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Ambassador

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Director of Public Prosecutions Gilbert Phiri with Chief Mumena of the Kaonde people of North-Western Province following proceedings during the TIZ anti-corruption conference in Kitwe yesterday

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says Chililabombwe district commissioner Precious Njekwa. (To page 2)

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Kabuswe's youths want to evict me – DC

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Speaking to *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Njekwa said about five youths who were being used by smugglers and were aligned with Kabuswe, were unhappy with her because she did not allow lawlessness.

Njekwa identified the five youths as being part of Kabuswe's security team in Chililabombwe.

"We cannot say UPND youths, no! It's just people aligned with the MP," she said. "We are talking about three or four youths. It's not all the youths, no! It's not the whole Chililabombwe. It's just youths aligned to the MP. They are just being used, they are being sponsored by the smugglers."

Njekwa said the youths were sponsored by what

she described as "a selfish few" in the party who wanted to smuggle mealie meal to neighbouring countries.

"On smuggling, I'm very strict," she said.

Njekwa said only President Hakainde Hichilema had the power to remove her as he was the appointing authority.

Asked if Kabuswe was the one sponsoring his boys to remove her from office, Njekwa said she was not sure who was involved.

"Yes those are the MP's boys but we are not too sure who is sponsoring them. The same four youths circulated some voice notes saying they want to remove me but I'm not shaken, I'm strong and working," said Njekwa. "In the same voice note, they were saying I have spoiled their business

because other people are working well. If they are talking about smuggling, I will never allow it because His Excellency doesn't want that. He wants normal businesses where Congo and Zambia are able to transact well. We lose money through smuggling and apart from that we are losing our staple food so why should I allow it?"

And when contacted for a comment, Kabuswe said that he would not react to baseless claims.

"I have no comment on that. I can not react to baseless claims, those are baseless. I have no knowledge of that story. If I commented to that I will be putting fuel on innuendo's and rumors," said Kabuswe.



FILE PICTURE; KCM Scope Meeting for the Reassessment of Konkola Copper Mine Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in Chililabombwe, Graced by the District Commissioner Precious Njekwa

Demand the 26 vehicles from RB's widow, Nakachinda tells MMD



PF faction secretary general Raphael Nakachinda

By Chinoyi Chipulu
PF faction secretary general Raphael Nakachinda says MMD leader Nevers Mumba should demand for money or the 26 vehicles from former first lady Thandiwe Banda.

In an interview with the *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Nakachinda said he was not in possession of any vehicle as the MMD surrendered the 26 vehicles in question to the late former president Rupiah Banda in order to cushion on the legal fees the party had incurred at the time, amounting to almost US \$1 million.

Nakachinda was reacting to a statement issued by MMD party spokesperson

Brendel Phillip quoting party national secretary Elizabeth Chitika as saying the former ruling party would immediately get to work to recover the MMD property from wherever and whoever was holding on to it illegally.

This followed a judgment by Lusaka High Court judge Pixie Yangailo, ordering Nakachinda to return the motor vehicles to the MMD.

In another judgment delivered on November 18, 2024 involving the MMD, the same judge ordered Nakachinda to immediately return all the 26 motor vehicles that he gifted to the late former president Rupiah Banda, also known as RB.

She further ordered that

any vehicle that he would fail to deliver would be recovered from the estate of the late president.

The judgement further ordered that the motor vehicles that were sold to unsuspecting buyers with any semblance of a contract would be honored by the party, while the monetary value would be recovered from Nakachinda and members of his Illegal committee.

Nakachinda has been ordered to personally account for a further 8 motor vehicles which he signed off in his 'personal' capacity.

For the rest of the vehicles he has been ordered to produce proof

of authorisation from the illegals who would then pay the damages together as a team. Failure to produce such authority would mean that he would pay for the proceeds alone.

Judge Yangailo has ordered a thorough audit of the accounts to reveal all the transactions that happened during the time that Nakachinda held the position of MMD national secretary "illegally".

Commenting on the outcome of the case, Chitika expressed satisfaction and asked all those who dealt with the illegal committee to access the MMD motor vehicles to immediately contact her office in order to establish the status of ownership within seven days, failure to which she would report all motor vehicles as stolen from the party.

But Nakachinda said Chitika was always using every opportunity to try and attack his character and integrity, arguing that he never made any individual decision when he was MMD national secretary. He said everything he did was in the interest of the party and never for personal benefit.

"The committee that was led by (now Science and Technology minister Felix) Mutati is the one that now needs to come in. So now Nevers [Mumba] has

been told to go and recover. If really he believes what was done was wrong, he has to go to RB's widow and collect the money or the vehicles," he said.

Nakachinda said the MMD failed to pay its legal fees which amounted to almost one million United States dollars.

"I was national SG (Secretary General) of MMD at some point under the leadership of Mutati and in the three years that I was SG, one of the decisions we made was that we all know that RB bought vehicles in 2011 for his campaigns, most of which were registered in MMD were impounded after the loss in 2011 to Patriotic Front as being suspected to be proceeds of crime and I think the investigations ..." Nakachinda said. "Four years down the line, RB was acquitted. Remember his immunity was also lifted. Following his acquittal, those vehicles were released, they were about 107. The state clearly stated that it had utilised over 30 vehicles. These vehicles were littered across the country. They were not stationed at one place."

Nakachinda said since the MMD did not have that kind of money to pay the lawyers, it reverted to Rupiah Banda to help settle the bill.

"Under the leadership of Mutati who is now in the

same boat with [Nevers] Mumba agreed that out of the 75 vehicles or so, 26 will be surrendered to RB and whatever balance, he will be able to foot it ... the major assets were just those same vandalised vehicles that were in different parts of the country and at police stations," Nakachinda said, adding that the court had exonerated him from Mumba and Chitika's attempts to make "this matter all personal".

He said that Chitika could only effect what was provided in the judgment.

"I'm sure they are trying to bring it to me as an individual because that has always been their attempt to try and scandalise Nakachinda. But there is nothing that we did. Everything that we did was in the interest of the party and there is no liability that can ... to me as an individual because I never did anything to benefit my self," Nakachinda said. "You can ask Felix Mutati, ask (now agriculture minister) Reuben Mtolo or (and current Green Economy minister) Mike Mposha who was the Muna candidate for 2016, and was a beneficiary of the vehicles which Banda got."

Nakachinda said this is a matter that Mutati and Mumba should resolve, not him.

Chipenzi describes calls for him to resign 'interesting'

By Daily Revelation Reporter

Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) commissioner MacDonald Chipenzi has described as 'interesting' demands for him and chairperson Mwangala Zaloumis to resign from their positions within 72 hours owing to their long standing overt association with the ruling party.

The demand has been made by a Zambian citizen and political commentator based in Lusaka Gregory Chisha.

Chisha through his lawyers Kang'ombe and Associates stated that he reckoned that he previously sought adoption to stand as a parliamentary candidate of the UPND under Siavonga Constituency.

When contacted for a comment, Chipenzi, who did not pick his call, had documents sent to his whatsapp line.

In response, he laughed off by writing, "Hahahahaha ... it interesting."

In separate letters addressed to Zaloumis and Chipenzi dated November 26, 2024, Chisha warned the duo that should they ignore his demand for them to resign, he had instructed his lawyers to move the Constitutional Court for purposes of demonstrating how their appointment while being renowned UPND supporters contravened the non-partisan principle enunciated under Article 216.

The lawyers stated their client intimated that he had recently addressed his mind to the Constitutional and statutory framework that governed the commission.

"Of primacy, he considered the constitutional principles that govern services Commissions and other independent offices as enshrined under Article 216 of the Constitution of Zambia Act No 2 of 2016,"



File picture: Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) chairperson with commissioner MacDonald Chipenzi at Pamodzi Hotel. Picture by Daily Revelation

the lawyers stated. "The said provision provides as follows: 216. A commission shall- (a) be subject only to the Constitution and he Law, (b) be independent and not be subject to the control of a person or an authority in the performance of its functions, (c) act with dignity, professionalism, propriety

and integrity, (d) be non-partisan and (e) be impartial in the exercise of it authority (Underlined for emphasis)."

They stated that they were advised that the notoriety of Zaloumis and Chipenzi connection, attachment, support and overt fraternity with the ruling party was common cause.

"As such our client contends that your appointment as chairperson stands constitutionally tainted. This is for the reason that it contravenes the provisions of the Constitution which proscribe partisanship in the management of the commissions as shown above," they stated. "As

such our client contends that your appointment as commissioner stands constitutionally tainted. This is for the reason that it contravenes the provisions of the Constitution which proscribe partisanship in the management of the commissions as shown above."

They stated that their client contended that because of their longstanding overt association with the UPND, they in fact came into the ambit of partisanship.

"It therefore follows that you are incapable of guaranteeing an impartial, professional, dignified, transparent and independent commission as constitutionally required," stated lawyers.

On Chipenzi, the lawyers stated that they had been informed that his appointment as commissioner of the ECZ was improperly ratified.

Introspect on U.S Ambassadors remarks

By Daily Revelation Editor

United States (U.S) Ambassador to Zambia Michael Gonzales says corruption and exploitation in Zambia's mining sector are undermining the country's potential for economic growth.

Delivering his remarks at the Transparency International Zambia (TI-Z) 2024 Anti-Corruption Conference in Kitwe yesterday, Gonzales emphasised the need for transparency and accountability in the mining sector, citing the example of two fictional mining companies, one company prioritised short term gains, bribed officials, and exploited local labourers, while the other company operated transparently, prioritised local beneficiation, and invested in community development.

Gonzales noted that Zambia's Financial

Intelligence Center (FIC) identified mining as a primary sector for illicit financial flows, costing the country \$500 million in tax revenue this year alone, stating that this staggering loss of revenue was a stark reminder of the urgent need for greater transparency and accountability in the mining sector.

The Ambassador said he had heard of credible stories about licence holders checking the online portal map only to see that another entity had assumed ownership of their licence.

"We have heard concerns from mining sector stakeholders about the government's decision to move away from the Flex Cadastre online platform, which is widely considered the global gold standard for transparent cadaster management," Gonzales added.

The U.S

Ambassador's observations deserve serious introspection, especially from our officials in the government.

There is surely a lot of wrong going on in our mining industry so that



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the Zambian people can have a just return on their precious resource. But sadly, the people who are actually aiding these mining companies to engage in actions bordering on criminality, such as tax evasion and other vices, are often times the officials in the government mandated to ensure that they put

in place sound policies and other mechanisms necessary for nationals to receive a just reward on their resources.

Here we are as a country going to every length sacrificing our dignity and well-being,

literally undressing ourselves before the multinationals, just to earn some \$188 million IMF facility, yet we allow \$500 million to be stolen out of the country at no cost at all. Sadly, even the institutions that we have mandated to secure our national resources are sleeping. If one were to ask a

question, when did you ever hear that some big mining corporation was being taken to task or was being investigated for tax evasion?

It seems our investigative wings are only proficient at investigating small level corruption, or the corruption involving former senior government politicians who were earmarked for punishment. Nothing more. And we emphasise; senior government leaders earmarked for punishment. Because we are aware of the other senior officials who have pleaded with those in government not to be pursued for corruption in return for being supportive to the ruling party and its government. We have heard of one story where one member of parliament literally pleaded profusely in the office of one cabinet minister not to be investigated and was promised freedom in return for supporting

the ruling party.

But while the focus has been on the politicians, we have allowed multinationals to rip us off. For some government officials who receive bribes from some of these unscrupulous people in the mines, the temptation for money has proven too strong than the call to patriotism, and sacrificing one's narrow desires for the 20 million Zambians. But despite the odds, Zambians must not grow weary in demanding their rightful share from the mines.

And Gonzales ably put it that Zambian citizens and their partners closely watched the issue of mining companies evading tax obligations, saying that as the government addressed fiscal pressures, it was essential to hold companies accountable for submitting required reports and paying their dues.

Esther requested 'purported' son in abduction case not to be arrested -

Witness

By Esther Chisola
 A state witness has told the Lusaka Magistrates' Court that former first lady Esther Lungu requested that her 'purported' son who was a suspect in an abduction case should not be arrested.
 Charles Hakuwa, a police assistant

commissioner, testified that the request by Esther was done through a phone call which her "purported" son made to her after he was about to be arrested for the offence of abduction.
 This is in a matter in which Esther is jointly charged with James Phiri and Lee Chisulo, both

police officers, as well as Kapambwe Lungu and Catherine Banda with theft of motor vehicle and theft charges.
 When the matter came up for trial before Magistrate Mbuywana Sinvula, the witness told the court that on August 9, 2022, he received a call from his nephew

identified as Phiri informing him that his wife by the name of Fahana had been abducted by unknown people.
 The witness said while he was driving from Mumbwa, he called Phiri who told him that those that abducted his wife were at Lewanika Mall in Woodlands.

Hakuwa testified that after he arrived at Lewanika Mall, he went to the car, where he found windows closed.
 He said he noticed Fahana who happened to be his niece, was in between two men.

He said after confronting them, two gentlemen vanished leaving only one.

The witness narrated that the remaining alleged abductor was told that he would be arrested since his colleagues had disappeared and he requested to make a phone call before he was arrested.

He said when he spoke to the lady on phone, he discovered it was Esther Lungu who told him that the suspect was his son, and that he should not arrest him as he was handling a family matter and he later abandoned plans to arrest him.

He further testified that

after Esther's 'purported' son was told to go and took the three vehicles the gentlemen had to Woodlands police station for safety.

The witness narrated how he handed over the three vehicles to three police officers.

And in cross-examination, the witness told the court that it was not stealing when he released the vehicles to the three police officers.

Asked to confirm if he was the one who released the said vehicles to Esther, he responded in affirmative.

Further asked if he saw Esther on that particular night driving any of the three vehicles, he responded in the negative.

Asked if without his instructions to the officer at woodlands, the three vehicles would have been released, he responded in the negative.

Govt showing other nations how not to run a country - Kasese Botha

By Jane Chanda
 Zambia's former permanent representative to the United Nations Mwaba Kasese Botha says the current state of affairs in Zambia should offer the whole world a lesson on how not to run a country.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation*, Dr Botha said it was time for global governments to learn from Zambia's mistakes and avoid similar "misrule."
 "The current state of affairs in Zambia is a lesson to the world on how not to run a country," Dr Bota

stated. "It's time for us to take responsibility for our actions and work towards creating a better future for ourselves and future generations. We need to learn from our mistakes and find a way forward. The global community should take note of Zambia's experiences and avoid making similar mistakes."

Dr Bota, expressed disappointment with Zambia's current state, citing the collapse of all social services, economic growth, and development sectors.

She said the problems have been further exacerbated by a severe energy crisis that has left the country with an average of only 360 hours of power in 12 months, equivalent to just 15 days of power.

She stated that this had never been seen before in modern history, and no government had ignored the importance of electricity in development to this extent.

Dr Bota emphasised that the government's failure to provide adequate electricity had severe consequences.

"The current state of affairs in Zambia is a lesson to the world on how not to

run a country," she stated, highlighting the gravity of the situation.

She also pointed out that farmers in heavy rainfall areas received only 6-8 medas of a 10 meda bag of fertilizer, which was insufficient to address the country's food insecurity issues.

Dr Bota also criticised the current state of the education sector, noting that children in schools were sitting on each other's laps due to overcrowding, with 150 pupils in a class of 4 by 4 and one teacher.

She highlighted that this had resulted in teachers being unable to give homework as they could not manage to check 150 books at a goal consistently.

"Even in class, teachers cannot manage to check who they are leaving behind due to the unsustainable pupil-teacher ratio," Dr Bota stated.

Dr. Kasese-Bota also added that the current education policy had a devastating impact on the country's young minds, effectively turning naturally gifted children into non-learners.



Zambia's former permanent representative to the United Nations Mwaba Kasese Botha



A comprehensively battered thief is made to carry the metal bar to the Police Station after he was caught stealing the same at one of the houses at the NAPSA Housing Complex in Lusaka yesterday morning. His fellow thieves escaped the beating. Picture by Daily Revelation

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This only happens when you don't do the monthly returns. When you are issued with a prospecting or mining licence, ensure you do your returns on time and that includes the reports. Also ensure you keep checking your emails and keep your registered phone number on because you get a number of calls from ZEMA and other

authorities on a regular basis so if they have a query and don't hear from you they quickly report that your licence and mine activities are dormant so whoever has been eyeing that licence will be considered by authorities that's how it works, stay awake and know the rules of the game otherwise you will keep blaming people for

nothing, mining business is not for those who sleep too much.

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Though it's very hard to sympathize with people who campaigned for this regime, this is very sad to say the least. Some of us knew what kind of people these guys represent. Everything about them is anti-Zambian

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- Noah G. Phiri -

In Zambia, we talk too much.

- GT Tembo -

Zesco is a clear case of leadership incompetence - Chitala

By Jane Chanda
 Former Zesco board chairman Dr Mbita Chitala has blamed the problems at the utility company to incompetent people President Hakainde Hichilema appointed to run the institution after he dismissed the technical officials he found. In an interview with Daily Revelation yesterday, Dr Chitala said technical people President Hichilema found had a 30-year plan in place to achieve the perfect goal that would benefit the country. "But the new people in charge rejected this plan, thinking the previous board was foolish, leading to

demotivation among staff and a repetition of the tragedy that occurred at Mopani," Dr Chitala said.

He attributed the recent nationwide blackout to a lack of expertise, saying the fired directors from the utility company knew how to run things, while the new inexperienced staff did not.

Dr said Zesco was a clear example of what an extremely poor and incompetent management looked like.

He said the recent blackout was a classic example of how poor management could lead to catastrophic consequences.

On Tuesday, ZESCO

called for a press briefing to discuss the blackout which occurred on Sunday.

The company linked the black out to ongoing maintenance on the Victoria Falls 220 kilovolt (KV) transmission line, which also affected Zimbabwe due to the interconnected nature of the two countries' power grids.

Zesco however, failed to state the exact cause of the disruption that triggered the outage, only saying that the company was working diligently to investigate and determine the root cause of the incident.

Asked how Zesco could better coordinate its maintenance schedules to

minimise disruptions, Dr Chitala emphasised the need for experienced leadership and a change in mindset, suggesting that government should have built on the foundations laid by the previous administration, rather than abandoning their initiatives.

On Zesco's lack of transparency and failure to communicate effectively its consumers, Dr Chitala questioned the availability of alternative channels or oversight mechanisms for citizens to access accurate and timely information about power outages and grid maintenance.

He expressed concerns

that the current management's inability to explain itself properly stemmed from its lack of experience.

The former chairman further added that resolving Zambia's energy problems was not complicated, citing the example of the Patriot Front (PF) government's initiative to collaborate with Russia to establish a nuclear power plant.

"The PF government made friends with Russia, which was willing to provide Zambia with a nuclear power plant that would have generated over 5,000 megawatts of power, and Zambians were even sent to Russia for training to run the plant, but the project was abandoned by the new government," he said. "We are now asking them to start

putting up very unreliable solar panels in their homes."

Dr Chitala said the damage to the economy had been immense and unpardonable.

Dr Chitala explained that any government taking over should be able to find out from the previous government what had been done by the previous regime.

He also expressed concern over the load-shedding hours and the vagueness of statements given out by Zesco after making final decisions without engaging the public.

"This is a clear management issue and a clear expression of how bad the management is, with the board unable to explain themselves properly due to their lack of experience," said Dr Chitala. "This decision has come back to haunt us, as we are now witnessing the devastating effects of inexperienced leadership at Zesco."

Corruption in mining undermining Zambia's growth – USA Ambassador

By Jane Chanda
 United States of America Ambassador to Zambia Michael Gonzales says corruption and exploitation in Zambia's mining sector are undermining the country's potential for economic growth.

He said the mining sector, which generates more than 75 percent of Zambia's export earnings and 40 percent of government revenue, was plagued by corrupt practices, including bribery, tax evasion, and environmental degradation.

In a speech delivered at the Transparency International Zambia (TI-

Z) 2024 Anti-Corruption Conference in Kitwe yesterday, Gonzales emphasised the need for transparency and accountability in the mining sector, citing the example of two fictional mining companies, one company prioritised short-term gains, bribed officials, and exploited local laborers, while the other company operated transparently, prioritised local beneficiation, and invested in community development.

Gonzales noted that Zambia's Financial Intelligence Center (FIC) identified mining as a primary sector for illicit

financial flows, costing the country \$500 million in tax revenue this year alone, stating that this staggering loss of revenue was a stark reminder of the urgent need for greater transparency and accountability in the mining sector.

Gonzales pointed out the importance of cooperation with the Zambia Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (ZEITI) to promote transparency in the extractives industry by publicly releasing information about companies' production and revenues, as well as the need for greater transparency in the licensing process,

including publishing license applications and approvals online.

"The U.S. government is supporting the Zambia Revenue Authority to strengthen its ability to audit mining companies' financial reports," Gonzales stated.

He added that the U.S. government was also supporting the Zambia Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (ZEITI) to promote transparency in the extractives industry.

He stated that the mining cadastra's practice of publishing issued licenses via its online portal significantly increased transparency, but greater transparency in the process by which applications were reviewed and approved, transparency in license transfer decisions, and further elimination of opportunities for individual human interventions in processes would only make the mining sector stronger.

"I have heard credible stories about license holders checking the online portal map only to see that another entity has assumed ownership of their license," he stated

"We have heard concerns from mining sector stakeholders about the government's decision to move away from the Flex Cadastre online platform, which is widely considered the global gold standard for transparent cadaster management," Gonzales added.

He stated that government provided assurances that the new system would provide yet even greater transparency

USA Ambassador

and tighter controls over processes, while meeting Zambian legal requirements.

"I think we are all eager to see the new system, with its improved transparency and accountability functionality, when the Ministry of Mines launches it on Thursday," the ambassador stated.

Gonzales noted that

Zambian citizens and their partners closely watched the issue of mining companies evading tax obligations, stating that as the government addressed fiscal pressures, it was essential to hold companies accountable for submitting required reports and paying their dues.

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Transparency International Zambia (TIZ) president Priscilla Chansa with United States of America Ambassador to Zambia Michael Gonzalez during the TIZ anti-corruption conference in Kitwe yesterday

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Angela Merkel defends ties with Russia and blocking Ukraine from Nato



Angela Merkel sat down for a rare interview with the BBC's Katya Adler

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has told the BBC the gas deals she made with Russia were intended to help German firms and kept the peace with Moscow. She also insisted the war with Ukraine would have

started earlier if she hadn't blocked Kyiv's entry into Nato in 2008.

Angela Merkel led Germany for 16 years. She was in office during the financial crisis, the 2015 migrant crisis and, significantly, Russia's 2014

invasion of Ukraine.

Was she too soft on Moscow? Too slow to help Kyiv? If she hadn't blocked Ukraine's Nato membership in 2008, would there be a war there now?

Speaking to the BBC in Berlin, Mrs Merkel is robust

in her defence of her time in office.

She says she believes the war in Ukraine would have started sooner and would likely have been worse, if Kyiv had begun the path to Nato membership in 2008.

"We would have seen military conflict even earlier. It was completely clear to me that President Putin would not have stood idly by and watched Ukraine join Nato.

"And back then, Ukraine as a country would certainly not have been as prepared as it was in February 2022."

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky disagrees.

He describes Mrs Merkel's Nato decision, backed by then-French President Nicolas Sarkozy, as a clear "miscalculation" that emboldened Russia.

In a rare interview

since she stepped down from politics three years ago, Mrs Merkel expresses concern about Vladimir Putin's renewed threats of using nuclear weapons.

The two leaders got to know each other well over the course of two decades.

"We must do everything possible to prevent the use of nuclear weapons," the former German Chancellor says.

CNN

Namibia poised to elect first female president

Namibia's Vice President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah could become the country's first female president if she wins the presidential election on Wednesday.

At least 1.4 million people, or about half of the population, have registered to vote in the elections, with 15 political parties running for president and seats in the National Assembly.

Results from special early

polls held for Namibia's foreign missions, seamen and security services announced by the Electoral Commission of Namibia this month indicate Nandi-Ndaitwah and her party, the South West Africa People's Organization, or SWAPO, are in the lead.

SWAPO has governed the southwest African country since its independence from South Africa's apartheid minority government in 1990.

But in 2019, the party lost its two-thirds majority in the National Assembly for the first time since 1994. Its dismal electoral performance has been widely attributed to allegations of corruption and money laundering in the Namibian fishing industry. Two cabinet ministers were arrested, and businessmen connected to the ministers were also convicted and imprisoned.

AFRICANEWS

UK sends dozens of long range-missiles to Ukraine – Bloomberg

Britain recently gave "dozens" of additional long-range Storm Shadow missiles to Ukraine as Kiev's supplies were running low, informed sources have told Bloomberg.

The deliveries, which were not publicly announced, were completed before the UK, US and France gave Kiev permission to launch missiles deep into Russia, the news agency said in an article on Monday.

The UK-made munitions arrived in Ukraine "several weeks ago," people familiar with the matter said. The sources declined to reveal the dates of the shipments or the number of missiles supplied, citing the need

for operational security, Bloomberg added.

The agency sought clarification from the British Defense Ministry but was informed that "we do not comment on operational details, as it would only benefit" Russia. The ministry said UK support for Ukraine remains "ironclad."

London has provided Kiev with an unspecified number of Storm Shadow missiles since the escalation of hostilities between Moscow and Kiev in February 2022. The last time the UK authorities confirmed a delivery of the munitions was in April.

White House finally confirms greenlight for

strikes deep inside Russia

Read more White House finally confirms greenlight for strikes deep inside Russia

The Storm Shadow is a precision-guided, air-launched missile with a range of over 250km (155 miles), which has been in service since the early 2000s. London developed the munitions jointly with Paris, and the French variant is known as SCALP.

According to British media reports, the Ukrainian military fired the first Storm Shadows into internationally recognized Russia territory a week ago, targeting Kursk Region. The Russian Defense Ministry reported shooting down two UK-made missiles on that day, but did not say where exactly it occurred.

The reported use of Storm Shadows came a day after Kiev's strike on Russia's Bryansk Region using US-supplied ATACMS missiles.

Moscow has repeatedly warned the West against allowing long-range Ukrainian attacks, arguing that they would make NATO a direct participant in the conflict, due to Kiev's inability to deploy sophisticated weapons on its own. RT



FILE PHOTO: A Storm Shadow/SCALP missile displayed at an exhibition in Farnborough, England. © Getty Images / Nicolas Economou

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"We hear loud and clear from transparent and accountable mining companies that they welcome this and that this is a core expectation in a partnership with an investment destination to ensure that the citizens of a country receive tangible and meaningful benefit from the resources they possess, while operating under a consistent and predictable regulatory and oversight framework," he stated.

The ambassador emphasised that holding companies accountable for complying with regulations would require credible consequences for offenders, and also highlighted that Zambia's natural heritage extends beyond underground minerals to include national parks, landscapes, wildlife, and timber.

Gonzales also pointed out that Zambia's hardwood timber, including Mukula, was being sold illicitly overseas, with locals receiving only minimal

payment while transnational criminal organisations reap millions of dollars.

"A lack of enforcement of protected areas has sadly resulted in Zambia having one of the top five rates of deforestation in the world, with some estimates showing that the country loses up to 300,000 hectares per year. One practical step that Zambia can take to combat this problem is to strengthen law enforcement agencies and accountability institutions, including the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, ACC, NPA, DEC, and FIC," he stated.

Gonzales noted that despite Zambia's tight budget, properly resourcing agencies could help stop illicit financial flows and capture revenue to fund essential public services like education, healthcare, and infrastructure, and that investing in law enforcement and accountability institutions would be a cost-effective measure, yielding significantly more revenue than its cost.

The ambassador added that, Zambians must demand concrete, decisive action from their institutions and elected leaders to root out corruption at all levels and insist on transparency and accountability.

Gonzales also emphasised the need for legislative and regulatory reforms to empower accountability institutions and allow them to function independently.

He also stressed the importance of a free and independent press in exposing corruption and holding those in power accountable.

He noted that corruption and exploitation were not limited to the mining sector, citing the example of Zambia's natural heritage, including its national parks, forests, and wildlife, which were being threatened by illicit activities such as poaching and deforestation.

Gonzales stated the need for greater transparency and accountability in the management of Zambia's natural resources.

Man United aiming for top under Ruben Amorim - Omar Berrada



Man United CEO Omar Berrada and Newly appointed coach Reuben Amorim

Manchester United are aiming to get back “to the top of domestic and European football” after appointing Ruben Amorim as head coach, the club’s CEO Omar Berrada ha said.

Amorim has overseen a 1-1 draw with Ipswich Town and will take charge of his first game at Old Trafford against Bodo/Glimt in the Europa League on Thursday following his arrival as successor to former boss Erik ten Hag.

The 39-year-old former Sporting CP coach has inherited a team languishing in the bottom half of the Premier League table

following a disappointing start to the season. Berrada insists the aim of the appointment is to get the club back competing for the biggest trophies.

“The season is now well underway for both our men’s and women’s team, and we are keen to ensure both are as competitive as possible,” Berrada said as United released their latest financial results on Tuesday.

“We are delighted to have appointed Ruben Amorim as head coach of our men’s team and remain committed to returning Manchester United to the top of domestic and European football.”

Sources have told ESPN

that Amorim will be working with a reduced transfer budget for the foreseeable future as the club continue to ensure they are compliant with the Premier League’s Profit and Sustainability Rules.

United have made a series of redundancies since Sir Jim Ratcliffe’s arrival as a minority shareholder in February in a bid to cut spending.

The cost of sacking Ten Hag and his staff and hiring Amorim is set to be revealed in United’s next financial results.

“Our cost and headcount reductions remain on track, and we are pleased to have seen further commercial traction,” Berrada said.

“Our renovation of the Carrington Training Centre is progressing well, while the Old Trafford Regeneration Task Force continues its work.

ESPN

General Motors agrees deal to enter F1 in 2026



A new team will be named after GM’s Cadillac brand

US car giant General Motors has reached an agreement in principle to enter Formula 1 in 2026 with its Cadillac brand.

A statement on Monday said that GM and its partner, the US group TWG Global, had committed to name a new team after GM’s luxury

Cadillac brand and to build its own engine “at a later time”.

F1 said the application process would “move forward”.

Greg Maffei, president and chief executive officer of F1 commercial rights holder Liberty Media, said: “With Formula 1’s

continued growth plans in the US, we have always believed that welcoming an impressive US brand like GM/Cadillac to the grid and GM as a future power unit supplier could bring additional value and interest to the sport.

“We credit the leadership of General Motors and their

partners with significant progress in their readiness to enter Formula 1.

“We are excited to move forward with the application process for the GM/Cadillac team to enter the Championship in 2026.”

Mohammed Ben Sulayem, the president of F1’s governing body the FIA, said: “General Motors is a huge global brand and powerhouse in the OEM (original equipment manufacturer) world and is working with impressive partners.

“I am fully supportive of the efforts made by the FIA, Formula 1, GM and the team to maintain dialogue and work towards this outcome of an agreement in principle to progress this application to bring a GM/Cadillac branded team onto the grid for the 2026 FIA Formula One World Championship. progresses smoothly.”

BBC



Barbra Banda is the 10th winner of the BBC Women’s Footballer of the Year award

Zambia and Orlando Pride forward Barbra Banda has been voted BBC Women’s Footballer of the Year.

She received the most votes from readers of the BBC Sport website after a five-player shortlist was announced last month.

The shortlist - based on performances from September 2023 to August 2024 - was selected by a large panel of experts involved in football around the world, including coaches, players, administrators and non-BBC journalists.

“I am shocked and surprised to have this award right by my side,” the 24-year-old told BBC Sport.

“I would like to thank the people who voted and everyone who has played a part in my life and my career - my family, my national team in Zambia and especially the Pride team. It is for everyone.”

Banda scored four goals for Zambia at the Paris Olympics this summer, including a first-half hat-trick against Australia, to become the leading African

goalscorer in Olympic history with 10.

She scored 13 goals for Pride in 2024 National Women’s Soccer League (NWSL) regular season, despite only joining in March, and four goals in the playoffs, including the winning goal in the championship final on Saturday as Orlando Pride won their maiden title.

Banda was also named Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the NWSL.

Spain and Barcelona midfielder Aitana Bonmati came second in the voting, while USA and Portland Thorns forward Sophia Smith finished third.

Norway and Barcelona winger Caroline Graham Hansen and USA and San Diego Wave defender Naomi Girma were also on the shortlist.

Banda became the second-most expensive women’s signing in history - behind Zambia team-mate Racheal Kundananji - when she joined Pride from Chinese club Shanghai Shengli \$740,000 (£581,000) in March. BBC

MVP calls claims Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson was rigged ‘illogical’

Most Valuable Promotions released a statement Monday regarding the growing controversy that Jake Paul’s unanimous decision victory over Mike Tyson was fixed, calling the allegations “illogical and inane.”

The YouTuber-turned-prizefighter Paul, 27, dominated the iconic former heavyweight champion in their Nov. 15 clash at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The event was a massive success with an \$18.1 million gate, the largest for any U.S. fight outside of Las Vegas,

and was streamed on Netflix with over 108 million live global viewers. However, the 58-year-old Tyson delivered a lackluster performance with skeptics questioning the fight’s integrity.

Amid the swirling controversy, MVP -- led by Paul and Nakisa Bidarian -- has responded to those questioning whether the fight was fixed for Paul to win.

“Both fighters in good faith performed to the best of their abilities with the goal of winning the fight,” the statement read. “There were absolutely no restrictions -- contractual or otherwise



-- around either fighter. Each boxer was able to use his full arsenal to win the fight. Any agreement to the contrary

would violate TDLR (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations) boxing rules.”

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By Mubukwanu Kaingu
Nkana coach Mwenya Chipepo says they will respect their hosts and struggling arch-rivals from the Midlands, Zanaco, in today's FAZ Super League Week 13 meeting at Sunset Stadium in Lusaka.

Today's game will mark the first time revived Nkana visit Lusaka since Chipepo's appointment on October 26.

Since then, Nkana has crawled from third from bottom at number 16 to 6th in four games with four-out-of-four wins that included a 3-1 home victory over defending champions Red Arrows on November 2.

Nkana is now on 19 points, three points behind second-placed Green Buffaloes who share 22 points with third-placed Kabwe Warriors and Power Dynamos who are at number four.

In addition, Nkana lies six points behind leaders Zesco United with five games left before the top six ABSA Cup qualification cut-off point is decided.

But Nkana have had limited time to prepare for today's game after beating Forest Rangers 2-0 at home in Kitwe on Sunday.

"They (Nkana) are prepared and not going out of camp," Chipepo said after beating Forest.

"We are playing Zanaco away from home. Zanaco have been struggling and I know it is going to be a very tough game. But we still want because we know where we want to be."

Any slip-ups by the teams

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above Nkana except for Zesco would see them sneak into the top five, a far cry from the third-from-bottom position Chipepo found them in a month ago.

However, the same cannot be said about Zanaco who occupy Nkana's old number 16 slot.

Furthermore, Zanaco have not won a single league game since Week 1 when they beat promoted and still winless Indeni 2-0 at Sunset Stadium.

Since that day on August 17, the seven-time Zambian champions have collected seven draws in eleven games.

For Zanaco, the objective is to give themselves a Christmas gift of moving out of the relegation zone with five games before the mid-season break.

As for Nkana, three points will put them in the unlikely spotlight of being league contenders from feared relegation strugglers only a month ago.

FAZ SUPER LEAGUE WEEK 13 FIXTURES

27/11/2024

Forest Rangers - Green Eagles
Green Buffaloes - Nkwazi Indeni - Nchanga Rangers
FC MUZA - Zesco United
Power Dynamos - Napsa Stars

Red Arrows - Mufulira Wanderers
Zanaco - Nkana

Kabwe Warriors - Mutondo Stars
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Lumwana Radiants - Atletico Lusaka



Nkana coach Mwenya Chipepo

'We are Aiming to Win the League' – Declares GBFC's Masautso Tembo

Green Buffaloes Football Club head coach Masautso Tembo



Green Buffaloes hope to end a 43-year Super League drought after a strong start to the season, says Tembo

Green Buffaloes Football Club head coach Masautso Tembo has revealed that the team's goal is to end the 43-year MTN Super League drought, which would be a historic achievement for the Zambia Army side.

His side last won the league in 1981 but they are currently second in the

standings with 22 points, three behind league leaders ZESCO United.

Buffaloes have six wins, four draws, and two losses, and they are confident of challenging for the league title.

In an interview with BolaNews, Tembo said the team is aiming to overcome the challenge of not winning

the league, which has eluded the club for years.

"We have our targets; the motto we have given ourselves is it's 'coming home'. Meaning, we can win even the Absa Cup, and if we go with the same momentum, we end up winning even the league," Tembo said.

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