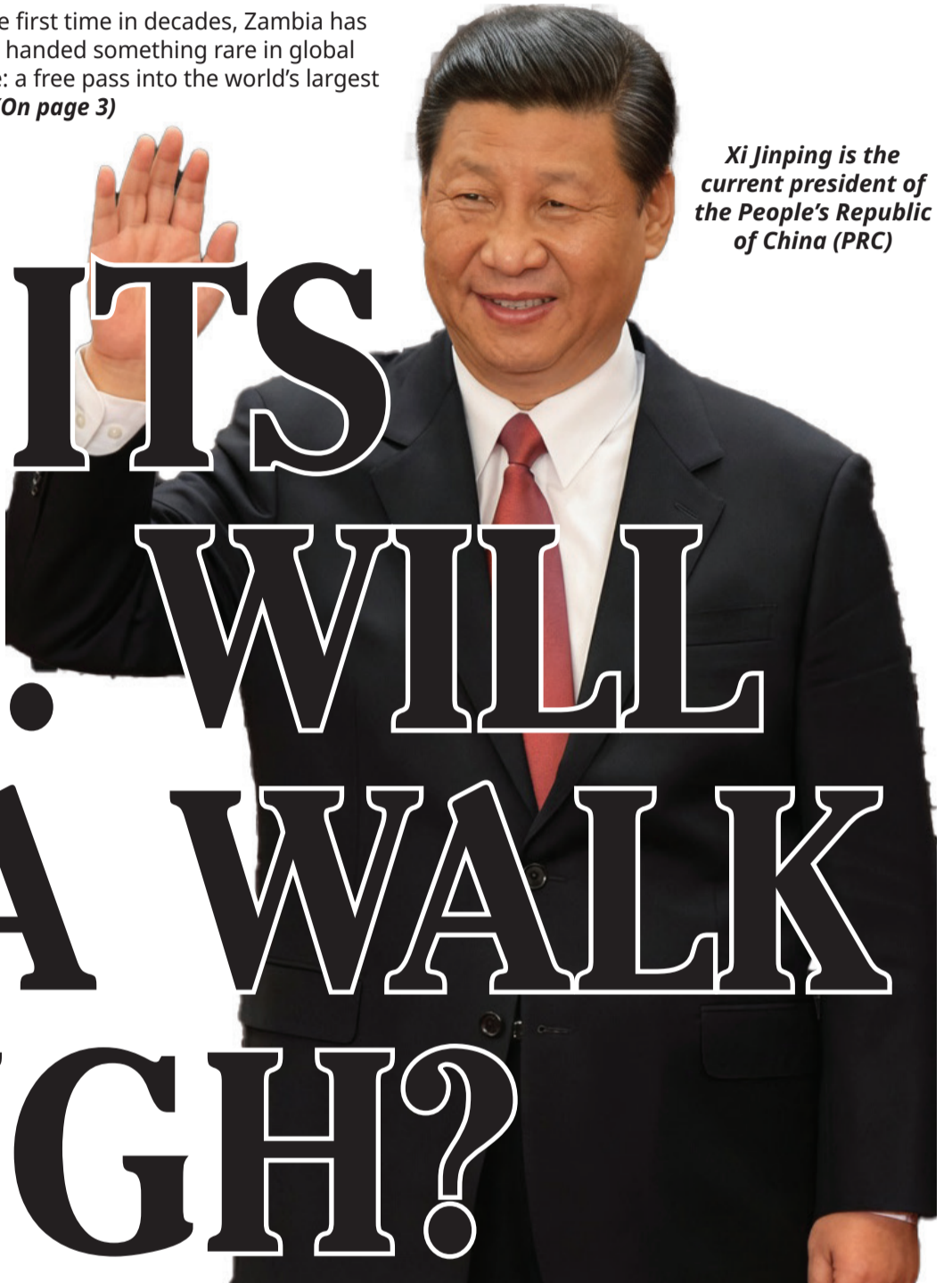




CHINA OPENS ITS DOORS! WILL ZAMBIA WALK THROUGH?

For the first time in decades, Zambia has been handed something rare in global trade: a free pass into the world's largest market. *(On page 3)*




Xi Jinping is the current president of the People's Republic of China (PRC)



Mr. Chisenga Mlutula of Mandevu stands among a fleet of wheelbarrows used in a local transport business he operates with two partners. The venture, which owns more than 200 wheelbarrows, has created a source of income for many youths who ferry goods for traders purchasing merchandise at the nearby market. Picture by Mubanga Chileshe.

Government to Fast-Track Emergency Clinics in Overcrowded Markets



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Government to Fast-Track Emergency Clinics in Overcrowded Markets

By Alexis Chilumbwe
Government is urgently considering the establishment of health facilities in heavily congested markets across the country, amid rising concern over untreated medical emergencies among traders.

Health Minister, Dr. Alex Katakwe, warned that conditions in most trading areas expose thousands of people to immediate health risks, making the lack of on-site medical services a critical issue requiring swift intervention.

Speaking after a high-level meeting with a delegation from the Zambia National Marketeers Credit Association (ZANAMACA), Dr. Katakwe stressed that markets have effectively become high-density population zones that cannot continue operating without accessible healthcare.

"Market environments are vulnerable to sudden health incidents, and delays in accessing care are putting lives at risk. This situation demands urgent action," he said.

He emphasized that government has a duty to protect the health of citizens operating in these spaces, particularly youths and adults who depend on daily trading for survival.

"It is not optional—it is necessary that we accelerate efforts to deliver healthcare directly to where people are working. A healthy population is the backbone of national productivity," Dr. Katakwe added.

Meanwhile, ZANAMACA President Mupila Kameya painted a dire picture of the current situation, revealing that only three markets in Lusaka—New Soweto, HB, and Intercity—have functioning clinics, all of which are severely overstretched.

"These facilities are overwhelmed daily. Markets are densely populated, yet healthcare access remains extremely limited. This is no longer sustainable," Kameya said.

He warned that long

distances to health facilities are costing traders valuable time and income, with many forced to delay or forgo treatment altogether.

"We are dealing with people whose livelihoods depend on daily earnings. When they fall sick and cannot

access immediate care, the consequences are immediate and severe—not just for them, but for entire households," he said.

Kameya has since called on government to urgently roll out similar facilities in major markets nationwide,

particularly in provincial centres, to prevent avoidable health crises.

He further noted that existing market clinics have proven effective in providing real-time medical attention, allowing traders to resume business with minimal disruption—

an outcome he says must now be scaled up without delay.

The ZANAMACA delegation, which included Senior Consultant and National Trustee Oliver Mupila and member Alick Jere, also reminded government of the

association's frontline role during past public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic and cholera outbreaks—underscoring the urgency of strengthening health systems within market spaces.

Economist Urges Zambia to Act Swiftly on Value Addition Amid China's Zero-Tariff Policy

By Alexis Chilumbwe
Zambian economist Bright Chizonde has issued an urgent call for Zambia to accelerate investment in value addition and industrialization, warning that the country risks missing out on meaningful benefits from China's sweeping removal of tariffs on African exports.

China announced that, effective 1 May 2026, it has granted zero-tariff treatment to 53 African countries—a move widely seen as a major shift in global trade dynamics.

Reacting to the development, Chizonde stressed that while the policy presents opportunity, Zambia must move quickly to reposition itself beyond exporting raw materials.

"Zambia must urgently focus on value addition by setting up local mineral processing industries and producing finished or semi-finished goods. Without this shift, the benefits of zero tariffs will remain limited," he said.

He argued that exporting raw copper and other primary commodities while importing high-value finished goods from China perpetuates structural trade imbalances that undermine long-term economic growth.

"To truly benefit, Zambia must expand its industrial base. This is the only way to ensure that trade surpluses translate into real economic gains," Chizonde emphasized.

The economist

further pointed to policy actions by neighboring countries that have restricted the export of raw minerals as a necessary strategy Zambia should seriously consider adopting.

"That is the only sustainable way to correct the imbalance—by ensuring that more value is retained locally

before export," he noted.

Chizonde warned that the extent to which African countries benefit from China's zero-tariff regime will depend heavily on their level of industrialization.

"In Zambia's case, although the country recorded a trade surplus of about US\$1.92 billion in the first half of 2025,

this figure is misleading on the surface. A deeper analysis shows that exports are largely raw materials, while imports are high-value finished goods," he explained.

He described China's tariff removal as one of the most consequential geopolitical and economic developments of 2026, particularly as

global trade tensions intensify.

"At a time when the United States is imposing tariffs of between 10% and 30% on African exports, China's zero-tariff policy positions it as a strategic alternative trading partner," Chizonde said.

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Editorial

China opens its doors. Will Zambia walk through?

For the first time in decades, Zambia has been handed something rare in global trade: a free pass into the world's largest market.

China has announced zero-tariff treatment for all 53 African countries that maintain diplomatic ties with Beijing, effective May 1, 2026. That means Zambian goods will enter China duty free. No import taxes. No tariff walls. Just open access to 1.4 billion consumers.

On paper, it sounds like a game changer. But whether Zambia actually benefits depends on a question no one in government seems eager to answer publicly: what exactly are we going to sell?

THE OPPORTUNITY IS REAL

China is not doing Zambia a favour out of sentiment. This is strategic. Beijing is deepening its footprint across Africa at a time when Washington is retreating behind tariff walls and the global trading order is fracturing. Offering zero tariffs is China's way of locking in African partnerships before the dust settles.

But that does not make the opportunity any less real for Zambia.

Copper remains the obvious starting point. Zambia is one of the world's top copper producers and China is the world's top copper consumer. That relationship already exists, but zero tariffs could unlock further value if Zambia moves beyond raw ore and

exports more refined and semi-processed copper products. More value added here means more jobs, more revenue, more growth.

Beyond copper, there



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is genuine potential in agriculture. Zambian honey, paprika, soya, cotton and coffee have long struggled to penetrate premium markets because of cost barriers. Zero tariffs reduce those barriers significantly. If Zambia's exporters can meet China's quality and phytosanitary standards, there is a real opening.

THE PROBLEM WE KEEP IGNORING

Here is the uncomfortable truth. Zambia has heard this kind of announcement

before and walked away with very little to show for it.

The 2024 initiative that granted similar access to least developed African countries included Zambia. The question is how much Zambia's export volumes to China actually grew as a result. The honest answer is not much.

The reason is not the tariffs. The reason is that Zambia's export base is still dangerously narrow. We are a country that mines and sells raw materials. We do not manufacture at scale. We do not process at scale. We do not package, brand or certify our agricultural products at the standard major import markets require.

Zero tariffs on products we are not producing in exportable volumes is zero tariffs on nothing.

WHAT GOVERNMENT MUST DO NOW

The Hichilema administration should treat this announcement as a deadline, not a headline.

Between now and

May 30, there should be an aggressive push to identify which Zambian products are ready for the Chinese market, which exporters need support to scale, and what logistics, certification and packaging infrastructure is missing. Agricultural cooperatives, small manufacturers and mining value chain players need targeted support, not press conferences.

Zambia has been a diplomatic partner of China since October 29, 1964, just five days after independence. That is over 60 years of political goodwill. It is long past time to translate that goodwill into economic muscle.

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Crackdown Looms as NPA, ZCSA Move to Prosecute Substandard Goods Suppliers

By Staff Reporter
Suppliers of substandard and potentially dangerous products could soon face tougher legal action as the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) and the Zambia Compulsory Standards Agency intensify efforts to clean up the market through joint prosecutions.

The two institutions have agreed to collaborate in taking offenders to court, signaling a shift from routine enforcement to a more aggressive prosecution-led approach aimed at deterring the supply of unsafe and non-compliant goods.

Director of Public Prosecutions, Gilbert Andford Phiri, said there is an urgent need to make examples of culprits to send a strong warning across the market.

"You cannot manufacture, import or supply substandard products and go unpunished. We must

correct this through enhanced prosecution," he said, citing cases such as the sale of contaminated fuel as unacceptable.

Phiri stressed that prosecution—backed by penalties and forfeitures—remains one of the most effective deterrents, adding that visible legal action would compel compliance among businesses.

The partnership will be formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) expected to be signed this year, providing a structured framework for cooperation between the two bodies.

Meanwhile, Gerald Chizinga warned that the continued circulation of non-compliant products poses serious risks to public health, safety, and the environment.

"We are concerned that unsafe products are still accessible to the public. Without strong enforcement backed by prosecution, the

objectives of the law cannot be achieved," he said.

Chizinga noted that sectors such as health, agriculture, and energy are particularly vulnerable, with substandard products undermining both consumer protection and economic stability.

He emphasized that enforcement alone is not enough, and must be reinforced by legal consequences to ensure

compliance with the Compulsory Standards Act.

The move also includes plans to equip prosecutors with specialised knowledge, with ZCSA proposing targeted training for NPA lawyers to strengthen case handling under compulsory standards laws.

ZCSA Board Secretary and Director for Legal and Compliance, Tafuna Mumba Phiri, said the

training initiative is part of broader efforts to tighten enforcement.

NPA Chief State Advocate, Nkumbiza Thelma Mumba, added that stiffer penalties will be critical in curbing violations, revealing that previous cases have involved substandard footwear and alcoholic beverages.

From Peza News' perspective, the joint move marks a decisive escalation in Zambia's

regulatory enforcement, with authorities now shifting toward visible prosecutions to restore market integrity and protect consumers from harmful products.

If effectively implemented, the collaboration could redefine compliance standards across industries—placing businesses on notice that cutting corners on product quality will carry real legal consequences.

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However, he cautioned that the policy is not entirely new, but rather an extension of an existing framework that already covered several least-developed African countries, including Zambia.

"Zambia has already been benefiting from duty-free access

due to its export profile, particularly copper. Therefore, the immediate gains from this extension may not be as significant as perceived," he noted.

Chizonde also highlighted the broader continental imbalance, revealing that Africa recorded a trade deficit of approximately

US\$102 billion with China in 2025—an indication that the current trade structure disproportionately benefits China.

"Without urgent reforms in value addition and industrial capacity, Africa—and Zambia in particular—will continue exporting cheap raw materials while

importing expensive finished goods," he warned.

His remarks place renewed pressure on policymakers to move beyond rhetoric and implement decisive industrial strategies that can convert trade opportunities into tangible economic transformation.

Termites Meat Suppliers Scoops Top Honours as Labour Day Celebrations Highlight Business Excellence

BY Staff Reporter
As Zambia marked Labour Day on May 1, celebrations of workers' contributions were matched by recognition of outstanding business leadership, with Termites Meat Suppliers emerging as the biggest winner at the 2026 Zambia Business Awards.

Held in Lusaka, the awards ceremony coincided with Labour Day commemorations, placing a spotlight not only on labour and productivity, but also on enterprises driving economic growth and job creation.

The company's Founder and Managing Director, Gaston Kiprios, was named Businessman of the Year, in recognition of his leadership and the company's expansion within Zambia's meat processing industry.

Co-Founder and Finance Director, Annie Kiprios, was also honoured as Finance

Director of the Year, underscoring her role in strengthening the company's financial systems and sustainability.

Termites Meat Suppliers further secured Company of the Year in the Butcheries and Abattoirs category and was listed among Zambia's Top 100 Business Brands, cementing its position as a leading player in the agro-processing sector.

The alignment of the awards with Labour Day added deeper significance to the recognition, highlighting the critical link between strong business leadership and employment creation.

In a statement, the company dedicated the accolades to its wider stakeholder base.

"These awards are for our loyal customers, our suppliers, and our hardworking employees

who continue to drive the company forward," the company said.

The Zambia Business Awards remain a key benchmark for corporate excellence, celebrating innovation, resilience, and

leadership across sectors. This year's outcomes reflect the growing role of locally driven enterprises

in shaping Zambia's economic landscape, particularly at a time when the country is emphasizing productivity

and inclusive growth through its Labour Day message.



FILE: Termite staff pausing for a photo after their victory

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Middle East war will slow down economic growth in Africa as cost of living crisis soars, IMF warns



(L) Mr. Montfort Mlachila, IMF Deputy Director of the African Department, (R) Jerry Fisayo-Bambi, Euronews Journalist

notched its fastest growth rate in 10 years—4.5 percent in 2025—buoyed by reduced macroeconomic imbalances, rising investment levels, and a generally supportive external environment. Countries such as Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, and Rwanda led the charge, with growth exceeding

6 percent while the median inflation rate fell to about 3.5 percent and public debt levels had started to decline. "But the war in the Middle East has really put a damper on all this" Montford Mlachila, deputy director of the IMF African Department told Africanews. **Africanews**

Oil Market: Africa facing new turbulence

Across Africa, economies remain closely tied to the oil market. OPEC and its allies recently announced a production increase of 188,000 barrels per day, though the move remains largely symbolic, as actual output still falls below quotas.

higher revenues for oil exporters, but growing pressure on importing countries already struggling with rising energy costs.

The situation is being driven in part by tensions in the Middle East and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz.

In this uncertain environment, reducing dependence on oil is becoming a strategic priority for the continent.

Another major development is the withdrawal of the United Arab Emirates from OPEC, turning the country into a direct competitor with rising production levels.

Cameroon: Lagdo Dam Struggles to Meet Demand

In Pitoa, near Garoua, power outages have become part of daily life. For weeks, residents have struggled to cope, especially amid intense heat.

"Without electricity, we can neither use fans nor preserve food," says resident Goodlive Gongang. **Africanews**

For African nations, the impact is mixed: potentially

A new wave of global shocks mainly caused by the war in the Middle East is pushing up the cost of living once again and bringing about a revised economic outlook, the IMF's outlook report for

sub-Saharan Africa titled 'Hard-Won Gains Under Pressure' shows. From food to fuel costs, and fertiliser prices, the pressure is being felt on the ground—raising fresh concerns about

economic resilience across the region in 2026. According to the IMF's report, regional growth is expected to slightly ease to 4.3% while median inflation is expected to increase to

5.0% by the end of 2026. The latest revision comes just as many sub-saharan African economies were beginning to recover, with the region entering 2026 with significant momentum having

Amazon to carry Ozempic at US kiosks, offer same-day delivery

Amazon.com (AMZN.O), opens new tab said on Thursday its pharmacy will stock Novo Nordisk's Ozempic pill to treat type 2 diabetes at its kiosks and offer same-day delivery of the drug

convenient access to the latest treatments like the Ozempic pill for type 2 diabetes," said Tanvi Patel, a vice president at Amazon. "We are making it easy for customers to

get the medication they need to stay healthy." Amazon began delivering GLP-1 medications, a class of drugs to treat diabetes and obesity, in 2021.

It does not stock the injectibles in kiosks because they need to be refrigerated, unlike the pill versions. **Reuters**



Pens for the diabetes drug Ozempic sit on a production line to be packaged at the Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk's site in Hillerod, Denmark, September 26, 2023.

Novo's Ozempic uses the active ingredient semaglutide to control blood sugar in people with type 2 diabetes, where the body either fails to produce or resists insulin, the hormone regulating blood sugar. Amazon has been stocking Novo's weight-loss drug Wegovy, which uses the same active ingredient as Ozempic, since January. It announced in April it would also stock rival Eli Lilly's Foundayo pill for weight-loss. "Amazon Pharmacy continues to provide customers expanded selection and reliable,

Olympian Demands Urgent Overhaul of Zambia's Athletics Infrastructure and Competitions



Zambia's 400m relay Olympian, Patrick Kakozi Nyambe,

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The All Africa Games gold medalist further warned that the scarcity of competitive events within a season is crippling athlete development and exposure.

"There is too much talent in Zambia, but athletes are not being motivated. You cannot have only one or two competitions in an entire season and expect growth. Without sponsorship and structured competition, the sport is struggling," he lamented.

Nyambe emphasized that urgent intervention is needed, not only in infrastructure and competition frequency but also in athlete welfare, particularly mental health support—an area he says is often overlooked despite its critical role in

performance.

"Sport is not just physical—it's mental. Athletes need resilience, focus, and discipline. Without proper support systems, including mental health awareness, we are setting them up to fail," he said.

He also urged elite athletes to actively participate in provincial and Area Board competitions, arguing that their presence could inspire and uplift emerging athletes.

"When top athletes compete locally, it builds belief among young athletes. It shows them what is possible and keeps them motivated," Nyambe added.

Meanwhile, Bernard Bwalya, President of the Zambia Association of Athletics, acknowledged ongoing efforts at the grassroots level and

commended provincial administrators for sustaining Area Board competitions despite challenges.

Bwalya described provincial meets as a critical pipeline for talent identification and national team development, noting a steady increase in participation.

"We are seeing encouraging signs—more athletes, greater parental involvement, and participation from learning institutions. This is key to the growth of athletics and must be strengthened," he said.

However, Nyambe's remarks underscore mounting pressure on athletics authorities to move beyond incremental progress and implement urgent, systemic reforms to unlock Zambia's full sporting potential.

Liverpool reduce planned rise in ticket prices

Liverpool have cut the size of their planned rise in ticket prices for the next couple of seasons after fan protests.

Following discussion with the club's supporters board, Liverpool will increase general admission ticket prices by 3% for the 2026-27 season, followed by a price freeze in 2027-28.

The Premier League champions had previously announced that ticket prices would rise in line with the consumer price index (CPI) for inflation for the next three seasons.

The cheapest Anfield season tickets, situated in the Kop, will cost £734.50 next season, while the most expensive, located in the Main Stand, will cost £931.

The cheapest and most expensive match



Liverpool supporters have protested against ticket price increases on multiple occasions under the ownership of Fenway Sports Group

day tickets, in the Anfield Road Stand and Main Stand respectively, are priced at £30 and £62.75.

The club and the supporters board will continue discussions on a plan for future

seasons, including exploring commercial ideas to avoid future ticket price increases and address issues around affordability.

A joint statement from fan representative

groups, external said: "We welcome the decision that Liverpool FC will no longer proceed with its previously announced three-year ticket pricing model.

"Following protests

and conversations with the supporters board over the past few days, the club has pledged a new proposal that will allow us to examine thoroughly long-term solutions surrounding

fan affordability and access.

"We understand that disappointment at next season's increase in ticket prices will remain for some, but we want to assure fans we will continue talks with the club and do our best to find other ways in the future."

However, the club has warned, external that without wider progress on alternative solutions, future "inflationary increases" may still be required.

Following the initial pricing announcement, fans group Spirit of Shankly launched a campaign called 'Not a Pound in the Ground', calling on fans to buy food and drink from local businesses in the Anfield area rather than inside the stadium itself. **BBC**



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OLYMPIAN CALLS FOR URGENT OVERHAUL OF ZAMBIA'S ATHLETICS INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMPETITIONS

Zambia's 400m relay Olympian, Patrick Kakozi Nyambe,



By Alexis Chilumbwe

Zambia's 400m relay Olympian, Patrick Kakozi Nyambe, has issued a strong and urgent call for the immediate upgrade of athletics training facilities and the professional restructuring of local competitions, warning that the sport risks stagnation if critical gaps

are not addressed.

Nyambe said the current state of athletics in the country is failing athletes, citing substandard training infrastructure, poorly organized competitions, and a severe lack of sponsorship—factors he believes are rapidly draining motivation among both elite and emerging talent.

Speaking in an interview with Peza Sports News, the 2024 Summer Olympics finalist did not hold back, stressing that Zambia is falling significantly behind international standards.

"The competitions I've experienced abroad clearly show how far behind we are. Our training facilities are not

up to standard, and the way local competitions are organized lacks seriousness. This situation cannot continue if we are serious about developing athletics," Nyambe said.

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