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# SATA WAS RIGHT ON HH BEING 'UNDER-5' - MUDOLO

... Hichilema is not a bad person, he just didn't prepare to rule Zambia

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## ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF ZAMBIA

### PUBLIC NOTICE MASS REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

The Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) wishes to inform members of the public that Mass Registration of Voters will be conducted in all the 156 constituencies of the Republic of Zambia from **13<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**.

All eligible citizens are hereby encouraged to present themselves for registration.

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For details on registration centres and any other further information, please contact the **District Registration Officer** (Town Clerk or Council Secretary) in your respective district or email the Commission at [elections@elections.org.zm](mailto:elections@elections.org.zm).

The Commission calls upon all eligible citizens to take part in this important national exercise.

**REGISTER NOW! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**



**By Patson Chilemba**

**P**F presidential aspirant Willah Mudolo has described President Hakainde Hichilema is not a bad person, stressing that he did not just prepare to address the country’s problems.

And Mudolo said PF members who will be delegates to the party convention can express their support for him without formerly endorsing him, until the party opened up the campaigns for the presidency.

Speaking with *Daily Revelation* yesterday, Mudolo said the nation needed a ready made leader with a transformational national programme to take over in 2026.

He said the nation could not go through another period of misery.

He said the nation should not dwell on politicians who have been in politics for a long time without transforming the country.

He said his advice for those who had been in politics for a long time was to step aside by leaving room to the new brains to drive the country forward.

He said he did not agree with late president Michael Sata’s monicker of President Hichilema as “an under five politicians”, but he was now being proved right.

“In his own intellect and wisdom he had for seen and he seems to have known what our current President’s position was, and he seems not to have miscalculated. He might have known, you known in Bemba there is a phrase which says abakulu kutibapusa akabwe tabapusa akebo (elderly people never miss words),” Mudolo said.

“From my opinion, it seems like the late president Sata knew that our president was not prepared to lead the country. And his comments (about Under-5) are being proven because we have seen that our president was not prepared indeed. If he was prepared then four years down the line we cannot be where we are today. We cannot be having loadshedding four years after Hichilema assumed office, honestly.

“We cannot be having all these tribal divisions and all that. It means he was not prepared for leadership. So on that one I would uphold what the late president assumptions were at that time.”

He said the fact that Hichilema did not prepare was not in anyway implied to mean he was a bad person.

“There are two things here. I don’t want to ridicule the president ... the president is not a bad person per say. He is just in a position that

# Sata was right on HH being ‘under-5’ - Mudolo

he got a mandate which he was never prepared, he didn’t know what problem Zambia had, and what it would take to get out of such problems,” Mudolo said.

“So he started fishing in the dark. He never had any programme ... Even if I was to meet him now I would say ‘Mr. President with due respect you never prepared for our country.’ He has demonstrated himself. No one has to question it.”

He challenged the UPND to point at one policy drive they had undertaken as a reference point for their achievements.

But reminded that the President and the ruling UPND argued that most of the problems the country was going through were on account of the PF, which he has been a member of for a long time, Mudolo said the problems the country’s problems started way back in 1964, which anyone aspiring for leadership should have reviewed and then structured solutions to deal with the problems.

“We want a president to come in to sort out problems. So why are you coming in as a leader if you know very well that you have no ability to resolve the issues which are there? Because every country that has a new president it means that there is some transition that needs to take place and new things that need to be done,” Mudolo said. “So you cannot start crying to say ‘I found problems.’ You were supposed to know that those problems were there and then you promised us that you were going to resolve these issues and provide solutions which will now address the problems. So that is the promise he gave to us and he lied to us.”

He said if he was convinced that Hichilema had a programme he would not have been seeking the presidency.

He accused President Hichilema of failing to govern and moving around with ‘paranoia’, where he was using ‘witchhunt’ to create instability in the opposition.

He said anyone who had programmes would not preoccupy themselves on arresting the opposition, but implementing the programmes they had.

He said works should speak for a leader.

On the decision by the PF to ba “illegal campaigns” and “illegal endorsements” before the party opened up the campaigns for the convention, Mudolo said he



PF presidential aspirant Willah Mudolo

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| was aware that some had preempted the endorsements, like the Northern Province chairperson who declared | support for Brian Mundubile. He said he also had been meeting a number of people, saying people should not | vote for someone because they had been in politics for years. He said he had been |
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invited to be in government before but he refused, as he wanted to have the actual programmes because he thinks differently.

He said he agreed with the position of the party to stop campaigns and endorsements, saying the directive referred to everyone as he had also been engaging with people.

He said delegates to the convention must hold on on expressing their endorsements, but could however express their opinions on candidates.

“But people who are not part of the delegates they are free to say who they want. I don’t think that’s a wrong thing to do,” said Mudolo.

## We’ve done enough to seek another mandate from Zambians - PS Mwanakampwe



Central Province permanent secretary Milner Mwanakampwe

**By Mubanga Mubanga**

**C**entral Province permanent secretary Milner Mwanakampwe says the UPND administration has performed exceptionally well in areas where there was no “act of God”, such as the droughts.

Asked on the developments in Central Province by Daily Revelation, and if he felt the same was enough to guarantee a continuation in office for the ruling UPND, Mwanakampwe said the bitter truth was that the huge constituency development fund allocations had been disbursed to all the 15

districts in the province.

He described the levels of infrastructure development in the province as unprecedented.

“So we are of the view that what we have done is enough to go back to people by those who are charged with political mandate to go and seek another mandate which we believe overwhelmingly people accepted because of the levels of development,” Mwanakampwe said.

He said close to 500000 young people in the province had gone back to school because of free education, saying the parents of the young people

were testament enough of the government’s positive delivery of services to the people.

He said young people had been empowered with empowerment grants and life skills.

“The levels of employment which Mr President spoke about are unprecedented, isn’t it?” Mwanakampwe said.

He urged critics to appreciate government’s efforts.

“Again we are cognisant of the fact truthfully speaking that the economy is not where we envisaged it to be, okay! But the truth of the subject is that the fundamentals have been put in place, economic fundamentals,” Mwanakampwe said.

He said the economy was growing at -2.8 under the PF but today the growth was around 4 percent, which is over 6 percent turnaround from where the economy was.

“So, people may not feel yet by the cost of bread, by the cost of fuels because subsidies have been removed and a reflection of the exact price is what we are seeing now,” Mwanakampwe said.

He attributed the load management the country was passing through to the act of God.

He said loadshedding was not something that was making the government comfortable, as they were also seeing with their naked eyes that “the economy gets to be jeopardised” if the energy sector was limping.

He said until the country re-aligned by developing other energy sources away from hydro, then the country was good to run.

He said it may not be everything that President Hichilema promised that had been achieved, but above 60 percent of what the President promised Zambians had been actualised.

Mwanakampwe said the droughts the country experienced in the early 1990s, early 2000s and the drought of 2015 could not be compared to the current circumstances as the demand for energy had gone up.

He said Zambians understood that President Hichilema, in other sectors where there has been “act of God”, had performed exceptionally well.

He said Zambians beyond what politicians say saw the actual position on the ground.

Asked on the recent theft of K200,000 from his vehicle, over reports that the actual figure was K1 million, Mwanakampwe said beyond politics there were families.

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OPINION

PF seeks to restrict people's rights

The opposition Patriotic Front (PF) appears to be caught in a paradoxical web that highlights their hypocrisy. It is clear that the political heat has trapped the former ruling party so hard that they are now resorting to apparent threats against potential presidential candidates – that are interacting with the party structures and grassroots supporters.

PF chairperson for information and publicity Emmanuel Mwamba issued a statement where the party was calling for discipline among presidential aspirants, and also halting campaigns and

endorsements for preferred candidates. We seem to have a problem with this because under which article or section of the PF constitution is it stated that anyone endorsing their preferred candidate is illegal before the party announces the campaign period for conventions?

Why should people stop endorsing their choices until the so-called convention is held? This is really bizarre and double standards!

We say this because, on the one hand, PF claim to be enforcing internal discipline by restricting their members from

endorsing presidential candidates of their choice, ostensibly under the pretext of maintaining neutrality or strategic unity. On the other hand, they vociferously complain that the government is curtailing their freedoms of speech and choice, suggesting a selective approach to issues of liberty.

This duality reflects a broader tendency among political pranksters to defend their narrow interest while simultaneously imposing restrictions that serve their strategic interests. The PF's internal political restrictions is a form of self-censorship aimed at protecting the interest

of a few people and avoiding internal dissent. However, their complaints about government overreach reveal a disregard for consistent principles of political freedom and individual choices.

Such hypocrisy is undermining not only democratic values of their members, but also erodes public trust. It exposes an opportunistic use of the rhetoric of repression to rally support and deflect criticism.

Genuine commitment to democratic principles requires consistency: respecting freedoms, free speech, and free choices both within the party and in the

broader political environment. PF's actions suggest that their concern for respect for fundamental freedoms is selective and politically motivated, undermining the very freedoms they claim to defend when they feel threatened.

We see this contradictory stance a fundamental inconsistency. Why should they control and restrict political expression within its ranks, while criticising external restrictions on democratic participation? Such behaviour underscores a selective approach to democratic principles – claiming to champion democracy while imposing restrictions that serve their political interests. It also highlights a broader tendency among political entities to prioritise party discipline and strategic interests over genuine democratic engagement.

Aspiring presidential

candidates must be allowed to freely engage the larger PF membership, and sell their manifestos and programs and even get endorsements. In fact, it's important that PF members are aware of what these aspiring presidential candidates have to offer, so they can make informed decisions before the convention. That's what democracy entails.

If PF truly believe in democratic principles, they should allow their members the freedom to endorse and campaign for candidates without fear of retribution because it is within their democratic rights to do so.

For democracy to thrive, political parties must practice what they preach – embracing internal freedoms and respecting their rights to participate fully in the electoral process even when you don't like the person of their choice.

We have media freedom now as journalists are not urinated in the mouth - Kawana

(From front page)

Launching the freedom of expression (FOX) report done by the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) in Lusaka yesterday, Kawana said since the UPND came to power no journalist had been violently beaten.

“So, I noticed that the majority of the respondents were actually journalists. I was almost thinking to myself, these journalists are the journalists that are saying there are no media freedoms in this country? Benze mitundila mukamwa (you used to be urinated in your mouth),” Kawana said. “Since we took office, not a single journalist I can recall that has been violently beaten, that has been humiliated to a point of even being urinated upon, not just upon but in the mouth. Such levels of humiliation are the least of dehumanising somebody. None of that has happened to a journalist since we took office.”

Kawana said the findings of the FOX report had to be dismissed with the

“contempt” they deserve.

“So I want to vehemently, vehemently dismiss the findings with the contempt that they deserve. And I want to urge us as citizens. That we ought to be fair with ourselves,” Kawana said. “There is propaganda that is deliberately churned out to create a certain feeling in the minds of the people. That in turn creates a certain perception that does not exist.”

Kawana said if there was no freedom of expression in the country, the opposition could not be talking on radio and television every day.

“And today will be told, no there is no freedom. I hear political parties saying they are not given an opportunity to express themselves. Every day I wake up I tune onto television there are political figures on television everyday. Every day I tune to radio stations, there are political figures on radio,” Kawana said. “I must add

opposition political figures. Everyday, even now as we are talking I am sure there is a show going on. Hot FM you have a show, who is your guest now? How can we be told the opposition are not speaking?”

However, MISA chairperson Lauren Mwanza said the Fox report was a reflection of the realities faced by journalists.

“Ladies and gentleman, the FOX report is not just a research document, it is the reflection of the realities faced by our journalists, bloggers, and civil society actors as they sit to speak, write to publish and engage freely,” Mwanza said. “It highlights progress made, such as the enactment of Access to Information law, but also raises concerns over the restrictive provision within the cyber security and cyber crimes Act, and the operational environment of both traditional and digital media.”



Information and Media permanent secretary Thabo Kawana holding the Freedom of Expression (FOX) report, with MISA-Zambia chairperson Lorraine Mwanza standing next to him during the launch at Grand Palace hotel in Lusaka yesterday.

# Being in opposition is suicidal - Binwell



The Movement for Good Governance (Ichabaiche) leader Binwell Mpundu

By Martin Lubasi Lubasi  
The Movement for Good Governance (Ichabaiche) leader Binwell Mpundu says being in the opposition in Zambia today is suicidal.

Speaking when he featured on KBC’s radio programme dubbed as the “voice it out” in Kapiri Mposhi, Mpundu who is also the independent Nkana constituency member of parliament, said being in politics today was suicidal as it had become highly risky

”If you tell them the truth balaku twala ku jele (they will take you to jail). Being in politics now it’s not easy, us who have remained in politics are risking our lives” Mpundu disclosed.

He further describes the peace being talked about by the ruling UPND as hypocritical.

Mpundu said that the high cost of living and the issue of loadshedding cannot be said to be the peace because the majority Zambians were still languishing in object poverty.

He further said that

part of the agenda if he got ushered into office would be to turn Zambia into a 24 hour economy.

Mpundu said it was amiss for Zambians to be clapping for the UPND that they were working on key projects like the Lusaka-Ndola dual carriageway road yet they were doing it using tollgate funds which is taxpayers

monies.

Mpundu said that the tollgate funds should have been used to in the agriculture sector to adequately empower farmers.

“They are giving toll gate

money to the Chinese which is being shared with some government officials,” he said.

Mpundu said that the UPND government has failed the people of Zambia.

We’ve done enough to seek another mandate from Zambians - PS Mwanakampwe

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He said instead of sympathising with the person who was robbed, people were focused on the K200,000 that was stolen from the car.

He said the money in question was meant for a traditional ceremony, and the people who had stolen it confessed that they had buried it under the ground.

“So when people want to politicise such you ask what message are they sending to our parents, the Lala

and Swaka people? What are we saying to them? We must show love towards one another and empathy at times,” Mwanakampwe said. “It’s not right to politicise everything because at the end of the day we are one family ... Our children may end up spitting on our graves if the narrative does not change where we want to create hate, innuendos and conjectures.”

But asked why he was moving with such amounts in his vehicle, Mwanakampwe

said the resource was going to the chief.

“And if it’s going to a chief or to a chieftom or to the chiefs, as it where, we were purchasing 100 bags of mealie-meal, cattle, and also if you like, a physical donation, myself I deal with those leaders at that level. So at times it’s important that we are just blunt and honest with each other,” said Mwanakampwe. “It was never my personal money.”

# Fresh protests hit Tanzania after elections marred by unrest



Several people were injured on voting day as protesters clashed with the police

Fresh protests have broken out in Tanzania’s major cities, a day after elections marred by clashes between opposition supporters and the police.

Gunfire was heard in the northern city of Mwanza, while clashes broke out in the capital Dodoma and the main city Dar es Salaam, which is under heavy security with major roads blocked.

Protesters accuse the

government of undermining democracy, as the main opposition leader is in jail and another opposition figure was disqualified from the presidential election, bolstering President Samia Suluhu Hassan’s chances of winning.

The electoral commission has started announcing results, with Samia getting nearly 95% of the vote in south-western Mbea province.

She has also taken the lead in several other constituencies on the mainland and in Zanzibar.

It is the announcement of results that is reported to have sparked the new protests.

The US Embassy in Tanzania reported that the road to Dar es Salaam’s international airport was among several major routes that remained closed on Thursday.

An eyewitness told the BBC that he saw hundreds of protesters pouring into Mwanza city, which lies on the shores of Lake Victoria and has the biggest population after Dar es Salaam.

“After barely 10 minutes, we started hearing gunfire and tear gas explosions,” he said.

“We see some injured people are being evacuated towards our way.”

In Namanga town near the Kenyan border, business was paralyzed as police confronted protesters, with tear gas spilling to the Kenyan side.

Trucks transporting goods were stuck at the border.

The government has ordered civil servants to work from home until Friday as tensions escalate.

Rights group Amnesty International said reports that a civilian and a police officer had been killed in clashes on Wednesday were “deeply disturbing”.

A night-time curfew was imposed in Dar es Salaam, with sources telling the BBC that the city’s Muhimbili Hospital had seen an influx of wounded patients.

Internet connectivity remains severely disrupted across the country - a situation Amnesty warns could further inflame the situation. It called on the authorities to allow unrestricted access to information.

In the meantime protesters are said to be using a walkie-talkie app, called Zello, to plan their next moves.

President Samia is widely expected to secure a second term after opposition candidates were barred from running. The poll is also anticipated to be shoo-in for her party, which has never lost an election since independence.

Tundu Lissu, the main opposition leader, is in jail on treason charges, which he denies, and his party boycotted the vote.

Sixteen fringe parties, none of whom have historically had significant public support, were cleared to contest against Samia.

The only other serious contender, Luhaga Mpina of the ACT-Wazalendo party, was disqualified on legal technicalities.

Samia came into office in 2021 as Tanzania’s first female president following the death in office of President John Magufuli.

She was initially praised for easing political repression under her predecessor, but the political space has since narrowed, with her government accused of targeting critics through arrests and a wave of abductions. *Africanews*

By Angela Moonga

Finance minister Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane says the upcoming visit by the the high-level delegation from the World Bank showed the group’s continued confidence in Zambia’s economic reform trajectory and its support for the country’s development priorities under the Eighth National Development Plan (8NDP).

In a statement issued by the Office of Secretary to Treasury yesterday, the high level delegation that would be in the country until November 04, 2025, would comprise of WB managing director for operations Anna Bjerde, vice-president for Eastern and Southern Africa Ndiame Diop, the country director for Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, among others.

“The high-level mission underscores the World Bank Group’s continued confidence in Zambia’s economic reform trajectory and its support for the country’s development priorities under the Eighth National Development Plan (8NDP),” Dr Musokotwane said.

The key areas of focus during the visit include

# High-level WB visit a show of confidence in Zambia - Musokotwane

strengthening collaboration on economic diversification, energy access, and green growth; advancing social protection and human capital investments, particularly in education and health; scaling up climate-resilient infrastructure and digital transformation programmes; and reviewing progress under ongoing and pipeline World Bank-financed projects in Zambia.

The visit follows what the ministry described as productive engagements held by Musokotwane and his delegation during the 2025 IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C., where Zambia reaffirmed the government’s commitment to deepening fiscal reforms, accelerating private sector-led growth, and enhancing collaboration with development partners.

The World Bank delegation will hold high level meetings with the government and also engage the private sector, civil society, and development partners.

“The visit reaffirms Zambia’s strong partnership with the World Bank Group, particularly in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth. The collaboration has been instrumental in supporting policy-based operations, budget support, and sectoral investments in energy, agriculture, education, health, and social protection,” read the statement in part.

“The Ministry looks forward to constructive deliberations that will further align World Bank cooperation with Zambia’s priorities for job creation, poverty reduction, and economic resilience building.”



Finance minister  
Dr Situmbeko  
Musokotwane

## Copper price hits record in London on supply worries

Copper prices advanced to a record in London on Wednesday, as the prospect of easing US-China trade tensions provided a fresh catalyst to a rally built on supply setbacks and tariff-driven trade dislocations.

Three-month future contracts rose to as high as \$11,146 a ton on the London Metal Exchange, topping a previous peak set last year. This places copper on course for its best performance since 2017, having risen over 24% year to date.

“Copper prices are being supported by a pick-up in risk appetite on optimism about a potential trade deal between the US and China,” Craig Lang, a principal analyst at CRU Group, told Bloomberg. The metal has also been supported by the concerns about physical tightness in markets outside of the US, he added.

Copper — an industrial staple and a proxy for global economic growth — has had a tumultuous year, as confusion around US trade policy caused extreme price distortions between New York and the rest of the world.

In July, US copper prices soared to a record in anticipation of proposed tariffs on the metal, but plunged right after President

Donald Trump unexpectedly spared commodity-grade copper from the levies. Still, the price dislocation led to copper continuously gravitating toward the US as traders sought to profit from the arbitrage opportunity, exacerbating strains on supply for buyers elsewhere.

Meanwhile, unforeseen setbacks at major mines in Africa, Chile and Indonesia are piling on the pressure, potentially sending the copper market into a sizeable deficit heading into the new year. Some of the biggest copper miners, including Anglo American and Teck, recently warned that their copper production may fall below expectations in 2026.

Tallied together, the production mishaps mean global annual copper production is on course to contract for the first time since the onset of the pandemic, according to CRU.

As the impact of global mine disruptions became clearer, analysts have been turning increasingly bullish on copper, with Citigroup calling for prices to hit \$12,000 a ton in the first half of next year, while others are expecting that milestone to arrive even sooner.

Morgan Stanley predicts the global copper market will face its most severe deficit in



more than 20 years in 2026, with mines worldwide spluttering and American inventories effectively stranded. [mining.com](#)

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## I'll RESTORE SATA'S PATRIOTISM - KALABA

**Steve Mwale**  
Correct leadership president Harry Kalaba is saying the truth, cause he was one of the the leaders who worked with president SATA.

**Emmanuel Kabwe**  
HK8 he is the only politician we can trust at the moment with a clear record in everything.

**Fumbeshi Ramsey Godfrey**  
Honestly speaking UPND is dragging us backwards.  
They have come with mindset of timers  
We have to move on and progress as a nation.  
Sir, come and save us.

**Bruce Ncholeka**  
Sata is not a measure of good governance. That rhetoric is very unfortunate. We want leaders who bring new progressive ideas and imitators. Imitating is as good as plagiarism, that is flat from your end

## HH has nothing to tell Zambians - Mundubile

**Lloyd Chibombya**  
If it is about telling Zambians ,you know he has a lot to say ,in most cases he's just reminded time is not on his side ,because he has more than a days talk to tell Zambians ,especially ticking off accomplished tasks Zambians set for him.  
Let's move to your side of things , tell us how do you plan to do things differently .

**Robert Tembo**  
Nga Brian ena finshi aletweba? Ulya wine umungulu nobupuba ati alternative ati checks and balances?

**Addwell Malenga**  
If you didn't know, HH has brought law and order in Zambia compared to PF.  
No more commanders in Markets and Bus stops.

# Russian military offers safe passage for foreign media to visit encircled Ukrainian troops

The possibility was floated by President Vladimir Putin, who has issued a corresponding order to the military



FILE PHOTO. © Getty Images/South\_agency

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered the military to provide foreign journalists with access to Ukrainian troops blockaded in three areas on the front line, the Defense Ministry in Moscow announced on Thursday.

Interested parties, including Ukrainian media, would be able to inspect the situation near Krasnoarmeysk (also known as Pokrovsk), Dmitrov, and Kupyansk, for which Russia is willing to pause hostilities for up to six hours and guarantee safe passage, the ministry stated.

The opportunity is conditional on Ukraine providing similar security guarantees to both visiting journalists and Russian troops.

Putin initially proposed the idea on Wednesday. He suggested that after receiving reliable information from the front line, Ukraine would be incentivized to negotiate an honorable surrender, similarly to how fighters at the Azovstal steel mill in Mariupol laid down their arms in 2022.

“Groups of journalists could go inside those settlements, see what is going on there, talk to Ukrainian military service members and leave,” Putin

said. “Our only concern is that there should be no Ukrainian provocations.”

Kiev has denied that its forces are encircled, claiming that Russia is overstating its battlefield successes.

The Ukrainian government has previously been accused of prolonging battles from disadvantageous positions instead of accepting requests for a retreat from frontline units. According to media reports, Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky does not want to jeopardize aid from Western donors by bad publicity.

RT

A photograph of golfer Jordan Spieth wearing a blue and white striped polo shirt and a blue cap with sunglasses perched on it. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression.

# Tiger not in field as Spieth joins Hero World Challenge

Jordan Spieth, Akshay Bhatia and Billy Horschel were announced Wednesday as the three players who will fill out the 20-player field at this year's Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. As expected, tournament host Tiger Woods will not play after undergoing back surgery on 10 October that will prevent him from playing in the event at the Albany Golf Course in Nassau from 4-7 December. It is unknown what the potential timeline for a return to competition is for Woods, who will turn 50 on 30 December. The most recent tournament for the 15-time major champion was the Open Championship in July 2024, where he missed the cut. Woods also had surgery in March to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon. Meanwhile, two-time defending champion and World No 1 Scottie Scheffler highlights this year's Hero World Challenge field. **Supersport**

## Cameron Norrie topples Carlos Alcaraz at Paris Masters for 'biggest win of career'

Cameron Norrie stunned Carlos Alcaraz in the second round of the Paris Masters to claim the "biggest victory" of his career. Norrie became the first British man to beat the current World No 1 since Dan Evans defeated Novak Djokovic at the Monte Carlo Masters in 2021, coming from a set down to win 4-6 6-3 6-4 in two hours and 22 minutes. The 30-year-old, who fought off two break points from Alcaraz late in the final set, handed the Spaniard his earliest defeat. *Independent*

A photograph of football manager Arne Slot, looking thoughtful with his hand near his face, wearing a dark blue jacket.

# Slot's Carabao Cup gamble puts more pressure on Liverpool

As the heavens opened over Anfield, the TV cameras panned to the Liverpool dugout. Behind head coach Arne Slot and his bench of substitutes, Mohamed Salah, Alexander Isak, and Florian Wirtz were sat side-by-side in the stands, bundled up against the cold. The trio have more than 500 career goals between them, but on Wednesday night, they were powerless to do anything but watch as Liverpool were beaten 3-0 by Crystal Palace in the Carabao Cup. Having made 10 changes from Saturday's 3-2 defeat at Brentford, Slot will have known such an outcome was highly likely. Liverpool's mounting injury list and punishing upcoming schedule mean the Dutchman was always going to be governed by a desire to protect his senior stars when deciding on his squad for this fourth-round tie. Still, as Slot himself noted on several occasions last season, nothing good comes from losing a game. The form book shows that Liverpool have now lost six of their last seven games in all competitions, with a crisis threatening to engulf a campaign many predicted would end with another Premier League title triumph. At present, the prospect of Slot's side winning any silverware this term looks bleak. Certainly, for the first time in three years, they will not be at Wembley Stadium when the winner of this competition is decided, with Ismailia Sarr's first-half double and a late strike from Jeremy Pino consigning the Reds to yet another hugely disappointing night. Milos Kerkez was the only player who featured at Brentford to retain his place in the starting XI, with fellow left back Andy Robertson partnering Joe Gomez at center back. Calvin Ramsay -- making his first senior appearance for Liverpool in three years -- started at right back, while Slot also handed debuts to both goalkeeper Freddie Woodman and 18-year-old winger Kieran Morrison. *ESPN*

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(From page 8) where they defeated New Zealand 4-0 to secure a historic place in the knockout stage for the first time. "A lot of lessons learnt on how you approach the [knockout stage] matches. I think that our girls have become relaxed. We tried as much as possible to mentally psych them, to come in with their attitude of fighting. But from the way that we started, they were a bit too relaxed. And looking at Canada, they were coming in on us with full force, and we failed to pick up momentum," Kanyemba bemoaned. She continued: "I think some of the mistakes or the decisions that the referees were making really disturbed the tempo of the game. But overall, our lesson is: the attitude that we need to come in with when we are going to the round of 16, it's not like a group stage or game where you can recover. It's a knockout stage. You lose, you snooze. So I think we really need to work on the mental aspect of the players in that line." Kanyemba picked positives from the tournament, stating: "I think this year's performance has been far better compared to last year. We had our organization, especially in defense; we did quite well looking at the game against New Zealand." "Our strikers as well did quite well because everyone was expecting that the team would be running around Mercy Chipasula, but this tournament has revealed other players to come on board and show that they can also come to the party. *Bolanews*

# NKAUSU WELCOME’S GRANT’S EXIT

**By Kalumiana Kalumiana**  
2012 AFCON winner Davies Nkausu has described ex-Chipolopolo coach Avram Grant’s departure as expected and is hoping FAZ will consider a local for the job in the frame of Wedson Nyirenda looking at the limited time frame between now and the 2025 AFCON that kicks off over Christmas.

Grant left the Chipolopolo post on October 29 by mutual consent after three years on the job, whose highlight was back-to-back AFCON qualifications blighted by a forgettable attempt to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

He leaves the Chipolopolo job with a record of 11 wins, 5 draws and 14 losses.

Nkausu said in an interview from his base in South Africa that it is again time to go back to the proverbial drawing board to resuscitate a team that has lost its status as a big African footballing nation.

“I am happy the coach is gone and has been released him from his duties. I was just laughing to hear him say he is happy with where he has left the national team. But it is in the past now, let’s go back to the drawing board and give our own a chance. And if you look at Wedson Nyirenda, when he took over, the team was doing well, the team was performing, the team was winning,” Nkausu said.

“He is a good coach from then until now he has learned a lot and he has

added coaching badges to his CV. I mean, look at what he did when he came to South Africa, he ended up winning the Telkom Cup with Baroka.”

Nkausu said two months was not enough time to get a foreign coach so soon before a big tournament like the AFCON.

“The AFCON is around the corner. There is no time to start looking for a foreign coach who we are going to spend a lot of money on, giving him and contract and so so,” Nkausu said.

“Let’s go back to the drawing board and give our own support to him. As for the assistant coach, let’s keep Moses Sichone. He is doing a good job.”

Meanwhile, the new Chipolopolo coach’s first game will be a friendly against Bafana Bafana South Africa away on November 14 at a venue to be announced but according to sources in the Gauteng area.

Chipolopolo are in Group A at the AFCON and will play Mali in their opening game on December 22, Comoros on December 26 and hosts Morocco on December 29.

## ... urges recruitment of local coach



*Davies Nkausu was a key part of the Chipolopolo squad that shocked Africa and lifted the trophy in Gabon/Equatorial Guinea. He featured in 5 matches during the tournament and gave his all every time he stepped on the pitch.*

*International Career:*

- 32 caps for the Zambia national team
- Represented us at AFCON 2012, 2013, and 2015
- Captained the Zambia U-20 team before making his senior debut
- Club Career (Mainly in South Africa):
- University of Pretoria
- SuperSport United
- Bloemfontein Celtic
- Free State Stars
- Baroka FC



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Zambia’s journey at the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup came to an end on Wednesday after suffering a 6-0 loss to tournament favorites Canada in the Round of 16.

Despite the defeat, the team’s head coach, Carol Kanyemba, believes this year’s performance was significantly better than in

previous editions of the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup. Last year, the team lost all three of their group games, but this time they managed to

record one victory. Zambia’s only win at the competition came in their final Group F match,...  
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