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## ZAMBIA RAILWAYS RECORDS REDUCTION IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC DUE TO DROUGHT

By Elias Mwenda



Zambia Railways Limited (ZRL) says it has seen a reduction in passenger traffic due to drought as most of the clients are farmers who move products from one town to another.

Speaking in an interview with Money News, Company Public Relations Manager Sombe Longwani revealed that heavy and bulk cargo also saw a challenging start to this year as a result of the drought.

Ms. Longwani noted that this scenario has negatively affected business operations for the firm.

She however stated that the company is making strides to enhance its capacity company to improve the business.

Meanwhile, Ms. Longwani said the K55 million grant Zambia Railways received from government in 2022 to carry out maintenance works on the mainline and Mulobezi line, has helped in speeding up the movement of trains.

She explained that the grant has helped the firm to work on temporary speed restriction areas that require trains to move at a very low speed owing to the deplorable state of the rail-line.

Ms. Lombe however said the company is still waiting for major upgrades to improve the movement of locomotives.



## UNDP CONCERNED ABOUT OVER-EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, POLLUTION GLOBALLY

By Cecilia Chiluba

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has observed that the over-exploitation of natural resources and pollution have led to increased natural disasters across the globe. Speaking at the 5th Environmental Protection Dialogue (EPD) organized by Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) in Lusaka, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative for Zambia Laurent Rudasingwa, said a healthy environment is crucial for the full enjoyment of human rights, including the right to a dignified life, health, housing, clean water, and sanitation.

Mr. Rudasingwa warned that without a healthy environment, extreme global trends, such as Zambia's current droughts, could become more frequent and

intense. He highlighted the event's consistent success over the past five years, attributing it to the strong and positive efforts of the participants, and called for changes to reverse these detrimental developmental gains.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed deep inequalities in wealth distribution, resources, justice, and security." "The triple threats of biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change disproportionately affect the most vulnerable, marginalized, and excluded communities," Mr. Rudasingwa stated. He emphasized the critical connection between human rights and environmental protection, making the pursuit of environmental justice a priority.

Mr. Rudasingwa reiterated UNDP's commitment to promoting greater access to justice for those affected by environmental issues and strengthening legal frameworks and institutions.

Meanwhile, CEJ Board Member Edah Chimya Gondwe highlighted the growth and influence of the platform since its inception in 2020, emphasizing the relevance of the theme "Strengthening Environmental Law for Thriving Communities" to the current challenges faced by the nation.

Ms. Gondwe said the Environmental Protection Dialogue has evolved into a space for diverse stakeholders to engage, collaborate, and find solutions to environmental

challenges. "The CEJ has always believed in the power of dialogue to drive positive environmental action."

"This year's dialogue marks a milestone, bringing together a broad coalition of government ministries, civil society, traditional leaders, corporate partners, the private sector, international agencies, and communities, all sharing a vision for a sustainable future," she noted.

She stressed the importance of having robust legal and institutional frameworks to address these issues, emphasizing that environmental laws form the backbone of efforts to protect natural resources and promote sustainable development. Ms. Gondwe however pointed out that laws alone are not enough, noting that effective implementation, compliance, and enforcement are crucial.

She therefore stressed the need for collective action to ensure that environmental laws benefit the people, especially vulnerable and marginalized communities who often bear the brunt of environmental degradation.

## POLICE ARREST KELVIN SAMPA FOR FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING US\$70,000

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Mr. Hamoonga said the arrest follows thorough investigations conducted

by the Zambia Police Service in response to a complaint lodged by the victims.

"The Zambia Police Service has arrested Mr. Kelvin Mutale Sampa, aged 52, of Plot 345, Meanwood Ixex Hill, Lusaka, for the offence of Obtaining Money by False Pretenses, contrary to Section 309 of the Penal Code Act, Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia."

"The accused is alleged to have misled the complainants by purporting that he would supply them with refined gold from Zambia, which did not materialize," Mr. Hamoonga stated.

He revealed that Mr. Sampa has since been released on police bond and is expected to appear before the courts of law soon.

"We wish to remind members of the public to exercise due diligence when engaging in business transactions, especially with individuals and companies they are not familiar with."

"The Zambia Police remains committed to ensuring that all forms of fraud and financial crimes are dealt with in accordance with the law," he added. Last week, Mr. Sampa was arrested for allegedly defrauding a Japanese national, Satoshi Sakamoto, of US\$80,000 in a gold scam.



## OVER US\$6 MILLION WORTH OF TRANSACTIONS ACTUALIZED THROUGH 2023 TRADE MISSION TO DRC

By Cecilia Chiluba

Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) has disclosed that over US\$6 million worth of transactions have been actualized through exports to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), resulting from the 2023 trade mission, in which participating companies generated leads worth US\$13.80 million. ZDA is this year leading a delegation of 40 Zambian businesses for a trade mission

to the DRC, Haut-Katanga province in Lubumbashi from 16th to 18th October 2024. The 40 companies are from various sectors including agriculture, agro-processing, mining, engineering, chemicals and pharmaceuticals among others. Agency Director General Albert Halwampa revealed that working with the DRC government and the Chamber

of Commerce in Lubumbashi Fédération des Entreprises du Congo (FEC), ZDA has matched Zambian and Congolese businesses depending on the sectors and areas of interest to facilitate trade deals and transactions. Mr. Halwampa noted that DRC has been Zambia's largest market for non-traditional exports for a long time, but emphasized the need to maintain the country's

successful." "For example, resulting from the 2023 trade mission, the participating companies generated leads worth US\$13.80 million. To date, out of the US\$ 13.80 million orders generated, more than US\$ 6 million worth of transactions have been actualized through exports to the DRC," Mr. Halwampa stated.

He expressed the Agency's desire to see more from this year's trade mission. "We believe the mission is timely and will further deepen market linkages and deepen trade relationships between the two countries and help Zambian businesses to scale

up production while creating employment opportunities for the locals," he added. According to a statement issued by ZDA Head-Communications and Public Relations Kwali Mfuni, the objective of the trade mission is to facilitate the growth of Zambia's Non-Traditional Exports (NTEs) and to secure market access for Zambian products. The Agency hopes to penetrate, consolidate and expand the Congolese market for Zambian products. The trade mission will be characterized by an opening session attended by the Congolese government and industry players followed by exhibitions and business-to-business meetings with buyers from DRC through a well-coordinated match-making process based on the profiles of the



# ANDD HAILS VEDANTA'S US\$200, 000 SPONSORSHIP TOWARDS ZAMBIA MINING INSAKA

By Cecilia Chiluba



Advocates for National Development and Democracy (ANDD) has hailed Vedanta Resources through Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) Plc for supporting the just ended 2024 Zambia Mining and Investment Insaka, with a sponsorship of US\$200, 000 towards the successful hosting of the event.

Organization Executive Director, Samuel Banda told Money FM News that this significant investment played a vital role in ensuring the success of the Mining Insaka, which was held in Lusaka from 7th to 11th October, 2024.

Mr. Banda noted that the sponsorship clearly demonstrates Vedanta's strong commitment to promoting growth and

development in the mining sector, which is crucial for achieving Zambia's national target of increasing copper production to 3 million metric tonnes per annum by 2031.

"We are pleased to report that we monitored the recently held 2024 Zambia Mining and Investment Insaka, which was a notable success. We commend the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development for organizing this successful event, which brought together key stakeholders in the mining industry to exchange valuable insights." "We would also like to recognize Konkola Copper Mine (KCM), under the management of Vedanta Resources, for being the major sponsor of the 2024 Mining Indaba," Mr. Banda said.

He noted that the Mining Insaka, which brought together key stakeholders in the mining industry to exchange valuable insights, presented a progressive strategy to advance mining development and economic growth in the country. "We believe that platforms like the Mining Indaba

facilitate the exchange of sound ideas that can lead to economic solutions addressing current challenges. We reaffirm our commitment to advocating for sustainable development in our country, aiming to promote economic growth and improve the living standards of Zambians," he added.

"Given the ongoing energy crisis, particularly prolonged load shedding, which has adversely affected our domestic economy, especially small business, we strongly urge the government to organize an economic Indaba," he added.

He said the economic Indaba is essential for addressing pressing economic challenges, particularly the energy crisis and the rising cost of living.

"We believe that collaborative efforts are crucial for finding effective solutions to these issues," Mr. Banda stated.

The Zambia Mining and Investment Insaka was held under the theme: Mining Beyond Copper-Celebrating 100 years of Mining in Zambia."

The event brought together local and international mining experts, policymakers, investors, and stakeholders to explore opportunities, address challenges, and promote sustainable development in Zambia's mining sector.

By Cecilia Chiluba



# NEELKANTH DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS MANAGER NABBED FOR ALLEGED THEFT OF OVER 4 TONNES OF ZESCO CABLES

By Cecilia Chiluba

Zambia Police Service in collaboration with ZESCO Limited has formally arrested Neelkanth Director and company's Operations Manager, for alleged theft of over 4 tonnes of cables.

In a statement, ZESCO Spokesperson Matongo Maumbi revealed that Mr. Anand Wadhwan and his Operations Manager, Raphael Mundeya, are facing multiple charges including possession of stolen goods and dealing in scrap metal without proper licensing.

"In a significant development, ZESCO Limited working with Zambia Police, announces the arrest and formal charging of Mr. Anand Wadhwan, Director of Neelkanth, along with the company's Operations Manager, Mr. Raphael Mundeya."

"The charges stem from a major operation that uncovered over 4 tonnes of cables believed to be stolen property from ZESCO," Mr. Maumbi stated.

He said the duo is set to appear in the Ndola Magistrate Court on 15th October 2024 at 09:00 hours for plea.

Meanwhile, Mr. Maumbi disclosed that the country's utility firm has recovered property valued at K397,569.28, following several operations conducted during the past week, targeting vandalism, theft,

Fraudulent Access Point, fraud, corruption, and abuse of motor vehicles.

"The corporation successfully recorded 15 arrests and secured 3 convictions," he said.

He added that the Corporation reported 52 cases, leading to a loss of property valued at K1,353,876, compared to 37 cases and property losses of K532,179.91 recorded in in the previous week.

"Vandalism was the major contributor, with 39 cases, a 30% increase from the 30 cases reported in the previous week. Additionally, there were 5 cases of attempted vandalism, and 8 cases related to other crimes," Mr. Maumbi noted.

He further revealed that on 3rd October 2024, the Subordinate Court of the First Class for Lusaka District, convicted and sentenced three people from John Laing Compound, to 2 years and 6 months imprisonment with hard labour, for theft.

"The Subordinate Court of the First Class for the Lusaka District, presided over by Honorable Sakala, secured convictions against Isaac Banda, Grafton Muchimba, and Moses Siame, all from John Laing Compound in Lusaka Province," Mr. Maumbi revealed.

# NAQEZ CALLS FOR THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO PROCUREMENT IRREGULARITIES AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HQ

By Cecilia Chiluba



National Action for Quality Education in Zambia (NAQEZ) has urged Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to thoroughly investigate procurement irregularities at the Ministry of Education Headquarters regarding a non-functional E-census software from M-SAT, a private company.

According to available information, M-SAT was contracted to provide a comprehensive digitalized annual census software to facilitate the Ministry's collection of educational statistics.

In a statement, NAQEZ Executive Director, Aaron Chansa noted that the 2023

Auditor General's Report has unearthed disturbing anomalies in this transaction, which warrant immediate action by the Commission.

Mr. Chansa recalled that on 11th April, 2024, the Ministry issued a directive to all public and private schools to deposit K800 each into M-SAT's account for the procurement of the product in question, and the expected amount of money from government schools alone was over K8.5 million.

"However, the Ministry's officers who participated in the questionable transaction failed to adhere to the provisions of the Public Procurement Act.

The Auditor General's Report indicates that M-SAT was engaged and paid without any formal procurement processes, which is a serious breach of procedure"

"Making this matter worse, M-SAT failed to provide the necessary training to Ministry of Education staff in seven provinces and by 30th June, 2024, the Ministry

had abandoned the software due to its non-functionality," Mr. Chansa noted.

He emphasized the need for the Anti-Corruption Commission to urgently launch a thorough investigation to uncover the truth behind this procurement.

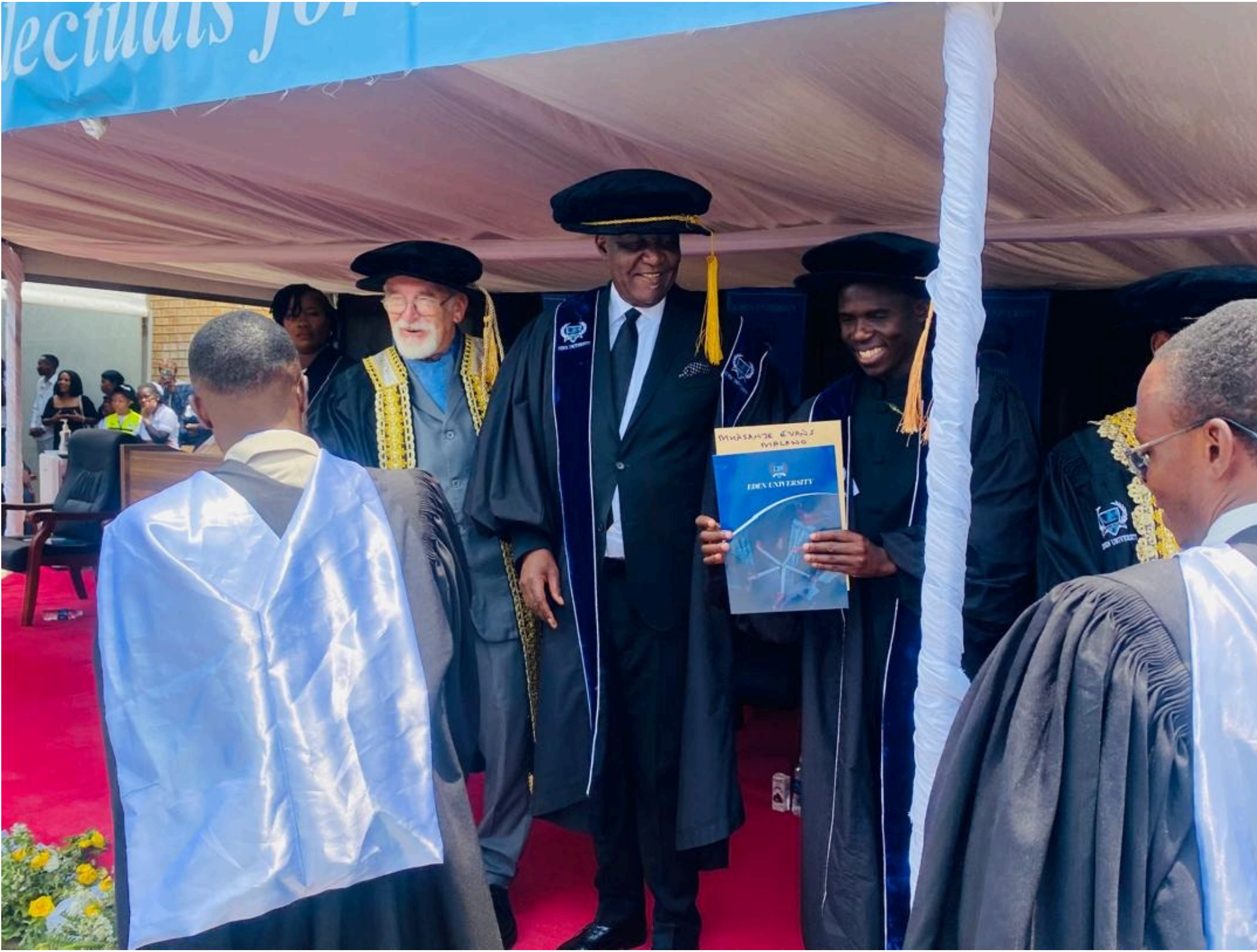
"Should the investigation confirm any wrongdoing as outlined in the Auditor General's Report, NAQEZ demands that M-SAT refunds all the schools that contributed K800, and that Ministry staff responsible for authorizing and facilitating the irregular procurement be taken to book."

"As a nation, it is very important that we protect public funds, especially those allocated for education, from abuse. Public resources must serve the common good, not private interests, hence public servants, including politicians, must not misuse public funds for personal enrichment," he added.



# GOVERNMENT AIMS TO INCREASE HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLMENTS TO 15% BY 2025-MUTATI

By Cecilia Chiluba



Minister of Technology and Science says Government is targeting to increase enrolments for higher education institutions from the current 7 percent to 15 percent by 2025/2026.

Officiating at the 12th Graduation Ceremony for Eden University in Lusaka, Felix Mutati said this is why government is investing in teachers as well as infrastructure and providing a conducive environment for higher education to thrive.

Mr. Mutati stated that government wants to ensure that a larger part of the adult population is educated in a bid to promote literacy.

He noted educated people hold the key to finding solutions to the many challenges the country is facing.

Graduates are key to finding innovative solutions to the energy, climate change and poverty issues the country is facing.”

“The graduation of students from over 20 countries at Eden University shows how attractive the Zambian education system is to students from other countries,” Mr. Mutati said.

He assured that government will continue to support the education system to

ensure that it helps in the development of the country.

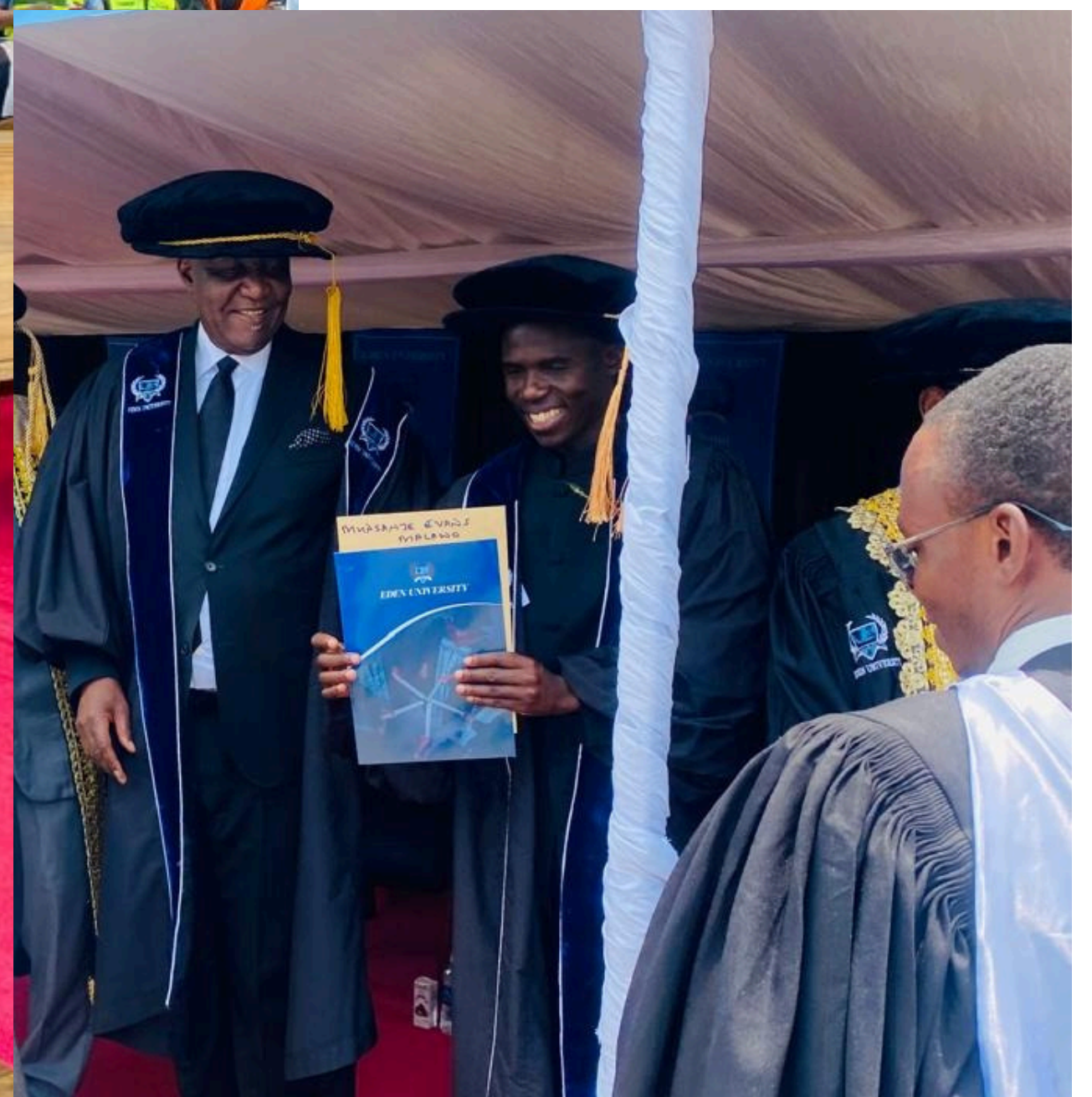
Mr. Mutati urged the 1,191 graduates to help government resolve some of the challenges the country is facing.

And Eden University President Kelvin Kaunda urged government to consider extending bursaries and student loans to private institutions of higher learning.

Mr. Kaunda noted that students in private institutions face financial challenges, therefore they deserve to access the government loans to support their education.

“Some students opt to study in private institutions because certain courses are not offered by public universities and colleges which have government bursaries and loans,” Mr. Kaunda noted.

The 12th Graduation Ceremony for Eden University saw 1,191 students being conferred with Diplomas, Bachelors and Masters Degrees in various fields such as Clinical Medicine, Environmental Health, Human Biology and Medicine General.





In Zambia, religion has increasingly become a marketplace for miracles, a domain where laziness is repackaged as faith, and ignorance is sold as devotion. The myth of miracles has invaded the minds of many, distorting the core principles upon which Christianity was founded.

The once-noble pursuit of spiritual growth has been replaced by a shallow, self-serving charade. For many professed "Christians" in Zambia, their faith is an escape from responsibility, a delusion where they eagerly expect divine intervention to mask their unwillingness to work hard. If anything, the devil should be thanked for their survival.

As we stand at the edge of our 60th independence anniversary, the time has come for us to examine our relationship with God. Yes, God—not Kakande, Bushiri, or Seer 1, or any of the self-anointed "papas" whose miracles are mere parlor tricks.

Have we forgotten the two immutable commandments upon which Jesus simplified the entire Christian faith? Love for God and love for our fellow man. These, and only these, are the pillars upon which true Christianity should be built.

# RELIGION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO ZAMBIA'S UNDERDEVELOPMENT

But in Zambia, religion has been hijacked by opportunists and charlatans who prey on the weak and fleece the poor.

Attending the grandiose buildings of worship, erected on the sweat and tears of the poor, does not make you a Christian. Nor does your title—be it choir leader, deacon, pastor, bishop, or even pope—make you a disciple of Christ. What matters is simple: Do you love God enough to live by His commandments? Do you love your fellow man enough to respect his dignity and labor?

In Zambia, many so-called religious leaders have failed this test. They have built empires on the backs of their congregants, siphoning wealth from the desperate while preaching hollow sermons of prosperity.

The current clergy, many of whom have grown rich by exploiting the poor, should be trembling at the thought of divine wrath. These self-serving charlatans have not only

misled the flock but have also corrupted the very essence of Christianity.

They are magicians and wolves in sheep's clothing, using the name of God to fatten their bank accounts while their followers languish in poverty. To these false prophets, God's warning is clear: your day of reckoning is near.

What is most alarming is the way these so-called men of

promising blessings in exchange for their last coin. They preach prosperity but ignore salvation; they celebrate wealth but are indifferent to suffering. "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?" Yet they preach otherwise.

Zambia's women rise before dawn to prostrate themselves before these men, seeking blessings

Zambia's economic and social progress will continue to stagnate if we do not abandon this dangerous illusion of salvation without sweat.

Religion should never be a substitute for hard work. It should not be the whip that beats people into submission, preventing them from demanding a better life. As one famous thinker said, "Religion is the opium of the masses," and many Zambians have swallowed this opium whole, abandoning reason and critical thought.

That is not what God intended. The Bible is clear: "He who does not work shall not eat." How can we expect miracles if we are unwilling to rise from our beds of laziness?

The church has become a marketplace for false prophets, witches, and magicians who prey on the gullibility of their followers. These are the last days, indeed, but we unto those who fulfill

prophecy from the wrong side of history. We must study and seek the truth ourselves, not rely on the "men of God" who exploit our fears and weaknesses. Dear Zambians, we don't need anointing oils or waters to communicate with God. We don't need pastors or prophets to intercede on our behalf. God has given each of us a direct line to Him through prayer and faith.

Faith, even as small as a mustard seed, can move mountains. We don't need a constitution to declare Zambia a Christian nation—each one of us, in our personal relationship with God, holds that power. As we look to the future, I urge my fellow Zambians to reexamine the foundations of their faith. Cut ties with the false prophets, the witches, and magicians who have deceived you for far too long.

Do not stop going to church—just change the reason why you go. God is no respecter of persons, and He is always ready to hear the sincere prayers of a contrite heart, no matter where you are. The hour of God's judgment is upon us, and those who have used His name in vain will face a fate far worse than they can imagine. To the followers of these charlatans, open your eyes. You can deceive all men, but you can never deceive the living God.

Hear now the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is near.

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God use religion to suppress reason and disempower the masses. They have convinced people that they can "sow a seed" into their ministries and God will miraculously lift them out of poverty, as if hard work and diligence no longer matter.

They lead men, women, and children into a trance-like state of obedience,

when they should be seeking solutions. These so-called pastors omit the critical truth: "Faith without works is dead." Hard work, honesty, and integrity are the true paths to prosperity—not the magical promises of the pulpit.

Instead of building sustainable livelihoods, our people are encouraged to live in a fantasy of miracles.

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### “UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SET TO PARTNER WITH NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO BOOST TECH ECOSYSTEM”



Chief Executive of the Dubai Future Foundation, Khalfan Belhoul, of the United Arab Emirates says it is willing to collaborate with the Nigerian government to boost the

development of its tech startup ecosystem. News.ng reports that this was revealed by Belhoul on Sunday at the world's largest startup and investment show, GITEX Global, which is now taking place in Dubai.

The UAE firmly believes that the Nigerian startup ecosystem has a lot of promise, but that more work has to be done by the government of the continent's largest economy to fully realize those benefits. Leading the UAE's smart city strategy across five key business areas, Belhoul emphasized the significance of partnering and promoting innovation to propel growth in the digital

economy. Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, and South Africa constitute one of Africa's big four startup ecosystems, with at least 481 active firms as of August 2022. According to estimates, Nigeria has more than 3,360 startups as of 2022, more than any other country in Africa. Subsequently, in the same year, Kenya and South Africa reported over 1,000 and over 660 companies, respectively.

### CHINA'S DEFLATIONARY PRESSURES BUILD IN SEPTEMBER, CONSUMER INFLATION COOLS

China's consumer inflation unexpectedly eased in September, while producer price deflation deepened, heightening pressure on Beijing to roll out more stimulus measures quickly to revive flagging demand and shaky economic activity.



Data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on Sunday that the consumer price index (CPI) rose 0.4% from a year earlier last month, the slowest in three months, against a 0.6% rise in August, missing a 0.6% increase

forecast in a Reuters poll of economists.

Reuters reports that the producer price index (PPI) fell at the fastest pace in six months, down 2.8% year-on-year in September, versus a 1.8%

decline the previous month and below an expected 2.5% decline.

Chinese authorities have stepped up stimulus efforts in recent weeks to spur demand and help meet an around 5.0%

economic growth target for this year, though some analysts say the moves may only offer temporary relief and stronger measures are needed soon or the weakness could extend well into next year.

### SARB HAILS FORMER GOVERNOR FOR HAVING STEADY HAND ON ECONOMY DURING 2008 GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS



South African Reserve Bank (SARB) has hailed former governor Tito Mboweni for having what it called a steady hand on the economy during the global financial crisis of 2008.

EWN reports that the 2008 global meltdown, sparked by the collapse in the value of United States (US) homes, had far-reaching implications for South Africa's economy. This included volatility in

financial markets, a loss in value for the stock exchange, a drop in growth rates, and job losses in the private sector. Current Bank governor, Lesetja Kganyago, said Mboweni's policy response at

the time guided the country through uncertainty. Overall, the reserve bank said Mboweni's implementation of the 3 to 6% inflation target has been crucial to the central bank's mandate of price stability. Tito Mboweni died on Saturday aged 65, following a short illness.

### STERLING DIPS AS INVESTORS LOOK TO UK JOBS, INFLATION REPORTS THIS WEEK

The pound held near a one-month low against the dollar on Monday ahead of wage growth and inflation data this week that could help shape the Bank of England's next move at its policy

review meeting next month. Reuters reports that Sterling was little changed at \$1.30660, near last week's one-month low of \$1.30110, and flat against the euro at 83.70 pence.

The pound is about 2.8% below its two-and-a-half year high hit in late September as markets pared back bets on a jumbo size interest cut from the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Expectations that sticky inflation would keep the BoE on a gradual interest rate cut path relative to its peers, the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank - had underpinned the pound's outperformance this year.

## EXCHANGE RATES

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### Indicative Foreign Exchange Rates

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		Buying	Selling		Buying (Cash)	Buying (TT/TCs/BN)	Selling (Cash)	Selling (TTs/TCs/BN)
United States Dollars	USD	1.0000	1.0000	USD	26.2979	26.2979	26.7082	26.7082
British Pounds Sterling	GBP*	1.2799	1.3258	GBP*	34.3477	34.3477	34.8836	34.8836
Euro	EUR*	1.0706	1.1089	EUR*	28.7292	28.7292	29.1774	29.1774
South African Rand	ZAR	17.0755	17.6992	ZAR	n/a	1.5087	n/a	1.5322
Swedish Kroner	SEK	10.1771	10.5439	SEK	n/	2.5319	n/	2.5714
Swiss Francs	CHF	0.8411	0.8713	CHF	a	30.6378	a	31.1158
Danish Kroner	DKK	6.6929	6.9329	DKK	n/	3.8504	n/	3.9105
Norwegian Kroner	NOK	10.5093	10.8891	NOK	a	2.4518	a	2.4900
Japanese Yen	JPY	146.2944	151.5395	JPY	a	0.17615	a	0.1789
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	CNY	6.9328	7.1810	CNY	n/	3.7172	n/	3.7752
Tanzanian shilling	TZS	2660.7000	2776.0250	TZS	0.00965	0.00965	0.00978	0.00978
Kenya Shilling	KES	125.9300	131.4425	KES	n/a	0.2039	n/a	0.2070
Botswana Pula	BWP*	0.0738	0.0772	BWP*	n/a	1.9908	n/a	2.0218

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## FAZ PRESIDENT ANDREW KAMANGA CALLS ON THE TEAM TO STEP UP THEIR GAME AGAINST CHAD.

Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) President Andrew Kamanga has urged the players who will be given the task to replace the injured players in Tuesday's Group G Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Morocco 2025 to rise to the occasion.

The Chipolopolo will tomorrow take on Chad in the return leg of the AFCON qualifiers following a 0-0 draw last Friday.

Some of the notable players who have missed the back to back qualifiers include Patson Daka, Edward Chilufya, Lameck Banda, Lubambo Musonda, Stoppilla Sunzu, and Lawrence Mulenga.

Tanzanian-based midfielder Clatous Chama did not travel with the team due to an urgent family commitment, while striker Evans Kangwa returned to China to rejoin his club.

In his president's corner column, Kamanga states that the squad has a lot of prospective replacements for the missing players in the upcoming assignment. Kamanga adds that it is now up to the players to put in an impressive shift when called upon by the technical bench.

"The team has not had a lot of fortune with injuries going into the two back-to-back fixtures with seven first team players ruled out,

Kamanga said. "However this presents a perfect opportunity for the replacements to rise to the occasion. We have more than enough prospective candidates in the team capable of rising to the occasion.

The onus is on the team to step up and ensure that the dream of back-to-back Africa Cup of Nations qualification remains on course."

The match will kick off at 15:00.

*By Lucky Chama*



## ZAMBIA UNDER-15 SCHOOLS NATIONAL TEAM COACH CALLS FOR MORE LOCAL TOURNAMENTS



Zambia Under-15 National Schools team coach William Njobvu has called for more school tournaments to help widen the selection pool for the annual CAF African School Football Championships.

South Africa won both the boys and girls competitions at the CAF African Schools

Football Championship | COSAFA Qualifier in Walvis Bay, Namibia, on Sunday.

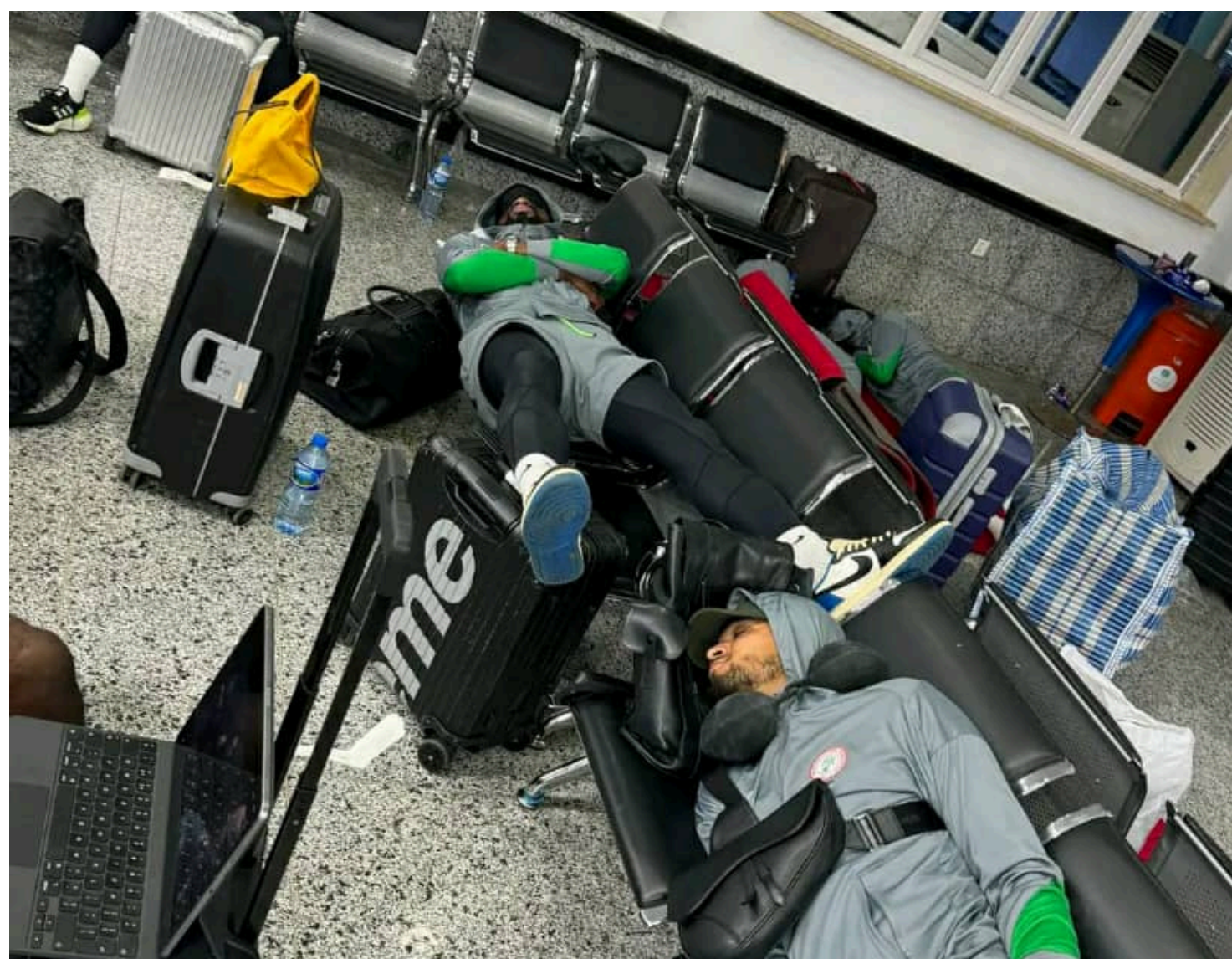
The Zambian Boys were beaten by Zambia 4-2 on penalties after they had played to a 1-1 draw, while South African girls defeated Malawi 3-1 in the final. In an interview, Njobvu noted that there are

limited opportunities for coaches to assess players who are able to compete in their age-group category.

Njobvu adds that there is a need to have more tournaments locally that will lead to the formation of the national team to play in future school football championships.

*By Lucky Chama*

## NIGERIA SET TO BOYCOTT AFCON QUALIFIER IN LIBYA



Nigeria's players say they will boycott their 2025 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Libya on Tuesday after being stranded at an airport overnight. The Super Eagles squad were due to land in Benghazi on Sunday but their plane was instead diverted to Al Abraq, which is about 230km away from their intended destination.

A Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) official told BBC Sport Africa the travelling contingent were "completely abandoned" and then locked inside the airport building after making arrangements to leave.

"As the captain together with the team we have decided that we will not play this game," centre-

back William Troost-Ekong said in a post on X. "At this point we have called for our Nigerian government to intervene and rescue us.

"I've experienced stuff before playing away in Africa but this is disgraceful behaviour." The Libyan Football Federation (LFF) said it was "deeply concerned" by reports about the situation experienced by the travelling side but denied suggestions of foul play. *By BBC*