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## Prof Moyo in heartfelt revelations

...on Zanu-PF, 2017 and Chamisa



Abel Karwangoro

Former Information Minister Professor Jonathan Moyo, has opened up on his long-standing association with the ruling party, Zanu-PF, all but confirming his allegiance to the ruling party.

In a lengthy Twitter response to a taunt by opposition member David Coltart, Moyo made heartfelt revelations about his relationship with Zanu-PF before and after the November 2017 coup.

Coltart had made comments regarding Moyo's father who was allegedly killed by security forces in 1983 during Gukurahundi. Moyo described his relationship with the ruling party as having "complexities" but with profound impact on shaping his "identity as an adult Zimbabwean".

"I do not have a fly by night connection with Zanu-PF," Moyo said, who traced history with the revolutionary party back to 1977 as a student in the USA after leaving Mgagao training camp in Tanzania.

However, he also highlighted the unexpected turn of events, disclosing that he, his family, and his colleagues were at the receiving end of the 2017 coup, but survived through assistance from Zanu-PF - not opposition.

He said: "During the life threatening 2017 ordeal that my family and I went through, there was not even one person associated with the opposition as it was then, or as it is today, who reached out to find out

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# Baba Harare trashes Zim flag in UK

Abel Karowangoro

It what can be seen as an attention seeking gimmick Jiti musician Baba Harare, real name Brave Chizvino at the weekend smashed his guitar, trashed and trampled on the Zimbabwean flag during a performance at the Zimfest musical gala held in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Without sense of irony regarding the event supposedly held to celebrate Zimbabwean talent and cultural export, Baba Harare did the shameful antics while the national anthem was being sung, drawing ire from patriots at home and abroad.

No explanation has been given by Baba Harare's management or organisers. But the divisive gesture drew fire on social media.

Kudzie Tholana said, "I think u need to explain this to us your fans...The story behind this."

Mtha Ndebele said "I dont think it was an appropriate gesture during national anthem...or whats the symbolism of that act...translate for us."

"What was that for?" asked Shawn Takawira.

Some commentators likened Baba Harare's antics to controversial chimurenga guru Thomas Mapfumo's rhetoric against government back home and predicted it would not end well for the nimble-footed star.

"When u become like Thomas Mapfumo nobody will remember you zvonakidza uchirovererwaaa maoko but u shall be alone your downfall is very near," said one Comrade Tonderai Shumba Chidawa

However, there was some support from other quarters.

Idah Taderera said, "City Father you are a true and strong Citizen of Zimbabwe



Baba Harare

thank you for representing us Jiti family ... I strongly stand with you together we Go far ...if you know you know ... if you don't forget

about it... proudly jiti Fan." Brenda N Jekwa said , "Our national anthem is now meaningless Vashandi Havasi kukudzwe ruzhinji

harusi kuguta. Yakakomberewa nyika yedu but makomborero arikutorwa." King Solomon Zim said , "Powerful message"

## I can send ED to retirement, says Kasukuwere

Former minister and Zanu PF national Commissar Saviour Kasukuwere claims he can send Emmerson Mnangagwa in an election.

Such a contest is unlikely to happen, though, after the courts annulled Kasukuwere's nomination to stand following his continued absence from the country, self-exiled in South Africa.

The combative former Youth Minister says barring him by the courts was foul play.

"Print the ballot with my name and you can see how I will send him on retirement by 10:30 am," Kasukuwere tweeted on Monday in response to a story by Review & Mail.

Our story, based on a lengthy editorial by publisher and author of Death of the Commissar, stated that Kasukuwere would not defeat Mnangagwa, even if he joined hands with Nelson Chamisa, Mnangagwa's more formidable challenger on August 23.

Zindoga opined that Mnangagwa operated a sophisticated campaign machinery within and outside the State and Zanu-PF and would especially not depend on the latter as a unit of organisation.

The special op-ed states: "An objective analysis of the various dynamics show that Mnangagwa is on top of the situation, leaving small



Saviour Kasukuwere

chance to rivals who are not helping themselves by not having proper organisations.

"Even for Kasukuwere, he had more than five years to form a political party to challenge the status quo, rather than announce independent candidature as he did a few weeks back, which offers a glimpse into his hollow strategy and lack of organisational capacity beyond hubris."

Zindoga is a former editor

at the State-run daily, The Herald.

He states that he has had a debate about Zanu-PF succession politics with Kasukuwere since Mugabe days.

Mugabe was removed from power after 37 years in a military coup that also targeted the likes of Kasukuwere and the so-called G40 faction, leading to some of the latter's members seeking refuge outside the country.

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where I was or how I was doing. It is common cause, some of it is documented, that many in the opposition then and who are still in opposition today, actually wanted me dead, all because of my political differences with them."

Regarding the opposition, Moyo was contemptuously dismissive.

"As for Chamisa, having worked closely with him between 2018 and 2021, I came to the settled conclusion in November 2021 that he is a

dictator with a very dangerous God complex, in that he sees himself as having been chosen by God to lead Zimbabwe, and more ominously, he claims to have direct communication with God who has the last word on what he should do or say in public," he said.

Added he: "There's nothing more dangerous in politics than, a young 'popular' dictator with a God complex. My conscience and freedom to political choices freely do not allow me to support a leader like that."



Professor Jonathan Moyo (left) Nelson Chamisa (right)

# Police vow to snuff out violence

Libinance Dokora

The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) is leaving no stone unturned in its relentless battle against political violence. As the nation gears up for the highly anticipated polls scheduled for August 23, the ZRP has intensified its efforts to maintain peace, security, and order during the electoral process.

In the face of potential challenges and heightened tensions, the police force's determination to uphold law and order stands as a pivotal safeguard in ensuring a fair and peaceful democratic exercise for the people of Zimbabwe.

This was said at the backdrop of threats by the former cabinet minister Saviour Kasukuwere's campaign team forerunner Jim Kunaka who said that they are going to do everything possible within their power including mass demonstration and what he termed



Assistant Commissioner Nyathi

another level of politics to ensure that their presidential candidate appears on the ballot after the Supreme Court had thrown the politician candidature into the

dust bins of history. ZRP, Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi envisaged that political parties and players who are engaging in any form of political violence or issuing threats of doing so are to desist from such practices as the police will stop at nothing to arrest them regardless of their affiliation or status.

"The Police warns individuals and groups engaging in any form of political violence or issuing threats to commit violence or damage property, that they would be arrested without fear or favour irrespective of one's political affiliation or stature, for the law to take its course," Nyathi said.

It is a constitutional mandate of the police to ensure that there is law and order in this election season hence the law enforcement is to go briskly go about their business in fulfilling their mandate.

The Police further added that it is on high alert as teams were deployed across the country in a bid to nip in the bud political offenders.

"The Police reaction teams set up by the Commissioner General of Police are on high alert to ensure that law and order is maintained throughout the country," said Nyathi.

This is a call to all political parties and players to promote peace and abstain from all forms of violence in the build up to general elections. ZRP urged the citizenry to report any forms of political violence as the police seeks to deal with perpetrators of violence to ensure a peaceful political environment. "Members of the public are encouraged to report any form of political violence, which include threats, intimidation, damage to property or assault, at any nearest Police Station," ZRP said.

## ZRP launches extensive probe into fire incidents

Libinance Dokora

Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has stepped into action, launching a comprehensive investigation to unravel the factors contributing to fire incidents which claimed lives across the country.

The fire incidents were recorded across the country including Mutare, Muzarabani, Harare, Mazowe and Shurugwi claiming eight people, including four children, and 10 houses burnt down in separate fire incidents.

Some of the suspects linked to these cases have been arrested while others are still at large.

Zimbabwe Republic Police spokesperson Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi said investigations were in progress.

The police revealed that it is investigating the death of five family members - Tonderai Muchimwe (43), Ashton Mundoko (12), Quinton Mundoko (7) and Tamari Mundoko (5) and a female juvenile, Takunda Mundoko (14) who later succumbed to severe burns, in a fire incident which occurred at Mafararikwa Village in Marange on July 29, at about 4am.

ZRP envisaged that around midnight Tonderai Muchimwe broke into a room in which his niece, Violet Muchimwe (35) and her four children, Takunda Mundoko, Ashton Mundoko, Quinton Mundoko and Tamari Mundoko, were sleeping. The suspect went on to intimidate his niece with a knife demanding

to have sexual intercourse with her which failed resulting in the suspect burning the house and the people who were inside with petrol.

"Tonderai Muchimwe sprinkled petrol in the house and set the house on fire. As a result, Muchimwe, Ashton Mundoko, Quinton Mundoko and Tamari Mundoko were burnt beyond recognition while Takunda Mundoko sustained burns all over the body after escaping out of the room through the window who later died," said Nyathi.

In a related incident, the ZRP is also investigating circumstances surrounding the death of Emily Kamugiya (65), Letina Chimuka (70) and Maxwell Josi (12) after the thatched bedroom they were sleeping in was set on fire by an unknown suspect on July 30 at Chitimbe Village in Muzarabani.

Police have since established that Chimuka was staying with the other victims after being chased away by her son from St Albert's area on allegations of witchcraft in which she was said to be causing the illness of her grandchild.

Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi also confirmed six reports from Hanke area, Tongogara, Shurugwi where complaints, with some not inclines towards any political party, had their ten houses burnt on July 29 during the night leading to the arrest of two suspects Edson Madhveko and Edwin Madhveko involved in the case.

## Zim elections reconcile political leaders

Phillipa Jaja and Libinance Dokora

Very few events can bridge intra-party divisions and political differences like this country's elections.

Veiled talks of rifts in the country's two main political parties and between political leaders are seemingly being mended by the impending elections serving to restore unity.

Prodigals have started to trickle back into the political fold casting a light on the benefits of a united front. CCC leader, Chamisa has also announced solidarity with another ousted opposition aspirant further giving credence to the issue.

Just yesterday, former Vice-President Phelekezela Mphoko yesterday made a surprise public appearance at a Zanu PF campaign rally addressed by President Emmerson Mnangagwa in Nkayi, Matabeleland North province.

The deed is already altering public discourse giving an insight into the old adage that speaks to being, "no permanent friends or permanent enemies;



Phelekezela Mphoko

only permanent interests in politics."

According to local media, Mphoko attended Mnangagwa's campaign rally in the company of Zanu PF leaders, among them Vice-President Constantino Chiwenga, Zanu PF secretary for administration Obert Mpofu, and party political commissar Mike Bimha.

Mnangagwa expressed his gratitude towards Mphoko's gesture reminiscing on past times. During the rally, Mnangagwa invited Mphoko to the podium and expressed gratitude for his attendance.

"We come a long way with Mphoko. We have

worked together. I am really grateful to you for supporting me," Mnangagwa said.

"This man nicknamed 'Re'.

"We grew up together and did a lot of things which I cannot mention. I am very grateful that you came here to support me. I thank you for this."

Last year Joyce Mujuru made an unexpected reappearance at a Zanu-PF event which has fuelled speculations that she is angling for a future comeback into the party.

And yesterday, Chamisa called out the ouster of erstwhile cabinet minister Saviour Kasukuwere's presidential bid through a judicial decision saying it was unreasonable and unfair.

"I have been closely following the situation regarding Kasukuwere (Saviour). Where do you expect him to run for elections?"

"Should he be a candidate in South Africa, where he is not a resident? Firstly, why is Kasukuwere in South Africa? Why is Jonathan Moyo in Kenya?" he asked.



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **2023 HARMONISED ELECTIONS OBSERVATION: 24 - 31 JULY 2023**

#### **General Overview**

- The period under review has generally been characterized by peaceful political activity amongst the political parties and other entities involved in the 2023 Harmonized Elections in Zimbabwe save for the isolated incidences of suspected political violence and arson.
- The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) reports that a total of 10 houses were torched in suspected arson attacks, which took place in different parts of the country, including in Shurugwi.
- We note that the ZRP is carrying out its investigations into the matters and hope that the perpetrators of such violence be brought to book. This unnecessary loss of property must be condemned by all. The ZRP warned political parties to counsel their supporters and resolve inter-party or intra-party disputes without resorting to violence.
- We also commend President ED Mnangagwa's call for Zimbabweans to continue upholding the values of peace, unity, and tolerance during the election period.
- During the period under review, we noted some peculiar occurrences which we would like to highlight as follows:

#### **Media Coverage**

- We note the purported disengagement of the Citizens' Coalition for Change (CCC) from coverage of its activities by the public media, in particular the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC).
- In the same vein, we are equally concerned about the supposed claim that the CCC are being denied access to public media in particular by the same ZBC.



# Zim plans export of 'surplus' maize as many locals struggle to put food on table

Ahead of national polls on 23 August, the Zanu-PF Government is crowing about a bumper grain harvest and the first grain exports in two decades. Yet some parts of the country are facing famine.

Zimbabwe's food security situation has improved, but many citizens might still face hunger if authorities go ahead with plans to export grain after the country's agricultural sector posted two successive record harvests before proper stock assessments to feed citizens are made.

This comes as the governing Zanu-PF party and its opponents are using all tactics to win the hearts and minds of voters ahead of general elections expected on 23 August.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa's administration is set to begin maize exports – after a surplus – for the first time in more than two decades. But humanitarian organisations warn that millions of Zimbabwean citizens could need food aid.

The maize harvest boom comes against the backdrop of Zimbabwe also reporting record tobacco sales of nearly 300 million kilograms since the tobacco selling season opened in March. The previous record was 259 million kilograms in 2019.

The country's economy nosedived when the late president Robert Mugabe, who was forced to resign in November 2017 after a military coup, embarked on chaotic land grabs in the early 2000s, displacing close to 4,500 white commercial farmers and leaving thousands of farm workers destitute.

## Driven into poverty

Mismanagement and rampant corruption have also been blamed for the country's poor economic performance, which has driven many Zimbabweans into poverty and led to the country importing food from neighbouring Malawi, South Africa and Zambia.

Violent agrarian reforms and misgovernance pushed



While Zimbabwe's grain harvest has improved, aid organisations are concerned that urban population growth has disrupted supply chains, meaning grain may still have to be imported. (Photo: EPA-EFE/Aaron Ufumeli)

the agro-based economy into an abyss, according to economists, resulting in rising food prices and other problems such as power cuts and poor access to health services.

New farmers, such as Morton Dzimbanhete of Chikomba district in Mashonaland East Province, say inadequate resources affected productivity on the seized farms.

"When we settled on these farms we were not given access to proper financing models as banks are not accepting our 99-year leases issued by government, and this has resulted in us failing to use the land productively. But some who have enough resources are doing very well," Dzimbanhete said.

Agriculture Minister Anxious Masuka said the country could start to export maize because of the bumper harvests of the past two seasons. In 2020–21, Zimbabwe recorded a maize harvest of 2.8 million tonnes, and the 2021–22 figure was 2.2 million tonnes.

"We have received a request from the Democratic Republic of Congo for exports of maize and, cumulatively, we have received requests for 350 000 metric tonnes," said Masuka.

The two main presidential contenders in the upcoming elections on 23 August. But communal farmers like Mcedisi Ndlovu of Hwange district in Matabeleland North Prov-

ince told Daily Maverick that, despite national grain silos being full, most families did not harvest enough maize to feed their families.

"We are perennially a dry region and for the government to suggest that it wants to export maize without providing us with enough grain is very mischievous," said Ndlovu. "We do not have enough maize stocks to feed our children until the next harvesting season in April next year."

Zimbabwe last exported maize to countries such as Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique and Zambia more than two decades ago. Since then, it has had to import the grain.

The maize exports come at a time when estimates show that about 1.5 million people living in urban areas are food insecure. Aid agencies such as the UN World Food Programme (WFP) say urban population growth in Zimbabwe's cities is affecting food supply chains. Some agencies say millions might need food aid before the next harvest. The WFP says it has distributed several tonnes of food to vulnerable communities countrywide. The agency reached a peak of more than 700 000 beneficiaries between February and March, across vulnerable rural districts such as Buhera, Hwedza, Bikita, Mudzi, Chivi, Mangwe, Mount Darwin and Nkayi, providing food, in-kind goods and cash

transfers.

Since independence from Britain in 1980, Zimbabwe has received aid from the West to improve food provision and other services. The US has invested \$4.5-billion in the country through initiatives to enhance food security, improve health outcomes, support economic resilience and promote democratic governance. A former chief economist in Zimbabwe's finance ministry, Masimba John Manjanya, says careful planning is necessary if Zimbabwe is to avoid food deficits.

"Production has to be improved across all productive sectors of the economy and that has to be coupled with value addition. Farmers should get adequate inputs."

While Mnangagwa celebrates agricultural success this year, his party accuses rivals, particularly the main opposition Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), of planning to return the country's land to whites.

Mnangagwa told supporters at a campaign rally in Magunje in Mashonaland West Province that sanctions imposed on him and others by the West would not force his government to reverse land reforms.

"Let's use the land we took from oppressors ... Nyika inovakwa nevene vayo (a country is built by its own people)."

"Land for everyone"

Mnangagwa's main rival, Nelson Chamisa of the CCC,

told a rally in Matabeleland South that land ownership should not be partisan and the country's economy should be inclusive. He asserts that land reform has benefited mostly Zanu-PF members, and top party officials allegedly own multiple farms.

"We want an economy that accommodates everyone; jobs for everyone, health for everyone, food for everyone and land for everyone. People should have title deeds so that they have proof of ownership of their land. It is a lie that we intend to return land to the whites; we do not want a situation where if one political party is removed from power and another one gets into power you then lose your land," Chamisa said.

Mnangagwa has promised to issue title deeds to people illegally settled on peri-urban farms. Political analyst Urayayi Zembe said the land question was central to the country's governance problems. "Former white commercial farmers are still to be paid \$3.5 - billion compensation triggered by the land resettlement programme."

Zembe said new land disputes in Chilonga, Chipinge and Mutoko communal settlements, where the government has displaced people, had emerged.

The land question will be a big electoral campaign issue in Zimbabwe's politics for a long time.

# Musk runs Twitter, Tesla and more, and his net worth makes him the richest man in the world

Elon Musk runs Twitter, SpaceX, The Boring Company, and Tesla.

As of July 2023, Musk is the world's richest person.

Musk has been divorced three times, dated celebrities, and has nine children.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk is the cofounder of other major companies, including SpaceX.

He was born in 1971 in South Africa. Musk's parents are Maye and Errol, who divorced in 1979. In the 1990s, he founded his first startup, Zip2, with his brother, Kimbal, and began a decades-long career in tech.

Musk's second venture, online banking company X.com, merged with a startup of Peter Thiel's to form PayPal. When PayPal sold to eBay in 2002, Musk made \$165 million.

Today, Musk is the richest person in the world. He's frequently trading places with other billionaires in the ranks, but as of July 2023, Musk's net worth stands at \$239 billion, putting him on top. His estimated fortune peaked at around \$340 billion in November 2021 as Tesla shares soared.

## Twitter

Elon Musk started buying shares in Twitter in January 2022 and initiated an acquisition in April.

By the time Elon Musk bought Twitter for \$44 billion in October 2022, he had actually spent months trying to back out of the agreement. At the start of July, he sent a letter to Twitter purporting to terminate the acquisition. Twitter promptly sued him.

When the sale went through, Musk immediately ousted a number of Twitter executives, including its CEO, CFO, and chief legal officer. In November, Musk issued an ultimatum: work at an "extremely hardcore" rate or accept a three-month severance package. He would go on to lay off around 80 percent of Twitter's staff.

Musk's Twitter verification changes were announced on November 1. He tweeted that Twitter's "current lords & peasants system for who has or doesn't have a blue



Elon Musk

checkmark is bullshit." He added, "Power to the people! Blue for \$8/month."

In May 2023, Musk named Linda Yaccarino as Twitter's new CEO. "Looking forward to working with Linda to transform this platform into X, the everything app," Musk said in a tweet.

In July 2023, Twitter was rebranded to X.

## SpaceX

Musk founded SpaceX in 2002, investing \$100 million he made from the sale of PayPal. The company nearly failed. After three unsuccessful launches between 2006 and 2008, funding was running out. Then, on September 28, 2008, SpaceX became the first private company to achieve a successful orbital launch. That same year, SpaceX received a \$1.5 billion NASA contract.

"Fate liked us that day," Musk told CNBC when

reflecting on the events nine years later.

SpaceX launches now happen on a fairly regular basis. The company publishes a SpaceX launch schedule on its website. Launches typically take place at Cape Canaveral Space Force Base or the Kennedy Space Center, which are both in Florida.

SpaceX runs the Starlink satellite internet system. Its satellites operate in Earth's lower orbit, decreasing the lag between when the data is transferred to the receiver, according to the company. Musk said he plans to eventually create a constellation of up to 42,000 satellites.

The company launched its first batch of Starlink satellites in 2019 and has more than 4,000 of its satellites in orbit today. The SpaceX Falcon 9, a partially reusable two-stage rocket, is often

used for launches. The Falcon 9 family of rockets is a first-of-its-kind and a key asset for NASA in servicing the International Space Station since the retirement of the Space Shuttle program in 2011. Apart from the Space Shuttles, the majority of spacefaring equipment was previously single-use.

SpaceX is valued at almost \$140 billion under Musk's unique leadership style. Because it's a private company, SpaceX stock is not easy to purchase for members of the general public.

The company is not currently publicly planning an IPO. Musk has said that SpaceX won't file for an initial public offering until what he calls the "Mars Colonial Transporter" is flying regularly.

SpaceX's long-term goal is to make colonising Mars affordable.

## The Boring Company

Musk's The Boring Company was created as a subsidiary of SpaceX and later became its own entity. Inspired by LA traffic gridlock, the tunneling venture has several ongoing projects on the West Coast.

In April 2022, The Boring Company completed Series C funding of \$675 million, which was valued at \$5.675 billion, according to a Boring Company news release. Boring Company stock is not currently publicly traded.

In 2018, Musk sold 20,000 Boring Company flame-throwers in just five days. The product, called "Not-A-Flamethrower," has been off the market for years. However, it's acquired something of a cult status among the tech mogul's fans, and some people have been paying hundreds of dollars to snap them up on eBay.

Among Musk's other innovative products is a 5'8" humanoid Tesla robot named Optimus, announced in 2021. The robot is designed to help reduce the labor shortage, according to Musk, and keep workers safer. This could very well be ground-breaking, but it still has a long way to go before it is ready for production and available for purchase.

## Elon Musk's wives and kids

Musk's spouses are Justine Musk, who he met at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, and Talulah Riley, whom he married in 2010. He met Riley at a bar in London, and the couple divorced and remarried before splitting again.

Five of Musk's children were born during his eight-year marriage with his ex-wife, Justine.

It is unclear if Musk is dating anyone presently. Musk reportedly split last year with actress Natasha Bassett, who is believed to be his last public girlfriend.

Before that, Musk briefly dated actress Amber Heard in 2017 amid her divorce from actor Johnny Depp. The two first connected on the red carpet of the 2016 Met Gala, which Depp was expected to attend, but didn't. He and the musician Grimes started dating in 2018. Since then, they've broken up and gotten back together a few times. Now, they appear to just be co-parents of a boy and a girl named X Æ A-Xii and Y.

# Meet solar power projects company

Founded 20 years ago in 2003, SkyPower Global is a leading solar power projects company, developing, financing, building, owning and operating utility-scale projects around the world.

SkyPower Global – originally from Toronto, Canada, but with a lead office now in Dubai, UAE – has an extensive pipeline of projects delivering capacity of more than 25GW globally.

Much of the recent focus has been on bilateral agreements and contracts for solar projects in the Middle East, Africa, South East Asia and Central Asia.

These include more than 30 Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) worth billions of dollars of renewable energy sales to utilities and governments.

As reported in Business Chief in May 2020, SkyPower signed a deal with Nigeria's FAS Energy for a 3,000MW solar project.

In November 2022, SkyPower and the government of Zimbabwe signed a deal for the Zimbabwe Solar Power Project – Climate Action Acceleration Agreement for a 500MW PV project. The aim was to increase renewable generation capacity in the

country, as it looks to mitigate the soaring costs of electricity globally.

Coupled with concerns about climate change and the need for clean energy, the solar power sector has grown significantly in the last decade. As solar panel technology makes them more efficient, and new ways are found to harness and store that energy, more people are turning to solar for cheap, reliable, eco-friendly energy.

According to the International Energy Agency, worldwide solar output could pass natural gas in 2026 and coal in 2027.

## How CEO Kerry Adler steers SkyPower

It has not all been plain sailing for the solar company and its CEO Kerry Adler. Back in 2008, the company was plunged into a dark period when Lehman Brothers went under. The investment banking company famously filed for bankruptcy in 2008, a year after taking a 50% stake in SkyPower.

Thankfully, Adler 'kept the lights on' and in 2009 secured investment from CIM – a community-focused real estate and infrastructure owner, operator, lender and



SkyPower Global specialises in utility-scale solar projects

developer.

This acquisition was a good fit for both parties, with CIM having a real focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives.

Adler is the Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of the SkyPower Global group of companies. Under his leadership, SkyPower now

has a presence in more than 35 countries and four continents.

Adler draws on 35 years of experience in renewable energy, artificial intelligence, logistics, software design, and CRM. He is a recognised advocate for climate action and has a mission to deliver sustainable solutions through Private Public Partnerships

and securing Foreign Direct Investments.

Adler is also a board member or advisor to organisations including the UAE Business Council, Canada Africa Business Council, World Economic Forum, Global Economic Forum of The Americas, UN CFO Advisory Group, and more. *-energydigital.com*

## A worker using AI for side hustle says ChatGPT cuts her research time in half

**A worker says she's using AI to support a \$670 per month side hustle.**

Nicole Cueto told CNBC using ChatGPT instead of search has halved her research time. Cueto says she's been making extra money since January by planning people's vacations. A worker says she's using OpenAI's ChatGPT to support a \$670 per month side hustle – and it has drastically improved her productivity.

Nicole Cueto, a public relations consultant based in New York, told CNBC she's been making extra money since January by planning vacations. She told the news outlet that using ChatGPT instead of traditional search engines such as Google and Bing has halved her research time and sped up her planning process.

Unlike traditional search engines, AI-powered tools can respond to queries with personalized and in-depth answers instead of just displaying a list of relevant links. Microsoft and Google have both made moves to incorporate this conversational tech into their search engines.



Cueto told CNBC she prompts the chatbot to create personalized trips for each client. For example, she asks the bot things like: "Give me a budget-conscious guide to Paris that incorporates historical neighborhoods where politicians lived in the 1880s."

Cueto told the news outlet that the chatbot's instructions weren't perfect, however, and she conducts further research and fact-checks the chatbot herself. The side hustle takes a total of 10 to 20 hours per week and makes her an average of \$670 per month, according to documents cited and reviewed by CNBC. Free-

lancers have been relying on new generative AI tools to increase their productivity or take on side hustles. One freelance product marketer who uses the chatbot for idea generation and to write blogs and emails told Insider that ChatGPT had been a "game changer" for saving time.

Workers have also been using tools like ChatGPT or the image generator Midjourney to content create on the side. One product-design manager used ChatGPT and Midjourney to write and illustrate a children's book in 72 hours.

*www.businessinsider.com*

## \$1bn Chinese investment buoys Zim lithium production

After spending more than US\$1 billion to acquire mining sites in Zimbabwe over the past two years, massive Chinese investment could help catapult Zimbabwe to become the world's fifth biggest primary producer of the material that's vital to battery electric vehicles and the green revolution, mining consultancy CRU said.

The investments by Chinese companies, including Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt, Sinomine Resource Group, Chengxin Lithium Group and Yahua Group, could boost capacity to 192,000 tons of lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) per year of petalite and spodumene in 2027, from 13,000 tons LCE per year in 2022, Cameron Hughes, a battery markets analyst at CRU said in a report.

"These investments will place Zimbabwe as the fifth largest primary producer of lithium by 2025, after Argentina, contributing more than either Canada or Brazil," Hughes added. Investments by Sinomine and others mean Zimbabwe's capacity could rise to about 11pc of global LCE

production in five years from just 2 pc in 2020, said Martin Jackson, head of battery raw materials at CRU. Still, while the capacity is "significant", full utilization would depend on lithium demand and prices, Jackson added.

As nations seek to cut their carbon footprints, demand has surged for clean energy, fueling global competition, China has been laser-focused on the task of securing critical minerals for climate-friendly power sources like batteries. Lithium – known as "white gold" – is an essential raw material for the lithium-ion rechargeable batteries that power electric vehicles and in solar panels that store solar energy.

Several Chinese companies recently making multi-million-dollar acquisitions to secure lithium supplies in Zimbabwe has improved the South African country's economic fortunes. Last year, Zimbabwe banned exports of raw lithium ore, forcing companies to set up local factories to process ore into concentrates before export.

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# Arts & Culture

## Makaya reveals relationship with prophet

Review & Mail writer

Zimbabwean model and entrepreneur Hillary Makaya has set tongues wagging after she took to social media to reveal her relationship with a famous man of God.

The model shared many pictures while in church, seated beside Apostle Tannah Israel from the church of Shepherd Bushiri. In the post, she quoted a bible verse stating:

“God does not call you into anything He has not supplied Grace for. Just be determined.

And remember, DETERMINATION requires COURAGE. Joshua 1 (KJV)”

From her posts, the model has been sharing that God called her to be beside the man of God and help him in the church’s work.

She even shared her sto-

ries that she was going to the prayer mountain. Church members her boyfriend leads have already started calling her “mama”, a name they use for their spiritual mother figures like Mary Bushiri and many more.

This is not the first man of God that Hillary Makaya has been rumoured to be dating. In 2022 she fought with her sister over Passion Java, whom Hillary was rumoured to be dating before her sister fell pregnant for him.

On the other hand, this is not Apostle Tannah Israel’s first go at love. The pastor was once married to Shepherd Bushiri’s sister but later divorced. After that, he had a relationship with Melody Dzingai, one of the church’s female pastors, and fathered a child with her.



Hillary Makaya



Gary Tight

## Gary Tight former, manager Gramme Mtetwa in legal battle

R&M Writer

Zimbabwean musician Gary Tight decided to part ways with his manager Gramme Mtetwa, and the latter did not take it all too well.

Gramme Mtetwa took over all the social media pages with Gary Tight’s name on them and had sole control over them, refusing the musician any access to his work.

Gramme Mtetwa claims that he owns all of Gary Tight’s social media pages, including Facebook and Youtube, where he has posted and promoted his work over the past years.

The loved Zimbabwean musician had no choice but to take

legal action against his friend and former employee to re-gain control over his work.

Mtetwa is said not to have communicated with Gary before hijacking the social media accounts.

Tight only discovered that he no longer had access to his social media accounts after he tried to access them and realised that Mtetwa had changed the login credentials without his knowledge.

Mtetwa had even taken the fight a little higher and changed the names of the accounts while starting to promote a new artist.

All this was done behind Gary Tight’s

back. His Youtube account had been rebranded and turned into a marketing company account.

Gary Tight has roped in his legal team, which is now working to regain control of his social media accounts before seven days pass.

Many fans are fighting in Gary’s corner, sending him advice, and some are even threatening violence against the ex-manager.

Gary Tight’s father, Willom Tight, had the same problem with his manager, and fans are saying that he should have advised his son on how to deal with these issues beforehand.



# Tech guy spreads Shona globally

In a quest to keep the spirit of Ubuntu, culture, tradition and spread the Shona language globally, creatives have been key instrumental using various platforms to spread the word among all age groups.

This ranges from music, film industry, drama, poetry, book writing, and skits mainly done by social media influencers. One such creative is United Arab Emirates (UAE) based Batsirai Madzonga, who has taken the initiative to write books that encourage the preservation of the mother tongue, Shona.

Our reporter Zvakwana Sweto (ZS) managed to reach out to Batsirai Madzonga (BM) from his Dubai base in the UAE. Here are excerpts from the interview.

**ZS: Can you briefly introduce yourself.**

**BM:** My name is Batsirai Madzonga, happily married with two beautiful kids. I was born in Harare and went to Lomagundi College before pursuing a BSc. in Computer Science degree. Currently, I'm the Assistant Vice President, Head of Design & Experience for a Dubai based company.

**ZS: When did you start writing and tell us about your book writing skills?**

**BM:** The books came about early this year when AI removed barriers to entry for aspiring authors. This project is the culmination of my career of over a decade and a half in design. Over the years I have learnt how to ideate, tell a story, work with typography and layout a book for print. Most recently my career in tech has put me in the forefront of emerging technologies like generative Ai. All this has resulted in me creating beautiful characters and stories that help children fall in love with the Shona language and culture.

**ZS: What is the inspiration behind your choice to write a series of Shona books?**

**BM:** I am a father of two young children who have never lived in Zimbabwe. This has resulted in them being



Batsirai Madzonga



unfamiliar with the culture and especially the language. When I realized that this issue was not just with us, but quite common amongst children living in the diaspora, I realized I should do something about it. That's how the book series came about. It was a way to bridge this gap and give children around the world the gift of Shona.

**ZS: What's your take on the issue that the young generation is neglecting the mother language, Shona?**

**BM:** The dilution of our culture is happening at a staggering pace. Children with Zimbabwean parents growing up in the diaspora are very disconnected with their heritage. It's the unfortunate side effect of the mass migration from Zimbabwe. Parents need to make an effort to keep the connection with their Zimbabwean identity alive. This is often what helps to anchor our children in an ever-changing and culturally diverse world.

**ZS: Besides the most talked about books, Ariana Learns Shona and Dylan Discovers Shona, what other publica-**

**tions are under your name?**

**BM:** I have recently published a book called Design Intervention. It's a collection of actionable tips on how I went from product designer to Head of Design by the age of 35! It's an easy read that allows the reader to not only level up their craft but add value to their company in new and tangible ways.

**ZS: You seem to be so much in love with AI, now as a tech expert, what do you think can be done on AI in the learning of Shona language in schools? And how can AI be utilized so that we keep our language at a global space?**

**BM:** Before AI can do anything with Shona, we need to train it. Large language models like Chat GPT are very immature when it comes to the Shona language. The first step I would say is for us to take active steps to train these publicly available language models in Shona. This not only helps people around the world discover the language but more importantly, ensures that the language and all its cultural nuances are

preserved on this AI digital frontier.

**ZS: How has the experience in the UAE contributed to your authorship skills?**

Batsirai Madzonga The UAE is renowned for its achievements and aspirations when it comes to technology. Living here and working in the tech industry has allowed me to strive for excellence in everything I do and stay abreast of what is happening, when it happens. Being an early adopter of new technology has opened my mind to endless possibilities in my career as well as for personal projects like this book series.

**ZS: Do you have any role models in the book writing industry? If so, who?**

**BM:** My mother was the first person in our family to write a book. Seeing her do this years ago planted a seed in me to achieve the same.

Another is Evans Munyuki, a prolific author in the tech space.

**ZS: We are in the second half of the year; are there any book projects you are working on? And are you at liberty**

**to disclose the book titles?**

**BM:** Our goal is to publish 10 books this year, 5 each for Ariana and Dylan. The concept of the book series, center around various down to earth and at times fantastical adventures they have on their pursuit to learn about the Shona language and culture. I am currently working on the 5th book titled, Ariana Learns Shona: The Magical Dream

**ZS: Thank you for your time Batsirai, what are your words of encouragement to someone willing to learn Shona especially for the Zimbabwean community in the diaspora?**

**BM:** I would say to parents around the world, teach your children as much as you can about their heritage.

I see our six-year-old daughter's eyes sparkle with pride every time she learns a Shona word.

It is an important part of her identity.

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You can find the books on [www.iloveshona.com](http://www.iloveshona.com)

# Climate change contributes to violence against children - here's how

Every day of the northern hemisphere's summer in 2023 seems to bring a calamitous headline about the climate: heatwaves, wildfires, massive hailstorms.

Such scenes are set to become our global reality in the coming years. Scientists paint a grim picture of how human-induced climate change, combined with wider environmental degradation, will affect us all.

That, of course, includes children. However, research is still in its early stages on how, precisely, both climate change and environmental degradation relate to violence against children.

It is crucial to explore these potential intersections to spur academic and political movement in this area. Findings from such reviews, and further research that may emerge from it, could help to inform policies and interventions that can protect and support children, particularly those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and environmental shocks.

## Our study

We conducted an extensive scoping review of the literature on the intersections of climate change, environmental degradation and violence against children, to see what's known so far and what needs attention.

We explored both direct violence – physical, sexual and emotional – and structural violence; that is, rooted in inequitable and unjust systems and institutions. This approach allowed for a nuanced understanding of the implications for children in all countries. It also meant we could explore the causes and effects of climate change and environmental degradation in relation to systems, institutions, structures, norms and interactions.

The study identified five themes: hazards and disaster risk reduction; gender; climate-induced mobility or immobility; child labour; and health. What emerges clearly is that violence against children is not solely a phenomenon that

intensifies during environmental shocks. It is deeply rooted in historical injustices, global systems and structures. That means it disproportionately affects those living in poverty.

## 1. Hazards and disaster risk reduction

Natural hazards, combined with large-scale humanitarian crises, pose immediate risks to health, life, property and the environment.

Studies have uncovered how increasing social, economic and emotional pressures in these situations expose children to higher risks of violence. This may occur in their homes or in relief shelters. It may be perpetrated by their peers, or by caregivers forcing them into labour because of the sudden need to rebuild or help make ends meet.

More knowledge is needed to inform integrated and culturally sensitive plans to protect children better from environmental hazards.

## 2. Gender

The effects of climate change and environmental degradation are not gender neutral. They can affect girls and boys differently. There is a growing body of work on gender-based violence and violence against women and girls in relation to climate change.

But this work tends to be centred on issues affecting female adults, conflating the term “gender” with “women”, without sufficient attention to the gendered effects of climate change on female and male children.

Existing research suggests that climate change can potentially exacerbate known drivers of child marriage in low- and lower-middle-income countries. But findings vary significantly by region. For example, there is an observed increase in child marriage motivated by the receipt of a bride price payment in sub-Saharan Africa during sudden periods of drought. In India, though, droughts have led to a decrease in child marriage to delay dowry payments.

Nuanced data about boys' exposure to various forms of

violence in the context of climate change is missing. That's because studies tend to focus on males as perpetrators but not as victims of violence.

## 3. Mobility and immobility

The number of climate migrants is rising.

Research we reviewed on migration, displacement and relocation due to climate change, natural or human-induced hazards points to increased risks of violence against children within migrating families and higher exposure to it in camps and shelters. Also, separation from families or caregivers renders children and young people extremely vulnerable to violence.

Meanwhile, immobility – when people cannot or do not want to move – has been associated in some studies with child abuse, injuries and overcrowding in slum areas.

Fear of violence in shelters can lead women to remain at home after natural hazards, increasing children's risk of harm from the hazard or other forms of violence.

## 4. Child labour

Existing research indicates that child labour increases after natural hazards due to families' reliance on child work and the absence of strategies to eliminate child labour entirely. Child labour is also prevalent in industries associated with climate change, such as agriculture, fisheries, mining, fashion and tourism.

The extent of child labour in this context, and its link to violence, remains inadequately explored in research, however, due to the hidden nature and contextual specificity of this issue.

## 5. Health

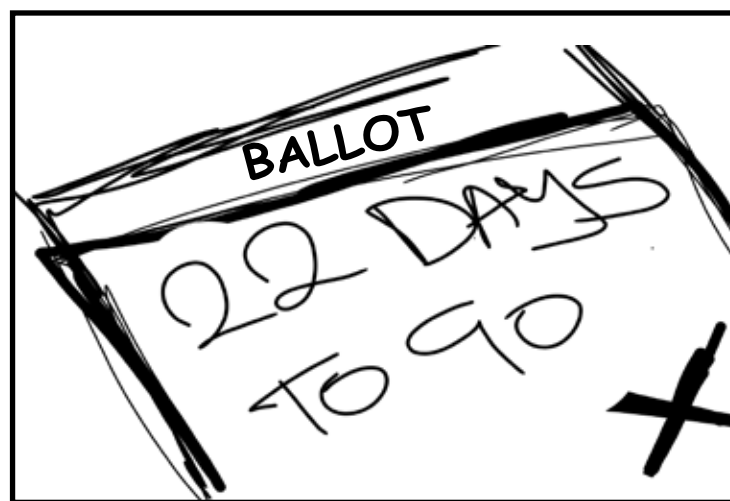
Children's physical and mental health is affected by climate change. Natural hazards have been linked to poor health outcomes and increased mortality among children, particularly those younger than five.

There is emerging evidence that mental health issues, stemming from climate and environmental shocks, can lead to increased perpetration of violence against children, including domestic violence. Rising eco-anxiety among children and youth, caused by awareness of climate change and environmental degradation and fears of its consequences, adds to mental health problems.

## Ways forward

By shedding light on the magnitude and pathways of these relationships, we want to underscore the urgent need for context-specific approaches and further research.

–*The Conversation*



# BABA HARARE'S DISGUSTING BEHAVIOUR BETRAYS NATIONAL PRIDE

The recent incident at Zimfest UK, where Baba Harare displayed a disturbing lack of patriotism by destroying a guitar and disrespecting the Zimbabwe national flag during the National Anthem, is deeply troubling.

As an influential figure in the music industry, he has crossed the lines, should be aware that such actions are not protected by any artistic license. It is disheartening to witness an artist tarnish his reputation with such unpatriotic behaviour.

The essence of an artist lies in the quality of their work, not in their appearance or political activism. Baba Harare's actions at Zimfest UK overshadowed his performance and left a lasting negative impression on the audience.

As his supporters, we ought to remember him for his talents and contributions to the music world, not for these shameful actions.

Even if he intended to use his platform to voice political opinions, there are certain actions that are simply reprehensible and cross the line of national ethics and sensitivity.

As citizens of Zimbabwe, we are bound by our national pride and the national anthem holds a special place in our hearts.

Trashing the national flag during the anthem shows a disregard for our national pride and unity. The recently proposed “Patriotic Bill” seeks to criminalize actions that deliberately damage the

sovereignty and national interests of Zimbabwe.

Baba Harare's conduct serves as an example of actions that could be covered by such legislation. Our laws should protect our national symbols and values from such disrespectful acts.

Artists have the power to inspire and unite people through their craft. They can act as positive role models and agents of change. However, when artists deviate from their primary role and engage in acts that undermine our national interest, it erodes the respect and admiration we hold for them.

Baba Harare must realise that his actions have consequences, not just for himself but for the larger community. As a prominent figure in the music industry, he wields influence over his audience, and his behaviour can impact the perceptions of Zimbabweans both at home and abroad.

It is our hope that Baba Harare reflects on his actions and understands the significance of our national symbols and values. We call upon all artists to use their talents to celebrate the beauty of Zimbabwe, promote unity, and contribute positively to our society. As a nation, we must cherish our identity and hold dear the principles that make us Zimbabweans.

Let us unite and foster a spirit of patriotism that is not only reflected in our national anthem but also in our everyday actions.

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# Zim inflation to drop in 2024: AfDB

**Leafias Mazviro**

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has projected Zimbabwe's inflation to drop from 184 percent in 2022 to 36.1 percent in 2024 as a result of government's tight monetary policy and global price decrease.

The AfDB said in its Southern Africa Economic Outlook report, in 2022, inflation rose in all countries except Angola, which benefited from an appreciation of its currency with the increase of oil exports, and Zambia, which embarked on an IMF support program to stabilize the economy.

"Inflation in the Southern Africa region is expected to halve to 6.7 percent in 2024, with the biggest deceleration expected to occur in Zimbabwe—from 184.1 percent in 2022 to 36.1 percent in 2024—as the government maintains a tight monetary policy and global prices decrease," the bank said.

"High poverty and inequality rates remain endemic across the southern Africa region.

"Madagascar (80.7%) and Zimbabwe (64.5%) are recording the highest poverty levels within their respective income group while Mauritius has the lowest rate of poverty incidence (13.5%) within the upper-middle-income country group," the bank said.

The bank said tightened US monetary policy, financial outflows from Africa, and weak external demand led to most African currencies depreciating against the US dollar in 2022, resulting in foreign exchange market instability, primarily in commodity exporting countries.

"Malawi and Zimbabwe had the worst performing currencies in Southern Africa, depreciating by 21 percent and 70 percent, respectively, while the exchange rate strengthened by almost 10 percent against



the US dollar," the bank said.

On the other hand, Afdb said the easing of global travel restrictions, imposed during the pandemic, contributed to a rebound in tourism in 2022, which fueled growth in some tourist reliant economies.

"The tourism industry played a role in mitigating the negative effects of hyperinflation and exchange rate instability on Zimbabwe's GDP growth."

It also said the fiscal deficit moderated a little in 2022

at 3.5% of GDP compared to 3.7% of GDP in 2021.

"No country in the region recorded a double-digit fiscal deficit, but all countries (except, Botswana, Madagascar and Zimbabwe) recorded fiscal deficit above the regional average deficit," the report said.

The Afdb also noted that five countries have external debt level beyond the threshold of 60% of their GDPs.

"Zambia and Zimbabwe need urgent debt resolu-

tion, given the large external arrears and widening sovereign spread exacerbated by a thin domestic market," it said.

"The outlook for 2023 and 2024 is uncertain because the southern Africa region remains subject to significant downside risks."

It also noted that climate-related risks could also further worsen the projected economic and social outlook.

"The agriculture sector remains the largest

employer in many countries in the region.

Environmental challenges hamper inclusive growth and food security and exacerbate existing social and political tensions.

"Weak institutional capacity of most countries — notably Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe — to address climate vulnerabilities amplifies their vulnerability to more severe and frequent adverse climatic events," the bank said.

# Delta registers remarkable revenue increment in USD

Leafias Mazviro

The Delta Corporation Limited has registered 10 percent revenue increase in US Dollars terms in the first quarter of 2023 ended June 30 despite operating in a rapid changes in policy environment and currency volatility across regional markets.

In a group's trading update, the group said its revenue grew by 163% for the quarter in inflation adjusted terms compared to a growth of 929% in historical cost terms, driven by the growth in volume.

"The revenue in US Dollar terms grew by 10% over prior year. The Zimbabwean entities continue to generate sufficient foreign currency through domestic sales with average collections of over 80%, which reflects the constrained ZW\$ liquidity and trading challenges affecting formal sector Outlets," it said.

However, group said the first quarter was characterised by rapid changes in the policy environment in Zimbabwe and currency volatility across the regional markets.

"Zimbabwe is in the election season running up to harmonised elections scheduled for 23 August 2023.

The exchange rate volatility, coupled with fluctuations in market liquidity in both foreign currency and ZW\$, continue to create challenges for the formal



sectors of the economy, particularly as it relates to the pricing of goods and trading terms."

The company said there has been a general increase in the use of foreign currency for domestic transactions.

"Consumer spending

remains firm, being buoyed by diaspora remittances, government spending on infrastructure projects, mining and agricultural activities and the more stable pricing in US Dollars.

The current quarter also benefited from the improved marketing of tobacco."

In addition, Delta said the performance of the South African economy remains muted, indicating pressure on disposable incomes arising from a weaker Rand and the impacts of power supply disruptions.

"In Zambia, the macro-economic environment

remains stable although consumer demand remains low.

The Kwacha depreciated during the quarter but has recovered in the aftermath of the positive resolution of the country debt scheduling discussions with the international lenders."

# InnBucks added as payment channel on VFEX direct

Leafias Mazviro

The Victoria Fall Stock Exchange (VFEX) has added InnBucks Microbank Limited as a payment channel on VFEX Direct with effect from August 1 2023.

VFEX Chief Executive Officer, Justin Bgoni said, in a statement, the addition of InnBucks on Vfx Direct will enable retail investors to top up their wallet through the InnBucks mobile app or USSD code.

"Our aim as VFEX is to ensure convenience to our clients, and we are always striving to evolve and add services that can make the investment journey for our clients smooth.

"With the addition of this service, VFEX Direct clients will now conveniently fund their wallet, and the funds reflecting for trading much quicker. The minimum top

up amount for investing on VFEX through InnBucks is US\$10 (excluding transfer charges)," Bgoni said.

Bgoni said investors have to have an active Vfx Direct account, active InnBucks account and have to link their Vfx Direct account with InnBucks account in order to enjoy the services.

"The VFEX appreciates the support and valuable feedback from stakeholders. We will continuously strive to develop initiatives on VFEX Direct that promote financial inclusion and retail participation."

**About VFEX Direct**

"VFEX Direct is an online trading platform of the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange Limited ("VFEX"). VFEX Direct provides retail investors with an easy and convenient way to buy and sell securities listed on VFEX.

"VFEX Direct is accessible through the web portal ([www.vfexdirect.vfex.exchange](http://www.vfexdirect.vfex.exchange)) and mobile application (Play Store and Apple App Store).

"VFEX Direct is meant to make investing on VFEX easier and simpler and some of the key features on the platform include a user friendly interface, a view of one's portfolio, latest market statistics, and the acceptable price range for each security," he added.

**About InnBucks**

"InnBucks is a cutting-edge mobile payment solution developed by InnBucks MicroBank Limited with the goal of offering simplified financial services to Zimbabweans from all walks of life.

"InnBucks' value proposition is premised on offering flexibility to customers as

well as comprehensive and seamless solutions to merchants through convenience and maximum efficiency at a minimum cost."

Bgoni said customers can effortlessly deposit or withdraw cash, enjoy discounted payments for goods at any

Simbisa Brands Outlet nationwide, carry out transactions through selected agents- all at an affordable cost. Moreover, one can enjoy the ease of buying US dollar airtime, at discounted rates, directly from their mobile phones.



# Klopp rules out Liverpool move for PSG forward



Jürgen Klopp rules out Liverpool move for Paris Saint-Germain forward Paris Saint-Germain do not want to let Kylian Mbappé leave for free when his contract expires next summer; Liverpool had been touted as a potential loan destination for the forward but Jürgen Klopp has exclusively told Sky Germany the “financial conditions don’t suit us at all”

Jürgen Klopp has dismissed the idea of Liverpool signing Kylian Mbappé this summer.

The Merseyside club had been touted as a potential loan destination as Paris Saint-Germain and Mbappé look to find a solution for the final year of his contract.

PSG do not want to let him leave for free when his deal expires next summer although he was not interested in discussing a potential one-year move to Saudi Arabia last week after Al Hilal lodged a world-record £259m bid - and now Klopp has ruled out a move to Liverpool.

“We laugh about it,” Klopp exclusively told Sky Germany. “I can say that I think he’s a really good player but the financial conditions don’t suit us at all. I wouldn’t like to ruin the story now... but as far as I

know, there’s nothing to it. “It’s possible that someone else from the club is preparing something and wants to surprise me... that hasn’t hap-

pened in the eight years that I’ve been here. That would be the first time.”

Mbappé had until midnight on Monday to trigger a one-year extension to his PSG contract. It is not yet clear whether he did or did not, but he was not expected to do so and PSG were 99 per cent sure he wouldn’t.

Mbappé was dropped from the club’s pre-season tour of Japan and South Korea and put up for sale on July 21 because PSG knew he wasn’t going to renew and they wanted to sell him as quickly as possible.

They believe he has already agreed to join Real Madrid when he becomes a free agent next summer.

PSG’s Kylian Mbappé reacts after Bayern’s Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting scored his side’s opening goal during the Champions League round of 16 second leg soccer match between Bayern Munich and Paris Saint Germain at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany, Wednesday, March 8, 2023. (AP Photo/Andreas Schaad)

The big question is whether Real Madrid will make a bid for Mbappé in this window or risk losing him to another club.

PSG are expecting Real Madrid to make a half-hearted bid late in the window which they know PSG will reject. Bidding will make it look as if they tried to pay a fee for the player.

PSG have had various approaches for Mbappé in the past 10 days and have had significant interest from big European clubs involving potential player swap deals.

August 12 is the next

significant date in the Mbappé saga when PSG play their first game of the season at home to Lorient. What head coach Luis Enrique decides when it comes to his squad and starting XI, plus the reaction of PSG fans to Mbappé could accelerate his departure from the club.

Mbappé not interested in meeting Al Hilal

Mbappé is not interested in meeting representatives from Al Hilal to discuss a move to Saudi Arabia.

PSG gave Al Hilal permission to speak to Mbappé after the Saudi club made a world-record €300m (£259m) offer for the player.

How Kylian Mbappé’s reported contract offer from Al Hilal breaks down

Image: How Kylian Mbappé’s reported contract offer from Al Hilal breaks down

Representatives of Al Hilal were in Paris last week but there was no meeting with Mbappé’s camp.

PSG insiders believe Mbappé is refusing to speak to Al Hilal because he has already agreed to move to Real Madrid as a free agent next summer when his contract expires.

Who will be on the move this summer when the transfer window opens on June 14 and closes at 11pm on September 1 in England and midnight in Scotland?

Keep up to date with all the latest transfer news and rumours in our dedicated Transfer Centre blog on Sky Sports’ digital platforms.

You can also catch up with the ins, outs and analysis on Sky Sports News.

- Sky News

## USA players snub national anthem against Portugal after Women’s World Cup controversy

The US Women’s national team have sparked further controversy at the World Cup after once again remaining silent during the playing of their national anthem.

The reigning champions have been slammed in recent weeks for their failure to sing the Star-Spangled Banner, with fans taking to social media to brand them “embarrassing” and “disrespectful”.

But Vlatko Andonovski’s side again opted to keep quiet

ahead of their decisive Group E clash with Portugal on Tuesday.

Just three players, including striker Alex Morgan, mumbled along to the anthem, while others stood motionless and failed to put their hands on their heart as the anthem rang out at Eden Park.

Only Morgan, Julie Ertz, Alyssa Naeher and Lindsey Horan put their hands on their chest, while the entire Portugal squad proudly

belted out their anthem.

Following the USA’s 1-1 draw with the Netherlands last week, journalist Megyn Kelly was vocal in her disdain about the national team’s refusal to sing.

“I really do believe their version of what a feminist is, what it means to be an empowered woman, at least as an American woman, means you need to hate your country,” Kelly said on SiriusXM’s The Megyn Kelly Show. - **Mirror**



# Young Sables enchant local rugby fans

The Zimbabwe U20 rugby team – the Young Sables – have won the hearts of local rugby supporters back home following their impressive performance at the world championships in Kenya.

Zimbabwe finished strongly in the tournament, thanks to a 64 – 10 win over Kenya in their final match at the Nyayo National Stadium in Kenya on 30 July.

The Young Sables were given a standing ovation by those who watched their final match after their display of an attacking, aggressive style of rugby.

The Zimbabweans dominated their opponents from the first whistle and eventually ran in a total of 10 tries during the one-sided match.

The result means Zimbabwe secured a fifth-place finish at the tournament after winning two of their opening matches and losing two.

The Young Sables started off their campaign with a loss to Scotland and Uruguay before defeating the United States and Kenya in their other two matches.

The two wins were received with much joy by Zimbabweans back home and other rugby supporters from around the world.

Local supporters, who took to social media platform Facebook, spoke glowingly of the Young Sables' exploits during the competition.

“Well done Zimbabwe Rugby! Well done to the

Young Sables!” said Moses Kondwe.

“Hats off to everyone involved in the team,” said David Hunda.

Sam Rousseau was equally ecstatic: “Amazing! Congratulations Zimbabwe.”

The Zimbabwe Rugby Union (ZRU) also posted a congratulatory message on their official Facebook Page.

“Congratulations to this crop of players, their technical team and everyone who played a role in this journey of completing a historic campaign with the best finish so far for their junior Sables.

Fifth position at the world rugby u20 championships,” said the ZRU in a statement.



## Dynamos not giving up on title chase

Farirayi Kahwemba

Dynamos coach Herbert Maruwa believes the 2023 Premier Soccer League (PSL) title is still within the club's reach – despite being nine points behind current log leaders Highlanders.

A 5 – 1 win over Yedah on Sunday 30 July demonstrated Dynamos, who last won the title in 2014, are still among the serious contenders as the fixtures programme reached the half-way mark.

The ‘Glamour Boys’ are currently fourth on the PSL log table but are firmly in the shadow of Highlanders, who are yet to be beaten so far this season and are already being widely tipped by many to go all the way and win the title.

It has been an unconvincing start to the season for Dynamos, who are on 28 points after 17 matches. They have lost three games, won seven and also drawn seven.

Highlanders – on the other hand – have won 10 of their 17 matches while drawing the other seven. They have just conceded just four goals and boast the tightest defence of all the 18 teams taking part.

However, as the race to win domestic football's most valuable silverware heats up, Dynamos are confident their comprehensive victory over Yedah is the beginning of a resurgence that will see them reaching the top of the log.

“I am very happy with

the win because everything went according to plan. The boys played according to instructions and the results have made all of us, especially our supporters, very happy,” Maruwa told Review & Mail.

The Dynamos coach, who was appointed in December last year, said he is well aware of the pressure he carries on his shoulders from fans who expect him to bring the PSL title to the club.

Although they have not been at their best in recent times, Dynamos are still the most successful team on the domestic front.

The 16 league titles they have won since 1980 make them stand out among the other clubs and their achievement of reaching the \*\*\*\* Confederation of African Football (CAF) Champions League final makes them stand out on the international stage as the most recognizable Zimbabwean football club.

Maruwa is not reading much into Highlanders' unbeaten run and their lead on the current log standings.

The Dynamos gaffer insisted that his team.



Herbert Maruwa

## Health issues threaten Chigova's career

From Back page

Said Hunt: “I have not been briefed on the diagnosis or the whole thing, I'm not a doctor. But I know that there is a problem that we are attending to at this point in time and we will know in the next week or so.

“He is going to spend the next four weeks just being inactive and go from there.

But it doesn't look positive, but we will give him all our support we can and keep behind him the best way we can.”

Chigova was first signed by SuperSport United from Dynamos in 2014 while he was still 24 years old.

However, lack of game time saw him moving to Polokwane City where he turned out for the Limpopo-based team for five years.

In 2021, he moved back to SuperSport after Polokwane City had been relegated from the South African topflight league.

However, he has not been training with the club in Durban during their preparations for the upcoming season because of the health challenges.

Chigova's health challenges could also rule him out of the senior national team – the Warriors – who will take part in the 2026 World Cup Qualifiers from November this year.

## HEALTH ISSUES THREATEN CHIGOVA'S CAREER

Farirayi Kahwemba

**Warriors goalkeeper George Chigova is facing a medical challenge that could lead him to prematurely call time on his career.**

The SuperSport United goalkeeper reportedly suffered a heart attack and has been excused from training until his

health condition improves.

So bad is the situation for the goalkeeper that there is a realistic possibility he may never be able to play professional football again.

SuperSport United coach Gavin Hunt, who confirmed that Chigova would not be training with the team, said

the situation is so bad that the prominent Zimbabwean player might be forced to hang up his gloves.

The SuperSport United coach also confirmed that the club's medical team is concerned about Chigova's health.

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## as Gems suffer four consecutive defeats at the on-going Netball World Cup

Shelly Guni in Cape Town

The result was surprising, but the pain felt familiar.

As Gems digested Monday's shock 45-62 defeat at the hands of Barbados, many fans and commentators were reminded of the disappointing 48-52 loss to Fiji on Saturday.

The Gems lost all their three group matches and moved to group E, where they are now hoping for at least a 13th position finish.

Five places down their last World Cup finish in 2019.

However, this will only be possible if they win all their remaining two games.

They are set to play Sri Lanka this evening.

The match is at 6pm "It looks a lot like there is something wrong with the players themselves. They are not happy at all. The body language say it all," one supporter told Review

& Mail Sport.

During the post-match interview with Gems head coach Ropafadzo Mutsauki, he expressed his disappointment over the way the players have performed so far this tournament.

He said he feels that there's a lot of things he couldn't share with the media at the moment that has been happening in camp.

"I can't talk right now, but

I think there's a lot happening. I am disappointed with this team."

However, a number of fans are blaming the coaches for the team's defeats.

"They failed to select a good team, and even after the selection, they are failing to field their players. What kind of combinations are these. You see, a player is off, but you don't substitute," a fan said.

"There was too much

drama in the build-up, too many issues that were more important than netball,"

"That sort of thing disturbs your concentration. It distracts – and thus means you may lack the crucial 5 or 10%," another fan said.

One of the most consistent players in the squad, Nicole Muzanemo however refused to blame the officials for the loss to Barbados.