo	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Mumbwa Blue Sky	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Central
Serenje Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Itezhi Tezhi	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Spice FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Central
Cloud FM	Radio	Commercial Free to air Radio	Central
Maranatha	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Foston	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central

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KNC Media	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Central
Luanginga	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Cheke Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Lukulu	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Mungu	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Western
Oblate Liseli	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western

Radio Lyambai	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Kuandu Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Shekinah Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Rise FM	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Iwave	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Kokoliko	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Radio Icengelo	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Yar FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Baptist Faith	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Flava FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Radio Ngoma	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Radio Mpongwe	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Radio Rooster	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Sun FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Jive FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Chimwemwe	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Breeze FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Feel Free Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern

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East Capital FM Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Radio Maria Zambia	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Mphangwe Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Chikaya Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Valley FM Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Nyimba FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Radio Café	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Petauke Explorers	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern

PASME	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Yangeni	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Luapula
K FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Luapula
Tuta FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Luapula
Luapula	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Luapula
Bangwela FM	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Luapula
Chongwe Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Kafue Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Modern Voice	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Joy FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Komboni Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Yatsani Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Pan African	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Phoenix	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
5FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Live FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka

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British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	Radio	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Comet10	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Ama Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Millennium	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Power FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Rock FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Hone FM	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Roots	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
QFM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka

Hot FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Premier One Love	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
United Voice	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Metro FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Christian Voice	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
UNZA	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
France Radio	Radio	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Direct Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Education Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Kwenje	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Muchinga
Muchinga	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Muchinga
ISO-FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Muchinga
Mpika	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Muchinga
Lubuto	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern

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Radio Mano	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Northern FM	Radio	Commercial free to air Radio	Northern
Lutanda FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Luswepe FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Liberty FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Walamo	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Kabompo	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Kasempa	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Lumba	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Mufumbwe	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Radio Mwinilunga	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
FCC Solwezi	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Kalumbila	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Kabangabanga	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
New Generation FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	North Western
Beats FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	North Western
Vision Macha	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Byta FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Choma Maanu	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Young Generation	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Namwianga	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Voice of Kalomo	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Zambezi Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Falls FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Musi-O-Tunya	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern

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Mazabuka Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Chikuni Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Sky FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Namwala Community Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Kariba FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Chikankata Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern

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Appendix 2: Breakdown for Radio Stations by Province: 115

EASTERN PROVINCE: 11				
1	Mphangwe	Community free to air radio	Katete	91.7 FM
2	Maria	Community free to air radio	Chipata	89.5 FM
3	Valley	Commercial free to air radio	Nyimba	100.5 FM
4	Breeze	Commercial free to air radio	Chipata	98.9 FM
5	Feel Free	Commercial free to air radio	Chipata	90.9 FM
6	Chikaya	Community free to air radio	Lundazi	98.5 FM
7	Nyimba	Commercial free to air radio	Nyimba	
8	Radio Café	commercial free to air radio	Chipata	
9	Petauke Explorers	Community free to air radio	Petauke	91.4 FM
10	PASME	Community free to air radio	Petauke	93.1 FM
11	East Capital	Commercial free to air radio	Chipata	
NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE:10				
1	Lumba	Community free to air radio	Kasempa	90.7 FM
2	Kasempa	Community free to radio	Kasempa	91.9 FM
3	FCC Solwezi	Community free to air radio	Solwezi	89.7 FM
4	Mwinilunga	Community free to air radio	Mwinilunga	88.2 FM
5	Kabangabanga	Community free to radio	Solwezi	97.7 FM
6	New Generation	Commercial free to air radio	Solwezi	90.1 FM
7	Kabompo	Community free to air radio	Kabompo	
8	Kalumbila	Community free to air radio	Kalumbila	
9	Mufumbwe	Community free to air radio	Mufumbwe	

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10	Beats	Commercial free to air radio	Solwezi	96.1 FM
LUAPULA PROVINCE: 5				
1	Luapula	Community free to air radio	Nchelenge	93.7 FM
2	Yangeni	Community free to air radio	Samfya	98.2 FM
3	K FM	Commercial free to air radio	Mansa	95.5 FM
4	Tuta	Commercial free to air radio	Mansa	90.7 FM
5	Bangwela	Community free to air radio	Bangwela	89.7 FM
NORTHERN PROVINCE: 7				
1	Mano	Community free to air radio	Kasama	98.3 FM
2	Liberty	Community free to air radio	Mporokoso	
3	Walamo	Community free to air radio	Mpulungu	89.2 FM
4	Northern FM	Commercial free to air radio	Kasama	
5	Luswepo	community free to air radio	Mbala	
6	Lutanda	Community free to air radio	Kasama	
7	Lubuto	Community free to air radio	Kaputa	89.9 FM
WESTERN PROVINCE: 7				
1	Lukulu	Community free to air radio	Lukulu	100.3 FM
2	Mongu	Commercial free to air radio	Mongu	88.5 FM
3	Oblate Liseli	Community free to air radio	Mongu	101.9 FM
4	Cheke	community free to air radio	Kaoma	
5	Luanginga	Commercial free to air radio	Kalabo	
6	Kuandu	Community free to air radio	Shangomb o	
7	Lyambai	Community free to air radio	Mongu	105.3 FM
COPPERBELT PROVINCE :13				

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1	Sun	Commercial free to air radio	Ndola	88.5 FM
2	Yar	Commercial free to air radio	Kitwe	89.9 FM
3	Icengelo	Community free to air radio	Kitwe	89.1 FM
4	Baptist Faith	Community free to air radio	Kitwe	106.8 FM
5	Iwave	Commercial free to air radio	Chingola	90.1 FM
6	Chimwemwe	Community free to air radio	Kitwe	91.7 FM
7	Jive	Commercial free to air radio	Ndola	90.9 FM
8	Shekinah	Community free to air radio	Chingola	
9	Flava	Commercial free to air radio	Kitwe	87.7 FM
10	Rise	Community free to air radio	Chingola	
11	Rooster	Commercial free to air radio	Chingola	
12	Mpongwe	Commercial free to air radio	Mpongwe	
13	Kokoliko	Commercial free to air radio	Chingola	94.9 FM
CENTRAL PROVINCE: 10				
1	Mkushi	Community free to air radio	Mkushi	93.0 FM
2	Maranatha	Community free to air radio	Kabwe	103.5 FM
3	KNC	Commercial free to air radio	Kabwe	101.7 FM
4	Cloud	Community free to air radio	Kabwe	
5	Itezhi Tezhi	community free to air radio	Itezhi Tezhi	90.9 FM
6	Spice	Commercial free to air radio	Kabwe	
7	Serenje	Community free to air radio	Serenje	89.5 FM
8	Foston	Community free to air radio	Kabwe	
9	Mumbwa Blue sky	Commercial free to air radio	Mumbwa	93.9 FM
10	Lusibo	Community free to air radio	Mumbwa	

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MUCHINGA PROVINCE: 4

1	Isoka	Community free to air radio	Isoka	90.3 FM
2	Mpika	Community free to air radio	Mpika	89.5 FM
3	Muchinga	Commercial free to air radio	Chinsali	
4	Kwenje	Community free to air radio	Chama	89.3 FM

SOUTHERN PROVINCE:15

1	Namwala	Community free to air radio	Namwala	
2	Falls	Commercial free to air radio	Livingstone	90.1 FM
3	Zambezi	Commercial free to air radio	Livingstone	107.7 FM
4	Mosi-u-Tunya	Community free to air radio	Livingstone	106.0 FM
5	Voice of Kalomo	Community free to air radio	Kalomo	89.1 FM
6	Vision Maacha	Community free to air radio	Choma	92.2 FM
7	Mazabuka	Community free to air radio	Mazabuka	100.9 FM
8	Namwianga	Community free to air radio	Kalomo	90.5 FM
9	Sky	Commercial free to air radio	Monze	93.7 FM
10	Kariba	Community free to air radio	Siavonga	89.1 FM
11	Chikankata	Community free to air radio	Chikankata	90.9 FM
12	Choma Maanu	Commercial free to air radio	Choma	
13	Byta	Commercial free to air radio	Choma	
14	Chikuni	Community free to air radio	Chikuni	91.9 FM
15	Young Generation	Commercial free to air radio	Choma	

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1	Rock FM	Commercial free to radio	Lusaka	96.5 FM
2	5 FM	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	89.9 FM
3	Kafue	Community free to radio	Kafue	107.8 FM
4	Chongwe	Community free to radio	Chongwe	104.5 FM
5	Hot	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	87.7 FM
6	Phoenix	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	89.5 FM
7	Q FM	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	89.1 FM
8	Ama	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	93.3 FM
9	Comet 10	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	93.7 FM
10	Joy	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	106.9 FM
11	Komboni	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	94.9 FM
12	Metro	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	94.5 FM
13	Millennium	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	90.5 FM
14	Pan African	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	105.1 FM
15	Power	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	99.7 FM
16	Evelyn	Educational free to air radio	Lusaka	94.2 FM
17	UNZA	Educational free to air radio	Lusaka	91.7 FM
18	Christian Voice	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	106.2 FM
19	Yatsani	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	99.1 FM
20	Roots	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	101.3 FM
21	Premier One Love	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	104.1 FM
22	Direct Management	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	
23	Ministry of Education	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	
24	United Voice	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	92.7 FM

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25	Live	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	97.3 FM
26	BBC	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka	98.1 FM
27	Modern Voice	Commercial free to air radio	Chirundu	
28	France Radio	Landing rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka	
PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING: 4				
1	ZNBC Radio 1	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	102.9 FM
2	ZNBC Radio 2	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	95.7 FM
3	ZNBC Radio 4	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	88.1 FM
4	Parliament	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	92.0 FM

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Appendix 3: Distribution of Television Stations in Districts

District	Television stations			
	Licensee	Category	Status	Province
	Chipata	Chipata Television Station	Commercial	Operational
Solwezi	Northwest Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Northwest
Lusaka	1. Revelation Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	2. Camnet Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	3. Edge Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	4. Fire Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	5. Catholic Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	6. Acts Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	7. Hope Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	8. Healing Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	9. Healing Centre Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	10. Blessing Miracle Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	11. Trinity Broadcasting Network	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	12. Zed Entertainment Television Station	Commercial		Lusaka
	13. Fresh Communications Ltd	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	14. City Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	15. Prime Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	16. Diamond Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	17. Mozo Television Station	Commercial		Lusaka

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18. Kopala	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
19. ABN	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
20. Kenmark Television Station	Commercial		Lusaka
21. Life Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
22. Q Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
23. Litovia	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
24. Muvi Television Station	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
25. Strong Technology	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
26. Viewsat	Satellite		Lusaka
27. StarSat	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
28. Muvi Television Station	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
29. Econet	SMS	Operational	Lusaka
30. Multichoice	SMS	Operational	Lusaka
31. Kwese	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
32. BCC	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
33. France	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
34. ANT	Landing Rights		Nairobi
35. Parliament	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
36. ZNBC TV 1	PSB	Operational	Lusaka
37. ZNBC TV 3	PSB	Operational	Lusaka
38. ZNBC TV 3	PSB	Operational	Lusaka

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