Glergyman likens Rupiah to Nebuchadnezzar

By Ernest Chanda
PRESIDENT Rupiah
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Mansa clergyman.

In an interview, Reverend Kelvin Mwitwa, the African Methodist Episcopal Church presiding elder for Mansa and Mwense, said because of his pride, President Banda would suffer serious humiliation after the September 20 general election.

Rev Mwitwa who was also Mansa Central MMD member of parliament between 1996 and 2001 said because of his pride President Banda had abused every institution in the country.

"President Rupiah Banda will end up like Nebuchadnezzar, a monarch of ancient Babylon because of his pride. The only difference is that him won't be turned into an animal but he will suffer a terrible humiliating defeat in a few days time to come because of his love for power," said Rev Mwitwa on Thursday.

President Banda will end up like greed for power. He has grossly abused his Executive powers which has resulted into lavish expenditure on mobile hospitals, MMD campaign materials and the so-called unprecedent-

ed projects at the expense of the Zambian people who are now wallowing in abject poverty."

"He will go down into the history of this country as a man who dismantled the late [president] Levy Mwanawasa's legacy of zero tolerance on corruption by embracing people and organisations accused of corruption. The removal of the abuse of office clause from the

Anti Corruption Commission Act is one of such greedy acts that he has committed, and his failure to secure a people-driven constitution. I urge Mr Rupiah Banda to turn to God and hopefully that's the only thing he can do because time has come for him to know that God is supreme in everything that is happening in his life.

Rupiah justifies Kavindele's support

By Misheck Wangwe in Solwezi

PRESIDENT Rupiah Banda says it is unfair for people to condemn Enoch Kavindele's decision to campaign for him ahead of the elections.

And President Rupiah Banda says civil servants in the country must vote for him and all the MMD candidates in the forthcoming general elections because he had worked hard to better their lives.

Speaking on Thursday when he campaigned for himself and the MMD at a meeting with civil servants which was held at Kansanshi Royal Hotel in Solwezi, President Banda said Zambians must be wary of jealous individuals



Enoch Kavindele talks to President Rupiah Banda at a rally in Mwinilunga last Wednesday - Picture by Abel Mambwe

- province. North Western Province has seen real development in three years. Some people are talking about me supporting RB (President Banda) because of the licence for the railway line which I will build. It is part of development and I will build. But the reason why I am supporting President Banda is that he has demonstrated the muchneeded dedication to developing the country," Kavindele said.

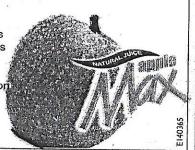
And President Banda says civil servants in the country had no reason to vote for the opposition because his government was working.

President Banda said the country had scored many successes under his leader-

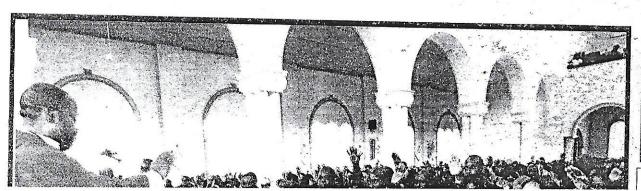
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My father has been deserted by those who enjoyed his presidency - Andrew Banda



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