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AKA, CHIBESAKUNDA ARE SPENT FORCES - MWEETWA

By Staff Reporter
 Chief government spokesperson Cornelius Mweetwa says retired Chief Justice Lombe Chibesakunda, veteran politician Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika (Aka) and the other elders who are convening the opposition to unite behind one candidate against the UPND, are spent forces who should not be taken seriously.
 [And Mweetwa says he will not respond to Citizens First (CF) leader Harry Kalaba until he has delivered "nursery lollypops" to him. (Continues on page 2)]




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... and Kalaba is still in a 'political nursery' awaiting lolly pops from me



Syakalima announces 70% Grade 12 pass rate

By Mubanga Mubanga
 Education Douglas Syakalima says 70 percent of pupils of set for examination within Zambia obtained school certificate. [Announcing the joint release of the 2025 school certificate and teacher examination results in Lusaka yesterday, Syakalima said out of 194,069 candidates who sat for examination, 136,357 obtained school certificate. (To page 2)]

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In an interview yesterday, Mweetwa dismissed the involvement of Chibesakunda, Aka, Dr Mbita Chitala, among others who are being referred to as elders, in trying to unite the opposition against the ruling UPND ahead of the August 13, 2026 general elections.

“We can’t falter them, but you know very well that those are spent forces. Where? Who is going

Aka, Chibesakunda are spent forces - Mweetwa

Kambwili whom he said was still stuck in politics of division.

“Otherwise this is the person who once told the nation that he would not go back to join the former president then, president Edgar Lungu, and that if he went back to PF he should be considered mad,”

Mweetwa said. “So he told the nation that he should be

to Tonse/FDD in Lusaka’s Chawama parliamentary by-election, and if they should be concerned about the situation especially in urban centres, Mweetwa said it was better to lose now in order to gain valuable lessons than lose in the general elections.

“So it is a good thing that has happened. It is a wakeup call. We are going to ensure that we do better,” Mweetwa said. “But I can tell you also, if that was a general election, the vote in Chawama at presidential level would have gone to President HH.”

But Citizens First (CF) leader Harry Kalaba argued that his party increased its vote percentage by 750 percent, from the 200 votes in the 2021 elections to over 1530 votes, and that the over 6000 UPND votes were stolen as they were obtained via giving electorates money and mealie-meal, among other inducements.

In response, Mweetwa said: “Well, Harry Kalaba I still have his new year gifts of lollypops. So I would



retired Chief Justice Lombe Chibesakunda

only respond to him after I have delivered the lollypops because he’s still in a political nursery.”

Asked on how he rated his chances for re-adoption to stand as member of parliament in Choma-Central in the August 13 elections, as he was facing very stiff intraparty competition in the area, Mweetwa said he would not rate his own chances because his main concern was not about being a member of parliament, but getting President Hakainde Hichilema re-elected as President.

He said President Hichilema was the one who was doing the right thing for the country.

“When it comes to Mpship, it’s just an added advantage, but not the main thing. The main business is President HH because he has rebuilt this country. Its international reputation is on firm grounds, debt restructuring, various governmental interventions that have been put in place,” said Mweetwa.

He said the UPND would

trounce the opposition with an even bigger margin than the 2021 margin.

Mweetwa also said he was impressed with the rains received so far in Choma and other areas of the country, saying he anticipated another bumper harvest from this rainy season.

Asked if he would share the same view on permanently ending the loadshedding in the country, Mweetwa said he would not want to commit to comments that the blackouts would be confined to the past at the moment because the country had not yet recovered from the worst droughts experienced in the 2023-2024 rainy season.

“So we still need a lot more water to get back to normalcy, but that will be informed by experts. Sometimes we politicians, when we rush to make political commentary, we may end up getting ourselves unnecessarily into uncalled for controversy. So we will leave that to experts,” said Mweetwa.

to follow them? Who? For what reason? There is nothing there. They are just trying to keep themselves busy. That’s all,” Mweetwa said.

On Kambwili’s remarks that he had met with

Chibesakunda, Aka and Dr Chitala who were urging opposition unity as they were not happy with the tribal trajectory the country was on under the UPND administration, Mweetwa said he sympathised with

considered mad. So how can I be answering to such a person? So I should leave him alone. And for me and the government we now want to be responding to policy.”

On the recent UPND loss

Syakalima announces 70% Grade 12 pass rate

(From front page)

Of the 194,069 candidates who sat the examination within Zambia, 136,357 (70.26%) obtained School Certificate, representing an increase of 2.07 percentage points from 68.19 percent School Certificate pass rate in 2024. When combined with the candidates from South Africa, a total of 136,434 (70.27%) candidates obtained the School Certificate out of the 194,148 candidates that sat the examination,” Syakalima said. “showing an increase by 2.08 percentage points from 68.19% that obtained the School Certificate in 2024. Further, a total of 54,771 (28.22%) candidates obtained statements, while only 2,941 (1.52%) candidates failed the examination, and the national absenteeism rate decreased by 0.15 percentage points from 1.98 percent in 2024 to 1.83 percent in 2025. “

Syakalima said, this year’s record was unprecedented, noting that this was the first time the country had crossed 70 percent mark for school certificate pass rates.

He said the improvement in the performance was due to the the sound policies and interventions

by the government UPND government.

“I wish to put it on record that this year’s pass rate is unprecedented as it is the first time ever, that Zambia has crossed the 70 percent mark for school certificate pass rates,” Syakalima said. “Despite the increased number of learners in the classrooms due to free education, the learning outcomes have shown consistent improvement in School Certificate pass rates over the past five years, from 63.93 percent in 2020 to 70.26 percent now in 2025.”

On early Childhood teachers (ECE) teacher’s examination, Syakalima said out of 253, 195 teachers obtained clear passes which represented 80.91 percent. “At year I, 195 (80.91%) obtained clear passes, 40 (16.60%) proceeded with arrears, and 3 (1.24%) failed; At year II, 242 (90.98%) obtained clearpasses, 20 (7.52%) proceeded with arrears, while 3 (1.13%) failed For year III, 159 (90.86%) obtained clear



passes, 15 (8.57%) proceeded with arrears, while 1 (0.57%) failed,” Syakalima said.

In the Primary Teacher’s Diploma (PTD) Programme exams, 164 teachers obtained clear passes, which represented 78.47 percent.

The Performance of candidates for the Primary Teacher’s Diploma examination is as follows: At year I, 164 (78.47%) obtained clear passes, 45 (21.53%) proceeded with arrears, and no candidate failed,” Siakalima said. “For year II, 131 (89.12%) obtained clear passes, 11(7.48%) proceeded with arrears, and 5 (3.40%) failed;At year III, 239 (71.13%) obtained clear passes, 81 (24.11%) proceeded with arrears, and

4 (1.19%) failed.”And on secondary teacher’s diploma programme at year I 205 obtained clear passes, at year II 201 obtained clear passes, and at year III 190 obtained clear passes “The Performance of candidates for the Secondary Teacher’s Diploma examination is as follows At Year I, 205 (86.13%) obtained clear passes, 28 (11.76%) proceeded with arrears, and 2 (1.00%) failed,” said Syakalima. “At Year II, 201 (86.64%) obtained clear passes, 27 (11.64%) proceeded with arrears, and 2 (1.00%) failed; At Year III, 190 (77.55%) obtained clear passes, 49 (20.00%) proceeded with arrears, and 1 (0.4%) failed.”



veteran politician Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika (Aka)

OPINION

There have been enhanced calls for the opposition political parties in the country to unite and remove the UPND administration from office in the August 13, 2026 general elections.

The calls have especially grown louder following the victory of FDD/Tonse/PF candidate Bright Nundwe over the UPND'S Morgan Muunda in the recent Chawama by-election, with it being argued that the urban/or peri urban set up of Chawama provided the clearest sign in terms of

Opposition unity!

the people's mood, particularly in urban centres, which would play a key role in the August 2026 general elections.

A few days after that election, a group of elders held a meeting at which they sought to unite political parties.

However, from what has been observed so far, the task of uniting opposition parties to stand under the banner of one

candidate will prove challenging again, as most of the prominent opposition leaders on the scene would not subjugate themselves under the leadership of the others. And there are plenty of examples out there rendering credence to this argument.

One only needs to look at the happenings in the PF and Tonse Alliance for instance, where those who were buddies not too long ago went separate ways, in the process seemingly creating

a new faction from the PF, the 'PF ECL movement' that will work with the Tonse Alliance. To imagine that this divorce happened in the midst of the Chawama by-election where opposition unity, especially from the PF was expected, was needed the most, explains the difficult task at hand.

We hear that from within PF itself, the Chawama by-election victory was celebrated half-heartedly, because it was apparently delivered by a grouping from within the political party that is said to be at odds

with the other faction in Tonse. As a result, we are being told that the aggrieved faction is now working socks off to outdo the other grouping which delivered in Chawama in upcoming Kasama by-election to elect the council chairperson. Watch the space as there is likely more dram in store still to come.

While this drama is happening in the PF, other vehicles have recently been formed, including the Socialist Party's led People's Pact, offering itself as an alternative in case things fail to work out in the PF or Tonse Alliance.

But despite all this, one thing Zambians are known for is they have a habit of showing the politicians their own

path when they fail to make decisions. They have always done so by choosing their own preferred arrangements from the usually congested lists, from one election to the other. And they did so even in Chawama.

In Chawama, people picked the three main contenders from a congested list. They picked the Tonse/FDD/PF candidate as first choice and then the UPND candidate, followed by a distant third, the Citizen First candidate (admittedly with improved percentages from the previous elections), in that order. We can trust the Zambian people from these three contenders in August election, or even another order should the opposition fail to unite, as it seems likely.

Katuta denounces move by state to appeal her acquittal over threatening violence charges



Chiengwe member of parliament Given Katuta

By Mubanga Mubanga
Chiengwe member of parliament Given Katuta says the UPND government is harassing her because she voted no to bill 7.

In an interview with *Daily Revelation* on

Saturday, Katuta said Henry Chuza, the person who was alleged to have been assaulted by herself, did not even work for Times of Zambia newspaper.

She said the intention by the government to appeal her acquittal by Lusaka

magistrate Idah Phiri over the threatening violence charge was meant to disgrace her owing to the decision she took to vote against bill 7.

"It was all well orchestrated by UPND to try and disgrace me because I am principled. If

you have noticed, I have been independent, this is my second term. So when UPND came into power, those who could not say yes, you noticed even on bill 7, I never said yes. So they want to bring me down, and they want to make me a zombie. And I don't believe in that," Katuta said. "So the government has, according to the constitution, they have the right to appeal. If they feel they are not happy, they have a right to appeal. We are yet to hear why they are making that appeal, because they have only served intentions that they are going to appeal. But it is very shocking and disappointing. Because if you look at some cases that have been before these courts, where the government has not even made an effort to appeal. You know some of the cases."

And Katuta said she was ready to be the first female president of Zambia. She said

she was going to stand as an independent presidential candidate in the August 13 general elections.

"So, when you ask me if I am still going ahead with my ambitions, yes I am still going ahead. Because it is time ... time has come for us women also, to be at the apex of leadership of our country. You know I do respect being in alliance," Katuta said. "But, if you look closely at these alliances and the people who are in these political parties, you can see that these are for the elites and it is about power not about the people. So, I am still going ahead and I want to represent the people of Zambia to the whole world, to show them that you can be led by a woman, who is a mother, who is non-partisan."

Katuta also congratulated the FDD for winning the Chawama by-elections. She said what happened in Chawama showed that

the UPND was already a defeated party.

She added that the victory also showed that the people have said no to dictatorial tendencies by the UPND government.

"In the place when you say to make a formidable team to defeat UPND, UPND is already a defeated party by the people of Zambia. So, the people of Zambia all that they want is to see that UPND is completely out. In a peaceful manner using a ballot box. Let me tell you something," said Katuta. "I want to repeat myself, before I answer your question. What took place in Chawama it is (was) the UPND government, it was the people vs UPND government. So, they are already defeated. Because they are just a party and the largest constituency it is the people of Zambia."

Tanzania to build 48.9km bypass to ease congestion on Tanzania-Zambia highway

By Martin Lubasi
Tanzania has unveiled plans for a 48.9 km bypass from Mbeya to Songwe to ease long-standing congestion on the Tanzania highway toward Zambia, boosting safety, speed, and regional trade. On the winding stretch of the Tanzam Highway that threads through Mbeya Region toward the Zambia border, truck after truck has laboured under heavy loads and heavier delays, often forming mile-long queues that throttle East Africa's vital trade corridor. For years, congestion at the steep section known locally as Mlima Nyoka — famously serpentine and perilous — has been a daily ordeal for drivers ferrying

goods between Tanzania and its Southern African Development Community (SADC) partners. But according to media reports from Tanzania, the government has rolled out what it calls a lasting solution — one that seeks to untangle both traffic and economic bottlenecks along this critical route. Officials have unveiled plans to construct a new 48.9-kilometre bypass road stretching from the centre of Mbeya City to Songwe, bypassing the most challenging terrain that slows freight transport en route to Zambia and beyond. The project — backed with direct funding from President Samia Suluhu Hassan and managed by the

Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) — is designed not simply to ease seasonal jams but to transform the corridor into a more reliable artery for cargo movement across East and Southern Africa. For long-distance drivers, who sometimes spent days stuck in slow-moving traffic or vulnerable to theft and accidents at popular choke points, the proposal has been welcomed as an overdue step. Many describe the existing alignment up and over Mlima Nyoka as treacherous and inefficient, slowing travel times and adding to transport costs. The bypass — rising smoothly around the hill rather than climbing through its steep slopes — is expected to cut

travel time, reduce vehicle operating costs, and enhance safety for all road users. The government has emphasised that this work is part of a broader strategic effort to enhance regional connectivity and economic activity. By smoothing the flow of traffic to Zambia — and by extension to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and other landlocked neighbours — the highway improvements dovetail with other infrastructure projects including road expansions, border management upgrades,

and efforts to modernise inland transport nodes. In recent plans, authorities have also discussed building facilities such as dry ports and leveraging rail links to diversify transit options and reduce pressure on highways. In recent months, community leaders and local elders even led symbolic blessings at the bypass site to mark the beginning of construction — blending cultural tradition with national development goals. That gesture reflects the importance of this route not only to freight movers but to the livelihoods

of communities whose commerce depends on it. As works begin in earnest, analysts say the highway overhaul could yield ripple effects across Tanzania's economy, encouraging manufacturers to tap into broader markets and positioning the nation's transport network as a reliable link between East and Southern Africa. For now, the start of the bypass project offers a tangible response to years of frustration on the road — and a promise of smoother journeys ahead.

Those who claimed to love Lungu never set a foot in Chawama - Miles

By Mubanga Mubanga
Matero member of parliament Miles Sampa (PF) as asked former president Edgar Chagwa Lungu's political advisor Chris Zumani Zimba where he was and the others in his group where when the PF was campaigning in the Chawama by-election in which the FDD/PF candidate Bright Nundwe emerged victorious.

Zimba told recently told *Daily Revelation* that Tonse Alliance had removed the PF led by Given Lubinda and Robert Chabinga from the alliance. He said they were only remaining with the 'ECL PF movement in the alliance.'

In an interview with *Daily Revelation* on Saturday, Sampa spent said he spent his personal money together with Lubinda and Chishimba Kambwili during the campaign for the Chawama by-election.

He said Zimba was "stupid" for trying to paint those in the PF led by Lubinda black.

"Some of us almost got killed, I was attacked with pangas in the night trying to protect the votes. My car had been smashed, not one, two cars smashed. Them, ECL made them where they are. They have the 4x4 ECL left for them. Where were they? They didn't bring them in Chawama when we needed them the most. Some of them have got tuma



Matero member of parliament Miles Sampa (PF)

money ECL facilitated for them to have. They didn't contribute not even one pin," Sampa said. "I was using my family money to put them there in Chawama. I spent a fortune of my personal money. Honorable Lubinda spent a fortune of his money, honorable Chishimba Kambwili, and also importantly time. But those, where were they? Where was ka stupid Zumani whose painting all of us black in the name of, 'he was the only one who loves ECL,' very stupid tell him." Sampa said it "nonsensical" that those who claimed to love Lungu never stepped a foot in Chawama to campaign in the constituency where he was the MP before becoming the president of Zambia.

"It is such nonsense,

whoever claims that they are the ones who own ECL, they are the only ones who love ECL, and nobody else, they are the ones who ECL left the title deeds name to them and they get offended when anyone talks about ECL," Sampa said. "But ECL's village was under siege. ECL's village is Chawama, that is where he grew up all his life. That is his home battlefield. He stood there as an MP once lost, I think twice lost. Then won and to Chawama it propelled him to State House. Then his very good colleague and friend took over Lawrence Sicalwe.

And Sampa said the victory by Bright Nundwe in Chawama had shown the UPND that despite the people not being happy with the way they were governing

the country, they had been waiting to speak through the ballot.

He said the UPND did not need to underestimate the intelligence of Zambians in compounds, who despite their low education levels, knew what they wanted, in as far as the elections were concerned.

"It just means that when people are silent, it doesn't

mean they are happy. They are tired of complaining and they have been waiting for their day to cast the vote, and which they did. The Zambian voters now and residents, and citizens are well educated now than they were during the MMD and UNIP times. So now we know which people mean well, they know who is who," Sampa said. "So the UPND thinks by distorting the ownership of the PF and conniving with ECZ, creating laws and rules that do not exist just to stop the PF from participating in the by-election. They want to obliterate the PF. In their own mind they have lied to themselves that as long as PF is not on the ballot, then they will win any election. Well, Chawama has taught them a lesson."

Sampa said the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) in collusion with the UPND did not want the PF

on the ballot.

"We went to the people and told them, 'look, we are asking you to vote on the leaf, and the reason is, a,b,c,d, because this government doesn't believe in democracy, they don't want the PF to be on the ballot.' There is no reason why ECZ should refuse for the PF to be on the ballot," Sampa said. "They have a compromised former secretary general they are insisting that only him. But he was fired and the courts have said he was fired. And then they said only the secretary general can sign. So we only recognise the one you fired. I mean that is nonsense. But, the message is that the people they listen, they know the truth."

Sampa said what happened in Chawama, was the same thing happening in other constituencies in Lusaka as well.

He challenged the UPND to cause another by-election in Matero constituency in order to test their popularity.

Clear laws, transparent procurement processes key in attracting credible investors - Kabesha

By Angela Moonga
Attorney General Mulilo Kabesha says clear laws, transparent procurement processes and robust enforcement mechanisms

are key in attracting credible investors and safeguarding public interest.

Speaking when he officiated at the capacity

building workshop on structuring, negotiating, ...

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Shincheonji Church of Jesus

Statement

The government has explicitly targeted a specific religious group, categorically labeling it a "social harm" and a "detriment" while mobilizing state power in a retaliatory manner. Such actions constitute a grave violation of Article 20 of the Constitution of the Republic of Korea, which guarantees the freedom of religion and the principle of the separation of church and state. The Shincheonji Church of Jesus expresses profound concern over this unilateral interference by state power and strongly urges the administration to uphold the principles of fair, restrained, and constitutional governance.

On 12 January, President Lee Jae-myung stated during a meeting with religious leaders that "societal harm [caused by a specific religion] has been neglected for too long, resulting in great damage." This was followed on 13 January by Prime Minister Kim Min-seok, who, during a Cabinet meeting, utilized terms such as "cult" and "heresy" to order a joint investigation and "eradication" measures.

These statements effectively draw a conclusion before any formal investigation has begun. Such rhetoric from the head of the executive branch preemptively brands a specific religious group as a "socially problematic entity," which could be interpreted as compromising the due process and principles of the investigative process.

While a government-mandated joint investigation is underway, the administration is blatantly dismantling constitutional boundaries by declaring the group a "cult" and a "harm" as a foregone conclusion. By what authority does a secular government define and judge religious doctrine? On what legal basis does the highest seat of power provide "investigative guidelines" that undermine the independence of the judiciary?

The criteria for "orthodoxy" or "heresy" must never be based on political proximity or secular interests; they must be rooted solely in the Holy Scriptures.

History repeats itself. Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ was branded a "heretic" and persecuted by the religious establishment of his time. Yet, history has vindicated Jesus as the cornerstone of the faith. Similarly, is it justifiable to label a religious body "heretical" based on congregation size or the assertions of rival pastors rather than the content of the Bible today?

With due regard for the issue, the Shincheonji Church of Jesus has repeatedly proposed a transparent solution: let us resolve these theological disputes through an open, public Bible examination, grounded in the Holy Scripture rather than emotion or political pressure. To date, there has been no fair response to this invitation.

Shincheonji Church of Jesus has never claimed infallibility. If there are genuine doctrinal or social errors, we ask that they be identified with specificity. We are committed to correcting any faults and have consistently maintained this stance. The Bible's teachings guide our actions as we strive to become upright believers respected in our communities. From voluntary service during national disasters to leading record-breaking blood drives during supply crises, we have sought to be a vital part of society. Despite this, the government continues to use abstract labels such as "harm" without presenting a single specific instance of verified damage.

Furthermore, despite numerous past allegations, the judicial process has repeatedly resulted in acquittals or findings of no suspicion. Recycling matters already settled by the courts as fuel for political and media attacks only leads spectators and all parties involved to question whether it reflects what the Republic of Korea stands for or marks a departure from the standards of a democratic state governed by the rule of law.

The President and the political establishment must move away from the politics of scapegoating and toward a politics of unity that serves all the people they represent. Attempts to use religious establishments to evade political risks, or to weaponize majority opinion to suppress a minority religion, serve neither national development nor democracy. The State has a duty to ensure that no citizen is ostracized or discriminated against on the basis of their faith.

If one religion is targeted today, any marginalized group could be the target tomorrow. The Shincheonji Church of Jesus will stand firm in truth and faith within the framework of law and order, and will not be silenced, affirming its constitutional right to freedom of religion. We call upon the government to cease emotional branding, base its judgments on facts and law, and return to its fundamental duty of serving all people equally.

The members of Shincheonji Church of Jesus have always been sincere people of the Republic of Korea. They have shown it through their actions, including cooperating with authorities in a collaborative spirit, engaging in unsparing volunteerism, and donating blood that saved lives. As people of faith who believe in God and Jesus, and as people of this nation, the church members will continue to live up to who they are as they always have.

19 January 2026

Members of Shincheonji Church of Jesus

Trump calls UK's Chagos deal with Mauritius 'stupid' and 'weak'



U.S. President Donald Trump lambasted Britain's deal to cede sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago including an island with an important U.S.-UK air base as an act of "total weakness" and "great stupidity" underlining why he wants to acquire Greenland.

Washington had last year given its blessing to the deal which gave the Indian Ocean islands to Mauritius but retained UK control of the Diego Garcia base under a 99-year lease.

But Trump reversed that with a typically blunt Truth Social post saying: "Shockingly, our 'brilliant' NATO Ally, the United Kingdom, is currently planning to give away the Island of Diego Garcia, the site of a vital U.S. Military

Base, to Mauritius, and to do so FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER."

He added: "There is no doubt that China and Russia have noticed this act of total weakness ... The UK giving away extremely important land is an act of GREAT STUPIDITY, and is another in a very long line of National Security reasons why Greenland has to be acquired."

Trump's attack heaps new strain on relations with Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who this week spoke out against his ambition to take over Greenland by any means to counter the encroaching presence of rivals China and Russia.

Responding to Trump's Chagos comments, the

British government said the deal was made precisely for national security reasons.

"We acted because the base on Diego Garcia was under threat after court decisions undermined our position and would have prevented it operating as intended in future," a spokesperson said.

The Chagos' six main atolls, among more than 600 islands, lie 500 km (300 miles) south of the Maldives and halfway between Africa and Indonesia, with about 4,000 people stationed there.

Britain forcibly displaced up to 2,000 indigenous Chagossians in the late 1960s and 1970s to establish the base on the Diego Garcia atoll, but has given sovereignty to former colony *Reuters*

Clear laws, transparent procurement processes key in attracting credible investors - Kabesha

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and managing Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreements in Lusaka yesterday, Kabesha said the training was timely as it reflected Zambia's commitment to responsible, sustainable PPPs which are tailored to Zambia's context informed by global best practices.

Kabesha reaffirmed government's dedication to an enabling environment for Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) that promote development, protect the public interest, and contribute to Zambia's long-term economic resilience.

"Kabesha said PPPs represent a strategic lifeline in an era where infrastructure demands outpace public resources

"He said PPPs enable the Government to harness private sector expertise, efficiency, technology, and capital to deliver vital infrastructure projects that propel economic growth, job creation, and social development.

"Kabesha said Zambia's PPP journey shows some complex arrangements which demands strong legal, institutional, and technical capacity to share risks

appropriately, ensure value for money, and avoid fiscal pitfalls.

"This is why training programmes such as this one, are of immense importance. They help strengthen our collective understanding of PPP frameworks, contract management, risk allocation, dispute resolution, and governance principles. This workshop directly addresses our core needs. Over the next four intensive days, you, distinguished participants, not only from the Attorney General's Chambers and PPP Office, but from other key Government institutions, will be equipped with foundational tools," the Attorney General stated.

"He stated that a sound legal and regulatory framework plays a critical role in the success of PPPs.

"He has since urged the participants to engage actively, share experiences and ask critical questions throughout this programme.

"The learned Attorney General emphasised that the knowledge gained should translate into improved policy decisions, stronger project preparation, and more effective implementation

of PPPs across sectors in Zambia.

"And Permanent Secretary for Administration Ministry of Justice Ambassador Isabelle Lemba stated that the workshop represents an important milestone in the collective efforts to strengthen Zambia's institutional, legal, and technical capacity to design and implement sustainable PPP projects.

"Amb. Lemba said the participants from the Attorney General's Chambers, the PPP Office at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, and other key Government institutions should engage with experts and practitioners to deepen their understanding of PPP frameworks, compliance tools, negotiation strategies, and contract management, particularly in priority sectors such as roads.

"She stated that the Ministry of Justice was grateful to the African Legal Support Facility and Messrs Addleshaw Goddard as well as other cooperating partners, for their continued support and commitment to knowledge transfer and capacity enhancement within Government.



Your VIEWS

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Opposition unity!

Rob The-Kuwema

They all must know that right now they need to choose one front amongst themselves n head into the election as one,if they want to fight each other let them fight after they win in August.

Peter Kapambwe

Upnd winning where? Kuyabebele in August

Humphrey Sinkala

Dictatorship must fall. Unite and dictator fall

Nchimunya Muhyila

time wasters! HH is not going any where!

Kansanshi, Absa in \$120,000 support to bikers

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¶We have ambitious targets for Zambia. But all of these targets are set with a timeline. So for this year, we're not necessarily expecting our riders to win, but we are expecting them to put Zambia up there on the map, around the top 50 out of the 2,000 riders competing would be impressive. Top 30, we would be holding a party."

¶And speaking on behalf of the sponsors, ABSA Bank Zambia Solwezi branch manager Lesigo Shalala Chisala said the sponsorship is an extension of the bank's

commitment to developing sports in the country, which also includes the ABSA Cup and ABSA Marathon.

¶Over eight intense days, riders navigate rugged terrain, challenging climbs and technical descents across the breathtaking landscape of South Africa's Western Cape. It is true a test of endurance, resilience, teamwork and character," Chisala said.

¶Today, we are especially proud because the cyclists that are being announced are just not competitors. They are ambassadors of Solwezi, they are ambassadors of Zambia. Their participation

on this international stage demonstrates that world-class talent exists right here in our communities."

¶Meanwhile, Kansanshi Mining PLC Assistant General Manager Axel Kottgen, the company was excited to see its corporate social responsibility programmes showing results from their work in the local communities, with the latest one by sending a team to the ABSA Cape Epic.



ABSA Bank Zambia Plc proudly joined Kansanshi Mining Plc in Solwezi to unveil the Kansanshi Cycling Team ahead of the prestigious Absa Cape Epic

CAF condemn AFCON final chaos, promise investigation into players, officials



The Confederation of African Football (CAF) will be investigating footage of players and officials' behaviour in the wake of the chaotic, and sometimes violent, scenes during the Africa Cup of Nations final.

The match between Senegal and hosts Morocco in Rabat on Sunday was physical but normal for most of the match, but descended into chaotic scenes near full time when a pair of calls went against Senegal.

The second, which saw Real Madrid's Brahim Díaz

appeal vociferously for a penalty after being brought down in the box, saw a VAR review go the way of Morocco. Senegal fans kicked off in the stands, and players and coaches also became embroiled.

Senegal coach Pape Thiaw seemed to call his players off the field, and they went down the tunnel before being called back by veteran Sadio Mané. It was a delay of around 17 minutes, during which time police had to intervene in the stands.

Díaz went on to miss the penalty, which took the match to extra time. Pape Gueye scored for the Teranga Lions, securing the title, but the match was blighted already.

CAF said in a statement:

"The Confédération Africaine de Football ("CAF") condemns the unacceptable behaviour of some players and officials during the TotalEnergies CAF Africa Cup of Nations Morocco 2025 Final between Morocco and Senegal in Rabat last night.

"CAF strongly condemns any inappropriate behaviour which occurs during matches, especially those targeting the refereeing team or match organizers.

"CAF is reviewing all footage and will refer the matter to competent bodies for appropriate action to be taken against those found guilty."

After the match, the discord continued, as Senegal's press conference went off the rails, with journalists arguing, and eventually the conference was abandoned.

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Brooklyn Peltz Beckham says he does not want to reconcile with his parents

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Peltz Beckham wrote, adding his parents have been "trying endlessly to ruin" his relationship with his wife, since before their wedding in 2022. He adopted a double-barrelled surname following the nuptials.

"I'm standing up for myself for the first time in my life," Peltz Beckham wrote to his 16.3 million followers in a lengthy statement posted across six stories on the social media platform.

Rumors of a feud between the Beckhams and their eldest son have been swirling for years with tabloids running headlines about the dispute.

CNN has attempted to contact David and Victoria Beckham for a response.

In his statement, Peltz Beckham referred to several instances that seemingly contributed to the rift.

"My mum cancelled making Nicola's dress in the eleventh hour despite how excited she was to wear

her design, forcing her to urgently find a new dress," he wrote.

Peltz wore a Valentino haute couture gown with a square neckline and decadent pooling train. Her stylist, Hollywood outfitter Leslie Fremar, told British Vogue at the time that creating the dress was the "ultimate couture experience" requiring several trips to the label's headquarters in Rome.

Victoria Beckham launched her eponymous fashion brand in 2008, which

has shown regularly at London, New York and Paris Fashion Weeks.

Peltz Beckham also said that his mother "went so far as to call me 'evil' because Nicola and I chose to include my Nanny Sandra, and Nicola's Naunni at our table, because they both didn't have their husbands."

He added that his mother "hijacked" his first dance with his wife, when he had been called to the stage where the dance with his wife was scheduled. CNN



FILE: Scenes at the just ended AFCON were the Senegalese fans crashed with match stewards

KANSANSHI, ABSA

IN \$120,000 SUPPORT TO BIKERS

By Kalumiana Kalumiana

Kansanshi Mining PLC and ABSA Bank Zambia have announced a US\$120,000 sponsorship package to send a 4-member Zambia mountain bike national team to South Africa to participate in the 8-day 2026 ABSA Cape Epic this March in Cape Town.

¶This will be Team Zambia's debut at the ABSA Cape Epic, which will run from March 15-22.

¶Kansanshi Mining PLC Corporate Affairs Superintendent Ryan Ellis said in his remarks at the package unveiling ceremony in Solwezi on Monday that Team Zambia's participation marked the culmination of a project by the mining concern that it started and has been sponsoring 10 years ago.

¶The members of the team all hail from the Kansanshi Cycling team include current national champion Davies Kawemba, ex-champion Levy Pyele, Ernest Mazabuka and Matthews Mazabuka.

¶Day one of the event will be a time trial day before the gruelling 7 days of testing the cyclists endurance in their attempt to conquer the mountains around Cape Town.

¶In terms of financial contribution from the First Quantum Kansanshi side first and foremost, we've invested in this team for a decade so there is a significant historical investment in Kansanshi cycling in the region of \$100,000 a year for over 10 years.

¶For this event specifically, ABSA's contribution, although calculated in rands, is approximately \$60,000.

¶So we can calculate appropriately and then First Quantum's contribution is of a similar monetary value, \$60,000, towards this event

specifically," Ellis said.

¶Ellis also revealed that ABSA Bank Zambia will provide technical and logistical support to Team Zambia.

¶"The Absa Cape Epic is an extremely expensive event to enter. The logistics of the event are enormous. So the cost of entering one team in the Cape Epic exceeds \$10,000. It is an 8-day event, so when you enter a team, that includes logistics, accommodation, food, all of the other costs," Ellis said.

¶"But Absa has gone quite a lot further, beyond just sponsoring two teams. They've sponsored a technical package,

¶meaning that their team of event organisers will be providing mechanical, nutritional, and various other forms of support as well to our teams. So our teams are

getting basically the VIP treatment."

¶Ellis also outlined the targets set for Team Zambia at the ABSA Cape Epic.

¶"We're not expecting our team to reach that point overnight as well. This is the first ABSA Cape Epic for our team, and we expect

that the team is going to conduct themselves with professionalism and excellence, and put Zambia on the map. A stage win or the overall win would be far beyond expectation at this stage," he said.

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Brooklyn Peltz Beckham has said he does not want to reconcile with his famous parents, former soccer star David Beckham and Spice Girl-turned-fashion-designer Victoria, in a social media post acknowledging a long-rumored family relationship breakdown.

Peltz Beckham's posted on Instagram Monday, accusing his parents of trying to "ruin" his marriage to American billionaire heiress and actress Nicola Peltz, daughter of businessman Nelson Peltz and former model Claudia Heffner Peltz.

"For my entire life, my parents have controlled narratives in the press about our family,"...

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