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Happy 46th Independence Day, Zimbabwe. As NPAZ, we celebrate this milestone and reaffirm our commitment in upholding justice, strengthening the rule of law and contributing to a united, prosperous and growing nation.

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BUILD TABLES, NOT FENCES: PG CHALLENGES WOMEN IN LAW TO LEAD



Moving beyond the prestige of her titles, she shared a deeply personal vision of leadership rooted in strategic giving. She challenged women in the legal profession to understand that true gain comes from giving up comfort zones, giving in to strategic patience, and sowing seeds of integrity and mentorship into the next generation of Legal Eagles.

Prosecutor General Hon. Loyce Matanda-Moyo delivers a keynote address at the Women in Law Connect 'Sip and Paint' event, held in commemoration of International Women's Day in Harare recently.

Prosecutor General Hon. Loyce Matanda-Moyo delivered a compelling and thought-provoking keynote address anchored on the transformative principle of #GiveToGain at the recent Women in Law Connect 'Sip and Paint' event, held in Harare to commemorate International Women's Day.

The PG highlighted that this intentionality has already reshaped the National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ), which now boasts a 57.6% female workforce and a leadership team rich with competent women.

She urged those at the top to dismantle professional isolation by building longer tables rather than higher fences. She emphasized that success is measured by how many chairs we pull up for those following behind us.

Turning to the broader justice system, the PG issued a clarion call for seasoned advocates to return to the lower courts to combat corruption through their presence and professionalism.

PG: NPAZ achieves 57.6% female workforce

WOMEN IN LAW CONNECT 'SIP AND PAINT' EVENT IN PICTURES . . .



NPAZ STAND SHINES AT TRADE FAIR



Deputy Prosecutor General Mrs. Tariro R Takuva presents an NPAZ token of appreciation to Public Service Commission Chairperson Dr. Vincent Hungwe following his visit to the Authority's stand at the recently held ZITF, as NPAZ Secretary Mr. Dhingindhlela Zisengwe (centre) and other staff members look on.

The National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) proudly participated in the 44th Edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF), held in Bulawayo from 20 to 25 April 2026, where its stand emerged as a standout feature of the globally acclaimed showcase.

Strategically positioned in Hall 1, the NPAZ stand drew over 2,000 visitors, reflecting strong public interest in the Authority's mandate. It also hosted high-profile dignitaries, including Public Service Commission Chairperson Dr. Vincent Hungwe, ZACC Chairperson Mr. Michael Reza, Permanent Secretary for Justice,

Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Mrs. Vimbai Nyemba, and the Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea to Zimbabwe, His Excellency Park Jae Kyung, among others. Running under the theme 'Connected Economies, Competitive Industries,' the Fair provided an ideal platform for NPAZ to showcase its work in an engaging and accessible manner.

The stand was widely commended for its visual appeal, clarity of messaging and strong thematic alignment, effectively highlighting the Authority's role in promoting accountability, good governance and national development.

ZITF IN PICTURES...



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NPAZ LEADERSHIP REALIGNS FOR INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE



NPAZ Senior managers follow proceedings during a workshop focused on Disciplinary Procedures and Behavioral Alignment inside the NPAZ boardroom in Harare recently

In a move aimed at fortifying institutional integrity and professional accountability, the National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) recently conducted a two-day workshop focused on Disciplinary Procedures and Behavioral Alignment within the organization.

The training organized by the NPAZ Training Department was held in partnership with experts from the Public Service Commission (PSC). It brought together the Authority's senior management team to recalibrate the leadership core.

The workshop was specifically designed to ensure that the administration of justice within the workplace mirrors the high standards the NPAZ demands in the courtroom.

In his opening remarks, NPAZ Secretary Mr. Dzingindhlela Zisengwe underscored the deliberate nature of the engagement. He emphasised that as administrators of discipline, senior officers carry a profound responsibility.

"Our role as administrators of discipline carries significant responsibility," said Mr. Zisengwe.

"The manner in which discipline issues are handled has a direct bearing on organizational integrity, staff morale, and public confidence", he added.

Beyond the technicalities of the law, the workshop delved into the 'human face' of leadership. A key thematic pillar was the role of Emotional Intelligence (EQ) in high-stakes environments.

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ICT DEPARTMENT COMPLETES 6TH FLOOR CABLE UPGRADE

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) department of the National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) has completed a full re-cabling of the 6th floor at the Head Office, replacing legacy CAT5 internet cables with high-speed CAT6 infrastructure.

Once complete across all floors, the upgrade is expected to improve connectivity and ensure efficiency in line with the Prosecutor General's vision to ensure the Authority effectively taps into the power of internet-driven ICTs in line with the digitization thrusts of the government.



NPAZ IT Technical Support Specialists Tonderai Mudyiwanyama (left) and Faustina Mtisi (right) carry out CAT 6 cable installations on the 6th Floor of the NPAZ Head Office in Harare, recently.

With the justice delivery system adopting virtual court hearings, the upgrade will go a long way in removing connectivity glitches, thus ensuring the efficient administration of justice by prosecutors.

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Facilitators from the PSC guided the management team through strategies for maintaining composure and maturity under pressure. The sessions emphasized that responsible leadership is the foundation of public trust and that a leader's ability to remain objective even in the face of misconduct is what defines the Authority's culture.

The engagement served as a platform for "institutional alignment," ensuring all levels of authority speak with one voice. This was echoed in the closing remarks by NPAZ Human Capital Director, Mr. Admire Chivanga, who challenged the participants to translate their newly acquired insights into immediate practice.

"The expectation is clear: the knowledge and skills acquired here must be translated into practice," Mr. Chivanga noted. "By handling disciplinary matters with diligence and impartiality, we not only safeguard the rights of employees but also protect the integrity and credibility of our institution."

As the NPAZ moves forward with its 2026–2030 Strategic Plan, this workshop marks a critical step toward eliminating "strategic confusion" within its ranks. By reinforcing the standards of workplace conduct and professional ethics, the NPAZ continues to build a safer, more transparent and accountable future for Zimbabwe.

SPORTS DAYS BECOME MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT FOR NPAZ STAFF



The NPAZ Head Office men's soccer team fine-tunes its rhythm during warm-up drills at David Livingstone Primary School in Harare, moments before a spirited encounter against the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission side, an evenly contested match that NPAZ edged by a solitary goal to nil.



Tendai Haruperi, a Human Resources Officer stationed at NPAZ Head Office, aims for the bulls-eye during an intriguing darts session at David Livingstone Primary School in Harare recently.

What began as a modest wellness initiative at the National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) has quickly turned into the most anticipated day on the staff calendar.

Every last Friday of the month, David Livingstone Primary School transforms into a vibrant hub of sporting energy as scores of NPAZ employees trade office attire for jerseys and running shoes. Football matches draw passionate crowds of colleagues-turned-cheerleaders. Netball courts echo with competitive shouts and laughter. The scenes are electric and participation has exceeded all expectations.

NPAZ Deputy Director for Gender and Wellness, Nyasha Manyere, revealed that the sports days, introduced for staff at the beginning of the year, have become remarkably popular.

"We have made a request to the authorities for the sports days to be done more regularly than once every month," said

Manyere. "We are waiting for the response and we are hopeful it will be positive."

The enthusiasm behind that request speaks volumes. One staff member, catching his breath after a tense soccer match, said: "We count down the days until the last Friday."

Beyond the fun, the benefits of taking part in sporting activities are far reaching. Regular physical activity strengthens the body, improves cardiovascular health, and enhances endurance, all of which are essential for overall well-being.

Team games like netball and volleyball build communication and trust, while individual exercise boosts self-discipline and energy levels.

As the final Friday of each month approaches, the buzz inside NPAZ offices is unmistakable. Staff members are fitter, happier and more connected, proof that sometimes the best medicine doesn't come in a bottle.

TOP STORIES AROUND THE COURTS

PROMINENT LAWYER JAILED FOR ORCHESTRATING ROBBERY

The High Court has sentenced prominent Bindura lawyer Elatone Bonongwe to an effective 15 years in prison for masterminding a robbery that seriously injured a rural district council engineer. Judge Pisirayi Kwenda imposed 20-year sentences on Bonongwe and his three co-accused, Musa Grandi, Justin Mwale and Terrence Musingwino. Five years were suspended on each of the sentences on condition of good behavior.

HARARE MAN JAILED FOR LOVER'S DEATH

The High Court sitting at Harare convicted Herbert Pasipanodya of culpable homicide and sentenced him to an effective term of 10 years imprisonment following the death of his partner, Dorothy De Souza. Sometime in July 2025, the deceased's body was discovered in a shallow grave at the offender's residence. The offender was initially charged with murder. However, the court found that he acted under serious provocation upon discovering the now-deceased engaged in a sexual act with an unidentified man.

EX-WIFE JAILED FOR BRUTAL HOT OIL ATTACK

A 24-year-old woman from Kufa Village under Chief Musana, Bindura, was sentenced to an effective 3 years in prison by the Bindura Magistrates Court. This was after she pleaded guilty to a violent domestic abuse case involving the pouring of hot cooking oil on her 30-year-old ex-husband.

FARM WORKER JAILED FOR CHILD SEXUAL MOLESTATION

The Rusape Regional Magistrates' Court convicted Phillip Kandekande (21) and sentenced him to an effective 16-year prison term, following a case of two counts of attempted rape involving two 8-year-old girls. In March 2026 the two girls visited the offender's homestead to watch television. The offender locked the bedroom door, threatened the two children with a knife and attempted to sexually assault each of the victims separately. The ordeal came to light after one of the girls' suspicious behaviour was noticed by the aunt. The girl confided in her, leading to the arrest of the offender.

KAROI MAN JAILED OVER US\$90 THEFT

The Karoi Magistrates' Court sentenced a 44-year-old man, Winners Mukangaza, to an effective 12 months in prison for stealing a vendor's merchandise worth US\$90. On the 11th of April 2026 the complainant, a 32-year-old woman, had secured snacks, biscuits, soft drinks and two cooler boxes within a fenced area at the Swift Complex. The following day she discovered that the goods had been stolen. Mukangaza was arrested at a night club after he was found with one of the cooler boxes.

MAN JAILED FOR ASSAULTING GIRLFRIEND OVER HIV

A 38-year-old man from Southlea Park in Harare will spend the next 9 months in prison after he was convicted and sentenced by the Mbare Magistrates' Court for physical abuse. This follows an incident in which he punched his girlfriend several times, accusing her of infecting him with HIV. The court sentenced him to 12 months imprisonment. Three months were suspended for 5 years on condition of good behavior.

MAGISTRATE JAILED FOR UNLAWFULLY RELEASING PRISONER

A Bulawayo-based provincial magistrate, Evia Matura (47), was convicted and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for criminal abuse of duty following an unlawful ruling that led to the unlawful release of a prisoner on remand. On the 25th of June 2025, the offender, who was stationed at Tredgold Magistrates' Court, presided over a case in which she denied Obert Manduna bail and remanded him in custody. On the 2nd of July 2025, during a routine remand hearing, the State and the defence both agreed to postpone the case to the 9th of July 2025 for trial allocation. No application for bail based on changed circumstances was made, nor was there any directive from the High Court authorizing Manduna's release. Despite this, the magistrate unlawfully ordered Manduna's release from custody, an act the State argued was deliberate and inconsistent with her judicial duties. The court found that her conduct gave an undue benefit to the accused and undermined the integrity of judicial processes.

FRAUDSTER JAILED OVER US\$81 000 VEHICLE SCAM

Elias Murandu (37) from Crowborough North, Harare will spend the next 4 years behind bars after he was convicted of fraud by the Harare Magistrates' Court. He was sentenced after scamming a victim off US\$81 000 in an elaborate scheme in which he posed as an agent importing expensive cars from South Africa on his behalf. In October 2023, the victim, Misheck Zvarivadza expressed interest in importing a Range Rover from South Africa. The offender approached the victim and falsely claimed he sold vehicles and that he could facilitate the import. The offender was arrested after failing to account for the money he was paid to facilitate the purchase and 'relevant paperwork'.

MAN JAILED OVER VIOLENT BUS STOP ROBBERY

The Bindura Magistrates' Court sentenced Nation Siyatukwe (25) to an effective 7 years imprisonment after convicting him of robbery. On the 3rd of March 2026 the offender, together with an accomplice who is still at large, attacked a 32-year-old victim and her mother at around 0400 hours at Chiwaridzo Clinic bus stop in Bindura. The accomplice then seized the victim's cellphone worth US\$70 and fled the scene with the offender. The matter was reported to the police, leading to the offender's arrest.

US\$10 DISPUTE LEADS TO ATTEMPTED MURDER CONVICTION

The Chipinge Magistrates' Court convicted Garikayi Tirivangani (34) of attempted murder and sentenced him to an effective 6-year imprisonment term. The case follows a stabbing incident that occurred on the 29th of March 2026 following an altercation with the victim over a US\$10 debt at Madongonda tuckshops in the Chimanimani National Parks area. The offender used an okapi knife to stab the victim, who sustained serious injuries. The offender was arrested and the knife was used as part of the evidence to secure a conviction.



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