



Lawyers write AG over detained PF cadre allegedly assaulted by UPND cadres

By Agness Changala

Police in Lusaka have detained a PF cadre who was allegedly assaulted by UPND cadres in connection with the walk with former president Edgar Lungu when he recently visited the Central Business District.

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RE-CONTESTING ON UPND, A BIG YES – PF MP

By Patson Chilemba
Chama-South member of parliament (PF) Davison Mung'andu says it's a definite yes he will re-contest his seat on the UPND ticket in 2026 if they ask him to.

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Economic Front (EF) leader Wynter Kabimba says Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) director general Thom Shamakamba can't risk his job by investigating his fellow UPND members.

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Every country has gone through challenges Zambia is facing – Kalyalya

By Mubanga Mubanga

We shall overcome the challenges we are going through as this is what great nations we see went through, Bank of Zambia Governor (BOZ) Denny Kalyalya has said.

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And Makebi Zulu Advocates have written Attorney General's office over the unlawful detention of Peter Kashala who has been in detention for 5 days.

PF secretary general Raphael Nakachinda told *Daily Revelation* that UPND cadres found Kashala in town and beat him up, assaulted him while one of the known cadres hit him with a bottle on the head leaving him with a deep cut in the middle of the head.

Nakachinda said Kashala also sustained cuts around his body where the cadres are alleged to have used knives and other sharp instruments.

He explained that after they assaulted him, they took him to the police who also just received him and kept him there, denied him an opportunity to go to the hospital to seek medical attention or even get a medical report.

Nakachinda alleged that the police kept him in cells to protect and cover the UPND cadres who assaulted him.

He said when party officials visited Kashala on Saturday, the police advised them that he had been

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charged with 'conduct.' "We don't know where it is emanating from, whether it is emanating from the fact that when the former president Edgar Chagwa Lungu was passing through town and at a point where people were opting to greet him, he is one of those seemingly the UPND spotted suggesting that he should not be tolerated in town," he explained

He said since Saturday when Kashala was detained, lawyers have been attempting to have him released but the police have been giving excuses that the matter was being handled by different stations.

"No this matter is being handled by police officers from Lumumba, no this matter is being handled by police officers from Kabwata, no this matter ... and so on and so forth. But the real issue is that they are trying to cover aggravated assault

that was occasioned on him. The UPND in this case who have continued to perpetuate violence in town," he said.

Nakachinda accused the UPND of targeting individuals in people's homes and those that they found in town that they should be brutally beaten.

He said Kashala is an innocent cadre who operates in town and it was unfortunate that he found himself in that situation.

And in a letter dated May 15, 2024, also copied to Inspector General of Police and director of Human Rights Commission (HRC), Makebi Zulu Advocates stated that Kashala was subjected to severe assault by individuals purportedly affiliated with the UPND on Saturday around 14:15 hours.

The lawyers have confirmed that Kashala knows the said individuals who assaulted him and had been held in custody without

being formally charged, except for a vague holding charge of "conduct" that lacks specificity and legality.

They stated that despite being the victim of assault, Kashala was inexplicably detained by police officers who were present at the scene and also denied him an opportunity to report the assailants that attacked him even to have access to a medical report and medical attention.

"Our client sustained grievous injuries including a deep cut to the head and wounds on his head and ribs, as a result of this attack," they stated.

Lawyers stated that the prolonged detention without due process constituted a grave violation of Kashala's rights under both domestic and international law.

They reminded authorities that every individual regardless of their legal status as a suspect was entitled to



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the full protection of their fundamental rights and freedoms.

The lawyers stated that the failure to afford Kashala rights including the right to prompt medical treatment and the right to be informed of the charges against him was unacceptable and unlawful.

The lawyers have since demanded that Kashala be granted access to appropriate medical treatment and all necessary exams and reports to be provided without further delay.

They also demanded

that a formal complaint be recorded against the individuals responsible for the assault of their client, as well as against any law enforcement officers who have unlawfully denied him access to medical care.

The lawyers have also demanded that their client be released from custody forthwith.

"Failure to comply with these demands will leave us with no choice but to pursue all available legal remedies to secure justice for our client," read the letter in part.

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And Mung'andu said those saying former president Edgar Lungu will return to office again are hallucinating.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation*, Mung'andu was asked about his chances for re-adoption seeing how relations with his party have soured.

But Mung'andu said it was not about serving his benefit but what President Hakainde Hichilema was doing for the people of Chama-South.

"The answer is yes (on re-contesting on the UPND ticket). Actually a big yes. I will continue working with him," Mung'andu said. "I have told you looking at what he's already doing how can I say no? It's a big yes."

Mung'andu said the President had given him CDF, and was also working on connecting Chama-South to the National Electricity Grid with Zesco directors calling him.

"Honestly how can I refuse to work with a man that is attending to the problems of my people? How? I will gladly say 'Your Excellency let's continue working together.' That has to be put on record. He's demonstrated, it's not a matter of just mere promise, no!" Mung'andu said. "I am an MP. He has supported me and he will continue supporting me in terms of what my people need. Right now as I am talking to you there is hunger there (and) the approval for the distribution

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of relief maize has already been done. It's a matter of logistics. How can I abandon such a man?"

Mung'andu laughed off questions about chances for re-adoption on the PF ticket, saying he did not understand which political party was being referred to whether it was PF or "Ukwa."

He said "Ukwa" did not exist while PF was in the hands of Miles Sampa, therefore he did not understand which exact political party was being referred to, stressing that there was only one PF legally.

"But to answer your question even the adoption I had they never adopted me because of loyalty to the party, otherwise ministers should have been adopted, those who were ministers," Mung'andu said. "Those that were adopted who were unpopular because they thought they were adopting friends they all lost."

He said it was not about the political party but the relationship he enjoyed with people in his constituency, stressing that in certain areas political parties benefited from the individual strength

of members of parliament. Mung'andu said he would demonstrate the same in 2026.

But Mung'andu was asked on the fact that there was a general feeling that President Hichilema would face a tough time in 2026 given the high cost of living and other challenges Zambians were enduring at the moment.

Responding, Mung'andu said those saying President Hichilema would lose should answer the question on who was going to win.

He described those saying Lungu would come back as hallucinating.

"Basabaila abo, basabaila muba uze. Let them stop kusabaila (Those are hallucinating, tell them. Tell them to stop hallucinating). Those are ignorant people who do not understand economics," Mung'andu said. "Why are we where we are now? You remember president Lungu was asked one question, 'sir people are saying we are where we are here because you over borrowed, if you were there what would you have done?' What was his response?"



Chama-South member of parliament (PF) Davison Mung'andu

President Lungu was very angry. He just responded saying I am not the one in the office."

Mung'andu said those who loved the country must be fair by asking themselves why the country was where it was now.

He said the previous administration over borrowed, and it was the PF that started defaulting on the Eurobond repayments, and they would have implemented the same restructuring programme

had they won with the same effects being felt now.

Mung'andu said the blame game from both the opposition and ruling party would not address challenges, but focus must be channeled towards facing the challenges together.

He said that was the more reason why he did not care about re-adoption as for now he was working with the President to deliver for the people and would continue doing that.

He said there was no need

to complain on the special audit that was conducted on how borrowed funds were utilised, saying even the UPND would be required to explain accumulation of their own debts.

He said if anything, those in the UPND have been a bit transparent saying before they borrowed they enacted the Public Finance Management which empowers Parliament to scrutinize before accumulation of the debt.

Shamakamba ignoring ACC board

By Daily Revelation Editor

The ACC board has repeatedly passed resolutions to pursue and finalise investigations that are said to have been ignored by the commission's director general Thom Shamakamba, against Copperbelt minister Elisha Matambo, Information permanent secretary Thabo Kawana, Central Province permanent secretary Milner Mwanakampwe and Solicitor General Marshal Muchende among others.

Before assuming office and on coming to office, especially on in his presidency, President

Hakainde Hichilema promised that he was going to fight past, present and future corruption, that there would be no sacred cow in this fight.

We are not accusing the government officials who are being mentioned of being guilty of corruption. In fact there is a possibility that they may even be cleared if thorough and fair investigations were conducted. However, credible information received from impeccable sources within the investigative agencies indicates that these probes have literally stalled, that there is actually no action being taken on them, with files packed on the shelves and gathering dust if not thrown in the dustbin entirely.

This is totally

different with how swift the ACC has dealt with cases involving former leaders, particularly those who served in the PF administration and those who have fallen out of favour with the administration.

This is not how to fight corruption in the country. In fact, failure to move on the cases involving government officials might actually do more harm to those who have been accused in that if they are innocent, society will continue to move with the mindset that they are corrupt, just for the fact that they have

been mentioned to be under investigation by the ACC. If the ACC has tried to pursue the cases for instance against the said individuals and others, why not just come out to state that they have found nothing against them so that they are cleared? One of those to have been fired on account of alleged corruption, Dr George Magwende for instance, has pleaded with the ACC to clear him saying he carries a heavy weight of being accused to be corrupt every day just on account that he was fired over alleged corruption and ACC announced they were

investigating him.

As for the UPND administration, if indeed you are serious about fighting corruption, why don't you put in the necessary framework to ensure you achieve your goals?

State Counsel Wynter Kabimba says there is a lacuna in the law which has created a functional problem saying while board can resolve they have no power to direct the DG.

He said besides that, the DG was not appointed by the board but the President, therefore the supervisory role of the board on the DG was very limited.

Kabimba said all these were issues that could have been resolved

under the Legal and Justice Reforms Commission which was set up by late president Michael Sata, which was aimed at streamlining the relationship of the heads in these investigating agencies and the supervisory organs of those institutions.

Why doesn't the UPND administration take up some of these noble ideas in order to strengthen the oversight role of these institutions, if they are indeed serious about fighting corruption, rather than appointing lame-duck boards just there in name without any meaningful role in terms of administering these important state institutions?

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We don't understand what picture Kateka is trying to paint against us - Police

By Staff Reporter

The Zambia Police says it does not know the situation New Heritage Party (NHP) leader Chishala Kateka wants to create by stating that the police has demanded for a list of speakers for the rally her party intends to hold next month.

Deputy police public relations officer Danny Mwale described the situation as unfortunate.

Mwale was responding to Kateka's claims that the police had demanded

a written list of speakers from Heritage Party for the Mandev scheduled for June 1, 2024.

Mwale stated that Kateka had time to write and post whatever she thought about. "They haven't been responded to yet. We don't know the situation which they want to create with the Police, so unfortunate. They have time to write and post whatever they think about," Mwale stated.

Kateka stated that in what can be likened to colonial policing of rallies before Zambia's independence, Inspector General of Police Graphael Musamba's police command had demanded they write to them an

official list of speakers for the Mandevu rally on June 01, 2024.

Kateka stated that NHP would provide the list of speakers at the rally.

"It is clear that the intention of this latest trick (umungalato) is to make sure that none of the UKA alliance presidents speak at the Mandevu rally," she stated.

"We know that President Hichilema and his police are dead scared of UKA and they are at pains to divide the alliance using State institutions and operatives, including registering a fake 'UKA'."

She stated that the law does not provide for a political party to produce a registration certificate and

a written list of speakers to hold a mass rally as even they were seeking permission from the colonial masters.

"This is just pure dictatorship on display. Unfortunately, President Hichilema and his lieutenants at the police can go to any length to breach the law of the land, just to suit their agenda. The Police now wants to dictate associations for political parties. Today, it's the New Heritage Party, UKA alliance and the Church being persecuted. Tomorrow, it will be the NGO's and CSO's. This impunity by President Hichilema and his group must be stopped," stated Kateka.



Deputy police public relations officer Danny Mwale

Wash forum warns of cholera outbreaks from 10-hour water rationing in Lusaka

By Mubukwanu Kaingu
The Zambia NGO Wash Forum has warned that the move by the Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company (LWSC) to ration

water supply in the city for up to 10 hours each day will threaten further outbreaks of diseases such as Cholera. In a statement, Forum

board chairperson Marlon Phiris said the forum was concerned about the potential negative outcomes from the decision.

“The action will compound the threats towards the WASH sector which is yet to recover from the Cholera outbreak which

started in October 2023. Almost all WASH systems have variables that totally depend on continuous water supply. Water also plays a significant role in strengthening resilience in people by assisting them to recover from the drought by adapting to long-term shifts and promoting mitigation efforts,” Phiri said. “The decision by LWSC has serious repercussions on public health and livelihoods. We acknowledge that the challenge stems from the impact of drought resulting in power outages. Nevertheless we are urging LWSC to find alternative solutions such as placing some of the ground water facilities on solar power, in the long term engaging private sector to install solar power at their major plants in Kafue and Chilanga Districts, work with ZESCO to ensure all water plants are not on load management schedule as opposed to reducing water access.”

water in reservoirs and buying mineral water. For the vulnerable populations, LWSC supply is their only source of water. Rationing water supply of up to 10 hours to them means disconnecting their very livelihoods and means of survival,” he said. “As NGO WASH Forum, we recommend that LWSC and the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation could find alternative energy sources and infrastructural upgrades to mitigate the impact of drought and power outages. As the LWSC tagline suggests, Water is Life and without it, people cannot live. Place most of the ground water sources on Solar powered systems.”

Phiri said there was need to enhance water quality monitoring and treatment protocols to ensure consistent and rigorous testing and treatment of water supplies.

“Government should improve water quality surveillance of water systems especially in low income areas where illegal private providers may be taking advantage of supply the much-needed water that is neither tested nor monitored by any authorized entity. It should also implement targeted interventions to support marginalized populations, including emergency water supplies through water bowsers in communities like was the case during the recent cholera outbreak,” he said.

He suggested shutting down the distribution systems in the night to save power and be able to supply water during the day.

“In addition, water rationing will disproportionately affect marginalized populations more since access to clean and safe water is already a big challenge to them. Unlike the middle class that can afford other options such as using own boreholes, storing

Sin, corruption standing in the way of national aspiration

By Mubanga Mubanga
Council of Churches in Zambia general secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya says the Love festival is a unique platform that will help to defeat the vices of sin and corruption that make Zambia not to be a society it aspires to be

Speaking at a press briefing held at Government Complex, where the love Zambia festival which is going to take place on 13-15 September 2024 at

Heroes Stadium in Lusaka was launched, Fr Chikoya underscored the importance of the gospel of Jesus Christ in fighting all the vices standing against national aspiration.

“The coming of united hand will defeat an elephant, the elephant of sin, corruption and all the things which make Zambia not to be the kind of society it wants to be ... It is impossible to get defeated when we work together, when we live together for the course

of the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is why uniquely we took the lead to host the Louis Palau Association in Zambia to do the love Zambia festival, a unique platform for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that ... even those stubborn ones that would not want to come to Church will be attracted because there is something that also touches their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs,” Fr Chikoya said.

And Evangelist Andrew Palau said the youths needed to be shown that despite all the uncertainties, wars and problems going on in the world, there was still hope.

Palau said the youths need to be shown that despite all the world problems there is still hope in Jesus Christ.

“This is a time in the whole world, but in the nation of course when unity needs to come as a critical feature so we are working hard even together to come together more and more. We are looking for the vision for the youths, the hopeless, especially we want to impact the youths and the young families in this day and age where it is difficult and the world is pressing in on us. We hear of wars and troubles in our nation and around the world, and the young people get hopeless. We want them to know there is hope in this world. The bible talks about the abundant life John 10:10,” Palau said.



Council of Churches general secretary Fr Emmanuel Chikoya with other participants during the launch of the Zambia Festival in Lusaka yesterday

Shamakamba can't risk his job probing fellow UPND members – Kabimba

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The ACC board has repeatedly passed resolutions to pursue and finalise investigations that are said to have been ignored by the commission's director general Thom Shamakamba, against Copperbelt minister Elisha Matambo, Information permanent secretary Thabo Kawana, Central Province permanent secretary Milner Mwanakampwe and Solicitor General Marshal Muchende among others.

Commenting on the matter, Kabimba said it was a foregone conclusion that Shamakamba could not investigate his colleagues, despite promises to the contrary by President Hakainde Hichilema that he would fight past, present and future corruption.

“How can you ask a Hippo to make judgment



Wynter Kabimba

over the Crocodile when they live together in water? That's what you are telling him to do. All these guys that you mentioned, Thabo Kawana, Milner Mwanakampwe they are all UPND members,”

Kabimba said. “So how do you expect the DG ACC who is also a UPND member, not a sympathizer, but a member, and then when the man doesn't act we make it a debate? But what debate is

there? Isn't it supposed to be a foregone conclusion that these are his colleagues?”

He said it begged an obvious question that colleagues could not investigate each other.

“You must be of very high moral principle to do that and also risk losing your job. And nobody in Africa and Zambia in particular wants to lose a job for doing it. They would rather keep a job for not doing it,” Kabimba said. “People in Zambia are concerned about keeping a job by not doing it. That's what Zambians are known for. Why do I have to rock the boat to start investigating this one as long as I get paid over the month end?”

Kabimba said the problem with President Hichilema's administration was that he appointed UPND

stalwarts to head sensitive public institutions, saying this was something the late president Michael Sata he served under tried to address.

He said when the PF won the elections in 2011 they started head-hunting for people who were not PF members to head state institutions, hence the appointment of Dr Patrick Matibini as National Assembly Speaker, Mutembo Nchito as DPP, the first Inspector General of police under the PF administration and Roselyn Wandu who was recalled from retirement to head the ACC.

He said there was a legal problem in terms of the relationship between the board and the Director General of ACC as under the constitution, the latter could not be directed by any authority.

Kabimba said the lacuna in the law created a functional problem saying all the board could do was resolve but not direct, saying that was the problem of copying and pasting pieces of legislation that has become common in the country.

He said besides that, the DG was not appointed by the board but the President, therefore the supervisory role of the board on the DG was very limited.

Kabimba said all these were issues that could have been resolved under the Legal and Justice Reforms Commission which was set up by late Sata, which was aimed at streamlining the relationship of the heads in these investigating agencies and the supervisory organs of those institutions.

He suggested that the situation needed another crop of leaders which had a depth of understanding to sort out the problems.

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Speaking during the Monetary Policy Committee Press briefing where the BOZ



Bank of Zambia Governor Denny Kalyalya

announced an increase in the Monetary Policy Rate by 100 percent basis points to 13.5 percent, Kalyalya argued that all the developed countries had passed through the problems Zambia was facing.

“There is no single country that I know of which just cruised through and got to the point where they are. There are hard decisions that need to be made,” Kalyalya said.

Kalyalya said the raising of the monetary policy rate to 13.5 will help in managing inflation from moving from the target band of 6-8 percent.

“The committee at its meeting on Monday,

Tuesday yesterday decided to raise the policy 100 basis points to 13.5 percent. This was informed by a number of factors. Even at 13.5 percent you will note that it is below the inflation, which is around 13.8 percent. So calibrating to that level was subject of intense discussions,” Dr Kalyalya said. “What the Committee noted was that inflation has continued to move away from the target band of 6-8 percent, which is given to us as the target to aim for. We also noted that there is a persistent rise in inflation, which if left unchecked is poised to undermine microeconomic stability and efforts towards robust and sustained economic growth.”

And Kalyalya alluded to the tightening of the Kwacha availability as one of the main factors leading to the Kwacha appreciation against the other major convertible currencies.

“Last week some of you have a keen eye have seen that the Kwacha gained some of its lost ground. In

particular, Thursday afternoon this continued to Friday, Monday and today. Now what are the factors that have brought this about? I refer you to the point made at the beginning that this decision we are making, is in addition to the earlier decision we made,” Dr Kalyalya said. “So the earlier decisions are beginning to influence the behavior of the exchange rate, by tightening the availability of the Kwacha.”

Dr Kalyalya said the tightening of the local currency was moderating demand in the Kwacha-Dollar ratio.

“Now some of the players they don’t have money of their own, so they go to banks to borrow the money and acquire whatever they want to acquire. What we observed Last week is because of the tightening they could not easily raise the Kwacha, so they had to bring in some Dollars to meet their Kwacha obligation. In so doing they augmented the supply of foreign exchange in the market and that helped to move the exchange rate in the direction we have seen,” explained Kalyalya.

Copper prices hit a record, breaking \$5 per pound for the first time

The May and June US copper contracts both touched \$5 per pound today, a record high for the metal.

The story is well-known and something I’ve been writing about for years: There has been minimal investment in new supply and the green transition is incredibly copper-intensive.

The latest leg is also benefiting from current and future demand for data centers and electricity in general. In addition, China’s economy is improving and it’s responsible for about 50% of global copper demand.

The picture remains impressive. Goldman Sachs last month said copper is in

“the foothills of what will be its Everest” and with the break to \$5, clearing the 2022 highs, the argument is compelling. Notably though, today’s price action has been volatile. After starting at \$4.80, it surged to \$5.04 only to retrace to \$4.91. A close above \$5 would add some confidence for the bulls.

Ultimately though, it will

come down to supply and demand. For the bulls, the most powerful indicator is the investment pipeline. It takes 10-15 years to develop a greenfield copper mine so there is very little that can be done if prices skyrocket, aside from additional recycling.

That supply response pales in comparison to what could be insatiable demand for green energy, power transmission, data centers, EVs and even weapons.

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Electricity tariff hike: FG convenes meeting as Labour threatens indefinite protest



NLC officers picking electricity office

The Federal Government will next week hold a crucial meeting to address the demands by organised labour for the restoration of the power subsidy and the reversal of the hike in electricity tariff.

The spokesperson for the Ministry of Power, Mrs Florence Eke, disclosed this to The PUNCH, hours after the labour unions disrupted activities at the ministry in Abuja, on Monday.

However, organised labour has threatened to continue with the protest indefinitely, stressing that it might take drastic action should the government fail to reverse the tariff hike.

The protests paralysed activities at the Federal Ministry of Power, and the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission

and also disrupted the operations of the distribution companies across the country.

The nationwide protests were triggered by the Federal Government's decision to raise electricity tariffs and remove the subsidy from the power sector.

The NERC announced the hike in the electricity tariff for Band A customers at a press briefing in Abuja on April 3, revealing that those affected would pay N225 per kilowatt-hour, up from the previous rate of N68/kWh.

The hike represented a 240 per cent increase.

The development marked the removal of subsidy from the tariff of customers in the Band A category, who constituted about 15 per cent of the total 12.82 million

power consumers across the country.

Based on the tariff hike, the Federal Government said it would save N1.5tn.

The government stated that the decision took effect on April 3, 2024, adding that Band A customers would enjoy up to 20 hours of power supply daily.

The Nigeria Labour Congress and the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria had earlier given the NERC until May 12, to reverse the hike or face labour action.

Speaking to one of our correspondents on the moves to contain the protests, the spokesperson for the power ministry, Eke, said that the Permanent Secretary in the ministry, Mr Mamman Mahmuda, acknowledged the National Union of Electricity Employees' concerns regarding the lack of sufficient consultation before the implementation of the new tariffs.

She said the ministry was committed to transparency and would engage in a comprehensive dialogue with all relevant parties to discuss the issues raised.

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China's Xi reaffirms strong partnership with Russia in talks with Putin

In a high-profile meeting in Beijing on Thursday, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin underscored the robust and

growing partnership between their countries. The talks took place following a grand military welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People, celebrating the 75th

anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Russia.

President Xi emphasized the importance of stable China-Russia relations,

highlighting their significance not only for the fundamental interests of both nations but also for regional and global peace, stability, and prosperity.

"We will constantly consolidate the friendship between the two peoples for generations, jointly achieve the development and revitalization of each country, and work together to maintain world fairness and justice," Xi stated.

President Putin echoed these sentiments, lauding the strong bilateral ties and mutual objectives of national development and prosperity. He pointed out that the decision to conduct bilateral payments in national currencies—rubles and yuan—has significantly boosted trade between the two countries. "Today, 90% of all payments are made in rubles and yuan," Putin noted, describing this shift as a powerful impetus for expanding trade flows.

Putin also highlighted the portfolio of 80 large joint investment projects spanning various sectors, showcasing the depth of economic cooperation between

China and Russia. Despite external pressures from third countries, the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a "no limits" relationship, a pact initially signed in 2022 just before Russia's military operation in Ukraine.

China maintains a stance of neutrality regarding the conflict in Ukraine but has supported Russia's position that it was provoked by Western actions. The ongoing collaboration between China and Russia continues to be a pivotal factor in their international strategies and regional influence.

In congratulating Putin on his election to a fifth term, Xi reiterated the enduring friendship and partnership between the two nations, which he described as "good neighbors, good friends, good partners." This meeting underscored the leaders' shared vision for their countries' futures and their united front in the face of global challenges.



Uproar over 'dominance' of Kenyans in Africa CDC jobs

The continent's top health body, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, is being accused of 'over-employing' Kenyans.

The organisation was launched in 2017 to support the health systems of African countries and played a major role in securing Covid-19 supplies for the continent.

However, it is now being accused of employing more than half of its 300 workers from Kenya and Ethiopia, where it is hosted.

This fact was pointed out in a special audit that accuses the organisation of lacking regional and gender balance yet it is supported by 54 African Union member states.

"Some 81 per cent of the staff were English-speaking on a continent with a wide range of language diversity — this includes 39 per cent of countries officially speaking French. And more than half of the staff came from Kenya and Ethiopia — an uneven balance for a continent with 54 countries," said Devex, a media platform that reports on global development activities, which obtained the audit report.

It was not clear how many Kenyans work at Africa CDC, but the organisation had about 300 employees early this year.

The audit was ordered by director general Dr Jean Kaseya, who joined the organisation in April last year.

Since 2019, the deputy head of Africa CDC was the celebrated Kenyan global health specialist Dr Ahmed Ogwel Ouma, who also acted as interim director general until Kaseya was hired.

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FIFA on Wednesday decided to end decades of football tradition by ordering a review of its policy which currently prevents national league matches from being played in other countries.

Fans are likely to object to their team's home games being moved thousands of miles away, although it has become customary for professional sports leagues in the United States to hold games in Europe that help them grow their brand and fan base.

The United States and Saudi Arabia are expected to be prime hosts to attract competitive matches from top European countries, and FIFA recently agreed to withdraw from an ongoing lawsuit in New York brought by promoter Relevent to challenge the veto on the organization of competitive league matches.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino did not respond to

FIFA authorizes national league matches abroad

questions and did not hold a news conference in Bangkok, where the soccer body's council met on Wednesday and decided to create a group work to examine so-called "out of territory" matches.

So far, Italian, Spanish and French authorities have been able to travel to countries such as Saudi Arabia, China and Israel, but only on the occasion of their National Super Cup, a largely ceremonial match between the holders of the title of the previous season in the national championship and in the cup.

FIFA's new policy is expected to appeal to the growing number of international owners of European clubs, including the wave of American investors in the English Premier League, Italian Serie

A and French Ligue 1, as well as state-backed teams such as Manchester City, owned by Abu Dhabi, Paris Saint-Germain, owned by Qatar, and Newcastle, owned by Saudi Arabia.

"It's not part of our current plans, really not," Richard Masters, chief executive of the Premier League, said at a press conference last month when asked if it was possible to do so. organize matches abroad in light of the Relevant trial.

FIFA is creating a group of 10 to 15 people representing football stakeholders, who will be responsible for giving their opinion in the coming months on changing the rules relating to out-of-territory matches.

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FIFA President Gianni Infantino before the start of the 69th FIFA Congress in Paris, June 5, 2019.

Newey expects to join another F1 team

Adrian Newey has said for the first time that he expects to join another Formula 1 team following his decision to leave Red Bull.

The 65-year-old design legend said that he was "seriously considering changing teams, going

somewhere else and doing another four or five years or whatever".

Newey added: "I feel a little bit tired at the moment, but at some point I'll probably go again."

Newey's decision to leave his role as Red Bull chief technical officer after 19

years was announced earlier this month.

His latest comments come in an interview with his manager Eddie Jordan, the former F1 team boss, in a marketing video for a yacht company that has been released on YouTube.

Newey, regarded as

the greatest F1 designer in history, does not reveal where he might go, but he is known to have had conversations with Ferrari about moving there. Ferrari, who are regarded as the strong favourites to land Newey, have refused to comment.

McLaren Racing chief executive officer Zak Brown has said "never say never" about recruiting Newey. Williams team principal James Vowles said he approached him and had a "light conversation". And Aston Martin are believed to have made him an offer, although the team officially deny that.

Newey negotiated an early release from his Red Bull contract that allows him to start working for another team in early 2025, in time for him to have a major influence on the design of that team's car for the new F1 technical regulations that are being introduced in 2026.

Lewis Hamilton, who is joining Ferrari next season, has said he is keen for Newey to join him in Maranello. Newey said that made him feel good, but added that it was "not why I get up".

Newey's decision to leave Red Bull was partly influenced by the controversy surrounding team principal Christian Horner, who has been accused of sexual harassment and coercive, controlling behaviour by a

female employee.

Horner denies the allegations, and has been cleared by one internal investigation. Another is ongoing after the complainant appealed, and while that is also expected to end with the same result, there will be further developments as time goes by.

Newey was also frustrated by what he perceived to be attempts by some figures at Red Bull to publicly play down his influence in their current success.

In the interview, he said: "To walk away from Red Bull was a very hard decision but it was one I needed to take for a whole host of reasons. They had been my family."

He acknowledged being caught by surprise by the level of interest in his decision.

"I never really thought it would be big news so for it to be in all the flipping papers and on the telly was almost a bit of a shock," he said.

BBC

Tyson Fury 'having fun' as 'fight of the century' vs. Usyk nears



Tyson Fury, who has been the lineal heavyweight champion since 2015, will fight Oleksandr Usyk for a chance to become boxing's first undisputed heavyweight champion since November 1999

Tyson Fury danced and sang along to some of his favorite hits during a light workout Wednesday evening, three days out from his undisputed heavyweight championship clash with Oleksandr Usyk.

England's Fury, 35, wrapped his hands to the tune of AC/DC's anthem "You Shook Me All Night Long." He glided around the ring with trainer SugarHill

Steward and pumped his right fist to the beat of The Killer's "Mr. Brightside."

"I'm having fun. I always do, don't I?" Fury (34-0-1, 24 KOs) told ESPN following his 15-minute workout at the open-air entertainment hub Boulevard City. "All these fight weeks I enjoy."

The heavyweight lineal champions: Tyson Fury and the 37 others who preceded him

But Saturday's fight is a

bit more special. The winner will be crowned boxing's first undisputed heavyweight champion since November 1999, when Lennox Lewis defeated Evander Holyfield in a rematch.

Lewis, who will be ringside Saturday, and Holyfield, are two all-time greats, and so are Fury and Usyk. It's rare for any heavyweight to be recognized as one of the pound-for-pound best in the world.

Usyk is No. 3 on ESPN's list, and Fury is No. 10.

"It's the fight of the century," said Fury, who suffered a cut in sparring that postponed this bout from its original Feb. 17 date. "[An undisputed heavyweight championship fight] has never happened this century before, and we're looking forward to putting on a fantastic show."

Fury's resume features a classic trilogy with Deontay Wilder that includes two wins and one draw, with the final bout named ESPN's Fight of the Year and KO of the Year in 2021. Fury has been boxing's lineal heavyweight champion since he upset Ukraine's Wladimir Klitschko in 2015.

Now, Fury will meet another Ukrainian in Usyk, who like Holyfield, is a former undisputed cruiserweight champion who went on to win the unified heavyweight championship. Usyk, 37, did so by defeating Anthony Joshua in a pair of bouts, spoiling plans for a Fury-Joshua bout that would have represented the biggest fight in U.K. history. *ESPN*



Adrian Newey is due to leave Red Bull early in 2025



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MUWOWO'S PERFORMANCE DELIGHTS MUTAPA



Oswald Mutapa

... In push for second place finish

By Mubukwanu Kaingu

Power Dynamos coach Oswald Mutapa is delighted with striker Austin Muwowo's performance since the start of the second half of the season.

Muwowo on Wednesday scored a brace plus an assist to inspire Power to a 5-0 home win over Forest Rangers at Arthur Davies Stadium in Kitwe.

In a post match interview at Arthur Davies, attributed Muwowo's recent good form to hard work.

"It is all about hard work and I feel from the first day I stepped here, it was all about working hard and he is one of the players who has been working hard," Mutapa said.

This is Muwowo's best phase at Power since he joined them in January 2023

following an uneventful brief stint at Zesco over a season ago having returned to Zambia after a low key stint at Orlando Pirates in South Africa.

Muwowo has seven goals this season at Power with two braces since Mutapa's appointment in January.

"Yes scoring has been his problem, but today we are able to see him scoring," Mutapa said.

Meanwhile, third placed Power's victory over midtable Forest keeps their slender hopes of a second place finish alive with three games left to play.

Power have 51 points, four behind second positioned Zesco United and another thirteen points adrift of their projected MTN/FAZ Super League champion successors Red Arrows.



Uganda game not formality - U17 coach

By Mubukwanu Kaingu

Zambia U17 Women's team coach Carol Kanyemba is expecting tough resistance from Uganda today in the final leg of their 2024 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup third round qualifier away at St Mary's Stadium in Kitende

The Zambian team heads into Friday's date leading 2-0 from the first leg played on May 12 at National Heroes Stadium in Lusaka.

However, Zambia coach Carol Kanyemba said she

is not letting the margin of the home victory get to their heads that today is a formality contest.

"As much as we won that game they had their great moments and they managed to put two goals behind our net though they were disallowed," Kanyemba said.

"So meaning that they are able to come on us."

And Uganda coach Sheryl Botes described the game as a must win following the heartbreak of two disallowed goals.

"We know we have to score 3 goals in order to beat Zambia not forgetting that we should not allow them to

score because they will have an away goal," the South African-born Botes said.

"So for these past few days we have worked on a lot of offensive strategies for us to be more stronger in the attacking third."

A draw will suffice for Zambia to book a final round qualify date against Morocco or Algeria.

So far, Indications show a projected final round date against Morocco who face Algeria away this evening in Algiers enjoying a healthy 4-1 first leg victory at home last Saturday in Berkane.

Winner of the fourth round playoffs will qualify

for the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup to be held in the Dominican Republic from October 16 to November 3.

Meanwhile, Botes has some history against Zambia from the 2014 U17 Women's World Cup qualifiers when as South Africa coach her side endured heartbreak against a junior team that had Barbra Banda and Grace Chanda in their ranks.

"Ten-eleven years ago Zambia beat South Africa when she was head coach of the South Africa U17 and Zambia beat South Africa in 2013 to qualify for the 2014 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup," Kanyemba Said.

"And it is my prayer that we repeat that feat as we play tomorrow."

