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# I'LL MOVE BILL TO KILL REGIONAL GROUPS - SUNDAY



Kanchibiya Member of Parliament - Sunday Chanda

**By Patson Chilemba**  
Kanchibiya member of parliament (PF) Sunday Chanda says he will move a private members motion aimed at banning regional groupings and to strengthen

the law against tribalism in the country.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation*, Chanda said people could not expect to fight tribalism with tribalism, saying his call to

his "colleagues" was to work towards co-existence and that there would be no Zambia to talk about if people chose division.

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## I'm a 'quiet sniper' - ACC boss

**By Staff Reporter**  
Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Director General Thom Shamakamba says he "reserves" his comment on investigations against Information permanent secretary Thabo Kawana, and told former Health permanent secretary Dr George Mangwende to "hung on" before asking to be cleared.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation*, Shamakamba said people must not even accuse him of being fearful that he was more willing to divulge investigations against former leaders and fearful to divulge investigations against serving government officials, describing himself as a "quiet sniper" who was currently investigating very high profile cases.

"You see this is investigation and where investigation is concerned if you are dealing with people who are sophisticated you start saying 'oh we are investigating ... will not just

**...When asked on Kawana, Magwende**

sit idle, he will start either buying people or doing all sorts of illegalities," Shamakamba said.

Asked on formation

that his commission is investigating Kawana, Shamakamba said: "I think I will reserve my comment."

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## Police arrest UPND councilor, council official over forgery

**By Isaac Zulu**

Police in Kabwe have arrested a UPND civic leader and a Kabwe Municipal Council member of staff for forgery and altering false documents.

Sources have disclosed that the duo who have been arrested are Golden Mumba who is Kawama ward councilor and Nancy Chenga, who is acting Kabwe Municipal Council public relations manager.

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# I'll move bill to kill regional groups – Sunday

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Speaking with Daily Revelation, Chanda said people could not expect to fight tribalism with tribalism, saying his call to his “colleagues” was to work towards co-existence and that there would be no Zambia to talk about if people chose division.

He said the manner late founding president Dr Kenneth Kaunda handled tribalism in the country, if the same were done today, people would say the measures were too drastic.

The Kola Foundation has indicated that they will call for a meeting on Saturday, in the same manner those in Southern Province called Chuundu Chaitwa when they felt that their existence was threatened.

The Kola Foundation stated that on the agenda is the mobilization of all Kola Foundation affiliated groupings and people ahead of the 2026 presidential and general elections, arbitrary arrests, harassment, persecution and torture of persons from Kola, Kumawa and others such as Chishimba Kambwili, and also conduct analysis of the 2021 general elections voting pattern and how the same can be replicated in the Kola regions.

The Foundation also talked about the wanton dismissal of people

from Northern, Eastern, Muchinga, Luapula and Kola descendants in the civil service.

But Chanda said when speaking to issues of uniting a nation, what that entails is that everyone has a responsibility and that if there were any grey areas on the part of the executive, those areas must be resolved.

However, Chanda described the Kola Foundation agenda as very regional, political and divisive in the context of a unitary state.

He said the reason government was elected was to maintain the unity of the country, and that the UPND administration has that duty, arguing that the unity of the country must not be sacrificed at the altar of political expediency, and that “when the chickens come home to roost”, the elites and politicians agitating for this agenda will not be there.

“So government has a duty to ensure that Zambia remains united and this is a duty I am calling the government to rise up to, because that is their number one duty,” Chanda said.

But asked on the fact that he was a member of parliament himself and part of government system, Chanda said he would come up with a bill to try to address the matters he was raising.

“I would. Definitely. I would, without any hesitation. Without any hesitation,” Chanda said.

He said he would look into the matter in the next sitting of parliament.

“I will, I will. Definitely. You know because there is only one Zambia. Once this Zambia is up in flames, there will be no any other Zambia to talk about. There can only be one Zambia, and all of us have a duty to protect this country,” Chanda said. “We don’t need to wait until we become another Rwanda for us to start putting in place certain reforms. You know, we are at a point where we must start learning, where we can learn from countries like Rwanda, countries like Yugoslavia that have gone down this path.”

Chanda said he would look into the available pieces of legislation so that legislation is strengthened.

“Whether that comes as a private members bill, and calling on all men of good conscience that we cannot sacrifice the present day Zambia, the sacrifices of the Kenneth Kaunda’s and all his freedom stalwarts at the altar of expedience just

because probably Sunday Chanda wants to become this and that,” Chanda said. “That must never be the case. All of us must not lose sight of the fact that we are members of this body called Zambia and that although we are many, we are one.”

Chanda said even in countries like the United States, anything that threatens the unity of that country, is viciously fought against, saying no one must play with the sanctity of Zambia as a unitary state.

“Using a tribe as a consideration for one to occupy office, for one to have access to this and that is immoral and that’s something we must say to ourselves even going by way of our laws that we must create a Zambia speaking to the spirit of the national anthem,” Chanda said.

He also addressed the other point raised by the issuer of the Kola statement, Patrick Bwalya Mukuka

urging people to be proud of their roots and not to be intimidated or discouraged by anyone, because even those from Southern Province when they felt that their existence as a people was under threat, they convened Chuundu Chaitwa to reassure and protect their people, and therefore what they were doing was not something new in this country.

“There are sufficient laws in this country to interrogate that statement and there are sufficient laws. I think that’s what I can say ... I there are colleagues who have failed to make political gains by way of adding substance to national discourse, going tribal and going regional is not the way to go,” said Chanda. “You cannot fight perceived wrongs with another wrong. Two wrongs don’t make a right. You cannot fight tribalism with tribalism. You cannot fight regionalism with regionalism. If there are wrongs which

have been done in the past, generations of new leaders must agree that we want to strengthen and reinforce our fabric as a people.”

He said no one must seek political success on the back of tribalism and regionalism, as doing so is synonymous to “playing with fire.”

The Kola Foundation also stated that they want to take stock of all developmental and infrastructure projects currently running in Northern, Eastern, Muchinga and Luapula Provinces and how the said projects are being funded in comparison to other regions in the country.

They also want to talk about the escalating cost of living in the country and Government’s inability to address the same.

Another grouping that has been mentioned in the recent past is ‘Umodzi Kumawa’ in the past, there was also ‘Chuundu Chaitwa’

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Shamakamba was asked, going by his response on very credible complaints from Zambians that his commission is too happy to disclose investigations against former leaders and those who have fallen out of favour with the government, rather than on investigations against serving government officials.

Responding, Shamakamba said it was unfair to ask him about Dr Magwende because he found the matter already running.

Dr Magwende has complained that no one has gotten in touch with him 14 months after he was fired from the Ministry of Health where he served as permanent secretary over assertions that he was involved in corrupt activities, which those at the ACC announced they were investigating. He has demanded that the ACC must clear him.

But Shamakamba said, Dr Magwende asking for clearance from him “was too much.”

“Let him wait until things are concluded. There are processes that we do in ACC, let him just wait. He

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has called me and I have just said I think hung on. Yes!” he said.

But asked on the investigations against Kawana again, Shamakamba claimed that he had already issued a statement on the matter.

“I know what you are looking for so that tomorrow it will be a headline, ‘DG confirms that blah blah blah.’ That is what you are looking for ... But I will not succumb to your pressure boss,” he said, but was reminded that it was not about succumbing to the journalist’s pressure but providing information to Zambians. “Let me do my work. This is what I have been telling your people. Even the other time when you published the other people, they called me ‘oh can you confirm there is this story in our paper.’”

But put to him that he probably was just being

fearful to divulge information about serving government officials, Shamakamba said ‘simantha baba (I am not fearful), I am investigating high profile people.’

“Why should I fear? I will not even mention. Fear who? When I was getting the job I knew what I was sacrificing. Yes! And don’t even make a mistake ati nimantha (that it’s fear), no, no, no, no, no,” Shamakamba said. “I am a quiet sniper. Don’t even make that mistake.”

But asked on assertions that the most his commission does when it comes to government officials was just announcing the investigations which usually don’t even get to court let alone secure convictions, Shamakamba disagreed with the assertion, saying, “let’s see where we are going, because I know there are issues which are on the table. So let us see where we are going.”

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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By Daily Revelation Editor

The Zambian health system is under serious sabotage and the people contributing massively to a sad state of affairs are the health workers, particularly pharmacists. The other day, Zambians saw the extreme drama between the health minister Sylvia Masebo and a pharmacist at one of the public health facilities in Lusaka. What we saw was not good at. Just to remind our readers who might not have seen the drama: a patient who had gone to seek the services at a named health facility was told to go and buy medicine at a pharmacy outside the facility. Apparently, the pharmacist at this health facility did have medicines in stock but whether intentionally or unintentionally gave a prescription to the patient to buy from a pharmacy outside the health facility.

But the health minister was not one

## Masebo should be commended for ordering firing of pharmacist

to look the other side on this matter as she faced the officers responsible head on, wondering why the pharmacist gave a prescription to a patient, yet the hospital had the medicine. The visibly annoyed Masebo then instructed that the said pharmacist be fired immediately.

Much as it sounded harsh the manner Masebo came out, we commend her for ordering the firing of the pharmacist. We say this because it has become a culture among healthcare providers to be abusing our healthcare system, taking the people of Zambia for granted. Most of our loved ones are dying not because their time has come, but because some of these healthcare providers are denying them the services and medicines. The health

system in Zambia has become an enterprise for many healthcare providers. They have built cartels that are benefiting from the medicines bought by

compounds and other areas to which they send patients to buy medicines. We are also aware that a lot of drugs in healthcare facilities are pilfered out

in Zambia and we have seen majority of our healthcare providers opening them. We are not against them opening such businesses, what we are against is them stealing public medicines and taking it to their pharmacies.

In a normal society, especially in industrialised nations, public healthcare personnel are not allowed to own or run pharmacy businesses or any other business related to their work. This is to curb stealing of medicines out of health facilities. However, much as we don't have such a medical culture, our healthcare providers should not take advantage of the weak health system in the country. It is on this basis that we agree with Masebo's stance to have the erring pharmacist fired. In fact if the ministry is to investigate these

health facilities, they will discover that the culture of giving prescription to patients amid availability of medicines is deep-rooted. This stupid practice happens in almost all the health facilities across the country.

The Ministry of Health should seriously consider serious investigations into these dealings and whoever is found wanting should not only be fired, but also prosecuted. They should be prosecuted because what they are doing is not only sabotaging the health system, they are also contributing to mortalities in the country. These idiots are simply killers. As a country, we cannot continue to allow killers masquerading as healthcare providers. Any healthcare worker denying our already financially stressed Zambians medicines in public health facilities should be fired and prosecuted. Their workplace is prison.

### Editorial

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the government using tax payers' money. These cartels have become so powerful and rich at the expense of taxpayers money. Some of these have even opened their own pharmacies in

and sold or sneaked into private pharmacies. The government is losing a lot of money through this pilferage at industrial scale. Pharmacy business has become a lucrative business

By Mubanga Mubanga

The Teaching Council of Zambia (TCZ) has clarified that the list of alleged unqualified teachers circulating has nothing to do with them being underqualified, but non-compliance with regard to registration with the council.

And TCZ says next year, it will be strict in ensuring that teachers are compliant with registration and will prosecute anyone found wanting.

The council also said it will introduce licentiate exams so that all graduate teachers from colleges and universities locally or abroad are examined.

Speaking during a press briefing yesterday, TCZ registrar Dr. Ebby Mubanga explained that the council sent a list from its Kasama regional office to the headmasters in various schools in Luapula and Northern Provinces to check the levels of compliance among teachers in relation to registration with TCZ and the list which was circulating contained teachers who were not compliant to TCZ and had nothing to do with recruitment of teachers by the UPND government.

"I wish to take advantage of the presence of the media today, to clarify what happened yesterday in Luapula. Where I think... some information was received from our regional office in Kasama. Where we were asking for head teachers to confirm the presence of certain teachers,

## TCZ to introduce licentiate exams for graduate teachers

especially non-compliant teachers that we have in our possession. A list was sent in from our Kasama regional office so that we could have confirmation from various schools. And I think there was some misunderstanding in one of the districts in Luapula province. And this is the clarification we would want to make to say: yes that list came from the Teaching Council of Zambia, through our Northern regional office and the purpose of that list was just to help verify, so that we understand the compliance of those teachers and also the presence of teachers. And it has nothing to do with recruitment of any kind, that list has everything to do with teacher registration and teacher compliance under the Teaching Council of Zambia," Dr. Mubanga said

He also said all teachers are expected to comply with the TCZ registration and that starting next year, the council will be very strict, because it has spoken enough regarding being compliant.

"Come 2024 I must emphasize that all those non-compliant teachers shall be taken on. I know we have made this pronouncement before, but I think we have

spoken enough. We expect that all teachers are by now both registered and licensed by the Teaching Council of Zambia," Mubanga warned. "So this is why this call is coming, so that head teachers should ensure that all teachers under their custody, under their charge are both registered and licensed by the Teaching Council of Zambia. Come January 2024, we will be vigorous about non-compliance and we shall prosecute non-compliant teachers in our schools. Like I said, it is a matter of the law. We are merely implementing the law."

Meanwhile, the registrar said the TCZ intends to introduce licentiate exams, even though there is currently no law which requires them to do so.

He said the council will lobby stakeholders to come up with the law just the same way it is with other professions.

"Meaning when graduates leave colleges or universities, whether within the country or outside the country, they should be subjected to a professional exam. So that we see whether the skills, knowledge, competences, the attitudes are present

which makes a teacher. And I think we are not yet there, I think this is what we are proposing," Dr Mubanga said. "We have seen it happen with other professions. We want to take that route. But

to do so, we need a law which we don't have in place. But the thought is on the table, that way, it will really tell us to say... we shall be screening when they come from various training

institutions who go into the teaching profession."

Dr Mubanga said it is part of regulation but that will come from stakeholders, because TCZ is a stakeholder driven institution.



Teaching Council of Zambia Registrar Dr Ebby Mubanga when addressing the media yesterday in Lusaka

By Daily Revelation Reporter

Health minister Sylvia Masebo has accused pharmacists of conniving with private pharmacies to sell patients drugs that are readily available at the pharmacy in health facilities.

And Masebo has ordered the firing a health worker at one of the health facilities she toured in Lusaka, for asking a patient to buy drugs at a private pharmacy when it was available.

When she visited the pharmacy area at one of the health facilities in Lusaka, Masebo found out that a patient had been made to buy a certain drug for a week including on the day she was there.

She asked the pharmacist who was present why she told the patient that there was no medicine when it was available.

She demanded to be given some samples of the medicine and asked the victim to tell her who asked her to go and buy the medicine while assuring him that the drug he had been asked to buy was readily

# Masebo orders on-spot firing of health worker for conniving with private pharmacies

available.

“You can see the drug is here. So you tell me who said the drug was not there and you made that patient to go and buy,” she asked the pharmacist who had difficulties in explaining.

She turned to the victim and asked him who asked him to buy the drug.

“Come here, who asked you to go and buy drugs?” She asked. “Mankwala yaliko (the drugs are available).”

In response, the patient said he had been buying the said drug for the whole week.

Masebo then turned to the pharmacist and said, “So you are the one who was there? You are the one who told this man to go and buy drugs because you said there was no medicine. Now that there is, what do you want to tell me?”

She later asked who the supervisor was and ordered him to

charge and fire lady in question.

“Who is the supervisor here? Can you charge this girl and I want her out of here. No more job for you.

If I come back and find this lady, you yourself will be out,” she ordered

before she walked away. “You are conniving with private pharmacies.

You are sending patients to go and buy drugs when drugs are there.”



Minister of Health - Silver Masebo

## Court orders medical test for accused after failing to differentiate plea

By Isaac Zulu

Kapiri Mposhi Magistrate Jammy Mukumbi has ordered that a man standing trial before him, be subjected to mental medical examination owing to his failure to differentiate the plea of guilty or not guilty.

Before magistrate Mukumbi was Sam Mtambo, 25, of Lukomba area in Kapiri Mposhi district, who stands charged with one count of assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to the Laws of Zambia.

It is alleged that on November 13, 2023 Mtambo allegedly assaulted Jane Njovu thereby causing her actual bodily harm contrary to the Laws of Zambia.

When the matter came up for plea, Mtambo failed to plead guilty or not guilty to the subject offence, but instead, said he was not able to comprehend what was being explained to him because he had a mental illness, which he said makes him forget what he is doing.

After seeking further clarification on the matter, the mother of the accused produced documentation to show that Mtambo is on mental drugs.

At this juncture, magistrate Mukumbi said that he will have to refer to what the law says regarding the matter.

He later invoked the provisions of Section 17 of

the Criminal Procedure Code, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Zambia, and ordered that Mtambo should be taken to Chainama Hospital for mental medical examination in order to ascertain his mental status.

Magistrate Mukumbi further revoked the police bond for Mtambo, saying the accused person has to remain in police custody until his mental health is ascertained.

He also said that it is now a responsibility of the Zambia Police to ensure that Mtambo is ferried to Chainama Hospital in Lusaka for mental medical examination.

The matter comes up on January 3, 2024.

## Police arrest UPND councilor, council official over forgery

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The source disclosed that the duo has been colluding in forging receipts belonging to Kabwe Municipal Council.

The sources further disclosed that Chenga has been suspended pending further disciplinary action.

“And Ms Chenga has been suspended by management pending further disciplinary action,” said the source who spoke on

condition of anonymity.

“It relates to forgery and uttering of false documents in relation to plots in Kabwe and fake receipt in the amount of K18, 000 was recovered during police investigations. The duo was arrested but released on police bond and will appear in court soon.”

When contacted to comment on the allegations, Chenga refused to do so.

“I cannot comment on that issue. I have no comment,” said Chenga.

Central Province Police Commissioner Roy Kashimba said he was in a meeting and would get back to this reporter.

Several attempts to get confirmation from the Central Province Police Commissioner Roy Kashimba proved futile as his phone went unanswered.

**By Agness Changala**  
Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) has urged newly recruited health workers to embrace a positive attitude during the course of their work.

And Zambia Union of Nurses Organization (ZUNO) president Frey Michelo said there was a need for more recruitment of health workers as the current numbers are not enough to meet the demands of the citizens of this country.

Commenting on the recruitment of 3,000 health workers HPCZ public relations manager Terry Musonda said one may be knowledgeable and skilled but if they have bad or negative attitude, everything they do will be watered down.

“From a regulatory point of view and what we have been getting from social media and coming through the public out there, I think issues of attitude are also critical so in addition to the three hallmarks which are knowledge, practice and competence, we are saying attitude attitude and attitude, it’s very critical if somebody is knowledgeable, well skilled and able to practice, with bad and negative attitude everything they do is watered down,” he said.

Musonda also urged health workers to be as

# Embrace positive attitude, HPCZ urges newly recruited health workers

ethical and professional as they can when they start working.

He observed that human resources for health are an important ingredient in the provision and delivery of quality health care to the community.

“So this is something which is commendable and we want to welcome and congratulate the new health workers. Since they have been given the opportunity to work, they need to prioritise the patients as they embark on their work,” said Musonda.

And ZUNO president Michelo said he was happy that out of the 3,000 health workers recruited, 1,580 nurses and midwives belonged to his union.

He said there was a need for more recruitment of health workers as the current numbers are not enough to meet the demands of the citizens of this country.

“We know that the population is growing therefore, we need more

recruitment to be done. And we are happy to learn that in 2024, there will be more recruitments,” he said.

He said going forward, as much as the union wanted more numbers to be employed, it would also want expansion of the establishment.

“Because we know that the establishment for the Ministry of Health is so lean. It’s not responding to the facilities that are there actually. For example, we have facilities that have been upgraded meaning that the upgraded facilities will also require an upgraded establishment in terms of the numbers. So that one indeed has been lacking where institutions are upgraded or built the establishment has remained the same,” said Michelo.

The government has recruited 3000 health workers, bringing the number to over 14,300 health workers that have been recruited in the past years.



HPCZ public relations manager Terry Musonda



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# Ukraine's Dauntless Spirit: Zelenskyy Leads Nation Rebuilding

By Correspondent in Ukraine

Almost two years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy remains resolute in his determination to attain freedom for his country.

Despite the ongoing war and the massive destruction it has caused, Zelenskyy continues to inspire hope and confidence among Ukrainians, emphasizing that "the fight for freedom will be won."

The most recent attack was the night of November 25, when the Anti Missile Defence shot 50 drones flown over Kyiv. The Kyiv state administration said this was the most mass drone attack since the Russian full scale invasion of Ukrainian.

Zelenskyy believes that the war's resolution hinges on Russia's willingness to adhere to even just one of the ten-point plans designed to resolve the instability between the two Eastern European nations.

A Meeting With A President At War

In his relentless pursuit of peace, Zelenskyy has engaged in diplomatic meetings, including with African leaders in Kyiv. Notably, he met Zambia's President Hakainde Hichilema alongside other African leaders to discuss the situation and debunk disinformation campaigns aimed at swaying international opinion against Ukraine's position.

"... They came with mixed emotions and mixed information about what was happening. But they all left Ukraine changed; they could see what Russia had done and the consequences of their shameful assault on the people and especially our children," Zelensky said when he met a team of media representatives from different African countries mid last month. "They left for Russia with a better understanding of what Ukraine is fighting for ... I am ready to visit any nation on the African continent and I'll be happy to have a meeting with them ... to make maximum efforts to achieve stability."

Ukraine has endured significant destruction and suffering due to the war, with estimates of the cost of reconstruction and recovery reaching a staggering \$411 billion.

Hundreds have also died, mostly civilians and Zelenskyy does not want any more lives to be lost in the war.

"We have buried more of our children already ...

do we have to have more children now so that we can also send them to fight this war and get killed?" he somberly wonders. "We have to bring this war to an end. It may not be to someone's liking but it has to end, it has to be done."

A War on Civilians

Russia's war against Ukraine began in 2014 but the full scale invasion came in February 2022 when soldiers invaded areas such as Bucha, Irpin and Borodyanka which are close to capital Kyiv.

Air and ground raids killed hundreds of Ukrainians, mostly civilians, and brought down residential and commercial property.

In Irpin town alone, on March 2, 2022, Russia's air missiles struck residential buildings which housed about 200 civilian families.

Some of those that survived evacuated while others remained to suffer the ensuing indiscriminate daily shellings by Russian soldiers who, according to Kyiv Regional Administration Head of the International Cooperation Department Mykyta Gerashchenko, were aware of civilian occupation of the building.

To date, the death toll in Irpin remains unknown but estimates indicate that about 290 civilians were killed.

An Act of Genocide?

In Borodyanka, the story is similar - civilian residential buildings were targeted.

Kostyantyn Moroz, the deputy head of Borodyanka, Irpin, said the killings were an act of genocide.

"More than 200 people were buried in the rubble after the bombing; 8 apartment buildings were demolished. Much more damage was done underground," he says.

Caritas and the Red Cross were the first to offer charity support in Borodyanko where temporary housing was built for affected civilians.

In total, about 730 flats were destroyed by Russian forces, Moroz adds.

One year after de-occupation of the area, the Ukrainian government has massive work to rebuild the city.

"Billions of dollars are needed to restore infrastructure facility," Moroz says.

Reconstruction of residential houses, schools and other key facilities is currently underway.

The destruction caused by the Russian missile strikes in this area is also still visible to this day,

triggering a sad reminder of the magnitude of attacks on civilians in Ukraine.

A Stand to Protect Country and Citizens

In the early days of the war, Ukrainian forces blew up Romanivsky Bridge, which is also known as the Road of Life, to stop the Russian soldiers' advances into capital Kyiv.

According to Gerashchenko, hundreds of civilians from Irpin and Bucha escaped the war on foot using the destroyed bridge and were assisted by Ukrainian forces, volunteers and the Ukrainian State Emergency Service.

A baby stroller stands on one side of the destroyed bridge, certainly used by a mother who could have been fleeing to safety with her child. It has been preserved as a symbol of effects of the war that has left families separated and infrastructure destroyed.

A new bridge is being built to replace the old one which Gerashchenko says will serve as a memorial for the Russian invasion.

War Crimes Must be Punished

Father Andrii Golovin is a priest at St Andrew's Orthodox Church in Bucha that hosts a mass grave of civilians in its backyard.

He demands nothing more than justice for the crimes against humanity committed in Bucha.

"People were killed on streets. And Russians didn't allow an opportunity to bury in cemeteries so we buried in parks, backyards and church grounds. Nearly 80% of those killed were civilians killed on purpose. It was an execution. We hope those crimes can be punished. All crimes should be punished and we don't want what happened here to be repeated anywhere. No matter where a country is, whether Europe or Africa, if you engage in criminality, you have to be punished," he says with vivid sadness.

"We're demanding punishment against those who perpetrated the crimes not because we're angry but because that's the right thing to do to those who engage in criminality..."

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe last July concluded that atrocities by Russian troops in Bucha amounted to crimes against humanity and hinted that they were in possession



Caption: President Zelenskyy during a meeting with African journalists in Kyiv in November, 2023. Picture courtesy of the Office of President of Ukraine.

of credible evidence of violations of even the most fundamental human rights.

At St Andrew's Church, one of the halls is used for exhibition of graphic pictures of victims of the atrocities, photographed a few days after the invasion.

Russian soldiers attacked Bucha until March 31, 2022 and later eventually withdrew from the town, leaving behind a trail of destruction in what is referred to as the Bucha massacre.

So far, statistics show that between 500 and 700 civilians were brutally killed in Bucha, among them women and children, some with the marks of torture and hands tied behind their backs.

Attacks On Odesa

Odesa, the third most populated city southwest of Ukraine on the Black Sea, has not been spared by the Russian invasion.

Between February 2022 and September 2023, around 28 civilians have been killed and over a hundred injured in Odesa alone due to the Russian occupiers' strikes. Providing Black Sea routes to the ports of Türkiye and the Mediterranean Sea to Africa, Odesa had been serving as one of the ports neither blocked nor occupied by Russia.

Five more seaports are in Russian-occupied Crimea since 2014 while Berdyansk and Mariupol were occupied in the spring of 2022.

These ports have been vital for Ukraine's grain exports to African countries but with the Russian invasion, ports of Odesa and Mykolaiv took up that task despite Russia's constant shelling of the city.

Odesa is also an important cultural center

with several UNESCO sites which equally suffered from Russia's war this year.

One other attack was on an Orthodox church, which assault is said to have been clearly targeted.

A missile struck a portion of the large church building and nearly brought it to rubble.

A Road To Recovery Nevertheless, the country remains steadfast in its commitment to rebuilding its infrastructure and seeking support from global partners to end the conflict.

International support for Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction efforts is evident, with the European Union and other partners providing assistance.

In October 2022, the European Commission and Germany co-hosted the International Expert Conference on the

Recovery, Reconstruction, and Modernization of Ukraine, underscoring their commitment to the nation's revitalization. Collaborative efforts involving the World Bank and the United Nations further fortify Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction process.

Support From Africa Ukraine's Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Ivanovych Kuleba this year undertook a visit to 12 African countries in an effort to rekindle relations that have existed between those nations and Ukraine.

He, however, noted that getting support from African countries when it comes to voting for Ukrainian resolutions at the United Nations was a challenge.

"... You can't agree that let's be consistent unless you keep voting for Ukrainian resolutions in the United Nations but not abstain. You can agree that next, when

the next voting takes place and you will vote pro, then you say yes we will support but it doesn't mean in a way that the resolution after [that] will be supported by this nation," Kuleba says. "This is the difference in relation with European nations.

When European nations say we will support this issue, it means we constantly will support. With African nations, it works differently. You have to reach agreement for every step separately. You can't agree on the principle but that's the peculiarity of diplomacy. We keep it in mind and we keep working. But the truth is that really, for more than 20 years, Ukraine and Africa were not dealing with relations seriously so we need time. The diplomacy machinery were not working from both sides."

He says Ukraine neither desires nor wishes to exploit anyone in the process of reigniting relations with African countries.

"Our desire to work with Africa is out of joint mutual respect. We are not coming to Africa like other nations where you say we built you a bridge and give us a gold mine or Diamond mine and we will keep mining and will probably do anything you want. There's a different model when nations force African nations to sell some raw materials at low prices than the market price. We do not suggest this model.

We do what we can do together to make the partnership safe and secure," he says.

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## CHAN: Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda set to co-host 2024 edition of finals

Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are set to co-host the 2024 African Nations Championship (CHAN), subject to successful stadium inspections.

In September the East African neighbours were awarded the rights to stage the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations - which will be the first time in history that three countries will deliver the continental showpiece.

The joint hosts will all provide one stadium to host CHAN next year, with a fourth venue in Zanzibar, according to Wallace Karia, the president of the Council of East and Central African Football Associations (Cecafa).

BBC Sport Africa understands Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are yet to officially submit which stadiums will be used to the Confederation of African Football (Caf).

"Next year in September, we've been given the CHAN hosting rights in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda," Karia said at an annual general meeting of the Tanzania Football Federation, of which he is also president.

"We will ask Caf to group all the four teams of Cecafa in the draw to create the competition between us."

Algeria hosted the delayed 2022 CHAN in January and February this year, with the finals going ahead with 17 teams after Morocco withdrew because of a dispute over travel arrangements.

Senegal won the tournament, which is reserved for players who are playing in their domestic leagues.

Credit: BBC

# Anthony Joshua doesn't have the heart to fight me - Deontay Wilder

Deontay Wilder believes Anthony Joshua does not "have the heart" to fight him, but says a bout between the former heavyweight world champions is closer than it ever has been.

The pair are on the same bill in Saudi Arabia on Saturday and could fight each other in 2024 if they both win.

"I don't want to say he's 100% afraid, but I think he's 75%," said Wilder.

Joshua told BBC Sport he would "love to fight" Wilder, but is eyeing the IBF title first if he beats Otto Wallin.

Wilder is one of the greatest knockout punchers in heavyweight history and, while not convinced about Joshua's intentions, remains hopeful of getting him in the ring.

"I've learned over the years especially dealing in boxing that nothing is for sure, until it's for sure. And I know that's a little bit confusing, but what's understood doesn't have to be explained," the American told BBC Sport in the build-up to Saturday's event in Riyadh.

"We'll see what happens. The future is bright and we are farther [in talks] than we've ever been in history. I can say that with certainty."

On a stacked card in Saudi Arabia, Britain's Joshua tops the bill against Sweden's Wallin after Wilder takes on former champion Joseph Parker.

Both Joshua and Wilder are on the comeback trail



after losing world titles in the past three years to Oleksandr Usyk and Tyson Fury respectively.

Joshua, 34, is a two-time world champion - having unified the WBA, WBO and IBF divisions - with a record of 26 wins and three defeats.

Wilder, 38, held the WBC belt from 2015 to 2020 until he lost to Fury and 42 of his 43 victories have come by knockout.

Joshua is promoted by Matchroom Boxing and Eddie Hearn, while Wilder has spent most of his career with Premier Boxing Champions and adviser Al Haymon, as well as being managed by Shelly Finkel.

On why the pair have

not yet met, Wilder said: "Money hasn't been the issue. It comes with not having the heart, the will, the courage to step in the ring.

"I don't really just blame it on Joshua. I blame it on his handlers, on his promotion and his management. Because let's face it Joshua is the cash cow of the company.

"Without him, no money is drawn into Matchroom. We all know that. Not only do I feel Joshua is intimidated of me, but I feel his promoter is as well. That's why the fight hasn't happened."

Joshua motivated by 'dangling carrots' Joshua appears to have

two potential options if he beats 33-year-old Wallin - facing Wilder or having a shot at the IBF title against Filip Hrgovic.

Croatia's Hrgovic is the mandatory challenger for the belt held by Usyk, who meets Fury for the undisputed heavyweight title on 17 February in Saudi Arabia.

If a rematch clause between Usyk and Fury is activated it is likely the IBF belt would be stripped and open the door for Joshua to fight Hrgovic instead.

Joshua says he will not get drawn into what potentially happens next, but adds the "dangling carrots"

bring extra purpose.

"It's hard to switch off from these opportunities, but I transform that pressure and what could be a distraction into motivation," he said.

"Of course I want to become champion. I'm focused on my opponent and focused on the bigger picture.

"I would love to fight for the IBF, and love to fight Deontay Wilder. Either are really good options.

"The championship is worth much more to me, that's special, becoming three-time champion in the world. Then I'd defend it against Wilder."

Credit story: BBC

Manchester City will play FC Copenhagen in this season's Champions League round of 16, while 14-time winners Real Madrid face RB Leipzig.

Copenhagen, who earned a memorable win against Manchester United on their way to finishing second in Group A, are the lowest-ranked side left in the competition.

Elsewhere, Barcelona were drawn to face Napoli, notable for being two former clubs of late Argentina legend Diego Maradona.

United States stars Ricardo Pepi and Sergiño Dest will face international teammate Giovanni Reyna with Borussia Dortmund and PSV Eindhoven drawn against each other.

Arsenal, in their first appearance in the round of 16 since 2016-17, face

## Champions League draw: Man City, Real Madrid get favourable ties

two-time winners FC Porto, while Bayern Munich were matched up with Lazio.

Paris Saint-Germain, who finished runners-up in Group F behind Borussia Dortmund, drew Spanish side Real Sociedad.

Madrid's clash with Leipzig comes as they were dealt another major injury blow, as defender David Alaba tore an ACL in their 4-1 LaLiga win over Villarreal on Sunday.

Club director of institutional relations Emilio Butragueño said Madrid are unsure whether they will replace the defender in the upcoming January transfer

window.

"As Carlo [Ancelotti] said, we'll see in the next few days what we decide [to do]. The team has showed it's capable of facing any challenge. We'll wait over the next few days and see what we do," he said.

"We're facing a difficult situation; it's surprising to have so many injuries, and serious ones. [Thibaut] Courtois, [Eder] Militão and Alaba will be out now. Despite that, we're in a fantastic moment. But obviously the injury to Alaba is a setback; we'll have to work together to overcome it."

The round of 16 kicks off with group winners hosting the first-leg matches, which will be played Feb. 13, 14, 20 and 21.

Return legs will be played on March 5, 6, 12 and 13.

This is the final season of the traditional format, before it becomes a 36-team competition with one knockout bracket based primarily upon final positions.

The final will take place on June 1 at Wembley Stadium in London, England.

Full UCL round-of-16

draw

**Porto (Portugal) vs. Arsenal (England)**  
**Napoli (Italy) vs. Barcelona (Spain)**  
**Paris Saint-Germain (France) vs. Real Sociedad (Spain)**  
**Inter Milan (Italy) vs. Atletico Madrid (Spain)**  
**PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) vs. Borussia Dortmund (Germany)**  
**Lazio (Italy) vs. Bayern Munich (Germany)**  
**Copenhagen (Denmark) vs. Manchester City (England)**  
**RB Leipzig (Germany) vs. Real Madrid (Spain)**

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# ZAMBIA SECURES CAMEROON FRIENDLY

Chipolopolo will play 2021 third-place finishers and five-time African champions Cameroon in a friendly next month at Zambia's pre-23 ACON international camp in Saudi Arabia.

Zambia will hold an international training camp in the Saudi capital of Riyadh from January 1 to 12 before heading back to Africa to participate in the AFCON Ivory Coast is hosting from January 13 to February 11.

Football Association of Zambia President Andrew Kamanga said in an interview that Football House has received substantial requests to play

Chipolopolo in pre-AFCON friendlies.

Kamanga said the game against Cameroon would be the last of two pre-tournament friendly games before heading to the AFCON where they will be based in the Ivorian port town of San Pedro.

"One friendly I can confirm is Cameroon, but the second one, we will be able to confirm as we go along," Kamanga said.

"But with Cameroon, we are more or less settled; it is on the 9th of January and will be played in Saudi Arabia.

"But the one we are supposed to play on the 5th,

we are still trying to finalise but we have got a couple of options.

"In fact, we did also receive an invitation just last week from (AFCON champions) Senegal who wanted us to play them in Dakar but unfortunately we are camping in Saudi Arabia so we cannot go to Senegal.

"So everyone is interested in playing Chipolopolo."

Chipolopolo and the Indomitable Lions will be meeting for the first time since June 9, 2019, when Cameroon beat Zambia 2-1 in a friendly played in Madrid, Spain.

Zambia is returning to the AFCON for the first time since 2015 but thereafter

failed to qualify for a record three successive tournaments.

Chipolopolo will mark their AFCON return in Group F with dates against DR Congo on January 17, Tanzania on January 21 and 2022 FIFA World Cup semifinalists Morocco.

## Referee, VAR discussions to be made public in LaLiga

Conversations between Spain's referees and Video Assistant Referees [VAR] will be made public under a new agreement between LaLiga and the Spanish football federation [RFEF], the two bodies announced in a joint statement on Tuesday.

Discussions which take place between officials when an incident has been reviewed using the pitchside monitor will be made available to broadcasters after the end of each day's action.

The new project will make its debut in the Spanish Supercopa -- organised by the RFEF -- in Saudi Arabia next month, with Real Madrid due to face Atletico Madrid in the first semifinal on Jan. 10, and Barcelona playing Osasuna on Jan. 11, before the final on Jan. 14.

It will then be implemented in LaLiga, beginning with matchday 20 in the top flight and matchday 22 in the second

tier, with games being played from Friday Jan. 12.

"This initiative marks a new era of collaboration and collective work between the RFEF and [refereeing body] CTA and LaLiga, with the aim of bringing greater transparency to professional football refereeing, and the competitions themselves," the RFEF and LaLiga statement said.

"In this sense, with the broadcasting of the images and audio once each day of competition is completed [Saturday, Sunday and Monday] the fans' experience will improve and a greater understanding of refereeing decisions will be enabled on behalf of television viewers, thus improving the competitions as a whole.

"In the next few days, the RFEF and LaLiga will publish more information and educational materials on social media to help fans and the media understand how this new dynamic will

work."

The relationship between the RFEF and LaLiga has improved dramatically in recent months -- after years of feuding over numerous aspects of Spanish football governance -- since the departure of Luis Rubiales as RFEF president.

One of Rubiales' former vice presidents, Pedro Rocha, is currently in interim charge of the federation, ahead of elections next year.

Referees and VAR in Spain have faced frequent criticism over decisions -- and an alleged lack of transparency -- from clubs, fans and sections of the media this season.

The image of the profession has also suffered during the ongoing criminal investigation into payments made by Barcelona to companies linked to the former vice president of Spain's refereeing committee, José Maria Enriquez Negreira.



Chipolopolo wing wizard Lameck Banda