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ZDA AIMS TO RECORD OVER US\$2 BILLION TRADE DEALS AT IZIC, AS ZANACO HANDSOVER K500, 000 CHEQUE

By Cecilia Chiluba



Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) has disclosed that it is targeting to record leads and trade deals worth over US\$2 billion in key thematic sectors at the inaugural Invest Zambia International Conference (IZIC) scheduled for July, 2025, in Lusaka.

The Agency will be hosting the Conference in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC), International Finance Corporation (IFC), European Union Delegation to Zambia, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Zambia National Commercial Bank (ZANACO) has since handed over a K500, 000 cheque to ZDA, as part of its support towards the Conference, which will be held under the theme; “Driving Generational Transformative Investments through Joint Ventures and Partnerships.”

With about 1, 000 delegates from more than 20 countries expected to participate in the event, from 16th to 18th July,

2025, IZIC is set to become the country's premier platform for trade and investment.

The Conference's key objectives include facilitating joint Venture Partnerships, promoting growth through trade and investment, and attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Speaking during the cheque handover ceremony in Lusaka, ZDA Director General Albert Halwampa said the Agency expects the outcomes of the conference to include not only increased trade and investment deals, but also a significant rise in FDI inflows.

“We are looking to generate in excess of US\$2 billion worth of transactions. Behind the scenes, we already have US\$3 billion of agreements that could be signed during IZIC and I am not surprised if we will reach US\$5 billion.”

“To ensure the success of this inaugural event, ZDA is actively mobilizing resources from our partners and stakeholders. To date, we have raised K4, 450,000 and counting, towards the hosting costs,” Mr. Halwapa said.

Mr. Halwampa explained that the flagship event will offer a unique space for strategic engagement through Business-to-Business (B2B) and Business-to-Government (B2G) networking opportunities, panel discussions and exhibitions that highlight Zambia's economic opportunities.

He expressed gratitude to ZANACO for promptly stepping up as a key partner for IZIC working towards unlocking Zambia's investment potential.

Speaking earlier, ZANACO Chief Executive Officer Mukwandi Chibesakunda said the Bank is committed to supporting initiatives that promote sustainable development, economic diversification, and job creation, which are core drivers of Zambia's journey towards middle-income status.

“By investing in platforms that foster dialogue, collaboration, and innovative solutions, we are actively contributing to a future where Zambia's economic potential is fully realized.”

The theme of the Invest in Zambia International

Conference resonates deeply with Zanaco's core vision. We believe that through strategic collaborations and innovative joint ventures, Zambia can unlock its full potential, creating sustainable prosperity for generations to come,” Ms. Chibesakunda stated.

She applauded ZDA for conceptualizing and organizing the inaugural conference, describing the initiative as a bold and visionary step towards positioning Zambia as a competitive and attractive destination for investment.

“With your organization reporting that the country last year, recorded US\$9.83 billion worth of actualized projects spanning multiple sectors, and generated 40,395 jobs, surpassing the initial target of 38,119 jobs, we are optimistic that Zambia will record even more actualized investments,” she added.

So far, confirmed international participants include delegates from Malaysia, the Netherlands, USA, South Africa, Botswana, Germany, India, the UK, Australia, Austria, China, Bermuda, DRC, and Egypt. Others are Greece, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Portugal, Seychelles, Tunisia, and the UAE.

ZCSA SEIZES, RESTRICTS 282 CRATES OF EXPIRED MOSI LIGHT BEER VALUED AT OVER K78, 000

By Cecilia Chiluba



Zambia Compulsory Standards Agency (ZCSA) has seized 282 crates of expired Mosi Light beer from a named distributor in Ndola, valued at K78, 960.

The seizure follows a tip-off from a whistle blower in Ndola's Pamodzi Township on the sale of expired clear beer contrary to the provisions of the Zambia Standard - ZS 430: Clear Beer Specification and the Compulsory Standards Act No. 3 of 2017.

The Agency has since restricted the products pending disposal, in a bid to protect consumers, as provided for by the Compulsory Standards Act.

Agency Manager - Communications and Public Relations Brian Hatyoka warned of

punitive actions against entities supplying non-compliant products on the market as such items pose a risk to public health and safety.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hatyoka revealed that the Agency has disposed of 1, 610 cases of non-compliant packaged Royal Sachet Water which were seized from the Precision Royal Beverages Limited factory last year following the conclusion of administrative processes.

He pledged the Agency's commitment to enforcing compulsory standards in a bid to protect the health and safety of consumers. “The Agency has enhanced its enforcement, public

education and stakeholder engagements across the country to ensure that only safe products are traded on the Zambian market.” “The Agency is urging the public to be vigilant and inform ZCSA upon encountering any suspicious products covered by compulsory standards to the nearest ZCSA office,” Mr. Hatyoka said.

ZCSA is a Statutory Body under Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry established by the Compulsory Standards Act No.3 of 2017 to administer, maintain and ensure compliance with compulsory standards for the purpose of public safety and health, consumer and environmental protection.

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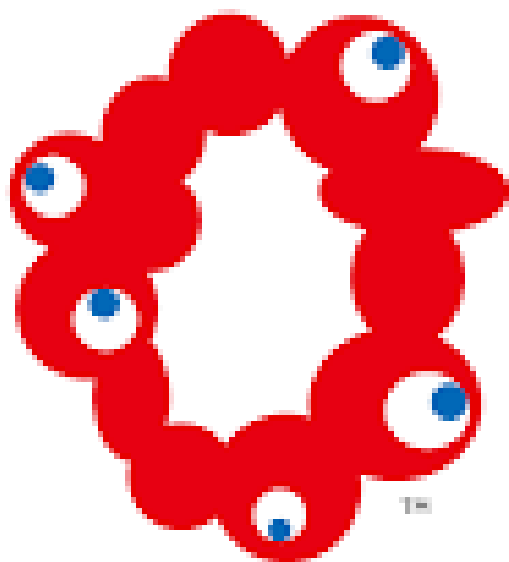
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ZAMBIA TO RE-INTRODUCE COFFEE INTO JAPANESE MARKET, PARTICIPATES AT 2025 WORLD EXPO IN OSAKA

By Money Daily Reporter



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Ministry of Agriculture says Zambia is working to reintroduce premium agricultural commodities into Japanese, at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka, Japan, starting with locally -grown coffee.

Zambian coffee, renowned for its rich flavor and organic production methods, is being positioned as a flagship product capable of penetrating premium niche markets — especially in Asia, where demand for high-quality, ethically sourced coffee continues to rise.

With global demand growing for sustainable, traceable, and high-quality agricultural products, Zambia is confident that its coffee industry, backed by renewed investment and strategic marketing, can play a major role in boosting export earnings and transforming rural livelihoods.

Ministry’s Director of Internal Audit, Larry Mulomba said Zambia is therefore using its participation at the Expo, as a strategic platform to unlock new international markets for its agricultural products,

with a strong focus on reviving and expanding its coffee exports.

Speaking at the Expo, Mr. Mulomba stated that this is part of the government’s broader strategy to reposition agriculture as a cornerstone of economic diversification and foreign exchange generation.

“We want to see our products back in international stores, starting with Japan. Zambian coffee once had a place here, but today it is missing.”

“This Expo gives us a renewed opportunity to rebuild that presence. Our goal is to go beyond coffee and tap into processed foods, organic teas, and fruits,” Mr. Mulomba said.

He emphasized that the World Expo offers Zambia an opportunity to diversify trade with Japan and other partners, while also promoting the export of a range of Zambian products, including gemstones, crafts, honey, fruits, tea, and coffee.

“For example, Zambian coffee is no longer found on Japanese shelves, and the government aims to

change that through targeted market re-entry strategies.”

“The initiative aligns with President Hakainde Hichilema’s economic transformation agenda, which focuses on scaling up non-traditional exports, expanding rural incomes, and creating jobs through agricultural value addition,” he added.

Mr. Mulomba further stated that the Ministry of Agriculture is actively engaging Japanese investors in agricultural mechanization and agro-processing, with a particular interest in establishing manufacturing and assembly plants for equipment such as tractors, irrigation systems, and coffee processing machinery.

“From the field to the factory, we want to strengthen our agricultural value chain. With modern equipment and infrastructure, our farmers can increase yields, reduce losses, and meet the high standards of export markets like Japan.”

“The Ministry is also prioritizing institutional collaboration in areas such as research and

development, climate-smart agriculture, and technical skills training to boost productivity across the sector,” Mr. Mulomba stated.

Zambia’s delegation at the Expo, working in close coordination with the Zambian Embassy in Tokyo, is also holding bilateral meetings and pitching investment opportunities under the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) framework.

According to a statement issued by Ministry of Agriculture Principal Public Relations Officer, Balewa Zyuulu, the engagements are aimed at positioning Zambia as a land-linked regional trade hub with access to markets across Southern and Central Africa.

Zambia’s participation at the 2025 World Expo serves as a mutual opportunity, offering the country enhanced international visibility, strategic partnerships, and expanded economic prospects — while Japan benefits by strengthening its global engagement and economic outreach.

EIGHT ILLEGAL GOLD MINERS BURIED ALIVE IN MUFUMBWE

By Money Daily Reporter



Eight illegal miners have been buried alive after a tunnel collapsed on them in the Kakawa Gold Rush mining area of Mufumbwe district, North-Western province.

The incident occurred in the early hours of yesterday around 03:00 hours and Police have since retrieved the eight bodies from the debris.

Police Public Relations Officer Rae Hamoonga, explained that the incident happened when a weak tunnel dug under an anthill gave way, due to the constant and unregulated digging, burying between eight and fifteen illegal miners underground.

“Yesterday, Tuesday,

June 17, 2025, around 07:00 hours, police were alerted that illegal miners had been buried alive after a tunnel collapsed in the Kakawa Gold Rush mining area.”

“Reports suggest that between 08 and 15 illegal miners were buried in the collapse,” Mr. Hamoonga said.

He said Police have since identified four bodies while the other four have been deposited in the Mufumbwe District Hospital Mortuary awaiting identification and collection by the next of kins.

Mr. Hamoonga added that the search and retrieval operation is still ongoing for the remaining suspected missing persons.

He warned the public, particularly youths, against engaging in illegal mining activities which are not only illegal but endangers their lives as well.

“The Service remains committed to upholding law and order and will continue to work closely with relevant authorities to ensure that such illegal activities are brought to an end,” he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hamoonga disclosed that seven Police Officers from the School of Public Order Maintenance were injured by violent illegal miners, during an operation conducted on Sunday between 07:30 hours and 13:00 hours, to clear all illegal miners from the Kikonge area, of Mufumbwe district.

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BUYZED CALLS FOR EXPANDED INVESTMENT IN AQUACULTURE TO ENAHNCE ZAMBIA'S BLUE ECONOMY

By Cecilia Chiluba



BuyZed Campaign has called for expansion of the aquaculture sector in a bid to enhance the country's blue economy.

Organization Founder Evans Ngoma, has since hailed Zambia National Service's (ZNS) aquaculture project in Chief Chipepo's area, along Lake Kariba in Gwembe district.

ZNS has expanded its fish farming operations at the Chanyanya Unit in Kafue District and at Lake Kariba in Gwembe district, with plans to become one of the largest fish farming enterprises in the country and region.

The initiative aims to contribute to national food security and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, aligning with President Hakainde Hichilema's directive to defense and security wings to engage in economic diversification.

Mr. Ngoma noted that the project is a significant step towards harnessing the potential of Zambia's blue economy.

He said the organization recognizes the importance of supporting initiatives that promote local economy but also contribute to national food security and economic growth.

"As we continue to leverage the vast water resources available to us, I urge the ZNS command to consider investing in additional cages to enhance fish production," Mr. Ngoma said.

Mr. Ngoma stated that by adopting an economies-of-scale approach, ZNS can reduce the cost of production, increase efficiency, and ultimately make fish more affordable for Zambians.

The This strategic investment will not only benefit the local production and contribute to national food security and economic growth.

"I believe that with careful planning and execution, the ZNS aquaculture project can become a model for sustainable aquaculture practices in Zambia, while also showcasing the potential of the blue economy to drive economic development," he noted.

The aquaculture project is expected to address fish deficiency, create jobs and stimulate economic growth.

MONGU HOSTS 2025 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK COMMEMORATIONS

By Money Daily Reporter



The 2025 National Library Week was officially commemorated in Mongu, Western Province, with a symposium that brought together various stakeholders to promote the importance of libraries in national development.

Speaking at the event held at Mongu College of Education, Assistant Markets Manager Mr. Kamwi Simasiku emphasized how the CDF can be effectively used to enhance library infrastructure and services in local communities.

Simasiku called on Ward Development Committees (WDCs) and other stakeholders to play a proactive role in guiding communities to identify and prioritize projects that would yield lasting educational and social benefits.

The 2025 National Library Week is being celebrated under the theme: "Empowering Minds, Building Futures: Libraries for All, Everywhere," underscoring the crucial role libraries play in knowledge sharing and societal growth.

The occasion was graced by the Western Province Educational Officer, Ms. Peggy Chilemu, who was represented by Education Standards Officer, Mr. Richard Imasiku.

The event featured vibrant exhibitions from a range of institutions, including the Ministry of Local Government, represented by Lusaka City Council and Solwezi Municipal Council. Also exhibiting were the University of Zambia, Copperbelt University, Levy Mwanawasa Medical University, Lyambai College of Education, Mongu Catholic College of Education, the Anti-Corruption Commission, the Examinations Council of Zambia, the Zambia Statistics Agency, and the Zambia National Archives.

The Library Week activities aim to foster public appreciation for libraries as critical centers for learning, innovation, and community empowerment across the country.

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ZAMBIA CONCLUDES MAIZE IMPORTATION INITIATIVE FROM TANZANIA

By Cecilia Chiluba



Government says a total of 195,000 metric tonnes of maize has been transported into Zambia from Tanzania under the grain importation initiative, which commenced in August 2024, with the final consignment expected to arrive in the country within seven days.

The procurement of maize from Tanzania was executed under the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU), with Food Reserve Agency (FRA) as the implementing agency, working hand-in-hand with the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) in Tanzania.

A delegation of Zambian government officials led by DMMU Director for Disaster Humanitarian Operations Management,

Amos Mumba and FRA Acting Executive Director Justine Chuunka, is currently in Sumbawanga, Tanzania, to oversee the loading of the final consignment of maize purchased under a government-to-government contract.

The consignment marks the concluding phase of Zambia’s maize importation initiative from Tanzania, launched in response to the severe drought that affected the country during the 2023/2024 farming season.

Mr. Chuunka confirmed that the final consignment is now en route to Zambia and is expected to arrive within the next seven days.

He stated that to date, all maize quantities uplifted from Tanzania have been received and reconciled,

thanking the Zambian Government for facilitating the entire process.

“All consignments have been accounted for in full, and the cooperation with our Tanzanian counterparts has been exemplary,” Mr. Chuunka stated.

Mr. Chuunka also thanked the Tanzanian Government for their continued collaboration, the transporters and FRA staff for their diligence in ensuring that all maize met Zambia’s stringent quality and safety standards.

Speaking during the same visit, Mr. Mumba emphasized the importance of regional partnerships in addressing food insecurity.

He noted that, despite the complexity of the operation, the mission was a success due to coordinated efforts

among multiple stakeholders.

“This was a complex logistical operation, but with the cooperation of clearing agents, border authorities, transporters, and our field teams, we ensured timely movement and delivery. The final consignment is now in transit and expected to arrive in Zambia within seven days,” he said.

And Ministry of Agriculture Assistant Director - Agribusiness and Marketing Peter Zulu, who was also present during the mission, commended FRA and DMMU for their efficient execution of the maize importation exercise. This is according to a statement issued DMMU Senior Information, Education and Communications Officer, Mathews Musukwa.

IMMIGRATION NABS 19 MORE IN MUFUMBWE ILLEGAL GOLD MINING

By Money Daily Reporter



Solwezi Regional He said those “The Department has Immigration Office, in conjunction with the Kasempa Office, has apprehended 19 more individuals involved in illegal gold mining activities in Mufumbwe District.

This is in addition to the 23 foreign nationals apprehended on 16th June, 2025, in the ongoing operation aimed at curbing illegal gold mining in the district.

Immigration Chief Public Relations Officer, Namati Nshinka revealed that those apprehended yesterday included 17 Tanzanians and two Zimbabweans.

“All the suspects are currently detained in Solwezi pending further immigration and legal action,” Mr. Nshinka said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nshinka disclosed that the Lusaka Regional Immigration apprehended 42 individuals for various immigration offences, during an operation conducted on 17th June, 2025, in Kabwata, Chilenje, Mutendere, Chamba-Valley, Bauleni, and Chalala areas.

Mr. Nshinka explained that the number of individuals were nabbed for offences on 17th June, 2025 including unlawful stay and trading without immigration permits. 73.”

“A female Zambian was apprehended for obstructing Immigration Officers in the execution of their duties.”

“All the suspects have been detained at Kamulanga Police Station pending further investigations and possible prosecution,” he said.

He also revealed that during the same operation, two Eritrean nationals holding employment permits were found working in a retail shop, contrary to their permit conditions.

Mr. Nshinka said a Myanmar national, a Lebanese national on a residence permit were found working illegally. On the same day, the Department also removed 23 illegal immigrants of various nationalities from the country and secured 35 convictions for immigration-related offences.

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GOVT CALLS FOR SUSTAINABLE, CLIMATE-RESILIENT WATER SOLUTIONS AS DEFICIT WIDENS TO 130,000 CUBIC METRES

By Cecilia Chiluba



Minister of Water Development and Sanitation has called for sustainable, climate-resilient water solutions in view of the growing shortfall which currently stands at 130,000 cubic metres.

Lusaka currently produces an average of 350,000 cubic metres of water per day, against a daily demand of 480,000 cubic metres, resulting in a deficit of approximately 130,000 cubic metres.

Delivering a ministerial statement on on strategic water supply interventions in Lusaka Province, Collins Nzovu however, said due to the recent climate-induced drought, actual production has dropped further to 265,000 cubic metres per day.

Eng. Nzovu noted that Government has allocated K34 million to

the Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company to improve water access for over 50,000 peri-urban residents.

He revealed that the Government is undertaking a K4.35 million feasibility study for the construction of a dam in Chongwe District to secure Lusaka’s long-term water supply.

“The study is 70% complete and aims to develop a system capable of serving over 313,000 residents.”

“The dam is designed to store 8 to 10 million cubic metres of water, with a projected daily abstraction of up to 45,000 cubic metres,” Eng. Nzovu said.

He added that the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Council has approved two major projects

namely, phase II of the Kafue Bulk Water Supply Project, and the Lusaka West Water Supply Project (LWWSP).

Eng. Nzovu explained that phase II of the Kafue Bulk Water Supply Project includes the installation of 100,000 m³/day pumps at Iolanda II, construction of a new treatment plant, booster station, transmission pipelines, a distribution centre, and a dedicated power substation.

“Implemented under the Lusaka Water Security Initiative (LUWSI), the Lusaka West Water Supply Project addresses water shortages and groundwater contamination in high-density areas such as Garden House, George Compound, Lilanda, and Kanyama,” he said.

He also disclosed that to mitigate climate-related water shortages, 24 commercial boreholes are

being drilled at a cost of K10.16 million, while 11 have already been completed, benefiting 80,000 residents in areas including Linda, Bauleni, George, and Silverest.

“20 additional boreholes are under construction in George and parts of Kanyama at a cost of K22.5 million. So far, 19 boreholes have been drilled, with 4 equipped. The project will be completed by July 2025.”

“In Chongwe, a 260KW solar power system has been installed to run the booster station and boreholes at Margaret Mwachiyeya wellfield, to be commissioned by July 2025. Diesel generators worth K2.5 million have been deployed to maintain water supply during power outages in areas such as Kabanana, Chainda, Garden Park, and Leopards Hill,” Eng. Nzovu revealed.

REHABILITATION OF TOWNSHIP ROADS WILL COST K1.8 BILLION - LCC

By Cecilia Chiluba



Lusaka City Council (LCC) says it has started works on the rehabilitation of township roads in the district, at a cost of K1.8 billion.

The project, whose aim is to provide a safe and reliable road network for easy transportation in the city, covers a total distance of 40.17 kilometers under three lots.

Council Public Relations Manager Chola Mwamba, stated that the project is being funded by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

Ms. Mwamba said the rehabilitation works include creating extra lanes on some roads, constructing new pavement layers, drainage works, and installing road signage.

“Some of the major roads benefiting from this project include Independence Avenue, spanning 3.34 kilometers, Twin Palm, covering 3.4 kilometers, Chunga Dumpsite, stretching 2.9 kilometers, and Ibex Road, measuring 2.5 kilometers.”

“Additionally, Great East Road and Kamanga Road benefits

from the creation of extra lanes,” Ms. Mwamba stated.

She emphasized that the Council prioritizes road safety, due to its importance in providing accessible and safer roads for residents.

“The Council is committed to ensuring the successful completion of this project, which will not only improve road conditions but also enhance the overall quality of life for the residents of Lusaka,” she added.



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# FROM WASTE TO WEALTH: HOW CIRCULAR THINKING CREATES JOBS

By Dr. Bupe Getrude Mutono-Mwanza



Zambia, like many other developing nations, finds itself facing a pressing and multifaceted challenge. With a rapidly growing population and expanding urbanization, the volume of waste generated in our towns and cities is increasing at an alarming rate. Every day, plastic bottles, food scraps, and packaging waste are dumped illegally, clogging rivers and drainage systems, or set ablaze in open public spaces. These actions are not just harmful to the environment; they are a ticking time bomb for public health and economic sustainability. Yet within this crisis lies an opportunity—one that can turn waste into wealth and unemployment into industry.

The key to unlocking this opportunity lies in the adoption of circular thinking. Unlike the traditional linear economy model of “take, make, dispose,” circular thinking proposes a regenerative approach—where products, materials, and resources are kept in use for as long as possible. This involves recycling, repairing, remanufacturing, and repurposing materials to retain their value and utility. In essence, circular thinking transforms our understanding of waste from a problem to a resource.

Across the continent and within Zambia, practical applications of this thinking have proven both environmentally and economically powerful. Examples include turning plastic waste into paving bricks and construction materials, converting organic

food waste into biogas and compost, upcycling waste paper into packaging, or transforming discarded sachets and textiles into fashionable products. These activities do more than reduce pollution—they create jobs, open new business opportunities, and generate revenue for individuals and communities.

Zambia generates between 3 and 4.4 million tons of municipal solid waste every year, with a population of just over 20 million. Urban residents alone generate between 0.6 to 0.9 kilograms of waste per person per day. The majority of this waste—about 51%—is organic matter such as food and vegetation. Plastics account for roughly 13 to 14%, while paper and cardboard make up approximately 9%. Despite these significant volumes, less than 8% of the waste is currently recovered or recycled, with plastic recovery rates as low as 5 to 7%. The rest ends up polluting the environment, choking ecosystems, and missing out on its potential value.

Fortunately, several African countries have already shown what is possible when circular thinking is embraced. In Kenya, a young innovator named Nzambi Matee founded Gjenje Makers, a social enterprise that converts plastic waste into colorful, durable paving bricks that are even stronger than concrete. The initiative has recycled over 200,000 kilograms of plastic and created more than 600 jobs for youth, women, and waste collectors. It has not only reduced waste but improved urban infrastructure with innovative and

sustainable products.

In Nigeria, the recycling enterprise Wecyclers was established to incentivize low-income households to sort and collect waste in exchange for redeemable points. Using SMS technology and bicycles known as “wecycles,” the enterprise collects recyclables from otherwise inaccessible communities and sells them to recycling plants. Since its inception in 2012, Wecyclers has created more than 270 jobs, serviced over 6,500 households, and removed more than 525 tons of waste. Backed by international partners, it continues to grow as a shining example of community-based circular innovation.

Ghana’s Trashy Bags Africa has taken a creative approach to plastic waste by transforming discarded sachets into fashionable and functional products such as bags, wallets, and accessories. Since 2007, the company has collected and recycled over 33 million pieces of plastic, creating dignified work for many in disadvantaged communities and reducing urban pollution. This initiative demonstrates how circular thinking can stimulate local economies while addressing environmental challenges.

Zambia has its own success story in the form of the Manja Pamodzi Foundation, launched by Zambian Breweries in 2015. This initiative has built a network of over 1,000 waste collectors—75% of whom are women—operating across Lusaka and Ndola through 13 aggregator sites. To date, the project has recovered more than 24,000 tons of recyclable waste and generated over ZMW 12 million in income for collectors

and aggregators. Manja Pamodzi stands as a testament to the potential of circular initiatives to transform livelihoods and reduce waste simultaneously.

Moving forward, Zambia must foster collaboration between industry and academia to advance the circular economy. Universities can lead the way by researching local waste streams, developing product prototypes in innovation centers, and training the next generation in green skills. Academia can also offer evidence-based advice to policymakers for shaping effective regulation. In return, industries can support student innovation, provide internship opportunities, and finance research on sustainable technologies.

Small and medium-sized enterprises in Zambia have a critical role to play. Entrepreneurs can focus on locally abundant waste streams like organics, plastics, and paper to create businesses that solve real problems. Organic waste can be turned into compost or biogas, while plastics like PET and HDPE can be used to make eco-bricks, bags, or fencing materials. Paper waste offers an opportunity to produce packaging materials for local businesses. With access to funding and mentorship through incubators like SWITCH2CE or local universities, Zambian start-ups can become central players in this transformation.

Ultimately, the transition to a circular economy requires the involvement of every stakeholder. Government must create an enabling regulatory and financial environment.

Businesses must design for reuse and invest in sustainable systems. Academia must teach, innovate, and guide. Communities must take up the mantle of recycling and sorting. Consumers must make conscious choices to reduce waste and support sustainable products.

Zambia has the potential to transform its waste crisis into an economic opportunity. With the right investments, partnerships, and mindset, circular thinking can help create a cleaner environment, generate employment, and build a more resilient and inclusive economy. The time to act is now. Let us invest in circular solutions today—not just for the environment, but for the future of every Zambian.

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## THINK BUSINESS



# THE MINING GRAVEYARDS – ANOTHER SENSELESS LOSS OF 8 YOUNG LIVES

On the 8th of October 2024, we mourned the loss of 10 young Zambians who died in a poorly managed, unlicensed mine. We raised our voices then, pleading for action, regulation, and reform. But the silence that followed from those in power was deafening. Today, less than a year later, eight more young lives have been swallowed by the earth in Mufumbwe — buried alive in another preventable mining tragedy. What will it take for Zambia to confront the lawlessness, greed, and negligence that have turned our goldfields into mass graves?

The incident at the Kakawa Gold Rush site is not an accident. It is the product of a state that has allowed its mining sector to spiral into dangerous anarchy. Weak tunnels, unsafe digging practices, and the complete absence of regulatory oversight are not acts of God — they are failures of governance. And the price, once again, has been paid in blood by the youth of this country — desperate young men lured by the mirage of gold wealth, only to be abandoned by the very systems meant to protect them.

The truth is brutal: Zambia is bleeding lives because of its refusal to decisively regulate

small-scale and gold mining operations. Despite multiple tragedies, the government has continued to issue empty statements and half-hearted warnings, while illicit mining booms in places like Mwinilunga, Mumbwa, and now Mufumbwe. Foreigners exploit the land, locals dig recklessly in desperation, and the authorities respond only when it's time to collect bodies.

We must ask: who benefits from this chaos? Who profits from an industry that continues to

operate in the shadows while ordinary citizens die? Why is there no national framework to legalize, license, monitor, and formalize artisanal gold mining?

Why do police officers get attacked by miners instead of being empowered by a clear legal mandate to enforce order? Why has Parliament not acted to establish an emergency mining regularization act to deal with this deadly disorder?

The youth of Zambia are not

lazy. They are not criminals. They are not the problem. They are victims of a broken economy and an absent state. If jobs were available, if opportunities existed, if the mining sector were reformed, none of these young people would be risking their lives under unstable tunnels at 3 in the morning. It is not enough for the Police Spokesperson to warn the youth. Where were the warnings before they entered those tunnels? Where were the patrols, the inspections, the

arrests of those who illegally control these gold sites?

And let's not forget — this is happening under a government that promised to create jobs and reform the mining sector. What we see instead is continued exploitation by foreign interests, widespread smuggling, tax evasion, and now death. If gold is being discovered in almost every province, where is the gold revenue? Where are the safety regulations? Where is the Ministry of Mines? Do we have a functional geological

department at all?

We can no longer afford to bury the truth beneath the soil alongside our youth. The government must wake up to the reality that Zambia's small-scale gold mining sector is a ticking time bomb. We need formalization, safety standards, proper licensing, and a complete overhaul of how we manage mineral resources. Enough with statements and condolences. Enough with temporary police operations. What we need is political will and a coherent national strategy to protect our people and secure our wealth.

The graveyards of Zambia's mining towns are filling up — not because of war, not because of disease, but because of neglect. Eight more young people are gone. Their dreams extinguished. Their families shattered. Their deaths, like those before them, should shame us into action.

If we let this continue, we are not just mining gold — we are mining graves.

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THINK BUSINESS



ZIMBABWE INCHES CLOSER TO 300 MILLION KG TOBACCO MILESTONE

By The Chronicle



Tobacco farmers have demonstrated their resilience and productivity by setting a new national record in tobacco production, with sales surpassing the 299 million kilogramme mark.

According to official figures from the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB), as of day 71 of the 2024 marketing season, a staggering 299,158,624kg of tobacco have been sold, eclipsing last year's record of 296 million kg.

This surge in output has earned farmers just over US\$1 billion in revenue,

reflecting strong global demand and improved efficiencies in local production.

“Zimbabwe! We’ve officially broken our all-time tobacco production record of 296 million kgs.

“As of Day 71, a massive 299,158,624 kgs of tobacco have been sold and farmers have earned just over 1 billion USD. We’re now just 841,376 kgs away from reaching the legendary 300 million kg milestone — the heart of our Tobacco Value Chain Transformation Plan!” TIMB said.

TIMB attributed the milestone to increased hectareage under tobacco, good rainfall patterns, and the adoption of sustainable agronomic practices under the Tobacco Value Chain Transformation Plan (TVCTP), which aims to boost local beneficiation, increase farmer profitability, and reduce dependency on imports.

With the selling season still underway, stakeholders remain optimistic that Zimbabwe’s golden leaf will continue to deliver golden returns for the nation.

CHINA UNVEILS MEASURES TO BUILD SHANGHAI INTO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTER

By Xinhua

China's Shanghai will basically evolve into an international financial center that matches the country's overall strength and global influence over the next five to ten years, according to a recent official guideline.

The eastern metropolis is expected to see remarkable improvements in the adaptability, competitiveness and inclusiveness of its modern financial system, and its functions as a financial opening-up hub will be significantly

strengthened, according to the guideline on support measures for accelerating the building of Shanghai into an international financial center issued by the Central Financial Commission.

To achieve the goals, the guideline emphasizes the importance of developing Shanghai's financial market, calling on the sci-tech innovation board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange to play a more important and inclusive role in promoting hard technology. The guideline also stresses supporting the Shanghai

Futures Exchange in its evolution into a world-class exchange.

Shanghai will work to attract a diverse range of legal entities and branches from both domestic and international major financial institutions, as well as licensed specialized institutions. The city will foster and draw in robust, regulated financial holding companies and encourage the establishment of international financial organizations, according to the guideline.



EXCHANGE RATES

Daily Commercial Banks Exchange Rates

📅 18-06-2025	09:30				12:30				15:30			
Bank Name	Interbank Rates		Retail Rates		Interbank Rates		Retail Rates		Interbank Rates		Retail Rates	
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
ACCESS BANK ZAMBIA	24.3000	24.3500	24.1500	24.4000	24.2000	24.2500	24.1500	24.4000	23.9000	23.9500	23.8500	24.3250
BANK OF CHINA (ZAMBIA)	24.3000	24.3500	24.2525	24.7055	24.1500	24.2000	24.0025	24.4555	23.8500	23.9000	23.6925	24.1255
ABSA BANK ZAMBIA	24.2500	24.3000	24.1850	24.5872	24.1500	24.2000	24.0560	24.4561	23.8500	23.9000	23.8500	24.2039
CITIBANK ZAMBIA	24.3000	24.3500	24.1880	24.5250	24.2500	24.3000	24.0890	24.4950	23.9000	23.9500	23.7420	24.1430
ECOBANK ZAMBIA	24.3250	24.3750	24.2500	24.5000	24.2000	24.2500	24.1000	24.4000	23.9000	23.9500	23.9000	24.3700
FIRST ALLIANCE BANK ZAMBIA	24.3000	24.3500	24.2000	24.5000	24.2000	24.2500	24.2000	24.5000	23.9000	23.9500	23.9000	24.3000
FIRST CAPITAL BANK ZAMBIA	24.3000	24.3500	24.1360	24.5960	24.2000	24.2500	24.0360	24.4950	23.8500	23.9000	23.7390	24.1950
FIRST NATIONAL BANK ZAMBIA	24.3500	24.4000	24.3500	24.6310	24.2000	24.2500	24.2000	24.4000	23.8000	23.8500	23.8000	24.0750
INDO-ZAMBIA BANK	24.3200	24.3700	24.1000	24.5800	24.2000	24.2500	24.2000	24.5800	23.9000	23.9500	23.9000	24.3700
STANBIC BANK ZAMBIA	24.3000	24.3500	24.1500	24.5500	24.2000	24.2500	23.9240	24.4000	23.8500	23.9000	23.7770	24.2500
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	24.3000	24.3500	24.1750	24.5500	24.2000	24.2500	24.1750	24.5500	23.8800	23.9300	23.6750	24.1000
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA ZAMBIA	24.3000	24.3500	24.2590	24.5766	24.2000	24.2500	24.1244	24.4933	23.9375	23.9875	23.9361	24.4133
ZAMBIA INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL BANK	24.3000	24.3500	24.2034	24.5683	24.2000	24.2500	24.1402	24.4673	23.8500	23.9000	23.8054	24.1643
ZAMBIA NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK	24.2750	24.3250	24.2750	24.6634	24.2000	24.2500	24.0000	24.3840	23.8500	23.9000	23.8500	24.2554
Market Average	24.3014	24.3514	24.2053	24.5666	24.1964	24.2464	24.0998	24.4626	23.8727	23.9227	23.8155	24.2350





DAILY MARKET NEWS

European markets rise ahead of German debt reform vote; QinetiQ down 20% – CNBC    EU mulling duties on European scrap steel exports – Reuters    U.S. stocks slightly higher - Reuters    European currencies rise

European stocks started the new trading week in positive territory, although investors will be looking to see if global market volatility continues.

The pan-European Stoxx 600 index was up 0.75% by 3:15 p.m. London time, with most sectors moving higher.

British defense firm QinetiQ shed 20%, tumbling to the bottom of the Stoxx 600, after the company made a downward revision to its revenue outlook for the year.

European markets ended the week higher Friday after German lawmakers reportedly came closer to agreeing on reforming the country's so-called debt brake rule. Media reports said Germany's likely next chancellor Friedrich Merz had won support from the Greens party to hike public borrowing to allow an increase in defense spending.

The European Commission is considering proposing levies on scrap steel and metals exports, Reuters reported Monday, citing a draft plan.

CNBC has contacted the European Commission for comment.

The institution earlier this month launched a strategic dialogue on steel, seeking to support an industry which has been hit hard by higher energy costs, challenging raw materials access and — as of last week — U.S. import tariffs of 25%.

The EU will also investigate possible safeguard measures to counter the U.S. duties, which also target aluminum, Reuters reported.

The S&P 500 rose on Monday as the benchmark tries to continue its comeback from correction territory following a four-week rout on Wall Street exacerbated by President Donald Trump's chaotic tariff policy rollout and falling consumer confidence.

The broad market index gained 0.4%, while the Nasdaq Composite rose 0.2%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 163 points, or 0.4%

Europe's major currencies rose against the dollar on Monday, as jitters around the state of the American economy and U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs regime persisted.

The euro gained around 0.26% against the greenback by 10:47 a.m. in London, while the British pound was up by roughly 0.29% against the U.S. currency. The Swiss franc, widely seen as a safe haven in times of economic or geopolitical uncertainty, added 0.3% against the dollar.





AGUILA STARS FC APPOINTS BRIAN KUNSANAMA AS NEW HEAD COACH

By Lucky Chama

Aguila Stars Football Club has officially appointed Brian Kunsanama as the new Head Coach of the senior men's team ahead of the highly anticipated 2025/26 National League season.

a player for Mufulira Wanderers, brings with him a reputation as a tactically astute and forward-thinking coach. His football philosophy is said to closely align with Aguilas Stars' playing style and long-term vision.

been named First Assistant Coach, while Ignatius Lwipa, who led the team on an interim basis during the 2024/25 campaign, takes up the role of Second Assistant Coach.

The announcement was made by Charles Halwiindi, Public Relations and Media Officer for Aguilas Stars FC.

The Eagles will be competing are heading into their third season in the second-tier of Malawi Women's National Football Team coach Lovemore Fazili says in Thursday's international friendly against Morocco's Atlas Lionesses, winning is not their priority, as the focus is on improving the Scorchers' combinations.

SCORCHERS SAY BEATING MOROCCO NOT A PRIORITY

By The Nation Sports



Malawi Women's National Football Team coach Lovemore Fazili says in Thursday's international friendly against Morocco's Atlas Lionesses, winning is not their priority, as the focus is on improving the Scorchers' combinations.

third-ranked Morocco, the Scorchers, ranked 31st on the continent, took on second-ranked South Africa and fifth-ranked Zambia twice apiece between February and April this year.

He said this in a briefing before the team's departure for Casablanca through Chileka International Airport in Blantyre yesterday.

This will be the first time that Malawi will face a North African team and the third time they will be playing against a team within the top-five bracket in strength-testing matches this year ahead of the 2026 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (Wafcon) qualifiers' second-round clash against Angola in October.

Against Zambia's Copper Queens, the Scorchers lost 2-0 in their first meeting before registering a 3-2 victory in the second match while against South Africa's Banyana Banyana, they lost both matches 3-0 and 2-1.

"Winning against Morocco will be a bonus because our main aim is not to beat them, but to continue building a good combination of players ahead of the Wafcon final qualifiers," said Fazili.

"Nevertheless, if we win, that will be a great motivation to the girls because Morocco is one of the strongest teams on the continent just like South Africa and Zambia."

ZAMBIA'S NENE MAHONGA STORMS FINAL AT AFRICAN MILITARY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

By Lucky Chama

Zambia Army boxer Nene Mahonga has booked a spot in the final of the 46-48kg category at the ongoing African Military Boxing Championship in Morocco.

Mahonga secured his second consecutive victory at the tournament with a stunning knockout win over Aziz Chala of Tanzania. His impressive run began on Tuesday when he defeated Mozambique's Yussuf Yassine in his opening bout.

The Zambian boxer is now set to fight for gold in the final scheduled for

Friday as he aims to bring home top honours from the prestigious military competition.

However, it was a different story for fellow Zambia Army boxer Albert Ngulube, who suffered defeat at the hands of Morocco's Essamai Reda, exiting the competition in the earlier rounds.

Meanwhile, all eyes will be on Patrick Chinyemba of the Zambia National Service — a former IBA African Flyweight Champion — who is expected to make his appearance in the ring on Thursday. Zambia has fielded a

team of six boxers drawn from the Zambia Army, Zambia Air Force, and Zambia National Service, competing against military athletes from across the African continent.

The team's coaching staff includes former WBC Female Bantamweight Champion Catherine Phiri, who now serves as an officer in the Zambia Air Force, bringing her wealth of experience to guide the Zambian squad in Morocco.



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