

Zimbabwe's UNGA81 Moment

■ Pres Mnangagwa Pushes Investment, Unity and Africa's Voice



Abel Karowangoro

For a week, Zimbabwe's flag flew beside the world's most powerful emblems at the 81st United Nations General Assembly.

But President Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa did more than attend.

He pitched Zimbabwe as an investment destination, demanded a fairer global order and called for unity among nations facing conflict, climate shocks and deepening inequality.

At the centre of the week was a simple message: no country can go it alone. "No nation can overcome them alone," the President wrote after his 24 September address, urging that international law be applied universally as nations work to restore trust. It was a call for global solidarity and a signal that Zimbabwe wants a meaningful seat at the table.

That seat is now closer. Zimbabwe's election to the UN Security Council for 2027-2028

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President Emmerson Mnangagwa seated alongside Foreign Affairs and International Trade Minister Professor Amon Murwira during Zimbabwe's UNGA81 engagements in New York.

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gives weight to President Mnangagwa's push for a stronger African voice on the council and more dependable financing for authorised African Union peace operations.

He said Zimbabwe would be guided by its foreign policy of being "a friend to all and an enemy to none," with priorities including preventive diplomacy, regional cooperation and the participation of women and young people in peace efforts.

But UNGA81 was not only about peace and reform. It was also about investment.

President Mnangagwa addressed a Zimbabwe Business Forum and met UN Secretary-General António Guterres, using both engagements to present the country's economic prospects.

The message, Zimbabwe is open for productive investment, food security, access to services and opportunities for communities.

In a session marking 40 years of the Declaration on the Right to Development, he said: "Development acquires its fullest meaning when every person and nation have a genuine opportunity to shape its course and share in its benefits."

He also highlighted the pressures that poverty, inequality, climate change, debt and unequal access to technology continue to place on developing nations: challenges he said require collective action, not isolation.

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Minister Professor Amon Murwira carried that agenda into sideline meetings.

At a dialogue marking five years of China's Global Development Initiative, he reaffirmed Zimbabwe's commitment to "inclusive, sustainable and people-centred development," highlighting poverty eradication, food security, energy and health.

He also met Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov, with the two countries signing a memorandum on political consultations, and engaged Antigua and Barbuda's representative, E.P. Chet Greene.

For Zimbabwe, the positive results were both symbolic and practical: a Security Council seat on the horizon, a new diplomatic channel with Azerbaijan, renewed development partnerships and a business forum that put the country's investment case before global audiences.

The President set out the vision; Murwira advanced it through talks with international partners.

As delegates left New York, the week's engagements had done more than fill a diary. They laid out an agenda peace, African representation, development and investment that Zimbabwe intends to pursue as it prepares for its Security Council role. In a world hungry for cooperation, Mnangagwa's UNGA81 message was clear: Zimbabwe is ready to be a partner, not a bystander.



First Mutual Targets USD31.5m Land Bank

Shyline Mujaji

First Mutual Holdings is aggressively targeting its USD 31.5 million land bank as part of a capital recycling programme, a strategic pivot that comes as the group's profit after tax skyrocketed 222 percent to USD 19.8 million.

The group's investment property portfolio swelled to USD 150 million at June 2026, up from USD 139.7 million at December 2025, now accounting for about 49% of its UDS \$306 million asset base. The portfolio comprises USD 146 million in completed properties and USD 4 million in properties under development.

Management linked the delisting of First Mutual Properties to plans to develop the land bank and create alternative structures for financing the property portfolio.

"Unlocking the land bank was one of the factors behind the delisting of First

Mutual Properties," management said.

The capital recycling strategy is already yielding results. A parcel previously valued at about US\$3.05 million was sold for approximately US\$4.5 million during the period, generating a realised uplift of about USD 1.45 million. The group recorded USD 4.5 million in investment-property disposals during the six months, while fair-value adjustments amounted to USD 13.8 million. The land bank itself recorded a revaluation increase of about USD 5.7 million during the period, closing at approximately USD 31.5 million.

The stellar financial performance was driven by a 568% surge in net investment return to US\$13.7 million. Fair-value gains on investment property increased to USD13.8 million from USD1 million, while insurance contract revenue rose 6% to US\$92.8 million. However, the insurance service result declined 7% to US\$13.2 million.

Equities generated US\$12.3 million, representing about 90% of total investment return. Quoted equities contributed USD 8.05 million, while unquoted equities generated US\$3.85 million. First Mutual generated US\$4.4 million in net operating cash flow, compared with US\$4.1 million in the corresponding period.

The cash-flow reconciliation excluded the US\$13.8 million property fair-value gain and USD 12.3 million in equity fair-value adjustments as non-cash items.

Management noted that the investment and property gains were market-driven and could vary between reporting periods.

"Every property will be reviewed against internal investment parameters," management said.

Property recycling is being pursued alongside an aggressive regional ex-



pansion drive. First Mutual is targeting a long-term increase in regional insurance contract revenue contribution from about 18–20% to 40%. The group has opened a Rwanda branch under its Botswana reinsurance operation and is pursuing a health insurance or medical-aid operation in Botswana.

The strategy places the land bank alongside regional expansion as management seeks additional growth opportunities, with proceeds from potential disposals available for development and other investment opportunities.

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SIX PILLARS, ONE VISION: Zims Drought-Proof Plan

Itai Mazire

A bold new chapter in Zimbabwe's agricultural story is unfolding, one where drought no longer writes the final sentence on farmers' fortunes.

At the National Agriculture Conference and Expo 2026, Professor Dr Obert Jiri (pictured), Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Water Resources Development, unpacked the government's Six-Pillar Drought Mitigation Strategy, a comprehensive blueprint designed to shield the sector from climate shocks and secure the nation's food future.

The strategy is built on six interlocking pillars:

- *Strengthening food and water security
- *Promoting climate-smart agriculture
- *Supporting farmers
- *Improving preparedness for drought
- *Building resilient agricultural systems
- *Strengthening Zimbabwe's capacity to withstand climate change

Together, these pillars form more than a policy document. They represent a promise to farmers, a shield for livelihoods and a foundation for long-term national stability.

Agriculture remains the backbone of Zimbabwe's economy and rural life, but recurrent droughts, erratic rainfall and rising temperatures have exposed its vulnerability.

The new strategy responds not with despair, but with determination. It places water at the heart of production, promotes farming methods that work

with nature rather than against it and puts farmers, especially small holders, at the centre of innovation.

By strengthening food and water security, the plan aims to ensure that households and communities have reliable access to nutritious food and safe water, even in dry years.

Climate-smart agriculture will help farmers adopt drought-tolerant crops, conserve soil and water, and increase productivity without depleting natural resources.

Supporting farmers means equipping them with knowledge, technology, inputs and market access so they can thrive, not merely survive.

Improving drought preparedness will save lives and livelihoods through early warning systems, better planning and co-ordinated response. Building resilient agricultural systems will diversify production and strengthen value chains, reducing the risk that a single failed season brings entire communities to their knees.

Strengthening Zimbabwe's capacity to withstand climate change, the strategy invests in institutions, research and innovation that will serve generations to come.

"A more resilient agriculture sector means stronger food security, protected livelihoods and greater resilience for communities," Prof. Jiri said.

The Six-Pillar Strategy recognises that drought mitigation is not only about surviving dry spells. It is about thriving between them-building soils, harvesting



water, empowering farmers and protecting the most vulnerable.

For Zimbabwe, the stakes could hardly be higher. A resilient agricultural sector

means children fed, rural economies alive, jobs protected and hope restored. It means communities can plan for tomorrow because they are not consumed by the crisis of today.

With six pillars standing firm and one clear vision, Zimbabwe is showing that even in the face of climate change, the future can still be harvested.



Simon Mazorodze Roadworks to Be Completed by Year-End

Itai Mazire

Major rehabilitation works on Simon Mazorodze Road, the urban section of the Harare-Masvingo-Beitbridge highway project, are set to be completed by the end of this year, while two new interchanges and a flyover rehabilitation will stretch into early 2028, a senior government engineer has confirmed.

Engineer Virginia Mawere, deputy director for construction and maintenance in the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development, revealed the timelines in a wide-ranging interview, saying approximately five kilometres of roadworks remain along the busy corridor.

"Simon Mazorodze Road is part of the works being done under the Harare-Masvingo-Beitbridge road project. So, Simon Mazorodze Road forms the urban section of the project in Harare," said Eng. Mawere.

The project includes upgrading

the junctions at Remembrance Drive and Willowvale Road into full interchanges, alongside rehabilitating the existing Simon Mazorodze flyover.

"The timeline we are looking at is such that, for the road component, we are targeting completion by the end of this year, 2026. For the structures that I have mentioned (interchanges and the flyover), we are looking at early 2028. By March 2028, these three structures will be completed," she said.

The works are expected to separate traffic, reduce congestion and improve safety by eliminating conflict points.

Eng. Mawere described the area as one of the key nodes identified due to high traffic volumes, where motorists spend more time than necessary at junctions, a situation she said is bad for business and burdensome for the working public.

"It is also unfavourable for the working public to spend three or

four hours in traffic after work.

"By separating traffic, we eliminate conflict points and ensure that we have a safer and more reliable road network within that area."

Meanwhile, motorists using the road are being urged to bear with temporary inconvenience as the major facelift progresses.

The road has been closed from the Rothmans area to just beyond Beatrice Road Infectious Diseases Hospital, with traffic diverted to alternative routes.

Major works have already commenced along the stretch, with the contractor on site for the Simon Mazorodze-Willowvale slip lane at the proposed Rothmans Interchange.

Once complete, the project is expected to ease movement along the busy Harare route, reduce travel times and improve reliability for motorists and businesses across the southern suburbs.

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Helcrow Installs 82 000 Smart Water Meters

Itai Mazire

Harare has installed more than 82 000 smart prepaid water meters and is targeting 320 000 within three years as part of a major drive to cut non-revenue water from about 60 percent to 35 percent and increase water supply coverage from 48 percent to 75 percent, Helcrow Water Chairman Mr Farai Jere has said.

Mr Jere said the programme, implemented in partnership with the City of Harare, goes beyond metering to include rehabilitation of 500 kilometres of distribution pipelines, upgrades at Morton Jaffray Water Treatment Plant and digital billing.

More than 64 kilometres of pipes have already been rehabilitated, replacing ageing asbestos and galvanised steel with PVC.

“Non-revenue water was estimated at about 60 percent, meaning a substantial proportion of treated water was either being lost or not properly accounted for. The challenge was therefore not simply one of insufficient water production. It involved the entire water supply chain, from production and distribution to metering, billing, revenue collection and management of the network,” he said.

Mr Jere said the first phase targets 320

000 meters across Harare over three years, before expanding to Chitungwiza, Epworth and Ruwa. Morton Jaffray currently produces 350 to 450 megalitres per day, with capacity expected to reach 520 megalitres per day within three years.

The programme also targets revenue collection efficiency from 48 percent to 90 percent by eliminating estimated billing.

“Smart prepaid meters provide real-time information on consumption, allowing abnormal usage and potential leaks to be identified earlier and enabling quicker intervention. There has also been progress on physical infrastructure, with more than 64 kilometres of the distribution network rehabilitated as part of the broader programme,” he said.

“The programme has a target of reducing non-revenue water from approximately 60 percent to 35 percent,” Mr Jere said.

The rollout has covered Warren Park and parts of Mabelreign, Westlea, Belvedere, Avondale, Southerton, Avenues, Ashdown Park, Aspindale, Westgate, Milton Park, Sunningdale, Marlborough, Cranborne, Arcadia, Crowborough, Hillside, Marimba Park and Budiriro 1, 3 and 5. More areas are continuing.



Responding to residents’ complaints about being charged for water they say they did not consume, Jere attributed some discrepancies to undetected leaks in household plumbing.

“Residents should understand that the smart meter records water that passes

through the meter. Therefore, if there is a leak after the meter, that water can still be registered as consumption even if it has not been intentionally used by the household,” said Mr Jere.

He said Helcrow is addressing challenges through infrastructure upgrades, public education, stronger customer

support and technical teams assisting with investigations.

The long-term objective, Jere said, is to build a more efficient, accountable, sustainable and technology-enabled water management system for Harare, with supply coverage rising from 48 percent to 75 percent.



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50 Years For Raping Three Daughters

Itai Mazire

A 38-year-old nomadic gold panner from Arda Endeavour, Mhangura, has been sentenced to an effective 50 years in prison by the Chinhoyi Regional Court after being convicted on three counts of raping his minor daughters.

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) revealed the horrifying details of the systematic abuse, which spanned over a year. The court heard how the father used his position of trust to prey on his children, using the guise of work and forced cohabitation to commit the crimes.

“Between August 2025 and September 2026, he repeatedly raped his 16-year-old and 12-year-old daughters, often after asking them to accompany him to the mine.”

The abuse was not limited to the mines.

“He also raped his 10-year-old daughter multiple times while sharing her room, bed and blanket.”

To ensure the victims remained silent,

the accused employed terror tactics.

“In all three counts, he threatened to kill the children if they disclosed the abuse,” said NPA

The reign of terror came to an end only after the eldest daughter fled the home. The court heard that she eloped to her boyfriend’s home, where his mother intervened and took her to Makonde Christian Hospital.

It was during her admission there that the eldest daughter finally revealed the abuse to her mother, who reported the matter to the police. All three victims were subsequently interviewed and provided accounts of the abuse.

In delivering the sentence, the court imposed 20 years for each count. However, 10 years were suspended for five years on condition of good behaviour, leaving the 38-year-old to serve an

effective 50-year custodial sentence.

The NPA has since condemned the heinous crimes, emphasizing the grave breach of trust.

In a related incident, a Filabusi 52-year-old man from Phumelela village under

Chief Maduna in Filabusi has been sentenced to an effective 20 years in prison by the Gwanda Regional Magistrates’ Court for raping and aggravated indecently assaulting his two minor granddaughters.

The court heard how the grandfather systematically preyed on the children, aged 13 and 12, over a period of eight months, using his position of trust to commit the heinous crimes while threatening them into silence.

The NPA said the accused targeted the eldest victim in various locations around his homestead.

“Between November 2025 and June 2026, the offender repeatedly targeted his 13-year-old granddaughter, subjecting her to unwanted sexual advances and raping her on four separate occasions at his homestead, including inside a cattle kraal, in the fields, and in the kitchen.”

The abuse extended to the younger

sibling just weeks before the matter was exposed.

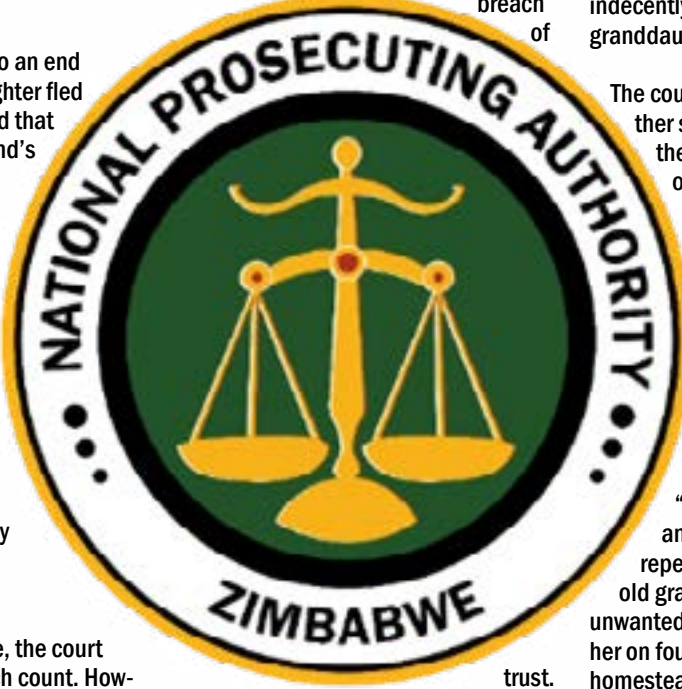
“On the 4 June 2026, the offender also cornered his 12-year-old granddaughter in a bedroom, offered her snacks, and indecently assaulted her.

Throughout the period of abuse, the offender repeatedly threatened to commit suicide if the children disclosed his actions.”

The reign of terror came to an end after the 12-year-old victim fled the homestead to seek refuge at her maternal aunt’s home, where she disclosed the ordeal.

The matter was reported to the police, leading to the offender’s arrest. Both victims were subsequently referred to the hospital for medical examination.

In delivering the sentence, the court imposed 20 years imprisonment on Count 1 (Rape) and 20 years imprisonment on Count 2 (Aggravated Indecent Assault). The court ordered the sentences to run concurrently, resulting in an effective 20-year custodial sentence.





Former Assa Abloy MD Convicted of US\$1,38 Million Fraud

Itai Mazire

Former Managing Director of Assa Abloy Zimbabwe (Private) Limited, Clive Majoni (pictured above), has been convicted of fraud and money laundering after diverting Treasury Bills valued at over USD 1,38 million meant for his former employer.

High Court Judge Justice Kwenda found him guilty on both counts following a full trial and remanded him to 16 October 2026 for sentencing.

Majoni’s contract as Managing Director was terminated on 4 November 2020. However, on 13 May 2022, well aware that he no longer had authority to act on behalf of his former employer, he wrote a letter to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe on the company’s letterhead.

He instructed the central bank to transfer Treasury Bills issued in settlement of the company’s legacy debt to a CBZ account held in the name of Chubb Security (Private) Limited, a company he had established.

The Treasury Bills were subsequently issued to Chubb Security, and Majoni disposed of them at a 50 per cent discount for US\$690,959. The money was not recovered, but the court established that he used it to acquire two motor vehicles for Chubb Security (Private) Limited.



Four Arrested In Separate Drug Cases

Takudzwa Karowangoro

Four people have been arrested in separate incidents involving the alleged unlawful possession of dagga in Beitbridge and along the Harare-Mutare Road, police have confirmed.

On September 23, 2026, members of the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) Support Unit deployed under Operation “No to Cross-Border Crimes” arrested Dennis Sendeke, 41, Brian Vhirima, 33, and Tinashe Taruvinga, 31, in Beitbridge.

The three suspects were arrested for alleged unlawful possession of dagga.

In a separate incident on September 25, police arrested Painos Zimatye, 35, after intercepting a black Honda Fit at a police checkpoint along the Harare-Mutare Road.

According to the ZRP, the vehicle was stopped at the 136-kilometre peg, where officers conducted a search.

Police said four bags containing processed dagga, wrapped in transparent plastic, were recovered from the vehicle.

Zimatye was subsequently arrested and is expected to face charges related to the unlawful possession of dagga.

The arrests come as police continue to intensify operations targeting the movement of illicit goods and other cross-border crimes.

The ZRP has urged members of the public to cooperate with law enforcement agencies and report suspected criminal activities.

Minister Rwodzi Champions Zimbabwe's Climate Goals At UN

Takudzwa Karowangoro

Zimbabwe has presented its climate action strategy at a United Nations Climate Summit in New York, with Tourism and Hospitality Industry Minister Barbara Rwodzi (pictured) highlighting efforts to build climate resilience while promoting sustainable economic development.

Representing Zimbabwe at the high-level event on Climate Action and the Just Transition, Hon Rwodzi reaffirmed the country's commitment to the Paris Agreement and its Third Generation Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0).

The NDC targets a 40 percent per-capita reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2035.

Minister Rwodzi said Zimbabwe's climate response was being implemented as part of the country's broader national development agenda, covering sectors such as agriculture, water, infrastructure and tourism.

"Tourism depends on healthy ecosystems, biodiversity and climate-resilient destinations. For us, climate action is not separate from development it is development," she said.

She highlighted Climate-Smart Agriculture and climate-proofing programmes, including Pfumvudza/Intwasa, which are designed to help smallholder farmers cope with drought, changing rainfall patterns and other climate-related challenges.

Hon Rwodzi also spoke about Zimbabwe's mineral value-addition efforts as part of the country's participation in the global clean-energy transition.

She pointed to developments in lithium processing, saying Zimbabwe had produced more than 16,000 tonnes of lithium sulphate valued at close to US\$100 million.

"Climate action must deliver economic value, jobs and improved livelihoods. Our transition must be just, and it must create value at home," Minister Rwodzi said.

Her address came as Zimbabwe was named among the first six countries, alongside Guinea, Indonesia, Madagascar, Nigeria and Zambia, to receive dedicated United Nations support aimed at helping mineral-rich countries turn their resources into sustainable industrialisation,



employment and increased revenue.

The support is expected to assist participating countries in gaining greater economic value from their mineral resources while advancing sustainable development.

Zimbabwe is also preparing to host a major international tourism event in 2027, when it will host the first meeting of all UN Tourism Member States for the International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism.

The meeting is expected to create a platform for discussions on sustainable and resilient tourism, with Zimbabwe seeking to promote its natural heritage, wildlife and communities.

The UN Climate Summit also called on countries, particularly G20 members, which account for about 80 percent of global emissions, to develop credible roadmaps for moving away from fossil fuels.

Zimbabwe said it remained committed to working with international partners on climate action that supports economic development while ensuring that "no one and no place is left behind."



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ZPCS Calls For Humane Inmate Treatment

Takudzwa Karowangoro

Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Service (ZPCS) Legal Officer for Harare Metropolitan Province, Principal Correctional Officer Lilian Nyathi, has urged correctional officers to maintain professional conduct when dealing with inmates to reduce complaints to the Zimbabwe Independent Complaints Commission (ZICC).

Speaking on the treatment of inmates, PCO Nyathi said officers should avoid physical confrontation and instead follow established disciplinary and administrative procedures when dealing with misconduct.

"If inmates violate prison offences, officers must use lawful disciplinary procedures to maintain discipline within correctional facilities rather than

use physical confrontation," said PCO Nyathi.

She said officers should embrace change when it comes to dealing with misbehaving inmates. ZPCS has adopted a dynamic approach which embraces the Mandela Rules when it comes to inmates' treatment.

"In this 21st century, human dignity must be observed and every incarcerated individual should be treated in a humane way as prescribed by the law," she stated.

Nyathi said the ZICC provides an independent complaints mechanism for inmates and members of the public who allege abuse by members of security services.

"The modernisation of correctional

facilities required officers to move away from a punitive mindset and adopt a correctional approach focused on the rehabilitation of inmates, in line with the Constitution," PCO Nyathi added.

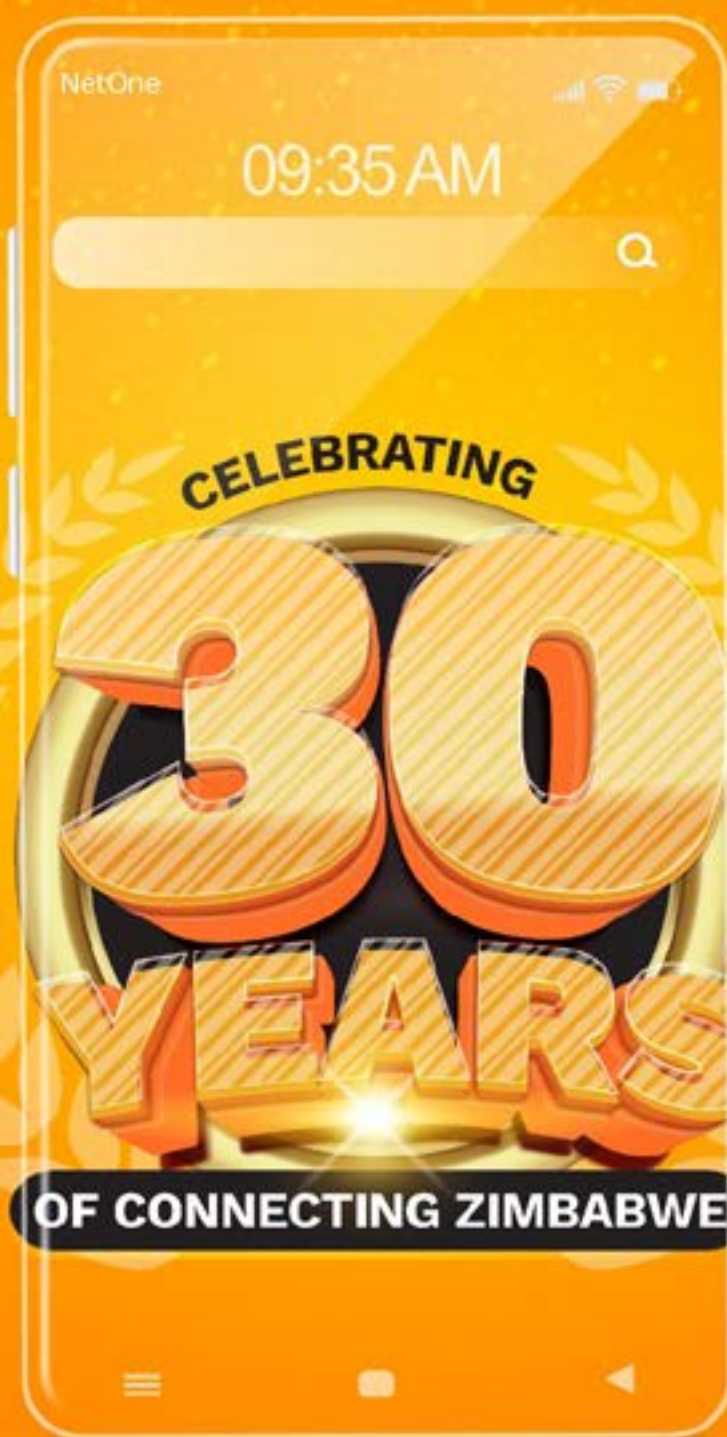
The ZICC is constitutionally mandated to monitor misconduct by members of security forces against civilians.

Inmates and members of the public who believe their rights have been violated by security personnel can lodge complaints with the commission for redress.

Nyathi's call comes as ZPCS continues to emphasise professional conduct, respect for human dignity and rehabilitation in the management of correctional facilities.



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Manicaland races to secure 75 000-tonne wheat harvest

Shyline Mujaji

Manicaland is targeting a 75,000-tonne wheat harvest from more than 16,000 hectares as farmers and authorities accelerate preparations to bring the crop in before the onset of summer rains.

Permanent Secretary for Agriculture, Mechanisation and Water Resources Development Professor Obert Jiri assessed harvesting preparations at Greater Sisal Farm in Mutasa District on Monday as the province moves to secure the crop.

Professor Jiri said adequate harvesting machinery was available, while farmers were being organised into clusters to improve coordination and speed

up the harvesting programme.

“An adequate number of combine harvesters was available, with farmers being organised into clusters to accelerate harvesting from mid- to late October,” Professor Jiri said.

The provincial government said the expected harvest would strengthen grain reserves ahead of the 2026/27 summer cropping season, which is anticipated to be affected by El Niño conditions.

Minister of State for Manicaland Provincial Affairs and Devolution Advocate Misheck Mugadza said the province was expecting to harvest approximately 75,000 tonnes of wheat from the area

under production.

“Manicaland expects to harvest approximately 75,000 tonnes of wheat from more than 16,000 hectares,” Advocate Mugadza said.

The harvest is also expected to increase utilisation of Manicaland’s grain storage infrastructure, which has a combined silo capacity of 56,000 tonnes.

The available storage capacity will provide facilities for handling and safely storing the wheat delivered from farms, supporting the movement of the crop from fields into the grain storage system.

Authorities are now focused on coordinating harvesting machinery and farmers as the crop approaches maturity and the province prepares for the transition into the summer rainfall season.

The timing of the operation is critical because delays could expose wheat still in the fields to the summer rains, potentially disrupting harvesting and grain handling activities.

With more than 16,000 hectares under wheat and a projected 75,000-tonne harvest, Manicaland is entering a decisive stage of the winter cropping season, with the coming weeks set to determine how efficiently the province converts its crop into stored grain before the rains arrive.



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Cheetahs begin SVNS3 qualifying campaign with win

Zimbabwe's Cheetahs made a winning start to their Rugby Africa Sevens qualification campaign, defeating Morocco 19-12 in their opening Pool A match in Kampala, Uganda, on Saturday.

The victory gives the new-look Zimbabwe side an early boost as they chase qualification for the 2027 World Rugby SVNS3 competition.

Zimbabwe went into the tournament with several familiar faces missing, as a number of players who previously featured for the Cheetahs have shifted their focus to the World Cup-bound Sables.

Captain Tapiwa Malenga had acknowledged the challenge ahead of the

tournament, insisting that although the squad may not have the same names as previous Cheetahs teams, the standards remain unchanged.

His side backed those words up on the opening day, securing an important result against Morocco.

The Cheetahs will now face Ghana later

today before concluding their Pool A fixtures against Nigeria on Sunday morning.

Zimbabwe are in Pool A alongside Nigeria, Ghana and Morocco, while hosts Uganda, Zambia, Tunisia and Senegal make up Pool B.

The top teams will advance to the

knockout stages, with the tournament offering Zimbabwe an opportunity to continue their push towards the next level of international Sevens rugby.

Malenga and his teammates will now look to build on Saturday's victory as the Cheetahs aim to finish the pool stage strongly and keep their qualification hopes on track.

ZWPSL launches investigation into Mucheke incident

The Zimbabwe Women's Premier Soccer League (ZWPSL) has launched an investigation into an incident that occurred after the league match between Rufaro Starlets Academy and Black Rhinos Queens at Mucheke Stadium on Saturday.

In a statement dated September 26, the ZWPSL said

it had received the official match report detailing events surrounding the conclusion of the fixture.

According to the league, the report contains serious allegations of violent conduct involving members of the Black Rhinos Queens technical team, as well as alleged damage to match equipment.

The league also raised concerns over the identification of members of the technical bench.

The ZWPSL condemned violence and said match officials must be able to carry out their duties in a safe and professional environment.

The matter has now been placed under due process, with the league saying it will conduct the necessary investigations and engage relevant authorities where appropriate.

The league stressed that no conclusions will be reached before the relevant procedures have been completed



PSL CEO Clarifies Scotland FC Registration Dispute



Premier Soccer League (PSL) chief executive officer Rodwell Thabe has clarified the controversy surrounding Scotland FC's mid-season player registrations, saying the club was permitted to register five replacement players for domestic competitions.

Thabe said all 18 PSL clubs were subject to the same mid-season registration regulations, which allow each club to register a maximum of five replacement players.

Scotland used the provision to register Nickson Nyasulu, Emmanuel Jalai, Neville Tengeg, Anderson De Campos and Seth Patrick.

The PSL CEO further explained that Scotland was granted permission through an emergency committee resolution to register two additional players – Stoffel Witbeen and Al-Ameen Kehinde Tijani – specifically for its CAF campaign.

However, Thabe stressed that Witbeen and Tijani are not eligible to play in domestic PSL competitions and can only feature in African club competitions.

"For the mid[season] window, every club is permitted to only register FIVE players, and Scotland was allowed to do the same," Thabe said in response to a letter from a supporter questioning whether the club had exceeded the registration limit.

"Additionally, Scotland was allowed to register two players, namely Witbeen Stoffel and Al-Ameen Tijani, but I must emphasise that these two players are not eligible for the PSL competition."

The clarification has, however, raised questions following Witbeen's appearance for Scotland in the Chibuku Super Cup.

Witbeen came on as a substitute in the 88th minute of Scotland's 3-1 victory over FC Platinum in the Chibuku Super Cup Round of 16 on 14 August 2026.

Meanwhile, Seth Patrick has also featured in domestic competition, coming on in Scotland's 3-0 league victory over Agama on Matchday 29.

With Patrick, Jalai, Nyasulu, Tengeg and De Campos all having featured in domestic competitions the issue surrounding Scotland's mid-season signings has attracted renewed attention.

The PSL maintains that Scotland's registration process was conducted within the applicable regulations and that Witbeen and Tijani were specifically restricted to African competitions.

Any question concerning a player's eligibility to feature in a domestic competition would therefore need to be addressed through the appropriate PSL procedures.



Munetsi urges Warriors to carry fighting spirit into DR Congo clash

Zimbabwe midfielder Marshall Munetsi has called on the Warriors to reproduce the determination they showed against Sierra Leone when they face the Democratic Republic of Congo in their second 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier on Monday.

The Warriors overturned a two-goal deficit to beat Sierra Leone 3-2 in their Group E opener in El Jadida on Thursday, with Munetsi scoring twice and Tawanda Chirewa also finding the target.

Sierra Leone took control early through Alie Conteh before Sallieu Tarawallie extended their advantage, leaving Zimbabwe facing a difficult task at the break.

The Warriors responded strongly after halftime,

with Munetsi pulling one back in the 72nd minute before Chirewa levelled four minutes later.

Munetsi then completed the comeback with an 88th-minute winner. For Munetsi, the result demonstrated the togetherness within the squad, particularly after the team had to deal with difficult circumstances before the match.

He believes that same mentality will be crucial when Zimbabwe host DR Congo at the National Sports Stadium.

"We knew what we needed to do. Everybody stood together, and now it's important for us to do well at home as well after such a strong result," Munet-

si said.

The midfielder stressed that the comeback should serve as a foundation rather than a reason for the Warriors to relax, with DR Congo presenting another demanding test.

DR Congo opened their campaign with a 2-0 victory over Equatorial Guinea in Kinshasa on September 24 and currently lead Group E on goal difference.

Zimbabwe will be looking to follow up their away victory with another positive result in front of home supporters as the Warriors continue their bid to qualify for the 2027 AFCON finals.