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from Mother Pavita Ngwira - Nyirenda New Chilenje, Kabwata, Lusaka, Zambia
Friday 8th November, 2024



Today, Thursday, 31st October 2024, marks 12 years since we welcomed Irene Banda Mulenga on Wednesday, 31st October, 2012. Please continue being a shining light in our lives. Happy 12th birthday, Princess Irene - regards Judith Banda

Congratulations Japheth Ngoma Jr



Japheth Ngoma Jr. (centre) Finally Fulfills the promise he made to his late father, of Graduating With A Bachelors Degree In Business Administration, this marks as the first Degree In the Family. Indeed The Last Shall be The first. Against All odds Japheth Ngoma Stands as a Beacon of Hope to all Zambian Youths. "I dedicate this degree to all the Zambian youths trying so hard to improve living conditions of their family's with limited resources. This is an inspiration to Zambian Youth to soldier and not give up as it is darkest before dawn. Become Better Everyday!"

Athletes , administrators get the best and make it better

By Ashton Kelly Bunda

Zambian athletes and administrators have been working to the best of their ability to try and represent mother Zambia globally, but its high time they take the best achievement they have garnered and make them better by rising to another level that will leave a lasting legacy for future generations to emulate.

Us Zambians and media in particular take every sports category seriously as it is a stepping stone to putting Zambia on the world map just the oldest Marathon Boston event which began in 1897 put United States America USA on the global athletes calendar as one of the oldest event.

There has been a huge transition gap of world class printer since Samuel Matete who was ranked ninth in world in Zurich during the Weltklasse tournament , 1991 and 1996 gold medalist Samuel Matete rose to limelight and our forefather marathon runner Yotam Muleya who was based in the USA MADE ACHIEVEMENTS AND now we have another rising star Muzala Samukonga born 9th December 2002 specialized in 400 meters represented Africa at the 2024 Paris Olympics this and performed fairly well in the September 2024 Diamond League tournament in Switzerland.

At the age of 19, he won a gold medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and Africa Championships and was a flag bearer for Zambia at the 2024 Paris Olympics

In boxing category 2018 saw another pugilist David "Sniper" Mwale the African Union (ABU) who has sponsored by Oriental Quarries promised Zambia to rise to the top and become world bantamweight champion , has come to closed the transition gap in the men's category since the great Lottie Mwale of the 980 s became one of Muhammed Ali's favorite boxer from Africa , Mwale's bitter rival was Chisanda Muti who was equally a good fighter .The World Boxing Bantamweight title is held by Japan's Junto Nakatani, who has



From The Terrace with Ashton Kelly Bunda

a professional fighting record of 27 wins.

The 1990s saw the rising of the heavy weights Joseph "No Pressure" Chingangu and Joseph "Galagata" Zulu ,Joseph Chingangu inspired Africa by reaching high level and fought heavy weight champion Vladimir Klistcho in 1090 .

Talking about getting the best so far achieved and making it better ,the men's soccer category did their best by reaching the Africa cup finals in ,the first prestigious two legged final in 1974, against Zaire which determined the nation that would host the famous boxing bout between Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazer both USA upon winning the famous game in which Godfrey Chitalu captained the national team the called the KK11. In 1994, 'The Great Kalusha Bwalya' led the team to reach the Africa cup final and lost to Nigeria, and in 2012, Christopher Katongo led Zambia and finally lifted the prestigious Africa cup of nations . After all this has been said and

done to the best of our abilities ,it time the men's national especially to take the best they have been done and make it better by qualifying to the world cup for the first time ,this they must die a little and sacrifice to play the best in their qualifying games at home and away games as they campaign for the 2030 world cup and set foot at the world cup finals for the first.

There has been a scapegoat every after fours when World Cup qualifiers kick off that players are not selected on merit by local assistant technical coaches who solicit for bribes from upcoming players.

Zambian soccer enthusiasts on local radio and television discussions say some players are not passionate and are reluctant since they are already on pay as professional players abroad, soccer followers have lamented despite increasing the World Cup to Africa nine (9) Permanent slots and Africa given special bonus for eleven (11) slots and increased chances to due to Morocco's semi finals birth in 2022 Zambia men's national team with a rich soccer history of being a football super power in Africa from the 1960s still failed to take advantage of the golden opportunity for 2026 world cup qualifications.

The old adage "Ladies First" seems to be paying off and that the Zambia men's national team called Chipolopolo must learn from women's national team christened as the Copper queens on their first qualification to the FIFA 2023 Women's Senior World Cup, Zambia's debut making the land-linked nation.

Let us take a leaf from our female legend Barbra Banda born 20th March 2000, who was last week voted as the 12th best female soccer player in the world. According to the Ballon d'Or, Banda is prolific goal getter and top score in China 's super league at Shanghai Sheng in 2000 in 2024 and has now moved to USA 's Orlando Pride as the second highest transfer fee in women's football history.

Barbra scored three hat tricks at the two 2023 Olympics games and led Zambia women's national senior team to COSAFA women cup.

BRENDA CHITINDI PETITIONS MUTALE NALUMANGO OVER TOBACCO CONTROL BILL

By Derrick Sinjela

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Pathway to green prosperity
Grassroots Trust co-founders Sebastain Scott and Rolf Shenton
Rainy season is here

Rains have started in many areas around Zambia, we have survived the long harsh dry season; hopefully predictions of good rains from the global MET people are accurate and we will enjoy normal or above normal rains although some have been warning it may not be as good as they thought.
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Tobacco Control Bill has prompted Tobacco Free Association of Zambia (TOFAZA) Executive Director Brenda Chitindi



President Hakainde Hichilema with her Vice president Witner Kapembwa Mutale-Nalumango

PS Kawana exposes Laura Miti's ignorance



PS Thabo Kawana

By Hellen Bwalya.

Permanent Secretary PS in the Ministry of Information and Media Thabo Kawana has dispelled misinformation circulating in some sections of the Media that he has been boasting of accessing expensive dialysis services due to privileges that comes with his Position therefore mocking poor people battling with a similar condition.
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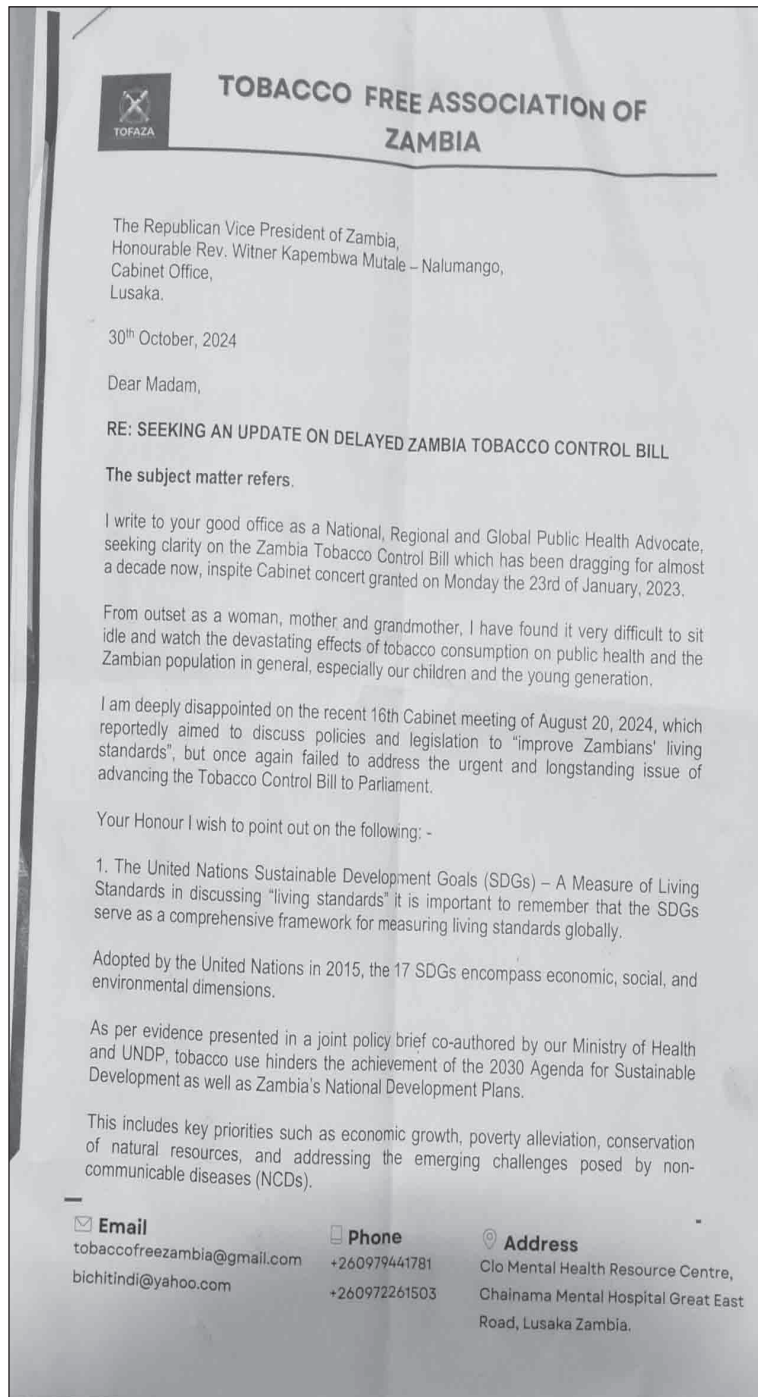
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PRESIDENT Hakainde Hichilema (left) shakes hands Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) president Jervis Zimba (middle) while ZNFU Executive Director, Ellah Chembe (right) look on during the official opening and closing ceremony for Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) 118th Annual Congress in Lusaka on Thursday.

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Brenda Chitindi petitions Witner Kapembwa Mutale-Nalumango over Tobacco Control Bill



2. The enactment of the Tobacco Control Legislation will enhance the Standard of Living for Zambians as well as strengthen World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) implementation.

Tobacco Control Legislation is a specific target (3.a) under Sustainable Development Goal 3 on health and wellbeing.

Therefore, it's implementation in Zambia would help save 7,142 lives of Zambians being lost due to tobacco-related diseases each year, mostly from cancers, diabetes, heart disease, respiratory diseases and other NCDs.

It would also mitigate HIV and tuberculosis (TB) burdens, strengthen maternal and child health, and advance Universal Health Coverage.

Zambia's tobacco use is a significant public health concern, with more than twenty fatalities per day directly related to tobacco use and more than 800 annually due to second-hand smoke exposure.

Enacting the Tobacco Control Bill is crucial to significantly improve the living standards of our people and ultimately achieving SDGs in our country.

My Call to Action, I strongly encourage the government apparatus, with the Cabinet being a vital component, to prioritize the Tobacco Control Bill and facilitate its prompt approval in Parliament.

Implementing effective legislation is essential for decreasing tobacco consumption, fostering healthier lifestyles, and protecting public health.

Sincerely Yours in public health interest,
Brenda Chitindi,

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Mrs. Chitindi is confident that as a mother and female guardian, Rev. Mutale-Nalumango will inquire as to which structure or ministerial grouping is siding with Tobacco Industry, to delay domestication of the United Nations World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (UN-WHO-FCTC), which Zambia ratified on Friday 23rd May 2008.

"As Government line ministries continue to point fingers, Chitindi found it prudent to petition Rev. Mutale-Nalumango. "As a Government Leader who should care for the citizens by protecting them from the devastating health of the poisonous tobacco products," wrote Chitindi.

Ministry of Health launches national snake bite prevention and management guidelines

By Naomi Bowa-Shumba

The Ministry of Health has launched the National Snake Bite Prevention and Management Guidelines. During a Friday 8th November 2024 official launch of the National Snake Bite Prevention and Management Guidelines, represented by the Lusaka District Health Director Dr. Simulyamana Choonga, Health Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Dr. Kennedy Lishimpi said the guidelines represent a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to addressing the challenge of snake bites.

Dr. Lishimpi said the information gathered is the result of extensive research, collaborative expertise, and a deep understanding of local context.

Dr. Lishimpi revealed that the Ministry of Health's strategy on snake bite prevention and



Lusaka District Health Director Dr. Simulyamana Choonga in the middle holding the newly launched National Snake Bite Prevention and management documents.

management encompasses three critical dimensions, which are standardised treatment, community education, and healthcare facility capacity building.

Dr. Lishimpi said the ministry is transforming medical response because currently, only 15% of healthcare

facilities treat snakebite patients with antivenom, and merely 10% have antivenom in stock.

He stated that these unacceptable numbers will change as ZAMMSA has antivenom in stock

and urged all facilities experiencing high incidence of snake bite to order. Dr. Lishimpi further revealed that Community education forms the second pillar of the Ministry of Health's approach while the third focus is strengthening healthcare facility capacity by establishing a comprehensive system that includes training healthcare workers, improving diagnostic capabilities, and creating responsive reporting mechanisms.

Meanwhile, Safety Zambia Founder Marcel Van Driel said Zambia has taken an important step in snake bite prevention and management by launching the national guidelines for all health facilities to follow.

Mr. Van Driel, a consultant and trainer of

snake bite prevention and management, revealed that the Zambia records over 36,000 bites and over 5,000 deaths annually in rural areas.

Mr. Van Driel said these numbers can be reduced by adequately training medical in snake bite treatment. Mr. Van Driel said the national guidelines will equip health workers with the type of snakes found in Zambia and how to treat their bites.

However, Mr. Van Driel bemoaned the lack of enough financial and technical support in snake bites treatment and called for various stakeholders to support government efforts in snake bite prevention and management. - Ministry of Health (MoH)

Meet Emmanuel Nkole owner of Young Phiroz!

"Dream big, Stay Positive, Work hard and enjoy the journey!"

I am a Zambian citizen by the name of Emmanuel Nkole, popularly known as YOUNG PHIROZ

I was born on the 25th of December 199... in Mpika, Northern Province. In a family of 8 been the second from the last. I started my primary school at Chibwa Community School in Mpika district of Northern Province Zambia from 1996 to 2001.

I then went to Luchembe basic school where I underwent my junior secondary school from 2002 to 2003, in mpika. Thereafter, I went to mpika secondary school where I underwent my 10th to 12th grade till 2006. Despite being at school by that time, I also assisted my elder brother in running his business.

After completing my senior secondary school level, my dreams were to study accountancy or mechanical engineering, but due to financial problems, my parents were unable to afford for my tertiary level. In 2007 I decided to travel to Lusaka to look for employments so that I could raise money for my education.

After I came to Lusaka, I started staying with my friends whilst looking for jobs, unfortunately none was found. The same friends of mine that I came to stay with were selling plastic bags for a living. So I decided to join them in the sale of plastic bags in city market. The whole year in 2007, I sold plastic bags and saved every profit I made from it. I started with a capital of K10, 000 old currency by then, now been K10 rebased. The business was okay though it had some challenges such that it was difficult for me to gain trust from customers because they would think as if you are a thief and want to steal from them.

I accepted the challenges because it's known that everyone that sells plastic bags is considered to be a thief even by now that's just the mindset that people have towards plastic sellers. But I didn't give up because I knew what I wanted in life and I had faith that the outcome was going to be ok.

In 2008, I managed to own a 'ka ntamba' popularly called (chi gulu gulu) in the same market (city market) which was very ok for me. The challenge I faced while I owned a ka ntamba were that... I would wake up as early as 04:00hrs and by 05:00hrs I would be in the market to make displays and sell abit, then by 07:00hrs we used to pack all our goods because the city council were not allowing street vendors and then we only got to sell again at 17:30hrs after the council knock off. That was a big challenge because of the hours



in between 7:00hrs to 17:30hrs that we roamed around city market without selling and during rainy season I had no shelter which also became a challenge.

Later at the end of 2008, I managed to open up a container shop from my little savings which was the best thing in my life. While on the container shop, I again faced some challenges of rental payments to the owner of the container cause when I was on the chi gulu gulu I only used to pay a small amount to the council.

At the end of 2009, I managed to open up my first shop which I named YOUNG PHIROZ GENERAL DEALERS in city market. And by this it was my dream come true. The first challenge I faced after owing my first shop was rentals, from a container that I paid for a fair charge to a shop that I started paying a huge amount of money.

Secondly the capital became a challenge because the shop needed to be stocked with more goods from time to time. Thirdly the workers started increasing in number then looking at the status I was in, I then decided to get a loan from Finca which was to be paid back in 12 months' time. Within 3 months, life and business stability changed to normal than before. And I managed to pay the whole amount within the estimated period of time through God's grace and guidance.

The other challenges I faced were that I started working with different people who had different motives and visions towards the business working setup. At times I would find myself in a situation where by I would send somebody for orders and that person would go just like that and never shows up again with the goods or the money. Others will get paid then the following day never shows up for work without informing me about the reason towards that which also was a challenge to look for a replacement on that person's position and others never understood customer relationship, they never knew how to respond to their needs in a proper manner and it contributed to the challenges.

In 2010, my business was much stable compared to the previous year with less challenges. With that I managed to open another shop in 2011, within city market though it came as a challenge to manage two shops at once as a proprietor. But later adapted to it after few months.

In 2017, I decided to change the shopping strategy into a self-service store in mind of customers to be able to see and know what they are buying and that attracted more customers and it became the perfect movement for me and my business. And it made my business

name to be known and recognized by a lot of customers, people within Lusaka and other provinces from then till now.

Many people in maybe wondering to why I employ young vibrant youths it's because; many school leavers who are still waiting for their results and some despite not attending any school levels but have abilities to work. By doing so, better to employ them to make their mind busy and for others to raise money to further their education if at all they are willing to rather than been home, meeting different people with different behavior's, background so as to that, I try to do so to reduce frustration, peer pressure and the likes that lead to destroying young youths lives and involving themselves in beer drinking, drug abuse, theft to mention but a few. And also to help all those that have a vision of owing their own business I do teach them so that they can learn from me and be encouraged from my background.

It's not by obtaining PHDs, Degrees or Diplomas that make up life perfect. Hard work, self-discipline, perseverance, focus, patience and God's guidance is what brings out the perfection in a person for a better tomorrow.

Always remember that in every business there are ups and downs and as an entrepreneur you have to expect uncertainties that include damages, no business for a day or 2 or even for a month, less profit and more loses, even if the wind blows you backwards, just stand still and firm knowing such are expectations in business management.

Start from small to bigger dreams, from zero to hero and from grass to grace not forgetting the almighty's protection and guidance. From a plastic seller to a C.E.O of YOUNG PHIROZ GENERAL DEALERS, thank you for the pain it made me raise my game, "DREAM CHASER".

Special thanks goes to; The Almighty God for his endless love, guidance and protection, my dearest family, workers, friends , our suppliers, wholesalers and other supportive companies you the best !!! not forgetting our loving customers, thank you for your endless love and support.

Everyday feels like a starting point for us. Don't just be a dreamer, be an achiever as well. Don't say you will do it tomorrow; do it today and don't say you will do it later; do it now because today is yesterday's tomorrow. Do what you can in the amount of time called life.

God uplifts those who humble themselves. Humble yourself before the lord and he will exalt you. Thank you.

- ☐ Proverbs 13:4
- ☐ Proverbs 12:24
- ☐ 1Peter 5:6

Royal Air Maroc expects to reach 7.5m passengers by end of 2024



By La rédaction

The report on public institutions and enterprises, published alongside the 2025 draft finance law, reveals that Royal Air Maroc is expected to close 2024 with 7.5 million passengers.

According to the report, available on the Ministry of Economy and Finance's website, the airline anticipates a turnover of 19.86 billion dirhams for 2024, reflecting a 4.5% increase in air traffic compared to 2023, with passenger numbers projected to reach 7.5 million.

The report also noted that in the first four months of 2024, the airline transported around 3.3 million passengers, marking a 2.7% increase over the same period in 2023, with a load factor of 76%.

As of April, Royal Air Maroc posted revenues of 8.8 billion dirhams, up 5%, but registered a net loss of 541 million dirhams.

The report highlighted the airline's remarkable performance in 2023, when it recorded its highest net profit in a decade, with a net margin of 2.2%.

In 2023, Royal Air Maroc transported over 7.2 million passengers, recovering 96% of its pre-pandemic activity despite a 10% reduction in capacity compared to 2019.

The airline also saw a 42% increase in air traffic and a 32% boost in capacity compared to 2022. Its load factor reached an impressive 77%, up 5 points from 2022, contributing to higher profitability.

Looking ahead, Royal Air Maroc has ambitious plans under its 2023 contract-program, aiming to expand its fleet from 50 to 200 aircraft by 2037, add over 100 new international routes and 46 domestic ones, and diversify revenue streams.

By 2037, the airline aims to achieve a turnover of 31.6 billion dirhams, transport 31.6 million passengers, and maintain a load factor of 82%.

This development strategy positions Royal Air Maroc as a key player in African aviation with global aspirations, supporting Morocco's tourism goals and the country's preparations for hosting the 2030 World Cup.

Royal Air Maroc (RAM), Morocco's national airline, was founded in July 1953 from the merger of Air Maroc and Air Atlas

Celim Zambia, Africa Call Zambia and Association Pope John 23rd donate mealie meal to ease Kanyama food insecurity among children and youth with disabilities

By Joseph Chanda

Celim Zambia, Africa Call Zambia and Association Pope John 23rd have donated mealie meal for families in Kanyama affected by food insecurity, focusing on those with children and youth with disabilities.

This initiative was funded by the European Union with a total amount of €25,000 (approx. ZMW 720,000) as part of the EDU-CARE PROJECT, which brought much-needed support to vulnerable households facing rising food prices and challenges brought by ongoing drought. Through such projects, the EU empowers children with disabilities, gaining access to daily nutrition, supporting educational development, and improving their overall well-being.

Together, we stand and say, "Disability is not inability."

Yesterday, in the presence of the PS Ministry of Education Dr Kamiko, the European Union Ambassador to Zambia, H.E. Karolina Stasiak and Zambia Correctional Service Director Ndiia, the distribution of mealie-meal for vulnerable families with children with disabilities began in Kanyama, Lusaka.

CELIM Zambia, Africa Call Zambia, and the Association Pope John XXIII organized this initiative, funded by the European Union as part of the EDU-CARE project.

The first 900 bags were distributed in 5 government and community schools in Kanyama, with many more to be distributed in the coming



months across an additional 5 schools in Ndola and Lusaka, for a total of around 3,000 bags of mealie-meal.

Thanks to this intervention, we are ensuring access to daily nutrition, supporting educational development, and improving the overall well-being of approximately 600 children and youth with disabilities in Zambia.

CELIM has been operating in Zambia since 1981 implementing social projects, protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, children on the move, minors and adults in conflict with the law, and sustainable agriculture projects in Zambia.

Battle for Katombora gets 'bloody'

By Derrick Sinjela

...As assailants hunt down Prince Siasiloka Siloka Mukuni

As Zambia moves closer to the competitive Thursday, 13th August 2026, Presidential, Parliamentary, and Local Government Polls, intra-party shenanigans are manifesting from Facebook page cloning to physical confrontation.

Barely a couple of days after President Hakainde Hichilema warned 'drunken master' diplomats of an early recall, a panic mode among Parliamentary and Local Government incumbents is mushrooming countrywide.

This desire to cling to power has reached Katombora Constituency in the Southern Province, with Prince Siasiloka Siloka Mukuni eager to Transform the area once elected MP escaping a brash with death.

Yet to be confirmed Assailants believed to linked to some well known stakeholders, have continuously attacked vehicles belonging to Prince Siasiloka Siloka Mukuni only to discover a wrong victim being beaten to pulp.

Fearing needless loss of life, Constituents and civil society activists are now prompting Zambia Police Service (ZPS)



Clement Andeleki

Gaphel Musamba

Prince Siasiloka

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Gaphel Musamba to intervene and bring the named culprits to book to avert the death of targeted individuals.

By Press Time on Monday

28th October 2024 till Thursday 13th August 2026, roughly 634 days remaining ahead of voting in a new crop of representatives.

The hugely popular Prince

is son to Chief Munokalya Mupotola IV Siloka III Mukuni "The Lion King" of the mighty Victoria Falls, the 19th Chief of the Toka Leya people of the Southern

Province.

Katombora constituency in Kazungula District with and was once held by-

Former Prime Minister Kebby Musokotwane who served three terms as first MP for Katombora on the United National Independence Party (UNIP) ticket from 1973, 1978 and 1983.

Late Musokotwane was in 1988 succeeded by UNIP peer Henry Siamani.

In 1991, Mathew Sikiti of the Movement for Multi-Party Democracy took the mantle and in

1996 Aggrey Kanchele served as the last MMD MP.

In 2001 and 2006, Regina Musokotwane won the seat on United Party for National Development ticket

after which Zambia's current envoy to Zimbabwe, Derick Livune, served two terms in 2011 and 2016.

Formerly, Registrar of Societies, Andeleki won the seat on Thursday 12th August 2021 but now facing prospects of being ignored by both UPND constituency and district structures, who prefer to back Siasiloka Siloka Mukuni.

A look at Siasiloka Siloka

Mukuni

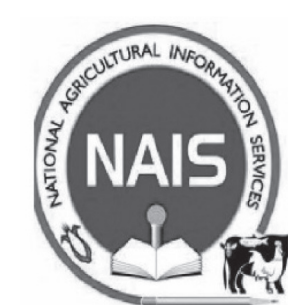
Transforming Visions into Reality is Prince Siasiloka Siloka Mukuni's agenda

Prince Siasiloka Siloka Mukuni, is treasured by the wider community for being an agile mastermind and change management expert in mobilising resources to address community needs and an established household strategist in sustainable tourism that is helping, to keep local businesses afloat and creating employment opportunities amidst challenges drought situation.

The prince is a visionary man of the people who embraces all ages and helps everyone without discrimination.

Prince Siasiloka is a great believer in empowering all citizens to enable them maximise their potential as a catalyst for development.

"I firmly believe in the untapped potential of individuals and teams and have dedicated my career to harnessing that potential to drive remarkable transformations for the greater good of our people and community," pledged Prince Siasiloka as he walks to political power as parliamentary representative of the electorate in Katombora.



Samfya District Agriculture Office Urges Farmers to Prioritize Annual General Meetings and Climate Resilience Discussions

By Cesar Mbewe

Samfya, Zambia — The Ministry of Agriculture, through the District Agriculture Coordinator (DACO)'s office in

Samfya, has called on farmers and cooperatives to prioritize Annual General Meetings (AGMs), emphasizing their role in fostering effective record-keeping, growth, and resilience against climate

challenges. Speaking at the Samfya Future Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative's AGM held at the Samfya Skills Centre, Bangweulu Block Extension Officer Mr.

Michael Mulungwe underlined that these meetings not only track cooperative progress but also provide a platform for exchanging vital knowledge. He advised cooperatives to use AGMs as opportunities to share insights on climate change and smart agricultural practices, aligning with government-prescribed strategies through the DACO's office.

"AGMs are vital as they allow cooperatives to review growth, identify challenges, and discuss essential topics like climate resilience and smart agriculture. This way, they can better adapt to the changing environment," said

Mr. Mulungwe. Expressing concern over some cooperatives' lapses in record-keeping and adherence to by-laws, Mr. Mulungwe encouraged farmers to fully utilize AGMs for their benefit and the DACO's office in tracking collective progress. He added that government support hinges on cooperatives' proactive efforts to strengthen their internal systems and adapt to prescribed climate-smart techniques.

The DACO's office in Samfya remains committed to supporting cooperatives in building resilience and promoting sustainable agricultural practices to enhance long-term productivity.

Livestock Pass on

By Mathews Nyirenda

The livestock pass-on programmes under the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock has increased the cattle population by twenty-two per cent in Kasama district in Northern province.

Speaking during the sixth pass-on event, Kasama District Commissioner Annie Paul has revealed that the pass-on program that started with a total of 312 animals for 203 beneficiaries has increased to 402 dairy animals with 284 beneficiaries, reflecting an increase of 81 new beneficiaries guaranteeing the future of the Musa milk processing centre.

Ms Paul said progress has been possible through government livestock programs such as the Climate Resilient Livestock Management Project (CRLMP), the Enhanced Smallholder Livestock Investment Programme (ESLIP), and the Sustainable Livestock Infrastructure Management Project (SLIMP).



She said the livestock pass-on programs are proving to be effective as more households are benefiting from the program each year.

And Acting Kasama District Fisheries and Livestock Coordinator Chilando Zamba has added the 284 beneficiaries directly engaged in livestock activities such as pasture production and value addition in dairy products.

Mrs Zamba said the Musa Milk Processing

Plant is now used as a field school to train more farmers to enhance livestock production and productivity.

Meanwhile, pass-on beneficiary farmer Catherine Liamba has commended the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock saying the program has enabled smallholder farmers to diversify their farming business.

Mrs Liamba said the pass-on program has also enhanced community togetherness through

farmers sharing of their offspring of their livestock.

The Musa Milk Processing Plant was constructed under the Livestock Infrastructure Development Support Project (LISP) funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB) to improve smallholder livestock production and productivity, create market linkages and increase household income.-NAIS

Zambians deserve better life, insists M4CE's Kaluba Musenda Simuyemba

By Derrick Sinjela

Since its birth between 2017 and 2019, todote Movement for Change and Equality (M4CE) party leader and national chairperson Musenda Kaluba Simuyemba is on a radical crusade to better life among citizens.

Born and bred in Abercon (Mbalala) in the Northern Province, Mr. Simuyemba's M4CE is determined to vigorous fight poverty through pursuing policies that entrench equality.

In a Friday 8th November 2024 interview on Lutanda Radio 90.1FM, Kasama, Northern Province, anchored by Francis Masauso, Simuyemba says after a thorough probe, indigenous people are in dire straits and reduced to spectators, as trading, agriculture and mining are in the hands of foreigners.

Flanked by Northern Province chairperson Innocent



Chileshe, Simuyemba laments that a majority of the 20 million citizens are economically excluded.

Zeroing agriculture, Simuyemba cried foul that access to seed is dictated by foreigners literally 'criminalising' any citizen found with indigenous seed varieties.

In a Friday 19th APRIL, 2024, jointly signed statement, Zambia

Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity (ZAAB) National Coordinator, Mutinta Nketani, and Chairperson Vladimir Chilinya sought government intervention to protect National Food Sovereignty.

A proposed new Plant Breeders Rights (PBR) Bill, availed to Zambian stakeholders on the 15th of April 2024 for consultations starting 18th April, aims at explicitly providing increased control and market benefit of multinational seed companies, and goes against all principles of good governance, national interest and Farmers' Rights.

The new PBR Bill aims to facilitate Zambia's membership to UPOV, a union that discriminates against small scale farmers, targeting them unnecessarily with substantial fees and policing mechanisms, and criminalising Farmers' Rights to save, share and re-use seeds.

In 2016, the United Nations

Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food wrote to the Zambian Government, expressing concern regarding the considerable negative impacts of International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) in relation to fulfilling the right to food in Africa.

Simuyemba says once in leadership, M4CE will introduce sustainable agriculture systems empowering indigenous farming communities, now confined to perpetual impoverished lifestyle.

Buttressing ZAAB, Simuyemba says locally sourced seed varieties will be provided to farmers managed by community banks and traditional leadership.

On the extractive industry, using Chile and South Africa says mining will become a nationalised sector controlled by the Zambian people.

Bob Sichinga opposes Lt. Gen. Maliti Solochi's ZNS mine idea

By Lazarus Sichula



Robert Sichinga

Former Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister Robert Sichinga is opposing Zambia National Service (ZNS), getting into the business of investing in mining minerals.

Following Lieutenant General Maliti Solochi's public confirmation that after a mining operation in Kitwe, Copperbelt Province, ZNS will in 2027, open a copper mine in North Western Province, a tart Mr.

Sichinga argued that the 'business appetite' is bringing confusion in Zambia.

Sichinga contends that it is not the mandate of the ZNS to do mining.

"The ZNS mandate is clear and does not include responsibility of mining minerals.

The New Dawn Administration is a diversion of resources, as Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Investment Holdings (ZCCM-IH) has an investment and

shareholding mandate in privately owned mines.

Sichinga argued that allowing ZNS to do mining, despite its competitive advantage, is like asking the Zambia Air Force (ZAF) to start doing wildlife conservation, an area it has no business in.

However, Sichinga agreed with government's realization for Zambia and Zambians to start owning mines and earning commensurate foreign exchange from her mineral resource

endowment.

Sichinga implored President Hakainde Hichilema through Minerals and Mines Development Minister (MMMD) Paul Chongo Kabuswe to realise that nothing stops the Zambian government to have 100% shareholding in Konkola Copperbelt Mines (KCM), Mopani Copper Mines (MCM), First Quantum Minerals (FQM) or Kagem Mining Limited.

In October 2023, Vice

President Reverend Wither Kapembwa Mutale-Nalumango clarified in parliament that the proposed setting up of a US\$15 billion copper smelting plant by the Zambia National Service -ZNS- in Kabompo district, North-Western province was just an intention.

Government secured US\$15 billion from China for the setting up of a copper smelting plant poised as the largest in Africa.

Education is not just an end, but a beginning: DMI St. Eugene University's 15th Graduation

By Hellen Bwalya and Fulman Mukobeko

Secretary for Technical Services Joel Kamoko

says education is not just an end, but a beginning to overcoming new academic boundaries and

profound responsibilities.

In a speech read by MoE Director of Early Childhood Education Charm Kalimbika at



DMI St. Eugene University's 15th Graduation Ceremony in Lusaka, Mr. Kamoko expressed pride and optimism in Zambia's higher education system.

In a speech read by Fr Andrew Simpasa, Catholic Archbishop of Lusaka Alick Banda said that the graduation signifies not only the end of the journey but also the beginning of the students' new role as professionals ready to contribute meaningfully to the world.

"Under President Hakainde Hichile-

ma's leadership, we are committed to nurturing Zambia's most valuable asset: its people. Human capital is the bedrock of our national development. Today, we gather not just to celebrate individual achievements, but to applaud the collective effort that uplifts our society." Mr. Kamoko said imbued with a profound sense of pride and optimism.

Meanwhile, acknowledging Higher Education Authority (HEA), the Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ)

and the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Zambia (NMCZ), DMI-St Eugene University Chancellor Jesudass Emmanuel Arulraj applauded Dr. Hichilema's free education leadership credentials.

And DMI-St Eugene University Council President Thomson Ananth assured that the 1,114 graduands that have been conferred degrees and diplomas have been properly transformed into experts in their respective fields of organization.

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Unraveling the truth

OPINION

BARRICK LUMWANA SUPER PIT PROJECT: A COMPLEMENTARY INVESTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ZAMBIA



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The commissioning of the Barrick Lumwana Super Pit Project by the President of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 marked a high-water mark in the country's drive toward industrialisation and economic diversification. The Lumwana Super Pit project is among the largest open-pit copper mines in Africa and a good example of a complementary investment-one that will not only enhance Barrick's operations but also contribute significantly to Zambia's overall economic plan.

Complementary Investment to Barrick and Zambia's Economy

Complementary investment in this context describes investments that, though meant to benefit one sector or an entity, send ripples that uplift other sectors. In the context of the Lumwana Super Pit Project, investment by Barrick will not only add to its copper mining operations but create a ripple effect on the economy of Zambia. It adds value to the mining sector in Zambia and creates demand for complementary industries like energy, logistics, and construction.

As a multinational company, Barrick is highly invested in copper mining, a backbone of Zambia's economy. Mining alone is highly dependent on other inputs, such as transportation infrastructure, skilled labor, and consistent energy supply. It is vital that the investments given to complementary sectors actually make operations of Barrick efficient. As an example, the road and rail network will ensure easy transportation of copper from the mine to the global market, while investment in generation will mean energy for mining. This underlines the level of economic interdependence between Barrick and Zambia; the country relies heavily on copper mining, which is one of its few sources of export earnings, while the success of firms like Barrick bears directly upon the economic stability of Zambia. The Lumwana Super Pit Project thus represents not just a boon for Barrick but an important constituent element in stabilising the wider economy of Zambia. Investment in mining gives the country more jobs, better tax revenues, and encourages auxiliary industries growth.

Government Policy on Encouraging Complementary Investments

The Zambian government has taken cognizance of such investment and through policy is creating an enabling environment to encourage other companies to invest complementarily in ways that will add value to industrialisation. The Lumwana project should serve as a model for future investments, where the government must incentivize companies to invest not only in mining but in the support sectors that make mining viable.

Encouraging Complementary Investments in Key Sectors

Energy Sector: The mining industry consumes a large amount of electricity, and Zambia's energy sector must expand to meet this demand. By promoting investments in renewable energy sources and upgrading existing power plants, the government can ensure that Zambia's mining operations remain competitive and sustainable.

Infrastructure Development: Building robust transportation networks, including roads, rail, and ports, is essential for getting Zambia's

mineral wealth to international markets. The government can offer tax incentives or public-private partnership models to encourage infrastructure development, which will benefit both mining companies and other industries.

- **Skills Development:** Zambia must also invest in education and training programs that produce a skilled workforce capable of working in advanced mining operations and other technological industries. Collaboration between the government, mining companies, technological industries and educational institutions can develop technical training programs tailored to the needs of the productive industry.
- **Other Strategies for Economic Diversification and Industrialisation**

While mutually complementary investments, such as the Lumwana Super Pit, play a big role in this case, the government of Zambia must equally provide the conditions that stimulate independent, exclusive, and substitute investments in order to further reduce dependence on copper mining.

1. **Independent Investments**
 - **Definition:** These are different investments which exist independently of the mining sector, creating alternative revenue streams and economic activities.
 - **Encouragement:** It has to be encouraging by the government of industries such as agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing. Investments in these sectors reduce reliance on mining and create a more diversified economic stability.

- **Example:** In the agriculture sector, large scale and national wide irrigation projects and agroprocessing facilities would supply jobs, food security, and exports independent of the copper industry.

2. **Exclusive Investments**
 - **Definition:** Exclusive investments are those which deal with only certain sectors without their linkage with mining or any other industries.
 - **Incentives:** Manufacturing and technological industries can be incentivized to grow independently, without relying on the mining industry for its development. In that way, innovation and value addition would be imparted to the raw materials.

- **Example:** The government can encourage the establishment of local manufacturing industries involved in copper cable processing at a large scale to add value in the country and begin reshaping the nation into a major exporter of copper cables in the globe as opposed to a copper exporter

3. **Substitute Investments**
 - **Definition:** Such investments are substitutes for mining and, therefore, might take over after mining in the long run.
 - **Encouragement:** These are sectors which provide long-term sustainability and hence could substitute for the overreliance on finite natural resources such as copper, and these comprise projects of renewable energy, growth in the digital economy, or the industries of environmental conservation.

- **Example:** Solar investments in hydropower plants, Farm Blocks and around all mining plants, meeting all of Zambia's energy needs and offering another source of revenue due to regional demand for clean energy, tourism investments where all large portion of tourism sites are packaged and well accessed by local and foreign tourists.

Conclusion

Commissioning the Barrick Lumwana Super Pit Project represents a complementary investment milestone that testifies to the role played by Zambia's mining industry in contributing to economic development. But the Zambian government needs to create a diversified economy by promoting investments that are complementary, independent, exclusive, and substitutes. It is such a holistic approach that will not only minimize the economic dependency of the nation on mining but also ensure a long-term sustainable growth path. With this multi-pronged approach, a path of robust industrialisation and hence a resilient economy for generations to come can be sought for Zambia.

Pathway to green prosperity

Rainy season is here



Grassroots Trust co-founders Sebastain Scott and Rolf Shenton

By Sebastain Scott, Grassroots Trust

Rains have started in many areas around Zambia, we have survived the long harsh dry season; hopefully predictions of good rains from the global MET people are accurate and we will enjoy normal or above normal rains although some have been warning it may not be as good as they thought.

How can we make the best of the 2024/25 season?

At Grassroots Trust we always advise, prepare for the worst and hope for the best. By this we mean make sure your soil is as healthy as possible, if your soil is burned, bare and baked hard in the sun it will not accept much rain, most will run off causing floods down the slope and gathering volume and speed, overloading the dambos, streams and rivers and be in Mozambique or Congo with a few days, together with a lot of Zambia's precious top soil. If the water doesn't enter your soil quickly, it will remain dry and drought will within a week.

Hopefully you managed to keep the fire off your lands this dry season and it remains covered with living and dead plants. Think of plants as God's blanket, the more plant cover you have, the quicker the rain will infiltrate into your soil and move efficiently down deeper when more rain arrives; more water, more growth, less drought, less problems!

How can you test if your soil is healthy and alive?

Scientific soil tests are useful if you have money to buy and add chemical fertilisers to correct any problem found. However, more and more farmers are finding that restoring the biology, the worms, insects, bacteria, fungi in the soil offers a much cheaper, more resilient long term solution to soil fertility. This essentially requires more plants, living and dead cycling in each square meter. Diversity too is critical, there are no monocultures in nature.

To get an idea of how fertile your soil is, dig a handful of soil from your field and compare it with a handful taken from under a healthy bush next to the field. I'll bet the bush soil is dark, lumpy in texture and smells like compost while your field is light in colour, loose like sand and has no smell. As you do more of these comparisons you will begin to understand what your land needs to look like to be naturally fertile; a mix of deep rooted and shallow rooted plants of many different species is best, Mother nature gives us the perfect lessons as we look into the bush

Now think of how to arrange your crops in the same way. Sebastain Scott plants lines (alleys) of leguminous fast-growing trees like pigeonpea, leucaena, Gliricidia and

musangu 3m apart across all his fields. In one of the blocks between the trees, he may plant maize and in the other block legumes like soya, groundnuts or nyemba. The next year he will rotate them, the maize benefitting from the legumes. The fresh shoots from the trees will be cut right down and placed in between the maize rows and buried lightly just before top dressing time. The fresh shoots break down quickly releasing 'free' natural nitrogen to the maize.

Pumpkins planted under the maize suppress new weeds with their big leaves as our grandmothers taught us. Weeding has to be by hand because selective herbicides would kill either the legumes or the maize. But crops cover quickly and shade out the weeds so once or sometimes twice is enough. Late weeds are encouraged to feed the soil and keep the soil healthy for rain to infiltrate. Whatever you try, copy nature lessons, many different plants growing together is better than bare soil and a few lines of maize alone. Good luck!

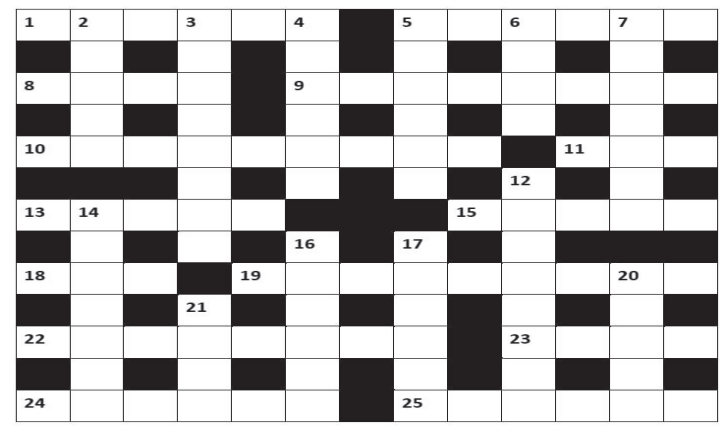
Next week we will discuss how we can better manage our livestock in the rainy season.

Rolf Shenton
Grassroots Trust

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2024 CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO. 010

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1. Resist (6)
 5. Greet (6)
 8. Pigeon (4)
 9. Pigs feet (8)
 10. Build (9)
 11. Triumph (3)
 13. Pilfer (5)
 15. Tag (5)
 18. Fifth month (3)
 19. Explodes (9)
 22. Hires (8)
 23. Lot (4)
 24. Most recent (6)
 25. Sewing tool (6)
 - DOWN
 2. Picture (5)
 3. Abroad (8)
 4. Goes in (6)
 5. Burn (6)
 6. Tardy (4)
 7. White ant (7)
 12. Garden of Eden (8)
 14. Windpipe (7)
 16. Hate (6)
 17. Venom (6)
 20. Praise highly (5)
 21. Liberate (4)



- ACROSS: 1. Space, 4. Tongue, 8. Line, 9. Ram, 10. Tied, 11. Possess, 12. Minus, 15. Cam, 17. Pill, 20. Drake, 21. Accused, 24. Zero, 26. Oar, 27. Shoe, 28. Kettle, 29. Otter.
- DOWN: 2. Prison, 3. Chess, 4. Tame, 5. Net, 6. Uterus, 7. Present, 13. ILL, 14. Spectre, 16. Ark, 18. Grieve, 19. Demote, 22. Upset, 23. None, 25. Opt.

Crossword Puzzle Courtesy of Macleod Nyasulu-Zambian Developmental Media Alliance (ZADEMA)

Thabo Kawana exposes Laura's ignorance on the presence of free dialysis units in govt. hospitals



Augustine Mukuka and PS Thabo Kawana (right)

By Hellen Bwalya.

Paratus completes its East-West Africa fiber route

By Gail Makin

Paratus Group, the pan-African telco, has completed its East-West Africa fiber route, offering a fast and resilient link to anywhere in the world from anywhere in the southern African region.

The Paratus East-West route, the first coast to coast terrestrial route using Paratus built fiber infrastructure, offers an alternative terrestrial route, the current demand for which has been precipitated and expedited by the recent and frequent network outages, read a Monday 4th November 2024 Press Statement.

As Paratus Group CEO, Schalk Erasmus says: "This sea-change in imperatives has arisen due to break-ages in certain subsea cable systems. Operators need a more reliable route and, with our new East-West route, by connecting to the Equiano sub-sea cable, we can assure customers a fast and robust alternative. Our East-West fiber route isn't just a line on a map — it's Africa's digital life-line."

The new state-of-the-art terrestrial fiber network extends from the east coast of Africa in Maputo, through Johannesburg and across Botswana and Namibia, to the west coast of Africa at the Cable Landing Station in Swakopmund, Namibia. Paratus is the leading partner for the Equiano Subsea Cable in Swakopmund, Namibia. This strategic East-West route bolsters the Paratus regional network infrastructure and provides unmatched reliability and low-latency connectivity across Southern Africa.

Paratus Group Chief Commercial Officer, Martin Cox says the new fiber East-West route uniquely combines local expertise with global reach. "As a steadfast partner with pan-African expertise, we offer unequalled wholesale capacity solutions for network operators. Because we understand the unique connectivity needs of the various regions, we have tailored our solutions to specific requirements, and we offer carriers and operators not only a diverse East-West route but also onward transmission to Europe.

Connecting to the East-West fiber route, Paratus operates the fastest fiber express route from southern Africa to Europe via the Equiano sub-sea cable. Using Infinera FlexILS and GX Series DWDM equipment, latency on the new route is just 123 milliseconds and can support wave-lengths of up to 800Gb.

The Paratus is committed to raising the bar for providing quality connectivity in Africa. With an eye on the future, the group is investing in infrastructure and establishing itself as a key player in delivering integrated network services across the continent. Among its many and diverse achievements, the group has invested in and launched the East-to-West Africa fiber route and the express route from Johannesburg to the rest of the world.

The Group has operations in 15 African countries and employs approximately 800 people across the group. The business extends further to provide satellite connectivity-focused services in more than 30 African countries. This connects African businesses across the continent and delivers end-to-end service excellence. The group's footprint extends beyond Africa to international points of presence (PoPs) in Europe, the UK and the USA.

Born and bred in Africa, Paratus is thinking big as it grows its footprint to deliver Africa's quality network. The Group aims to deliver real value and services to communities across Africa, while making a positive contribution to transformation in terms of both the people and the environment.

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Permanent Secretary PS in the Ministry of Information and Media Thabo Kawana has dispelled misinformation circulating in some sections of the Media that he has been boasting of accessing expensive dialysis services due to privileges that comes with his Position therefore mocking poor people battling with a similar condition.

The Permanent Secretary revealed that the Post that he made on his social media platform was meant to encourage Reno Patients around the Country not to give up and hold self-pity parties as this service is freely accessible at any government major hospital dotted around the whole Country provided one has NHIMA membership.

He clarified that the pictures he posted were taken from Kitwe Teaching Hospital and not some luxurious expensive private facility as insinuated by majority critics.

Mr Kawana agreed that indeed Dialysis services are quite expensive and many people in Zambia with this condition cannot afford to foot the bill that is attached to it, hence the New Dawn government has ensured that this service is available on NHIMA so that many can access it free of charge at the nearest government hospital within their reach.

He further schooled Ms Laura Miti to consult before expressing her full-blown ignorance and making disparaging statements on social media as she is one of the senior citizen in the Civil Society space and a commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Zambia.

And Mr Augustine Mukuka from the Kidney Association of Zambia re-echoed Mr Kawana's statement that indeed Dialysis services are now Free of Charge in all government hospitals and can be accessed everywhere to cut on patient's travel expenses.

Mr Mukuka revealed that some Centres like Kasama General hospital are even recommended for closure, because there are no patients going their to access this service.

He also commended the New dawn administration for ensuring that even kidney transplants services are free of charge and can be accessed within Zambia.

Meanwhile Mr Kawana clarified that Patriotic Front Party Vice President Mr Given Lubinda did not refuse to shake hands with him at the funeral of the late brothers to Dr Chishimba

Kambwili. He narrated that while he extended his hands to greet him, Mr Lubinda's focus was elsewhere, that is the moment Emmanuel Mwamba captured so that he could create propaganda to shame the PS that Mr Lubinda refused to greet him.

Alas that propaganda has now backfired hence subjecting Mr Lubinda to Public Ridicule.

Mr Kawana emphasized that Mr Lubinda did indeed shake hands with him, and nothing of what Emmanuel Mwamba was trying to propagate transpired.

"If I wanted I would have kept quiet and used that to my advantage seeing how this scenario has backfired and painted Mr Lubinda bad, but as a well taught and cultured man who believes in telling the truth, I have come to correct the misinformation circulating". Kawana.

"Unite for Zambia's Mining Future"

By Helen Bwalya in Lusaka, Zambia

Zambia celebrates 100 years of mining, the PAMOJA Critical Minerals Alliance (PCMA) and Southern African Resource Watch (SARW) are championing the rights of mining communities and workers.

Their demands center around six key pillars: Environmental Protection, Prior and Informed Consent, Full Social and Economic Benefits, Health and Safety, Decent Work, and No to Corruption.

SARW, an independent nonprofit organization, monitors corporate and government conduct in the extraction of natural resources in Southern Africa, ensuring that these activities uplift the economic conditions of local communities.

In Zambia, SARW has been vocal about the need for mining companies to prioritize environmental protection and social responsibility.



For instance, it opposed First Quantum Minerals' attempts to silence the organization through a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP).

The alliance's demands for environmental protection are particularly crucial, given the water-intensive nature of critical minerals mining.

This type of mining can strain water supplies, especially in already water-stressed regions.

In Chile's Salard de Atacama, lithium extraction has consumed over 65% of the local water supply, depleting available

water for Indigenous farming communities.

To address these concerns, PCMA and SARW advocate for prior and informed consent from local communities before mining operations begin.

This ensures that communities are involved in decision-making processes and can negotiate fair social and economic benefits.

Furthermore, they demand decent working conditions, health and safety protections, and a commitment to combating corruption.

By uniting behind these demands, PCMA, SARW, and mining communities can create a more equitable and sustainable future for Zambia's mining industry.

As Zambia celebrates its centennial anniversary of mining, it's time to prioritize the well-being of those most affected by this industry.

As a means of empowering citizens, SARW, has mounted two bill boards near a Water Tank in Chestone, Munal Constituency on the Great East Road and in Thornpark, Lusaka Central Constituency.

This is a testament and a reminder to the people of Zambia about the robust contribution the mining Sector has made towards Zambia's economic emancipation for the past 100 years.

Not long ago, from Monday, 7th to Friday, 11th October 2024, the Zambia Mining and Investment (ZAMI) Expo, attracting local; regional and international interest groups was hosted by Minister of Mines and Energy, Mr. Mungwe (MIMM) Paul Kabuswe at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre Kenneth Kaunda New Wing (MICK-KKNW) to share aspirations on a theme: "Mining beyond copper, celebrating a 100 years of mining".

The meeting was organised to discuss the DRC and Zambian governments' cooperation to manufacture batteries for electric vehicles (EVs).

It was attended by thirty-six representatives of civil society from both countries.

At the end of the meeting, the participants established PCMA. SARW was founded in 2007 and operated as a project within the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA). SARW's location and operations were primarily in SADC, well known as the world's richest region in terms of extractive resources.

The Pamoja Critical Minerals Alliance (PCMA) is a membership-driven movement for indigenous people, mining communities, activists, academia, media, labour movements, faith-based organisations, civil society organisations, and international charity organisations with an interest in monitoring the impact of increased extraction of critical minerals and related value-addition activities affecting people and nature.

Many African governments have expressed a wish to participate in all stages of the minerals value chain, and some countries have developed strategies and policies on specific commodities in this regard.

PCMA was established at a meeting of civil society organisations from Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) held at Taj Pamodzi hotel in Lusaka, Zambia, in November 2023. Zambia and DRC are rich in the critical minerals needed for the global energy transition (e.g., lithium).

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While its establishment was related to the global natural resources boom of the 2000s, SARW outlived that specific economic boom as well as numerous extractive industry cycles over the years.

Since June 2018, SARW was transformed from an OSISA project into an independent watchdog institution.

In spite of the change in its institutional structure and form, SARW remains committed to achieving excellence and maintaining good organisational reputation through a high-quality work.

-Zambian Developmental Media Alliance (ZADEMA).