

The big day

Hichilema to be sworn in for second term today

FUMBE CHANDA,
CATHERINE MUMBA
Lusaka, Choma

ZAMBIANS from across the country have converged in Lusaka for today's inauguration of President-elect Hakainde Hichilema, a major national event that takes place once every five years. After weeks of preparations

at National Heroes Stadium, the venue has been cleared for the ceremony following an inspection by the defence and security chiefs, who gave the arrangements their seal of approval.

Final preparations and touch-ups were carried out yesterday, with the venue set for the historic occasion.

People have been flocking into Lusaka from different parts of the country, with the capital filled with citizens eager to

witness the swearing-in of Mr Hichilema for his second term.

The ceremony begins at 08:30 hours with the guard of honour taking position, followed by the arrival of invited guests, dignitaries and members of the public.

The President-elect and First Lady are scheduled to arrive at 10:50 hours, followed by the presidential salute, national anthem and opening prayer.

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ERB maintains fuel prices, shields motorists

MARY LEMBA
Lusaka

ENERGY Regulation Board (ERB) has maintained fuel pump prices for September, shielding motorists and businesses from an increase despite rising international oil prices and exchange-rate pressures.

Petrol will continue selling at K25.29 per litre, diesel at

K26.86, kerosene at K27.02, while jet A-1 also remains at K28.71 per litre.

In a statement issued yesterday, ERB board chairperson James Banda said the decision has been taken despite upward pressure on domestic fuel prices caused by movements in international oil prices and the exchange rate.

Mr Banda said international prices of petrol, diesel and

kerosene have increased during the period under review largely due to continued geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

"Despite the stated movements in pricing fundamentals, the ERB has maintained the pump prices of domestic petroleum products for September 2026," Mr Banda said.

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UPND Alliance calls for tougher action against cyber crimes

PHILIP CHISALU,
GIDEON NYENDWA
Lusaka, Ndola

THE United Party for National Development (UPND) Alliance has called on the Zambia Cyber Security Agency (ZSCA) and law enforcement institutions to clamp down on criminal elements hiding behind keyboards.

And UPND deputy national youth chairperson Trevor Mwiinde has urged young people to ignore social media messages allegedly promoting hatred and division from individuals who have left the country.

Alliance deputy

spokesperson Edmond Mbanga Miti Jr said there is need to apprehend criminal elements hiding behind fake profiles and the veil of politics to subvert public order.

Mr Miti said the UPND Alliance is concerned with the rising wave of digital lawlessness and online abuse across Zambia.

"Over recent weeks, social media platforms have been increasingly weaponised by individuals issuing statements of hate, vulgarity, and explicit threats of violence and assassination against the republican President, His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema.

"We must be exceptionally clear, freedom of expression is a fundamental constitutional right, but it is not a licence for criminal behaviour, nor does political opposition grant immunity from the law," Mr Miti said in a statement.

He challenged ZSCA to roll out a sensitisation programme on how citizens should conduct themselves in the digital space.

Mr Miti observed that most people unintentionally step into criminality because they do not realise that while robust political criticism is protected, threats, hate speech, defamation and incitement are offences.

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'HH secured clear mandate'

MARY LEMBA
Lusaka

PRESIDENT Hakainde Hichilema secured a clear mandate in the August 13 general election, with two independent verification exercises confirming that he crossed the 50 percent threshold, according to a post-election assessment by PARI-Africa.

PARI-Africa says Zambia should now shift its attention from prolonged electoral contestation to strengthening institutions ahead of 2031.

The assessment, Zambia After the Ballot: Post-Election Briefing, says available independent evidence does not support claims that another candidate won the polls.

The briefing, authored by Tamuka Chirimambowa and Southern Africa Coalition for Democracy and Accountability (SACDA) executive director Blessing Vava, however, identifies institutional and administrative issues that should be addressed before the 2031 elections.

It says Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) declared President Hichilema winner with 60.5 percent of the vote against Brian Mundubile's 37.8 percent, representing a margin of about 1.1 million votes.

According to the report, Christian Churches Monitoring Group (CCMG), which conducted a parallel verification exercise covering 1,491 of 1,500 sampled polling stations, independently placed Mr Hichilema above the 50 percent threshold.

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INSPIRATIONAL NOTE

"STOP being afraid of what could go wrong, and start being excited about what could go right." — TONY ROBBINS

29 firms sub-contracted for Chipata-Chadiza rd

OVER 20 companies have been sub-contracted to carry out works on the Chipata-Chadiza road project by Sable Construction, the main contractor on the K1.5 billion project.

Project consultant Kaplum Finix JV resident engineer Alinani Msisya says 29 sub-contractors have registered with Sable Construction.

Mr Msisya said active sub-contractors have been allocated drainage works in townships along the project.

He said works worth about K17 million have so far been awarded to sub-contractors.

"So far, we have done nearly K20 million, but

the works allocated to sub-contractors so far are worth K17 million, and we will continue to take on more," Mr Msisya said.

He said more works will be allocated as the project progresses, although some companies that had expressed interest faced financial challenges and could not start work.

Mr Msisya said the works on the project are expected to be finished by November this year.

He said about eight kilometres of the road remains untarred, but works are under way.

MAYENGO NYIRENDA
Chipata

Medics perform operations on 30 North children

ABOUT 30 children in Northern Province have received specialised surgical treatment following a four-day paediatric surgical camp in Kasama District.

The camp, which brought specialist paediatric surgeons from University Teaching Hospitals (UTH), saw seven major operations performed on minors with complex conditions.

Leading the surgical team, Amon Ngongola said among the procedures performed were several anaplastic operations on babies born with anorectal malformations, a condition in which one

is born without a formed anal opening.

Dr Ngongola said the procedures are aimed at reconstructing the affected area to enable the children to pass stool normally and improve their quality of life.

This is according to a statement issued by Northern Province principal public relations officer Sandra Siyasiya.

He said the camp was organised to strengthen access to specialised paediatric surgical services in Northern Province and to reduce the number of children requiring referrals to higher-level facilities.

ESTHER NG'ANDU
Kitwe

President to strengthen Zambia, US ties

CHOMBA MUSIKA
Lusaka

PRESIDENT-ELECT Hakainde Hichilema says he looks forward to strengthening bilateral relations with United States of America through increased trade, investment and mutually beneficial co-operation.

Mr Hichilema wants to ensure that the bilateral relations are beneficial for the prosperity of the two countries' peoples.

He said this in a Facebook posting last evening after meeting the United States of America Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Frank W. Garcia Jr.

"We were delighted to meet Mr Frank W. Garcia Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs of the United

States of America. Zambia deeply values its longstanding friendship with the United States," Mr Hichilema said.

"We look forward to further strengthening our bilateral relations through increased trade, investment and mutually beneficial co-operation for the prosperity of our two peoples," he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister of Japan Takaichi Sanae has congratulated President Hichilema on his re-election, with a pledge to further deepen bilateral relations between the two countries.

In a message, Ms Sanae reaffirmed Japan's commitment to working closely with President Hichilema to further deepen and strengthen bilateral relations.

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Buseko fire likely caused by lit brazier

Police say initial inquiries indicate inferno started in section where planks are sold

FANNY KALONDA
Lusaka

POLICE say a charcoal brazier, which may have been left unattended, could have caused

the fire at Buseko Market on Sunday, according to preliminary investigations. And two male suspects, aged 18 and 17, both of Matero Township, were apprehended and are detained in police custody on suspicion of theft during the incident.

The duo was allegedly found at the scene removing Bonanza gaming machines from one of the affected shops, of which three were recovered from them on the scene. In a statement, police spokesperson Godfrey Chilabi said initial inquiries also

indicate that the inferno started in a shop situated on the eastern side of the trading facility, in an open section where wooden poles and planks are sold. The fire subsequently spread to an adjacent shop and other trading premises. Mr Chilabi said investigations are ongoing to establish the exact cause and circumstances surrounding the incident.

“The fire was reportedly first noticed between 21:30 and 22:30 hours on Sunday. Matero Police Station received a report from members of the public around 00:30 hours on Monday,” he said. Mr Chilabi said personnel from the defence and security wings were deployed to safeguard the market and prevent theft, vandalism and

other criminal activities. He said property belonging to several traders was destroyed in the inferno, adding that the total value of the property destroyed is yet to be established. Mr Chilabi said the fire was eventually extinguished by personnel from Lusaka City Council Fire Brigade, Zambia National Service (ZNS), Zambia Air Force and

TAZAMA. He has urged members of the public, particularly traders operating in markets and other areas where charcoal braziers and other sources of fire are used, to exercise extreme caution. He advised traders to ensure that all sources of fire are completely extinguished before leaving their trading premises.



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MIKE Banda, a trader of Lusaka's Buseko Market, is among those whose stalls were affected by fire on Sunday. PICTURE: ABEL MAMBWE

30 parliamentary poll petitions filed

GRACE CHAILE
Lusaka

ABOUT 30 parliamentary election petitions have been filed before Lusaka High Court, with losing candidates, former ministers Paul Kabuswe and Sylvia Masebo, among others, seeking the nullification of election results over alleged malpractice and non-compliance with the Electoral Process Act (EPA). Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) is cited as a respondent in all the petitions and is accused of failing to comply with various provisions of EPA, with petitioners claiming that the breaches affected the election outcomes. Former minister of Mines and Minerals Development Paul Kabuswe is challenging the election of Resolute Party candidate Nsofwa Kabwe Lupele in Chililabombwe. Mr Kabuswe polled 8,986 votes against his closest rival, Mr Lupele, who received 10,920 votes. He claims that Mr Lupele's

campaign was characterised by character assassination, alleging that he told public rallies that Mr Kabuswe was a thief who had stolen and sold copper. Mr Kabuswe further alleges that Mr Lupele accused him of giving mines to a named individual and of employing only relatives while he served as minister, portraying him as a tribalist and nepotist. The former law-maker further accuses Mr Lupele and his agents of giving voters between K50 and K100 at Ishuko Tavern polling station. Mr Kabuswe further claims that people who were ferried in his Nissan Hard Body to cast their votes were blocked at Fikolongo in Chitambi ward after rocks were placed across the road, preventing them from reaching the polling station. In Chongwe East, former minister of Health Ms Masebo is challenging Anita Kamanga's election. Ms Masebo polled 6,798 votes against independent candidate Ms Kamanga's 16,058 votes.

She alleges that false and defamatory statements were circulated against her, including claims that she lost the UPND adoption process and was only picked because of her position in the party. Ms Masebo alleges that she was described as a thief and unfit to lead Chongwe East, saying the statements were intended to prejudice her candidature and influence voters. Meanwhile, United Party for National Development (UPND)'s Sunday Chanda has challenged Sampa Muswema's election in Kanchibiya on the National Restoration Party for Unity and Progress (NRPUP) ticket. Mr Chanda alleges violence, intimidation, corruption, procedural breaches and widespread non-compliance with EPA. In Milanzi, UPND candidate Tylad Lungu is challenging independent candidate Lumankio Zulu, who polled 5,004 votes against Mr Lungu's 4,424 votes.

Mr Lungu alleges violence and intimidation, claiming that Mr Zulu and his supporters disrupted a rally in Gina village. He also claims irregularities in the results recorded at three polling stations. In Chitambo constituency, UPND's Remember Mutale is challenging Nelson Kabanda's victory, alleging that Mr Kabanda, of NRPUP, accused him of stealing Constituency Development Fund (CDF) meant for co-operatives, women and youth clubs. In Nyimba South, UPND candidate Olipa Phiri has challenged NRPUP's Mackson Kapantha's victory, alleging vote-buying, bribery, violence, corruption and the irregular invalidation or swapping of votes. CHALI MULENGA reports that independent candidate Clive Miyanda has challenged Emelda Munashabantu's re-election in Mapatizya before Livingstone High Court. Ms Munashabantu won with 14,812 votes against Mr Miyanda's 14,330 votes.



VERDANT ORCHARDS
MUNYATI

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN AVOCADO OIL PROCESSING PLANT AT FARM NO. CHOMA/3156517, NAMWALA ROAD IN MBABALA AREA OF CHOMA DISTRICT, SOUTHERN PROVINCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA BY MUNYATI FARMING LIMITED

Munyati Farming Limited is a Zambian business duly registered with PACRA, and is engaged in mixed agriculture as the core line of business in the Mbabala Area of Choma District. The developer intends to construct and operate a state-of-the-art Avocado Oil Processing Plant at its farm on Namwala Road in the Mbabala Area of Choma District, Southern Province. Out of an annual harvest exceeding 6,000 Tons from its 360-hectare Hass avocado plantations, the company will process approximately 1,900 Tons of non-export quality fruit into premium virgin avocado oil. The plant has a designed throughput capacity of 5 Tons per hour, operating 8 hours per day over a 120-day seasonal window (totaling 4,800 Tons/year processing capability).

In compliance with the Environmental Management Act No. 12 of 2011, read together with the Environmental Management (EIA) Regulations, SI No. 3 of 2026, particularly Class III (J)(m) of the First Schedule (Regulations 5 and 7), the proponent is undertaking an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study for the proposed project. As part of this process, scoping meetings will be held to engage key stakeholders, as well as interested and affected parties, to gather feedback on the proposed agro-processing project.

This notice therefore, serves to inform government agencies, members of the general public, interested and affected parties that the scoping meetings for the above-mentioned project in the Mbabala Area of Choma District will be held as follows:

Date: 8 th September, 2026	Date: 9 th September, 2026
Venue: Choma Municipal Council Chamber	Venue: Munyati Farming Limited Community Hall, Mbabala Area of Choma District
Time: 09:00hrs	Time: 09:00hrs

For more information, the project consultant (Ecolex Environmental Consult) can be contacted on +260 966 232 870/+260 965 557 934 or via the email: ecolex.environment@gmail.com.

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LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY
THE URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT No. 3,
SECTION 53(2) OF 2015 OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Chilombo Emmanuel Kalenga intends to apply for planning permission for **CHANGE OF LANDUSE** from Residential to Institutional (Offices) on Stand No. LUS/4845, along Alick Nkata Road, Long Acres, Lusaka. The plot measures approximately 3995m² in extent.

The application may be viewed at the Office of The Town Clerk of Lusaka City Council P.O Box 30077, Lusaka and submissions or observations on the application may be made to the planning authority without charge. Submissions or observations must be in writing and made within the period of 28 days beginning on the first date of the period for the publication of this notice being 1st September, 2026 and ending on 30th September, 2026.

Oliver Muuke
TOWN CLERK
For THE CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY

Date of erection of notice 1st September, 2026

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Work with Govt in delivering development, opposition urged

PHILIP CHISALU
Lusaka

UNITED Party for National Development (UPND) member Bizwell Mutale has urged the opposition to work with Government in delivering development, while calling on elected representatives to work closely with the grassroots. Addressing the media yesterday, Mr Mutale said the opposition should support UPND's pursuit to improve people's livelihoods because the decision to seek public

office is driven by a desire to serve Zambians. He also encouraged opposition members to heal and move on from their election losses and concentrate on providing credible checks and balances. Mr Mutale assured that UPND will carry all citizens on board, including those who did not vote for it, in its development journey. He urged UPND elected leaders at different levels not to forget the grassroots and to embrace President Hakainde Hichilema's vision.

Mr Mutale said the partnership between elected leaders, the UPND secretariat and the grassroots will ensure that development reaches every citizen. “We cannot work in isolation. We cannot work against the President or each other. The secretariat is the heartbeat of the party as a whole, and the grassroots are the people who helped us secure victory,” he said. Mr Mutale said the re-election of President Hichilema and UPND is an endorsement of the party's

progressive policies. He added that the country had attained tremendous milestones under the UPND Government. Citing the enhanced Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and the free education policy, Mr Mutale said that in the last five years, Zambia had transitioned from mere promises to tangible and measurable deliverables. “Everyone must understand that this victory is a victory for the nation. This victory is for the people of Zambia,” he said.

Chililabombwe orphanage to get K60,000 KCM support monthly

MELODY MUPETA
Kitwe

KONKOLA Copper Mines (KCM) has committed K60,000 in monthly support to a Chililabombwe-based orphanage in a move aimed at strengthening the welfare of children. According to the mine's public relations unit, the gesture is expected to help the orphanage meet some of the critical needs of the minors, including education, food and other necessities. KCM acting chief executive officer Malcolm Mewett said

the monthly contribution is part of the mine's commitment to making a practical and sustainable difference in communities where it operates. Mr Mewett said the mine wants its community investment initiatives to go beyond one-off interventions but provide meaningful support to institutions and people in need. He encouraged the children at the orphanage to remain committed to their education so that they can achieve their aspirations. Mr Mewett also advised them to look out for one

another by working in unity while maintaining discipline. He assured the orphanage that the mine will continue to support it so that the children could grow into responsible members of society. One-Way Mission Children's Home director Loveness Daka thanked KCM for the monthly sponsorship, describing the gesture as significant to the institution and the children it serves. Ms Daka said the support will help the home meet the children's daily needs while providing greater stability in the running of the institution.

She said the continued partnership with the mine will give the home greater confidence in planning for the welfare of the children and responding to some of the challenges it faces. “We do not view KCM as a one-time donor, but as a life-long partner in transformation,” Ms Daka said. She said the partnership is expected to contribute to creating a safe and supportive environment where children can access basic necessities, pursue their education and develop their talents and abilities.



Congratulations, Mr. President

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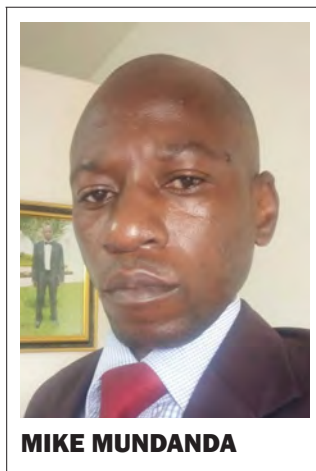
We wish you continued success as you lead the Republic of Zambia toward further growth and economic prosperity.



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Zambia must confront growing culture of disrespect

Grievances should be addressed through established channels



MIKE MUNDANDA

THE head of State, Mr Hakainde Hichilema, deserves the respect accorded to the President of Zambia and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

While citizens have the right to criticise those in authority, criticism should never degenerate into insults, abuse or behaviour that threatens public order.

The growing trend of children and young people using social media to insult the President, elders and other members of society is disturbing.

It is a reflection of a deeper problem that requires collective action from families, schools, churches, communities and Government.

The three church mother bodies—the Council of Churches in Zambia, Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia and the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops—have rightly called for greater peace, responsibility and respect in the use of social media.

Their warning against using children as instruments of political violence deserves serious attention. Zambians must also understand that abusive and insulting conduct can have legal consequences.

Section 179 of the Penal Code, Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia, provides for punishment for insulting or abusive language in circumstances covered by the provision.

This should remind citizens that freedom of expression comes with responsibility.

More importantly, the problem cannot be solved through law enforcement alone. We must confront the decline in discipline and respect for others, particularly among the young.

Respect for elders, the rule of law and peaceful resolution of disputes are essential to building a stable and safe society.

President Hichilema has repeatedly emphasised national

values, unity and responsible citizenship.

These values must not remain political pronouncements; they must be reflected in how we conduct ourselves at home, in schools, in communities and on social media.

There is therefore a need for stronger civic and legal education in schools. Young people should be taught the basics of criminal law, human rights, responsible citizenship and the consequences of online misconduct.

Parents and guardians also have a critical role in guiding children and monitoring their conduct.

The Church, Government, civil society and traditional leadership should work together to restore the moral values that have long defined Zambian society.

The spirit of Ubuntu—that our humanity is connected to the humanity of others—must be strengthened rather than weakened.

We must also discourage citizens from taking the law into their own hands. Grievances should be addressed through established legal and democratic channels rather than through violence, intimidation, insults or malicious falsehoods.

The police and other institutions established to uphold the law must be respected, while their actions should remain within the law and respect citizens' rights.

At the same time, citizens

must understand that responsible citizenship requires both rights and obligations.

The repeal of Section 69 of the Penal Code, which dealt with defamation of the President, in 2022 also changed the legal environment surrounding criticism of the head of State. Whatever one's view of that change, it makes responsible public discourse even more important. Political disagreement must not become an excuse for abuse or the degradation of public debate.

Zambia is one family. What we tolerate today can affect any one of us tomorrow. The answer to the growing culture of disrespect is not censorship or political intolerance, but stronger families, better civic education, responsible leadership and a renewed commitment to national values.

We must teach our young people that strength is demonstrated through discipline, wisdom and respect—not insults.

As Eleanor Roosevelt observed, "The destiny of human rights is in the hands of all citizens."

Let us therefore uphold the rule of law, respect one another and reject the culture of abuse before it becomes deeply entrenched in our society.

The author is a lecturer of law at the National Institute of Public Administration.



Health benefits of onion

ONIONS are more than just a flavourful addition to meals; they are nutrient dense vegetables that offer a wide range of potential health benefits. Low in calories yet rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, onions have long been valued not only for their taste but also for their medicinal properties. A medium onion provides vitamin C, B vitamins such as folate and B6, potassium, fibre and small amounts of protein. These nutrients support immunity, metabolism, nerve function and cellular health, while potassium contributes to fluid balance, muscle contraction and kidney function.

Beyond their nutritional profile, onions are packed with antioxidants, including quercetin and anthocyanins, which may help reduce inflammation and protect the heart. Research suggests that diets rich in flavonoids are linked to lower risks of cardiovascular disease, though more human studies are needed to confirm the direct impact of onions themselves. Their antioxidant compounds have also been studied for anticancer potential, with quercetin and fisetin showing promise in inhibiting tumour growth in laboratory settings.

Onions may also play a role in regulating blood sugar. Animal studies have shown that onion extracts can lower glucose, cholesterol and triglyceride levels, pointing to possible benefits for people managing diabetes. In addition, some evidence suggests onions can support bone density, particularly in post menopausal women, and their antibacterial properties may help fight harmful bacteria such as E. coli and H. pylori.

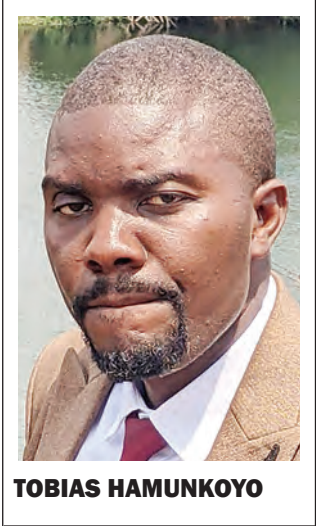
Digestive health is another area where onions shine. They are rich in prebiotics like inulin and fructooligosaccharides, which feed beneficial gut bacteria. This can strengthen gut health, boost immunity and improve digestion.

Of course, onions are also versatile in the kitchen. They can be enjoyed raw in salads, caramelised for a sweet topping, added to soups and stews for depth of flavour, or incorporated into egg dishes and stir fries. Affordable and widely available, they remain one of the easiest ways to enhance both nutrition and taste in everyday cooking.

In short, onions are a simple yet powerful ingredient. While more human research is needed to confirm some of their potential benefits, adding them to your diet is a practical step towards supporting heart health, digestion, and overall wellbeing.

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Statute vs sabotage: Analysing Zambia's legal resilience against State overthrow



TOBIAS HAMUNKOYO

ZAMBIA is widely known as a peaceful country, but peace should never be confused with the absence of threats to constitutional government. Our history records serious attempts to seize political power outside the ballot box, particularly in 1980, 1990 and 1997. Under the Anti-Terrorism and Non-Proliferation Act No. 6 of 2018, as amended, Section 28 criminalises aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring, inciting or soliciting terrorism or proliferation, while Section 30 criminalises harbouring, concealing or providing a safe haven to terrorists or persons supporting terrorism. These provisions demonstrate the seriousness with which Zambian law protects the State from deliberate attempts to undermine constitutional government.

Zambia's history provides an important lesson. In 1980, a coup plot was uncovered before it could succeed, with Brigadier Godfrey Miyanda, Valentine Musakanya and Colonel Patrick Mkandawire among those associated with the alleged plot. In 1990, Lieutenant Mwamba Luchembe seized the national broadcaster and announced a military takeover against Dr Kenneth Kaunda's Government. In 1997, Captain Steven "Solo" Lungu, also known as Captain Solo, and Captain

Jack Chiti led soldiers who seized weapons and the **Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation** and announced a "Government of National Redemption" against President Frederick Titus Jacob Chiluba's Government. All three attempts failed, demonstrating that capturing a broadcaster, military facility or government building does not mean capturing the Zambian State. The State is a system larger than any President, political party, military commander or individual government, it also has a lot of individuals from the 72 tribes with different mindsets with the majority serving the best interest of Zambian sovereignty.

This principle is understood by citizens who have studied Zambia's political and constitutional history, including Dr Chris Zumaniimba, while people such as Brigadier General Miyanda and others with institutional and military experience can appreciate its consequences from history. This should be a wake-up call to all well-meaning Zambians. Citizens must not allow themselves to become instruments in political struggles, personal rivalries or business interests. A politician or businessman may eventually move on or change alliances, but an individual who knowingly participates in unlawful conduct may face criminal prosecution, imprisonment, loss of reputation and consequences that can follow them for the rest of their lives. No political or business ambition is worth sacrificing one's freedom and future.

The Constitution of Zambia Amendment No. 2 of 2016 provides the foundation for protecting constitutional order. Article 1 establishes the Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic of Zambia, while Article 2 gives citizens the right and duty to defend the Constitution and resist attempts to illegally overthrow or suspend it. Article 3 protects the constitutional order of the Republic, while Article 90 establishes the office of the President and Articles 91 and 92 set out the President's constitutional responsibilities. Articles 190 to 193 establish the constitutional framework for the Defence Force, Zambia Police Service, Zambia Security Intelligence Service and Zambia Correctional Service. The

principle is simple, no individual is above the Constitution, and State institutions exist to protect Zambia's sovereignty, its people and constitutional order.

The Penal Code, Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia, provides further protection. Section 43 deals with treason and makes it an offence to prepare or endeavour to overthrow the Government by unlawful means, use force to procure certain changes in Government or unlawfully usurp the executive power of the State. Section 44 deals with concealment of treason, or misprision of treason, including circumstances where a person knows another intends to commit treason but fails to report the information with reasonable dispatch or fails to make reasonable efforts to prevent the offence. It also addresses being an accessory after the fact to treason, with a maximum punishment of life imprisonment. Therefore, liability can extend beyond the principal actor to persons who knowingly assist, conceal or facilitate treasonous conduct where all legal elements are proved beyond reasonable doubt.

Modern terrorism legislation reinforces this protection. Section 28 of the Anti-Terrorism and Non-Proliferation Act, as amended in 2024, criminalises aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring, inciting or soliciting terrorism or proliferation and addresses intentional assistance to terrorists, designated persons and nationally listed persons. Section 30 criminalises harbouring, concealing or providing a safe haven to a terrorist, terrorist organisation or persons financing or supporting terrorism. Severe penalties, including life imprisonment in circumstances specified by the Act, may apply. However, the law does not criminalise ordinary association. Being someone's relative, friend, lawyer, political colleague or acquaintance does not by itself establish criminal liability. Article 18 of the Constitution protects the presumption of innocence and fair trial rights.

The critical questions are therefore what a person knew, what they intended and what they actually did. A lawyer representing an accused person is not automatically participating in that person's alleged offence,

just as someone who unknowingly provides accommodation to a person later discovered to be wanted by authorities does not automatically become criminally liable. The elements of the particular offence must be proved through evidence. This distinction between lawful association and knowing facilitation is essential. Zambia's important case, *The People v. Edward Jack Shamwana and 12 Others* (1982) Z.R., demonstrates the importance of due process. The case involved treason proceedings concerning an alleged attempt to establish an interim government and included prominent figures such as Edward Jack Shamwana and Valentine Musakanya. Questions concerning confessions, torture, accomplice evidence, duress, overt acts and continuing treason arose. Several accused persons were acquitted after prosecution evidence obtained through torture was rejected, while seven, including Shamwana, were convicted and sentenced to death before later receiving presidential pardons.

The final lesson is that Zambia must protect duly elected constitutional government through the Constitution and the law. The failures of the 1980, 1990 and 1997 attempts demonstrate that political power cannot legitimately be captured through force or guns. At the same time, protecting the State does not permit authorities to disregard due process, evidentiary rules or constitutional rights. Article 18 remains fundamental to fair trial and the presumption of innocence. Every well-meaning Zambian should therefore remain alert and refuse to become a pawn for politicians, businessmen or other individuals pursuing personal interests. Before providing money, transport, accommodation, information, equipment or other assistance, citizens should consider what they are participating in and the possible legal consequences. Presidents and governments may change, but the State endures. The ballot box must remain stronger than the gun, and political power must remain firmly within the Constitution and the law.

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Insults land 4 women in police cells

From our page

They spent a night in cells at the Matero Police Station as punishment for insulting their neighbour mocking her epileptic son, and making crude remarks about her sexual performance

I'LL also take my neighbour to court.

BEBRIAN SILUNGWE MWANAKALYA

THE fact that they mocked a sick child is unfortunate.

GESHOM KATOMBI

A MOUTH can be one's greatest enemy.

SHALOM PHIRI

THEY will learn a lesson.

ALEX PRIME

VERY good. That was foolish

OWEN NGULUBE

THEY needed a stiffer penalty so they learn to mind their business.

MWELWA KASONGO

WHY tease an epileptic?

HELLEN M MUBANGA

FOOLISH women, hope you have learnt something.

LINDA KASONGO

SOME women!

PRISCILLA CHANDA

TEACH them a lesson!

INONGE MUKELABAI

THAT's being dull.

JUSTINE SRENJE

SOME of these women may end up losing their marriages.

CHIKONDI ZULU MUMBA

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Algeria president seeks death penalty for arsonists

Tebboune ordered justice ministry to introduce changes to criminal law

ALGERIAN President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has said he wants to reinstate the death penalty for arsonists, following a wave of forest fires that have killed at least 12 people.

The President ordered the justice ministry to introduce changes to the criminal law introducing capital punishment for arsonists. Capital punishment remains in the country's penal code for some offences, but no execution has been carried out since 1993.

More than 100 wildfires have been recorded in recent days in the north-east of the country, most of which have been extinguished.

On Saturday, Tebboune said he did not rule out foul play.

The Algerian President said necessary investigations would be carried out especially in view of the intensity of the fires.

On Sunday, he gave a September 15 deadline for amendments to provide for the death sentence for anyone convicted of intentionally starting a fire in forested areas.

Under the current law, deliberately starting forest fires is punishable by up to 30 years in prison, or life imprisonment in certain cases.

Deadly blazes swept through large swathes of northern Algeria last week, causing widespread destruction, injuring dozens and displacing thousands of people.

The fires erupted amid an intense heatwave in northern Africa, with Algeria and

Tunisia particularly affected.

Algerian civil authorities were on Sunday afternoon still battling to put out some of the fires, with the Algerian Press Service noting that 18 out of 19 fires that had broken out in the previous 24 hours had been extinguished.

The Algerian President ordered that compensation be paid to the families who have been affected, as well as repairs to damaged homes and essential services.

He said there would be investigations into the extent of the damage and losses caused by the fires.

While Algeria regularly experiences forest fires around the summer months, climate change has exacerbated the intensity and severity of recent wildfires in the country.



PRESIDENT Abdelmadjid Tebboune said he was not ruling out foul play after 100 wildfires were recorded.

PICTURE: ANADOLU GETTY IMAGE

BRIEFS

Google Maps now showing 'Lake America'

WASHINGTON - Google Maps has changed the name of "Lake Ontario" to "Lake America" for US users to reflect President Donald Trump's executive order renaming the lake, according to a Google statement.

Trump announced on Thursday that he was changing the name of the smallest of the five Great Lakes, part of an escalating trade feud with Canada that

has prompted the two countries to impose reciprocal tariffs on billions of dollars in goods.

The president's order affects the U.S. Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), which sets the standards for official U.S. maps. It does not have any impact on Canadian naming conventions or how the rest of the world refers to the lake.

REUTERS

NASA launches Roman Space Telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA - NASA began a new mission to probe some of the biggest mysteries in astrophysics and cosmology with the launch on Sunday of the U.S. space agency's new flagship astronomical observatory, a repurposed spy satellite that will capture panoramic views of the cosmos.

The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, a roughly US\$4 billion project, was carried aloft from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, aboard

a SpaceX (SPCX.O), Falcon Heavy rocket through blue skies just after sunrise. Its mission is planned for five years, though NASA said the telescope may have enough fuel for five additional years.

The telescope, which will park itself in orbit beyond the moon, is designed to investigate cosmic enigmas such as dark energy and dark matter, while also testing gravity at vast scales and searching for exoplanets, as planets beyond our solar system are called.

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One dead, more than dozen missing in Grand Canyon floods

COLORADO - One person has died and 15 remain missing or unaccounted for after flash flooding swept through parts of the Grand Canyon, the National Park Service (NPS) has said.

The flood hit Bright Angel Canyon and the Phantom Ranch area on Saturday afternoon, wiping out footbridges and propelling boulders downstream.

The body of a 46-year-old man was found on Sunday evening near Crystal Rapids along Colorado River, the park service told CBS News, BBC's US partner. Sixty-two people have so far been airlifted out of the area.

"The whole thing was terrifying," said Nikki Baggs, 41, who was among those to be airlifted out of the bottom of the Grand Canyon with her two friends.

"It was a beautiful day and then people were screaming, running," she told BBC.

BBC

Nepal teams seek flood victims

KATHMANDU/BEIJING, - Nepal's rescue teams, helped by Chinese and Indian experts, stepped up efforts yesterday to reach hundreds of people believed to be stuck inside blocked hydropower project tunnels in the aftermath of last week's Himalayan flood.

The unprecedented deluge of ice, rock, mud and debris carved a trail of destruction in the country's valley towns and villages, as well as across the border in China, on Wednesday, killing more than 900 people, with nearly 5,000 still missing.

A glacier collapse is thought to have triggered the disaster.

Hundreds of bodies, many unidentified, have been buried in shallow graves as they began decomposing in the humid weather in the plains of the Himalayan country after being swept down the mountains by the torrent.

Nepali officials said that the focus was on reaching the 933 workers believed to be trapped at 11 hydropower projects, including many who were working in about half a dozen tunnels, in the two hard-hit districts of Rasuwa and Nuwakot.

Pictures and videos shared by rescue teams showed earth-moving equipment digging and shovelling mud and rocks under lights in the dark of the night as workers watched.

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CEC revenues up 5.6 percent

Power company earns \$380.3m for half year ended June 30

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COPPERBELT Energy Corporation (CEC) revenue increased by 5.6 percent to US\$380.3 million in the period ended June 30, 2026 from US\$360 million recorded during the corresponding period in 2025.

This is according to the power company's unaudited results for the half year ended June 30, 2026.

The growth was driven by strong performance across the group's core business segments, supported by increased volumes and improved power availability, as electricity demand continued to rise.

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) rose by 21.7 percent to US\$110.5 million, compared with US\$90.8 million in the same period last year, reflecting improved underlying operational performance.

However, profit for the period remained largely unchanged at

US\$61.6 million, compared with US\$61.5 million in 2025.

The performance was achieved despite a US\$7.2 million impairment charge on receivables, compared with a US\$10.5 million impairment writeback in the prior year.

The previous year's results also benefited from a US\$10.4 million debt recovery from Konkola Copper Mines (KCM).

Commenting on the group's performance, CEC chief executive officer Owen Silavve said the company was pleased with the steady progress recorded during the period as it

advanced the next phase of its growth strategy.

Mr Silavve said CEC was accelerating investment in strategic transmission infrastructure and renewable energy generation projects to expand capacity and strengthen its position across its markets as well as meet growing energy demand.

"As we advance the next phase of our growth, we are pleased with the steady progress delivered during the period," he said.

"Building on this momentum, we are accelerating investment

in strategic transmission infrastructure and renewable energy generation projects to expand our capacity, strengthen our position across our markets and meet the growing energy requirements of our customers."

During the period, CEC commissioned the 136MW Itimpi 2 Solar PV plant and the 12MW Fitula Solar PV plant, marking key milestones in its investment programme.

The projects increased the group's generation capacity and strengthened the availability of locally generated power.

The group also continued to

meet its green bond debt service obligations, paying US\$6.3 million in interest and US\$1.2 million in principal during the period. Interest payments increased from US\$3.9 million in 2025, reflecting the two green bond tranches issued to date, with a combined principal amount of US\$150.27 million.

CEC ended the period with a strong cash position of US\$212.8 million, up from US\$198.8 million as at June 30, 2025, providing the group with greater financial flexibility to support its investment programme.

Looking ahead, CEC said its growth strategy will continue to be supported by an encouraging demand outlook, particularly from the mining sector, as investment in copper production and global electrification drive demand for critical minerals.

The company said it remains focused on ensuring reliable power supply to customers, expanding renewable energy generation and developing strategic transmission infrastructure, including additional capacity into the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Kenya airport staff strike delays thousands of passengers

NAIROBI - Flight delays at Kenya's main international airport yesterday affected thousands of travellers as airport workers' go-slow strike action continued into its second day, with the main union saying negotiations were ongoing.

The Kenya Aviation Workers' Union (KAWU) said the strike at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport was due to a range of grievances, including the inability to conclude a collective bargaining agreement with the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and lack of cooperation from the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) and Kenya Airways subsidiary Jambojet.

KAA on Sunday said some flights were experiencing

delays without disclosing reasons for the delays. It did not respond to a request for comment yesterday.

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and Jambojet did not respond to requests for comment.

Rwanda's national carrier RwandAir said in an X post on Sunday that it had cancelled two flights as a result of what it said were air traffic control challenges at the airport in Nairobi.

Passengers told Reuters they had spent hours at the airport waiting for news about their flights.

"When I got here, the flight was delayed till 1 a.m. So it was an hour and a half delay, and then there was another delay till 4:30 a.m. And then at about 3 o'clock, I went to the

check-in. They told me that the flight's been cancelled," said rabbi Mendel Goldman, who is travelling to a wedding in Florida.

"The earliest flight they can get us is only tomorrow night, so we've got to wait," Goldman said on yesterday. "We're going to try and make most of it, but in the meantime, I've been here for 12 hours now, waiting in the airport."

KAWU secretary general Moss Ndiema said the union and Government officials met on Sunday to resolve issues but without success.

"We have agreed to proceed with the engagements tomorrow, as from 11 o'clock in the morning. In the meantime, the strike action is still on," he said in comments broadcast on KTN Television on Sunday. REUTERS



A LUSAKA resident buying garden eggs, popularly known as impwa, from a vendor in Lusaka central business district. PICTURE: LISTER MWABA

Briefs

Eskom doubles annual profit

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's Eskom more than doubled its annual profit in the 2026 financial year, helped by an operational turnaround and higher electricity tariffs, although weaker demand and rising municipal debt are clouding its prospects.

The state-owned power utility said yesterday it made profit after tax of US\$1.9 billion in the year ended March, compared with a restated US\$868,140,560 and a year earlier, which was its first annual profit in eight years.

Power cuts that have constrained Africa's biggest economy for more than a decade have become much less frequent. Eskom said it implemented rolling

blackouts on just four days during the financial year, compared with 13 days a year earlier and a record 329 days in 2024.

Revenue rose 4.1 percent, reflecting a 12.7 percent average tariff increase, although a 6.2 percent decline in electricity sales volumes partly offset the gain.

Outgoing chief financial officer Calib Cassim told Reuters that weaker electricity sales and the idling of the Mozal aluminium smelter, which has been placed under care and maintenance after failing to reach a tariff agreement with Eskom, would weigh on results in the current financial year.

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Moody's revises Nigeria's outlook

BENGALURU, India - Moody's on Friday revised Nigeria's outlook to "positive" from "stable", citing the country's improved ability to withstand external shocks due to its increased foreign exchange reserves and stronger-than-expected economic growth.

Africa's third-largest economy, a major oil producer, has benefited from a surge in crude prices due to the Middle East conflict and a ramp-up in refined petroleum product exports, boosting the country's current account surplus.

Moody's said it expects the West African nation's surplus "to remain sizeable even under materially lower oil prices."

The World Bank has

projected Nigeria's economic expansion at about 4.2 percent in 2026, and has said stronger oil revenue, fiscal discipline and tight monetary policy could help strengthen macroeconomic stability and contain inflation.

Moody's affirmed the country's ratings at "B3" as it reflects fiscal pressures arising from limited revenue-generation capacity and weak debt affordability, notwithstanding a moderate debt burden.

Peer S&P Global Ratings in May upgraded Nigeria's sovereign rating to "B" from "B-", citing sustained structural reforms and improving credit worthiness, while a month earlier, Fitch affirmed Nigeria's rating at "B" with a "stable outlook".

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Insurance brokers urged to consider social trends

TRYNESS TEMBO
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INSURANCE brokers and institutions have been urged to look beyond standard commercial risks and consider the broader social and environmental transitions taking place globally.

Pensions and Insurance Authority (PIA) chief executive officer Namakau Ntini has noted that the modern insurance landscape demands more than traditional risk management.

Ms Ntini has urged players in the sector to actively integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles into their business models to effectively tackle emerging global challenges such as climate change and economic

instability.

Speaking during the Insurance Brokers Association of Zambia (IBAZ) 2026 annual fundraising dinner dance on Saturday, Ms Ntini observed that while the domestic insurance market continues to demonstrate resilience despite macro-economic headwinds, true industry sustainability hinges on adopting responsible underwriting practices and aligning product design with community needs.

"The sector cannot operate in isolation from society," she said. "Insurance brokers and institutions must look beyond standard commercial risks and consider the broader social and environmental transitions taking place globally. Adopting ESG principles are not merely

a public trend, but a social imperative."

Ms Ntini reaffirmed the regulator's commitment to creating a regulatory environment that fosters innovation, protects policyholders, and drives financial inclusion.

Brokers remain a critical institutional bridge in connecting consumers to reliable financial protection.

Developing climate-resilient insurance solutions and promoting sustainable practices will safeguard customer interests while positioning the national insurance market for long-term growth, she said.

Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet for administration Oliver Kalabo also urged the insurance sector to embed ESG

principles into its operations to drive sustainable national development and financial inclusion.

Dr Kalabo said insurance plays a critical role in safeguarding livelihoods, protecting assets and helping communities withstand economic shocks.

Modern enterprise demands that businesses look beyond profitability to assess their social and environmental impact.

"At its heart, ESG is about responsible enterprise," he said. "It asks businesses to consider the environmental consequences of their decisions, and the quality, integrity and accountability of their governance."

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) must be purposeful,

measurable and strategic to yield lasting social benefits for vulnerable groups within the financial ecosystem.

Dr Kalabo urged industry players to view fundraising and corporate investments not merely as monetary contribution but as strategic investments in human capital and community resilience.

And IBAZ has resolved to make CSR a permanent feature of its annual calendar, moving the organisation from occasional charitable acts towards sustainable community development.

IBAZ president Phideliiah Mwaba said part of the proceeds from the event would go towards supporting the Home of Happiness for Disabled Children located in Foxdale, Lusaka.

Economic changes to inform monetary policy – Kalyalya

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THE Bank of Zambia (BoZ) says its monetary policy framework will continue to evolve in response to changing economic conditions and developments in financial markets.

The framework sets out how the central bank formulates and implements monetary policy to achieve its primary objective of keeping inflation low and stable.

In the foreword to the August 2026 Monetary Policy Framework, BoZ Governor Denny Kalyalya noted that monetary policy frameworks evolve over time in response to changing economic conditions and developments in financial markets.

The central bank had previously operated under a

monetary aggregate targeting framework, which focused on influencing money supply growth through control of reserve money.

However, Dr Kalyalya said the approach became less effective as financial markets developed and the relationship between money supply and inflation weakened.

This led the central bank to adopt an inflation targeting lite (ITL) framework in April 2012.

"The transition was also intended to strengthen this new forward-looking approach to monetary policy, enhance transparency, and improve the effectiveness of monetary policy transmission," he said.

Under the current framework, monetary policy decisions are made by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which assesses economic and financial

developments, including risks to the inflation outlook.

Dr Kalyalya said the MPC takes appropriate action based on its assessment to steer inflation towards the target band or keep it within the band over the medium term.

"Clear and timely communication plays a key role in supporting the effectiveness of monetary policy," he said.

Dr Kalyalya noted that effective communication helps improve transparency, strengthen policy credibility and anchor inflation expectations while enabling the public to better understand monetary policy decisions.

BoZ communicates its decisions through media briefings and monetary policy statements issued after each MPC meeting.

The central bank also

publishes its Monetary Policy Report and conducts stakeholder engagements across the country to explain monetary policy decisions and provide updates on inflation and economic activity.

Dr Kalyalya said the framework will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains effective and responsive to changes in the economy.

"The Monetary Policy Framework is reviewed periodically so that it remains effective and responsive to changes in the economy and broader developments in monetary policy practice," he said.

In May, BoZ lowered its main interest rate, saying it saw inflation staying within its target range despite risks associated with the Iran war. It lowered the Monetary Policy Rate by 25 basis points to 13.25 percent,

and it was the third consecutive rate cut.

"In arriving at this decision, the (bank) took into account ... the expected favourable maize harvest during the current crop marketing season (and) the observed relative stability in the exchange rate of the Kwacha," Dr Kalyalya said at a press briefing.

Zambia's annual inflation has dropped to an eight-year low of 6.2 percent, largely defying global energy shocks from the war in Iran through a stronger Kwacha, temporary fuel tax cuts, and a strong maize harvest.

In April, Government suspended some fuel taxes to try to mitigate the impact of rising global energy prices on households and businesses.

The central bank now sees inflation averaging 6.5 percent in 2026 and 6.1 percent in 2027.

Maize earns more forex

Corn seed accounts for 17.7% of July agricultural foreign exchange

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ZAMBIA'S major agricultural foreign exchange earner was corn seed in July 2026, accounting for 17.7 percent of the K2.2 billion earned from agricultural exports during the month.

According to the latest data released by Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats), export earnings from agricultural products increased by 20.9 percent from K1.8 billion in June 2026 to K2.2 billion in July.

Other major agricultural export commodities included raw cane sugar, which accounted for 10.6 percent of agricultural export earnings, while tobacco, was partly or wholly stemmed or stripped, accounted for 10.3 percent.

Agricultural products accounted for 22.5 percent of Zambia's non-traditional exports (NTEs) in July, up from 19.8 percent in June.

Meanwhile, non-agricultural products accounted for 77.5 percent of NTE earnings in July, compared with 80.2 percent in June. Export earnings from non-agricultural products increased by 3.0 percent, from K7.4 billion to K7.7 billion.

The leading non-agricultural

export commodities were sulphur of all kinds, accounting for 13.6 percent, followed by nickel ores and concentrates at 12.0 percent and electrical energy at 6.8 percent.

At the overall export level, Zambia recorded a marginal increase in export earnings in July, with exports rising by 0.1 percent from K29.6 billion in June to K29.7 billion.

The increase was mainly driven by higher export earnings from raw materials, capital goods and consumer goods, which rose by 18.2 percent, 56.2 percent and 7.2 percent, respectively.

However, traditional export earnings declined by 2.9 percent from K20.4 billion in June to K19.8 billion in July. Traditional exports accounted for 66.7 percent of total exports during the month.

Non-traditional export earnings, on the other hand, increased by 6.5 percent from K9.3 billion in June to K9.9 billion in July, accounting for 33.3 percent of total exports.

Zambia recorded a trade surplus of K4.1 billion in July, slightly lower than the K4.2 billion recorded in June. Imports increased by 0.4 percent from K25.5 billion to K25.6 billion, mainly due to higher import bills for intermediate goods, raw materials and capital goods.

Copper continued to dominate

Zambia's overall exports, with intermediate goods mainly comprising copper anodes for electrolytic refining and high-purity copper cathodes accounting for 80.4 percent of total exports.

Canada was the country's largest export destination in July, accounting for 34.8 percent of total export earnings. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) followed with 15.5 percent, China with 12.4 percent, Singapore with 9.3 percent and Switzerland with 8.5 percent.

The five destinations collectively accounted for 80.5 percent of Zambia's total export earnings during the month.

For non-traditional exports, DRC was the leading destination, accounting for 46.7 percent of total NTE earnings. Canada followed at 9.3 percent, Tanzania at 7.4 percent, Zimbabwe at 6.8 percent and South Africa at 6.4 percent.

Data also showed that road transport remained the dominant mode for Zambia's exports. Between January and July 2026, exports transported through all modes were valued at K194.7 billion, with road transport accounting for K186.6 billion, or 95.8 percent of the total.

Rail transport accounted for K1.8 billion, while air transport contributed K3.9 billion during the seven-month period.

THE fact that a CD is so much cheaper than vinyl is a factor in their return.

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How young people are making CDs cool again

LONDON - With more than 800 million people subscribing to a music streaming service, wireless speakers have become a familiar sight in homes. But expect to get reacquainted with a different object to play music soon: the CD player, once consigned to obsolescence, is back.

John Lewis report that searches for CD players are up 96 percent since July, possibly owing to students heading to university and buying the systems for their rooms. The £79 Crosley Voyager, and the £129 Pure Classic C-D6 are both sold out online, with the Voyager scheduled to return in October. Portable CD players are also popular.

This tallies, of course, with sales of CDs themselves. A report this year found that the growth of CD sales is up 16 percent, compared with vinyl's 2.4 percent. HMV reports that sales

of CDs are up 10 percent year on year – thanks to artists often providing unique content on the format.

“K-pop has been a massive driver, with BTS the most obvious example of artists that have led the resurgence,” says the managing director, Phil Halliday. “But it goes much wider than that. We’re seeing very strong CD demand around artists like Olivia Rodrigo, Ariana Grande and Olivia Dean.”

The fact that a vinyl record is about £35, compared with £12 for a CD, is no doubt a factor.

Tom Morgan-Freelander, the deputy editor of the technology magazine *Stuff*, has noticed the change over the past two years. He puts it down to consumers wanting to move away from using their phone, a better audio quality, and limited disposable income.

“It’s: ‘I don’t want to spend money on a turntable and the

speakers that go with it. I want to spend £150 on an all-in-one system that comes with the CD player,’” he says.

In the CD aisle of an HMV in London on a weekday morning, people in their teens and twenties are browsing. Fourteen-year-old Milo Georgeaux-Healy has chosen two Dua Lipa albums as well as Brat by Charli xcx to play on an “old boombox”.

“I like them because they’re cheaper,” she says. “They’re a lot more compact [than vinyl], and I find that they have better quality than your phone.”

Adel Alsehi, 27, is visiting from Riyadh. He has selected a Madonna greatest hits, a Kacey Musgraves album and Private Dancer by Tina Turner.

“It gives me a different feeling,” he says of CDs. “I feel like I’m listening to an artist’s work. It brings me joy.”

Richard Farnell runs Vinyl Exchange in Manchester, where they also sell CDs. He says the people buying CDs are now younger, and cost is a big part of this.

Mills, the category buying lead for audio and imaging at John Lewis.

Part of this is about optics. “Someone walking around with a portable CD player and wired headphones is signalling their sense of taste and cultural capital,” says brand strategist Alexi Gunner. He has labelled this trend “performative audiophilia”.

Gunner argues that the return to the physical for music is a kind of rebellion. “The status quo is streaming platforms and wireless audio on identical iPhones,” he says. “All this has taken away the haptic, sensorial quality of listening to music.”

J’Nae Phillips, who writes about Gen Z trends on her Substack Fashion Tingz, agrees. “When music is effectively infinite and frictionless, something is appealing about having to choose an album, put a disc in and listen to it from beginning to end,” she says, and echoes Gunner’s point: “There’s a certain cultural cachet in showing that you’re interested in music as an object and an experience, rather than simply consuming whatever happens to be recommended by an algorithm.”

Arguably, the CD is the final revival available to young people – it’s the last format for music before the MP3 arrived in the early 2000s. However, Gunner suggests there may be a different object waiting in the wings: the USB stick. Fred Again named his 2025 tour after the portable drive. “It’s the most common format that a DJ will carry their music to a gig on,” explains Gunner. “In the frame of performative audiophilia, you’re showing that you’re not just listening to music, you are possibly a DJ, you are a tastemaker ... it’s something that will become more popular.”

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AECI Mining buoyant despite 13.8% drop in revenue

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AECI Mining Explosives Plc is well positioned to capitalise on positive shift in both the local and global economies, buoyed by expanding mining operations, strong commodity prices and supportive legislation.

According to the interim results for the period ended June 30, 2026, new local mining projects and existing mine ownership changes signal growth, as new ownership aims at ramping up production, while the global copper prices support client profitability.

The company says the recent local content legislation is anticipated to support local suppliers to the mining industry in Zambia.

“The conditions in the local and global economy looks positive. AECI Mining Explosives Plc is well positioned to benefit from the provisions of the new legislation,” the report reads.

“The continuous fluctuations of the ZMW/USD exchange rate are expected to continue having a significant impact on the results.

“These have, however, been impacted by the Bank of Zambia currency directives mandate issued in December 2025 which has seen the Kwacha remaining stable over the last few months.”

On the financial performance, AECI Mining Explosives Plc has recorded a 13.8 percent drop in revenue to K455.3 million for the six-month period ending June 30, 2026, down from K528.3 million during the same

period in 2025.

The decline in revenue was primarily driven by a 33.7 percent slump in export sales alongside a 7.3 percent contraction in domestic customer sales, which settled at K368.9 million compared to K397.9 million in the prior year.

The company notes that a sharp 24.5 percent appreciation of the Kwacha against the United States dollar significantly impacted the financial results.

It adds that the local unit averaged K18.11 per dollar during the first half of 2026, compared to K23.9 per dollar in the corresponding period of 2025.

While the stronger Kwacha forced a reduction in foreign-denominated top-line earnings upon translation, it simultaneously slashed raw material costs and reduced cost of sales by eight percent.

The company further says operating expenses also edged down by 2.5 percent to K100.6 million.

In dollar terms, revenue generation actually grew by 25 percent compared to the previous year.

The company reaffirmed its commitment to safety and environmental stewardship, reporting a total recordable incidents rate (TRIR) of 0.18. Through its ‘Beyond Zero’ initiative, AECI continues to emphasise visible leadership and community investment programmes targeted at education and enterprise development, while recording minimal direct environmental impact.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT MODEL FOR THE IRRIGATION SCHEME UNDER THE CHIANSI SMALLHOLDER OUTGROWER SUPPORT PROJECT (COSP) (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Project Name: Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP)
Project ID No: P-ZM-AA0-039
Assignment Title: Consultancy Services to Develop a Sustainable Institutional Management Model for the Irrigation Scheme under the Chiansi Smallholder Out-Grower Support Project (COSP).
Reference No.: MOA/COSP/BMP/024

This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in UN Development Business (UNDB online) on 1 June 2022 in the local media and on the African Development Bank's Internet Website (www.afdb.org).

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Agriculture has received a financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost for implementation of the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the Loan for eligible payments towards Consultancy Services to develop a sustainable Institutional Management model for the operation and maintenance of the Chiansi Irrigation Scheme.

The Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP) is designed to enhance agricultural productivity and improve livelihoods for smallholder farmers through irrigation development, capacity building, and market linkages. The project's core intervention is to develop a 600-ha infield irrigation scheme to enable smallholder farmers to irrigate their crops throughout the year. The irrigation network traverses farms owned by individuals while the water will be drawn from a canal developed by the Ministry of Agriculture. Given its scale and size, the irrigation network and pumping system require advanced methods of management, repair and maintenance to ensure long term sustainability, efficiency and optimal returns to the farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture, therefore, intends to engage an individual consultant to engage stakeholders with a view to develop a sustainable Institutional Management model that will ensure effective governance, efficient operation and maintenance, financial sustainability, equitable access to irrigation services, and long-term viability of the irrigation investment.

The purpose of the consultancy is to assess existing institutional arrangements and propose an appropriate, sustainable, and financially viable management model for the operation and maintenance of the Chiansi Irrigation Scheme on a cost recovery basis.

The consultancy is expected to be completed within 60 days spread over a period of **90 days** from the date of contract signature.

The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Individual ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing these Services. Interested Consultants must submit their application letter and detailed CV with copies of academic and professional qualifications demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. (Curriculum Vitae (CVs), description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the *African Development Bank's Procurement Framework, dated 2015*, which is available on the Bank's website at <https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy>.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in the Procurement Framework.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, including the Terms of Reference, at the address below during office hours 08:30 hours to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **11th September 2026 at 17:00 hrs** local time and mention **"Consultancy Services to Develop a Sustainable Institutional Management Model for the Irrigation Scheme under the Chiansi Smallholder Out-Grower Support Project (COSP)."**

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR PROCUREMENT OF INFIELD IRRIGATION ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO SUPERVISE IRRIGATION WORKS UNDER THE CHIANSI OUTGROWER SUPPORT PROJECT (COSP) (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Project Name: Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP)
Project ID No: P-ZM-AA0-039
Assignment Title: Request for Procurement of Infield Irrigation Engineering Consultant to supervise irrigation works under the Chiansi Outgrower Support Project (COSP)
Reference No.: MOA/COSP/BMP/035

This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in UN Development Business (UNDB online) on 1 June 2022 in the local media and on the African Development Bank's Internet Website (www.afdb.org).

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Agriculture has received financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost for implementation of the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the Loan for eligible payments towards Procurement of Infield Irrigation Engineering Consultant to supervise irrigation works under the Chiansi Outgrower Support Project (COSP).

The Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Project (COSP) is a four (4) year Project that aims to develop an irrigation scheme covering 600 hectares of land in Chiansi area in Kafue District. The Project will directly benefit 600 smallholder out grower farmers and also support social services and other activities such as health, domestic water supply, sanitation and skills development to directly benefit additional 12,000 people (30% women and youth).

The Project development objective is to increase agricultural income and improve livelihoods of the smallholder farmers by increasing agricultural productivity, and market access. This will contribute to poverty reduction, improved household incomes, food security and nutrition, and also build resilience to climate variability/change.

The Project comprises three (3) components namely; (i) Component 1. Development of Climate Resilient Infrastructure, (ii) Component 2. Social Services and Skills Development, (iii) Component 3. Project Management and Coordination

The objective of the Supervision Engineering Consultant is to provide overall supervision of the contractor during construction works for the infield irrigation system. The specific objectives are:

- To provide day- to day supervision of works,
- Carry out measurements of the completed works
- Evaluate completed works to recommend for IPC clearance
- Propose alterations to some components of the design
- Recommendation certification of IPCs,
- Certify materials for the works

This assignment is for the duration seventy (72) days spread over a period of six months

The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Individual ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing these Services. Interested Consultants must submit their application letter and detailed CV with copies of academic and professional qualifications demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. (Curriculum Vitae (CVs), description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the *African Development Bank's Procurement Framework, dated 2015*, which is available on the Bank's website at <https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy>.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultancy Selection Method** set out in the Procurement Framework.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, including the Terms of Reference, at the address below during office hours (08:30 hours to 16:30 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **Friday, 11th September, 2026** at 17:00 local time and mention **"Consultancy Services to supervise irrigation works under the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP) "**

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We wish them continued success in advancing the development of Zambia, especially rural areas through the enhanced Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

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Congratulations

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Congratulations, Your Excellency, and best wishes for a successful term in office.

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The Board, Management, and Staff of TEVETA conveys the warmest congratulations to Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, on your re-election as the 7th President of the Republic of Zambia.

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Mr. President and Madam Vice President,

The Board, Management, and Staff of the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) extends heartfelt congratulations on your re-election and inauguration for a second term as President and Vice President of the Republic of Zambia.

This renewed mandate is a clear testament to the confidence the Zambian people have placed in your leadership and vision for the continued development of our nation.

As ZEMA, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to supporting and facilitating the Government's development agenda. Underpinned by the 10-10-5-3-3-1-1-1 development agenda for the next five years, the Agency will continue to fulfil its mandate of promoting sustainable environmental management and safeguarding human health across the country.

ZEMA reaffirms its pledge to expeditiously review and approve development projects across the various sectors that feed into these strategies, ensuring that such investments are implemented in an environmentally sustainable manner that safeguards both current and future generations.

We look forward to another term of strengthened collaboration between the Agency and the Government in advancing Zambia's development priorities while protecting our environment.

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Rashford's return 'fantastic'

Manager Carrick calls on striker to take his second chance at Old Trafford

MANCHESTER - Michael Carrick said on Sunday he believes Marcus Rashford will make a big impact on his return to Manchester United and called on the England attacker to take his second chance at Old Trafford.

Rashford has spent much of the last two seasons on loan at Aston Villa and Barcelona after falling out of favour with Carrick's predecessor, Ruben Amorim.

But after Barcelona refused to take up an option to buy the 28-year-old, Rashford made his first start for United in nearly two years as the Red Devils thrashed Ipswich 5-2 on Sunday.

Rashford's return was one of four changes Carrick made to a dismal 2-0 defeat at Hull on the opening weekend of the season and he played a major role in a much-improved performance.

"He's added to the group for us, for sure, because it's pretty obvious," Carrick told his post-match press conference.

"I think he's making the most of that for us and for him as well, to have the opportunity to be here. He's one of our own. He's living his dream, playing here now, and trying to be successful and win.

"At this club, there is always players that have come back



MANCHESTER United captain Bruno Fernandes scored a hat-trick in Sunday's 5-2 win over Ipswich at Old Trafford.

PICTURE: GETTY

sometimes, or players that maybe were going to leave, didn't leave. It's always about what you do next, and what your intentions are.

"He's been fantastic since he came back, I have to say. It was great to see him on the pitch today for us."

Bruno Fernandes was once

again United's inspiration, though, as the Portuguese midfielder scored a hat-trick as Carrick's men were forced to come from behind.

Fernandes, who was crowned PFA player-of-the-year for last season this week, smashed home an equaliser on his weaker left foot before converting a penalty and from close range in the second half.

"He's got a lot of experience now to pass on to others and show them the way a little bit as well and lead by example," Carrick said.

"Sometimes you're looking towards certain players to give us that little bit of something else, and he did that today particularly well. He offers us a lot."

Carrick was handed the United job on a permanent basis after guiding the club to third place in the Premier League with a fine interim spell in charge during the second half of last season.

Any optimism that momentum could build into a title challenge was punctured by the manner of defeat at newly-promoted Hull.

But Carrick hailed the character shown by his players to bounce back from that setback and going behind on Sunday.

"That's probably the biggest thing to take," Carrick said.

"There's a lot of highlights and there's a lot of really good football, but that mentality was what we really relied on today."

AFP

Dutch federation calls for football summit without Infantino

AMSTERDAM - The Dutch football federation, KNVB, on Sunday said "FIFA needs new leadership" and that it would like to host a summit on the future of football's world governing body which does not involve beleaguered president Gianni Infantino.

The 56-year-old Swiss has taken a pummelling over his now shelved FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE) plan to bring private investment into FIFA events, including the jewels in the crown, the men's and women's World Cups.

The KNVB in a letter to Aleksander Ceferin, president of European football's governing body UEFA, said it had lost confidence in Infantino and things had to change radically within FIFA.

Infantino, who was elected in 2016 after Sepp Blatter stood down, had looked set to be re-elected unopposed to a fourth and final term in Rabat next March as he basked in the afterglow of a highly successful World Cup.

However, his botched proposal has resulted in a steady loss of support, the Norwegian FA demanded he resign and now the Dutch are envisaging an overhaul of FIFA without him at the helm.

Anyone wishing to challenge Infantino - CONCACAF president Victor Montagliani is seen as the likeliest to put his name forward as Ceferin has declared himself a non-runner - has to do so by November 18.

"The KNVB no longer has confidence in the leadership of FIFA president Gianni Infantino," read the KNVB statement.

"We believe FIFA needs new leadership from 2027 onwards.

But a new president alone is not enough. The way FIFA is governed must change as well."

Although UEFA has led the fight against Infantino - their latest salvo threatening legal action accusing him of "criminal mismanagement" - KNVB insisted its proposal for change "should not be a European plan for the rest of the world."

"We want to develop this new direction together with FIFA's 211 Member Associations and the confederations from all parts of the world," it said.

The KNVB listed three priorities: Good governance for a better balance of power, putting football's social power at the heart of FIFA and investing more in football worldwide.

One of the main accusations aimed at Infantino has been a lack of transparency - contradicting what he had promised when first elected - and taking decisions unilaterally or with just a few of his inner circle involved.

Such was the case with the FFE when according to **The New York Times** five FIFA senior directors were apprised of the proposal at a meeting in a hotel in New York on the eve of the World Cup final in the United States of America in July.

"FIFA should not depend on one individual. The president, FIFA Council, Congress and secretary-general each have their own role and responsibility," said the KNVB.

"The president represents and unites. The Council governs and supervises. Congress decides. The secretary-general leads the organisation."

"This requires greater transparency, independent oversight and room for critical voices."

AFP

Bellingham, Mbappe fire as Madrid crush Malaga

MADRID - Jude Bellingham and Kylian Mbappe both struck as Real Madrid's perfect start to LaLiga under Jose Mourinho continued in a 4-0 cruise against Malaga on Sunday.

Los Blancos scored three times in just over 10 minutes in the first half to open up a comfortable lead over the Andalusian visitors to the Santiago Bernabeu.

Sandwiched between Bellingham and Mbappe's strikes was an own goal by Malaga goalkeeper Alfonso Herrero, while Arda Guler tapped in a fourth late on.

"I've got the freedom to go higher or lower if we need, I'm enjoying myself a lot," Bellingham told **Madrid Television** of his attacking midfield role under manager Jose Mourinho.

The former Birmingham and Borussia Dortmund star was given a standing ovation from the fans when he was substituted in the second half.

"It's an honour to play for this club and in front of these fans and the ovation was very nice," added Bellingham.

After two victories in their opening two games and

with superstar trio Mbappe, Bellingham and Vinicius Junior starting the season well, Madrid's confidence was high.

"The second half was more about managing the game, at a lower tempo," Mourinho said.

"Malaga were calmer on the ball, but every time we stepped up the pace, it always felt like we could score one or two more. One of our objectives was to keep a clean sheet."

Madrid managed to do that for the first time this season and Mourinho said it was important for Los Blancos.

Deportivo La Coruna secured their first win of the season with a 3-1 victory over Valencia.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang netted his third goal of the campaign for the Galician side, who also benefited from own goals by Cesar Tarrega and Mouctar Diakhaby.

Edin Terzic's Athletic Bilbao also claimed their first win, 2-0 at Celta Vigo, with goals from Alex Berenguer and Robert Navarro.

Meanwhile, Monaco stormed to the top of Ligue 1 with a 2-0 win over Marseille on Sunday as former Chelsea boss Lionel Rosenior led his new

charges Paris FC to a 3-0 home thumping of Nice.

German Paris Brunner scored both goals as Monaco maintained the only remaining perfect record in Ligue 1 after two matches.

In the capital, newly-recruited Malian striker Lassine Sinayoko broke the deadlock from the penalty spot on 20 minutes.

Samir Chergui doubled that after a blistering counter-attack after 51 minutes, while Vincent Marchetti pounced on a loose ball late on to make it 3-0 to PFC.

Former Strasbourg boss Rosenior was brought back to France following his torrid experience at Chelsea by the multi-billionaire Arnault family, owners of the Louis Vuitton brand and Paris FC.

After opening the season with a goalless draw at Troyes, the win lifted Paris FC into second place.

A brace from Esteban Lepaul, including a winner from the penalty spot deep into injury time, helped Rennes up to fifth with a 3-2 win over Le Mans, for whom Louis Mafouta also grabbed two goals.

AFP

Calhanoglu fires Inter to nervy Cagliari win, Napoli stunned

ROME - Hakan Calhanoglu's early strike earned Inter Milan a 1-0 win at Cagliari on Sunday as they continued a perfect start to their Serie A title defence, while Como edged Napoli 2-1 to spoil Massimiliano Allegri's home debut.

Turkey midfielder Calhanoglu guided home a first-time strike from the edge of the box after nine minutes to make it two goals in two games and set the tone for a first half dominated by the champions in Sardinia.

A combination of wayward finishing and fine goalkeeping from Elia Caprile kept the scoreline close at halftime, and Inter's profligacy continued after the break as Lautaro Martinez, Francesco Pio Esposito and Alessandro Bastoni squandered good chances.

England international Curtis Jones made his debut from the bench in the second half, but Inter's lack of composure in front of goal almost came back to bite them as Cagliari threatened a shock equaliser with a flurry of late chances.

Cristian Chivu's side ended the game with 29 shots on the board and only one goal to show for them, but it was enough to send them top of the table after two games, ahead of AC Milan, Juventus and Lazio on goal difference.

"These are your classic games where if you don't close them out, you can run into trouble," Chivu said.

"In the last few minutes, we fell apart, getting confused and panicking. But we held firm, and we created a lot. If there is one regret, it is not finishing off the many chances we had."

Gennaro Gattuso's Lazio also made it two wins from two by beating Genoa 1-0 in Rome thanks to a second match-winning strike in a row from summer signing Davide Fratesi.

Earlier, Como pulled off their latest feat of Serie A giant-killing as a win at the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona ruined Napoli coach Allegri's home bow.

Martin Baturina fired Cesc Fabregas's enterprising side into a deserved lead in the 17th minute as chances fell at both ends in soaring temperatures in Naples.

Rasmus Hojlund's brilliant strike drew the hosts level on the half-hour mark, but his good work was quickly undone when a defensive mix-up led to Anastasios Douvikas scoring for the second game in a row.

Kevin De Bruyne, who inspired Napoli to an opening win over Genoa with a goal and assist from the bench, was unable to turn the tide after coming on early in the second half.

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SECTION 53 OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT, NO. 3 OF 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE IN RELATION TO CHANGE OF LAND USE

Mutinta Mnyati on Rem of Sub No. 14 of Sub No. B of Farm No. 181a, Lusaka West Chilanga District, intends to apply for Planning Permission for **Change of Land Use from Agriculture to Mixed Use comprising of Residential, Commercial (Shops) and Institutional (Nursery School).** The Property in question is approximately 10.4 Hectares and is bordered by Sub No. 71, 70, 43, 69, 68, 41 and 40 of Sub No. B of Farm No. 181a to the North, Sub No. A of Farm No. 181a to the West, Sub No. 15 of Sub No. B of Farm No. 181a to the South and a Road Reserve to the East.

This application may have significant environmental impacts and/or a significant impact on the amenity of adjoining properties. The application may be viewed at the Lusaka Province Planning Authority (opposite Ridgeway Post Office entrance) and the Civic Centre, Chilanga Town Council. The submissions or observations on the application may be made to the Planning Authority without charge, and must be in writing and made within the period of 30 days beginning on the first date of the period for the publication of this notice being 31/08/2026 and ending on 29/09/2026.

Signed: The Executive Secretary
On behalf of LUSAKA PROVINCE PLANNING AUTHORITY,
Date of erection of site notice 31/08/2026.

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REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

CENTRAL PROVINCE PLANNING AUTHORITY
P.O. BOX 80928
KABWE

SECTION 53 OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT NO.3 OF 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE IN RELATION TO CHANGE OF LAND USE

MOSES TEMBO intends to apply for planning permission for Change of Land Use from Agriculture to Industrial [Solar Power Plant] for Farm No. SEREN/ZLN 5211/1 whose extent is 250.0012 hectares, situated at Kanona area approximately 1.82 kilometers south of Chitambo Junction in Serenje District. This application may have significant environmental impacts and/or a significant impact on the amenities of the adjoining properties.

The application may be viewed at the Department of Physical Planning, Provincial Administration Block, Kabwe, and at the Serenje Town Council, Civic Center, Serenje. Submissions or observations on the application may be made to the Planning Authority without charge. Submissions or observations must be in writing and made within a period of 28 days beginning on the first date of the period for the publication of this notice, being 31st August, 2026 and ending on 27th September, 2026.

Signed: Chanda Senkwe
Secretary
CENTRAL PROVINCE PLANNING AUTHORITY

Date of erection of the site notice, 31st August 2026.

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CHONGWE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
GREAT EAST- CIVIC CENTRE
P.O BOX 1
CHONGWE

SECTION 53 OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT, NO. 3 OF 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE IN RELATION TO CHANGE OF LAND USE

Notice is hereby given that in terms of section 53 of the Urban and Regional Planning Act of the Laws of Zambia Simon Bota of Rem of F/33a/E/32 Vorna Valley- Chongwe intends to apply for planning permission for **Change of Land Use from Agriculture to Residential.** The Lot in question is approximately 1.0451 Hectares and is bordered by Sub 47 to the North, Sub 31 to the East, F/33a/E/32 to the South and Road Reserve to the West.

This application may have significant environmental impacts and/or a significant impact on the amenity of adjoining properties. The application may be viewed at Chongwe Municipal Council and submissions or observations on the application may be made to the Planning Authority without charge. Submissions or Observations must be in writing and made within the period of 30 days beginning on the first date of the period for the publication of this notice being 31/08/2026 and ending on 29/09/2026.

Signed: Damson Mukwato
Town Clerk

CHONGWE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
Date of erection of site notice 31/08/2026.

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