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By Jane Chanda

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## ... I'm innocent until proven guilty

By Agness Changala

The ruling UPND's Mubula ward by-election candidate Maybin Mudenda Choongo has dismissed his arrest by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on corruption charges, saying he is innocent until proven guilty by a competent court.

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# UPND candidate dismisses ACC arrest on corruption charges

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The UPND has adopted Choongo as their candidate despite him facing corruption allegations.

According to a statement by ACC spokesperson Timothy Moono dated May 7, 2024, Choongo 42, of Choma is facing one count conflict of interest with the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

But speaking to *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Choongo said he could not be stopped from contesting in the elections because the conflict of interest charge he had been slapped with was not synonymous to corruption.

"I am not a student of law but you can ... How does conflict of interest, how does conflict of interest relate to corruption?" he asked. "As far as I am telling you, corruption is different from conflict of interest. ACC is not a court."

Asked about the ACC

statement confirming his arrest and that he would soon appear in court, Choongo insisted that those were just mere allegations against him by ACC.

"An allegation is an allegation. There is no truth in that and I don't have any charges of corruption. That is what is there," he said. "There is no corruption case I am facing that is the position."

He said even if he was accused of doing something, he was innocent until proven guilty.

Choongo said people judging him should wait for a competent court to either find him guilty or innocent.

"In Zambia it's not the court of public opinion that convicts people. It's a competent court that acquits or convicts people. UPND is not a court. I am not a court and you are not a court. The fact of the matter is that it's the court that gives that," Choongo said.

He said every story that

was coming up against him was as a result of democracy, saying people were free to express their opinions and it was their entitlement.

Choongo said the reason they had gone to court was for him to prove that he did nothing wrong and for the ACC to prove their case against him.

"Me I am innocent. So what I am saying is that there is no corruption case I am facing, but conflict of interest of which I have evidence to show you if you were near, to show that I declared interest as far as I am concerned," Choongo said.

He said the piece of land being talked about was a private land where someone had a title deed and he bought it.

"So according to me, I

have my own version, the court will give verdict. Unless people are saying before the court gives you a verdict then you are already guilty of that. Then it becomes okay but of now, let us have respect for the rule of law," Choongo said. "It's innocent until proven guilty and people must verify facts before publicizing things."

Choongo said he was happy to give the side of his story adding that whether people created stories for him or not, he would win.

He accused his opponents of peddling lies against him so that he does not win.

Choongo also said he knew these rumours were being peddled by opponents because they were afraid and could only bring him down by talking about corruption.

"But with all that propaganda, we are winning the seat and UPND is not a kantemba," said Choongo.

It is alleged that Choongo being a councillor for Hamangaba ward, between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020, in Monze participated in the decision of the Monze Town Council regarding the subdivision of and change of the use of plot 271 Sinaluchaba Road in Monze, without declaring interest, a matter concerning Monze Town Council, a public body.

Choongo with his fellow accused former Monze council secretary Benson Bweenje were arrested last month by the ACC for corruption, with investigations establishing that the man who owned the land Boyd Mwanakambowe

sold it to them.

Investigations further revealed that the duo asked Mwanakambowe to apply to the council for sub-division and change of land use to enable them to use the land for commercial purposes, and that when the matter came up before the council, the duo participated in the meeting to determine the application.

Both Beenje and Choongo were released on bond and expected to appear in court soon.

On Monday, UPND spokesperson Cornelius Mweetwa said the party was not a court to begin to adjudge accused members, find them guilty and stop them from exercising their democratic right to participate in the governance of the country.

## Stop following opposition leaders to church – Fr. Chikoya

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And Fr Chikoya says police will do better to follow criminals that are harassing people every day in communities and also help to find answers behind those who are kidnapping and killing Yango drivers.

Speaking to *Daily Revelation* on Monday over the move taken by police on the Copperbelt on Sunday to stop opposition leaders from congregating in church, Fr Chikoya said the police had no right to stop anyone from

visiting places of worship.

He said instead of arresting opposition political party leaders, the police would do well to channel their manpower to fighting "crimes" prevailing in the country as opposed to them following political leaders to church.

"First and foremost, no one has a right to stop anybody from praying, that is our position," Fr Chikoya said. "And so police will do better to police criminals that are harassing people

every day. We have had a number of Yango drivers being kidnapped and killed, we want answers. Let them spend their money, the resources they have, the intelligence they have, to police the real criminal activities."

Fr Chikoya said it was not the job of the police

to determine who went to which church.

"I think the police are misplacing their efforts and they need to spend the money where it matters most. There is a lot of lawlessness on the Zambian laws," Fr Chikoya said.

He highlighted police double standards in that they were allowing ruling party members to go to any church, and even issuing political statements without being followed.

"Is it that it has become

part of their job description? And why is it that they are only stopping the opposition? Why are those in the ruling party being allowed to issue statements that are obviously political?" Fr Chikoya asked.

He observed that there was inconsistency on the part of the police when they claimed they wanted to protect opposition leaders.

He said the church had also heard the members of the ruling party giving ultimatums to the police, that

if they rebelled and revolted, the police would not contain them.

"Those are threats against public peace. And these people are still working, dining, wining, even with high and mighty and so we expect that police will deal with those decisively, rigorously," Fr Chikoya said. "But instead we see churches surrounded. This is an affront on the church. You know a church no one has to write... request for a permit or notify the police to go to church. That we will say unapologetically, people will go to church and they must go to church."

## Prolonged load blackouts a is security risk to students – COBUSU

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And COBUSU has observed that the prolonged load shedding was posing a security risk, especially for students who reside outside the campus.

In an interview yesterday, COBUSU president Bright Ngalamika said the ongoing power crisis of more than 12 hours load shedding daily, had severely impacted students, particularly those residing outside campus.

"Over 50 per cent of our student population stays off-campus and they have been disproportionately affected by the power outages,"

Ngalamika said.

While commending the government's plan to install industrial solar facilities in public universities and colleges, Ngalamika appealed to ZESCO to adhere to its load shedding schedules in order for the students to plan their academic activities accordingly. He also expressed concern over the security risks posed by prolonged blackouts.

Ngalamika said the plan to install solar panels showed the government's willingness to listen to student concerns, sentiments echoed by University of



COBUSU president Bright Ngalamika

Zambia Students Union (UNZASU) president Rodgers Tembo.

Tembo highlighted the importance of reliable power for research-intensive institutions like the University of Zambia where daily academic activities relied heavily on electricity.

Both student leaders

emphasised the need for diversification from hydro powered electricity, accounting for approximately 80 percent of the country's energy supply.

"It's high time we explored alternative energy sources like solar power to stabilise our energy sector," said Ngalamika.



# Solar panels in key institutions

By Daily Revelation Editor

The Zambian government has announced plans to install solar energy systems in all public universities and colleges nationwide in the coming weeks, saying the initiative is aimed at addressing energy demands and ensuring uninterrupted power supply for academic institutions and other critical public institutions such as hospitals.

This is a positive step in the right direction for the government to take, especially during these critical times of daily 12-hour blackouts the country is enduring. Institutions of higher learning have complained about the havoc

these blackouts have had on the academics where certain research assignments and lectures, even studying have proved challenging, and expected to only worsen further as days and months go by.

We feel this move should be prioritised side by side with installation of these systems in hospitals, as opposed to first prioritising the former just on account of the potential noise they are able to generate as these blackouts continue.

Recently, we carried a very sad story where a couple in Lundazi lost their child who was receiving breathing aid via an oxygen machine,

having contracted pneumonia, but because the hospital was being affected by load shedding and the standby genset ran out of disease, the



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child died. Parents could only watch helplessly as their daughter's health deteriorated unto death.

Therefore these solar panels if successfully implemented, would safeguard these critical institutions from energy shocks now and in the

future. But systems will need to be put in place as the project is being rolled out using public resources, to ensure maintenance and proper care of

these systems, so as to avoid having to spend more public funds on the same projects later on in the future.

The general policy by Zesco is that critical institutions like learning institutions and hospitals must be spared from load shedding.

However, this is something the utility company has said it can't guarantee during this period, and therefore leaving everything to 'lady mercy.' The move from the government should therefore be commended. But the government should ensure speedy implementation of the same and also efficient utilisation of the resources for the same exercise. Surely, during such challenging times the country is facing, it will be a betrayal if some engage in self-seeking of wanting to benefit monetarily from an activity born out of a sad situation.

Zambians must demand transparency from the administration

in the manner they will go about giving out contracts for the procurement and installation of the same solar panels. We don't want to hear about the same single-sourcing that has become so prevalent, especially in this administration, which mainly go towards a select few companies and individuals of some well-connected individuals to the powers that be in government.

Zambians are urged to keep a keen eye on this project so that it fulfils a genuine purpose of ensuring uninterrupted power supply in critical institutions. Transparency is therefore cardinal in this regard.

## Court excuses Lusambo, wife from being arrested



Former Lusaka Province minister Bowman Lusambo at the Lusaka Magistrate Court after a bench warrant which was issued against him and his wife Nancy was revoked

By Esther Chisola  
Lusaka magistrate Faides Hamaundu has revoked the bench warrant issued against former Lusaka Province minister Bowman Lusambo and his wife in a matter they are charged with possession of property suspected of being proceeds of crime.

Last week, magistrate Hamaundu issued a bench warrant against Lusambo and his wife for failing to appear before court.

When the matter came up for return of bench warrant yesterday, Lusambo apologised to the court saying his failure to appear was a mistake of dates.

"Your honor, that is true, on that material day I mistook the date," he said. "When we were adjourning the matter, I thought we will be coming

on 13th and 14th of June. I apologise to the court for missing ... It wasn't deliberate. I didn't come on the 13th June because I received information that the matter has been adjourned to 18th and that there is a court warrant and I came today."

Lusambo stressed that he respected the courts and had no intention of missing court willingly.

And his wife Nancy, told the court that she was not aware of when the matter was coming up.

"I just had a mind of the 13th date. I didn't come because I heard the date had been moved to 18," she said. "The only reason is that I was not aware of that date because if I had, I would have availed myself on that date and if anything the sureties would have come. I remember calling

my husband who was on the Copperbelt telling him that we have a court hearing on 13th June."

Magistrate Hamaundu, however, gave the two a benefit of doubt and revoked their bench warrant.

"Having heard the explanation from each accused person and having taken into account that this matter has time limit and I have taken into account that this matter has been dragging all in the names of adjournments by the defence, I, however, note that this is the first time the accused have failed to appear before court and I, therefore, give them a benefit of doubt and warn that the next time they fail to appear, the court will not fail to find them guilty of contempt of court. I, therefore, revoke the bench warrant," ruled magistrate Hamaundu.

# Avoid public places to stop being booed, Saboi urges UPND leaders

**By Esther Chisola**  
**N**DC leader Saboi Imboela has urged UPND officials to avoid public places to save themselves from being booed.

And PF Eastern Province information and publicity secretary William Phiri said Agriculture minister Reuben Mtolo Phiri is not the only one being booed but the entire UPND including the President.

On Saturday, Phiri was booed at the David Kaunda Stadium as he attended the inaugural Fashion Sakala Football Tournament in Chipata.

The minister was booed shortly after he disembarked from his vehicle at the stadium.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation* on the booing incident, Imboela said UPND officials should avoid crowds in order for them not to be booed.

“The UPND should

just avoid being where crowds are because they are a mess in terms of the economy, human rights and everything, it’s something which is annoying people. Because people feel so abandoned, humiliated by their government because of the levels of poverty that keep on increasing. So, when they see these officials at some of these places they get upset. It’s the reason why they booed the President the other time, it’s the reason why they booed the Agriculture minister,” she said.

Imboela said the booing was a welcome move as Phiri was a representative or symbol of the failure of the agriculture sector, saying this was the reason they booed him.

“And I agree with them also, they were within their rights. They were on firm grounds to boo him because agriculture in Eastern Province and all

parts of the country has completely been destroyed by the UPND government. And so for him to come where people are, that was the only way they can express themselves and allow them feel in terms of what they have done for agriculture in the county,” said Imboela.

And Phiri said the booing was a way to send a message of displeasure to the UPND.

He said Phiri was

booed because he had been ditched by the youths in the province.

Phiri said the minister of Agriculture was not the only one being booed, but the entire UPND including the President.

“They are booed everywhere. The people are now holding them accountable for the promises that they were promised by the UPND government. So, this is just a lesson to UPND that you

can lie to the masses before day of election but once people vote you in, they want results. And young people so far they have not seen the results. What they did was a signal to show that young people are not happy,” he said.

Imboela further said people were getting agitated no wonder they were booing their leaders.

“Even the President was booed in Heroes Stadium. You can see that people are getting agitated. So people are not taking lightly to any of this nonsense that is going on. There is so much that they promised

and yet they have not done even a single thing. The only thing that we saw that they commissioned was a toilet,” Phiri added. “How do you expect the people to be happy when they see a government official coming to officiate a program that young star Fashion Sakala organised? Definitely, that’s how they are expressing their anger, that’s how they are expressing their grievances, it’s to boo a minister. And booing a minister is a sign that things are not okay in this country. So, they must brace up for such things.”

## Those involved in Jay Jay abduction will be punished – Mweetwa

### ... I have a lot of info on the same

**By Chinoyi Chipulu**  
**C**hief government spokesperson Cornelius

Mweetwa says he has a lot of information on the abduction of Petauke-Central member of parliament Emmanuel Jay Jay Banda, warning that those who were complicit will be punished.

Mweetwa said at a press briefing on Monday that the government had nothing to do with the alleged abduction of Banda.

“I have heard statements from some political leaders and quarters of society suggesting that the minister of information is quiet on the issue of Emmanuel Jay Banda, because government is complicit in the so called abduction,”

Mweetwa said. “Let me clarify that, I have seen no need to talk about an issue which is in the hands of investigative authorities to be able to conclude investigations and at that time, they will give me the information that I must share with the public.”

Mweetwa said he had a lot of information which he said must not be divulged for fear of jeopardising investigations.

“Unless some people want me to be sharing information relating to the investigation,” Mweetwa said. “But I can let go of one piece to indicate

that all those who were complicit to the so called abduction, whether genuine or politically manufactured, in order to put government in bad light will pay the price.”

He said people involved could not manufacture such an abominable act just to make the government look bad

“And all those involved, prepare yourselves that law is in motion. The long arm of the law will soon catch up with you so that your political circus can come to an end,” said Mweetwa.



Munir Zulu at the Lusaka Magistrate Court shortly after his seditious of practice case was adjourned

## 23-year-old dies after being stabbed by boyfriend following argument

**By Chinoyi Chipulu**  
**A**-23 -Year -Old Woman of Kabundi East area has died after being stabbed several times by her boyfriend after an argument.

The incident occurred on Saturday June 15, 2024 around 20:45 hours along Ntanda Street in Kabundi East.

Outgoing Copperbelt province police commanding officer Peacewell Mweemba identified the deceased

as Mubanga Kangwa and named the suspect as King Katanga of Soweto Compound in Chingola.

Mweemba said neighbours who heard the victim screaming, rushed to the scene and found her lying on the ground with cuts on both hands and with multiple deep cuts around the abdomen with protruding intestines.

“Police received a report of murder which happened on June, 17, 2024 around

03:30 hours, in which Lawrence Kangwa aged 61 reported that his daughter who was stabbed by her boyfriend on Sunday, had died. Katanga went to visit the victim and the two left the house, with the view of escorting the boyfriend and while escorting him, they had an argument, which resulted in the victim being stabbed,” he stated.

Mweemba said the deceased was rushed to Kabundi Clinic and was later referred to Nchanga North General hospital where she was admitted.

“Police rushed to Nchanga North General hospital and discovered that the victim had stab wounds on the left leg, both hands and on the stomach with protruding intestines as the sharp instrument is alleged to have been used to inflict the injuries,” he said.

Mweemba said Kangwa died yesterday at the intensive care unit where she was admitted.

He said Katanga who had been on the run has since been apprehended by police.



Chief government spokesperson Cornelius Mweetwa



## 2024 Shincheonji's Bible Seminars by Continent: Europe

### Foundation Laid for Christian Revival in Europe... Successful Conclusion of the Bible Seminar in France

**Revelation Prophecies and Their Fulfillment Revealed... Over 7,000 Participants Including 1,000 Pastors Chairman Lee Man-hee: "Perceive Revelation and Teach It to Your Church Members" European Pastors in Attendance: "We Want to Learn Revelation"... Expectation for Church Revival Through Continuous Exchange**

"The teachings that explain the Book of Revelation were truly profound and amazing. I want to learn more about the Bible, and if invited to Korea, I will start preparing my ticket (airfare) right away."

This was the impression shared by Pastor Delly Delphin Matondo of the Full Gospel denomination, who participated in the Bible Seminar held by Shincheonji Church of Jesus, the Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony (Chairman Lee Man-hee; hereinafter referred to as Shincheonji Church) in Paris, France on June 15 (local time).

Many other pastors who attended the European Bible Seminar also expressed a strong desire to hear more about Shincheonji Church's teachings on the Book of Revelation.

The seminar took place at a critical time when measures were urgently needed as Europe's Christian influence declined, with churches being sold off and repurposed as restaurants, bars, and clubs. This Bible Seminar was part of the "2024 Continental Bible Seminar" series that began in the Philippines on April 20, and was organized in response to numerous requests from pastors eager for a revival in Europe.

With over 7,000 participants, including 1,000 European pastors, the event garnered significant attention. Prior to the seminar, a discussion on "The Role of Pastors for the Spiritual Enlightenment of Christians Today" was held.

Following this, attendees watched a video lecture by Chairman Lee Man-hee from the "Shincheonji Bible Seminar: Testimony on the Fulfillment of Revelation" held in Korea on June 8.

In his lecture, Chairman Lee stated, "God's work is fulfilled

according to the unalterable Book of Revelation. Everyone listening to this lecture must know who is being referred to in Revelation," emphasizing, "I hope all pastors will perceive these words and teach them to their congregants. You must teach your church members without adding or subtracting from Revelation."

After Chairman Lee's lecture, Simon Tribe Leader Lee Seung-joo provided an explanation of the meaning of biblical prophecies and their fulfillment, addressing European pastors with an appeal.

Tribe Leader Lee stated, "The fulfilled words of Revelation have life in them, and as more people are re-created in God's image and likeness through these words, (European churches) will also experience revival. I encourage you to learn and testify from Revelation chapters 1 to 22 through Shincheonji Church's Zion Christian Mission Center, which has produced over 100,000 graduates annually in recent years."

During subsequent exchanges among pastors, a pastor from Austria commented, "I was impressed that Shincheonji Church focuses on the prophetic words written in the Bible. I want to work with enthusiastic and bright people for God's kingdom and work. I would like to know how to collaborate and learn more about Revelation."

A pastor from Poland also remarked, "Seeing European pastors and believers united brought tears to my eyes. I want to share these words with more people. Please tell me how I can spread this message to many others."

According to data from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in the United

States, Europe's Christian population increased to 560 million in the 2000s but has stagnated this year (2024) and is expected to decrease to 490 million by 2050.

As European society modernized and industrialized, it began to secularize. The rise of liberal theology led to a decline in Bible-based teachings within churches. Additionally, the rapid rise of atheism and religious pluralism, coupled with various clergy scandals, has caused Christianity to lose trust and struggle to find its direction. It is hoped that this Bible Seminar will serve as a catalyst for the revival of European churches.

A representative from Shincheonji Church stated, "After this Bible Seminar, many European pastors have inquired about how they can learn Revelation from Shincheonji Church. We are preparing places and programs where they can learn, and we will further activate Zion Christian Mission Centers across Europe to expand platforms for their education."

The representative also mentioned, "Pastors worldwide have requested additional Bible Seminars to learn more about Revelation. We are planning and preparing a Bible Seminar at the end of this year to invite pastors from around the world to Korea. Through this event, we aim to create a platform where we can become one within God and His word."

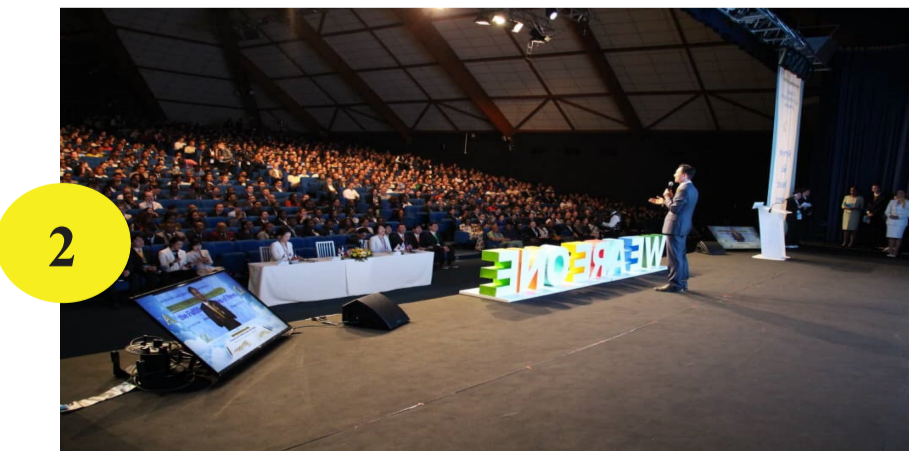
Meanwhile, according to Shincheonji Church of Jesus, as of June 5th this year, MOUs have been signed with a total of 12,538 churches in 83 countries overseas. Additionally, 1,341 churches in 41 countries have joined Shincheonji Church of Jesus and changed their signage. Furthermore, as of the end of May, the number of domestic and international pastors currently taking Bible education courses at Zion Christian Mission Center has reached 5,614.



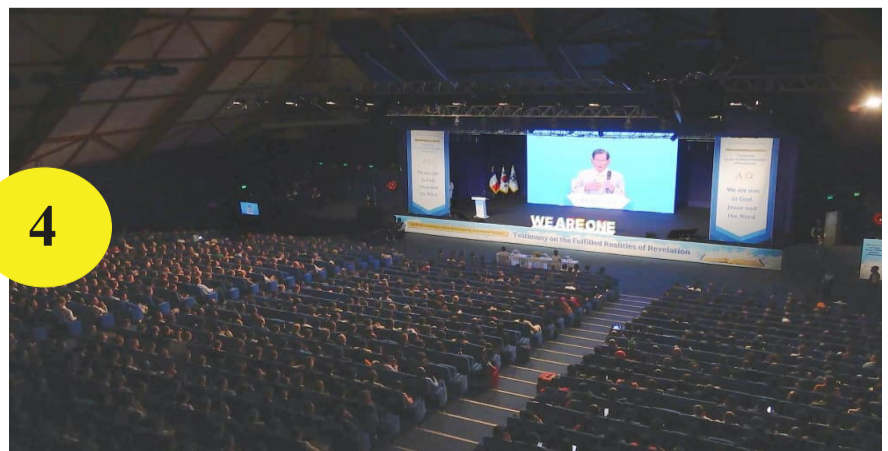
A video lecture by Chairman Lee Man-hee of Shincheonji Church of Jesus titled "Testimony on the Fulfillment of Revelation" is being shown at the Continental Word Seminar held in Paris, France on the 15th (local time).



Lee Seung-ju, the leader of the Simon Tribe of Shincheonji Church of Jesus, is giving a lecture at the Continental Word Seminar held in Paris, France on the 15th (local time).



Scene from the Continental Word Seminar held in Paris, France on the 15th (local time). [Photo Credit = Shincheonji Church of Jesus]



Overview of the Continental Word Seminar held in Paris, France on the 15th (local time).

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# Complaints have reduced of people having to get drug prescriptions - ZAMMSA DG

**By Esther Chisola**  
Zambia Medicines and Medical Supply Agency (ZAMMSA) director general Victor Nyasuli says the agency has passed the 70 percent medicine supply target aimed at eradicating shortage

of medicines in hospitals and medical centres.

And Nyasuli said there is a lag of one month between reaching the 70 percent, hospitals feeling the effects and people getting the benefits. Speaking to *Daily*

*Revelation* yesterday, Nyasuli said in the next 90 days, most hospitals shall report an improvement in the supply of medication.

“So, this 70 percent, which is now at 73 percent at the central warehouse means that

sooner rather than later the situation will improve even with hospitals and tertiary institutions. The disconnect really is that first, this 73 percent was reached in May last month. So, the delivery to the last mile is in earnest as we are talking. There will be a lag of one month between reaching that 73 percent for it to reflect in hospitals,” he said.

He further said there would be an improvement in most hospitals in the next 90 days.

“There is a lag between our reaching 73 percent, hospitals feeling the effects and people getting the benefits. So, we do think that in the next 90 days, most hospitals should report an improved position,” he said.

Nyasuli also said the problem of prescriptions would soon be a thing of the past. “Primary health care is in good shape; we do not have any problem anymore. We are not saying we are 100 percent, but if you did your own investigations you will find that the complaints have reduced of people having to get a prescription. The problem is still with hospitals and tertiary health care drug supply and we are working really hard,” said Nyasuli

# Complaint of repeated programming against Multichoice referred to IBA

(From front page)  
This follows a complaint from customers who are being made to watch repeated programmes on the DSTV bouquet.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) senior public relations officer Mubiana Nalwendo said the Commission received a complaint over repeated programming and removal of ZNBC channels from the free-to-air bouquet on the DSTV platform which complaint was now being handled by IBA.

“We want to believe that the issue of Multichoice is adequately being handled by the independent

Broadcasting Authority. So we only come in ourselves as CCPC, when the pricing is ... you know goes beyond, to an extent where we can describe as price gouging, or unquestionable conduct, where ... the service provider increases the price five fold or fourfold,” Nalwendo said. “Right now the only issue I know is the same issue of content, where people are complaining that they are paying for the service and yet they are watching the same films and movies everyday. So again that issue is what we referred to or sent to IBA because IBA regulates content.”

Nalwendo said the Commission took an inquiry action after the complaint



was made.

“And the motivation on this inquiry was that people are watching the same thing over and over again and also that the national broadcaster, which is ZNBC, is not on the free to air bouquet where if you run out of subscription you should fall on to your national broadcaster ...” Nalwendo said. “So those

are the motivation that necessitated us to venture into a marketing inquiry into the pay TV sector.”

In Nigeria, some citizens took action after MultiChoice increased its subscription prices, citing rising costs and inflation but the move was met with widespread criticism from consumers and regulatory authorities.

The Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal (CCPT) in Abuja subsequently ordered MultiChoice to revert to its old prices, pending the outcome of a full hearing on the matter

MultiChoice has now complied with the court order, re-adjusting its subscription rates for both DSTV and GOTV users.

The new rates, which took effect on June 16, 2024, see the DSTV Premium package reduced from N37,000 to N29,500, while the Compact+ package has been reduced from N25,000 to N19,800.

Similarly, the Compact Bouquet package has been reduced from N15,700 to N12,500, and the Confam package has been reduced from N9,300 to N7,40

But Nalwendo said the Commission would not force Multichoice to reduce their prices as Zambia was a free market economy.

**By Chinoyi Chipulu**  
Energy Expert Johnson Chikwanda has hailed the decision by Zesco to import 300 megawatts of electricity as this will increase energy reliability between the two countries.

In an interview yesterday, Chikwanda described the move as the implementation of the African Union’s vision of creating an African single electricity market by connecting the five regional electricity markets on the continent.

Johnson Chikwanda said Zesco would also help to support and sustain electricity trade between markets from regions with surplus power to those with deficits, thereby improving overall energy security in the region.

“Zesco’s decision to import about 300 megawatts of electricity from Tanzania will contribute to regional integration and trade by

linking the Southern African Power Pool with the East African Power Pool,” Chikwanda said.

He said once Zambia connected to the Tanzanian electricity grid, it would help support and sustain electricity trade between markets from regions with surplus power to those with deficits, thereby improving overall energy security in the region.

“Interconnection between the Southern African and East African Power Pools will result in cost savings and increased reliability of electricity supply for both Zambia and Tanzania, as

well as other neighboring countries,” he said.

Another energy expert Bornface Zulu said the move would alleviate the power deficit the country is currently facing, as well as contributing towards national demand currently standing at 2,300 megawatts.

“We are below par right now, so this is a very good move that can help reduce the hours of load shedding,” said Zulu.

# 300 megawatts import from Tanzania to increase electricity reliability - Chikwanda



Energy Expert Johnson Chikwanda

# Parity or dynasty? The Boston Celtics' chances at breaking a modern NBA trend



The Boston Celtics captured title 18 on Monday night. What factors can turn this run into a dynasty?

## Jabeur & Sabalenka miss Olympics to prioritise health

Ons Jabeur and Aryna Sabalenka say they will not compete at this summer's Olympic Games in Paris in order to prioritise their health.

World number three Sabalenka retained her Australian Open title in January but lost to Russian teenager Mirra Andrejeva in the French Open quarter-finals this month.

That was the first time the Belarusian, 26, had lost before the semi-finals of a major since the 2022 French Open.

Jabeur, the world number 10, has been struggling with a recurring knee injury over the past two years and the 29-year-old Tunisian is concerned about playing on grass and hard courts either side of the Olympics.

The tennis competition at the Games takes place on the clay courts at Roland Garros from 27 July to 4 August, with the US Open beginning

22 days later.

Jabeur, who was also beaten in the French Open quarter-finals, said on X, external she and her team had "decided that the quick change of surface and the body's adaptation required would put my knee at risk and jeopardise the rest of my season".

Sabalenka, who was runner-up at last year's US Open, said: "I prefer to have a little rest to make sure physically and health-wise I'm ready for the hard courts."

"Especially with all the struggles I've been struggling with the last months, I feel I have to take care of my health."

"It's too much for the scheduling and I made the decision to take care of my health."

Athletes from Russia and Belarus who qualify for the Games can only compete as neutrals in Paris, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine

in February 2022.

Russian men's world number four Daniil Medvedev is among the players who intend to compete at the Olympics as a neutral athlete. Sabalenka is set to play

in Berlin as part of her Wimbledon preparations, having reached the semi-finals last year.

Wimbledon takes place from 1-14 July.

BBC



Ons Jabeur (left) and Aryna Sabalenka were both beaten in the French Open quarter-finals at Roland Garros, where the Olympic tennis competition will be played

When the Boston Celtics hoisted the Larry O'Brien Trophy for the 18th time in franchise history on Monday night, they became the sixth different NBA champion in as many years.

That has happened only once over a six-season span, from 1974-75 through 1979-80, a period when NBA parity was at an all-time high. Most of the league's history has been marked by dynasties, including the way Boston and the Los Angeles Lakers (who won in 1980) subsequently dominated the 1980s, combining to take all but one title over a nine-year period.

Since the Golden State Warriors completed their stretch of five consecutive Finals appearances and three championships, no dynasty

has risen in their place. That's partially by design, as the NBA has tweaked the salary rules to make it more difficult for teams to retain their title-winning cores without paying massive penalties in terms of luxury tax and flexibility.

Although this is Boston's first championship since 2008, the Celtics have been a constant in a time of turnover, reaching six of the past eight Eastern Conference finals and losing the 2022 Finals before breaking through this season. Can Boston become the next great NBA dynasty, or is the pull of parity too strong?

Let's look at the factors that have worked against past champions and break down the Celtics' chances.

ESPN

## Super Rugby winger Garden-Bachop dies aged 25

New Zealand Super Rugby player Connor Garden-Bachop has died at the age of 25.

Garden-Bachop died in Christchurch "following a medical event" on Monday, New Zealand Rugby said.

The winger's father, Stephen Bachop, played for Samoa and New Zealand and his mother, Sue Garden-Bachop, played for the New Zealand women's team, the Black Ferns.

He was the nephew of

scrum-half Graeme Bachop, who played for the All Blacks at the 1991 and 1995 World Cups, and for Japan at the 1999 tournament.

Garden-Bachop most recently played for the Highlanders for five years, leaving earlier this month at the end of their Super Rugby campaign, where they reached the quarter-finals.

"All of rugby walks alongside the Garden-Bachop

family at this time and we are collectively united in our grief," read the statement.

"Connor was a fantastic young player, an exciting New Zealand age-grade representative and a proud Maori All Black.

"Wherever he played, he was a committed and popular team-mate with infectious energy and someone who could light up the room."

BBC

## 'Last Euro for them' – Mourinho expresses sadness over three players



Newly appointed Fenerbahce manager, Jose Mourinho has shared his thoughts on the illustrious careers of Real Madrid legends Cristiano Ronaldo, Luka Modric and Toni Kroos.

Mourinho expressed sadness over the impending retirements of the three players in an interview with Philipp Kessler (via Madrid Zone on X).

The three players achieved remarkable success during their tenure at Real Madrid.

At 39 and 38, Ronaldo and Modric, respectively, are likely playing their final European Championships.

Kroos had already announced his retirement from professional football following Euro 2024.

The Portuguese said: "To watch Euro with sadness? Because I believe Toni Kroos, Luka Modric, and Cristiano Ronaldo, it is the last Euro for them.

"And I say sadness, because players like them, we don't see very often."

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Connor Garden-Bachop played for the Maori All Blacks in 2022



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# KENYA JOINED TO ZAMBIA'S COSAFA GROUP

**By Mubukwanu Kaingu**  
Kenya has been added as defending regional champions Zambia's third Group B opponents at 2024 COSAFA Cup to be held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa from June 26 to July 7, 2024.  
The East African nation will appear as guest team in the annual Southern African

championship.  
Kenya return to the COSAFA Cup as guest side for the first time since the 2013 tournament where they made a group stage exit while Zambia won it as hosts.  
The Harambee Stars inclusion comes after 2023 COSAFA Cup semifinalists Malawi's decision to withdraw from

the tournament as a mark of respect to the country's late vice president Saulos Chilima.  
Football Kenya Federation (FKF) president Nick Mwendwa confirmed his national team's participation to Capital Sports on Monday.  
"CECAFA this year has been cancelled and

we are lucky that we have been invited to Port Elizabeth because of our performance," said Mwendwa.  
"We have not lost this year. This is a great opportunity for us. That consistent work we are putting in, if we support it, we will get results."  
Zambia and Kenya were both in Lilongwe last

March but did not engage each other at the Malawi Four Nations Friendly Tournament that also included the other 2024 COSAFA Cup Group B team Zimbabwe.  
Comoros complete the teams in Group B at the 2024 COSAFA Cup.  
Meanwhile, the Zambia technical bench is expected to unveil the team this

week that will defend the COSAFA Cup title they won last year in Durban.  
Zambia, who are the record 7-time COSAFA Cup champions, are seeking to successfully defend their regional title for a third successive year.  
Chipolopolo have won one COSAFA Cup crown more than Zimbabwe.

## ZAMBIAN COACHES TO QUALIFY A NATIONAL TEAM FOR A FIFA WORLD CUP AT ANY AGE LEVEL.



**PATRICK PHIRI**  
(U20 MEN, 1999)



**ALBERT KACHINGA**  
(U17 WOMEN, 2014)



**GEORGE LWANDAMINA**  
(U20 MEN, 2007)



**BESTON CHAMBESHI**  
(U20 MEN, 2017)



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(SENIOR WOMEN, 2023)



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## Quarterfinal beckons for German in Euros with game to spare

**By Mubukwanu Kaingu**  
Hosts Germany are hoping to advance to the last 16 with a match to spare when they face Hungary tonight in their penultimate Group A match in Stuttgart.  
The three-time European champions flattened 10-man Scotland 5-1 in the tournament's opener last Friday.  
Germany face Hungary who lost 3-1 to second placed Switzerland on Saturday.  
But interestingly, Germany head into the match with a four match winless run against Hungary who beat them 1-0 in their last meeting in 2022.  
Germany trace their last

victory over Hungary to 2016 and there after have posted three successive draws plus that loss heading into Wednesdays game.  
Meanwhile, Scotland face Switzerland in a 21h00 kickoff tonight the other Group A fixture earlier in Cologne.

Earlier at 15h00 in Hamburg, Albania and Croatia faceoff for their first points in Group B follow 2-1 and 3-0 defeats to Italy and Spain.  
15h00: Croatia - Albania (Group B)  
18h00: Germany - Hungary (Group A)  
21h00: Scotland - Switzerland (Group A)

