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116 PROJECTS WORTH \$1.9 BILLION APPROVED-ZEMA

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TI-Z CAUTIONS AGAINST NEPOTISM IN RECRUITMENT OF PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS

By Cecilia Chiluba

Transparency International Zambia (TI-Z) has called on government to ensure that public sector employment remains merit-based, transparent, and free from undue influence.

TI-Z Executive Director, Maurice Nyambe said in a statement that the organization is concerned with the recent remarks made by President Hakainde Hichilema during his meeting with traditional leaders in Monze, as reported in the News Diggers Newspaper that Chiefs would be consulted to recommend candidates for public sector positions so as to rectify historical employment imbalances.

Mr. Nyambe stated that any consultations with traditional leaders regarding public service recruitment should be structured in a way that does not replace or overshadow legal recruitment processes.

He said allowing non-merit-based recommendations, even with the best of intentions, risks creating nepotism and favoritism, thereby undermining the integrity of public institutions.

“While we understand the President’s intention to ensure inclusivity, we must emphasize the importance of maintaining a merit-based recruitment system that is transparent, fair, and impartial.

The Zambian legal framework clearly establishes the principles of meritocracy and equal opportunity in public service recruitment, and we must guard against creating an environment where these principles can be compromised for whatever reason.”

“The Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016, specifically Article 173, mandates that recruitment into the public service must be based on merit to ensure fairness, effectiveness, and professionalism. Any deviation from these guidelines could open the door to corruption and abuse of office, as outlined in the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012,” Mr. Nyambe stated.

He noted that the Public Finance Management Act No. 1 of 2018 and the Public Procurement Act No. 8 of 2020 also stress the need for transparency and accountability in managing public resources, therefore human resources, like financial resources, must be allocated fairly and judiciously, based on merit, to prevent wastage and inefficiency in public service.

Mr. Nyambe cautioned against nepotism and any form of favoritism in the public sector recruitment process, as this violates Zambian laws and also erodes public trust in the fairness as well as i

ntegrity of public institutions.

“The recruitment of civil servants should not be influenced by familial, social, or political connections. Instead, it must strictly follow established legal frameworks that guarantee equal opportunities for all Zambians, based on qualifications and competence.”

“Traditional leaders, while vital partners in development, must not be placed in a position where their recommendations could inadvertently promote unfair practices or undermine the rule of law,” he said.

He stressed the need for government to strengthen its commitment to fair recruitment practices by upholding the principles enshrined in Zambia’s legal framework.

Mr. Nyambe further urged traditional leaders, civil society, and the public to continue advocating for a public service recruitment process that is guided by the values of fairness, transparency, and accountability.

“Only through such a system can Zambia build strong public institutions capable of delivering quality services to its people,” Mr. Nyambe noted.

NO INTENSIONS TO BAN SCRAP METAL DEALERS FROM DEALING IN COPPER BY GOVT

By Cecilia Chiluba

Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry says government has no intentions to ban scrap metal dealers from dealing in copper, as a way of averting vandalism of ZESCO cables.

Speaking in Parliament during the question for oral answer session, Chipoka Mulenga says the sub-sector contributes to the growth of the Zambia’s manufacturing industry and also helps promote the recycling of scrap metals.

Mr. Mulenga notes that banning scrap metal dealers from dealing in copper will decrease growth of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) who are the majority of the dealers.

He adds that in view of the rampant vandalism of ZESCO installations, government through the power utility company is shifting from using copper electricity cables, to aluminium which has low value to the scrap metal dealers.

Mr. Mulenga was responding to Kwacha Member of Parliament, Charles Mulenga who wanted to find out whether government has plans to ban scrap metal dealers from dealing in copper, in order to avert vandalism of ZESCO installations and thefts from copper mining companies.



GOVERNANCE EXPERT EXPECTS KCM, MOPANI TO HELP ZAMBIA ATTAIN 3 MILLION METRIC TONNES COPPER PRODUCTION TARGET.

By Elias Mwenda



A Governance Expert expects the country to achieve the 3 million metric tonnes of copper production target per annum by 2031 now that key strategic mining assets such as Konkola Copper Mine (KCM) and Mopani Mines have started operating at full capacity.

Wesley Miyanda tells Money FM News that the mining sector has continued to be the cornerstone of the country’s economy as it creates jobs, while the government gets the much-needed revenue in form of taxes.

And Mr. Miyanda notes that the recently held Zambia Mining and Investment Insaka in Lusaka will shape the future of the country’s mining industry. He has emphasized that Zambia continues to rely on the mining sector for

its logical economic growth, therefore the need to support initiatives such as the Mining and Investment Insaka. Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development hosted the first ever Zambia Mining and Investment Insaka from 7th to 11th October 2024 in Lusaka, under the theme; “Mining Beyond Copper – Celebrating 100 Years of Mining in Zambia.”

YEFI CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE MODALITIES TO REDUCE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AGRICULTURE BUSINESS

By Elias Mwenda

Young Emerging Farmers Initiative (YEFI) has called on government to introduce modalities that will reduce the risks and shocks associated with agriculture business. Speaking in an interview with Money FM News, Association Executive Director, Matthew Ntobo has stressed the

need for many Zambians to venture into agriculture, although people are skeptical due to the risks involved.

Mr. Ntobo has urged government to create an enabling environment that will reduce the risks of venturing into agriculture to manageable levels.

He adds that government should also enhance the current agriculture programmes to attract more people into the sector.



ZEMA APPROVES 116 PROJECTS IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS WORTH US\$1.91 BILLION



Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) has disclosed that it has approved 116 projects worth US\$1.91 billion, out of the 121 that were considered in various sectors of the economy at its 9th sitting held in September, 2024.

Acting Director General, Karen Banda-Etongo, revealed that the Energy Sector had the highest total investment cost of US\$1.76 Billion, while the investment in the Manufacturing and Processing industries stood at US\$ 66.80 Million, with Mining & Mineral Processing sector recording an investment cost of US\$45.50 Million.

Mrs. Etongo further disclosed that the approved projects in the Energy sector included those anticipated to generate 675 Megawatts of power with 300 Megawatts from a Thermal Power plant, 355 Megawatts from Hydro Power plants and 20 Megawatts from Solar Plants.

“Zambia Environmental Management Agency considered 121 projects and approved 116 projects at its 9th sitting held in September, 2024. The approved projects have a total investment cost of US\$1.91 Billion. The mining and mineral processing sector continues to lead in number with 46 projects approved.”

“The Manufacturing and Processing sector was second with 29 projects, while the Energy sector was third at 24 projects approved. The Infrastructure Development, and Agriculture and Forestry sectors had 9 and 7 projects approved, respectively. The Tourism Sector continues to record fewer applications with only 1 project considered and approved,” Mrs. Etongo noted.

She added that the Agency has continued to prioritize the assessment of electricity and water harvesting projects to prevent delays in critical interventions, in view of the declaration of the

drought as a national disaster and emergency.
By Cecilia Chiluba

“Cheques in Zambia have been used for more than 116 years. However, over the last 10 years, the technological advancement has led to widespread adoption of electronic payment methods, resulting in a significant decrease in utilization of the Cheque.”

“For this, and many other reasons, the Bank of Zambia plans to discontinue the use of the cheque as a payment instrument, in line with the National Payment System Vision and Strategy 2027,” the Bank explained. The Central Bank also observed that a cheque is highly prone to fraud such as forgery, alterations and theft of cheque books, on account of being a paper-based payment method.

“The cheque as a payment instrument may also not be honored during the processing cycle due to insufficient funds on the account holder and invalid signatures among other things, leading to reduced confidence in payment systems.”

“Delay in delivery of goods and services by businesses is another factor. Most businesses wait until the clearing process is completed before they provide goods and services, this hinders commerce,” it stated. According to the Central Bank, the cost of investing in new infrastructure by the industry does not justify the benefits, given the migration to electronic payment systems.

The Bank has since provided alternative payment options which include Digital Bank Payments, Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF), Mobile Payment Systems, such as mobile money transfers and mobile wallets, Automated Teller Machine (ATM), Point of Sale (POS), and Remittance Systems, which refers to the money sent by one party to another within or outside the country.

“Cheques in Zambia



GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO RECOVER OVER K1 BILLION IN UNREMITTED NON-TAX REVENUE

By Cecilia Chiluba

Minister of Finance and National Planning says the Treasury is determined to recover the over K1 billion non-tax revenue in levies, fees, penalties and fines, that remained unremitted by mid-year, as revealed by the Office of the Accountant General.

According to a report submitted to Secretary to the Treasury, Felix Nkulukusa, by the Accountant General, the outstanding non-tax revenue which should have been paid to Government Ministries and Agencies by various stakeholders stood at K1, 078, 158, 586.39 billion by June, 2024.

The outstanding remittances relate to Government services offered in the energy, tourism, labour, water development and sanitation, transport and Logistics, and home affairs and internal security, sectors.

Dr. Musokotwane said the failure to remit non-tax revenue by some organizations and individuals is inconsistent with

Government’s macroeconomic objective for 2024 aimed at increasing domestic revenue to at least 22 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

“Undoubtedly, to achieve this target, the assigned Ministries and Agencies have the full backing of the Treasury in pursuing

all relevant channels to ensure that the targeted non-tax revenues for various goods and services which they render on behalf of the Government is remitted by end of October, 2024.”

“To accelerate the remittance of outstanding revenue by respective stakeholders, the Government will publish details of all organizations and individuals who are owing. We anticipate positive results from the exercise. The outstanding revenue is part of the 2024 resource mobilization framework and has to be collected, without fail,” Dr. Musokotwane emphasized.

And speaking when he presented the report to Dr. Musokotwane, Secretary to the Treasury, Felix Nkulukusa, said this state of affairs has impacted on the resources available for the Government to finance public service delivery.

Mr. Nkulukusa also briefed the Minister on budget performance in September, 2024.

“Energy Sector Stakeholders: K617, 886, 591.83 is outstanding for energy regulation board license fees; Tourism Sector Stakeholders: K8, 044, 225.91 for casino, hotel managers registration fees and outstanding balances on the tourism development credit facility; Water Development &

Sanitation Sector Stakeholders: K5, 684, 969.10 is outstanding for WARMA fees.”

“Labour Sector Stakeholders: K382, 798.00 is outstanding for registration, factory, and education and occupational safety fees; Transport & logistics Sector Stakeholders: K3, 560, 001.55 for equipment, maintenance and printed supplies; and, Lands & Natural Resources Sector Stakeholders: K442, 200, 00 is outstanding for ground rent and consideration fees,” he said.

He emphasized that the funds are needed to sustain the drought emergency response which was developed by Government, following the declaration made early this year by President Hakainde Hichilema that Zambia is facing a national disaster - following a severe drought caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon.

BANK OF ZAMBIA TO PHASE OUT CHEQUES BY DECEMBER 2025, AS USAGE DECLINES BY 80%

By Cecilia Chiluba



Bank of Zambia has disclosed that it plans to phase out the use of Cheques as a payment instrument by 31st December 2025, following a significant decline in usage in the last 10 years, among other factors.

The Bank revealed in a Brochure that the value of cheque transactions reduced from K39.2 billion in 2014 to K7.8 billion in 2023, representing 80 percent decline in utilization. It said the other reasons for phasing out cheques

include the high cost of payment processing infrastructure such as licenses, maintenance fees, software and printing of cheque books, while associated material remains elevated.

“Cheques in Zambia

CZECH REPUBLIC PLEDGES TO INVEST 3 MILLION EUROS PER YEAR IN ZAMBIA UNTIL 2030

By Cecilia Chiluba



Czech Republic has pledge to invest 3 million Euros per year, equivalent to K86.7 million, in various sectors of Zambia from 2024 until 2030, as the nation has been prioritized in the European country's Development Cooperation.

Czech Ambassador to Zambia Pavel Prochazka, said his government is investing in Zambia's education, health, nutrition and many other sectors to promote development.

Speaking at the Czech National Day in Lusaka, Mr. Prochazka stated that Zambia has been prioritized because it stood with the Czech people when the former Soviet Union occupied the country.

He noted that former President Dr. Kenneth Kaunda spoke against Soviet aggression and the country has remained consistent on international order.

Mr. Prochazka added that the Czech Republic appreciates the warm relations the country shares with Zambia.

Meanwhile, Technology and Science Minister Felix Mutati has paid tribute to the Czech Republic for placing Zambia on its priority list in development cooperation.

Mr. Mutati noted that the Czech Republic has been an all-weather friend, further thanking the country for supporting Zambia in various sectors.



POLITICIANS HAVE DWARFED ZAMBIA.

Zambia, despite maintaining relative political stability and avoiding major civil conflict, has been crippled by a form of negative peace—a deceptive calm that conceals deep divisions and widespread suffering.

The country's underdevelopment is not a result of external threats or forces but a product of political decisions that prioritize personal power over national prosperity.

This pattern is evident in every political era since independence, where leaders consistently used the constitution, legal apparatus, and their influence to entrench their authority while suppressing opposition and innovation.

The post-independence leadership of the United National Independence Party (UNIP) exemplifies this trend. Leaders such as Simon Kapwepwe and Harry Nkumbula, who had vibrant and promising careers, were sidelined or eliminated because their vision conflicted with that of Kenneth Kaunda, the nation's first president.

Kaunda's 1973 constitutional reforms, which created a one-party state, were not merely reactions to regional

instability—they were acts of political consolidation, ensuring that any dissent or alternative leadership was quashed.

This legacy of self-preservation at the expense of the nation's democratic health has persisted. The Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD), which unseated UNIP, was supposed to mark a new beginning. However, it instead became consumed with erasing Kaunda's legacy, fearing his return to power.

Prominent leaders like Ronald Penza and Paul Tembo, who dared to harbor political ambitions, met mysterious and untimely deaths—symbols of how deeply entrenched political rivalry and suppression have become in Zambian politics.

The manipulation of the constitution has been a recurring tool for maintaining power. Kaunda's return to multiparty politics in the 1990s was an act of reluctance, not progressiveness, driven by

mass pressure rather than genuine reform.

Chiluba, once hailed as a democrat, employed similar tactics, amending the constitution to bar Kaunda from running in the 1996 elections. This act was not about advancing Zambia's democracy, but ensuring Chiluba's continued dominance.

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interests. His creation of a 'family tree' within government positions and his strategy of appointing opposition leaders to ministerial positions were not about national unity but about consolidating power by weakening opposition forces.

Similarly, Lungu's administration was notorious for cherry-picking constitutional amendments to solidify his position while turning a blind eye to the core of human rights issues, including neglecting the Bill of Rights.

His indifference to the violence perpetrated by his political cadres against citizens and opposition members further illustrates how Zambian politicians have used their authority to dwarf the potential of the nation.

Zambian politics is steeped in a destructive cycle of retribution. Each leader, upon coming to

power, seeks to avenge the wrongs they endured, perpetuating a system where progress is sacrificed for personal vendettas.

Chiluba's downfall, for example, came at the hands of Mwanawasa, whom he had handpicked as his successor, only to find himself stripped of immunity and facing prosecution.

Mwanawasa's own legacy was partly tainted by his failure to shield his predecessor from public humiliation, opting instead to allow the political machinations of retribution to continue.

This cycle remains unbroken. Even under President Hakainde Hichilema, who came to power on a platform of anti-corruption, there are concerns that his fight against corruption might evolve into the same retributive justice that his predecessors wielded.

As long as leaders use political power to settle personal scores, the nation remains locked in a vicious cycle that distracts from meaningful development.

Zambia's political leadership has dwarfed the nation. The opportunities for reform—particularly constitutional reform—have been repeatedly squandered in favor of short-term political gains.

The constitution has been a tool of manipulation, altered at the whims of the ruling elite rather than a document that embodies the will and aspirations of the people.

This failure to establish a robust, people-driven constitution has left Zambia vulnerable to the cyclical nature of its political struggles, where each leader undoes the work of their predecessor rather than building on it.

President Hichilema now holds the baton, and the question remains: will he finally break this cycle? The burden of history rests on his shoulders. He can either follow the well-trodden path of manipulation and self-interest or seize the opportunity to truly empower the Zambian people by championing reforms that prioritize national development over personal legacy.

Zambia needs a leadership that is willing to forgo personal glory for the greater good. The political elite must understand that their time in power is temporary, but the decisions they make will shape the future of the nation for generations. They must resist the temptation to use power as a tool of self-preservation and begin to see it as a responsibility to serve the people and uplift the nation.

As Zambia continues to reflect on its past and present, it must confront the uncomfortable truth: its political leadership has been a major obstacle to progress. It is time for a new political culture, one that prioritizes the common good, fosters true reconciliation, and builds a foundation for sustainable development.

The nation's prayers on October 18 should not only seek divine intervention but also provoke an introspection among its leaders—because Zambia's future lies in the choices they make today.

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ELON MUSK GIVES \$75M TO BOOST TRUMP CAMPAIGN



Elon Musk gives \$75m to boost Trump campaign

Elon Musk gave around \$75m to his pro-Donald Trump campaign group America PAC over a three-month period, federal disclosures show. Musk, the billionaire boss of Tesla, SpaceX and social media site X, formally endorsed Trump in July after the Republican candidate survived an assassination attempt.

The billionaire also joined him on stage at the beginning of the month in Pennsylvania, when the former president returned to the site in Butler where the attempt was made on his life.

BOEING SEEKS UP TO \$35BN AS COSTLY STRIKE DRAGS ON



Boeing says it aims to raise up to \$35bn (£26.8bn) from investors and banks as a costly strike by thousands of its workers enters its second month.

Also on Tuesday, the union representing more than 30,000 of the aviation giant's workers held a rally in the city of Seattle.

The company is moving ahead with plans to layoff around 17,000 workers, with the first redundancy notices expected to be issued in mid-November.

Talks to end the walkout collapsed last week as the firm withdrew an offer that included a 30% pay rise over four years. Boeing plans to raise up to \$25bn in stock and debt offerings and said it had reached a deal with major banks to borrow as much as \$10bn.

NIGERIA'S OIL EXPLORATION DROPS 6.7% DUE TO LIMITED INVESTMENT

There were indications, yesterday, that oil exploration dropped year-on-year, by 6.7 percent in September 2024, due to limited investment in the upstream sector of the Nigeria's petroleum industry.

Vanguard reports that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), indicated the development in the number of rigs deployed for operations during the period.

In the latest October 2024 Monthly Oil Market Report, OPEC indicated that on year-on-year basis, the nation's oil exploration decreased by 6.7 percent in September 2024,

as the rigs dropped for exploration fell to 14, from 15 recorded in the corresponding period of 2023. But on month-on-month basis, the nation's oil exploration remained flat as the number of rigs deployed remained flat at 14 in September 2024, same as recorded in the preceding month of August

2024. According to OPEC, Algeria emerged the highest nation in terms of exploration with 43 rigs while Equatorial Guinea came last with zero rigs. Although OPEC did not provide factors responsible for the development, checks by Vanguard pointed to low investment in Nigeria during the period, characterized by continued divestment by the International Oil Companies.



AFRICA NEEDS \$194 BILLION ADDITIONAL FINANCING TO ACHIEVE SDGS - UNGA PRESIDENT

President of the UN General Assembly, UNGA, Philémon Yang, says Africa will need \$194 billion dollars in additional financing annually to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, (SDGs) by 2030. Daily Nigerian reports that Yang, said this at a joint debate on the New Partnership for Africa's development at the ongoing 79th session of the UNGA at UN headquarters in New York. The UNGA president acknowledged Africa's potential but underscored urgent need for both international support and systemic reforms across the continent

in order for it to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Yang addressed the continent's progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's (AU) related framework, known as Agenda 2063. Yang highlighted the recent adoption of the Pact for the Future which acknowledges the special challenges faced by the most vulnerable countries, in particular African States, in the implementation of the 2030.

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British Pounds Sterling	GBP*	1.2764	1.3224	GBP*	34.5288	34.5288	35.0675	35.0675
Euro	EUR*	1.0665	1.1047	EUR*	28.8484	28.8484	29.2985	29.2985
South African Rand	ZAR	17.2653	17.8867	ZAR	n/a	1.5043	n/a	1.5278
Swedish Kroner	SEK	10.2059	10.5822	SEK	n/	2.5438	n/	2.5835
Swiss Francs	CHF	0.8453	0.8756	CHF	a	30.7287	a	31.2081
Danish Kroner	DKK	6.7175	6.9582	DKK	n/	3.8668	n/	3.9271
Norwegian Kroner	NOK	10.6028	10.9868	NOK	n/	2.4494	n/	2.4876
Japanese Yen	JPY	146.3532	151.5903	JPY	a	0.17749	a	0.1803
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	CNY	6.9765	7.2259	CNY	n/	3.7234	n/	3.7814
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Kenya Shilling	KES	125.9300	131.4425	KES	n/a	0.2055	n/a	0.2087
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THOMAS TUCHEL APPOINTED THREE LIONS COACH

By Lucky Chama

New England men's team head coach Thomas Tuchel says he is focused on working to "make our dream come true" at the 2026 World Cup.

about making the switch from club to international football but added he is excited to work with a "very special and exciting group of players."

The 51-year-old was confirmed as the next Three Lions boss on Wednesday and will officially take charge on 1 January after signing an 18-month contract.

Tuchel is tasked with guiding England's men to the 2026 World Cup, where they will hope to end a 60-year wait for a major trophy.

Tuchel has only become the third non-British permanent head coach of the England men's team.

He replaces Gareth Southgate, who resigned after eight years in charge following England's loss to Spain in the Euro 2024 final in July.

The Champions League winner also explained he was initially unsure



CAROL KANYEMBA NOT INTIMIDATED BY BIG NAMES AT U17 WORLD CUP

By Lucky Chama

Zambia Under-17 Women's national team head Coach Carol Kanyemba has declared the team ready for battle against Brazil on Friday morning.

The Copper Princesses are gearing up for the eighth edition of the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup Dominican Republic 2024.

Zambia open their Group D campaign with a match against Brazil at 01:00 CAT on Friday morning at the Estadio Felix Sanchez stadium in the Dominican Republic capital of Santo Domingo.

The other group opponents are Poland and Japan.

Kanyemba said the team is unfazed by the big names, such as Brazil, urging the players to be psychologically prepared for the assignment.

KAnyemba states that the match against Brazil provides the team with the opportunity to showcase their talents at the bigger stage.

She adds that having an all-local squad is not going to disadvantage them, as they have adequately prepared for the tournament.

"The girls are showing that positive attitude and looking sharp ahead of the Brazil game. We have told the girls to believe in themselves. We have respect for Brazil, but we are going to play our game. We are going to show them what we can do as well. The girls will unleash their potential and show the world what Zambia can do," Kanyemba said.

"We are not bothered by the name Brazil. The game is a good litmus test to show our quality in Zambia. We are all

local coaches on the bench with a full local squad.

Yes, they are a big team with experience, but that doesn't intimidate us.

We know what is at stake and what we want to achieve. We have confidence in the team we picked.

They are a team that loves to work together and is willing to play for each other."

KELVIN KAPUMBU TURNS 'SENSATIONAL' AGAIN



Zambian Super League side Zanaco Football Club has announced the signing of Chipolopolo midfielder Kelvin Kapumbu on a one-year, nine-month contract.

The former ZESCO United midfielder returns to Sunset Stadium, where he was before trekking to Ndola in June 2022 to join the nine-time Super League winners.

Upon expiry of his contract at Zesco, Kapumba joined Israeli side Hapoel Petah Tikva, who recently released him, roughly two months into his contract. He has joined the Bankers as a free agent. Kapumba, known for his hard-tackling antics, represented the Zambia national team at the last Africa Cup in Ivory Coast and was a key member in the opening

2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers under Avram Grant.

He is expected to bring experience and improve competition in the squad coached by Chipolopolo head coach Wedson Nyirenda.

By Lucky Chama

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