

Reserves built on good governance

■ Presidential aide says it is impossible to ignore how critical reserves are for economic stability

NRPUP in setback as Mwinilunga candidate ditches party

AMOS KAWISHA
Solwezi

NATIONAL Reconciliation Party for Unity and Prosperity (NRPUP) parliamentary candidate and an independent aspirant have withdrawn from the Mwinilunga West race and have rallied behind the UPND candidate.

The two candidates said their decisions were motivated by the need to support Government's development agenda and ensure completion of key infrastructure projects in Mwinilunga West constituency.

In an interview, NRPUP candidate Edward Katanga said he decided to withdraw from the parliamentary race and support UPND and President Hakainde Hichilema.

Mr Katanga said he made the decision after reflecting on the development needs of his homeland, which he said has lagged behind for many years.

He said after wide consultations and careful introspection, he resolved to support the UPND candidate and President Hichilema to ensure continued development.

Mr Katanga said the ongoing and planned development projects can only be completed if the UPND remain in government.

He cited construction of Mwinilunga District Hospital, rehabilitation of Mutanda-Mwinilunga Road and the proposed works on Kambimba Road as some of the projects that require continuity.

"Construction of Mutanda-Mwinilunga Road, Kambimba

Road and other development projects will only be completed and benefit our people if this party (UPND) remains in government," he said.

Mr Katanga urged Mwinilunga West residents to support UPND, saying the development programmes initiated over the past four years and 10 months will only bear fruit if President Hichilema is given another mandate.

"We were in opposition for many years. Now that we have a government implementing development projects in our area, we can only realise meaningful development if we work together with the ruling party," he said.

Independent candidate Aaron Lupemba said his decision to withdraw from the race is aimed at collaborating with Government to accelerate development in Mwinilunga West constituency.

Mr Lupemba said his decision followed deep consultation and careful consideration of what is best for the constituency.

"Mwinilunga, the land of my mothers, has been in opposition for a long time," he said.

"For us to continue working with Government and unlock the development, we must make bold, though sometimes painful, decisions," he said.

Mr Lupemba acknowledged that withdrawing from the race was a difficult decision but said it was a personal sacrifice made in the interest of the people.

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VICE-PRESIDENT Mutale Nalumango with UPND Mwense Central parliamentary candidate Susan Mulala at Government House in Lusaka yesterday. PICTURE: OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Second term will be for growth - Nalumango

PHILIP CHISALU
Lusaka

VICE-PRESIDENT Mutale Nalumango says if voted back into power, the UPND government's focus in its second term will be to ensure more economic growth so that Zambians feel the real impact of a strong economy.

Featuring on Radio Phoenix's Let the People Talk programme yesterday, Mrs Nalumango said Zambians should resist the temptation of losing the gains attained so far by voting back people who destroyed the economy.

Mrs Nalumango said the continued decline in inflation is signalling economic stability.

She said the works Government has done so far are not meant to appease voters but aimed at uplifting people's livelihoods.

Mrs Nalumango said UPND's 2026 progressive manifesto, which among other things aims to increase mining and agriculture output, should give confidence that the party is

committed to addressing the cost of living.

"Looking at our manifesto, it should be able to give comfort to the Zambian people. We were tackling the issues that we found, the issues of the bad economy which affected the lives of our people," she said.

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■ Solwezi Council graduates 57

SOLWEZI Municipal Council has graduated 57 students from its community skills development programmes and empowered 50 tailoring graduates with sewing machines to enable them to venture into entrepreneurship ventures.

The graduation is another milestone in the local authority's efforts to equip Solwezi residents with practical vocational skills aimed at promoting self-employment, reducing poverty, and improving household incomes.

The 57 graduates include 50 women who completed the tailoring and design programme and seven students who underwent training in carpentry and joinery.

The graduation ceremony was graced by council director of planning Sandra Bwalya on behalf of town clerk Stanley Mbewe.

■ Green Gold Social awarded

Mr Mbewe re-affirmed the council's commitment to empowering communities through skills development initiatives.

He said vocational skills training plays a critical role in economic empowerment.

Mr Mbewe said the local authority is committed to equipping Solwezi residents with practical and marketable skills that enable them to become self-reliant while contributing to the district's development.

Mr Mbewe said the handover of 50 sewing machines to graduates of the tailoring and design programme demonstrates the council's desire to ensure that graduates immediately establish businesses and earn sustainable incomes.

AMOS KAWISHA
Solwezi

GREEN Gold Social is among the top three winners of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Zambia and BongoHive Foundation's facility for action for climate empowerment to achieve nationally determined contributions (FACE NDC) challenge.

The FACE NDC initiative is supported by German International Climate Initiative (IKI) and implemented by United Nations Institute for Training and Research, University of Zambia, Copperbelt University and BongoHive.

The programme aims to promote practical and scalable climate solutions that drive environmental awareness, create green jobs and deliver community-level impact.

The three innovators were awarded seed funding and business capacity development support.

The recognition also has one-kilogramme forest pack, which

contains more than 2,500 indigenous tree seeds capable of covering one hectare of land.

Green Gold Social is a Zambian non-governmental organisation that works with small-holder farmers to restore degraded landscapes through agroforestry, climate-smart agriculture and the reforestation of indigenous tree species.

In a statement, Green Gold Social founder Hope Mkunte said the five-week innovation challenge attracted 150 applicants from across Zambia, with only 10 start-ups advancing to the final stage after participating in a design sprint focused on refining climate solutions in agriculture, renewable energy and forestry.

The initiative enables farmers to plant seeds directly into the soil, eliminating the need for costly seedlings and reducing transportation expenses.

JOHN CHAAMBWA
Lusaka

If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

MATHEWS MALAZIKA
Lusaka

UPND Alliance partners have geared up to vigorously campaign for President Hakainde Hichilema's re-election, with New Nation Party leader Nevers Mumba quipping: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

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Zambia records K7bn trade surplus

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MATHEWS KABAMBA
Kitwe

SPECIAL Assistant to the President for Policy and Compliance Joseph Lungu says Zambia's growing foreign exchange reserves are evidence of prudent resource utilisation and sound economic management by the UPND administration.

During a rally in Nyimba, National Reconciliation Party for Unity and Prosperity (NRPUP) presidential candidate Brian Mundubile appeared to question the importance of maintaining foreign exchange reserves when citizens are facing economic hardships.

However, Mr Mundubile's comments have attracted sharp criticism from a cross-section of society, including economic experts.

Mr Lungu said the country's foreign exchange reserves, which have risen to about US\$6.5 billion, demonstrate Government's commitment to building a stable economy capable of withstanding external shocks while supporting sustainable national development.

He said in a statement yesterday that suggestions by Mr Mundubile that the reserves have little relevance to ordinary citizens are misplaced.

"Some opposition voices are advancing a dismissive charter that calls these reserves irrelevant to ordinary citizens," Mr Lungu said.

"The truth is different. Unless one has ulterior motives, it is impossible to ignore how critical reserves are to keeping Zambia's economy stable."

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Sustained vigilance key to protecting lives property

THE recent dismantling of an illegal fuel storage and distribution network in Lusaka by the Task Force on Fuel Smuggling and Vending, led by Energy Regulation Board (ERB) and Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC), deserves commendation.

The seizure of over 10,000 litres of petroleum products and the arrest of three suspects is not just a victory for law enforcement - it is a powerful reminder of the dangers posed by illegal fuel activities and the urgent need for sustained vigilance.

Fuel is a highly flammable, volatile product that requires strict regulation, safe handling, and proper storage. When stored under unsafe conditions, as was the case in Kasupe, it becomes a ticking time bomb.

A single spark could have triggered a catastrophic fire, endangering lives, destroying property, and causing environmental damage.

The fact that such large quantities of petroleum products were being kept in a residential area underscores the recklessness of those involved and the gravity of the threat posed to innocent communities.

The coordinated action by ERB and DEC demonstrates the effectiveness of intelligence led operations. It also highlights the importance of collaboration among regulatory bodies, law enforcement agencies, and the wider public.

Fuel smuggling and illegal vending are not victimless crimes. They undermine legitimate businesses, deprive Government of critical revenue, and erode public trust in the integrity of the petroleum supply chain.

More importantly, they expose ordinary citizens to hazards they neither consented to nor prepared for.

The convictions recently secured in Kazungula and Chavuma districts involving five suspects and over 3,400 litres of petroleum products reinforce the message that fuel smuggling will not be tolerated.

Fines and custodial sentences send a clear signal: those who engage in illegal fuel activities will face the full weight of the law. Yet enforcement must not be episodic. It must be sustained, consistent, and nation-wide.

Smuggling networks thrive on gaps in vigilance. If enforcement wanes, they regroup, adapt, and resurface. Only relentless pressure can dismantle these networks permanently.

The dangerous nature of petroleum products demands that Zambia treat illegal fuel activities as a national security concern.

Beyond the immediate fire hazards, there are broader implications. Illegal fuel storage often bypasses environmental safeguards, leading to soil contamination and water pollution.

It also distorts market dynamics, creating unfair competition for law abiding businesses and discouraging investment in the sector. In the long run, unchecked smuggling erodes the foundations of a safe, orderly, and sustainable petroleum industry.

What is needed now is a multi pronged approach. First, enforcement agencies must continue intelligence driven operations, targeting not just small scale offenders but also the larger networks that orchestrate illegal fuel distribution.

Second, public awareness campaigns should be intensified. Communities must understand the risks of buying or storing fuel outside regulated channels.

Third, penalties for offenders should remain stiff, ensuring that the cost of engaging in illegal fuel activities far outweighs any perceived benefit.

Finally, legitimate businesses must be supported and protected so that the petroleum sector can thrive under fair and safe conditions.

The public also has a role to play. Vigilance is not the responsibility of regulators alone. Citizens must report suspicious activities, whether it is unusual fuel storage in residential areas or vending in undesignated places.

Protecting lives and property requires collective responsibility. When communities partner with enforcement agencies, illegal networks lose the secrecy they depend on.

The dismantling of the Kasupe operation is a commendable achievement, but it must be seen as the beginning, not the end. Zambia's petroleum sector is too important to be left vulnerable to criminal exploitation. Sustained vigilance, consistent enforcement, and public co-operation are essential to safeguard lives, protect property, and ensure order in the industry.

Fuel is a life-line for the economy, but mishandled, it becomes a deadly threat. The nation must remain alert, determined, and united in the fight against illegal fuel activities.

Donate blood, employees urged

Working population contributes less than 5 percent

FANNY KALONDA
Lusaka

WITH the national blood demand standing at 400,000 units per year, and major donors being learners, Zambia National Blood Transfusion Service (ZNBTS) has urged corporate entities to encourage their employees to give blood to help save lives.

More than 70 percent of blood donations in Zambia are from secondary schools, colleges and universities, while the working population contributes less than five percent.

ZNBTS executive director Joseph Mulenga says although blood collection has steadily improved from 112,000 units in 2021 to about 220,000 units now, more efforts are needed to meet the yearly target.

Yesterday, during blood donation as part of activities to celebrate Road Transport and Safety Agency's (RTSA) 20th anniversary, Dr Mulenga said the country's demand for blood remains high due to pregnancy-related complications and growing number of sophisticated medical procedures.

He urged more adults and corporate organisations to embrace voluntary blood donation to ensure a sustainable blood supply.

"You can't manufacture blood and

you can't buy it from a pharmacy. The only source of this life-saving fluid is humans.

"We need people to understand that blood donation is a community responsibility because you never know when you or a loved one may need blood," Dr Mulenga said.

He said road traffic accidents also continue to increase the need for timely blood transfusions, making it critical for the country to maintain adequate blood stocks.

"More than 80 percent of Zambian donors are between the ages of 16 and 25, whereas in the developed world, it is actually adults who form the bulk of blood donors," Dr Mulenga said.

He said collaborations are vital in

saving lives, with a commendation to institutions that are partnering with ZNBTS to achieve the cause.

Dr Mulenga also encouraged members of the public to make voluntary blood donation as part of their civic responsibility.

"By the end of this year, we want to get somewhere around 300,000 units, and by 2027, we are targeting to reach the 400,000-unit target," he said.

And RTSA chief executive officer Amon Mweemba said the event is a foundation for regular blood donation from its staff, which is close to 700.

He said the agency hopes to make voluntary blood donation an annual event.



ROAD Transport and Safety Agency chief executive officer Amon Mweemba (left) with head of public relations Chilufya Mwelwa (standing left) during a blood donation drive in Lusaka yesterday.

PICTURE: MWANSA MULENGA

UPND optimistic of winning more parley, local government seats - Matambo

GIDEON NYENDWA,
CATHERINE BWALYA
Ndola, Choma

UNITED Party for National Development (UPND) Copperbelt chairperson Elisha Matambo says the party expects to win more parliamentary and local government seats in the region now that they are campaigning freely unlike in 2021.

Mr Matambo says in 2021, President Hakainde Hichilema was denied the opportunity to campaign on the Copperbelt, and every attempt by the party to hold campaign activities was met with violence and chaos.

He claimed that Mr Hichilema survived three assassination attempts in the province while trying to campaign.

"At Sun FM, he only escaped by climbing through the roof of the building. The second incident was at Moba Hotel, where he escaped through a window, and in Chingola,

his vehicle was shot at with live bullets," Mr Matambo said.

He said despite being denied the opportunity to campaign freely on the Copperbelt, the people still voted overwhelmingly for Mr Hichilema, who went on to win in all the province's 22 constituencies.

Mr Matambo said UPND also won eight out of the 10 mayoral positions, secured 169 of the 253 councillor seats, and won nine parliamentary seats, before increasing the number to 11 through by-elections.

He said the party is confident of securing up to 80 percent of the votes on the Copperbelt because people have witnessed the development projects delivered by the UPND regime in the province.

Meanwhile, Moomba independent parliamentary candidate Luse Kamoko has commended Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) for introducing a structured campaign time-table, which has promoted order and enabled

candidates to campaign peacefully ahead of the general election.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Kamoko said the campaign time-table has created an environment in which candidates and political parties can conduct their campaigns freely and without interference.

"If you are found campaigning in an area where you are not supposed to be, then by nature, you are simply a trouble-maker," he said.

Mr Kamoko said orderly elections will allow citizens to elect councillors, members of Parliament, council chairpersons and the President freely.

Last week, ECZ banned the swapping of campaign slots among candidates in Mazabuka District.

In a notice addressed to candidates, political parties and other stakeholders, Mazabuka District electoral officer Judith Maambo directed all aspiring candidates to adhere to the official ECZ campaign time-table.

Citizens urged to safeguard CDF projects

PRISCILLA MWILA
Lusaka

ZAMBIANS have been urged to safeguard projects they receive through Constituency Development Fund (CDF) because the initiatives are intended to boost economic growth, promote social inclusion and quality of life.

Ministry of Information and Media permanent secretary Thabo Kawana says the increase in CDF from K1.6 million to K40 million is a transformative step intended to change lives in communities.

Mr Kawana said this yesterday when he received completed K6 million Four Street's CDF road project in Kabwata constituency constructed with supervision by Lusaka City Council.

"For the residents of Kabwata,

these roads mean safer journeys for children going to school, better access to health services, lower transport costs for families, and greater opportunities for businesses to grow," he said.

Mr Kawana said the projects are an example of how development should look like, practical, inclusive, and people-centred.

He commended former Kabwata member of Parliament Andrew Tayengwa for working tirelessly with the CDF ward committees in delivering the projects.

Mr Kawana also urged the public to safeguard the peace the country has enjoyed for many years by rejecting violence and division and instead choosing respect.

He said political differences should never make people enemies because long after elections, Zambians will

remain neighbours and colleagues, one great nation.

"We are in an election period, a time of active political engagement. But even as we exercise our democratic rights, we must safeguard the peace and unity that make development possible," Mr Kawana said.

And Kabwata CDF chairperson Chilekwa Munkonge said the projects are a testament of what communities can achieve when they work together with Government for a common goal.

Mr Munkonge said roads are a catalyst for development because they connect people to services, markets and opportunities.

He said so far, 19 CDF projects worth over K24 million have been finished this year in the constituency.

A resident, Peggy Monde, thanked Government for taking development closer to people through CDF.

Council cops told to enforce by-laws firmly, fairly

FUMBE CHANDA
Chongwe

COUNCIL police officers have been called upon to enforce by-laws firmly but fairly as local authorities assume expanded responsibilities under the decentralisation agenda.

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development Permanent Secretary Gabriel Pollen says the New Dawn administration's accelerated decentralisation policy has placed councils in charge of a wider public service space that requires stronger law enforcement.

Dr Pollen also said council police are critical partners in local and national development as they directly support revenue collection through enforcement of parking regulations, market controls, licensing, and compliance measures.

He said this yesterday when he officiated at the pass-out parade of 173 council police officers at Chalimbana Local Government Training Institute.

"Government will not relent in ensuring that local authorities take full charge of all markets and bus stations in their jurisdiction and operate them fairly and transparently," Dr Pollen said.

Local Government Service Commission deputy commissioner Mukelabai Ngenda noted the absence of council police to ensure adherence to by-laws in public places like bus stations and markets.

Dr Ngenda said by equipping the police officers with modern security management skills, the capacity of local authorities to govern themselves is fortified.

Zambia United Local Authorities and Allied workers Union (ZULAAWU) president Emmanuel Mwinsa highlighted the need to incorporate council police in the execution of Constituency Development Fund (CDF) projects to help prevent thefts.

Mr Mwinsa also appreciated the New Dawn administration for bailing out 81 councils from salary arrears which accumulated in the previous regime due to the withholding of Local Government Empowerment Fund (LGEF).

"Workers now are motivated as they are able to put food on their tables. We urge these men and women who are graduating today [yesterday] to answer to the call of duty in terms of their reciprocation to the good gesture by the Government," he said.

WVZ raises \$21,000 for construction of Situnga classrooms

PHILIP CHISALU
Lusaka

IN ITS quest to ensure quality education provision, World Vision Zambia has raised about US\$21,000 out of US\$60,000 required to build about three classroom blocks at Situnga Primary School in Western

Province.

At its first breakfast meeting, World Vision Zambia fundraised US\$17,000 towards the project under its Timange initiative.

In its continued efforts to raise the needed funds, the organisation held a fundraising dinner on Thursday, where it raised about US\$4,000 in

auctions and US\$550 in pledges.

Officiating the event, Standard Chartered Bank Zambia chief executive officer Sonny Zulu contributed 1,000 blocks towards the project.

Mr Zulu also committed free construction consultancy on behalf of his wife, Ngosa, who is Let's Build Foundation country

director.

He hailed World Vision's contribution to Zambia through various initiatives aimed at uplifting people's livelihoods and securing their future.

Mr Zulu encouraged people to adopt the spirit of ordinary citizens who partnered with Government through donations

during the construction of University of Zambia.

"They [ordinary Zambians] contributed in cash, in cattle, in goats, in chickens and so we benefitted. And guess what, you all benefitted.

"Because if a Sonny Zulu standing here didn't benefit from the University of Zambia, I

wouldn't have been standing here if somebody did not donate that chicken, so we need to live a life of gratitude," he said.

Earlier, World Vision Zambia board chairperson Mabel Mung'omba said Situnga Primary School serves about 600 learners.

She said improved school

infrastructure will give the pupils a dignified space to learn, grow and become who they want.

Ms Mung'omba said the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction has been done, with a call on those who were not present at the dinner to extend a hand and support the school project.

Mukuni Royal Dynasty petitions ConCourt

Seeks declaration that Chief Mukuni be officially recognised by Government as paramount chief

GRACE CHAILE
Lusaka

THE Mukuni Royal Dynasty Committee has petitioned the Constitutional Court, seeking a declaration that Chief Mukuni be officially recognised by Government as Paramount Chief.

In a petition filed on June 25, 2026, committee director-general Jonas Shakafuswa cites Attorney-General Mulilo Kabesha as the respondent, stating that Chief Mukuni's current classification as an ordinary chief is unconstitutional.

Mr Shakafuswa contends that the continued administrative classification of Munokalya

Mupotola IV Siloka III Mukuni as an ordinary chief is based on colonial-era legislation that has since been declared unconstitutional and is inconsistent with Articles 1, 165, 166, 167 and 266 of the Constitution.

The petitioner is seeking several declarations, including that the customs and traditions of the Bene Mukuni vest in the office of the Munokalya Mukuni the status of a Paramount Chief and King of the Bene Mukuni.

The committee also wants the court to declare that Government is constitutionally obliged to accord Chief Mukuni the status, privileges, protocol, benefits and emoluments befitting a paramount chief.

It is also asking the court to direct the Ministry of Local Government and Rural

Development, the Department of the House of Chiefs and Chiefs Affairs, the Emoluments Commission and other relevant State institutions to amend official records by reclassifying Chief Mukuni as a paramount chief.

The committee also wants the court to recognise the Bene Mukuni Royal Dynasty as a paramount chieftaincy institution with authority to recognise, instal, discipline and remove subordinate chiefs in accordance with Bene Mukuni customs and traditions.

In support of the petition, Mr Shakafuswa traces the history of the Bene Mukuni Kingdom to the 13th century, stating that the Mukuni Royal Village near Livingstone was founded by the Chireya Dynasty before being named after Mukuni Mulopwe,

founder of the Bene Mukuni Dynasty.

He argues that historical records show that Mukuni Mulopwe migrated from the Bayeke Kingdom in present-day Democratic Republic of Congo during the early 18th century and established a kingdom that extended across present-day Southern, Central, Lusaka and Eastern provinces.

"Your petitioner further states that upon arriving and settling among the Leya at the Victoria Falls, an event that occurred in the 18th century A.D, the King Mukuni married the Leya tribal Chief Priestess Be-Dyango Munyama," Mr Shakafuswa states.

"Upon the solemnisation of this union, Be-Dyango Munyama conferred upon him the title Munokalya, meaning

'chief of chiefs' in the local Leya vernacular and the additional title Mucheleva of Nsyungu Namutitima, that is 'the Lion King of the Victoria Falls'."

According to the petitioner, the office has maintained an unbroken line of succession spanning more than 300 years and continues to preside over a traditional governance structure comprising five senior chiefs and 31 subordinate chiefs.

"The continued classification and treatment of the Munokalya Mukuni as a 'chief' by the respondent is a contravention of Article 167 of the Constitution.

"The culture, custom and tradition of the Bene Mukuni bestow on the office of the Munokalya all the privileges and prerogatives of a paramount ruler," Mr Shakafuswa states.

Illegal Lsk fuel storage, distribution network uncovered

CHOMBA MUSIKA
Lusaka

THE Task Force on Fuel Smuggling and Vending has unearthed an illegal fuel storage and distribution network in Lusaka, leading to the seizure of over 10,000 litres of petroleum products.

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) alongside Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)-led taskforce operation also resulted in the arrest of three suspects.

During the operation, which was conducted in Kasupe in Lusaka West, officers uncovered an illegal fuel storage facility operating from a residential property.

Consequently, three suspects were arrested, namely: Josephine Simwete, 38, of Kasupe, Valela Ncube, 49, of Kanyama Township, and Quincy Musenge, 37, of Balaston.

This is contained in a statement jointly issued by ERB public relations manager Namukolo Kasumpa and DEC deputy public relations officer Theresa Mawere.

"The coordinated action resulted in the seizure of approximately 10,500 litres of petroleum products and equipment suspected to have been used in the illegal storage and distribution of the petroleum products," the duo said.

The quantity recovered points to a potentially organised illegal fuel distribution scheme operating outside the regulated petroleum supply chain.

The petroleum products were being stored under unsafe conditions that pose significant public safety and environmental risks.

"Preliminary investigations indicate violations of the Energy Regulation Act No. 12 of 2019 and other applicable petroleum sector regulations," ERB and DEC said.

"All the recovered petroleum products and equipment have been secured as exhibits to support ongoing investigations

and court proceedings." The three suspects remain in lawful custody awaiting court appearance soon.

And in separate cases concluded in Kazungula and Chavuma districts, five suspects were convicted of fuel smuggling and illegal vending offences involving a combined 3,405 litres of petroleum products.

The convicted suspects are Talent Kabaki, 35, Kelvin Samatama, 38, and Oliver Katota, 33, all of Kazungula District.

The other convicts are Adrey Mweene, 50, of Monze District, and Moses Kampale, 36, of Chavuma District.

The suspects were fined with custodial sentences imposed in default of payment.

"These convictions reinforce the message that fuel smuggling, illegal vending, unauthorised fuel storage, and related petroleum offences are serious crimes that will not be tolerated," the statement reads.

The task force warned all participants in the petroleum supply chain against engaging in the illegal diversion, storage, transportation, vending, or sale of fuel to undersigned businesses or persons.

"Beyond violating the law, illegal fuel activities expose communities to fire hazards, environmental damage, and unfair trading practices that undermine legitimate businesses and deprive Government of revenue," ERB and DEC said.

Members of the public have been urged to remain vigilant and report suspected cases of fuel smuggling and other petroleum-related offences to relevant authorities.

ERB and its law enforcement partners will continue pursuing intelligence-led operations across the country to dismantle illegal fuel networks, protect consumers, and preserve the integrity, safety, and security of Zambia's petroleum sector while ensuring that offenders are brought to justice.

Reserves built on good governance

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He said strong reserves are important because they help stabilise the Kwacha and reduce sharp increases in the cost of imported goods.

"When the Kwacha falls sharply, the cost of imported fuel at the pump and cooking oil on the shelf rises quickly. Strong reserves allow the Bank of Zambia to support the Kwacha, which helps keep those prices more predictable.

"Zambia imports medicines for clinics and hospitals, spare parts for Zesco, and machinery for farms and factories. Without dollars in reserve, orders can be delayed or become more expensive," Mr Lungu said.

He said the impact of strong reserves for the country cuts across key economic areas such as the energy sector.

"Reserves help pay for imported solar panels, inverters, batteries, and transmission equipment as Government and other private sector investors accelerate new solar power

plants across the country," Mr Lungu said.

"A growing number of private investors are currently putting money into solar generation to increase electricity supply, meet rising demand from homes, schools, hospitals, and mines, and deal with load-shedding for good."

He said building and maintaining strong foreign exchange reserves should remain a national priority.

"Any serious plan for Zambia's future must treat building and maintaining strong reserves as a top priority."

"That is why UPND's leadership, backed by disciplined economic management, is presented as the path Zambians can trust to secure lasting progress," Mr Lungu said.

And UPND secretary-general Batuke Imenda has urged Zambians to scrutinise the economic policies of presidential candidates, accusing opposition leader Brian Mundubile of proposing

measures that could undermine Zambia's economic stability.

Mr Imenda urged Zambians to scrutinise the economic policies of presidential candidates, accusing opposition leader Brian Mundubile of proposing measures that could undermine Zambia's economic stability.

"The Tonse (NRPUP) presidential candidate Brian Mundubile's resolve to ransack national reserves is a stark reminder for citizens to have a detailed analysis of people aspiring to manage affairs of the country," Mr Imenda said in a statement.

"The UPND invested knowledge, skill and time to build the reserves within a record time and it is not only reckless but unpatriotic for Mr Mundubile to deplete such a resource."

Mr Imenda questioned whether the proposal by Mr Mundubile represents a return to what he described as "eating the seed" instead of protecting resources for future generations. "We ask, is it a case of deja

vu? Going back to eating the seed, forgetting about the many planting seasons ahead?" he said.

Mr Imenda said although election campaigns often come with promises, politicians should avoid making commitments that could harm the country's long-term economic position.

"We understand that election rhetoric has intensified and some politicians, when unhinged, will make damning statements. We, however, did not anticipate anyone stooping to such levels of demagoguery," he said.

Mr Imenda said the international reserves are not meant to finance routine government expenditure but are strategic assets designed to protect the economy during difficult periods.

"National reserves are not idle funds waiting to be spent. They are strategic assets, carefully built to protect the economy in times of crisis—whether from external shocks, currency

instability, or unforeseen emergencies," he said.

Mr Imenda said while addressing challenges facing civil servants and farmers is important, Government should rely on sustainable sources of financing.

"We do not dispute the importance of paying civil servants or honouring commitments to farmers. These are essential responsibilities of Government," he said.

"But responsible governance demands that such obligations be funded through sustainable and predictable means."

However, Binwell Mpundu said his party has a clear vision of the direction it wants to take the country if elected.

"We may not code our words correctly, but the thoughts are very clear. We have a horde of technocrats who have developed a beautiful manifesto," he said.

Mr Mpundu, who is in charge of presidential affairs for NRPUP, said this in a video posted on Facebook.

NRPUP in setback as Mwinilunga candidate ditches party

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"This decision breaks my heart, and I know it also disappoints my supporters. However, I urge them to remain strong and continue believing in the betterment of our homeland," he said. "I am making this personal sacrifice so that Mwinilunga can be at the table, not outside the door, where development decisions are made."

Mwinilunga District electoral officer Joseph Kanyemba confirmed receiving withdrawal letters from both candidates. Mr Kanyemba said he received the letters from Mr Katanga and Mr Lupemba on Thursday, June 25, 2026.

He said according to Section 35 of the Electoral Process Act No. 35 of 2016, candidates who withdraw after the close of nominations still remain on the ballot paper.

Mr Kanyemba said the two candidates will still appear on the ballot paper because they withdrew after the nomination period had closed.

He, however, explained that if either of them is elected, the election will be nullified because a candidate is required to withdraw from the race before close of the nomination period.

Second term will be for growth - Nalumango

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"And now we have tackled that, we have stabilised the things we are talking about, we have grown the GDP."

Mr Nalumango said Government is satisfied with a number of laws it has passed over the past four years and 10 months, especially those that have repealed archaic laws thereby aligning legislation with policy.

While expressing UPND's commitment to adhering to the rule of law, she assured that it has no plan of tampering with the presidential term limit, contrary to speculations.

While praising President Hakainde Hichilema's commitment to gender balancing by maintaining her as a running mate, she said the Mundubile-Makebi Zulu team will soon collapse.

Mrs Nalumango also urged all those contesting in this year's general election not to use divisive language.

She said PF presided over a "fake" economy characterised by huge debt and lack of care for Zambia's future.

Mrs Nalumango said God allowed a change of government in 2021 because PF would have destroyed the country had it stayed in power.

Mrs Nalumango described the state of economy UPND inherited from PF as "extremely bad".

She said the debt burden constrained social spending, stalled development, led to lost investor confidence, and that no lender was willing to lend money to Zambia.

"The President [Hakainde Hichilema] has led in the hard work by negotiating with those lenders to forgive us and give us relief," Mrs Nalumango said.

"And now when time comes [for reaping benefits], you want to come back; Zambians, you want to go back to Pharaoh?"

Zambia records K7bn trade surplus

PHILIP CHISALU
Lusaka

ZAMBIA recorded a trade surplus of K7 billion in May 2026 compared to the surplus of K3.5 billion noted in April 2026, according to Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats).

In a monthly bulletin, ZamStats said exports, mainly comprising domestically produced goods, increased by 18.7 per cent from K25.4 billion in April to K30.1

billion in May.

It attributed this to increases in export earnings from intermediate goods by 20.9 per cent, raw materials by 11.3 per cent and consumer goods by 12.6 per cent.

ZamStats says imports increased by 5.6 per cent from K21.9 billion in April to K23.1 billion in May.

"This was mainly as a result of increases in import bills of capital goods by 17.3 per cent and raw materials by 27.7 per

cent," the bulletin reads in part.

It highlights that traditional export earnings increased by 23.9 per cent from K16.3 billion in April 2026 to K20.2 billion in May.

ZamStats says in terms of share in total exports, traditional exports accounted for 67.2 per cent in May.

Non-traditional export earnings increased by 9.4 per cent from K9 billion in April to K9.9 billion in May.

"In terms of share in total exports, non-traditional exports accounted for 32.8 per cent in May 2026," it adds.

Further, copper prices on London Metal Exchange for the corresponding months increased by 4.8 per cent from US\$12,891.4 per metric tonnes in April to US\$13,507.1 per metric tonnes in May.

Export earnings from refined copper increased by 21.6 per cent from K16.1 billion in April to K19.6

billion in May.

Refined copper export volumes increased by 18.6 per cent from 64, 300 metric tonnes in April to 76,200 metric tonnes in May.

"The cumulative volume of refined copper exports for the period January to May 2026 was 364,400 metric tonnes while that of 2025 for the same period was 363,100 metric tonnes, representing a 0.3 per cent increase," the bulletin states.

ZAMMSA pledges to maintain 95% stocks of essential drugs

CHALI MULENGA
Livingstone

ZAMBIA Medicines and Medical Supplies Agency (ZAMMSA) has pledged to maintain the availability of essential medicines above 95 percent.

ZAMMSA also intends to recruit more pharmacists and pharmacy technologists as Government strengthens the country's pharmaceutical supply chain.

Acting director-general Liyoka Liyoka said the agency is professionalising medicine procurement and distribution to

improve accountability and resilience in the health sector.

He was speaking during a panel discussion forum at the Pharmaceutical Society of Zambia (PSZ)'s 43rd Annual Scientific Conference and General Meeting in Livingstone yesterday.

Mr Liyoka said ZAMMSA is anchoring its operations on accountability to patients, noting that every stage of the supply chain is being tightened through stronger pharmaceutical oversight and quality assurance systems.

"Medicine procurement and

distribution must be treated as a logistical function rather than a logistics exercise. Pharmacists play a central role in ensuring quality and safety from procurement to dispensing," he said.

"The supply chain is not just logistics; it is pharmacy practice and it must be led by qualified pharmaceutical professionals."

Mr Liyoka said Government support has significantly increased financing for medicines and medical supplies, with the budgetary allocation rising from below K1 billion five years ago to about K7 billion in 2026.

He said the increased investment has improved commodity availability and stabilised supply systems across the country.

Mr Liyoka said ZAMMSA currently has 48 pharmacists and pharmacy technologists, supported by 36 pharmacy interns deployed across seven hubs and the central warehouse in Lusaka.

He said the personnel are engaged in forecasting, quality assurance, stock management and last-mile distribution to strengthen efficiency in the supply chain.

Mr Liyoka said the agency will

continue expanding the pharmaceutical workforce and deepen collaboration with health workers to improve forecasting and distribution planning.

Ministry of Health assistant director Simeon Bwalya said Government will continue advocating for increased recruitment of pharmaceutical personnel to address staffing gaps, while also promoting local pharmaceutical manufacturing to create jobs and reduce imports.

He said private sector participation is essential as Government cannot employ all graduates, and called for better alignment between training and

industry needs, as well as stronger rural deployment.

Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) acting director Mathews Mwale said the organisation is fast-tracking approvals for local manufacturers while maintaining strict safety and quality standards.

He said ZAMRA has created a dedicated unit for local applications and is clearing backlogs now at about 87 percent, while introducing electronic systems and international reliance mechanisms to improve efficiency and reduce approval timelines.

Families lay flowers on barbed wire barricade on anniversary of deadly Kenya protests

NAIROBO - Families of those killed during Kenya's anti-government protests in 2024 have placed flowers on barbed wire outside parliament, as demonstrations took place to mark two years since the deadly clashes.

Police arrested 355 protesters nationwide and blocked key roads in Nairobi, though turnout in the capital was low compared to 2024 and anniversary demonstrations last year.

The authorities also barricaded parliament with barbed wire, preventing families of the deceased from laying wreaths and flowers by the building.

"All I want is for the government to bring the officers responsible for killing our children before us and let them apologise," Jacinta Anyango told the BBC outside parliament.

Anyango, whose 12-year-old son Kennedy was killed in 2024 in clashes on the outskirts of Nairobi, said: "Who does the president expect to vote for him next year if he continues killing us like this?"

Some had called for nationwide protests to demand justice for more than 80 people who were killed and dozens more injured during the youth-led demonstrations. The 2024 protest was sparked by anger over controversial tax proposals.

Caroline Mutisya attended parliament on Thursday to honour her late son, Erickson, but said the heavy police presence made it difficult for her to speak freely.

"I came here today to remember my son who was killed just 50 metres (54 yards) from parliament buildings," she said. "But I do not feel safe enough to express myself."

Opposition leaders led by Kalonzo Musyoka, Martha Karua and Eugene Wamalwa joined the families and a small number of activists on their march to parliament.

In the coastal city of Mombasa, hundreds of young protesters walked through the streets dressed in black and draped in Kenyan flags.

Escorted by security officers, they carried banners calling for justice and an end to extra-judicial killings. Muted protests took part in a number of other locations across Kenya.

Central Nairobi was deserted after security forces blocked access, stranding commuters on the city's outskirts. Many businesses and schools remained closed.

There were pockets of clashes between police and protesters in the capital, with security forces firing tear gas and demonstrators throwing stones in some areas.

Police officers on horseback dispersed crowds, while footage from a local TV station showed flames and smoke rising in the Githurai area near Nairobi, as protesters lit fires during clashes with police. In June 2024, tens of thousands of Kenyans protested against the proposed tax hikes, culminating in the storming of parliament and the eventual withdrawal of the controversial finance bill.

But the security forces were accused of using excessive force, with a BBC investigation finding that police had deliberately tried to kill protesters.

In the days that followed, dozens of people were reportedly abducted, allegedly by members of the security forces. Some were later found badly beaten, while others were found dead, fuelling concerns over enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings.

On Thursday, deputy police chief Gilbert Masengeli said roadblocks had been mounted to ensure no criminals or weapons entered Nairobi, adding that the country had remained calm, with citizens going about their daily activities without disruption.

President William Ruto said last Friday that people had a right to protest but warned that anyone "mobilised to destroy property or cause chaos" would not be tolerated.

BBC

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the estate of the late, FEWDAYS MULENGA (deceased)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after seven (7) days from the publication hereof, I DAISY MUBANGA MULENGA, intends to apply to the High Court for Zambia at Lusaka for Letters of Administration in the estate of the late FEWDAYS MULENGA, formerly of Kamwala South, Lusaka, in the Lusaka District of Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia, who died in Lusaka, at the University Teaching Hospital, on the 21st Day of December, 2015. Any person who may have any objection or any interest or claim of any asset or liability of the estate of the said FEWDAYS MULENGA, please submit notices thereof to the intended administrators at daisymmnubanga@gmail.com as soon as possible. Dated this..... day of2026

PER: Daisy Mubanga Mulenga House No. W62 Lusaka West Lusaka

BEFORE ME: COMMISSIONER FOR OATH RSO413348/25.26.06

IN THE SUBORDINATE COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS HOLDEN AT CHIPATA HOLDEN AT CHIPATA 2026/SSJ/105

BETWEEN: BECKY MASUKU Plaintiff/Appellant AND Shepherd Makombe..... Leonard Chikwanda Defendant/Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the above cause will be determined by the Subordinate Court on 25th day of June, 2026 at 08:00 hours in the forenoon and that if you do not attend to the above mentioned such order will be made as the court thinks just.

Datedthis day of ...2026 CLERK OF COURT

TO: SOLICITOR OR PLAINTIFF

TO: Shepherd Makombe Leonard Chikwanda THE DEFENDANT MATERO SOS AREA, LUSAKA SERVED TO..... SERVED BY..... RSO413302/25.26.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION (PROBATE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that after the expiration of 7 (seven) days from the date of publication hereof RHODA BWALYA (NRC NO. 129519/63/1) with CELL NO. 0979932701 of Plot No 86/01 Kaunda square of Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia, intends to apply to the High Court of Zambia for letters of administration (Probate) at the Probate registry relating to the Estates of the late ALICE LENSINA who died on the 7th day of December 1978

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who may have any obligation or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any liabilities or debt or credit of the Estate of the said ALICE LENSINA and would like to object to this application can inform the undersign herein or the Registrar at Probates Court at the High court of Zambia .

Dated this.....day of...2026 Drawn by : Rhoda Bwalya Lusaka RSO413341/25.26.06



IMAGES of completely flattened buildings continue to emerge as the death toll is expected to rise significantly over the coming days.

Venezuela earthquake: Death toll rises to 589

Rescuers search rubble for survivors

CARACAS - The death toll in Venezuela has risen to 589, and the number of injured is now 2,980, acting President Delcy Rodriguez has said.

The previous official update put the death toll at 235 people and 4,300 injured. Rescuers are searching through rubble in a rush to save lives after two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela near the capital, killing at least 235 people and injuring at least 4,300.

In Caracas and the nearby coastal city of La Guaira, people could be heard calling for help from under the debris of collapsed buildings.

The first 7.2-magnitude quake was followed seconds later by an even stronger 7.5-magnitude one, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS), with both occurring close to the surface, making destruction more severe.

Many more people are feared dead, with others left homeless or too afraid to stay in damaged, unsafe buildings sleeping in the streets after the disaster.

The earthquakes struck at 18:04 local time (22:04 GMT) on Wednesday - a national holiday in Venezuela, meaning more people would have been at home than on a normal weekday.

Both quakes were shallow - the first centred 20.3km below the surface and the second at a depth of 10km, according to USGS.

Jorge Rodriguez, the president of Venezuela's National Assembly, reported on Thursday that the death toll had risen, after the country's interim President Delcy Rodriguez declared a state of emergency.

Several countries have pledged to help the rescue efforts, with the US promising \$150m (£113m) in aid. The US military is sending transport ships and aircraft to support search and rescue teams and "rapid relief operations", it said in a statement. Jorge Rodriguez said 250 buildings had been damaged or lost, mostly in La Guaira, where the BBC verified footage of a 10-storey hotel reduced to rubble. On Thursday, people were searching for loved ones there.

Juan Ortiz told the BBC one of his close friends had been confirmed dead, another was believed to be under the rubble, and around 20 people he knew who live in the coastal area were missing.

"I'm in shock and confusion, and frustrated that I can't help," the medical student in Caracas said.

Buildings were also brought down in the capital, Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello said, with Trujillo, Yaracuy, Carabobo, Aragua and Miranda also affected.

Mayor Gustavo Duque of Chacao, which forms part of the greater metropolitan area of Caracas, said outside one ruined building on Thursday that 11 people had died there and 23 had been rescued.

In a video update posted on social media, he said the team was trying to clear the rubble so that specialists could go in "to reach people who are hopefully still alive". "We're trying to rescue as many people alive as possible," he said.

Venezuela's main international airport in Maiquetia on the outskirts of Caracas has been closed due to serious damage, the country's interim president said. Video from inside the terminal showed dust and debris falling from the ceiling.

About 250km (155 miles) northwest of Caracas, another verified video showed a multi-storey building, reportedly a hotel, collapsed in Tucacas on the coast.

Aftershocks have continued to ripple through the area, with at least 30 recorded after the two earthquakes, Delcy Rodriguez told state-run television channel **Venezolana de Televisión**. It is likely the death toll will rise further. The USGS said: "High casualties and extensive damage are probable and the disaster is likely widespread."

It estimated there was a 42% chance of more than 10,000 deaths and a 33% chance of more than 100,000 as a result of the earthquakes, based on a range of factors including previous, similar quakes and the size of the nearby population.

These figures were issued to help the emergency response and are not an exact prediction. They were calculated based on previous earthquakes with similar characteristics, as well and other factors such as the size and depth of each quake.

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LUFWANYAMA TOWN COUNCIL

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PLOTS IN FIPAKO AREA

LUFWANYAMA TOWN COUNCIL INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE SMALLHOLDING, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND PLACE OF WORSHIP PLOTS IN FIPAKO AREA.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED APPLICATION FEE AT THE CIVIC CENTRE OR AFTER DEPOSITING THE FEE INTO LUFWANYAMA TOWN COUNCIL SERVICE CHARGE ACCOUNT BELOW.

AVAILABLE PLOTS:

S/NO	CATEGORY	SIZE	NO. OF PLOTS	APPLICATION FEE	PLOT PREMIUM	SURVEY FEE
1	SMALLHOLDING	1 HECTARE	20	1000.00	25,000.00	3,500.00
2	SMALLHOLDING	1.5 HECTARES	25	1000.00	35,000.00	3,500.00
3	SMALLHOLDING	2 HECTARES	25	1000.00	45,000.00	3,500.00
4	LARGE COMMERCIAL	50 X 80	7	1000.00	50,000.00	3,500.00
5	SMALL COMMERCIAL	30 X 35	15	500.00	25,000.00	3,500.00
6	HIGH RESIDENTIAL	40 X 50	150	500.00	15,000.00	3,500.00
7	MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL	25 X 35	70	500.00	10,000.00	3,500.00
8	PLACE OF WORSHIP	50 X 60	4	500.00	15,000.00	3,500.00

REQUIREMENTS;

1. COPY OF NATIONAL REGISTRATION CARD (INDIVIDUALS) AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION/INCORPORATION (COMPANIES/ORGANISATIONS).

2. PROOF OF CAPACITY TO DEVELOP WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD.

3. SUBMIT PROOF OF PAYMENT OF APPLICATION FEE TO THE LEGAL UNIT.

NOTE THAT:

1. ALLOCATION SHALL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

2. PAYMENT OF THE APPLICATION FEE DOES NOT GUARANTEE ALLOCATION.

3. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHALL BE CONTACTED AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE APPLICABLE PREMIUMS AND FEES WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD.

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR APPLICATION FEES:

ACCOUNT NAME: LUFWANYAMA TOWN COUNCIL SERVICE CHARGE ACCOUNT

BANK: NATSAVE BANK

ACCOUNT NO: 317012439501

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATION FEES IS ON 10TH JULY 2026.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: 0974 010 029/0979259124

LUFWANYAMA TOWN COUNCIL

KAYONDE MUTAKELA COUNCIL SECRETARY

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Briefs

US sanctions Rwanda gold refinery

WASHINGTON - The US has sanctioned a major gold refinery in Rwanda and two of its executives, accusing them of smuggling minerals from rebel-controlled areas of neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo.

Washington alleged what it described as a "network" was collaborating with the M23 rebel group, which commands tracts of DR Congo that are home to vast reserves of gold and coltan, a metallic ore key to making electronics.

Despite overwhelming evidence from the likes of UN experts, Rwanda has long denied supporting the M23.

The government there has not responded to the US' recent sanctions, but have previously described similar measures against Rwanda as unfair and one-sided.

The sanctions, announced on Thursday, target the Gasabo Gold Refinery, its chairman Jean Malic Kalima and its general manager Bosco Kayobotsi.

In a statement, the US alleged at least 60kg of gold, valued at millions of US dollars, was smuggled from eastern DR Congo to Gasabo Gold Refinery in early 2026.

BBC

Key figure in SA police corruption scandal pleads guilty

JOHANNESBURG - Vusimusi "Cat" Matlala, a central figure in a major ongoing police graft inquiry in South Africa, has pleaded guilty to corruption, fraud and money-laundering charges as part of a deal with state prosecutors.

He was accused of bribing top police officials to win a 360m rand (\$22m; £16.5m) tender for his health company Medicare24 in 2024.

The plea deal, which has not yet been accepted by the magistrate, would result in Matlala giving evidence against "high-ranking officials", state advocate Santhos Manilall said.

Police chief Gen Fannie Masemola is one of those facing charges in relation to this case. He has denied the charges.

Manilall told the court in the capital, Pretoria, that it had taken almost two months of negotiations to put the deal together.

If accepted, it would result in Matlala, 49, serving eight years in prison.

BBC



MINISTRY of Information and Media Permanent Secretary Thabo Kawana (left) during a media briefing in Lusaka on Thursday.

PICTURE: TENSON MKALA



SECRETARY to Cabinet Patrick Kangwa (left) and deputy Secretary to Cabinet for administration Oliver Kalabo at the sixth Public Service Management meeting in Lusaka on Thursday.

PICTURE: TENSON MKALA



MULUNGUSHI University vice-chancellor Royson Mukwena (right) with Suny Schenectady County Community College president Steady Moono during the signing of a memorandum of understanding in Lusaka on Monday.

PICTURE: MWANSA MULENGA



MINISTRY of Community Development and Social Services Permanent Secretary Angela Kawandami (centre), Ministry of Labour and Social Security Permanent Secretary Zechariah Luhanga (left) and Ministry of Education Permanent Secretary - Administration Noriana Muneku during the launch of Social Protection Week commemoration in Lusaka on Monday.

PICTURE: MWANSA MULENGA

Week in pictures



POLICE officer Kennedy Makayi (centre) explains the features and functions of a firearm to Phinehas Ng'andwe during an exhibition to commemorate Africa Public Service Day in Mansa District.

PICTURE: DRENTY MWEEMBAYANIS



Department of National Parks and Wildlife officers at the just-ended Africa Public Service Day Commemoration in Lusaka on Tuesday.

PICTURE: TENSON MKALA



A HEALTH worker engaging a fishmonger during a public health awareness campaign at Mtendere market in Lusaka.

PICTURE: MWANSA MULENGA

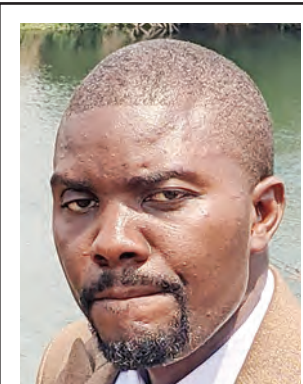


SWEET potatoes are in season and farmers are cashing in on the crop. Above, a trader at Mtendere market in Lusaka.

PICTURE: MWANSA MULENGA

Before electing President, nation must know who that person is

Deeper questions about those seeking leadership needed



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HISTORY teaches us a simple but powerful lesson; the greatest presidents and heads of government did not become known because they won elections. They won elections because they were already known. Before citizens entrusted them with the highest offices in their nations, they had built reputations through service, sacrifice, innovation, leadership, and achievement.

You may wish to know that leadership is not manufactured during a campaign season through slogans, songs, or social media popularity. It is earned over time. As William Shakespeare wisely observed, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." In politics, however, true greatness is usually achieved through years of proven contribution to society in any way.

In Zambia, this pattern is evident throughout our political history. Dr Kenneth Kaunda, our founding father, was known as a freedom fighter, teacher and pan-African statesman long before

becoming president.

Frederick Titus Chiluba emerged as a powerful trade union leader under the Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) who championed democratic reforms. Levy Mwanawasa SC earned respect as one of Zambia's most accomplished legal practitioners.

It is well recognised that Rupiah Banda distinguished himself through diplomacy and public service. Michael Sata built a long career in government administration, holding various portfolios.

Zambia's sixth president Edgar Lungu was respected as a capable lawyer, though his rise to power was largely shaped by Michael Sata's presidency. Sata was a hands-on leader, defined by his uncompromising candour, his relentless anti-corruption drive, and his focus on grassroots development — qualities that earned him the admiration and affection of many Zambians.

President Hakainde Hichilema entered politics with a well-established background in business, investment and economic management. Widely recognised as a self-made millionaire, he is also one of Zambia's largest cattle ranchers and a leading supplier of meat products, with additional investments in tourism and property. Whether one supports these leaders or not, the fact remains that citizens could point to tangible achievements they had accomplished before seeking the presidency.

The same principle can be found across Africa and the wider world. Nelson Mandela became a global symbol of justice, sacrifice and reconciliation before becoming president of South Africa. Julius Nyerere was celebrated as a teacher and philosopher before leading Tanzania. Kwame Nkrumah was already one of Africa's foremost independence advocates before becoming Ghana's first president.

Globally, leaders such as Winston Churchill, Barack Obama, Angela Merkel, Ronald Reagan and Lee Kuan, to mention but a few, had already built identifiable records that citizens could examine. As Nelson Mandela once said, "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." Democracies

thrive when voters make informed choices based on evidence and leadership records.

This reality raises an important question for Zambia's current generation of presidential hopefuls. As citizens prepare for future elections, should they not ask deeper questions about those seeking to lead the nation?

What is the defining national identity of leaders such as Brian Mundubile, Harry Kalaba, Kelvin Bwalya Fube and others aspiring to become president? Beyond politics, what institutions have they built? What major national causes have they championed? What professional achievements distinguish them? What practical solutions have they delivered to the Zambian people? These are not personal attacks. They are legitimate democratic questions every Zambian should ask.

Aristotle once taught that: "The ultimate value of life depends upon awareness and the power of contemplation rather than upon mere survival." The same principle applies to democracy. Citizens must think critically before voting.

Elections should never be reduced to popularity contests. A nation does not choose a president because it likes an individual. A nation chooses a president because it believes that person possesses the competence, vision, integrity and leadership capacity to solve problems and move the country forward. Linking a candidate should never be the primary qualification for leadership.

As Zambia approaches another election cycle on August 13, 2026, voters must carefully evaluate all the presidential candidates who seek to occupy State House. The question is not who attracts the loudest applause or who trends most on social media.

The real question is who possesses the ability to manage a modern economy, strengthen institutions, attract investment, create employment and improve the living standards of ordinary citizens. Citizens must ask whether these candidates can assemble the best minds and professionals to run government effectively and deliver meaningful development across the country.

This is where competence becomes more important than emotion. Every presidential hopeful must be measured against the responsibilities of the office they seek. Can they inspire investor confidence? Can they manage public resources prudently? Can they negotiate effectively on behalf of Zambia?

Can they lead a diverse nation through economic and social challenges? Most importantly, can they govern Zambia better than President Hakainde Hichilema? Whether one supports him politically or not, that comparison must be made honestly. Democracy requires citizens to compare alternatives based on performance, capability and results rather than slogans and political excitement.

As former United States President Barack Obama once reminded the world, "The future rewards those who press on." Nations also reward leaders who prepare, perform and deliver. Similarly, Sadhguru has often emphasised that leadership is about creating possibilities rather than merely making promises. Zambia therefore needs leaders who can transform opportunities into results, not leaders whose greatest qualification is political popularity. Citizens must look beyond campaign rhetoric and ask who has demonstrated the ability to build institutions, solve problems and manage complex responsibilities.

Dr Martin Luther King Jr once declared: "The time is always right to do what is right." For Zambia, the right thing is to vote wisely and responsibly.

Before a nation elects a president, it must first know who that person is, what that person stands for, what that person has accomplished, and whether that person possesses the competence to govern. History shows that nations prosper when citizens choose leaders based on merit, character, vision and proven ability. That is not merely good politics; it is responsible citizenship, and it may well determine the future of our republic for generations to come.

The author is a lawyer, good governance advocate and constitutional commentator.



Your anxiety loves sugar — eat these 3 things instead

SUGAR may feel like a quick fix when stress or fatigue sets in, but its effects on mental health are far more complex than a fleeting "sugar rush". Research increasingly shows that diets high in sugar can worsen anxiety, raise the risk of depression, and even impair brain function. While the physical harms of excessive sugar intake are well documented, its impact on psychological well-being deserves equal attention.

Many people reach for sweets when they feel anxious, and it's easy to see why. Sugar can temporarily suppress cortisol — the stress hormone — by dampening the brain's hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis. This short-lived relief, however, comes at a cost. Over time, reliance on sugar to manage stress can weaken the body's natural ability to cope, fuelling a cycle of dependence and increasing the risk of obesity and related diseases.

Mood is another area where sugar exerts a subtle but damaging influence. Studies have found that high-sugar diets are linked to incident mood disorders in men and recurrent mood disorders in both men and women. Older adults consuming diets rich in saturated fats and added sugars have also reported higher levels of anxiety. Far from being a harmless pick-me-up, sugar may gradually erode emotional resilience.

Depression risk is similarly heightened. Excess sugar can trigger inflammation, disrupt the gut microbiome, and interfere with physiological processes that underpin mental health. One study revealed that men consuming 67

grams or more of sugar daily were 23 percent more likely to be diagnosed with clinical depression within five years. Comfort foods may soothe in the moment, but they can deepen feelings of sadness and fatigue in the long run.

The notion of "sugar addiction" remains debated, yet withdrawal symptoms are real. Cutting out sugar suddenly can provoke anxiety, irritability, confusion and fatigue — sensations that resemble withdrawal from addictive substances. Dr Uma Naidoo of Harvard Medical School notes that for those with anxiety disorders, this experience can feel like a panic attack, making abrupt abstinence particularly challenging.

Emerging evidence also suggests that sugar undermines brain power. Diets high in sugary drinks and processed foods have been shown to impair memory, decision-making and appetite control. Even short-term exposure — just a week of eating foods rich in saturated fat and added sugars — has been linked to poorer cognitive performance in healthy young adults.

The good news is that healthier alternatives can satisfy cravings without the same risks. Instead of processed sugar, try naturally sweet options such as a chai tea smoothie blended with vanilla protein powder and warming spices, refreshing watermelon pops with a squeeze of lime, or oven-roasted sweet potatoes topped with savoury red miso paste. These choices not only provide comfort but also support both physical and mental well-being.

HEALTHLINE

Why media reform has become an economic issue



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THE future of economic growth in Africa will depend not only on fiscal policy, energy security and industrial productivity, but also on the strength of national information ecosystems.

Across southern Africa, the media industry is undergoing one of the most severe structural disruptions in modern history. According to The State of Press Freedom in Southern Africa 2026, the region's journalism sector faces deep market failures driven by shrinking advertising revenues, high data costs, platform dominance and rapid artificial intelligence disruption. The report argues that public-interest journalism is increasingly becoming economically unsustainable despite its enormous value to society.

This is not merely a media-

sector concern. It is an economic governance issue.

The report cites research showing that Google referral traffic to publishers declined by 10 percent year-on-year within just eight weeks of AI-generated search summaries being introduced, while zero-click searches increased from 56 to 69 percent between May 2024 and May 2025. These developments are fundamentally altering the economics of journalism worldwide, particularly in developing markets where newsroom sustainability was already fragile.

For countries like Zambia, this is important because strong information systems are closely linked to economic confidence, investor trust and public accountability. Transparent governance environments reduce uncertainty, improve institutional credibility and strengthen market confidence. Investors, businesses and development partners increasingly assess countries not only on macroeconomic indicators, but also on governance transparency and information reliability.

This broader understanding appears to be shaping Zambia's recent governance reforms. During the World Press Freedom Day Global Conference in Lusaka, Government positioned media freedom, access to information and digital governance reforms as part of wider democratic modernisation efforts. The reforms highlighted included the operationalisation of the Access to Information Act, the repeal of criminal defamation provisions and changes affecting broadcasting governance structures.

These are not abstract legal adjustments. They carry real economic implications.

Accessible public information improves citizen oversight of infrastructure delivery. Reliable

information ecosystems help markets function more efficiently. Investigative journalism strengthens anti-corruption mechanisms by exposing inefficiencies and misuse of public resources.

The southern Africa report provides a powerful illustration of this dynamic through South Africa's State Capture investigations, where investigative journalism contributed to the recovery of billions in stolen assets. The lesson is clear: credible journalism generates immense public value even when it struggles commercially.

For ordinary citizens, the relationship between media reform and economic life is often indirect but deeply consequential. When public institutions communicate clearly and transparently, communities gain greater confidence in government programmes, policy interventions and economic reforms. In periods of economic stress, this trust becomes especially important.

This is particularly relevant in Zambia's current development trajectory, where Government continues investing heavily in energy security, agricultural production, infrastructure delivery and economic diversification. Such programmes depend not only on implementation, but also on effective communication, public understanding and social confidence.

At the same time, Government's acknowledgement that more work remains is important. The region's broader media ecosystem continues facing serious structural challenges. The report notes that African journalism markets operate under uniquely difficult conditions, including inflationary pressures, weak digital monetisation systems and limited audience purchasing power.

This means sustainable reform requires long-term institutional thinking. Protecting media freedom alone is

insufficient if credible journalism itself becomes economically unviable. Countries across the world are increasingly debating how policy can support public-interest journalism while protecting editorial independence. The southern Africa report even argues that journalism should increasingly be treated as a public good requiring thoughtful policy intervention.

For Zambia, the challenge, moving forward, will be balancing three priorities simultaneously:

1. protecting democratic openness,
2. strengthening digital governance, and
3. supporting sustainable information ecosystems.

This is especially critical in rural and underserved communities, where information access directly influences livelihoods. Farmers rely on weather information, market prices and agricultural updates. Young entrepreneurs depend on digital connectivity and access to opportunity information. Citizens require accurate information during health emergencies, economic reforms and national programmes.

Ultimately, governance is strongest when citizens trust institutions enough to participate confidently in national development efforts. That trust is built through transparency, accountability and reliable information systems.

In the modern economy, media reform is therefore no longer only about journalism. It is increasingly about development resilience, institutional confidence and inclusive national growth.

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From our page

PEACE and protection to our brothers and sisters in South Africa.
PROPHET NIZA BATHKOL

THEY are welcome.
XAVIER MUTAMBO

LET them come back and develop their country.
JOHN MUHULA

Reactions to: 100 Zambians in SA want to return

FOLLOWING anti-immigration protests in some parts of South Africa, Government says more than 100 Zambians living in that country have registered their intention to return home. Last month, 47 Zambians were successfully repatriated from that country.

JUST let our brothers and sisters come back home where love is waiting for them.
COLLINS ALI KOPA BANDA

ZAMBIA is big enough for all citizens.
CHONDE M PRO

PLEASE bring our people back.
DAVISON MICHAEL BANDA

I AM one of the Zambians who want to return, though not registered yet but will register. I'm properly documented, but the psychological trauma. Hearing your friends that are local asking you when you are going back home. There is no place like home. I am proud to be Zambian.
ACKSON MWENDA

PLEASE help our fathers, sisters, brothers and our grandmothers to come back.
BEAUTY LINGWAVO

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THE 2026 pre-election environment is defined by a shift towards structured, localised engagement.



INSPECTOR General of Police Graphel Musamba.

From chaos to composure

Zambia’s elections showcase discipline, restraint, surprising peace dividend

ZIPPORAH MUSHALA
Lusaka

IT is so quiet that one would not even know that we are in an election period,” wrote Tambani Zimba, a Facebook user. This observation has sparked a lively online debate among netizens regarding the perceived calm and quiet election atmosphere ahead of the August 13, 2026, general elections.

With less than two months until citizens cast their ballots for presidential, mayoral, parliamentary, and councillor candidates, the nation is experiencing a notable departure from the high-tension, volatile cycles of the past.

The 2026 presidential race features 14 candidates. These are President Hakainde Hichilema of the United Party for National Development (UPND), Kelvin Bwalya Fube of Zambia Must Prosper (ZMP), Harry Kalaba of Citizens First (CF), Brian Mundubile of the National Reconciliation Party for Unity and Prosperity (NRUP), and Brian Mushimba of the Organised People’s Party (OPP).

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AVAP executive director Richwell Mulwani.

actively dismantled the influence of party cadres and strengthened the independence of institutions like the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). These concerted efforts have effectively steered the nation away from a trajectory of democratic regression.

This improvement is reflected in international metrics: in 2021, Zambia was ranked 71st out of 192 countries on the Global Peace Index (GPI), a standing that observers linked to the breakdown of the rule of law at that time.

By 2025, however, Zambia had climbed to become the

remains largely conducive, isolated incidents in Mazabuka, Chawama, and Mandevu have drawn condemnation from the authorities.

Inspector-General of Police Graphel Musamba issued a stern warning on May 22, 2026. He stated that political competition must never degenerate into violence, anarchy, intimidation, or lawlessness.

“The electoral process must be characterised by tolerance, mutual respect, restraint, and adherence to democratic values and constitutional principles,” Mr Musamba said.

Complementing these efforts, Zambia Army Commander Lieutenant General Geoffrey Zyele has reaffirmed the Defence Force’s commitment to maintaining order.

“What we want is a conducive environment where people can exercise their right to vote, return home peacefully, and celebrate the results,” Gen. Zyele stated.

Civil society organisations have played an instrumental role in shaping this environment.

Southern African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (SACCORD), a long-standing advocate for democratic stability, has been at the forefront of policy dialogue. Executive director Arthur Muyunda has emphasised that the shift in campaign strategy towards individual, door-to-door engagements requires a new level of maturity from

political actors.

He further noted that, given the largely peaceful campaign atmosphere, the organisation does not anticipate a reversal of the significant progress Zambia has achieved in recent global peace rankings.

“We appeal to every political player and presidential candidate to urge their supporters to call for peaceful campaigns, coexistence, and resistance to the temptation of engaging in political violence,” Mr Muyunda said.

In the same vein, Anti-Voter Apathy Project (AVAP) executive director Richwell Mulwani notes that maintaining a peaceful electoral atmosphere is essential to upholding democracy and preventing voter apathy.

Mr Mulwani expressed optimism that the current environment could drive turnout significantly higher than in previous cycles, arguing that citizens must take full advantage of this stability to shape their own governance.

“If we want justice for ourselves as Zambians, we should take advantage of this environment and turn out in large numbers to go and vote,” Mr Mulwani said.

Ultimately, the 2026 election stands as a test of Zambia’s democratic maturity, proving that a country can shift from the noise of past volatility to a quieter, more structured, and sustainable future where the ballot, not the cadre, remains the supreme arbiter of power.

2 children die of heart attacks in hot car when mother ‘forgets’ about them after shopping trip

PARIS - The mother of two young boys who were found dead in a car during a heatwave in France forgot about her children while she was unpacking shopping, it has been claimed.

The brothers, aged just four and two, were found unresponsive by their mother, 33, on Monday afternoon in the town of Carpentras, southern France, in a car parked outside their grandmother’s house.

They suffered cardiac arrest as temperatures reached a sweltering 40C, and while services were called to the scene, resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

However, French media says the mother had changed her story about the sequence of events.

The RTL news outlet reported: ‘According to our information, the mother’s initial statements contained inconsistencies.’

‘She first claimed she had left them in the car upon returning from a shopping trip.

‘Later, she stated that they had climbed back inside without her knowledge while she was unloading her groceries.’

A neighbour said they ‘heard the mother screaming when she realised what had happened to her children. She was in an absolute state of shock’.

An investigation into manslaughter has been launched.

The double tragedy occurred as temperatures soared across Western Europe, driven by a mass of hot air moving north from the Sahara, fuelled by a strong high pressure

system known as the ‘African anticyclone’.

Meteorologists say the system is creating a so called ‘heat dome’, trapping hot air over western and central Europe, and allowing temperatures to build day after day.

The children’s bodies have been transferred to the forensic institute in Nîmes for an autopsy.

France is being hit by a heatwave, with much of the western and central regions of the nation blasting past 40C on Monday.

Some 40 people have drowned in the country while seeking reprieve from the heat since June 18, according to Sebastian Lecornu, France’s prime minister.

The government’s emergency response cell warned people not to try to cool off in unsupervised areas such as lakes and rivers after the weekend’s drowning deaths at the weekend, which included a 13-year-old girl.

Elsewhere in France, three elderly people died in their residence in Gironde in the southwest as a result of the high temperatures.

The country’s national weather agency said that it experienced its hottest night from Monday to Tuesday since measurements began in 1947.

The national temperature indicator – an average of readings from 30 stations across France – reached 21.6C, according to preliminary figures taken Tuesday morning. The previous record was 21.4C, set on July 25, 2019.

Because of the intense heat,

France has had to switch off a reactor at a nuclear plant near Toulouse – cooling water drawn from a nearby river had become too warm, a spokesperson said.

The hot temperatures continued into Tuesday, with highs of 43C.

Harsh temperatures are expected to linger throughout Europe until at least Thursday, with conditions possibly intensifying as the week continues.

In the midst of the heatwave, Germany also saw a spike in fatal swimming accidents, with five deaths recorded over the weekend.

Two men aged 20 and 22 drowned in lakes in Bavaria, and a 79-year-old woman died in the Baltic Sea. Other fatal swimming accidents occurred in lakes in Brandenburg and North Rhine-Westphalia.

And in the UK, thunderstorms and torrential rain sparked widespread disruption across Britain today after some 3,000 lightning strikes hit London in just two hours.

A violent band of storms swept across southern England overnight, bringing flash flooding, power cuts and travel disruption before Britain braces for what could become one of the hottest days ever recorded in the UK later this week.

The storms are expected to give way to soaring temperatures as the heat dome builds across western Europe, with forecasters warning Britain could experience its hottest June day on record.

The European heat dome



THE entrance of a residential pavillion in Carpentras, southern France, where two young children were found dead in their family car in 40C temperatures yesterday.

comes after a May that saw several countries report record temperatures for that time of year.

Weather bosses in France have put 49 of the 96 mainland departments on a red alert weather warning, up from 35 over the weekend.

Forecasters warned that scorching weather could end up being as serious as a 2003 heatwave that claimed the lives of nearly 15,000 people nationwide.

France’s junior minister for ecology Mathieu Lefevre said

this heatwave was ‘particularly intense and particularly early’.

At Sunday’s Fête de la Musique, which sees large crowds celebrate on the streets of most of France’s cities, authorities banned the consumption of alcohol for fear of the risks drinking in high heat poses.

The Louvre in Paris also cancelled a free concert that was to take place under its world-famous glass pyramid.

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areas such as lakes and rivers.

Officials announced the closure of 845 schools on Monday, with another 1,800 set to let students leave earlier than normal.

Transport over the weekend and into Monday was affected in France. Jean Castex, the chief of state-owned rail operator SNCF, said high temperatures increased the risk to overhead powerlines and could even expand the tracks trains rely on.

As a result, SNCF cancelled 71 intercity trains, Sunday through Monday, on key routes, while

deploying 3,500 staff to monitor the network. On top of this, 2,000 engineers were sent to make emergency repairs.

Europe has suffered greatly from heat over the last few years. The World Health Organisation’s Europe office said this month that over the last four years, more than 200,000 people across the continent died from heat-related causes.

The United Nations has warned that the weather over the next five years will likely see more shattered heat records.

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‘There’d be no Jay Rox’

Says his biological father rejected him 3 times

THOMAS NGALA
Lusaka

I DON’T think I would have been Jay Rox if my father was present,” the “Distance” hit maker revealed on B Flow’s ‘Dads without Dads’ podcast this week. Jay Rox said his biological father denied his mother’s pregnancy and rejected him three times growing up, so he was raised by his mother and stepmother. He credited that absence for shaping the artist he became. The musician shared how he found out about his biological father. “In junior high, my mother explained everything. She said your father is actually alive,” he recalled. He revealed that he, for the first time called his biological father, who at the time was a professor at a named university in South Africa when he was in Grade Nine. Jay Rox disclosed that the

conversation did not go as he expected, as his father did not show any interest in talking to him. The musician said he never heard from him again until the demise of his mother. “The time I decided to release my father and let him and accept to say this will never work is the day my mother died. I called him,” he said. “And for some reason, the calling itself was because... the only closest thing for me trying to feel who I am again is this man.” He further narrated “so, I called him, and he picked up... and I told him that mum has died. And this is how the conversation played out. He was like ‘oh, that is sad.’ I was like yeah.” “He was like what was wrong, I explained to him then he was like ‘oh, that is sad.’ That is the last time I spoke to him. No how are you doing, no encouragement.” He said the incident that made him move on when he wished him a happy father’s day on

Twitter, now called X, and got blocked. However, he disclosed that his perspective on his biological father has changed over the years, emphasising that he no longer looks at him as a ‘bad person.’ While acknowledging that his step father played a critical role in his life, the musician said “the only person that was of the greatest importance is my mother.” “You know how people that have both parents in their lives say I am going to dive into this pool and see what happens when I get to the deep end but when things get crazy, I know my mother or my father will jump in and pull me out,” he said. “So, for me, when my mother died, it was like my guy, there is no going anywhere. You are on your own.” He believes that he went through such a life so he could have a great storyline in his artistry. Jay Rox said situations need to happen for the storyline to be great.



JAY ROX

Everyday a gift: Nankwe Nankwe



NANKWE

IRED TEMBO
Lusaka

A RECENT road traffic accident involving Zambian gospel musician Joshua Nankwe Nankwe has reminded him that life is fragile, precious and that every day is a gift from God. Still recovering from the incident, the singer says the experience strengthened his gratitude to God and reinforced his commitment to using music as a tool for ministry and hope. “I’m truly grateful to God for preserving my life. The accident was a reminder that life is fragile and every day is a gift. To drivers, please be cautious and responsible on the road someone’s life is in your hands,” he said. The artist, expressed appreciation to everyone who prayed for him and checked on his well-being during the difficult period. The accident is just one chapter in a journey that has seen Joshua rise from years of struggle and uncertainty to become one of Zambia’s gospel voices. His passion for music dates back to 2009 when he felt a strong calling to minister and share the Gospel through songs. Inspired by music’s ability to heal, restore and bring people closer to God, he remained committed to his calling even when success seemed distant. Between 2009 and 2022, Joshua faced seasons of doubt, financial hardship and limited recognition. Despite investing years into writing and recording music, progress often appeared slow. “The biggest challenge was staying consistent during years

when the music wasn’t getting much attention. I overcame those moments through faith, prayer and the support of people who believed in the calling,” he said. At one point, the challenges became so overwhelming that he nearly walked away from music altogether. “People might be surprised to know that before music opened up, I almost gave up completely around 2018. I was ready to put the microphone down, but God sent a word through someone that reignited the fire,” he said. That renewed determination eventually leading to a breakthrough in 2022, when social media platform TikTok introduced his music to a much wider audience. “My breakthrough came through TikTok. That platform introduced my music to people I never would have reached otherwise,” he said. Following his success on TikTok, Joshua expanded his presence on Facebook and YouTube, using digital platforms not only for promotion but also as tools for ministry. “Digital platforms have made ministry borderless. They are not just tools for promotion, they are pulpits,” he said. Reflecting on the transformation of Zambia’s music industry over the years, Joshua said technology has created new opportunities for artists. “When I started in 2009, access to audiences was much harder. People relied heavily on radio, CDs and live events. Today, artists can reach thousands overnight without a label, and audiences are more open to supporting local gospel music,” he said.

He believes the industry now enjoys greater professionalism, collaboration and diversity than ever before. As his career continues to grow, Joshua urged his fans to look out for his third album, a project centred on restoration and gratitude. Fans can also look forward to new singles and additional video content to be shared on his social media platforms. “We are preparing for a concert this coming October the exact date will be communicated soon. After the October concert, I’ll also be hosting a free concert celebration in Lusaka as a way to give back and worship together with everyone who has supported this journey,” he said. The artist credits several musicians like Mike Flor and Donat Mwanza for shaping his ministry and sound. Beyond the stage, Joshua places great importance on maintaining balance between ministry and private life. “Ministry is public, but my relationship with God and family is private and sacred. I have learned that you can’t pour from an empty cup, so I make time for prayer, family and rest,” he said. To aspiring gospel musicians, Joshua offers a message rooted in faith and perseverance. “Stay faithful to your calling, not just your craft. Don’t chase fame, chase purpose. Build your relationship with God first because your ministry flows from that place. Be patient, be consistent and use every small platform you have,” he said. “God is faithful, no matter the delay or detour, His plan for your life still stands. Keep trusting Him.”

Has popular music become objectively worse?

THERE are many platforms that claim that popular music has become worse. Music producer and educator Rick Beato argues that popular music has declined due to technological over-reliance and fragmented culture. He highlights issues like rigid studio quantisation, the loss of organic musicianship, homogenised songwriting, and shorter attention spans driven by social media algorithms. However, is there a scientific way of responding to this question? While the term “worse” is subjective there have been some attempts to scientifically respond to this question. Scientific American reports on a study that tried to track changes in pop music over the last half-century. It was published in 2012. The study reveals that music has become louder. Loudness comes at the expense of dynamic

range—in very broad terms, when the whole song is loud, nothing within it stands out as being exclamatory or punchy. (This two-minute YouTube video does a great job of demonstrating how excessive loudness saps richness and depth from a recording.) Indeed, Serrà and his colleagues found that the loudness of recorded music is increasing by about one decibel every eight years. The study also found that pitch content has decreased – which means that the number of chords and different melodies has gone down. “Musicians today seem to be less adventurous in moving from one chord or note to another, instead following the paths well-trod by their predecessors and contemporaries,” Scientific American explains. The above findings are in tandem with what many producers and musicians, such as those discussed on

Reddit’s Popheads Community or analysed by creators like Rick Beato, argue that over-compression and heavy auto-tune strip away dynamics and the raw “soul” of live instrumentation. Another study was done by



researchers at Queen Mary University of London’s Centre for Digital Music who analyzed more than 380,000 English-language songs released between 1960 and 2023. Dr. Vjosa

Prentiqi, the study’s lead author, said the study found “a gradual shift away from language associated with virtues such as care and decency, toward themes that reflect conflict, harm and other moral concerns.” “This shift, which extends into

researchers wrote. Lyrics are increasingly simpler, more repetitive, and contain more negative emotional language. The frequency of “I” and “me” has also surged, reflecting a more personal or self-indulgent tone. To add to the above, some producers and culture critics argue that modern pop songs are engineered specifically for small, low-quality smartphone speakers rather than high-fidelity stereos. This strips away nuanced instrumentals and dynamic ranges. Also, the transition to streaming platforms like Spotify means artists rely heavily on background listening. Many songs are written to be catchy but relatively “dumbed-down” so they do not alienate casual listeners who stream them passively. And, because social platforms like TikTok heavily influence modern charting, many songs are engineered to fit

15-second viral hooks, leading to uniform structures and repetitive beats. If you follow these findings then what parents and grandparents say that music is not as wholesome in quality, message and artistry is absolutely correct. Popular music has gotten worse. Wait a minute, are there counter arguments or nuances to these scientific findings? Some argue that the idea that “music was better in the past” is partly due to survivorship bias. We remember the timeless masterpieces from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, while conveniently forgetting the countless generic, disposable pop songs from those same eras. That may be so, but the newer classics do not compare with the old classics. Streaming platforms have bypassed the traditional major-label gatekeepers. Listeners now have virtually the entire history of recorded music at

their fingertips, allowing fans to explore niche genres that never would have charted on the radio in previous decades. This still, in this writer’s opinion, does not negate the argument that popular music, as a whole, has not gotten worse. Modern mainstream pop is simply optimized for a different era. The reduction in complexity doesn’t necessarily mean it lacks artistic intent; rather, it prioritizes mood, rhythm, and sonic textures, which are valid forms of musical expression. It still does not negate the finding that music has gotten worse, in this writer’s opinion. Also, the sheer volume of music released daily means that specialized and highly complex music still exists, but it has simply moved away from the mainstream charts. What do you think?

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Creative sector ready for industry business conference

Events to maximise opportunities for local creatives, attract international partnerships

IREN TEMBO
Lusaka

ZAMBIA'S creative sector is set for a boost as the Ministry of Youth, Sport, and Arts prepares to host the Creative Industry Business Summit alongside the Kwimbo National Arts Festival from June 29 to July 4, 2026.

The Ministry of Youth, Sport, and Arts director of arts, Esther Ng'ambi, said the events have been strategically scheduled together to maximise opportunities for local creatives and attract international partnerships.

The Creative Industry Business Summit will run from June 29 to July 2, 2026, in partnership with Africa Creative Market, while Kwimbo National Arts Festival will take place on July 3 and 4, 2026.

Ms Ng'ambi said the festival will showcase Zambia's rich artistic talent, including music, theatre, fashion, fine art, and other creative products, while also providing a platform for artists from other African countries to exhibit their work.

"We want to attract partnerships, collaborations, and co-production treaties to Zambia. The festival is a

showcase of what Zambia has to offer, but it is also an opportunity for artists from across Africa to showcase their work and explore areas of cooperation," she said.

Ms Ng'ambi said more than 3,000 participants have already registered for the summit, with registrations continuing to grow.

The ministry has also engaged national arts associations and tertiary institutions, including the University of Zambia, to encourage participation from students and emerging creatives.

Ms Ng'ambi said one of the major challenges facing local filmmakers is distribution, with many productions struggling to reach wider audiences despite being completed.

"We are bringing distributors and industry experts who will engage directly with artists and help them explore new markets for their work," she said.

"The idea is to ensure that our creatives are earning from their work. Distribution is money, monetisation is money, and co-production is money. Arts is a business, and we want artists to begin treating it as such."

Beyond direct opportunities for creatives, she highlighted the economic benefits the events are expected to bring to the country. She said more than 500 international delegates are

anticipated to attend, creating business for hotels, tourism operators, and other sectors of the economy.

Delegates are expected from countries including Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Ethiopia, and the United Kingdom, among others.

Ms Ng'ambi said the summit will be free and open to public, while entry to the Kwimbo National Arts Festival on July 3 and 4 will attract a fee of K50 for members of the public.

She encouraged artists to attend the summit ready to engage in business discussions and pursue partnerships.

"There will be a deal room where artists can meet potential partners, negotiate contracts, and explore co-production opportunities. We are calling on all artists and members of the public to come and experience the potential of Zambia's creative sector," she said.

The events will be held at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka and are expected to bring together thousands of creatives, investors, policymakers, and industry experts from across Africa and beyond.

Renowned Nigerian creative industry leader and Africa Creative Market (ACM) partner Yetti Ogunnubi has called on

African creatives to embrace collaboration and innovation as Zambia hosts the highly anticipated ACM in partnership with CIBS and Kwimbo Festival.

Dr Ogunnubi described this year's theme, 'Creative Convergence', as a platform designed to bring together professionals from across the creative spectrum, including fashion, music, film, photography, visual arts, and other creative disciplines.

"The focus is on how we help the creative industry move from local to global. We want to explore how African creatives can export their talents, ideas, and products beyond their borders while creating meaningful collaborations across countries," she said.

Dr Ogunnubi said the gathering will provide a rare opportunity for emerging creatives to learn directly from some of Africa's most accomplished industry figures.

The event is expected to feature prominent personalities from the entertainment and creative sectors, including celebrated actors Ramsey Nouah and Rita Dominic, comedian Buchi, and others.

"These are people you might never get the chance to meet one-on-one. They will be here



NG'AMBI

in Zambia, sharing knowledge, answering questions, and helping creatives navigate opportunities within the industry.

She called for collaborations among African creatives to grow the industry.

"We need to stop working in silos and start collaborating. That's how Africa can become greater. There's no reason why a fashion designer in Nigeria cannot collaborate with a fashion designer in Zambia to create a

collection that can compete on the global stage," she said. "This is an opportunity to listen, learn, and collaborate. Together, we can build a stronger African creative economy and create something truly magical."

Ashton Hall draws backlash after Africa tour video sparks stereotype debate



ASHTON HALL

CHISHIMBA BWALYA
Lusaka

AERICAN fitness influencer and digital content creator Ashton Hall has announced an Africa tour, which includes Zambia, with the trip expected to begin tomorrow.

However, Hall's promotional approach for the tour has drawn criticism from some of his followers, who argue that his portrayal of Africa reinforces racial and developmental stereotypes about the continent.

The influencer announced the tour on X on Thursday through a video filmed in what appears to be a forest setting, where he is seen shirtless and barefoot, wearing white biker shorts covered with torn fabric of a similar colour.

The video further shows Hall running while being followed by three wild trucks and a helicopter.

Several followers quickly reacted to the video, criticizing both his outfit and the setting chosen for the announcement.

"Did you really have to use torn clothes just because you are coming to Africa?" one follower

wrote, before another remarked, "Just because it's 'Africa' themed, you don't have to wear torn up clothing".

Two more added:

"It's the way many African Americans portray Africa that kills me every time,"

"Speed didn't wear torn clothes when he came here..."

According to the announcement, Hall is expected to tour all 54 countries on the continent, a plan he confirmed by attaching the respective national flag emojis.

The fitness influencer rose to prominence through his early morning workout sessions, often beginning around 03:00 hours.

His workouts, characterised by unique running-style routines involving dogs or wild trucks, have earned him global recognition and attracted more than 35 million followers across X, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Hall's Africa tour comes shortly after another high-profile visit by American influencer IShowSpeed (Darren Jason Watkins Jr), who recently completed a 28-day trip across the continent dubbed 'Speed Does Africa'.



ASHTON DRESS

EDD Branson to launch business of Art and Craft Zambia Version

MARGARET CHISANGA
Lusaka

THE upcoming Creative Industry Business Summit is set to unveil several gems in the arts sector, as several arts dignitaries from across Africa converge in Zambia's Capital Lusaka for a week of events.

One of the events will see Zimbabwean Philanthropist, Ambassador Edd Branson launch a Zambian version of his highly acclaimed book, 'The business of Art and Craft'.

The book is set to help readers unlock the true value of their creativity.

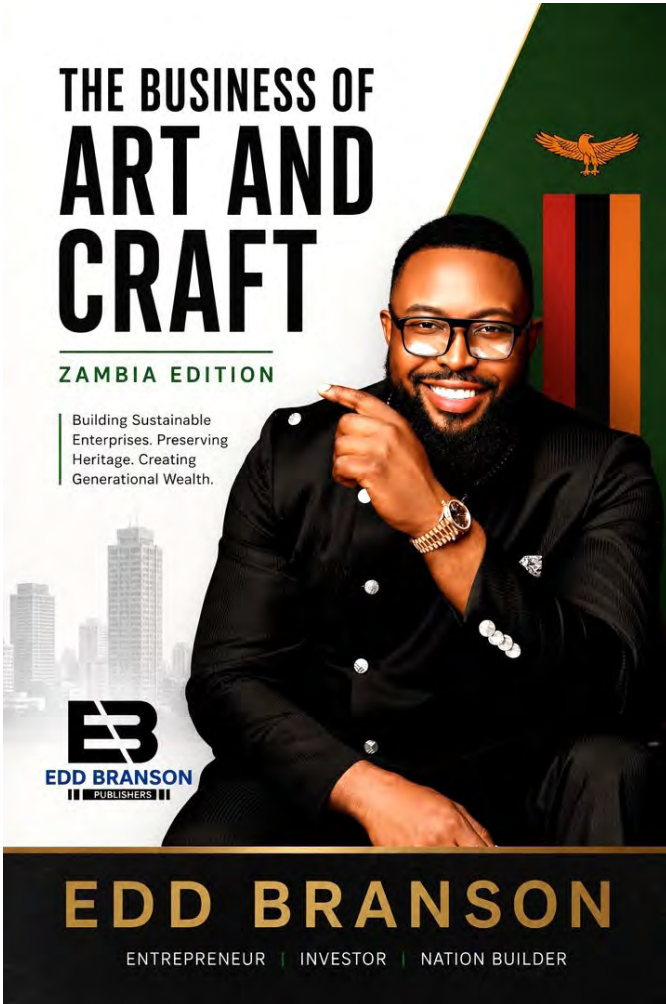
"Talent is only the beginning; too many creatives produce powerful work yet never unlock its true value," a summary of the book reads.

The business of Art and Craft gives artists, entertainers and creatives in Zambia the tools to turn passion into profit. With the business of Art and Craft, the author equips Zambian Artists with the knowledge to succeed, not just creatively but financially.

In clear and practical steps, Ambassador Edd Branson shows how to brand, market and monetise creativity while building sustainable income streams. It's a roadmap to thrive as a creative entrepreneur on local and global stages.

Ambassador Edd Branson is a global philanthropist, thought leader, and champion of African Innovation who has been recognised internationally for his work in empowering communities and entrepreneurs. He has used his voice and influence to helping creatives unlock opportunities in the global economy.

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Tbwoy Tbizzy shares unique balance of music career, military duties

IREN TEMBO
Lusaka

ZAMBIAN artist Tanonga Nswana, popularly known as Tbwoy Tbizzy, has carved out a unique path by successfully balancing a thriving music career with his duties as a military officer in the United States of America.

The musician, whose breakthrough song Mwati Uziba became a nationwide hit after its release in 2008, says the track remains the foundation of everything he has achieved in his career.

"I recorded the song in 2007, around March, and it brought me a lot of things in my life. It brought me fame and everything that I have right now," he said.

In an interview, the artist described his music journey as rewarding, despite the challenges that have come along the way.

Now based in the United States, Tbwoy Tbizzy says living abroad has broadened his perspective and influenced his creativity.

He explained that exposure to different cultures and communities has helped him view life beyond his comfort zone.

Before relocating to America, the singer spent time in Pemba, Southern Province, where he drew inspiration for some of his biggest songs, including Miss You.

"Living in different places exposes you to different ways of life. It helps you understand people and gives you new perspectives, which ultimately influence your music," he said.

Tbwoy Tbizzy shared that in the early days, making music was his motivation as he evolved. Unlike in his early years when music was a pathway out of poverty and a means of earning a living.

"Back then, I was doing music to make money, travel, and improve my life. Today, I do it because I love it. Music is my

seed. You don't eat the seed, you plant it," he said.

The artist recently released a new single titled Don't Go, featuring Tsean and produced by Roy and Tsean.

He also revealed that he is preparing to release another song accompanied by a music video, produced by Paul Smart.

Away from the stage, Tbwoy Tbizzy balances his music career with military service, a path he chose in pursuit of personal growth and new experiences.

"I joined the military because I wanted to actualise my dreams and try different things. Eventually, I got hooked to it," he said.

The singer admitted that combining military life with music has not been easy, as the demands of service often limit his movements and professional opportunities.

"As military personnel, there are places you cannot go and things you cannot do. Sometimes I have had to miss shows and other music opportunities because of my duties," he said.

Despite the restrictions, Tbwoy Tbizzy credits military service with teaching him discipline, responsibility, and financial management.

"As a musician, you can make money every weekend and spend it freely. In the military, you learn discipline with money and discipline in life. It has changed the way I behave, the way I think, and even the way I view the world," he said.

Although he has acquired American citizenship, the artist insists that he remains deeply connected to his Zambian roots.

"Most of my family is in Zambia, and I make sure I stay in touch with people and reality back home. No one knows what the future holds. I may decide to come back home one day," he said.

Commenting on the local music industry, Tbwoy Tbizzy



TBWOY

acknowledged that challenges remain but expressed optimism about its future.

"The industry has a lot of things that need to be addressed, but we are doing well. The young artists are doing a good job so far," he said.

Reflecting on a career that has spanned nearly two decades, the musician said music continues to motivate him because of the opportunities it has created.

"Music has changed my life. It has allowed me to meet people I never imagined I would meet. I met the president of Ireland when

I was only 24 years old. Nothing compares to what music has done for me," he said.

He added that success in music requires sacrifice, as artists often invest heavily in their craft without any guarantee of immediate returns.

"Everything you love demands sacrifice. Sometimes you spend money on a music video without knowing whether it will bring anything back. But if you truly love something, you have to give it your all, even when it doesn't make sense to everyone else," he said.

Youthful hope fuels Mulala Mwense campaign

Constitutional reforms have created greater opportunities for young leaders to participate

FUMBE CHANDA
Lusaka

THE President is 100 per cent committed to young people as leaders. We recognise the need to pass this country on to you, the youth. Remember, Bally loves; Bally cares.' These were the words of United Party for National Development (UPND) organiser George Mtonga as he threw his weight behind 26-year-old Susan Mulala, the party's parliamentary candidate for Mwense Central constituency ahead of the August 13 by-election.

Mr Mtonga, a UPND member based in the United States, who is currently in Zambia to mobilise support for the party, is among a growing number of supporters rallying behind the youthful candidate, whose campaign is steadily gaining momentum.

In a political environment where campaign financing is often a major obstacle, particularly for young women seeking public office, Mulala's candidacy is drawing increasing financial and logistical support.

Mr Mtonga has pledged to mobilise campaign resources, including providing a vehicle to enable Mulala to access remote parts of the vast Mwense Central constituency, where poor transport infrastructure presents significant campaign challenges.

The campaign has also received backing from influential political figures. United Progressive People (UPP) president and UPND Alliance partner Saviour Chishimba recently announced a financial pledge of K250,000 towards Mulala's campaign. "This evening, I had a telephone conversation with Susan Mulala, the incoming Member of Parliament for Mwense Central constituency. I have since disbursed the first instalment towards my total pledge of K250,000 to her campaign," Mr Chishimba wrote on his Facebook page.

Beyond campaign financing, Mr Chishimba also pledged to invest in Mulala's leadership development should she win the election.

"I have also informed her that if she is elected Member of

Parliament for Mwense, one of my companies will sponsor her to attend an intensive leadership programme at Harvard Kennedy School."

He said electing young leaders is only the first step, stressing that Zambia must also invest in developing competent, ethical and visionary public servants.

Speaking in an interview, Mulala described the growing support from President Hakainde Hichilema, party structures, well-wishers and residents of Mwense as both encouraging and humbling.

The recent University of Zambia graduate, who holds a degree in social work, believes her age should be viewed as an advantage rather than a limitation.

"Youth bring fresh ideas, energy and a deep understanding of the challenges affecting our generation," she said.

Mulala identified poor road infrastructure, inadequate mobile network coverage, high school dropout rates among girls, early marriages and delays in the distribution of farm inputs, as

said. Despite facing experienced opponents, including former Education minister David Mabumba, Mulala says she remains confident.

"Leadership is not determined by age. Some people have held leadership positions for many years, but what matters is the service you deliver to the people. I have no fear. I am ready to represent my people," she said.

Economic empowerment and job creation form a central pillar of her campaign.

Mulala believes Mwense's agricultural potential can attract investment, create employment and stimulate local economic growth.

She plans to work with Government and private-sector partners to attract investment, while ensuring young people benefit from Constituency Development Fund (CDF) grants and other empowerment programmes.

She also hopes to champion programmes that keep girls in school, reduce teenage pregnancies and support young mothers to continue their education.

"Nobody should be left behind. Girls should continue with their education because education is the key to their future," she said.

Mulala says her political ambition has been years in the making.

She first expressed interest in entering politics in 2021 but was encouraged by her family to complete her university education before pursuing elected office.

During her time at University of Zambia, she served for three years as a peer educator, before becoming a student representative leader, experiences she says strengthened her leadership skills and commitment to public service.

Her father, Nelson Mulala, a small-scale farmer from Chongwe District, says watching his daughter contest for Parliament is a source of immense pride.

Having financed her education through farming, he believes she is now ready to serve the people.

"I am happy because my daughter is realising her dream of serving the people at a young age, and I believe her studies at UNZA will help her achieve that," he said.

Mr Mulala recalled that his daughter initially wanted to



PRESIDENT Hakainde Hichilema with Susan Mulala, UPND parliamentary candidate for Mwense Central Constituency.

study medicine, but eventually pursued social work, a profession he believes aligns closely with her passion for helping vulnerable communities.

As campaigns intensify ahead of the August 13 by-election, Mulala's candidacy is increasingly being viewed as a reflection of the growing participation of young people in

governance. Supporters say recent constitutional reforms, including the introduction of youth representation through proportional representation seats in Parliament, have created greater opportunities for young leaders to participate in national decision-making. For many, Mulala represents

more than a parliamentary candidate. She symbolises a new generation of leadership that is youthful, educated, community-driven and determined to address long standing development challenges.

Whether voters in Mwense Central ultimately hand her victory remains to be seen.

What is already evident, however, is that the 26-year-old graduate has emerged as one of the most closely watched candidates in the August 13 by-election, attracting growing endorsements, financial backing and public attention as she seeks to translate youthful ambition into parliamentary leadership.

Silent struggle: Experts warn men are self-medicating mental health problems with alcohol, drugs

MWAKA LENGALENGA
Lusaka

AS ZAMBIA marks Men's Mental Health month, mental health experts have warned that thousands of men are silently battling depression, anxiety and other psychological conditions, with many turning to alcohol and drugs instead of seeking professional help.

Statistics from Chainama Hills Hospital paint a worrying picture.

While substance abuse accounts for the majority of mental health cases among men, experts say addiction is often only a symptom of much deeper, untreated psychological problems.

Chainama Hills Hospital assistant public relations officer Obed Kunda said many men who present with substance abuse disorders are attempting to cope with underlying mental health conditions.

"The statistics may suggest that substance abuse is the primary problem, but when you look closely, you realise many people begin using alcohol, cigarettes or other substances because they are trying to manage depression, anxiety or other mental health conditions," Mr Kunda said.

He explained that men experiencing persistent anxiety caused by work pressure, financial stress or family responsibilities often resort to alcohol or cigarettes to calm themselves.

What begins as a coping strategy can gradually develop into dependence.

"When someone first presents with substance abuse, we notice the excessive use, withdrawal symptoms and inability to function normally. However, after a comprehensive assessment, we often discover they are masking depression, anxiety or other psychological challenges," he said.

Mr Kunda said depression among men frequently goes undetected because many choose to self-medicate rather



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than seek counselling or professional treatment.

"A person may feel persistently sad, emotionally numb or hopeless. Instead of seeking help, they use substances because they temporarily make them feel better," he said.

Unfortunately, he said, this creates what mental health professionals describe as a "double burden".

"The original mental health condition does not disappear because substances only numb the symptoms. Over time, the individual develops addiction while still living with depression, anxiety or unresolved personal challenges such as marital conflict, relationship problems, or low self-esteem," he said.

Mr Kunda added that some men also abuse alcohol or drugs to gain confidence when facing difficult situations at home or work.

"Many people use substances as a coping mechanism. Someone may lack the confidence to address conflict or speak in public and believe alcohol or another substance will make them feel brave," he

said. While alcohol remains Zambia's most commonly abused substance due to its legality and accessibility, Chainama Hills Hospital is also treating patients addicted to prescription medicines and illicit drugs, including heroin and cocaine.

Mr Kunda explained that some patients become dependent on medication initially prescribed for legitimate medical conditions.

"For example, someone suffering from chronic back pain or arthritis may be prescribed pain medication. Even after the pain subsides, they continue seeking prescriptions or buying the medication because they have become dependent on it," he said.

Another medication increasingly being misused is artane, which is prescribed to manage side effects associated with antipsychotic medication.

Mr Kunda said the drug helps reduce symptoms such as neck stiffness, excessive saliva production and difficulty walking. However, it can also produce a stimulating effect that some people misuse because it



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temporarily improves mood and energy levels.

Although the hospital has tightened prescription controls, cases of artane misuse continue to be recorded.

He also warned of growing abuse of opioid-containing cough syrups, with some users consuming excessive quantities or mixing them with alcohol to achieve intoxication.

Beyond the clinical diagnosis, experts say the underlying causes lie within society itself.

In 2025, Chainama Hills Hospital recorded 2,099 cases of alcohol-induced mental disorders, with approximately 1,901 involving men, compared to 198 women.

The hospital also recorded 999 cannabis-induced mental disorders, of which only 61 involved women, meaning the overwhelming majority affected men.

Psychotic disorders similarly showed a gender imbalance, with 302 of the 544 recorded cases involving male patients.

Mr Kunda believes these figures reveal more than substance abuse.

"They reflect a society where many men feel they

have nowhere safe to discuss emotional struggles," he said.

"Our culture teaches men to be strong and not talk about their problems. But the mind does not understand those cultural expectations. When someone experiences pressure, they still need healthy ways of coping."

Without those healthy outlets, he warned, many turn to harmful alternatives.

"If a person has nowhere to express emotional pain, the brain may suggest alcohol or drugs as a coping mechanism. When those fail, some people reach a point where they consider suicide," he said.

Mr Kunda called for a cultural shift that normalises conversations about men's emotional wellbeing.

Rather than viewing vulnerability as weakness, he said speaking openly, seeking counselling, joining support groups, or confiding in trusted friends should be recognised as signs of strength.

"I encourage men to find safe people they can talk to, whether through church, support groups, counselling or trusted friends. Speaking about your struggles



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reduces the likelihood of turning to harmful coping mechanisms," he said.

Organisational psychologist and mental health practitioner Themiso Lungu Mugamanzila said many Zambian men suffer in silence because cultural expectations discourage emotional vulnerability.

"Depression in men rarely looks like sadness. It often appears as anger, irritability, withdrawal, overworking or alcohol abuse. Many men don't even realise they are depressed because they have been taught to suppress their emotions," she said.

Ms Mugamanzila said society continues to define masculinity through strength, provision and emotional control, leaving little room for men to admit when they are struggling.

"The Zambian man is expected to be the provider, protector and problem-solver. He carries financial pressure, family expectations and community responsibilities, often believing he must handle everything alone," she said.

She said these expectations prevent many men from seeking professional help until their

mental health has significantly deteriorated.

And Rozious Siatwambo Foundation founder Rozious Siatwambo said Men's Mental Health Month should serve as a reminder that men need safe spaces to speak openly about their emotional well being.

He said the organisation has established mentorship programmes where boys and men are encouraged to discuss personal challenges without fear of judgement.

"We are teaching men that speaking out is not weakness. When men begin sharing their experiences, their confidence grows, they become better leaders and they learn healthier ways of dealing with life's pressures," he said.

As Zambia continues commemorating Men's Mental Health Month, experts agree on one message: breaking the silence could save lives.

By challenging harmful cultural expectations and encouraging men to seek help early, families, communities and workplaces can play a vital role in reducing substance abuse, improving mental well being and preventing avoidable tragedies.

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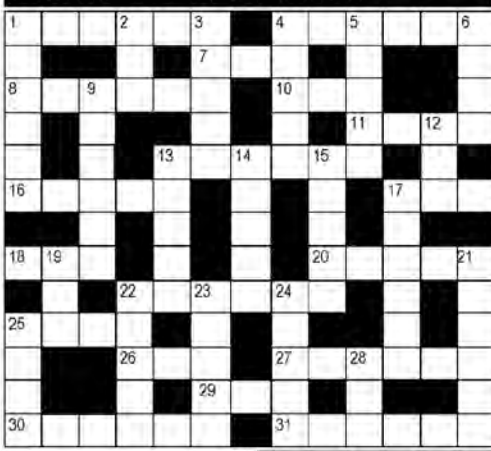
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DEFENDANT
RACHAEL PHIRI, 2 ND
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TO: Plot No. 6030 Lubuto
Extension, Ndola
Ndola City Council, P.O. Box
70197, Ndola, Copperbelt And
Attorney General, Nchanga
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Room 135-137, Kitwe.
You are commanded in the
name of the President's name
that within 14 days after the
service of the
writ on you, inclusive of the
day of such service, you do
cause an appearance to be
entered for you
in action at suit of KENNEDY
KASABA and take notice that
in default of your so doing the
plaintiff
may proceed therein, and
judgement may be given in
your absence.
Witness the Honourable
DR. MUMBA MALILA, SC
Chief Justice of Zambia.
Dated this day of in the year of
Our Lord Two Thousand and
Twenty-Five
Memorandum to be
subscribed on the writ
Notes: (1) This writ to be
served within twelve calendar
months from the date thereof
or, if
renewed, within six calendar
months from the date of last
renewal, including the day of
such date,
and not afterwards.
(2) The Defendant
(Defendants) May appear
hereto by entering an
appearance (or
appearances) either
personally or by solicitor at the
District Registry, High Court for
Zambia,
Ndola.
(3) A Defendant appearing
personally may, if he desires,
enter his appearance by post
and the
appropriate forms may be
obtained from any High court
Registry or from any
subordinate court
office. The forms, when
completed, should be sent in
triplicate by registered letter
addressed to: The
Registrar, P.O. Box 70004
Ndola, so as to reach him
within the time stated above.
Endorsement to be made on
the Writ before issue there of
NOW THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM
IS FOR:

1. An Order that Plot No.179
and Plot No.180 were
legitimately allocated to the
plaintiff
2. An order for cancellation of
Certificate of Title No.178 and
180
3. An order for compensation
arising from the demolition of
the wall fence on
Plot No.179 and 180
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(Signed): MESSRS CARISTO
MUKONKA LEGAL
PRACTITIONERS
This Writ was issued Messrs
Caristo Mukonka Legal
Practitioners whose address
for service is at
Broadwalk Building, 1st
Floor, suite 18, Broadway Road
and whose postal address for
is at P.O BOX
70971 Ndola
Email: mukonkac@gmail.com
Advocates for the said plaintiff
who resides Plot No.
12321, Off Chikola, Ndola in
the Ndola District of the
Copperbelt province of the
Republic of Zambia
, Ndola, Email: C/O
mukonkac@gmail.com
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RENEWAL OF THE MONEY
LENDERS CERTIFICATE BY:
PANGAEA A.D.D CAPITAL
LIMITED
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
OF DAY OF HEARING
TAKE NOTICE THAT the
above applicant will be heard
on the 01 day of July 2026 at
12:00 Hours before
Honourable Magistrate
Silwanga in Chambers
DATED THIS DAY OF 2026
CLERK OF COURT
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PANGAEA A.D.D CAPITAL
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FLOOR
FNB BUILDING TOWN
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT SAMUEL BETHA AND
JOYCE MWALUKANUNA
being duly
appointed Administrators of
the estate of the late ARTHUR
PALATEMA seeking to obtain
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Administration in the High
Court of Zambia.
Therefore, anyone with any
legal claim against the estate
should within Fourteen days
of this notice forward such claim
to Samuel Betha of Behind
Matero Level 1 Hospital or
Joyce Mwalukanuna of 2507
Matero Off Banja Road in the
Lusaka District, who intends to
apply to the High Court for an
Order to Grant Letters of
Administration to the estate of
ARTHUR PALATEMA in order
to effect the distribution of the
estate to be undersigned
property and that seven days
from the date of the notice has
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interest or claim whatsoever is
required to lodge objections
with the Administrators.
For further information please
contact Mesdames Mbulo
and Partners Legal Practitioners at
Stand no. 36417 Unit 4c & d, 1
- Floor Aquarius House,
Katima Mulilo Road Olympia,
Lusaka or Email:
info@mbplegal.co.zm
Dated at Lusaka thisday
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A Per: Mesdames Mbulo &
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RSO413379/26.06

**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
WRIT OF SUMMONS
(for issue from the principal
Registry)**

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR ZAMBIA
AT THE COMMERCIAL
REGISTRY
HOLDEN AT LUSAKA
(CIVIL JURISDICTION)
2026/HPC/0491
BETWEEN:
JOSEPH CHIRWA
PLAINTIFF
AND
TIMOTHY KUNDA
DEFENDANT**

To the Defendant: TIMOTHY KUNDA Salama Park of Lusaka city in the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia.
You are commanded in the President's name that within 14 days after the service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the suit of JOSEPH CHIRWA and take notice that in default of your so doing the Plaintiff may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence. WITNESS The Honourable JUSTICE DR. MUMBA MALILA, SC Chief Justice of Zambia the day of ... of the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Six. Notes: (1) This writ is to be served within twelve calendar months from the date thereof, or, if renewed, within six calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

(2) The defendant (or defendants) may appear hereto by entering an appearance (or appearances) either personally or by solicitor at the above mentioned District Registry of the High Court for Zambia
(3) A defendant appearing personally may, if he desires, enter his appearance by post and the appropriate forms may be obtained from any High Court Registry or from any Subordinate Court Office. The forms, when completed, should be sent in triplicate by registered letter addresses to the District Registrar, PO Box 50 as to reach him within the time stated above. Endorsements to be made on the writ on the writ before issue thereof AND now the Plaintiffs Claims;

i. An Order for refund of the sum of ZMW407,048.00 being the amount given to the Defendant by the Plaintiff for the purchase of a motor vehicle;
ii. An Order for refund of the sum of ZMW25,289.49 being the amount given to the Defendant by the Plaintiff for the carrier of the motor vehicle from Durban, South Africa to Kazungula border in Zambia;
iii. An Order for payment of the sum of ZMW207,200.00 being the amount for a separate hired motor vehicle because of the Defendant's breach;
iv. An order for the payment of damages for breach of contract;
v. An order for the payment of damages for loss of use of motor vehicle;
vi. Interest on all sums found due;
vii. Costs;

viii. Other reliefs as the court may deem fit. This writ was issued by MESSRS chisha legal practitioners of house No. 6, Mukwikile Street, Off Mosi-o-tunya Road, woodlands Extension and P.O. Box 50650 Lusaka. Whose address for service is as above and whose electronic mail address is musonda@chishalegalpractitioner.com solicitor(s) for Plaintiff whose address is Plot No. Plot 10426 Manda Hill Road, Behind Manda Hill Mall, Olympia Park, P.O. Box 37342, Lusaka, Zambia and whose electronic mail address is counselchirwa@gmail.com. Endorsement to be made within THREE days after service
This Writ was served by me at on the Defendant. on the day of 2026
Endorsed the day of 2026
(Signed)
(Address)
RSO413380/26.27.6

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BRIAN MWELWA WHO DIED ON 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of the publication hereof CREDO LUPEMBA DELPHINE & MERCY MWELWA all of ZNS Musankamba, Box 840017 MKushi, MKushi District in the Central Province of the Republic of Zambia being the beneficiaries, the Wife and the biological sister of the said late BRIAN MWELWA of MKushi aforesaid intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for a grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said BRIAN MWELWA. Any person who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the Estate of the said BRIAN MWELWA please submit notices thereof to the said intending Administratrix or the undersigned as soon as possible.
Dated at Lusaka this day of 2026.
CREDO LUPEMBA DELPHINE & MERCY MWELWA
ZNS MUSANKAMBA, BOX 840017 MKUSHI
INTENDING ADMINISTRATRIX
RSO413379/26.27.6

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HOLDEN AT LIVINGSTONE
2026/HLP/P/.....
(PROBATE JURISDICTION)
IN THE MATTER OF:
SECTION 15(1) OF THE
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ACT CHAPTER 59 OF THE
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IN THE MATTER OF:
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF:
ORDER 30 RULE 11(F) AND 12(G) OF THE HIGH COURT RULES CHAPTER 27 OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA
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IN THE MATTER OF:
ESTATE OF THE LATE DIVUS KAKUMBI MALAMBO HIMWIITA NG'ANDU who died intestate on 18th JULY 2014.**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OVER THE ESTATE OF THE LATE DIVUS KAKUMBI MALAMBO HIMWIITA

TAKE NOTICE that I the intended Administratrix wishes to advertise for the grant of Letter of Administration over the estate of the late DIVUS KAKUMBI MALAMBO HIMWIITA NG'ANDU who died intestate on 18th JULY 2014.
Dated at Livingstone this day of 2026
Drawn by
VELVETY MWEEMBA NG'ANDU
32, KOMBE DRIVE LIVINGSTONE
#09700557438
Email: velvetymweemba@gmail.com
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RSO413440/26.27.6

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ELIZABETH MWILA WHO DIED ON 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of the publication hereof TIPO MULENGA of plot No. 37B/04/19174 Matero, Lusaka District in the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia being the beneficiaries, the Wife and the biological sister of the said late ELIZABETH MWILA aforesaid intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for a grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said ELIZABETH MWILA. Any person who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the Estate of the said ELIZABETH MWILA please submit notices thereof to the said intending Administratrix or the undersigned as soon as possible.
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RSO413377/26.27.6

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NDOLA CITY COUNCIL DEED REGISTRY

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: THAT SILENGO MORTON of Plot No. 1252 Ndeke Extension Ndola, has applied to the council for Cession of Title for the undated property to be prepared into his names and that I have appointed Thirty (30) days from the date of this notice as the period within which any person having any interest or claim is requested to lodge his/her objection (s) with the Council Registrar in Room 9 Civic Centre, Independence Way, Ndola. The property referred to is Plot No. 1252 Ndeke Extension Ndola.
RICHARD MWINGA Esq. DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
EFT# 20260624-10313398 26, 27, 2026

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR ZAMBIA 2026/HLP/P/.....
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(Probate Jurisdiction)
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ORDER 30 RULE 12(g) OF
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CHAPTER 27 OF THE LAWS
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IN THE MATTER OF:
ESTATE OF THE LATE
WAMULUME LIYWALI WHO
DIED INTESTATE ON 8TH
JUNE, 2012
AND
WAMULUME LIBONGANI
JOSEPH APPLICANT
(Suing as Intended
Administratrix of the
Estate of the Late
WAMULUME LIYWALI)**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OVER THE ESTATE OF THE LATE WAMULUME LIYWALI
TAKE NOTICE: that the intended administrator WAMULUME LIBONGANI JOSEPH NRC NO. 157452/71/1 wishes to advertise for the grant of letters of Administration over the estate of the late WAMULUME LIYWALI NRC No. 105815/71/1 who died intestate on 8th June, 2012. Dated at Livingstone day of 2026
This notice was taken out by WAMULUME LIBONGANI JOSEPH whose address Nameto Primary School, Chief Malachite, Kalomo District of the Southern Province of the Republic of Zambia.
RSO413392/26.27.6

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THE ESTATE OF THE LATE
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DIED INTESTATE ON THE
25TH APRIL, 2013
IN THE MATTER OF:
THE APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF THE LATE
GEORGE CHILUFYA FOR
THE GRANT OF LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION.
CHOLA MONICAH
APPLICANT**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE ESTATE OF GEORGE CHILUFYA (DECEASED) NRC 132503/68/1
NOTICE IS GIVEN that after expiration of (7) days from the date of this publication hereof, WEI the family appoint CHOLA MONICAH -NRC 250913/61/1 of Lot number 509 Kaniki, NDOLA, in the NDOLA DISTRICT OF Copperbelt Province of the Republic of Zambia, who is the surviving spouse of the deceased to apply to High court of Zambia for letters of administration of the Estate of the late GEORGE CHILUFYA who died 25TH APRIL, 2013 at Home, Lot No. 509, Kaniki in Luanshya District of the copperbelt province of the Republic of Zambia. Any person who may have any objection or claim or who may be aware of any asset of liability of the late GEORGE CHILUFYA PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES OF THE INTENDED ADMINISTRATORS as soon as possible
EFT#20260625-11104167/26.27.06

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT OF ENTRY OF JUDGEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 29th day of May 2026 Judgement was given in the said action of K200,000.00 together with interest to the Commercial bank lending rate from the date of the writ until full payment and costs in favour of the Plaintiff.
Dated this 29th day of May 2026
Messrs. Jaques and Partners Legal Practitioners Ground Floor MAMCO House 316 Independence Avenue P.O Box C.A.48 Castle
Email: info@jaquesandpartners.co.m
LUSAKA
Advocates for the Plaintiff To: Rendeours Chilulwe Barlastone Park
LUSAKA
Defendant
RSO413389/26.27.6

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RESEAL A GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the ESTATE of WILLIAM CHARLES ERNEST HOLMAN, the Deceased. NOTICE OF HERBBY GIVEN that after expiration of Seven (7) days from publication hereof, I CHARLENE ELIZABETH HOLMAN of, No. 80 The Links Gosport PO 13 ODX, United Kingdom being the Administrator of the Estate of the late WILLIAM CHARLES ERNEST HOLMAN who resided at 22, Meuz Road, Woodlands, Lusaka in the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia and died on 12 November 2023, do intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for the Resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration granted by the High Court of Justice England and Wales for the Estate of the late WILLIAM CHARLES ERNEST HOLMAN. Any person who may have any objection or any interest or claim of who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the late WILLIAM CHARLES ERNEST HOLMAN, please submit notices thereof to the undersigned as soon as possible.
Dated this 24th day of June 2026.
RSO413363/26.27.6

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PROBATE - GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of PAUL GEORGE KAWANDAMI, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven days from the publication hereof HARRIET KALELA KAWANDAMI intends to apply to the High Court for Zambia at Lusaka for letters of Administration of the estate of the late PAUL GEORGE KAWANDAMI of Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia, who died on the 27th day of April, at University Teaching Hospital in the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia. Per: A. Kawandami & Co., Email: roseanneio@gmail.com Advocates for the Applicant
Dated at Lusaka this 20th day of April, 2026
A. Kawandami & Co.
RSO413381/26.27.3

**IN THE SUBORDINATE COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS FOR THE DISTRICT HOLDEN AT KITWE 2026/SK/.....
(Civil Jurisdiction)
IN THE MATTER OF:
SECTION 4 (20) OF THE
MONEY LENDERS ACT
CHAPTER 388 OF THE
LAWS OF ZAMBIA
AND
IN THE MATTER OF:
AN APPLICATION BY
DEBORAH'S ENTERPRISE
FOR
A MONEY LENDER LICENCE
CAP 398 OF THE LAWS OF
ZAMBIA**

TAKE NOTICE THAT
DEBORAH'S ENTERPRISE OF HOUSE NO. 142 EDDIES NKANA EAST IN KITWE DISTRICT OF COPPERBELT PROVINCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA IS APPLYING FOR A MONEY LENDER CERTIFICATE under the Money Lender Act Chapter 398 of the laws of Zambia at Kitwe before Esq for year 2026 under the business name
DEBORAH'S ENTERPRISE. Take Further Notice that the application will be heard by the Subordinate Court of The First Class at Kitwe on the day of 2026 at Hours
Anybody with objection for the same should send such objection to the undersigned.
CLERK OF COURT
RSO413486/26.27.06

**IN THE SUBORDINATE COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS FOR THE LUSAKA DISTRICT
HOLDEN AT LUSAKA
(Civil Jurisdiction)
2025/CRMP/1254
BETWEEN:
PETER PHIRI
PLAINTIFF
AND
RENDEOURS CHILULWE
DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Estate of CHOMBA JUSTIN (Deceased) NRC- 541320/61/1
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of this publication hereof, I WE BWALYA CHIMBALA-NRC No.284057/16/1 and MWAPE JOSEPH-NRC No.345532/66/1 of Flat 4B Emma's Kids Ministry Complex Lusaka aforesaid intend to apply to the High Court of Zambia for the letters of Administration of the Estate of the late CHOMBA JUSTIN who died on 18th October, 2025 at Kansuwa Clinic Mululira in the Mululira District in the Copperbelt Province of the Republic of Zambia. Any person who may have any objection or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the said late of CHOMBA JUSTIN please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
RSO413496/26.27.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Estate of CHOMBA JUSTIN (Deceased) NRC- 541320/61/1
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of this publication hereof, I WE BWALYA CHIMBALA-NRC No.284057/16/1 and MWAPE JOSEPH-NRC No.345532/66/1 of Flat 4B Emma's Kids Ministry Complex Lusaka aforesaid intend to apply to the High Court of Zambia for the letters of Administration of the Estate of the late CHOMBA JUSTIN who died on 18th October, 2025 at Kansuwa Clinic Mululira in the Mululira District in the Copperbelt Province of the Republic of Zambia. Any person who may have any objection or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the said late of CHOMBA JUSTIN please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
RSO413496/26.27.06

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT OF PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of TWAAAMBO CHILESHE, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after expiration of Seven (7) days from publication hereof WE ETHEL MUNTANGA NRC NO. 170272/65/1 of Kalulushi 2 Mwambashi crescent and RUTH MUNDENDA BEENE NRC NO. 412026/1/1 Chimwenwe Township, Kitwe intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for letters of Administration for the Estate of the late TWAAAMBO CHILESHE NRC NO. 347408/65/1 formerly of Chimwenwe Township, Kitwe who died on 10 th June, 2026 at Mine Accident Chambiishi Copper Smelter Any persons who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any assets or liability of the estate of the late TWAAAMBO CHILESHE Please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
Per:.....
ETHEL MUNTANGA 0965 241200
Kalulushi
Kitwe
1st Applicant
RUTH MUNDENDA BEENE 0967 992019
Chimwenwe Township
Kitwe
2nd Applicant
RSO413482/26.27

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT OF PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of MATHEW NYIRENDA, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after expiration of Seven (7) days from publication hereof WE PETER NYIRENDA NRC NO. 499761/67/1 AND PAULINE MULENGA NRC NO. 1466633/43/1 of Luanshya District of Copperbelt Province intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for letters of Administration for the Estate of the late MATHEW NYIRENDA NRC NO. 152044/67/1 formerly of 15 Choma Avenue Parklands Kitwe who died on 4th April, 2026. Any persons who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the late MATHEW NYIRENDA Please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
Per:.....
PETER NYIRENDA 0977 883965
Kitwe
1st Applicant
PAULINE MULENGA 0963 579400
2nd Applicant
RSO413340/26.27.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of HARRY MWEWA (Deceased) NRC- 544484/67/1
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of this publication hereof, I WE NGOSA CATHERINE-NRC No.188084/13/1 and MBWEWE JOYCE-NRC No.455218/67/1 of House No.428 Kwacha Township and 1099 Buchi Township Kitwe in the Kitwe District of the Copperbelt Province of the Republic of Zambia intends to apply to the High Court of Zambia for the letters of Administration of the Estate of the late HARRY MWEWA who died on 20th May, 2026 at Kakoso Level 1 Hospital Chililabombwe in the Chililabombwe District in the Copperbelt Province of the Republic of Zambia. Any person who may have any objection or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the said late of HARRY MWEWA please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
RSO413497/26.27.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of CHOMBA JUSTIN (Deceased) NRC- 541320/61/1
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of this publication hereof, I WE BWALYA CHIMBALA-NRC No.284057/16/1 and MWAPE JOSEPH-NRC No.345532/66/1 of Flat 4B Emma's Kids Ministry Complex Lusaka aforesaid intend to apply to the High Court of Zambia for the letters of Administration of the Estate of the late CHOMBA JUSTIN who died on 18th October, 2025 at Kansuwa Clinic Mululira in the Mululira District in the Copperbelt Province of the Republic of Zambia. Any person who may have any objection or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the said late of CHOMBA JUSTIN please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
RSO413496/26.27.06

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MINES SUMBA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that OLIPA NGOSA of House No.12 Buseko Road New Chirwa Railways Kabwe District in the Central Province of the Republic of Zambia that Seven (7) days from the date of publication hereof being the beneficiary and person interested in the estate of the late MINES SUMBA intends to apply to the High Court for Zambia for grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the late MINES SUMBA should make known of the same to the intending personal Representative or the undersigned as soon as possible.
Dated theday of2026
PER Messrs E M Mukuka and Company
Plot No.71, Holdsworth Building
Freedom Way
P.O Box 80471
KABWE
ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICANT
RSO413401/26.27.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION

ESTATE OF THE LATE CHONGO MASEBELA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after expiration of seven (7) days from the date of this publication hereof, SALIMA DIANA TYESEKO House No. 548/2 Kantansha Township, Mululira, DIANA MASEBELA of House No. 167D, Musamba Township, Chilanga in the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia being the intended Administrators who are the near relatives to the late CHONGO MASEBELA aforesaid, intend to apply to the High Court of Zambia for a grant of Letters of Administration relating to the estate of the late CHONGO MASEBELA formerly of House No. B57 KTC, Kapiri Mposhi, Central Province of the Republic of Zambia who died intestate on the 10th of March, 2019, at Kapiri Mposhi District Hospital. Any person who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any asset or liability of the estate of the said CHO NGO MASEBELA please submit notices thereof to the said intending Administrators or the undersigned as soon as possible
DATED at Lusaka this 27th day of May 2026.
TAKEN OUT BY: SALIMA DIANA TYESEKO House No. 548/2 Kantansha Township, Mululira, DIANA MASEBELA of House No. J67D, Musamba Township, Chilanga in the Lusaka Province of the Republic of Zambia.
INTENDING
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CHONGO MASEBELA
RSO411640/29.30.6

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ROBERT CHILANDA SANYIKOSA

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of publication hereof WOMBA SANYIKOSA, WANA SANYIKOSA and NYACHIPPOYA SANYIKOSA of Plot No. 1238 Chelstone, Chilonga Road, Lusaka in the Republic of Zambia being the biological Daughters of the late ROBERT CHILANDA SANYIKOSA ("Deceased"), intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for Grant of letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of the late ROBERT CHILANDA SANYIKOSA who died on 29th June, 2015 Formerly domicile and resident in the Republic of Zambia at Plot No. 1238 Chelstone, Chilonga Road, Lusaka in the City and Province of Lusaka of the Republic of Zambia. Any person who may have any objection or who may be aware of any assets or liability of the estate of the late ROBERT CHILANDA SANYIKOSA, please submit notices thereof to the said intending Administratrices or the undersigned as soon as possible.
Dated at Lusaka this day of 2026
PER Messrs E.M Mukuka and Company
Plot No.71, Holdsworth Building
Freedom Way
P.O Box 80471
KABWE
ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICANTS
RSO413399/26.27.06

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT OF PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of MATTEW NYIRENDA, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after expiration of Seven (7) days from publication hereof WE PETER NYIRENDA NRC NO. 499761/67/1 AND PAULINE MULENGA NRC NO. 1466633/43/1 of Luanshya District of Copperbelt Province intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia for letters of Administration for the Estate of the late MATTHEW NYIRENDA NRC NO. 152044/67/1 formerly of 15 Choma Avenue Parklands Kitwe who died on 4th April, 2018. Any persons who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any assets or liability of the estate of the late MATTEW NYIRENDA Please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
Per:.....
PETER NYIRENDA 0977 883965
Kitwe
1st Applicant
PAULINE MULENGA 0963 579400
2nd Applicant
RSO413340/25.26.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION/GRANT OF PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that after the Expiration of (7) days from the Date of the Publication Gladys Kasengwa Mbewe of 34 Kamwala Lusakof Lusaka Province Being the beneficiary(s) and near Relatives of the Staff Johns Sulo House No. 34 Kamwala Aforesaid Intend to Apply to the HIGH COURT FOR ZAMBIA for a Grant of Letters of Administration/Grant of Probate as per testacy and intestacy Act of the constitution of Zambia for the said deceased Staff Johns Sulo
Kindly Submit Notices Thereof to the Said Intended Administrator(s) or the undersigned as soon as Possible
Dated.....day of2026
Undersigned
(Home/office) Address
House No. 34 Kamwala Lusaka
RSO413358/25.26.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SALE PROPERTY OF THE LATE JAMES KANYANTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RHODA KANYANTA and OLIVER THOLE both Zambian nationals of House No.GR7 David Ramushu Teachers Compound, Kasanda Mine Kabwe District and House No.R2 Mubengele Township Chililabombwe District of the Republic of Zambia respectively being the duly appointed personal representatives of the estate of the late JAMES KANYANTA having obtained a Grant letters of Administration from the High Court for Zambia at Lusaka District on 20th June, 2025 HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that they intend to apply to the High Court at Kabwe for an Order to Sale a portion in extent one (1)hectare, Seven (7) hectares and Ten (10) hectares respectively being portions of Lot 5033/M Kabwe which property forms part of the estate of the late JAMES KANYANTA and that Seven(7) days from the date of the notice has been set as the time within which any person having an interest or claim whatsoever is required to lodge objections with the personal Representatives. Dated theday of 2026
PER Messrs E.M Mukuka and Company
Plot No.71, Holdsworth Building
Freedom Way
P.O Box 80471
KABWE
ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICANTS
RSO413399/26.27.06

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUBORDINATE COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS FOR THE LUSAKA DISTRICT HOLDEN AT LUSAKA 2026/CRMP/1316 (Civil Jurisdiction)

**IN THE MATTER OF: SECTION 4 OF THE MONEY LENDERS ACT CHAPTER 398 OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA
AND
IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION BY JOYCE HELEMENDI FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A MONEY LENDERS CERTIFICATE**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MONEY LENDERS CERTIFICATE
TAKE NOTICE that JOYCE HELEMENDI will be applying for a Money Lender's Certificate under the Money Lenders Act CAP 398 of the Laws of Zambia at Lusaka before the Honourable Magistrate Mr/Mrs/Ms M. NAKAZWE on the 9th day of JULY, 2026 at 08:15 Hours in the forenoon and that the business will be carried out under the name an style of JOYCE HELEMENDI at Plot No. 886, Meanwood Ndeke, Phase 1 Area, Lusaka.
Dated at Lusaka this 24th day of June, 2026
YVONNE CHILANDO CLERK OF THE COURT
JOYCE HELEMENDI at Plot No. 886, Meanwood Ndeke, Phase 1 Area, Lusaka.
APPLICANT
RSO413361/25.26.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT OF PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of NELLY CHILUFYA deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after expiration of Seven (7) days from publication hereof SHEM MULENGA NRC NO. 170645/65/1 Riverside, Kitwe intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia in Kitwe for letters of Administration for the Estate of the late NELLY CHILUFYA NRC NO. 208788/67/1 formerly of 5 Bath Parklands of Kitwe who died on 31st January, 2004. Any persons who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any assets or liability of the estate of the late NELLY CHILUFYA Please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
Per:.....
SHEM CHILUFYA 0969 530601
Kitwe
1st Applicant
RSO413339/25.26.06

THE LANDS AND DEEDS REGISTRY ACT

(Chapter 185 of the Laws of Zambia)
Section 56
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
FOURTEEN DAYS after publication of this notice, I intend to issue duplicate Certificate of Title No. 288374 in the names MARY BWALYA in respect of LOT No. L/18185/M in extent of 3120 square metres situated in LUSAKA PROVINCE of the Republic of Zambia. All persons having objections to the issuance of the Duplicate Certificate of Title are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the registrar of lands and deeds within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.
Kale Mwewa
Registrar
LANDS AND DEEDS cc: Registry of Lands and Deeds
P.O. BOX 30069 LUSAKA
RSO413306/25.26.06

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT OF PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of CHRISPIN MUSHINDA, deceased
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after expiration of Seven (7) days from publication hereof I
MATELO KAPALU NRC NO. 273425/24/1 of Kwacha East, Kitwe intend to apply to the High Court for Zambia in Kitwe for letters of Administration for the Estate of the late CHRISPIN MUSHINDA NRC NO. 137024/10/1 formerly of Kabundi North, Chingola who died at mine accident BID Nhangwa Hospital on 4th July, 2023. Any persons who may have any objection or any interest or claim or who may be aware of any assets or liability of the estate of the late CHRISPIN MUSHINDA Please submit notices thereof to the said intending administrators as soon as possible
Per:.....
MATELO KAPALU 0963 300212
Kwacha East
Kitwe
Applicant
RSO413359/25.26.06

Anderson set to join Man City for British record fee



ANDERSON

MANCHESTER - Manchester City have agreed a potential British record transfer fee to sign England midfielder Elliot Anderson from fellow Premier League club Nottingham Forest, according to several media reports on Thursday.

Britain's Press Association and BBC reported that City had agreed a fee which could rise to £130 million for the 23-year-old.

The current highest transfer fee paid by a British club was the £125 million Liverpool spent to bring Alexander Isak to Anfield from Newcastle last year.

Forest had reportedly rejected

two previous offers from Man City for Anderson.

He is currently in the United States of America with the England World Cup squad, but the move could be officially confirmed before the end of the tournament.

"It's about common sense. I would not like (it) on the day before a match, or on a matchday, that's the policy," said England manager Thomas Tuchel when asked about transfers being completed during the World Cup.

"If it's done privately, efficiently and quietly, then we are always happy to help. It

helps to have clarity around any player."

England face Panama in their final Group L game in New Jersey tonight, by when they may already have been assured of a place in the last 32.

Anderson started both their opening 4-2 win over Croatia and the subsequent goalless draw with Ghana.

City finished second behind Arsenal in the Premier League last term in Pep Guardiola's final season in charge, but won the FA Cup and League Cup titles.

Forest were embroiled in a relegation battle for much of the campaign before a strong late run

of form saw them finish safely in 16th place.

Meanwhile, Czech striker Patrik Schick said his international career was over on Thursday, hours after the Czech Republic bowed out of the World Cup with a 3-0 loss to Mexico.

The 30-year-old Leverkusen forward played all three games for the Czechs at the tournament and did not score as the team earned a single point for a draw with South Africa in Group A.

The injury-prone Schick has scored 26 goals in 56 games for the national team since his 2016 debut.

"My international career has

come to a close today," Schick wrote on Instagram.

"This decision is not impulsive and did not emerge out of nowhere. It is an idea I have been nursing and contemplating for a long time," he added.

Schick started his career at Sparta Prague and played for Sampdoria, AS Roma and Leipzig before joining Leverkusen in 2020.

He made a mark at Euro 2020, becoming the tournament's top scorer with five goals alongside Cristiano Ronaldo.

His second goal against Scotland at the tournament, a curling lob from 50 metres

that caught goalkeeper David Marshall way out of his goal, made Euro history.

"I am leaving proud of what I have achieved in the Czech Republic shirt, but also feeling that Czech football can do much better than it has shown in recent years," Schick said.

"We need to face the truth and change a number of things that don't work," he added, joining a chorus of critics after the Czech Republic's speedy World Cup exit.

"I'm not saying this out of anger or frustration. I'm saying this because I care about Czech football," said Schick.

AFP

Pepe steers Ivory Coast past Curacao

Elephants to face France or Norway in FIFA World Cup round of 32

PHILADELPHIA - Nicolas Pepe scored twice as Ivory Coast beat Curacao 2-0 on Thursday to reach the World Cup knockout rounds for the first time ever and bring the tiny Caribbean country's run at the tournament to an end.

Former Arsenal forward Pepe, now playing in Spain for Villarreal, opened the scoring for the Elephants after just seven minutes in Philadelphia and netted again just after the hour mark.

Ivory Coast finish with six points in Group E with this victory following their opening 1-0 win over Ecuador and a 2-1 loss to Germany.

They therefore go through in second place behind Germany on head-to-head -- the Germans lost 2-1 to Ecuador in New Jersey at the same time.

The 2024 African champions had never previously got out of their group in three previous appearances at the World Cup, and their reward for this historic performance is a last-32 tie next Tuesday in Dallas.

That will be against the runners-up in Group I, which means a very tough test against either France -- the country where Pepe and several other Ivorian players were born -- or Norway.

Curacao, with its population



NICOLAS Pepe scored a brace as Ivory Coast beat Curacao 2-0 to reach the World Cup last 32.

PICTURE: GETTY IMAGES

of barely 160 000, had already made history just by being at the World Cup, but the smallest nation ever to reach the finals go home after finishing bottom

of the section without a win.

Dick Advocaat's team were thrashed 7-1 by Germany on their tournament debut, but the high point came in their

next game as they withstood a barrage to hold Ecuador to a 0-0 draw.

They couldn't repeat that performance here, but still

did their fans proud in a game watched by a sell-out crowd of 68 324 at Lincoln Financial Field -- such an attendance on a Thursday is proof that the

World Cup has definitely made its mark on the United States of America.

Orange Ivory Coast shirts were visible all around the ground and their fans were soon celebrating as the opening goal arrived early.

Yan Diomande, one of the most exciting young talents at the tournament, was the provider as the RB Leipzig winger proved too sharp for his marker and cut the ball back for Pepe to turn it in.

Ten of the Curacao starting line-up were born in the Netherlands and many of their players have previously worn the orange of the Dutch national team at different levels,

right up to the senior side.

They are certainly no mugs, and they did have chances here, like when Jurien Gaari sent a shot just past the post from range, and Leandro Bacuna dribbled into the box only to shoot wide late in the first half.

Sherel Floranus flashed an effort narrowly over not long after the restart, but Curacao could not recover after falling further behind in the 64th minute.

Ibrahim Sangare of Nottingham Forest made the goal with an excellent through ball for Pepe, who controlled inside the area before slotting beyond Eloy Room and into the far corner.

AFP

Ecuador upset Germany to reach FIFA World Cup last 32

NEW JERSEY - Ecuador upset Germany to squeeze into the last 32 of the World Cup on Thursday while the Netherlands, Japan and the Ivory Coast advanced safely as the draw for the knockout rounds began to take shape.

The Netherlands wrapped up their first-round campaign with a 3-1 victory over Tunisia to top group F, just ahead of Japan, who drew 1-1 with Sweden to finish in second place.

Sweden also advanced as one of the best third-place finishers.

The Dutch will now face 2022 World Cup semi-finalists Morocco in the last 32, while Japan will take on Group C winners Brazil for a place in

the last 16.

A nail-biting Group E game between Ecuador and leaders Germany at MetLife Stadium was settled 13 minutes from time, when Gonzalo Plata jabbed home from close range to set up a 2-1 win.

Plata's winner came after Ecuador had recovered when Germany took the lead from a controversial Leroy Sane goal after two minutes before equalising through Nilson Angulo.

The result means Ecuador finished Group E with four points, guaranteeing them a place in the last 32 as one of the eight best third-placed teams.

"The significance of this is

not for me, it is for the people," Ecuador coach Sebastian Beccacece said after the win.

"The players gave a huge happiness to the people. We have to enjoy it and celebrate, please," the Argentine coach added.

Germany had already been assured of winning the group after wins over Ivory Coast and Curacao.

But coach Julian Nagelsmann was left dismayed at what he described as "tactical suicide" against Ecuador.

"We got off to a great start," Nagelsmann said.

"Unfortunately, right after scoring, we started committing tactical suicide with our

positioning. That makes things difficult.

"Ecuador had everything to play for, and you could tell -- they had their foot on the gas."

Ivory Coast, meanwhile, sealed the runners-up spot in group E after eliminating Curacao in Philadelphia, Nicolas Pepe scoring twice in a 2-0 victory. It is the first time that the West African nation have reached the knockout stage.

Curacao, the smallest country by population ever to play in the World Cup, depart the tournament with one point to finish bottom of the group.

A packed slate of six games across the tournament on Thursday wrapped up in

California in Group D.

Mauricio Pochettino made nine changes to his starting lineup and looked to have secured a draw until Kaan Ayhan popped up in stoppage time to grab a consolation win for the Turks in a game watched by a host of celebrities, including Brad Pitt.

In Santa Clara, Australia ground out a 0-0 draw with Paraguay to clinch second place in the group and a ticket to the last 32.

The United States of America, (USA) which had already secured first place in the group after wins over Paraguay and Australia, fielded a heavily rotated line-up in a 3-2 loss to already eliminated Turkey at the

SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.

Paraguay are also poised to advance as one of the best third-placed teams.

The Netherlands, meanwhile, will head into next week's duel with Morocco in Monterrey brimming with confidence after another impressive attacking display in group F with a 3-1 defeat of Tunisia in Kansas City.

An Ellyes Skhiri own goal was followed by goals from Brian Brobbey and Jan Paul van Hecke as Ronald Koeman's men marched on against the woeful North Africans, who depart without a point.

Japan's hopes of pipping the Netherlands to top spot -- and avoiding Brazil in the next

round -- were frustrated in a battling 1-1 draw with Sweden.

A game in front of 70, 000 fans in Texas sprang into life in the second half when Daizen Maeda gave Japan the lead with a brilliantly worked team goal soon after the break.

Sweden, who had been thumped 5-1 by the Netherlands in their second game, responded with a long-range Anthony Elanga effort minutes later to secure third place.

"The boys were fantastic," said Sweden's English coach Graham Potter.

"Over the course of the game, it was a pretty fair result and arguably we were slightly the better team in the second half."

AFP

New Zealand, Belgium battle for knockout berth

VANCOUVER - New Zealand and Belgium will battle over a place in the 2026 FIFA World Cup knockout phase when they meet in a Group G match at BC Place Vancouver today.

New Zealand opened their campaign with a 2-2 draw against Iran in Los Angeles, followed by a 3-1 loss at the hands of Egypt in Vancouver.

The All Whites have enjoyed a lead three times across the two matches, so to register just one point and sit at the foot of the table is a major disappointment.

Belgium have also underwhelmed at this World Cup, with a 1-1 draw against Egypt in Seattle followed by a goalless stalemate with Iran in Los Angeles.

The Red Devils have seen plenty of the ball and taken

many shots at goal, but their only success in finding the back of the net came from an own goal by Egypt's Mohamed Hany.

In fact, a Belgian player has not scored a World Cup goal since Michy Batshuayi in a 1-0 win over Canada in the group stage in 2022.

And Rudi Garcia's team will be without defender Nathan Ngoy, who was sent off against Iran and is therefore suspended.

The permutations are simple for New Zealand: only a win will suffice for advancement into the knockout phase. As for Belgium, even a draw may be enough to secure progression -- but only if group leaders Egypt defeat Iran in a concurrent match in Seattle.

New Zealand forward Elijah

Just said: "You can look at it one way, where the draws are maybe not so flattering to Belgium when they're probably favourites to get out of the group. At the same time, we know how hungry they're going to be, they need to beat us to get out of the group, so yeah, we're definitely not underestimating them because of the draws."

"Sometimes you have to win and in this situation you have to win. Obviously, I would have wished to start better but this is part of life. This group is not weak. We need to show we are capable of beating New Zealand and moving into the round of 32. First we need to rest, recover and get ready for this decisive match," Belgium coach Rudi Garcia said.

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Antonelli welcomes Mercedes upgrade, Russell says beware Hamilton

VIENNA - Formula One leader Kimi Antonelli said on Thursday that a Mercedes upgrade would help him bounce back from a first defeat of the year but teammate George Russell warned that Lewis Hamilton was back to his 'beautiful best'.

Russell, a 28-year-old Briton, was the pre-season favourite for the drivers' title until his teenage Silver Arrows partner Antonelli reeled off a record run of five consecutive wins, a streak that Hamilton ended in Barcelona on June 14.

It was Hamilton's first victory for the 'scarlet scuderia', after two consecutive second places. He climbed to second in the title race, 41 points behind Antonelli, who retired in Spain, and nine ahead of Russell.

Antonelli is keen to

rebound at the Austrian Grand Prix, an event that was on Thursday declared a "heat hazard" by the International Motoring Federation (FIA) with temperatures set to hit 38 degrees Celsius or higher forecast across the race weekend.

Tomorrow's race will be followed by the British, Belgian and Hungarian Grands Prix before the four-week summer break.

"I think these are all tracks where our car should adapt well," Antonelli told a press conference. "So far this year, we've mainly struggled on circuits with older asphalt and low grip."

"The Red Bull Ring should be more favourable than Barcelona was for us, even though we're expecting very high temperatures.

"It's a very demanding track for the car, especially since the altitude reduces the amount of available oxygen."

"Having a fresh power unit is definitely good news."

His teammate Russell, meanwhile, was full of praise for Hamilton, a seven-time champion and former Mercedes star.

"Kimi is still very much the driver out in front and he is performing incredibly and consistently but Ferrari feel like they're coming -- and Lewis is at the forefront."

"It was great to see Lewis back doing what he does best," said Russell of the 41-year-old Hamilton's record-increasing 106th career win.

"People were writing Lewis off last year, or even the year we were teammates in 2024. Is he too old? Is he this or that?

Then he goes and does it. He has been smashing it for the last four or five races."

"You don't forget how to drive overnight. But you need yourself, your team, the set-up, the understanding of the tyres -- you need everything to click and when it does, you fly -- and like it was with Lewis, it's beautiful."

Tomorrow's race is the first this year to be declared a 'heat-hazard' event under an FIA rule introduced last year for races with temperatures in excess of 31 degrees.

It was applied last season in Singapore and the United States of America.

The decision allows drivers to wear cooling vests or, if not, add five kilograms of ballast to the weight of their cars to avoid gaining an advantage.

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Mayweather's Athens fight with Zambidis reportedly off

NEW YORK - Former multi-weight world boxing champion Floyd Mayweather's planned exhibition against Greek kickboxing star Mike Zambidis in Athens on Saturday is off, according to federal court filings obtained by ESPN.

The pay-per-view event was to be held at Telekon Centre at

OAKA Olympic Complex in Athens.

Events company CSI, which is suing Mayweather in connection with planned bouts against Mike Tyson and Manny Pacquiao, had sought an injunction in the Southern District Court of New York to prevent the Zambidis exhibition.

In a letter to the court, ESPN reported, attorney Melissa Glass said the Mayweather-Zambidis event will no longer proceed because uncertainty over its status "effectively stopped any promotion or distribution plans for the event and halted ticket sales".

She said the bout against

the 45-year-old Zambidis, an 18-time world champion best known for his career in K-1 MAX, could be rescheduled.

CSI sued Mayweather last week seeking to recover at least US\$4.65 million the company says it paid the fighter for exclusive rights to promote the planned bouts against Tyson and

Pacquiao.

Mayweather, 49, retired from boxing in 2017 with a perfect 50-0 record.

He has appeared in exhibition bouts since then, but a planned exhibition late last year against former heavyweight world champion Tyson never materialised and plans for a

rematch with Filipino icon Pacquiao, announced by Netflix for September, is shrouded by uncertainty.

That bout, announced for the Sphere in Las Vegas, would have rematched the fighters in the top moneyspinner in boxing history.

But it apparently foundered

after Mayweather said the fight would be an exhibition while Pacquiao said he signed for an official bout against the American.

The Sphere has since booked a concert by the Eagles for September 19, the planned Pacquiao versus Mayweather date.

AFP

Top 10 slots elude Zambians at chess tourney

USA interested in hosting 2038 World Cup - Giuliani



KAYONDE

Kayonde finishes 12th, Kaoma, Mulenga trail in 15th, 17th slots, respectively

MICHAEL MIYOBA
Lusaka

INTERNATIONAL Master (IM) Andrew Kayonde narrowly missed a top-ten finish in the open section at African Individual Chess Championships in Jwaneng, Botswana. Kayonde lost to Egyptian Grand Master (GM) Bassem Amin in the final round to amass 5.5 points and in 12th

position. Compatriots - unrated Michael Kaoma and Fide Master (FM) Prince Mulenga - also finished with 5.5 points in 15th and 17th positions, respectively. Kaoma concluded his campaign with victory over IM Kelvin Chumfwa in an all-Zambian final-round contest. Mulenga settled for a draw against unrated James Dinham, of South Africa. IM Chitumbo Mwali

wrapped up his campaign with five points after losing to South African GM Terence Solomon. Chisha Lyapa also produced an impressive showing, defeating Sudan's Kamal Khtab to finish in 33rd position with 4.5 points. The open section title was shared by Algerian GM Bilel Bellahcene and Amin, who both finished with 7.5 points. Bellahcene was ultimately declared champion after his

draw against South African IM Banele Mhango. In the women's category, Egyptian Women's Grand Masters Shrook Wafa and Shahenda Wafa dominated, finishing level on 7.5 points. Wafa took her position because of a better tie break. Zambia's sole representative, Constance Mbata, finished in 27th position with four points after suffering defeat to South African Women FM Chloe Badenhorst in the last round.

WASHINGTON - The United States of America (USA) could consider making a bid to host the men's 2038 World Cup, says the executive director of the White House's World Cup task force. The USA are co-hosting the 2026 World Cup with Canada and Mexico, with the tournament having been expanded from 32 teams to 48. FIFA is considering expanding the format even further to 64 teams as early as 2030. "When you think that this World Cup may at some point expand out to 64 teams, I think the United States can handle it. Let me make sure we get through this World Cup on 19 July before we make our pitch for 2038 or other ones," said Andrew Giuliani. The 2038 World Cup is the next one for which a bidding process will take place. The 2030 tournament will be co-hosted by Spain, Portugal and Morocco, while the opening three matches will be played in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay to mark the competition's 100th anniversary. The 2034 tournament will be held in Saudi Arabia. In this summer's World Cup, there have been a number of controversial issues involving the USA, which is hosting 78 of the 104 matches. In April, rights groups urged fans, players, journalists and other visitors to "exercise caution" if travelling to the USA. More than 120

organisations collectively issued a 'travel advisory' driven by what they said is "the Trump administration's violent and abusive immigration crackdown". There has also been criticism of an increase in travel costs in the US during the World Cup. Against the backdrop of the war between the USA and Iran in the Middle East, members of Iran's backroom staff were denied entry visas for the USA. They subsequently switched their base for the World Cup from Arizona to Tijuana in Mexico, and face strict travel restrictions during their campaign. Despite this, Giuliani has spoken to USA President Donald Trump about America's ability to host the World Cup again. "There's no better country that's positioned to host a World Cup than the United States, and I think we're seeing that on social media," said Giuliani. "I think we're seeing that with all the fans that may be interacting with the US for the first time, or the first time in a long time, that the US truly is extremely welcoming, that we have such an incredible infrastructure. "We have the stadiums built, so for the US, compared to other host nations, where it costs tens and tens of billions of dollars, you know, it cost us a couple of billion." He added: "It's so wonderful to see the world's love affair with the United States of America over our 250th birthday. It's been very gratifying."

Serena to face Joint in Wimbledon return

LONDON - Serena Williams was yesterday drawn to play Australia's Maya Joint in the Wimbledon first round as the American legend returns to singles action after four years. Williams retired in 2022 but the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion made a sensational comeback by playing in the Queen's Club and Berlin Open doubles earlier in June. The 44-year-old was given a wild card entry in the Wimbledon singles - a tournament she has won seven times. If Williams beats world number 53 Joint, a 20-year-old who has won just one of her past 14 matches, the American could face 29th seed rising star Alexandra Eala of the Philippines in the second round. A victory in the second round would raise the possibility of a potential blockbuster third round tie against reigning champion Iga Swiatek, who starts her title defence against American Taylor Townsend. Williams, who has been practising at Wimbledon for the past week, last played a singles match nearly four years ago at the US Open in what had appeared to be her farewell to the sport. She said at the time she was "evolving away" from tennis. But just prior to the Wimbledon warm-up event at Queen's this year, Williams announced her stunning return, a move motivated by a desire to play in front of her two

young daughters. She has not played at Wimbledon since losing to Harmony Tan in the first round in 2022. Her last Grand Slam match was the US Open third round defeat against Ajla Tomljanovic that seemed to have brought the curtain down on her astonishing career. It remains to be seen if Williams can cope with the physical demands of singles competition after so long away from the sport. She looked solid in her two doubles matches at Queen's and Berlin, winning one in London with Victoria Mboko and losing her opening tie with Karolina Muchova in Germany. But Williams has not won a Grand Slam crown since the 2017 Australian Open, with her last major final appearance ending in defeat at the 2019 US Open. Williams is also playing in the doubles at Wimbledon with her sister Venus. The pair have won the All England Club doubles six times together. In the men's singles draw, defending champion Jannik Sinner was pitted against Serbia's Miomir Kecmanovic. The Italian world number one has not played since suffering a shock defeat against Juan Manuel Cerundolo in the French Open second round in May. Sinner, a four-time Grand Slam champion, is looking to win Wimbledon for the second



WILLIAMS

time, with his main rival Carlos Alcaraz absent as he continues to recover from a wrist injury. Novak Djokovic starts his latest bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title against China's Wu Yibing. The 39-year-old Serb has won Wimbledon seven times, but he has not triumphed at the All England Club since 2022. Djokovic earned his most recent Grand Slam crown at the 2023 US Open, with his last two major finals ending in defeat against Alcaraz at Wimbledon in 2024 and the Australia Open this year. AFP

Ruggers gather for Roan 7s Championship

MULWANDA LUPIYA
Lusaka

GREEN Buffaloes will today target retaining the Roan Sevens Championship title while Green Eagles will be seeking to win their second straight title. Buffaloes will face competition from Red Arrows, Green Eagles and Mufulira Leopards among others in Luanshya. Buffaloes, coached by Richard Kapoma, are in Pool D alongside Kansanshi Dragons, Ndola Wanderers and Chibuluma. "The boys are ready to retain the title and we want to stamp authority," Kapoma said in an interview. To conquer, Buffaloes

will look to Cedric Tendai, Emmanuel Fumbelo and Patson Kasonde. Favourites Arrows will seek returning to winning ways after shockingly failing to lay their hands on Bonnie Mutale Mopani Sevens Championship in Kitwe last Saturday. Arrows coach Mwamba Chishimba said they are pumped up for redemption. "We are ready for the tournament. We did not participate last year but the team is ready. We did not win the Bonnie Mutale Mopani Sevens Championship in Kitwe, so we are eager to make amends," Chishimba said. Arrows will have their work cut out as several key players are away with the national 15s

team in Namibia for tomorrow's international friendly. Alex Mwewa, Elisha Bwalya, brothers Terry and Lawrence Kaushiku are all in Windhoek. Arrows are in Pool C with 'Men at Work' Diggers, hosts Roan and 'Powerhouse' Lusaka. For Eagles, they will be buoyed by the Bonnie Mutale Championship triumph. "Of course we won the tournament last weekend in Kitwe but this is a different ball game. We have told the boys not to be carried away with that success," Eagles coach Tom Chaloba said. Eagles are in Pool A with Konkola and Kitwe Playing Fields while Pool B has Leopards, Nkwazi and Nchanga.

Cole grabs PGA Travelers lead with Scheffler one back

CONNECTICUT - Eric Cole, seeking his first PGA Tour title, fired a seven-under par 63 to seize the lead after Thursday's opening round of the Travelers Championship with top-ranked Scottie Scheffler lurking. Cole's bogey-free round gave him a one-stroke edge over six rivals through 18 holes in the US\$20 million signature event at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut. "It was a good way to start the tournament, for sure," Cole said. "We had really good conditions to start the day, limited wind, greens were

pretty soft, so there were birdies to be made out there. "I felt like I played solid and kept giving myself chances and a few of 'em went in, so that was nice." Sharing second on 64 were Scheffler, fellow Americans Bud Cauley and Ben Griffin, England's Matt Fitzpatrick, Norway's Kristoffer Reitan and Colombian Nico Echavarria. Cole, a 38-year-old American whose parents are pro golfers Bobby Cole and Laura Baugh, has four top-10 finishes in his past six starts, including second at last month's Charles Schwab

Challenge. "It was just a lot of the hard work that I put in earlier in the year and while it didn't necessarily yield any results, I just had faith I was working on the right stuff and eventually some results would come from it," Cole said. "It's a longer process than maybe I would have hoped for. Winning is something I want to do, but I'm just trying to get myself in that spot where I have more opportunities and then hopefully just the more I do that, the more likely it is I'll win."

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‘Strong commercial structures key for football growth’

FAZ committed to reducing reliance on traditional funding sources

MICHAEL MIYOBA, ROBINSON KUNDA
Lusaka

FOOTBALL Association of Zambia (FAZ) president Keith Mweemba says strong commercial structures are essential for the continued growth and sustainability of the beautiful game.

And newly-appointed FAZ technical director Sunday Kayuni is eager to revive Zambia's football prowess of the past.

Speaking yesterday during the inaugural FAZ commercial and marketing advisory committee meeting in Lusaka, Mweemba said his executive is committed to strengthening its commercial base and reducing reliance on traditional funding sources.

He said strategic collaboration between Government, private sector and football family will be crucial in unlocking the full economic and social potential of the game.

"Together, we can build a football industry that not only produces success on the pitch but also contributes meaningfully to Zambia's economic growth and national development," Mweemba said.

He said football has evolved into a major economic sector globally, making it imperative for Zambia to establish strong

commercial structures to support sustainable success on the field with sound business practices off it.

Mweemba said the FAZ commercial and marketing advisory committee had been established to help transform football into a viable economic sector capable of attracting investment, creating jobs, generating revenue and delivering long-term value.

He urged committee members to think boldly, embrace innovation and move beyond traditional approaches in order to build a commercial model that future generations will be proud of.

"The nation is looking to this committee for leadership and results. I am confident that you have the capacity and commitment to deliver," Mweemba said.

He also acknowledged the importance of continued Government support, describing football as a strategic national asset due to its ability to unite the country, inspire young people, promote healthy lifestyles, create employment and stimulate economic activity.

"As we pursue the commercial transformation of our game, we also recognise that Government support remains indispensable," Mweemba said.

"Under the leadership of our patron, the Republican President, who has consistently demonstrated a deep passion for

sport and football in particular, Government has an important role to play in creating an enabling environment for football to thrive."

The committee has set a minimum target of raising US\$30 million during its two-year tenure.

Among the members of the committee are lawyers Milingo Lungu, Mosho (Lewis Nathan Advocates), Bridget Kamboke (marketing and communications expert), Presidential Advisor Jito Kayumba, Absa Bank Zambia managing director Mizinga Melu, Independent Broadcasting Authority director-general Webster Malido, Solomon Ngoma (policy expert), Hazel Couvaras (customer experiences director Zantel), Katongo Chilufya (KoBold Metals), Brian Siatubi (head of corporate Affairs - Konkola Copper Mines, and Eugene Phiri (marketing and corporate expert).

Others are Lee Kawanu (Kafue Celtic proprietor), Moses Mubanga (former Buildcon owner), Tehrak Mehta (futsal expert), Marcus Ascott (businessman) and Semba Chimalanga (Financial expert - Copperbelt Energy Corporation).

Meanwhile, speaking on Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation television on Thursday, Kayuni admitted being a fan of some former Zambia players especially the time he worked as Tanzania



FOOTBALL Association of Zambia president Keith Mweemba (right) and his deputy, Mutale Ng'andu, during the commercial and marketing advisory committee meeting in Lusaka yesterday. PICTURE: FAZ MEDIA

coach. The last time Kayuni coached Taifa Stars was in 1993, the same year 18 Zambian players died in the Gabon air crash in Libreville.

"When I was just appointed Tanzania national team coach, we played against Zambia

in Mwanza in the Challenge Cup. I used to admire late Samuel Ndhlovu, there was a late Moses Chikwalakwala, who was one of those that died in the plane crash in Gabon in 1993. Those played good football, which we admired," he said.

"That type of football is still in my memory I wish Zambia can go back. I envied Samuel 'Zoom' Ndhlovu and others. I wish to bring that kind of football back."

Kayuni spoke highly of Zambia's football talent and believes Chipolopololo can once

again be a force to reckon with on the continent and beyond.

The 70-year-old Tanzanian replaced Lyson Zulu, who has taken up a FIFA appointment.

As a FIFA instructor, Kayuni conducted several workshops for coaches and referees in Zambia.

Chisongo twins too good

ROBINSON KUNDA
Lusaka

CHISONGO sisters Christabel and Isabel on Thursday put up another exciting performance to advance to the semi-finals of the women's doubles at International Tennis Federation World Tennis Tour Juniors J30 Tournament.

However, it was another disappointing display from several Zambian players as they exited the doubles competition, 24 hours after being eliminated from the singles categories.

The Chisongos beat twin sisters Leticia and Lorena Zandamela, of Mozambique, 7-5, 6-2 in a round of 16 fixture at Lusaka Club.

They went further to produce another superb performance in the quarter-finals, defeating third seeds Paballo Chuene, of South Africa, and Rutendo Mellisa Mavhenyengwa, from Zimbabwe, 6-3, 6-2 to book their place in the semi-finals, which were scheduled to be played last evening.

Janet Mwape and Botswana's Rethabile Lesire Moshaoa were eliminated in the quarter-finals. Kombe Mabo Junior and South Africa's William Harding, who partnered in the men's doubles, advanced to the quarter-finals but lost.

The Zambian pair of Kondwani Banda and Macmillan Chishala

also reached the boys' doubles quarter-finals but could not progress to the semi-finals.

Zambia Tennis Association (ZTA) is happy with the performance of Zambian players despite most of them being eliminated in early rounds.

"Although several other Zambian pairings bowed out, they displayed great determination against strong international opposition. The Zambia Tennis Association congratulates Christabel and Isabel Chisongo for continuing their outstanding run at the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J30 Lusaka," ZTA said in a statement issued yesterday.

‘Represent Zambia with pride, integrity

ROBINSON KUNDA
Lusaka

MINISTRY of Youth, Sport and Arts Permanent Secretary Kangwa Chileshe has implored athletes competing at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games to represent the country with pride and integrity.

The Games will run from July 23 to August 2. Chileshe said millions of Zambians are looking up to the athletes for inspiration.

He was speaking in Lusaka yesterday during the send-off ceremony held at the residence of British High Commissioner to Zambia Rebecca Terzeon.

"Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, team officials and support personnel who have earned the privilege of representing our nation at this prestigious international event. Your selection reflects your dedication, hard work and dedication to your country," Chileshe said.

He said the Commonwealth

Games brings together athletes from across the Commonwealth in the spirit of friendship, unity and sporting excellence and for Zambia, participation represents far more than competition.

"It is an opportunity to showcase our country's talent, resilience and determination on the international stage while strengthening the bonds that unite nations through sport. As Team Zambia prepares to travel to Scotland, you carry with you the hopes and aspirations of over 20 million Zambians. You are ambassadors of our nation, our culture and our values," Chileshe said.

He said Government remains fully committed to the development of sport as a key pillar for national development, a key pillar for youth empowerment, social inclusion, and economic growth.

"We recognise the immense contribution that sport makes in transforming lives, promoting healthy communities, and creating opportunities for young

people to realise their full potential," Chileshe said.

And Terzeon urged Zambian athletes to compete with courage. She said the Commonwealth Games will be the third that the United Kingdom (UK) has hosted since 2014.

Birmingham staged the 2022 edition, where Zambia's 400metres runner Muzala Samukonga won gold.

"Glasgow will, of course, be all about sporting excellence but it will also highlight the power of sport to unite, inspire and create lasting memories across the Commonwealth family," she said.

And National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) president Alfred Foloko urged athletes to do their best.

In a speech read on his behalf by NOCZ treasurer Victor Banda, Foloko said the athletes worked hard to earn qualification and they should be proud of their achievements.

Zambia will be represented in five disciplines - bowling, boxing, athletics, swimming and judo.

Myooye, PIF, Mikalile, Mathkat National League-bound

MICHAEL MIYOBA
Miller Ground
Lusaka

FOREST Myooye and Play It Forward (PIF) yesterday secured promotion to National League with the former's coach, Evaristo Mkandawire, praising God for the achievement.

Central Province champions Myooye sealed top spot in Group A with 10 points after edging Solwezi Mushitala 1-0 courtesy of Justin Mwanza's 77th minute winner.

PIF, from the southern region, were second with eight points.

"Firstly we thank God for us to meet our target, which was to finish with ten points. This is good for Myooye and for our fans," Mkandawire said in an

interview. "Going into the National League, we need to beef up because if we go on like the way we are, we will not survive. We need to have a complete depth to compete."

Mushitala coach Moses Lungu was disappointed to miss promotion.

"We planned to win but – unfortunately – we missed a lot of chances in the first half. This is very painful for us but we just have to focus on next season," Lungu said.

PIF beat Mpande Youth Academy, of Northern Province, 1-0 with Martin Mwangala scoring the clincher in the 12th minute.

Mushitala and Mpande finished with four points in third

and fourth positions, respectively, while Barotse Crocs managed one point.

In Group B, Nampundwe, Mikalile and Mathkat United, of Lusaka, Eastern and Luapula provinces, respectively, secured promotion to National League.

Nampundwe beat Real Nakonde 2-1 courtesy of goals from Mike Simwanga and Jacob Banda while Mapalo Sikomona scored the consolation for the Muchinga Province representative.

"We are very excited because we were expecting this promotion. It was difficult because we started slow but we managed to recover and managed to claim the win. Going into the National League, we need to work the striking force, we

don't have strikers," Nampundwe coach Clive Mwansa said.

Nakonde coach Ivwananji Sichizya said they will learn from their mistakes.

"Next time when we come, we will try to score first because this tournament is about scoring first. We are very disappointed because we wanted to win the last match because it was a must-win game for us to qualify," Sichizya said. Mikalile overcame Zambezi Portland 2-0.

They scored through Wilson Mwanza and Chihinda Bihinda to amass six points.

Meanwhile, Solwezi Mushitala, who finished third in Group A with four points, will face River Plate in an additional play-off for a place in National League.

Briefs

Schweinsteiger comments irk Fae

PHILADELPHIA - Comments from former Germany midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger about Ivory Coast's "wild" playing style could be considered racist, says their manager Emerse Fae.

Schweinsteiger, speaking before Germany beat Ivory Coast in their 2026 World Cup Group E match, said Fae's team were "a bit African football" and "not so conditioned by tactics".

Asked about these comments after Ivory Coast qualified for the World Cup knockouts for the first time in

their history, Fae was disappointed by Schweinsteiger and suggested his comments were influenced by long-standing biases regarding African football.

"I think it's sad," Fae said after Ivory Coast's 2-0 win over Curacao in Philadelphia on Thursday, which secured second place in Group E.

Schweinsteiger was a very good player; I have always loved him as a midfielder and the way he understood football. When I heard his comments, I was disappointed in the man".

BBC

Japan hope to inspire Asians

DALLAS - Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu hopes his side's World Cup exploits will inspire other Asian countries after AFP footage showed Chinese football fans celebrating the success of their traditional rivals.

Japan and China have often had fraught political ties, but some Chinese supporters in Shanghai put that aside to cheer Japan's 4-0 win over Tunisia.

Japan sealed their place in the last 32 on Thursday following a 1-1 draw with Sweden in Texas and face Brazil next.

Asked afterwards by AFP if his team felt their

success was not only for Japan, but for Asia as a whole, Moriyasu said: "We are representing Japan, but we're proud to be representing Japan towards the world."

"And of course, now we are representing Asia. I know that other Asians teams are not as successful. Even if today we couldn't get the win, I would like us to be able to encourage other Asian teams as well, and we would like to be their hope."

"Also, if we're having good competitions among Asian teams, that can get the level up."

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