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ZAMBIA'S POULTRY INDUSTRY FACES 5% DECLINE AMID LOAD SHEDDING AND RISING INPUT COSTS

By Ivy Nambeye

The Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) says the poultry industry has recorded a negative growth of five percent this year due to load shedding and high input costs.

Speaking at an Annual General

meeting held under the theme "creating a resilient poultry industry amidst economic challenges" in Lusaka today, PAZ National Chairperson Rene Lourens said load shedding has forced a number of players

to either switch to alternative energy sources while others have reduced their operations hours.

"Load shedding will compromise the cold storage chain for vaccine which and brings a potential of disease outbreaks and also the quality

of products which needs to be kept within strict temperature is compromised," Lourens said.

Meanwhile, Lourens noted that the industry recorded a three percent growth in layer's subsector, supplying an estimated quantity of 75 million tray of eggs produced in 2023 from the 73 million tray of eggs produced in 2022.

He said other subsectors within the poultry industry

such as Quails and Ducks also registered a similar growth.

"This growth also attracted upstream investment and expansion in the supply of animal feed for both local and export markets as well as value addition," he said.

And Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, Peter Kapala said government has undertaken a number of measures to ensure that rising

production costs associated with Fisheries and Livestock are brought down.

In a speech read on his behalf by Livestock Development Bornwell Mupeyo, Kapala said the ministry emphasizes more on value addition and players to re-strategize supply chain in order to continue opening up the exports markets for Zambian Livestock products.

Kapala said government has put in place strict import regulations for poultry and meat products, especially in the wake of the avian outbreaks in major importing countries.

"We are beginning with adjusting of the imports duties from the current 40 percent to 100 percent this has been a request submitted to the ministry of Finance and National Planning and it has been supported by my

ministry," he said.

"This measure will ensure that as we do not infringe on any of the trade protocols currently under implantation with any of our trade partners."

Kapala has since commended PAZ for bringing together all major poultry players to try and transform the industry into a force to reckon with.

GOVERNMENT OWING FARMERS K1.5 BILLION FOR MAIZE SUPPLIED TO THE FRA

By Cecilia Chiluba



Minister of Agriculture has disclosed that Government is owing farmers K1.5 billion for maize supplied to the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) during the 2024 crop marketing season.

Reuben Mtolo told Parliament during the question for oral answer session that in Chama district of Eastern province, FRA has bought over 2, 237.3 metric tonnes of non-GMO white maize valued at K14.7 million, out of which K8.5 million has been paid to the farmers, with a balance of K6 million yet to be

cleared. Mr. Mtolo reveals that FRA has also purchased over 465, 000 metric tonnes of white maize countrywide as at 22nd September 2024, costing more than K3 billion, out of which K2 billion has been paid, representing 64 percent performance.

He has assured that K500 million will be released next week and the other week in order to ensure that all the farmers are cleared. Mr. Mtolo was responding to Chama North Member of Parliament Yotam Mtayachalo, who

wanted to know why FRA has not paid some farmers who supplied their maize, and when the farmers will be cleared.

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BUYZED CAMPAIGN CALLS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS

By Cecilia Chiluba



BuyZed Campaign has called for private sector investment in coal-fired power stations, leveraging incentives such as tax breaks, favorable tariffs, and streamlined regulatory processes.

Organization Founder Evans Ngoma says with the current shortage crippling economic growth and affecting livelihoods, exploring coal-generated energy is a viable solution.

Mr. Ngoma notes

that this resource is a reliable and consistent source of energy, providing a stable baseload power supply, and is abundant, as Zambia has significant coal reserves, particularly in the Southern Province.

He has also encouraged government to conduct thorough geological surveys to identify new coal deposits and assess their potential for power generation.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER SEEKS SUPPORT FOR ZAMBIA'S CANDIDACY AT AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By Elias Mwenda



Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, has intensified his campaigns to Member States, seeking support for the candidacy of Zambia's Dr. Samuel Munzele Maimbo for the African Development Bank (AfDB) Presidency.

Speaking at a breakfast event held on the sidelines of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly to lobby support for Dr. Maimbo, Mulambo Haimbe, notes that for Africa and non-Africa members of the Bank to derive the much-desired benefits,

the next President of the Bank should have vast experience in resource mobilisation and a wider network with other financial institutions.

Mr. Haimbe states that Dr. Maimbo, who is the sole candidate endorsed by the Southern African Development Community, has vast experience with high financial and development institutions of reputable expertise that will greatly contribute to the leadership of the African Development Bank.

Dr. Maimbo has served for over 21 years at the World Bank and is currently the Vice President responsible for

Budget, Performance Review, and Strategic Planning.

Meanwhile, Dr. Maimbo has pledged commitment to working with the regional bodies and has underscored the need for partnerships with other regional bodies.

And in a vote of thanks, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Etambuyu Anamela Gundersen, states that Dr. Maimbo is the sole and official candidate adopted by SADC at the summit in August

NDOLA SUBORDINATE COURT FINES A CLEARING AGENT K10, 000 FOR SMUGGLING HANDBAGS AND SECONDHAND CLOTHES

By Cecilia Chiluba

Ndola Subordinate Court has fined a Clearing Agent K10, 000 or in default nine months imprisonment, for smuggling handbags, and secondhand clothes, thereby defrauding Government of revenue amounting to over K300,000.

Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) Corporate Communications Manager, Oliver Nzala explains that between 20th November and 31st December, 2022 in Ndola, jointly and whilst acting together with others unknown,

Alexander Mulilwa Zulu, 33 of Ndola, smuggled a consignment of 20 cartons of used hand bags and 300 cartons of secondhand clothes in Zambia, with value for duty purposes amount of K676,051.

Mr. Nzala explains that the convict declared to a Customs officer at Sakania border that the consignment was in transit through Zambia to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from

Tanzania when in fact not. He says the Clearing Agent appeared before the Ndola Subordinate Court charged with one count of aiding at smuggling contrary to the Laws of Zambia.



CLERGYMAN CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO TIGHTEN SECURITY MEASURES IN MINING SITES TO REDUCE ILLEGAL MINING ACTIVITIES

A Clergyman has called on government to tighten security measures in some mining sites to reduce on the illegal mining activities, especially on the Copperbelt.

Pastor Charles Chilesya notes the continued loss of lives, with the recent one being at the Green Mountain in Kitwe, where five illegal miners were

trapped. He has stressed the need for Government to get concerned and expedite implementation of policies aimed at curbing illegal mining activities.

Meanwhile, Pastor Chilesya has commended Vedanta's Konkola Copper Mine (KCM) for placing emphasis to their employees to prioritize safety

measures as they work towards increasing copper production.
By Cecilia Chiluba

"Reduce mining activities"

WASH FORUM CALLS FOR GREATER COLLABORATIONS IN ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF DROUGHTS

By Cecilia Chiluba



Zambia NGO WASH Forum has emphasized the need for greater collaborations within the sector in the wake of the severe impact of the ongoing energy crisis and drought affecting the nation and vulnerable communities.

In a speech delivered for her by the Forum's Head of Administration and Finance, Zama Banda, during a WASH Sector quarterly meeting in Lusaka, Forum

National Coordinator Bubala Mumba says in times of adversity, the true strength of collaboration and cooperation shines brightest.

Ms. Mumba notes that while their collective efforts in the WASH sector have always been critical, the current circumstances demand an even more unified approach. She has stressed the importance of holding the

government accountable for fulfilling its commitments to WASH, advocating for policies that prioritize the needs of the people, and ensuring that resources are allocated equitably and transparently.

MUSOKOTWANE ANNOUNCES K217 BILLION BUDGET FOR 2025, REPRESENTING 26% OF GDP



Government has proposed to spend K217 billion in 2025, representing 26 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Presenting the 2025 National Budget in the National Assembly today, Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane says of this amount, K174 billion will be financed by domestic revenue, K8.2 billion by grants from cooperating partners

and K34.7 billion through borrowing.

Dr. Musokotwane has also announced an increase in Constituency Development Fund (CDF) budget to K5.6 billion in 2025 from K4.8 billion, with each constituency getting K36.1 million from K30.5 million.

He also says Government proposes to increase allocation for the strategic food reserves to K2.4

billion in 2025 from K1.7 billion in 2024, in order to ensure food security, while K48.7 billion has been allocated towards Economic Affairs to stimulate economic activities.

Meanwhile, Dr. Musokotwane discloses that government will recruit 2,000 teachers in 2025, in addition to the 4,200 teachers that will be employed this year, while the health sector will also hire 2,000 health personnel under next year's budget.

The theme for the 2025 national budget is: Building resilience for inclusive growth and improved livelihoods.

ZCSA ENHANCES SCOPE OF TESTING, INSPECTIONS TO COVER AFLATOXINS

Zambia Compulsory Standards Agency (ZCSA) says it has enhanced the scope of testing and inspections to cover aflatoxins on a continuous basis for both raw materials and finished products.

Speaking when he paid a courtesy call on Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Augustine Kasongo, Agency Board Chairperson, Ian Besa said this follows the recent detection of high levels of aflatoxin contamination in some batches of mealie meal.

Mr. Besa stated that the Agency has also enhanced public education interventions to mitigate misinformation on aflatoxin contamination and ultimately ensure that only safe products are available on the market.

"ZCSA, working with other state institutions, has implemented adequate measures to safeguard the health and safety of consumers following the detection of elevated aflatoxin levels in some batches of mealie meal and dog food. Non-compliant bags of mealie meal were seized, withdrawn from the market and destroyed for the purpose of protecting consumers."

"The Agency wishes to emphasize that the issue of non-compliance on the levels of aflatoxins was

specific to the identified mealie meal batches referred to above," Mr. Besa stated.

He added that millers are now required to have a standing monitoring program for aflatoxins internally on both raw materials and finished products, and that records for this activity should be provided on request.

Mr. Besa reiterated that all mealie meal brands currently on the market have been certified safe including those that had the affected batches withdrawn from the market and destroyed.

And Mr. Besa has urged farmers to buy fertilizer from recognised, regulated and reputable outlets or distributors to be assured of a good crop yield, as the 2024/2025 farming season approaches.

He encouraged farmers to be quality conscious and ensure that they have adequate information on the fertilizer they are buying or using.

"Consumers must also report to ZCSA any suspicious fertilizer, including acts such as illegal mixing of fertilizer with other materials or chemicals by unscrupulous individuals."

"This will help them to avoid buying unsafe or inappropriate fertilizer

that may cause poor crop yields or pose a risk to their health and safety," he added.

Meanwhile, Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Augustine Kasongo encouraged ZCSA to carry out more sensitization programmes on its mandate through radio programs, in order for people to know and understand the Agency's mandate.

"If people have that information especially through radio programs in vernacular, and you speak to the issue of fertilizer, so that people must know that if they are scammed they have got where to report."

"You have rightly said that you have representation in all the districts in the country so if only you could up your game in terms of selling the Agency to the public, I think that would do a lot of justice to the citizens of this country. A lot of our people do not know where to report," Mr. Kasongo stated.

ZCSA regulates 61 products which are covered by compulsory standards and these include food products, beverages, chemical products, fertilizer, fuel, cement, household electrical appliances and used textile products, among others.

By Cecilia Chiluba

FSSMAZ URGES GOVERNMENT TO SIMPLIFY MINING LICENSE PROCESS

The Federation of Small Scale Mining Associations of Zambia (FSSMAZ) is calling on the government to streamline the process of obtaining mining licenses to combat illegal mining in the country.

Speaking in an interview with Money Daily, FSSMAZ President Joseph Mwansa highlighted that the current fee of 80 thousand Kwacha for a license from the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) poses a

significant barrier for ordinary Zambians. "The costs associated with obtaining a license from ZEMA are high and too expensive for ordinary Zambians," Mwansa explained.

Mwansa has suggested that the government should create a supportive framework for the private sector and equip cooperatives with detection equipment capable of locating gold deposits up to 20 meters underground. He says this will enable local miners to

establish a market for their gold within the country. "Once cooperatives have the right tools, they can create a market system for local production," Mwansa said.

"Currently, 95 percent of the gold produced in Zambia is smuggled out of the country." Meanwhile, an economist Kelvin Chisanga said that Zambia remains heavily reliant on copper despite its vast gold reserves. He has emphasized the need for effective policies to diversify

the mining sector. "Gold is a strategic reserve commodity, and it is critical for our economic stability," Chisanga said.

By Ivy Nambeye

In the corridors of power, a storm is brewing, and its thunderclaps echo through the halls of the Zambian government. The vultures are circling President Hakainde Hichilema (HH), their talons poised to rip apart his legacy and feast on the nation's resources.

The president's men, a cabal of corrupt politicians, seem to have forsaken their allegiance to the Zambian people, driven instead by a ravenous appetite for wealth and power.

From the outset, President HH's administration was marred by high expectations. He was hailed as a beacon of hope, promising to transform Zambia's economy and eradicate corruption. However, the reality is starkly different.

His closest allies, rather than aiding him in his noble quest, have turned their backs on these promises, succumbing to the temptations of opulence and power.

This cabal of thieves and criminals, now entrenched within the government, mirrors the lifestyles of their predecessors, coveting the same luxury and extravagance.

Their tenure is seen as their time to 'eat', to gorge themselves on the wealth of the nation. The grand promises made to the Zambian populace while in opposition have faded into oblivion, replaced by a relentless pursuit of personal enrichment.

These individuals, tasked with combating

THE PRESIDENT'S MEN: A CABAL OF CORRUPT AND THIEVING POLITICIANS.

corruption, have instead declared a covert war against the president. In backrooms and whispered conversations, they assert that President HH, being already affluent, has no need for further wealth.

This twisted justification fuels their rampant corruption, allowing them to broker deals that serve only their interests. The administration is now divided into two camps, each employing increasingly sophisticated methods to siphon national resources.

One need only look at the public scandals that have erupted to see the scale of this betrayal. The Sugilite scandal stands as a glaring example of high-level corruption. It was not an isolated incident but a symptom of a broader malaise.

Allegations suggest directives came from the highest echelons of power, implicating senior government officials. Similarly, the fertilizer and medicine procurement scandals highlight the pervasive corruption, where highly placed individuals exploit their positions for financial gain.

Even the agriculture sector has not been spared. Mismanagement and corruption have exacerbated food shortages, with insiders

profiting from the misfortunes of drought-stricken regions.

This exploitation extends to land acquisitions, with new elites purchasing prime properties in the Lower Zambezi and Samfya, flaunting their ill-gotten wealth while ordinary Zambians suffer.

The pattern is the same: the powerful get richer, and the vulnerable are left to pick up the pieces. The fuel procurement sector is another hotbed of

officials continue to hold their positions, despite the overwhelming evidence against them?

Reports suggest that a significant number of ministers, permanent secretaries, and senior officials should be facing justice. Yet, they remain free, enjoying their ill-gotten gains and hiding their wealth in offshore accounts.

These officials have betrayed the sanctity of

of genuine change. The same leaders who once condemned corruption are now perpetuating it on an even grander scale.

The potential fallout from these scandals is alarming. The truth, once fully revealed, will cast a long shadow over President HH's presidency.

The impunity with which these individuals operate and their disregard for public resources are disturbing.

corruption will undermine not only his presidency but the future of the nation.

President HH should be alerted to the brewing storm. The mining deals currently in play threaten to explode into full-fledged scandals. Legally granted licenses are being revoked in favor of politically connected individuals, further entrenching corruption.

Hunting licenses are being auctioned to the highest bidders under the cover of darkness, while the public is misled about suspensions. Mukula tree logs continue to be smuggled out of the country, protected by those sworn to prevent it. Mining contracts have merely shifted from pro-PF to pro-UPND political sympathizers. The vicious cycle of corruption persists, seemingly unending.

One day, the full extent of this deception will come to light, and the Zambian people will realize the depth of their betrayal. It is imperative that President HH conducts a thorough introspection of his appointees and takes decisive action to rectify this situation. Failure to do so will indelibly stain his legacy.

The president's men are a cabal of corrupt and thieving criminals, their actions a blight on Zambia's aspirations for a better future. The fight against corruption must be relentless, and it must start from within.

President HH must heed the warning signs and act decisively, or risk being remembered not for his vision of transformation, but for the rampant corruption that flourished under his watch.

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corruption. A dangerous cartel operates with impunity, threatening anyone who dares to challenge its dominance.

These corrupt officials, sworn to uphold the constitution and serve the people of Zambia, have turned the nation into a looting ground.

Deals are struck across various sectors—mining, agriculture, fisheries, defense, tourism, home affairs, foreign affairs, and finance—all tainted by corruption.

One must question the efficacy of President HH's intelligence apparatus. How can these corrupt

their presidential appointments, using their positions to enrich themselves. President HH's administration is at a crossroads. If these corrupt elements are not purged, his administration risks being remembered as one of the most corrupt in Zambia's history.

The specter of state capture, reminiscent of the previous regime, looms large. This time, however, it is not the lowly cadres but the highly regarded political leaders who are entangled in corrupt activities.

The betrayal is particularly painful for those who supported the administration in the hope

The rush to amass wealth at any cost is tarnishing the president's name, whether he is aware of it or not.

Fighting corruption is not a battle that one person can win alone. It requires a concerted effort from all members of society. To think that President HH can tackle this issue single-handedly is delusional.

Corruption fights back, and it does so aggressively.

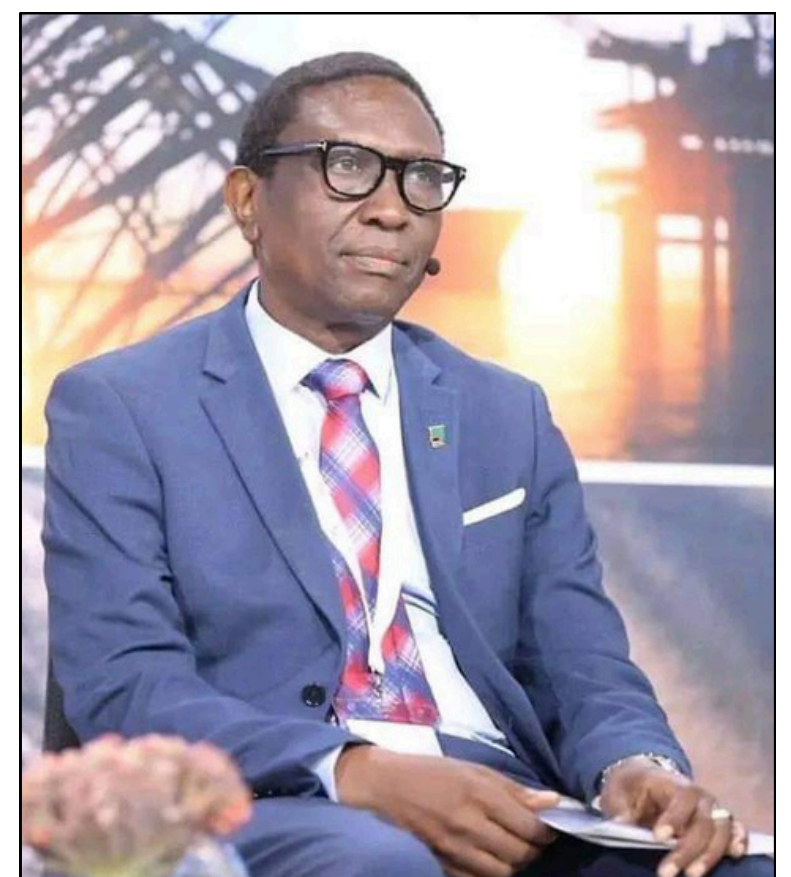
The cabal of corrupt politicians surrounding the president poses a grave threat to Zambia's potential for progress. If left unchecked, this

GOV'T ELATED WITH THE GROWTH OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY AMIDST THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Engineer says Government is elated with the growth of the poultry industry amidst the economic challenges that the country is facing.

Speaking at the 2024 Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) Annual General Meeting in Lusaka, Peter Kapala says such growth should be translated into job creation and growth of the export markets among other developments.

Engineer Kapala, who was represented by Ministry's Director of Livestock, Bornwell Mupeyo, has also called on PAZ to ensure self-sufficiency as the



country embarks on imports substitutions for most of the products which will be produced locally.

Meanwhile, Poultry Association of Zambia National Chairperson Rene Lourens, reveals that the broiler industry grew by 4.5 percent

in 2023 from 93 million in 2022 to 96 million chicks produced in 2023. Mr. Lourens adds that the layers sub-sector recorded a three percent growth through supplying about 75 million trays of eggs in 2023 from 73 million recorded in 2022.

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TOP GOVT OFFICIALS EMBROILED IN DUBIOUS K1.5 TRILLION FUEL, FERTILIZER DEALS

A shocking investigation has uncovered a web of corruption involving high-ranking government officials in Malawi.

Secretary to the President and Cabinet Colleen Zamba has been implicated in negotiating lucrative fuel and fertilizer deals without proper procurement procedures.

According to The Investigator Magazine, the deals, worth K1.5 trillion, involve the supply of 250,000 metric tons of fuel and 600,000

metric tons of fertilizer. Zamba allegedly single-handedly negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a dubious Dubai-based company, Office of H.H. Sheikh Ahmed Al-Qassimi.

Concerns have been raised about corruption and cronyism, particularly regarding advance payments made to suppliers without delivery of commodities. In one instance, Transport Minister Jacob Hara's ministry illegally identified and issued invoices worth

K2.3 billion to G.E.T Global Ltd, a dormant company with assets valued at only K6,000.

Alarming, G.E.T, in its letter to Hara on 4 September 2024, claims that its bankers have already paid for the 40,000 mt tonnes of fuel through emergency arrangements. The word "emergency" is used in the deal to justify the cutting of all procurement corners.

Further investigation by The Investigator Magazine uncovered suspicious

transactions involving OptCoin Malawi, a company registered in July 2023, and Option Malawi, a private business account at Standard Bank. Payments for OptCoin Malawi were allegedly remitted into Option Malawi's account, controlled by a Zamba associate in South Africa.

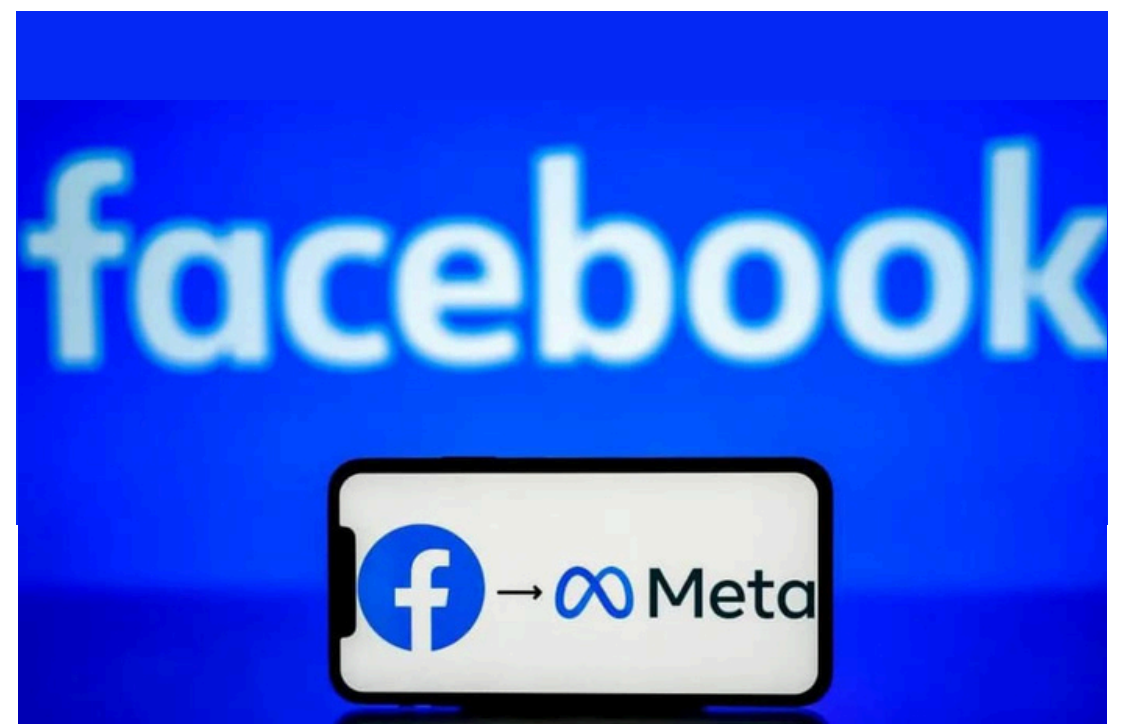
Several high-ranking officials implicated in the syndicate include Zamba, Secretary to the President and Cabinet; Hara, Transport Minister; Sam Kawale, Agriculture Minister and Chikunkuzeni, SFFRFM CEO.

FACEBOOK PARENT COMPANY FINED €91M OVER PASSWORD STORAGE

Facebook parent company Meta has been fined €91m (£75m) by the Irish Data Protection Commission (DPC) following an investigation into the storage of passwords.

An inquiry was launched in April 2019 after Meta notified the DPC that it had inadvertently stored certain passwords of social media users on its internal systems without encryption.

The DPC submitted a draft decision to other European data watchdogs in June 2024. No objections were raised by the other authorities.



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Euro	EUR*	1.0938	1.1329	EUR*	29.4633	29.4633	29.9230	29.9230
South African Rand	ZAR	16.7922	17.3977	ZAR	n/a	1.5403	n/a	1.5643
Swedish Kroner	SEK	9.9164	10.2731	SEK	n/	2.6084	n/	2.6491
Swiss Francs	CHF	0.8273	0.8570	CHF	a	31.2672	a	31.7550
Danish Kroner	DKK	6.5470	6.7812	DKK	n/	3.9512	n/	4.0129
Norwegian Kroner	NOK	10.3288	10.7004	NOK	n/	2.5043	n/	2.5433
Japanese Yen	JPY	140.2576	145.2770	JPY	a	0.18444	a	0.1873
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MUFULIRA WANDERERS PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO SUPPORTERS' DEMANDS



Mufulira Wanderers Football Club president George Katongo has responded to the club's supporters' society's demands to fire the head coach Charles Kafula and his assistant coaches following the team's dismal start to the season.

Abena Milambo has only picked one win from five matches with two draws and two defeats.

The club is currently sitting in 14th place with 5 points. The underwhelming start to the season coupled with last weekend's 2-0 home defeat to Mutondo Stars in a week five encounter. The club supporters called for the appointment of an experienced coach with his own assistants to ensure the team remains in the Super League.

In response to the calls to have the coaching bench led by Kafula shown the exit door, Katongo has disclosed that the board has taken note of the supporters demands. Katongo has urged the fans to remain patient as the club's board looks into the request that was made in public. Board has noted the concerns from some of our supporters regarding the recent poor performance by our team. As club management, we have noted your concerns and your demands," Katongo states.

"We hereby request all of you to exercise patience during this period and allow the club management to handle your concerns in a professional manner, as you may be aware that

Mufulira Wanderers is a professional club and such matters of concern demand professional attention to avoid putting our club's name into disrepute."

Katongo has appealed to the supporter leadership to restrain from making public comments ahead of the match against log leaders ZESCO United.

The club president has called on the supporters society to dialogue with the club management to find an amicable solution"

By Lucky Chama



TENANT CHEMBO TARGETS FIRST THREE POINTS OF THE SEASON

The Zambian Super League will this weekend enter Week Six with Lumwana Radiants and Indeni Football Club still seeking their first win of the season.

After five matches played, Indeni and Lumwana are already in the relegation dogfight, sitting at the bottom end of the league table and only separated by goal difference.

From four matches, Bilton Musonda's Uranium Boys only boasts of a draw against Nkana on the opening day of the season before going on a three-match losing streak.

On the other hand, Tenant Chembo has also endured a tough return to the top-tier league with only a point and at the bottom of the standings, having shipped in 10 goals after just five matches.

The two sides will meet at Lumwana Grounds for a chance to redeem themselves after a torrid start to the season.

Chembo is, however, upbeat about his team's chance of collecting their first three points of the season as they play another struggling side after a 1-nil defeat to Kabwe Warriors last weekend.

Chembo states that the team has been creating chances, though their conversion rate of the chances has been below what is expected of the team.

"It (performances) has been giving us hope; we are improving despite not getting the desired results. The morale is there; hopefully we will play to win," Chembo said.

The gaffer has, however, cautioned his charges to anticipate a tough match against Lumwana Radiants, who are also eyeing their first three points of the season.

"It will be a tricky fixture; both of us haven't won a game.

It is going to be interesting. It will be nice to put points on the board," he stated.

By Lucky Chama



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