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Yo Maps dominates YouTube

By Alex Maboshe

Zambia's hit maker Elton Mulenga, popularly known as Yo Boy Yo Maps, has made history as the most streamed Zambian artist on YouTube, amassing over 200 million views.

This milestone firmly establishes him as the country's biggest music star, a feat credited to his loyal fan base who continuously stream his hit records.

Yo Maps exemplifies the phrase "hard work and consistency will make you untouchable."

Since his rise to fame in 2018 with the release of the song "Finally" alongside Macky 2, no other artist has managed to top his streaming numbers.

Over the years, he has consistently dropped hits, including features, asserting his dominance in the Zambian music industry.

His official YouTube channel boasts over 30 music videos, all surpass-

ing one million views.

At least five of these have crossed the 10 million mark, indicating not only his popularity but also sustained engagement from a diverse and expanding audience.

In addition, Yo Maps has garnered more than 700,000 YouTube subscribers, making him the most subscribed Zambian artist on the platform. His digital presence continues to grow, solidifying his relevance and endurance in an ever-changing music landscape.

Beyond YouTube, his songs remain popular on other streaming platforms such as Spotify, Apple Music, and Boomplay, elevating his status from a national sensation to a rising continental voice.

With every release, Yo Maps masterfully blends soulful storytelling with modern Afrobeat rhythms, striking an emotional chord with fans while pushing creative boundaries.



TBwoy



Lisa Kaoma

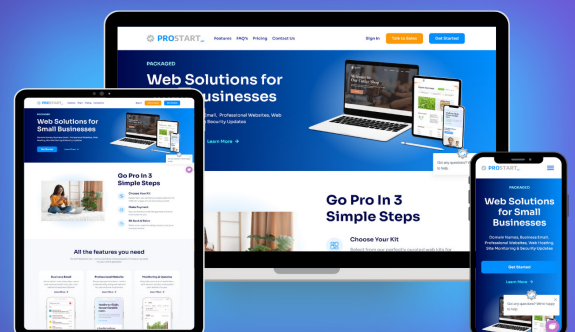
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Petauke voter registration posters vandalised

By Hope Bwalya

The District Voter Education Committee (DVEC) in Petauke has raised concerns about the vandalism of voter education materials in parts of the district.

Petauke DVEC Coordinator Corrine Mwanza said the Elec-

toral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) posters were being torn down by some members of the public.

She warned that this deprived other residents of vital information on voter registration.

Ms Mwanza made the remarks during a monitoring tour of Voter Education Facilitators (VEFs) in Kanjala

and Ongolwe wards.

She appealed to the public to leave the posters intact, adding that those found removing them would face prosecution.

"The posters that our facilitators are putting up provide important information about the services ECZ is offering during the voter registration period and inform

people about offences they could commit during the registration process. We urge everyone to respect and leave these posters as they are," she said.

The voter registration exercise began on 13 October and will end on 11 November 2025. ECZ aims to register 3.5 million eligible voters.

Meanwhile, Elina Sakala

from Kanjala Village described the registration process as smooth and encouraged eligible community members to participate.

"I have come to get a voter's card. This is my third time as my previous cards got spoiled," she said.

Master Phiri, head teacher of Muwa Primary School, called for the registration



The National Day of Prayer, Fasting and Reconciliation at Hope Church in Mongu today. Pictures by Wasamunu Mubita ZANIS.

National prayers not genuine - NDC leader

By Sam Phiri

National Democratic Congress (NDC) Leader Saboi Imboela has called for genuine unity and reconciliation on this year's National Day of Prayer, fasting and reconciliation.

Ms Imboela says the day of National Prayers is significant to any nation and should carry true meaning grounded in justice and right action.

"This year's National Day of Prayer would have real significance if, throughout the year, we had acted rightly and justly, unlike what we have witnessed under the current government," Imboela said.

She criticised the government for ongoing persecution and imprisonment of real and political perceived opponents, highlighting a clear intolerance towards dissenting voices.

She says government has not engaged the opposition

leaders to see where there are some differences that may need a day such as this to bring about reconciliation.

"how would you reconcile with a person you have not engaged with to see where you have differed in opinion or action, because this was supposed to be done weeks before this day" she said.

The NDC leader says for this day to hold genuine meaning, citizens' actions as a nation must reflect the spirit of forgiveness, unity, and reconciliation.

"Sadly, this is the fifth National Day of Prayer under the UPND administration, yet there has been no real reconciliation, no genuine forgiveness, and no demonstration of the 'One Zambia, One Nation' principle in action, not even on the day" she says.

She has urged the government to relook how it handles events of national significance such as this one.



TBwoy disagrees with Nursing Council of Zambia

By Alex Maboshe

Musician TBwoy has expressed disappointment over the suspension of Lisa Kaoma's nursing license by the.

Lisa was suspended after

posting a viral video of herself vibing to Kanye West's song, which contains vulgar lyrics, raising questions about her professionalism.

Speaking on his Facebook page, TBwoy defended Lisa, saying he saw nothing wrong with the video since she is an

artist.

He urged Zambians to embrace musicians pursuing education, referencing himself, MC Wabwino, and Stevo as examples of artists balancing their talent with education.

TBwoy criticized the public's reaction, suggesting that the

Kalomo woman in fake seed scam

By Ruth Kambita

A 35 year old woman has been arrested in Kalomo for allegedly selling counterfeit maize seed in Kazungula District, Southern Province.

Loveness Chisola now the suspect was detained after police recovered 36 bags of maize seed labelled as Seedco products. Two farmers from Kanyanga Village, Nyawa Chiefdom, told officers

they bought the seed from Ms Chisola at K600 per bag.

Ms Chisola said she had purchased the seed from an unknown person at Kabesha Market in Lusaka while returning from a business trip to Kasumbalesa.

Police also recovered K16,000 from her, believed to be proceeds from the sale of the counterfeit seed.

Seedco officials inspected the maize seed and confirmed it was

not genuine.

Southern Province Police Commanding Officer Auxensio Daka warned farmers to buy agricultural inputs only from certified and authorised dealers to avoid financial loss.

Mr Daka said the seized seed remains in police custody at Kalomo Police Station.

He said the two farmers have been released, while Ms Chisola remains detained to assist with investigations.

Cop pockets K 17,000

By Ruth Kambita

A police officer stationed at Livingstone Central Police Station has been arrested for allegedly defrauding members of the public.

Constable Imangolwa Chibunda, 29, is accused of falsely promising victims job opportunities and the release of detained suspects in exchange for money.

Between March and yesterday, six individuals reported

losing money to the officer. The amounts reported so far range from K250 to K11,500.

The complainants have been identified as Ms Emeldah Mutema who paid K11,500, Mr Simon Zulu who paid K1,500, Ms Euphenia Sipunu who paid K2,000 Ms Joselyn Banda Habeenzu who paid K360, Mr John Kazala who paid K250), and Ms Eunice Grende paid K1,800.

It is alleged that the officer, now suspect, stopped reporting for duty and was missing from his home before being traced and arrested at a house in Maramba Compound yesterday at around midday.

He is currently being held at Livingstone Central Police Station. Dockets have been opened for obtaining money by false pretences, and the officer is expected to appear in court soon.

Southern Province Police Commanding Officer Auxensio Daka said investigations were ongoing and more victims might come forward.

He added: "The Zambia Police Service upholds professionalism and accountability. No officer is above the law, and anyone found breaching it will face justice."

Govt boosts mines local suppliers' percentage

By Ruth Kambita

The Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development has introduced new rules requiring mining companies to increase procurement from local suppliers.

The Local Content statutory instrument (SI), signed by Mines Minister Paul Kabuswe under the Geological and Minerals Development Act 2025, will take effect on January 1, 2026.

The regulations require mining firms to allocate at least 20 percent of their procurement budget to Zambian suppliers within six months of the SI's commencement.

This threshold will rise to 25 percent after one year, 35 percent after two years, and reach a minimum of 40 percent within five years.

Certain goods and services will be exclusively reserved for local companies, while large contracts must be divided into smaller lots to enable participation by multiple Zambian businesses.

The Ministry's Principal Public Relations Officer Shambinda Tembo, said companies must submit detailed local supplier development programmes and provide annual updates on local participation.

Mr Tembo warned that failure to comply with the regulations will lead to penalties as outlined in the Act.

Puma Energy celebrates young road-smart artists



By Ruth Kambita

Young pupil artists in Lusaka have been celebrated for their creative efforts to promote road safety at the Puma Energy Be Road Safe Africa art competition.

The prize-giving ceremony took place on October 9 at Thorn Park Primary School, where pupils, teachers, government representatives and community members gathered to recognise the work of children from 10 local schools.

Prince Phiri a Grade 3 pupil from Thon Park Primary School scooped the overall best award of K 3, 555 aiding his school to win K47,000 and a trophy.

Nkumbu Siame, Director of Transport at Zambia's Ministry of Transport and Logistics, praised the competition for

combining art with vital road safety messages. "Road safety is not solely a traffic issue, it is an educational imperative," he said.

He added that the initiative had reached more than 21,000 students since 2024.

Mr Siame warned of the everyday dangers faced by children walking along busy roads, crossing streets unsupervised, or travelling in overcrowded vehicles.

He urged continued public-private collaboration to equip young learners with life-saving knowledge.

Puma Energy Zambia's General Manager, Zwelithini Mlotshwa, underlined the company's commitment to fostering safe behaviour on the country's roads.

He said the competition had become a key platform for raising awareness and

encouraging responsible road use.

The art competition asked children to highlight themes such as seat belt use, helmet wearing, and pedestrian safety.

Winners were commended for both their artistic skill and their role in inspiring positive change in communities.

Parents and educators were also thanked for supporting road safety education beyond the classroom.

Both speakers emphasised that road safety is a shared responsibility and urged everyone to practice safe behaviours; saying small, responsible actions can save lives.

The Be Road Safe Africa programme plans to expand, introducing new technologies to engage students further in learning about road safety.

Mambwe woman in failed suicide

By Alex Maboshe

A 29-year-old woman, Tryness Mwale of Mambwe District, narrowly escaped death after attempting to take her own life by jumping into a water well early this morning.

Police at Mfuwe International Airport received a distress call at around 05:00 hours today reporting that Mwale had jumped into the well in Mpandika Village, Chief Mnkanya area.

Officers quickly responded and found Mwale gasping for

air in the well. She was rescued and rushed to Mambwe District Hospital to receive urgent medical treatment.

The attempted suicide follows a domestic dispute between Mwale and her husband, Mathews Banda, 32, of Munkomela Village, Chief Mnkanya. The couple reportedly had a heated argument on the previous day, at around 10:00 hours, which escalated into a physical fight.

According to Eastern Province Police Commanding Officer Robertson Mweemba,

following the incident, Mwale reported to Mfuwe Police Post and was issued with a medical report form to seek care for injuries sustained.

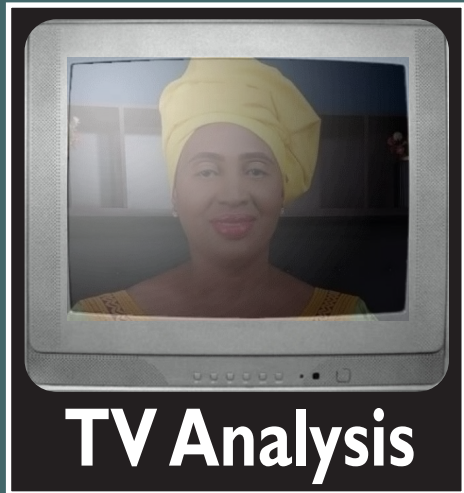
Mathews Banda subsequently left the residence to spend the night with his first wife in Munkomela Village. Early this morning, neighbours informed him about his second wife's desperate act.

Mr Mweemba said he rushed to the scene only to find police already had her rescued and receiving medical attention.

Zambezi Magic must honour Wanga

...fitting gesture would be assisting roof her house she fought to finish

By Sam Phiri



This week's edition is a tribute to Wanga Zulu, a cherished actress who captivated audiences with her role as Mai Guru in the local drama series Mpali on Zambezi Magic.

Wanga Zulu passed away last Friday at Levy Mwanawasa Hospital after battling a stroke and high blood pressure, leaving behind a legacy that the channel and community should honour with more than just memories.

Before her untimely demise, Wanga was diligently working on completing her house that had already reached the roof level, driven by a deep commitment to providing for her children.

Derrick Chalo Kondowe, a veteran actor, shared that despite her health

struggles and being unable to fully perform her role in Mpali, Wanga put her family's needs above her own wellbeing.

Tragically, she did not live to see the completion of her home as financial limitations coupled with medical bills drained her budget.

Zambezi Magic retains fond memories of Wanga's positive impact in popularizing the drama series and enhancing the channel's appeal. However, this homage should be more tangible.

A compassionate and fitting gesture would be for the channel to assist in completing the construction project she fought to finish, ideally

through a reasonable financial contribution estimated at under K200,000.

Such support goes beyond contractual obligations or public condolences; it is about honouring a pioneer whose creativity and dedication helped elevate local content.

In recognizing Wanga Zulu's profound influence, humanity calls for an act of kindness to complete her unfinished dreams, thereby celebrating her enduring footprint on the entertainment industry and the lives she touched.

This thoughtful act would serve as a meaningful farewell to a beloved figure who gave much to her craft and family.

Siamfuko back from China wiser after attending Olympic Youth Camp



By Benedict Tembo

Chairperson of the Athletes Commission for the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) Esther Siamfuko, was recently in China at the 10th Youth Camp of the Chinese Olympic Committee. Siamfuko, who has returned home, described the youth camp as worthwhile and educative, stating that the knowledge acquired during the camp will be used to ef-

fectively run the commission back home. According to NOCZ media, while in China, Siamfuko participated in a series of group discussions, presentations, culture showpieces, and workshops, all aimed at promoting leadership development to strengthen international collaboration among athletes' representatives. "The Youth camp organised by the Chinese Olympic Committee was educational and worthwhile. My gratitude goes to the National Olympic Committee of Zambia for

the support rendered to ensure that I was among those selected to represent Zambia. As you all may be aware, Africa had only two representatives, and I look forward to using the knowledge gained to effectively manage our athletes' commission," Siamfuko told the NOCZ media team. Siamfuko's participation highlights her leadership in Zambia's sports movement and underscores Africa's growing influence in international sports governance.