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Mutapa's Turnaround: A Blueprint for State Enterprise Reform

Itai Mazire

The numbers are striking. A 406 percent surge in total income. A 502 percent jump in surplus. A 139 percent increase in comprehensive income. These are not the figures of a typical State-owned enterprise in Zimbabwe, they are the performance metrics of the Mutapa Investment Fund (MIF) and they signal something genuinely encouraging: that Zimbabwe's state assets can be transformed from burdens on the fiscus into powerful engines of national development.

For decades, State-owned enterprises have been synonymous with inefficiency and mounting losses.

The story of MIF, as presented by chief executive Dr John Mangudya at the Zimbabwe National Defence University, offers a refreshing and hopeful counter-narrative.

With the right governance, strategic vision and political will, state assets are being reborn as drivers of economic growth.

The Fund's cumulative dividends of USD 93 million and the US D 152 million disbursed to portfolio companies for recapitalisation, rehabilitation and expansion reflect a deliberate, forward-looking investment strategy.

The injection of USD 13,6 million into Sable Chemicals, now 97 percent complete, and the US$5,3 million refurbishment at Dorowa Mine-which has increased capacity from 15 000 to 80 000 tonnes, demonstrate tangible, life-changing progress. These are not abstract figures; they represent fertiliser for farmers, fuel for vehicles and jobs for Zimbabweans.

Perhaps most encouraging is the strategic direction being taken. The restructuring of the Industrial Development Corporation of Zimbabwe (IDCZ) to provide advisory services and improve transparency addresses a fundamental weakness in state enterprise management: the absence of proper corporate governance.

The consolidation of telecommunications companies and the reorganisation of insurance businesses under a hub-and-spoke model speak to a mature recognition that scale and efficiency matter.

Dr Mangudya's announcement of a planned National Stabilisation Fund is equally inspiring. Sovereign wealth funds, when properly managed, serve as buffers against economic shocks and preserve wealth for future generations. Zimbabwe has long lacked such a mechanism.

If established, this fund could anchor fiscal sustainability in ways that previous interventions have failed to achieve, a genuine legacy for generations to come.

The green shoots of this transformation are already visible. The interventions are beginning to yield results: improved productive capacity, job creation, increased domestic production and stronger value chains. If sustained, these outcomes will reduce import dependence and boost exports, precisely what Zimbabwe's economy needs.

The expansion of the National Oil Company of Zimbabwe's pipeline capacity from three billion to five billion litres annually is a case in point, promising enhanced energy security and industrial momentum.

Of course, the journey continues. Many portfolio companies remain works in progress, and the broader environment - characterised by currency instability and high inflation - remains challenging.

But what MIF has demonstrated is that state enterprises need not be permanent wards of the Treasury. With competent leadership, clear mandates and genuine accountability, they can become strategic national assets capable of generating revenue, creating jobs and supporting national development.

The transformation of Sable Chemicals and Dorowa Mine from struggling entities into productive assets is living proof of concept.

As Zimbabwe pursues Vision 2030, the lessons from Mutapa's turnaround should inspire broader public sector reform.

The principles are simple and proven: appoint capable leaders, enforce transparency, invest for the long term and measure results.

What is not measured cannot be managed, as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development reminded us recently.

Mutapa's numbers are impressive, but the real story is the dawn of a new era in how Zimbabwe manages its national wealth. For current and future generations, that is a story worth celebrating — and supporting every step of the way.



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"Exploration Key to Mining Growth"-Dr Wushe

Itai Mazire

The Ministry of Mines and Mining Development has placed exploration at the centre of its 2027 strategic priorities, with the government declaring that the future growth of Zimbabwe's mining industry depends on expanding geological knowledge and unlocking new mineral discoveries.

Addressing the 2027 Strategic Planning Workshop in Kadoma on 4 November 2026, the Dr Wushe commended the quality of engagement, professionalism and commitment that characterised the deliberations over the past two days, saying the workshop provided an important platform for reflection, assessment and planning.

"Our mandate is clear. The Ministry remains committed to promoting sustainable growth of the mining sector through increased mineral production, enhanced exploration, beneficiation and value addition, responsible resource management and investment facilitation. These priorities continue to provide a solid foundation upon which we must anchor our plans and programmes.

"Exploration remains a critical pillar for the future growth of the mining industry. The work being undertaken to improve geological knowledge, expand exploration activities and unlock the full potential of our mineral resources will continue to be central to the Ministry's objectives," said Dr Wushe.

He said the mining sector has already demonstrated its capacity to contribute towards national objectives through foreign currency generation, investment attraction, infrastructure development, skills transfer and employment creation, but noted there remains considerable potential for the sector to contribute even more.

"This is why exploration remains so important. Every new mineral discovery has the potential to unlock new investments, create jobs, stimulate downstream industries, expand economic opportunities in our districts and provinces and contribute to national economic growth. "

He noted that the importance of exploration extends beyond traditional mining commodities to the oil, gas and coal bed methane sub-sectors, which represent an important frontier in Zimbabwe's resource development journey.

"As many of you are aware, significant progress continues to be made in the Cabora Bassa Basin where exploration activities have advanced considerably in recent years. Following the Mukuyu gas-condensate discovery, Invictus Energy is preparing to drill the Musuma-1 exploration well, an important new target that will further test the hydrocarbon potential of Zimbabwe's petroleum resources.

"The Musuma-1 programme is significant because it demonstrates growing confidence in Zimbabwe's geological potential and reinforces the Ministry's unwavering thrust of promoting exploration as the foundation for resource development," said Dr Wushe.

He said the successful development of oil, gas and coal bed methane resources would complement the contribution already being made by the mining sector and support broader national goals, including enhanced energy security and industrialisation.

He challenged officials to focus on implementation, monitoring, evaluation and accountability, warning that effort alone is not enough.

"What is not planned cannot be effectively delivered; what is not measured cannot be effectively managed; and what is not demonstrated cannot be fully appreciated.

"Let us continue to work as one Ministry, guided by a common purpose and a shared commitment to excellence. The future is ours to build. Let us go forward and deliver," said Dr Wushe.





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US$350K BIRTHDAY GIFT:

Tungwarara gifts Magaya with USD 350k birthday gift at Magaya's night Of turnaround

Itai Mazire

Businessman and Special Advisor to the President Dr Paul Tungwarara handed PHD Ministries leader Prophet Walter Magaya a US$350,000 cash birthday gift during the high-profile "Night of Turnaround" service, in an evening where several prominent entrepreneurs stampeded to shower the clergyman with lavish presents.

The mega-event drew thousands of congregants, dignitaries and business leaders to the church's headquarters, transforming the religious gathering into a display of immense wealth and corporate patronage.

As celebrations peaked, a roster of wealthy business tycoons outdid one another to spoil the popular prophet. Hadrock boss Shephered Chahwanda matched Tungwarara with US$350,000, while Prophet Passion Java and his team presented US$300,000, Brian Pande added US$50,000 and Hon.Scott Sakupwanya promised an undisclosed gift to be handed over privately.

The flurry of high-value gifts from the country's business elite shows the deep-rooted alliances between corporate players and charismatic religious figures in Zimbabwe, creating a spectacle of affluence that left many in awe.

Six Officials in Court for Double-Dipping

Itai Mazire

Six Ministry of Local Government and Public Works officials, including Chief Director of Local Authorities Khonzani Ncube, appeared before the Harare Magistrates Court yesterday, 7 November 2026, facing fraud allegations after they allegedly claimed duplicate travelling and subsistence allowances, prejudicing the State of ZWG360 644 and local authorities of USD 19 419.

Ncube (52) appeared alongside Administrator Pamela Chitengu, Annah Takaendesa, Accountant Sebele Likel, Mashonaland East Provincial Director Maxwell Mabhuro and Principal Administrator Ruvimbo Chahuruva before Magistrate Learnmore Mapiye at Rotten Row.

The six were arrested on 6 November 2026, by the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC) on allegations of fraud. Ncube faces an additional charge of criminal abuse of duty.

They were remanded to 24 November 2026 on USD 500 bail for Ncube and USD 100 for the other five.

It is alleged that in April 2025, the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works launched a nationwide Local Authorities Systems Audit covering all 92 local authorities. According to the circular, local authorities were to cover the travel and subsistence expenses of deployed officials while the Ministry was to provide transport.

Investigations established that Ncube allegedly authorised a request for the Ministry to pay travel and subsistence allowances to 54 officials, including herself.

The other five accused persons, who constituted the Mashonaland East audit team covering 10 local authorities, allegedly acted in common purpose to claim payments from both the Ministry and local authorities for the same assignment.

On 11 May 2025, they submitted travel and subsistence claims to the Ministry for the period 11 to 31 May 2025, while also claiming and receiving allowances, fuel and toll fees from the local authorities.

The audit team allegedly spent 40 actual days in Mashonaland East between 12 May and 19 June 2025, but claimed allowances for 45 days, creating five days.

The officials allegedly concealed from the Ministry that they had already been paid by the local authorities.



Chatunga Mugabe Granted US$100 Bail in ZACC Investigator Robbery Case

Bellarmine Chatunga Mugabe appears in court. Mugabe and four co-accused were granted US$100 bail each in a case involving the alleged robbery and assault of a ZACC investigator



Bellarmine Chatunga Mugabe and four co-accused have been granted US$100 bail each by the Harare Magistrates Court in a case involving the alleged assault of a Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission investigator and theft of his firearm.

Mugabe, the youngest son of the late former president Robert Mugabe, faces robbery and malicious damage to property charges alongside Terence Johannes Chinyemba, Fredson Peter, Solomon Pamire and Munashe Mubhawu.

According to Zimbabwe Now, the five secured bail after the State consented to their release. They had initially been remanded in custody pending the bail hearing.

The accused were ordered to remain at their stated residential addresses, report to police once a week and avoid interfering with State witnesses.

They are due back in court on November 24.

The prosecution alleges that the incident occurred at Brompton Guest Lodge in Harare on November 3, while the investigator was conducting surveillance connected to two luxury vehicles suspected of having been illegally imported.

According to the State's case, the five confronted the investigator and assaulted him with open hands and broomsticks. He allegedly sustained a deep cut to his forehead and was taken to hospital for treatment.

The accused are also alleged to have taken his Norinco Star pistol, loaded with 11 rounds of ammunition, and a Samsung A56 mobile phone.

Prosecutors allege that the phone was smashed during the confrontation. The firearm was subsequently recovered from Chinyemba, according to the State.

Zimbabwe Now reported that court papers identified three of the accused as security guards employed at Iron Mask Farm in Mazowe, while Mubhawu worked as a security aide.

The bail ruling allows the accused to remain out of custody while proceedings continue. It does not determine the merits of the charges.

The five have not been convicted and are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.



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17 Zim Firms Chase China Market Breakthrough

Abel Karowangoro

Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang has outlined four priorities for strengthening international trade and economic cooperation, as 17 Zimbabwean companies seek buyers and partnerships at the ninth China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai.

Delivering a keynote address at the opening ceremony of the CIIE and the Hongqiao International Economic Forum on November 5, Ding emphasised greater openness, investment cooperation, innovation and dialogue as foundations for expanding global commerce.

According to a statement shared by the Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe, his priorities include sharing market opportunities through greater openness and connectivity, and deepening investment cooperation to promote integration into global industrial and supply chains.

He also called for harnessing innovation to improve supply quality and expand the frontiers of trade, alongside strengthening mutual understanding and trust, resolving differences through consultation and removing trade barriers.
The National Exhibition and Convention Centre in Shanghai hosts the ninth China International Import Expo, bringing together 4,142 overseas exhibitors for the six-day event running until November 10.

The embassy said China stood ready to work with all nations to advance open cooperation, deliver mutual benefits and build a more balanced and inclusive global economy.

For Zimbabwe, those priorities provide a broader context for an immediate commercial mission: turning access to the Chinese market into export orders, investment partnerships and increased domestic production.

Coordinated by ZimTrade, Zimbabwe's delegation includes companies in horticulture, manufacturing, handicrafts, leather, construction, tourism and e-commerce. Their participation supports efforts to expand exports beyond the minerals and tobacco that dominate the country's sales to China.

The exhibition, which runs from November 5 to 10, offers participating firms an opportunity to engage importers, assess demand and identify partners capable of taking Zimbabwean products into Chinese distribution networks.

Ding's emphasis on openness is particularly relevant to exporters seeking to benefit from China's expanded zero-tariff arrangements.

His focus on investment and supply chains also points to opportunities beyond individual sales, including partnerships in processing, manufacturing and export logistics.

For Zimbabwean businesses, the practical challenge is to connect those opportunities with products that meet buyers' requirements on price, quality, quantity and delivery.

The scale of the Shanghai exhibition underlines both the opportunity and the competition.

According to the Shanghai municipal government, this year's expo brings together participants from 162 countries, regions and international organisations, with 4,142 overseas exhibitors. Canada and Sri Lanka are the guest countries of honour.
Exhibitors showcase products at the ninth China International Import Expo in Shanghai, where businesses are seeking buyers, distribution agreements and new partnerships.

China's State Council website confirmed that total exhibition space exceeds 440,000 square metres, with more than 300 Fortune Global 500 companies and industry leaders participating.

More than 480 exhibits are scheduled to make their global, Asian or China debuts.

Zimbabwe's national pavilion, reported to cover approximately 132 square metres, provides a shared platform for local companies to approach buyers and potential business partners.

ZimTrade chief executive Allan Majuru identified value addition as a central objective of the mission.

"Our primary objective is to expand Zimbabwe's exports to China, particularly value-added products, while strengthening commercial relations between the two countries," Majuru said.

That ambition carries implications for how Zimbabwe benefits from international trade.

Exporting finished leather goods, packaged foods and branded agricultural products can support domestic activity in processing, design, packaging and marketing. Where exporters source materials and services locally, the benefits can extend to suppliers and smaller enterprises.
Zimbabwean exhibitors showcase their products in Shanghai as part of a 17-company delegation coordinated by ZimTrade to expand exports and strengthen commercial ties with China.

Realising those gains, however, requires firms to produce competitively and fulfil contracts consistently. Initial meetings at the expo must lead to workable agreements and dependable deliveries if they are to generate sustained earnings.

The delegation's participation comes as bilateral commerce expands rapidly.

According to Chinese Embassy figures cited in reports on the exhibition, trade between Zimbabwe and China reached US$5.01 billion in the first nine months of 2026, an increase of 51.6 percent from the corresponding period a year earlier.

Zimbabwe's tobacco exports to China reportedly reached US$860 million over the same period.

The US$5.01 billion figure covers trade in both directions. It therefore differs from Zimbabwe's export earnings and does not, on its own, establish the country's trade balance with China.

Nevertheless, the figures illustrate the relationship's growing commercial importance. The task for Zimbabwe is to broaden participation so that more sectors and enterprises can secure a foothold in the market.

Horticulture offers a concrete example of the possibilities.

Zimbabwean blueberries entered China for the first time in July, according to reporting citing the Chinese Embassy.

ZimTrade has also identified citrus, macadamia nuts, avocados and blueberries among products with market access pathways and export potential.

The blueberry breakthrough demonstrates how market access negotiations can create commercial openings. Producers must then complement that access with buyers, suitable packaging and reliable transport arrangements.

For fresh produce, those requirements are particularly demanding because value depends heavily on freshness and condition at delivery.

The practical implication is that export ambitions must be supported by effective handling, storage and transport. A competitive production price can lose its advantage if delays or poor temperature management damage a shipment.

Investment cooperation, one of Ding's stated priorities, could help address such constraints where partnerships bring commercially viable processing facilities, storage capacity or distribution links.

The same principle applies to manufactured products. Export growth becomes more sustainable when businesses can increase output, maintain standards and respond to customer feedback.

For processed foods and consumer goods, the Shanghai exhibition offers a chance to establish whether products suit buyers' preferences, price expectations and retail systems.

Feedback on packaging, presentation, product sizes and branding can help companies refine their offers before committing to larger production runs.



Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang delivers his keynote address at the opening of the ninth China International Import Expo in Shanghai on November 5, 2026, outlining priorities for greater trade openness, investment and innovation.

China's expanded zero-tariff arrangements, effective from May 1, strengthen the opportunity for qualifying Zimbabwean goods. ZimTrade says these arrangements could improve competitiveness across processed foods, finished leather products, branded agricultural goods and crafts.

Tariff preferences are an important part of the commercial calculation, but transport, insurance, storage and distribution still influence the final price.

Businesses also need to establish the documentation and product requirements applicable to each transaction. Discussions with potential partners must clarify quantities, delivery schedules, payment arrangements and responsibility for costs.

Zimbabwe's creative industries offer another route to a more diverse export base.

Sculpture and handicrafts can compete through distinctive design, craftsmanship and cultural identity. ZimTrade has highlighted these industries among the opportunities for expanding Zimbabwe's presence in China.

For producers in these sectors, relationships with specialist retailers, galleries and distributors could help turn interest into regular purchases. Protective packaging, consistent workmanship and clear information about a product's origin can strengthen its appeal.

These exchanges also give practical meaning to the emphasis on mutual understanding in the embassy's account of Ding's address. Sustained business relationships require communication, familiarity with customer expectations and the ability to resolve disagreements constructively.

For smaller enterprises, securing an overseas order can also create financing pressures.

A company may need to purchase materials, increase production and pay workers before receiving the full proceeds of a sale. Export promotion therefore needs to connect market opportunities with firms' ability to finance and deliver orders.

The lasting value of Zimbabwe's Shanghai mission will become clearer through completed transactions, repeat purchases and sustained production.

The available reports establish the delegation's objectives and the opportunities being pursued; they do not establish the value of completed orders secured by the 17 participating companies.

Ding's call for greater openness and deeper cooperation sets the wider direction. Zimbabwe's exhibitors now have the task of converting that opening into durable business relationships that expand production, develop skills and generate export earnings at home.

A Game-Changer for Murewa West After Two Decades of Neglect

Itai Mazire

A modern science laboratory at Gosha Secondary School in Murewa West Constituency, Mashonaland East Province, has reached 80 percent completion, ending more than two decades of disadvantage for a community that has long been sidelined from quality science education.

The facility is being funded and supported with materials by Hon. MP Cde Farai Jere, pictured, whose broader programme is transforming secondary schools across the constituency with science laboratories. Once completed and equipped, the laboratory will allow students to conduct experiments, undertake practical assessments and prepare for ZIMSEC examinations that include practicals, while teachers gain access to modern instruction methods and learners- including girls-are encouraged to pursue STEM subjects.

The development is expected to produce future doctors, nurses, engineers, agricultural experts, scientists and innovators from the rural community, in line with the Second Republic's drive to promote education, skills, research and technology under President His Excellency Cde Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa.

Speaking on the project, Hon. Jere said the laboratory was part of a deliberate push to ensure no child is left behind regardless of where they come from.

"The construction of this science laboratory is not just about bricks and mortar, it is about giving the children of Gosha and Murewa West the same opportunities as those in the cities to dream bigger, to experiment, to discover and to build the future they deserve. For over two decades this community was disadvantaged, but that ends now," he said.

He said an educated community was the foundation of lasting development.

"We cannot talk about developing Murewa West while leaving our children behind. An educated community is a powerful community, it is the community that produces doctors, engineers and scientists who come back to solve the challenges we face here at home. That is why I am investing in education infrastructure first and foremost," said Hon. Jere.

The legislator said the project dovetails with the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and Vision 2030.

"This laboratory is firmly in line with the National Development Strategy 2 and President Mnangagwa's Vision 2030. We are building a prosperous upper-middle-income society, and that society will be built by young people armed with knowledge, skills and innovation. Every dollar we put into this facility today is an investment in Zimbabwe's future," he said.

Hon. Jere said the project also advances Heritage-Based Education 5.0, which emphasises the transformation of knowledge into innovation, goods and services.

"Through Education 5.0, we want these learners to do more than memories, we want them to research, to innovate and to create solutions for their communities. This laboratory is the engine room where that transformation begins, and I call upon the community, parents and teachers to safeguard it so that it serves generations to come," he said.

Representing the school leadership, the School Development Committee (SDC), teachers, learners, parents and the wider Gosha community expressed gratitude to Hon. Jere for the support



that has brought the project to a critical stage of progress. They said the money being invested in education infrastructure today is building the future of coming generations.

Gosha Secondary School is now close to acquiring a facility that will enhance learning, research, innovation and learner capability, a development whose value goes beyond the building itself, as it plants knowledge, talent and opportunity in the children of Murewa West.





Education 5.0 Advances as ED Opens GSU Innovation Complexes

Abel Karowangoro

President Emmerson Mnangagwa caps Tanyaradzwa Wendy Malata during Gwanda State University's fifth graduation ceremony in Filabusi. Malata graduated with an Upper Second Class Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Accounting and received the US$1,000 Chancellor's Award for the overall best graduating female student. She also earned the US$333.33 Old Mutual faculty prize, two US$100 FBC prizes for excellence in Accounting and Financial Management, and the Accounts on Call Excellence in Accounting Shield.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa on Friday capped 104 graduates at Gwanda State University (GSU) and commissioned mining and agricultural innovation facilities at its Epoch Mine Campus in Filabusi, Matabeleland South.

About 80 percent of the graduates completed Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programmes.

Addressing the university's fifth graduation ceremony in his capacity as Chancellor, President Mnangagwa urged higher education institutions to produce graduates capable of applying their knowledge to industrial development and community needs.

The ceremony was held under the theme "From academic excellence to industrial competence".

"In line with our Heritage-Based Education 5.0 philosophy, our institutions of higher learning must continue to shift from theory to tangible practice—producing innovators, problem solvers, and industrial leaders who build the Zimbabwe we want," He said.

President Mnangagwa commissioned the Mining Engineering Laboratory and Innovation Complex and the Agro-Innovation Complex, which are intended to strengthen practical training, research and collaboration with industry.

The mining complex is equipped with systems designed to improve engineering training, support small-scale miners and promote mineral value addition.

The agricultural facility will support work in livestock management, crop production and climate-resilient agricultural technologies suited to the region.

The facilities are expected to provide opportunities for collaboration among researchers, businesses, communities and government, while supporting the university's implementation of Heritage-Based Education 5.0.

The education model combines teaching, research and community service with innovation and industrialisation.

GSU operates three faculties: Engineering and the Environment; Natural Resources Management and Agriculture; and Business Science and Management.

Its specialised programmes reflect the importance of mining and agriculture to Matabeleland South's economy.

The university was established through an Act of Parliament after operating as a college of the National University of Science and Technology. Its infrastructure development priorities also include the planned main campus in Gwanda Town.

President Mnangagwa congratulated the graduates and urged them to apply their skills to developing their communities, reiterating the national mantra, "Nyika inovakwa nevene vayo" — a nation is built by its own people.



Nkayi man jailed life imprisonment for 13-Stab murder of ex-lover

Itai Mazire

A 45-year-old man will spend the rest of his life behind bars after a horrific campaign of obsessive violence culminated in him butchering his ex-lover in a frenzied knife attack, stabbing her 13 times after she tried to escape him.

Sicelinkosi Masuku, of Zinyangeni Village under Chief Nkalakatha in Nkayi, was handed a life sentence by the High Court of Zimbabwe sitting in Hwange this week for the brutal murder of Princess Janet Ncube.

He was also sentenced to five years for a separate stabbing that occurred moments later.

The court heard how the victim, a cook at Inkisela Lodges, had desperately tried to flee an abusive relationship.

She escaped South Africa on 17 December 2025, seeking refuge at her mother's homestead in Nkayi.

However, Masuku refused to let her go. His pursuit was chillingly calculated and documented.

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) said Masuku threatened to kill her and her family, authored a six-page handwritten note outlining his intentions, and travelled to Nkayi, where he stalked her and her relatives.

The terrifying prophecy came true on 28 January 2026, at approximately 2000 hours.

Masuku ambushed Ncube as she was leaving work with her new boyfriend.

"After threatening the boyfriend and forcing him to flee, Masuku dragged Ncube towards the ZESA Nkayi offices, where he stabbed her 13 times." She died at the scene.

The bloodshed did not end there. Just 30 minutes later, the deranged attacker struck again near Junction Down Stores.

"The offender attacked a 72-year-old man near Junction Down Stores, stabbing him once in the back with the same knife."

The elderly victim survived and was treated at Nkayi District Hospital.

Police investigations swiftly led to Masuku's arrest, and officers recovered both the blood-stained Okapi knife used in the attacks and the handwritten note.

The court ensured Masuku faces harsh consequences, ordering his five-year sentence for the attempted murder to run consecutively with his life imprisonment.

In a related incident,
two men will spend decades behind bars after a terrifying robbery at a cemetery escalated into a gruesome murder and attempted rape, earning them a combined 75-year jail sentence.

The Bulawayo High Court handed down the heavy sentences this week.

Kholisani Nyathi (28) of Mabutweni was slapped with 40 years' imprisonment, while Walter Mpunzi (29) of Lobengula West received 35 years for the murder of a 54-year-old man and the attempted murder and rape of his wife.

The nightmare unfolded on 12 May 2021, at approximately 1720 hours. The couple was walking along a footpath through Pelandaba Cemetery when they were ambushed by the two armed predators, who were wielding an axe, a knobkerrie and a knife.

When the couple revealed they only had a torch to give, the robbers flew into a murderous rage.

"When the couple explained that they only had a torch, the attackers became violent and assaulted them," said NPA.

"The deceased was struck on the head with an axe, sustaining a deep cut, and was stabbed several times under his left armpit and on his back."

While one attacker restrained and searched the dying man for the torch, the other dragged the man's wife into the dark bushes.

"His accomplice dragged the wife into nearby bushes, stabbed her in the back and attempted to rape her," stated NPA.

The attacker then whistled to signal his partner, and the two fled the scene.

The traumatized wife managed to find help from neighbours, but her husband was pronounced dead on arrival at Mpilo Hospital.

Police investigations eventually led to the arrest and conviction of both men. Nyathi was sentenced to 40 years for murder, attempted murder, and attempted rape, while Mpunzi received 35 years for murder and attempted murder.



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TOGETHER-PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



Harare City reclaim Premier Soccer League status under Muzviyo's guidance

Harare City Football Club have secured an immediate return to the Castle Lager Premier Soccer League after being crowned MCM Estates Northern Region Soccer League champions following a commanding 3-0 victory over Jumbo Giants at Callies Ground Friday.
The emphatic victory sealed the Northern Region title and officially ended second-placed Black Rhinos' hopes of securing promotion after a tense and closely contested title race.

With strong leadership and executive firection,
The Sunshine Boys' successful campaign was anchored by chairman Simon Muzviyo, who provided steadfast leadership, vision and direction to the executive committee and overall team operations throughout the rigorous season.

His guidance ensured the club remained focused on its primary objective of reclaiming top-flight status.

The team has been financially stable throughout the season, allowing the technical department and players to focus entirely on their on-field performances without the distractions of operational uncertainties.

This sound financial backing created a secure and professional environment essential for a championship-winning run.

Harare City's triumph was heavily driven by a culture of stability and discipline instilled across the entire squad. This combination of mental toughness, tactical discipline and structural harmony kept the team consistent and determined from the first match to the last.

Now that the club returns to the country's elite league, officials say it is well-positioned to re-establish itself among Zimbabwe's premier football institutions, carrying forward the winning momentum, financial health and disciplined ethos that defined their memorable campaign.

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WARRIORS GET LUXURY LIFT

Hurumende News Hub

Zimbabwe's national football teams have received a transport boost after Ecobank handed over a new luxury coach to the Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) today.

The coach will serve both the Warriors and Mighty Warriors during national duty, providing comfortable transport as they travel to represent the country.

The handover extends Ecobank's support for Zimbabwean football, from the kits players wear to the transport that takes them to the stadium.

For the two national teams, the new coach represents a practical addition to their preparations and matchday arrangements.

The announcement celebrated the partnership with a rallying call: "All aboard, Warriors!"

While supporters look to the teams to deliver results on the pitch, reliable transport is part of the support needed behind the scenes.

With the keys now handed over to ZIFA, the Warriors and Mighty Warriors have a new ride for their national assignments—and another show of corporate backing for Zimbabwean football.