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By Esther Chisola
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to conduct the Kawambwa Council chairperson by-election because the appeal process of the former civic

leader has nothing to do with the electoral process.

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IMF threatens govt with sanctions on Tazama

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But Energy permanent secretary Peter Mumba said the IMF simply reminded the government to open the pipeline to all so that the same could be factored into the structural adjustment programme.

Well placed sources at State House, in the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Energy have confirmed to Daily Revelation that the IMF has been having a series of meetings with government officials.

Sources said in several meetings, the IMF demanded to know why the TAZAMA pipeline was only being accessed by a selected few companies despite the facility being a public entity. Sources said the IMF questioned why the facility was only being accessed by Mount Meru, Sahara and Vito-Agro, a partnership between Vito and Shashi Patel's Agro-Fuels

"The IMF actually ordered the government to stop the preferential treatment and even threatened sanctions if that were not done," sources said. "As a result the government has yielded and

they are now, through the Energy Regulation Board (ERB), putting in place new operation guidelines where all the OMCs will have access to the pipeline. You call the government about these new guidelines and challenge them on why they exactly came up with the same. If they are honest they will tell you. They were actually placed on the spot by the IMF."

Daily Revelation contacted and asked Mumba on the guidelines demanded by the IMF and that the same were effected following demands from IMF.

Responding, Mumba acknowledged engagements with IMF.

"First of all let me correct the impression that it's the IMF which demanded. It's government position, from the time government disengaged from procuring of crude, this task now is in the hands of the private sector," he said.

Mumba said in order for the price of fuel to come down, the government was encouraging competition for the Oil Marketing Companies to compete

amongst themselves so that they could have access to the pipeline.

He said among the factors that would be considered for one to have access to the pipeline was the price, including if the OMC's price was below the one recommended ERB.

Further, he said the best among those who would bid would be picked to gain access to the pipeline, stressing that with encouraged competition the country would get to a level where the price of the commodity would start coming down to the benefit of the consumer.

"So IMF simply said 'yes, we support this one.' But because of certain problems that we were facing we couldn't actualise the open access. So that's why the IMF came and said 'government you had promised that this is the way forward, why haven't you actualised this?'" Mumba said. "And they made it to be a benchmark in the structural adjustment programme."

Mumba said the government was now geared to see to it that the pipeline was open to everybody

and that business must be transparent without favouring anybody.

Addressing information that the pipeline was only being accessed by a selected few including Meru, former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo's connected Sahara and oil marketing companies connected to businessman Shashi Patel, Mumba said Vito had partnered with Agro Fuels owned by Patel, namely Vito-Agro, then there was Mount Meru, Sahara, Adax, Ayun, Lio, saying there were about five or six reliable suppliers.

He said the country had experienced a situation where some companies were awarded permits for supply, but for some reasons they have failed to deliver.

"I will give you an example of Standard Petroleum. They gave us a very good price and all of us were very excited. That was in January this year. We have been waiting for them to come forward. Three months ago they just went quiet, they have never come back," Mumba said. "And we are saying, you see if we had put all our eggs in Standard

Petroleum where would we be as a country in terms of fuel?"

He said Standard was not the only company that had disappointed the government, as they were a few more, to the point where the government only remained with the same reliable ones, namely Agro, Mount Meru, Addax, which he said had gone into partnership with Suban of Ndola, among others to supply through the pipeline.

On the shortages of fuel experienced in the recent past, Mumba said the "sporadic shortages here and there for diesel", was on account of the fact that the current pipeline capacity vis-a-vis the demand could only supply at 80 percent.

He said it could not be forced to go beyond that limit, and that 20 percent was left to the OMCs to supply by road.

He said the administration had gone into an agreement with those who were bringing in the fuel by road to meet their transportation costs halfway.

"So we pay them according to the distances they have covered etc,"

Mumba said.

He said the government was doing the same for petrol transportation that was delivered 100 percent by road, but could not tell how much was involved as it was just a formula they had come up with.

He said on account of loadshedding, the demand for diesel had gone up so much to the point where at Ndola Energy for instance, which used to use HA4 oil when Indeni Refinery was in operation, but after its demise, the company reconfigured their plant to diesel to fire up the plant.

He said the same was consuming 20 million liters from the pipeline every month, hence reducing the diesel going on the market.

He further said Gensets were being used everywhere now, including at Filling Stations as a result they were consuming a lot of diesel, including the mines which he said were major consumers of diesel.

"So that's why you are seeing a few things falling not into place. But we are addressing that as government," said Mumba.

ECZ to proceed with Kawamba Council chairperson elections

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And the PF faction led by Miles Sampa, said the party would not take part in the Kawambwa Council chairperson by-elections because the commission has rushed to hold the by-election.

Last week, ECZ held nominations for the Kawambwa Council chairperson by-elections where only two candidates filed in their nominations.

Those who managed to file in nominations include Ivo Mpassa from the Socialist Party and the UPND's Titus Musa for the by-election scheduled for this coming Sunday.

According to the faction vice president John Kufuna, the appeal process had not been exhausted by the convicted council chairperson Kalumba Chifumbe.

But speaking in an interview with *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Kasaro said there was nothing ECZ could do because the Constitution mandated them to hold an election when a seat was declared vacant.

"As indicated in our press statement last week, at the press briefing, we declared that we are compelled as a commission to hold the

election. There is nothing like a rush, because in any case the 90 days end on the 28th October. So that is the reason the commission proceeded," Kasaro said.

"So once vacancies are declared according to the Constitution, the Electoral Commission of Zambia must hold the by-election in 90 days and that 90 days ends on the 28th in the case of Kawambwa. That is why the commission proceeded with the nomination and the elections. This is unprecedented, we had a nomination yesterday. We have elections on Sunday. That has never happened before, because of the 90 day time limitation."

Kasaro said the appeal by Chifumbe would not stop the by-elections from going on because the appeal process had nothing to do with the electoral process.

"The appeal is appealing the conviction of that crime. So that is the case," Kasaro said.

On insinuations by some stakeholders that the ECZ was pressured to hold the by-elections by the ruling party, Kasaro said those insinuations were malicious, because nothing of that sort happened.

"I think there is no reason why anyone would insinuate

like that. The judgment of the constitutional court is very

clear. For one to speculate like that is being malicious,"

Kasaro said.

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Last week, *Daily Revelation* published a story where PF faction secretary general Raphael Nakachinda said there was no presidential candidate in the opposition now that beat Lungu's popularity.

Speaking an interview with *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Sikota said PF had not communicated to UKA through the right channel which was a request and official notification about their intentions to impose Lungu on UKA.

"PF hasn't come and told us that that's what they are doing. They haven't told us that. No, they haven't told us. In UKA, we don't operate through the media. In the UKA, we operate through an official notification and request. We never operate through the press," said Sikota.

In the same story, Nakachinda said there was nothing wrong imposing Lungu as the president of UKA, saying the parties in

UKA were not equal.

Asked about the UKA members who were complaining that PF was imposing Lungu,

Nakachinda said there was nothing wrong with it because he was the best candidate.

He said it was clear

that PF and other alliance members were speaking from a different hymn book because the party was merely responding to what Zambians wanted.

Nakachinda also said PF had never deceived UKA members as it was being alleged.



United Kwacha Alliance (UKA) chairperson Sakwiba Sikota during a recent interview with *Daily Revelation*

Kalengwa to re-open because HH can't be sued - PS

By Mubanga Mubanga
Ministry of Mines
Permanent
Secretary Hapenga
Kabeta had disclosed that Kalengwa Mine in Mufumbwe, will re-open because Kalengwa Mineral Processing Limited is no longer objecting.

The Kitwe High Court stayed EuroAfrica Kalengwa Mines Limited's Large Scale Exploration License number 8584- HQ-LEL while Kalengwa Mineral Processing Limited (KMP) had applied to have Moxico Director Allan Davies cited for contempt of court over resumption of operations at Kalengwa mine despite a ruling that halted the works.

But in an interview yesterday, Kabeta said Kalengwa Mineral Processing Limited had given the government a go

ahead to launch Kalengwa Mine by President Hakainde Hichilema because they realised they made a mistake by suing the President.

"No I think it is irregular. You don't do such things to the Head of State. A Head of State cannot be prevented from doing his job. So when the President makes a decision that he wants to do this, if they have any legal claims on it, they can sue the other people who can be sued," Kabeta said. "But not and never the President of the Republic of Zambia. That is the provision of the law that he cannot be sued by anybody. I think, there was a realisation that it was a mistake. That is how they came forward to say they had no objections."

When asked if Kalengwa Mineral Processing would not continue with contempt

of court proceedings against directors of Mexico resources Zambia Limited and Euro Africa Kalengwa Mine Limited together with the ministry of Mines, Kabeta said that could not happen since the mining company had given them a green light to proceed with the launch of the mine

"No! No!No! That writ of contempt of court they have lost because they have authorised the mine to open and they have done that through their lawyers, so there is nothing contemptuous about that," Kabeta said.

He however, said Kalengwa Mineral Processing Limited had a right to proceed with the court process.

He added that if the company proved to the court, they would be given what

was due to them

"No! It will not be academic because they have claims. Based on those claims, they will need the courts to help them justify their claims," Kabeta said.

"So if they can convince the courts, they will get what is due to them, but if they fail to convince the court, they will not get what is due to them. Yes! That is judgment and we shall respect it in whichever form it takes."

Kabeta said the contention between Kalengwa Mineral Processing Limited, Euro Africa Kalengwa Mine Limited and Mexico resources Zambia Limited was between those who had mineral rights and those who had surface rights.

"For you to operate you must have mining rights. The people who were commissioning have mining rights. So if they have mining rights, they have to carry out mining activities. The other party has surface rights. We

know surface rights simply imply access must not be withheld unreasonably," Kabeta said.

He said this time around nothing was going to stop the launch of Kalengwa Mine.

This permanent secretary further said preparations for the launch by President Hichilema had advanced.

"And those earth moving equipments, the dump trucks. They are all in the country. Right now, they are finalising the roadworks for accessibility of the mine. So from where I stand, I am satisfied with what is going on, on the ground," said Kabeta.



Ministry of Mines Permanent Secretary Hapenga Kabeta

By Daily
Revelation Editor

Zambians from across several sections of society were up in arms leading to the National Prayer Day asking President Hakainde Hichilema to apologise for having refer to the same day during his opposition days as useless.

Of course that day is never useless and Hichilema seems to have become a new convent towards that realisation, that for the first time as Head of State he attended the event.

It is undeniable that Hichilema made a lot of controversial statements during

Asking HH to apologise

his opposition days on which he is being picked apart now by members of the public. And it's even easier to do that because most of the things Hichilema said were documented. Perhaps he was supremely confident that he would live up to the things he was proclaiming with his mouth. Whatever is happening to him forms a classic example on how people should always be very careful to watch what they say with their mouths.

Those who are asking him to apologise for what he said about the Prayer Day and many other things have got their own

right to do so. And indeed, Hichilema must be held accountable for what he said. But we don't agree that that matter should have taken up so



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much public space, especially when he himself seems to have come around to the realisation that the day declared by his nemesis Edgar Lungu is indeed a very important day in the national calendar.

The fact that he has come to the idea is evidence enough that he has realised how unwise his words were. However,

we feel the focus should have been more on how the day was going to be used to seek genuine repentance and unity. It would have been nice for instance to have seen Hichilema with Edgar Lungu and

other opposition leaders in one place, praying together and seeking out God on behalf of the nation. Of course there were people like pastor Nevers Mumba there at Nkana Stadium with the President. But it doesn't take anybody's guess that the two are already close allies.

And surely the makeup and and some of the things that were said during that day did not actually help the cause. We would wish to see that future events will be arranged in such a manner that reflects true national unity. This will require a lot of effort on the part of the President as national leader

to reach out especially to his sworn enemies. They too must show enough leadership mettle to be magnanimous enough to seek genuine unity.

There are certain commemorative days which should demand throwing aside politics for the sake of the country. The same then can be used as a launchpad for true national reconciliations. This does not mean that the politicians will suddenly become buddies and agree on matters. However, people can always disagree, sometimes even viciously, without necessarily becoming enemies.

Rev Mulenga castigates Kazhila over Repentance Day message

By Chinoyi Chipulu

Ndola Pastor's Fellowship Association chairperson Reverend Chilekwa Mulenga says the Church should help to reconcile former president Edgar Lungu and President Hakainde Hichilema, instead of politicking while using the Bible.

And Life Gospel Fellowship Ministries Church International Overseer Bishop Joseph Kazhila has stated that his sermon was deliberately twisted to incite hatred and resentment against him.

But Rev Mulenga said Bishop Kazhila should have been guided on the need to promote love and unity as he preached during the prayer and fasting.

Last Friday, during the National Day of Prayer Fasting and Reconciliation where President Hakainde Hichilema was officiating in Kitwe, Bishop Kazhila said every throne must be consecrated because some people reaped what they did not sow.

In his sermon, Bishop Kazhila said whenever there was a change of government, the Church should be invited to the State House to pray for the throne.

"David a man after God's heart has become a king of Israel and the Bible says for three consecutive years, there was famine, the first year perhaps someone will say it is just climate change, the second year someone will be saying El Nino, but when it came to the third year, David realised

that I'm a man after God's heart, how can this God who put me on the throne allow this famine to come in the land and when he went to God he was told that you are not the cause of the problems, you inherited these problems," he said.

He said people should not be blaming the government for the things they should be owning up to themselves.

"This is where we have been missing it. We hear when former president Fredrick Chiluba declared Zambia as a Christian nation, some people went to State House to consecrate it. But this is what should have been done at every change of government, there should have been the Church going to State House to go and pray and declare the presence of the Lord on the Land, we have not done so. Our Church mother bodies where you are?" he asked

But Rev Mulenga said the clergy should stick to preaching the gospel and theologically sound messages for the salvation of souls.

"The idea to put Ba Kazhilla on the program to preach such a conflicted sermon, who is well known to be aligned and questionable, was the plan of the establishment he belongs to. Ba Kazhilla is not a leader of any Church mother body, not even a Pastors fellowship, who approved him to preach?" Rev Mulenga asked.

"We should have spared our dear brother Ba Kazhilla from such homiletically off the key homily. Ba Kazhila's gifting was highly misplaced." Rev Mulenga said the

pulpit was not a podium for politicking while using the Bible.

"Let's be very careful and measure our sermons well. To politically aligned clerics, be reminded that no political party stays in government forever. Where is the PF today? Don't be used by politicians instead, be there to guide them. The Body of Christ is forever, let's keep

our focus amidst all there is to tempt us to shipwreck," he said.

Rev Mulenga also said the clergy should maintain the prophetic role of the Church and remain focused on the word of God.

Bishop Kazhila who received mixed reaction from social media platforms after the sermon he delivered at the event, released a statement to

clarify the interpretation of his preaching which he said was misinterpreted.

He stated that people should seek the truth by watching the full video of his preaching rather than relying on hearsay and selective interpretations.

"I write this message to inform everyone who didn't have a chance to listen to my preaching that whatever is flying on social media is total fabrication by my haters who, by whatever influences, deliberately twisted my sermon to incite hatred and resentment against me

especially with those who didn't watch it on mainstream media live streaming," he stated.

He denied attributing the current drought to Lungu saying lies were fabricated by some Facebook pages.

The Bishop challenged whoever saw or heard him say such words to produce such a video in full.

Bishop Kazhila stated that he was responsible for all the words he spoke privately or publicly, but he could not be held accountable for how those words were understood or interpreted by others.

Two girls narrated how they were defiled by man, 61

By Esther Chisola

Two girls aged 11 and 12, have narrated before Lusaka

Magistrate Mutinta Mwenya how a 61 year-old security guard threatened to kill them if they screamed for help while he was defiling them at his single roomed house.

The victims were testifying in a matter in which Binwell Mwansa 61, is facing two counts of defilement of a child contrary to the laws of Zambia.

Allegations are that Mwansa on dates unknown but between April 1, 2024 and April 26, 2024 in Lusaka had unlawful carnal knowledge of the girls under the age of 16 years.

When the matter came up for trial, one of the girls narrated to magistrate Mwenya how the accused gave them a K10 to share after defiling them.

She said she was coming

from school when she met Mwansa who asked her to go to his house with her friend.

"We went to his house and left our shoes outside. He told me to undress and had carnal knowledge with me. My friend was sitting down in the sitting room. He gave us a K10 to share. He peeped outside if people were coming and upon noticing there was no one he asked us to leave," she narrated.

The girl said she later told the sister who reported the matter to Chilanga police where they were referred to UTH (University Teaching Hospital).

She said the defilement happened on April 26 at the suspect's one roomed house.

The girl said the incident happened four times since last year.

"We used to go to his house to clean and wash plates. I felt pain. He used

to be our neighbour. He threatened to kill me," she said.

During cross-examination, the victim was asked if the accused asked them to enter his house, one of them responded saying, "yes you told us to sit down after we finished cleaning."

Further asked if they did have carnal knowledge with the accused in his house, the girl responded in the affirmative.

The other victim also narrated how she was defiled and how she saw her friend being defiled.

"He called me to his house to clean and made me sleep in his room, removed his manhood and had sex with me. I felt pain. After some days my friend came to pick me up and asked me to escort her to Mwansa's house and I accompanied her," she narrated.

The girls said Mwansa

welcomed them to his house that was why they also cleaned the house and he gave them some drinks.

She said the suspect had sex with her friend whilst she was in the living room.

"I peeped in the room and saw him having sex with my friend. I had white discharge coming out from my vagina the time he had sex with me, it was very painful," she narrated.

In cross-examination, the victim was asked why she did not shout so that the accused landlord sitting in the corridor could hear, she responded saying, "you stopped us and threatened us".

Further asked how he threatened them, she responded saying, "you told us you would kill us and wouldn't eat your things".

The matter comes up on November 13, 2024 for continued trial.

Lies have caught up with HH on loadshedding - ZWW

By Mubanga Mubanga

Zambia We Want (ZWW) spokesperson Muhabi Lungu says lies have started catching up with President Hakainde Hichilema regarding the issue of loadshedding, which he attributed to poor management by PF when he was in opposition.

During the National Day of Prayer, Fasting and Reconciliation last week, President Hichilema said loadshedding was a historical problem and that the country was paying for failing to invest in the energy sector 20, 30 years ago.

"Bring others such as solar, wind, thermal and

other forms. Again this is God's greatness opening our eyes to things that we took for granted for many years. We should have made investments in the diversified energy portfolio 15, 20 years ago," President Hichilema said.

"We didn't do it, now is the opportunity. We flip the coin, challenges on one side opportunities on the other. It's God's grace and I think we will never be in this situation again when we have made the necessary investments that we delayed for 15, 20 years."

But speaking in an interview with *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Lungu

said eight months after coming to office, President Hichilema said he had ended loadshedding, but now he was claiming it was a historical problem.

"So either he was ignorant, or he was incompetent, or he was just being dishonest, when he was in the opposition. So that is one side of the story. Let me go even further, that when HH came into office, eight months after he was in office, he declared that he had resolved the loadshedding crisis. We didn't say that, the PF didn't say that. He himself, there is a video going around, where he clearly showed I have

resolved the issue of the energy crisis," Lungu said.

"And I have resolved the issue of loadshedding. That's what he himself said.

If he is telling people that he had resolved eight months after coming into office and now he is saying it is a historical problem, again

it raises the issue. When he was declaring that he had resolved the issue didn't he know that actually he didn't resolve the issue? Because there was a historical issue. Or was he lying to the public deliberately to try and show how great he is?"

HH 3 removes ConCourt judges

Py Esther Chisola resident Hakainde Hichilema has with immediate effect removed Justice Anne Sitali, justice Mungeni Mulenga and Justice Palan Mulonda from their offices as Judges of the Constitutional Court of Zambia.

State House chief communications specialist Clayson Hamasaka stated that the removal of the

three judges followed the recommendation in the report presented to the President by the Judicial Complaints Commission (JCC).

"The removal of the said Judges is in exercise of the powers vested in the President in Article 143 (b) and (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of Zambia," read the statement.

On September 24, 2024, the President suspended the

three judges' following a recommendation from the JCC.

The action to suspend the three judges attracted mixed feelings as some viewed it as a positive step toward ensuring judicial accountability, while others saw it as an alarming power grab, particularly with Edgar Lungu eligibility case underway.

The timing of the suspensions led many to speculate about its underlying political motivations.

Govt's 6.6% projected growth for 2025 unrealistic - Economist

By Jane Chanda
Economist Dr John Musantu says the government's projected 6.6 percent Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate in the 2025 national budget is unrealistic and overly ambitious.

Dr Musantu this after considering Zambia's current economic challenges in response to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) revised growth projections, which downgraded Zambia's 2025 growth from 2.3 percent to 1.2 percent of GDP, which was previously from 4.7 percent to 2.3 percent in June.

In an interview with *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Dr. Musantu said the IMF's downward revision of growth projections from 2.3 percent to 1.2 percent served as a reality check for Zambia's economy, saying the country needed to stabilise its economy in 2025 by focusing on energy and copper production before expecting significant growth in 2026.

He said the mining sector had the potential to drive growth, but cautioned that the IMF's projections may discourage investors and reduce foreign direct investment.

Dr Musantu talked about the cost of living and the significant impact of food-driven inflation and drought on agricultural production.

He also talked about

the need for conservative inflation projections given the time required to revitalise agricultural output.

Dr Musantu further expressed optimism regarding the government's initiatives to promote irrigation and reduce solar product costs, which could help control food prices and inflation.

The economist noted the importance of realistic targets in light of the IMF's revised projections, noting that Zambia's economic growth was expected to remain sluggish in 2025.

He said country needed to acknowledge its economic situation and plan accordingly, adding that it was better to start with conservative numbers rather than chase unattainable goals.

Dr. Musantu expressed concerns over Zambia's 6.6 percent growth target, saying there was need for prudent economic management to address the country's structural challenges.

He said the government must acknowledge the economic realities and plan accordingly, rather than setting unrealistic goals, which overlook critical issues such as poverty, unemployment, and reliance on copper exports.

According to Dr. Musantu, Zambia's economic recovery was contingent upon

addressing its energy deficit, diversifying its economy, and attracting investment.

He said that Zambia's path to economic recovery hinged on strategic stabilisation and leveraging key sectors.

Dr Musantu said the approach was crucial in addressing the country's structural challenges and capitalizing on opportunities for sustainable growth.

Meanwhile, According to

the IMF, Zambia's economic recovery faces challenges amidst drought and power outages.

An IMF mission to Zambia has revealed significant challenges to the country's economic recovery.

During the mission, IMF mission chief Mercedes Vera Martin and her team met with high-ranking Zambian officials, including President Hakainde Hichilema, Minister of Finance and

National Planning Situmbeko Musokotwane, Governor Denny Kalyala, Secretary to the Treasury Felix Nkulukusa, and Deputy Governor Francis Chipimo.

According to the statement, the team also engaged with representatives from the private sector and development partners.

In statement on October 17, Martin stated that Zambia's economy had been severely impacted by prolonged power outages, particularly in the non-mining sector, which has hindered growth.

Martin stated that Zambia's growth projections

for 2024 has been revised downward to 1.2 percent, from 2.3 percent previously set, while inflation was expected to continue increasing due to Kwacha depreciation, rising food and fuel prices, and administrative price hikes.

Martin also stated that despite these challenges, the Zambian authorities had made progress in implementing reforms under the Fund-supported program, including scaling up support for vulnerable populations through social cash transfers, cash-for-work programs, and expanded free school lunch initiatives.

Escalating waste management has negatively impacted economy - Mposha



Minister of Green Economy and Environment Mike Mposha

By Chinoyi Chipulu
Minister of Green Economy and Environment Mike Mposha says Zambia is an escalating waste management problem that has negatively impacted

economic, environmental and social sustainability.

In a statement, Mposha stated that there were many opportunities in the country in developing waste-to-energy projects, waste-to-compost to support urban

agriculture and scientifically engineered landfills.

He stated that waste also provided opportunities for investment.

"The country aspires to move towards a circular economy approach to transform how resources are used and managed. Zambia's current linear waste management approach means that there are great opportunities for creating green jobs based on reduce, reuse and recycle principles," he stated.

He stated that Zambia had various policies that addressed waste and Circular Economy agenda, including government strategies, legislation and statutory instruments such as the National Policy

on Climate Change, the National Solid Waste Management Strategy, the Solid Waste Management Strategy.

Zambia was elected council member of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), a 48-member international organisation chaired by former Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki Moon.

Mposha presented Zambia's candidature to the 13th Session of the Assembly and the 17th Session of the Council at GGGI Headquarters in Seoul, Korea.

Zambia was unanimously elected at the GGGI, a treaty-based international organisation formed in 2012 that was dedicated to promoting sustainable economic growth in developing countries and emerging economies.

Ki Moon is the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council of the GGGI, which has its headquarters in Seoul Korea.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment permanent secretary Douty Chibamba, Zambia's Ambassador to Korea His Excellency Andrew Bwezani Banda, and National Designated Authority (NDA) Coordinator Billy Katontoka were part of the Zambian delegation to GGGI's 13th Session of the Assembly and the 17th Session of the Council at GGGI Headquarters in Seoul, Korea.

Technical fault at Maamba further complicates power generation - Zesco ... It will take one week to repair

By Chinoyi Chipulu
ZESCO Limited says the company has lost 150 Megawatts of power due to a technical fault at Maamba Energy Limited (MEL).

In a statement yesterday, Zesco spokesperson Matongo Maumbi stated that MEL was working diligently to complete the corrective maintenance and restore normal generation as soon as possible.

Maumbi stated that the fault would be repaired within a week.

"Due to an unforeseen technical fault, MEL, an Independent Power Producer (IPP), has had

to undertake corrective maintenance on one of its two generators. This has resulted in the temporary reduction of the available national power generation by 150 Megawatts," he stated.

Maumbi stated that the utility company would strive to maintain the three-hour supply schedule in residential areas during this time of a significant power supply shortfall by optimising the power imports in collaboration with some Power traders and ramping up availability from the other Independent Power Producers, where possible.

"The maintenance is expected to last from October 20 to 27, 2024, reducing the available power generation capacity during this period MEL is working diligently to complete the corrective maintenance and restore normal generation as soon as possible. ZESCO is collaborating closely with all partners to minimise disruptions and ensure a timely return to normal operations," he stated.

Zesco has since appealed to all of its valued customers to continue practicing energy efficiency during this period.



ZESCO SPOKESPERSON Matongo Maumbi

Mozambique rocked by killing of two prominent opposition figures

Mozambique has been rocked by the murder of two prominent opposition figures, ratcheting up tensions ahead of planned protests against the election results.

New opposition party Podemos' lawyer, Elvino Dias, who was also advisor to its presidential candidate Venancio Mondlane, died alongside party official Paulo Guambe.

They were gunned down late on Friday night by attackers chasing the car they were travelling in.

Videos posted on social media show a BMW SUV in the middle of the road with many bullet holes in the bodywork.

Their deaths come as

country waits for the results of the contested 9 October election.

They are due on the 24 October, with provisional results showing a probable win for Frelimo, which has governed Mozambique since its independence from Portugal in 1975.

Western election observers have however cast doubts on the integrity of the poll, saying it did not meet international standards.

They have reported issues including vote-buying and the clamping down on

dissent against the ruling party.

Opposition parties have also cried fraud, and Podemos has called for a nationwide strike on Monday.

There are fears now that the protests could turn bloody with Mozambique's security forces having opened fire on protesters in the past.

The European Union and Portugal have condemned the killing of the Podemos officials and called for an investigation.

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Leaked documents show US intelligence on Israel's plans to attack Iran, sources say

The US is investigating a leak of highly classified US intelligence about Israel's plans for retaliation against Iran, according to three people familiar with the matter. One of the people familiar confirmed the documents' authenticity.

The leak is "deeply concerning," a US official told CNN.

The documents, dated October 15 and 16, began circulating online Friday after being posted on

Telegram by an account called "Middle East Spectator."

They are marked top secret and have markings indicating they are meant to be seen only by the US and its "Five Eyes" allies — Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

They describe preparations Israel appears to be making for a strike against Iran. One of the

documents, which says it was compiled by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, says the plans involve Israel moving munitions around.

Another document says it is sourced to the National Security Agency and outlines Israeli air force exercises involving air-to-surface missiles,

also believed to be in preparation for a strike on Iran. CNN is not quoting directly from or showing the documents.

A US official said the investigation is examining who had access to the alleged Pentagon document. Any such leak would automatically trigger an investigation by the FBI alongside the Pentagon



and US intelligence agencies. The FBI

declined to comment.

CNN

South Africa asks Taiwan to move de facto embassy out of Pretoria



South Africa has asked Taiwan to move its de facto embassy out of its administrative capital, Pretoria.

It has given Taipei six months to relocate its liaison office to the commercial hub of Johannesburg.

The decision is seen as highlighting Beijing's

expanding sway among developing nations.

While Taipei has accused Pretoria of bowing to pressure from China, Beijing has welcomed the decision.

"The One China principle is the political foundation for China to establish and develop diplomatic relations with countries. It is also a

widely recognized norm in international relations," said China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Mao Ning.

"We appreciate South Africa's correct decision to relocate the Taipei liaison office out of its administrative capital, Pretoria. Taiwan independence is unpopular

and doomed to failure," she said.

China opened its embassy in South Africa in 1998, a year after Pretoria severed formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan over which Beijing claims sovereignty.

However, like many countries, South Africa has maintained unofficial diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.

This latest move comes at a time of heightened tensions between Beijing and Taipei.

Taiwan marked its national day last week and has repeatedly China's claims of sovereignty.

Days later, China held its latest round of military drills around Taiwan.

China is South Africa's largest trading partner globally, and one with which it is looking to expand cooperation.

Both countries are part of the BRICS bloc of developing economies which will hold its annual summit in Russia next week.

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Iran warns US over Israeli strike



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi © Getty Images / Murat Gok

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has warned that it will view the US as complicit if Israel follows through on its threat to carry out a major strike on the Islamic Republic.

On Friday, US President Joe Biden was asked by journalists if he had a "good understanding" of what Washington's closest Middle East ally might do in retaliation to the Iranian missile barrage on October 1, and whether Israel "will actually respond to Iran." Biden replied by saying "Yes and yes," but declined to

provide further details.

Araghchi took to X on Saturday to stress that "anybody with knowledge or understanding of 'how and when Israel was going to attack Iran,' and/or providing the means and backing for such folly, should logically be held accountable for any possible causality."

The foreign minister did not mention Washington directly in his message, but his post included a link to an article by Reuters, on Biden confirming that he is aware of Israeli plans to target Iran.

RT

Norris takes US pole with 'best lap of my career'

McLaren's Lando Norris beat title rival Max Verstappen's Red Bull to pole position at the United States Grand Prix with what he said was "the best lap of my career".

Norris was helped by Mercedes driver George Russell crashing late in the session, which prevented any driver improving on their second laps.

Norris had been 0.031 seconds quicker than Verstappen on their first laps, but the Dutchman had started his final lap much better than the Briton, only for both to have to abort.

Although luck played its part, the result was just what Norris needed after

Verstappen won the sprint race earlier in the day.

With Norris finishing third behind Ferrari's Carlos Sainz, Verstappen extended his championship lead by two points to 54.

That made Norris' task in the championship even tougher - he needed to take an average of nearly nine points per race out of Verstappen for the remaining six grands prix of the season to beat him to the title.

By taking pole position, Norris has given himself an opportunity to claw back some of that gap in the grand prix, although Verstappen's pace has looked formidable all weekend after Red Bull introduced some upgrades on to their car.

McLaren had been struggling in comparison but Norris excelled himself to go fastest on the first runs before Russell's accident confirmed his pole.

"It was a beautiful lap," Norris said. "I was not going to go much quicker than I did.

"When you just do a lap and you think it's going to be tough to beat... I put everything on the line, I needed to do it.

"We've not had the pace of the Ferraris or Red Bulls so I had to do something, and I did that.

"It was a very good lap. I can probably say quite confidently the best of my career."

Both Norris and Verstappen made mistakes at Turn 19 on their first laps. Norris had a slide, forcing him to catch the rear, while Verstappen had to lift after missing the apex.



Max Verstappen (left) was the fastest driver in Q1 and Q2 but Norris took pole

Verstappen was then 0.2secs quicker than Norris in the first sector on their second runs - and Norris was slower there than on his first run - before they both had to abort.

Verstappen said: "On the first lap in Q3 I lost quite a bit of time there. I

knew we had another run but unfortunately I couldn't finish the lap, but that's how it goes. At least the potential was there to be first, so that's very good."

McLaren's Oscar Piastri took fifth, 0.620secs slower than Norris, while Russell was still sixth despite his

crash.

For team-mate Lewis Hamilton it was a terrible day. The seven-time champion qualified 19th, Mercedes saying he had "messy balance and front locking".

BBC

Madrid coach says Mbappé 'not affected' by reports of investigation in Sweden

Rwanda dismisses 'Sportswashing' claims, focuses on winning development strategy

Paul Kagame, president of Rwanda, may govern a small, landlocked nation in central Africa, but his ambitions are large.

Recently, he embarked on a significant mission: bringing a Formula 1 Grand Prix to Rwanda.

This effort reflects his broader strategy of positioning the country, once devastated by genocide, as a continental leader in Africa. Despite Rwanda's geographic limitations, Kagame has consistently pursued political, diplomatic, and economic plans to boost the nation's prominence.

Building Rwanda's Global Sporting Profile

Kagame has not only transformed Rwanda's economy but also its role in global sports. In recent years, Rwanda has secured sponsorship deals with major European football clubs and partnered with the NBA.

The country has invested heavily in sports facilities and will host the world cycling road race championships next year. Kagame's close relationship with FIFA's president, Gianni Infantino,

further supports Rwanda's bid to enter the global sports arena, including the possibility of hosting a Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Formula 1 Talks and Economic Challenges Rwanda is in discussions with Formula 1 executives about hosting a race, a move that could cost billions of dollars. Though the idea of a Rwandan Grand Prix may seem far-fetched due to the lack of infrastructure and the country's modest \$14.1 billion GDP, it is not impossible.

F1's CEO Stefano Domenicali described Rwanda's proposal as serious. Rwanda's bid could gain momentum when it hosts the FIA's annual general assembly in December, further enhancing the country's motorsport profile.

Sports as a Diplomatic Tool

Kagame views sports as a way to elevate Rwanda's diplomatic standing. Hosting a major event like an F1 race could bring significant economic and diplomatic rewards, similar to how South Korea's 1988 Olympics reshaped its global image.

Kagame is following the path of Gulf countries like Qatar and Saudi Arabia, using sports to boost Rwanda's international reputation, although this strategy has sparked criticism. Some accuse Rwanda of using sports to distract from its human rights record, a practice often referred to as "sportswashing."

Human Rights Concerns and Criticism

Despite the potential benefits of sports diplomacy, Rwanda's reputation is tainted by its human rights record. Kagame, who won 99.2% of the vote in the last presidential election, is accused of political repression.

International partners like the NBA and European football clubs have been criticized for working with Rwanda, with some questioning the ethics of these partnerships. Human Rights Watch warns that Rwanda's pursuit of sporting success should not overshadow the ongoing human rights abuses within the country.

Economic Gamble or Strategic Vision?

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Kylian Mbappé is not affected by the media turmoil around a potential rape allegation, his coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

The 25-year-old star trained with his Madrid teammates on Friday.

The player is dealing with reports that he is the subject of a criminal investigation in the Swedish capital.

Mbappé's representatives have called media reports "irresponsible". His legal team say they are false.

"I speak to the players every day and, like I

said before, these are all speculations. I see the player every day and he's working very well, he's happy, he's glad, and I don't see that he's affected by all this, at all."

Swedish prosecutors issued a brief statement saying a rape had been reported to police in the hotel where Mbappé stayed but didn't name any suspect.

Mbappé was in Stockholm for a brief stay last week during his time off from club and country.

"His days off were scheduled and everybody chooses what they want to

do while resting. I don't care where the players want to rest. I spent two days in London and I didn't ask for anyone's permission. I don't own a travel agency to organise the player's trips."

Kylian Mbappé will be back in the public eye when Real Madrid return to La Liga action at Celta Vigo on Saturday.

Mbappe injured his left thigh in late September. But he missed only one game for Madrid, returning as a substitute in a shock 1-0 defeat to Lille in the Champions League.

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MAKESHIFT CHIPOLOPOLO CAN WIN AFCON - PHIRI

Chisala reveals secret to quick adaption to play different positions

Chipolopolo boys midfielder Obino Chisala says he is comfortable playing in different positions at the club and the national team.

In the Africa Cup qualifying

match against Chad, Chisala played as a left back. The Avram Grant team drew goalless in Lusaka and won 1-0 in the second leg in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

BOLANEWS

By Mubukwanu Kaingu

Ex-Chipolopolo boss Patrick Phiri has made an audacious declaration that the makeshift Zambia team that came through the October window of the 2025 AFCON qualifiers unbeaten has the potential of the 2012 side should they qualify for the Morocco finals.

A raft of injuries added to the long-term absence of influential striker Patson Daka, who was sidelined due to injury since August, plus additional knocks plus withdrawals right in the middle of the Chad home and away fixtures that saw eight key players in all on

that list.

Phiri said in an interview that Avram Grant's patched-up team that drew at home and beat Chad must actually be given credit for keeping a rare clean sheet by Zambia over both legs.

"It was a very difficult call for Coach Grant. The players somehow underperformed in Ndola and the light was quite dim at the end of the tunnel in Cameroon," Phiri said.

"Thank God the Coach played the right cards. Credit must go to the whole team.

"They have never been as united as they did in this

particular match."

Striker Kennedy Musonda of Young Africans in Tanzania scored the only goal over both legs in the 84th minute away in Yaounde where Chipolopolo beat host Chad 1-0.

The win saw Chipolopolo stay second in Group G on 7 points, two points behind Ivory Coast on 9 points who lost 1-0 away to Sierra Leone in Monrovia on October 15.

Sierra Leone has 4 points and sits at number three while Chad are bottom of Group G with 2 points from four rounds with two matches left this November

to decide the top two teams that will qualify for Morocco 2025 AFCON.

Phiri added that despite some shortcomings especially regarding experience, Grant's makeshift Chipolopolo team showed some character.

"Everyone did his job well, from the keeper to the top man who took the chance and converted," Phiri said.

"They may still not know a lot about his team but from this match, he must have been convinced that if handled rightly the team has the quality to win the AFCON."



Ex-chipolopolo coach Patrick Phiri

Red Arrows Coach
Chisi Mbewe



Arrows paid for underrating NAPSA - Coach

By Mubukwanu Kaingu

Red Arrows coach Chisi Mbewe has blamed the defending league champions' 1-0 loss away to Napsa Stars on Saturday for underrating their opponents.

The defeat at Woodlands Stadium in Lusaka handed Arrows their second defeat of the season.

Critically, it came on the back of a significant 2-0 home victory over league leaders Zesco United just before the October international match break on October 6 that ended their opponent's unbeaten start to the campaign.

Mbewe said in a post-match interview that Arrows must quickly reboot to the levels that won them the league and ABSA Cup last season.

"I would say it is a painful result but this is just week 9 so the most important thing is we reorganize and return to winning ways and start picking up points," Mbewe said.

Emmanuel Mwanza's goal in the 40th minute handed Napsa the 3 points that also saw them bounce back from a 1-0 away loss at Mufulira Wanderers in their last game

on October 5.

"The attitude was not right. We thought we had already won this game and that's how (we allowed) our opponents to come on us and scored that goal," Mbewe said.

"After they had scored, that is when we realised that the game had started and when we came into the game, it was too late."

The result left Arrows in mid-table at number 9 with 11 points, tied with Napsa who were seventh before the other three remaining Week 8 fixtures.

