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# PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S NOTE



**Hon. L Matanda-Moyo**  
**Prosecutor General**

It is with great pride and optimism that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of the National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) Monthly Newsletter. This platform marks an important step in strengthening our communication, enhancing transparency, and bringing the work of the Authority closer to the people we serve.

As we opened the 2026 Legal Year on 12 January, we did so not merely in observance of tradition, but in affirmation of a renewed national mandate. The period 2021–2025 was one of institutional stabilization, focused on rebuilding structures, addressing staffing gaps, and reaffirming our constitutional role. With the transition into the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), we now enter a new era defined by impact. Our strategic focus has transitioned to the delivery of justice that heals, is efficient, effective, and administered impartially, without fear or favour.

At the heart of this transformation are our people. The introduction of a refined organogram, including specialized leadership roles, together with the recruitment of 181 new officers in 2025, reflects our deliberate investment in professional excellence and succession planning. We remain committed to creating an environment where every prosecutor and member of staff is valued, supported, and empowered to serve with integrity and dignity.



# PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S NOTE

*Transparency*      *Stability*      *Justice*  
*Accountability*      *Unity*      *Rule of Law*

The future of justice rests on an inclusive framework that seamlessly combines digital innovation with physical access. Through the Integrated Electronic Case Management System (IECMS), enhanced connectivity, and modern technological tools, we are advancing a seamless e-justice framework that promotes efficiency and transparency. At the same time, we continue to expand our physical reach through improved mobility and strengthened Circuit Court programmes to ensure that no community, urban or rural, is left behind.

Our mandate demands collaboration. Guided by a Whole-of-Government approach, we are working closely with our partners across the justice delivery system to confront complex and emerging crimes, including corruption, drug trafficking, human trafficking, armed robbery, and the sexual abuse of minors. Accountability remains our central pillar, for it is through accountability that we safeguard national stability and contribute meaningfully to Zimbabwe's vision of an upper-middle-income society.

This newsletter will serve as a window into our work, our milestones, and our collective aspirations. It is my hope that it will foster engagement, strengthen public trust, and remind us all that justice is not an abstract ideal; it is a daily commitment carried out by dedicated men and women across the country.

As we embark on the 2026–2030 strategic journey, let us move forward with unity of purpose and clarity of vision. Together, we will ensure that the National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe remains steadfast in enforcing accountability and upholding the rule of law for the prosperity of every Zimbabwean.

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## Prosecutor General Hon. Loyce Matanda-Moyo's 2026 Maiden Address: Key TakeAways

The NPAZ will aggressively pursue tax evasion, money laundering and asset recovery to stop the annual loss of between \$1.5 and \$2 billion.

Enforcing Prosecutorial Accountability for Inclusive Prosperity and Stability through Effective Prosecution of High-Impact Cases Without Fear or Favour.

A major achievement was implementing a new organogram with new senior positions to decentralize oversight, create career paths, and retain skilled staff.



In 2025, the NPAZ achieved a significant turnaround, reducing its quarterly case backlog by 45% and increasing its clearance to 77.4%, a major improvement from 2024.

The Ministry of Information, Communication, Postal and Courier Services supported the NPAZ with 56 Starlink kits to bridge connectivity gaps and advance the digital modernization of Zimbabwe's justice system.



# KNOW YOUR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

*Evidence* *Wheels of Justice*

*Evaluate Police Dockets* *Conviction*

In the Zimbabwean legal landscape, a public prosecutor is far more than just a lawyer for the State; they are a "minister of justice." Tasked with upholding the rule of law, their duties are primarily anchored in Sections 258 to 263 of the 2013 Constitution and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Act.

The primary duty of a public prosecutor is to institute and undertake criminal proceedings on behalf of the State. Crucially, Section 260 of the Constitution guarantees their independence, stating they must exercise their functions without fear, favor or prejudice. They are not subject to the direction or control of any person or authority, thereby ensuring that the wheels of justice turn solely in accordance with the laws of the land.

A prosecutor's work begins long before the trial. They evaluate police dockets to determine if there is a reasonable prospect of conviction. This involves assessing the quality of evidence and deciding whether a prosecution is in the public interest. If evidence is lacking, they have the duty to decline prosecution or request further investigation under the direction of the Prosecutor-General.

## In court, the prosecutor must:

- ▶ Present evidence clearly and ethically.
- ▶ Disclose information: They are legally obligated to provide the defense with any evidence that might assist even the accused's case.
- ▶ Seek justice, not just convictions: Their goal is to ensure a fair trial, protecting the rights of both the victim and the accused.
- ▶ Serve as the gatekeeper of the criminal justice system, ensuring that every case is handled with integrity and transparency.

## Complainants, victims of crime, and witnesses must:

- ▶ Have full confidence in the Prosecutor, and be empowered to provide complete, accurate and timely information necessary to advance the cause of justice.



# TOP STORIES AROUND THE COURTS

## WOMAN HANDED 15 YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED INDECENT ASSAULT

The Kwekwe Magistrates' Court sentenced a 20-year-old Kwekwe woman to 15 years imprisonment for the aggravated indecent assault of a 12-year-old boy. On the 14th of January 2026 at around 2000 hours, the offender, who is not related to the victim, was watching pornographic videos from her phone with the complainant. Afterwards, the offender undressed before instructing the boy to also take off his clothes. The offender proceeded to have sexual intercourse with the minor, who according to the law cannot consent. The incident came to light when the minor informed his mother, who reported the matter to the police.

## BINDURA MAN ARRAIGNED FOR VIOLATING GRAVES

A 28 year old Bindura man, Alfred Chinjiva has appeared in the Bindura Magistrates' court facing charges of violating a grave. Allegations are that the accused person dug up a grave and removed a human skull and other bones. He was arrested on the 2nd of February 2026 at his residence in Chipindura Park, Bindura. Investigations indicate that the alleged human remains were discovered inside the accused person's rented room, with a skull and bones reportedly found on his bed, inside water buckets and in other parts of the room.

## COURT SENTENCES MAN TO 25 YEARS FOR HOME INVASION AND RAPE

The Kadoma Magistrates' Court has sentenced Thabani Gazi (28) to an effective 25 years imprisonment after convicting him of armed robbery and rape. On the 18th of August 2025, the offender, acting in the company of 2 accomplices still at large, forcibly entered a couple's home in Masendeke Compound, Battlefields, while armed with a machete. He assaulted the male victim and stole USD100 before abducting the female victim to a nearby bush where he raped her twice. The victim later escaped and reported the matter to the police. The offender was apprehended by members of the public at Chivaura Mine, He was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for robbery and 20 years for rape resulting in an effective 25 year sentence,



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## FATHER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR RAPE OF DAUGHTER

The Chitungwiza Regional Magistrates' Court has sentenced a 48-year-old male to 20 years imprisonment for the rape of his then 15-year-old biological daughter. The juvenile female (17), then aged 15, was a student at the time the abuse began. The abuse occurred between March 2024 and August 2025 while the victim was living with the offender in South Africa. On the 22nd of March, 2024, the victim attempted to escape an initial assault by pretending she needed the toilet. The offender chased her down the road, caught her, and dragged her back to the house. Once inside, he brutally assaulted the victim with his fists and open hands, striking her repeatedly on the head and face. The offender committed acts of unlawful sexual intercourse and aggravated indecent assault (oral sex) against the victim without her consent. The unlawful acts continued over a period of more than a year until August 2025. The court ordered the 20-year sentences for Counts 1 and 2 to run concurrently, resulting in an effective 20-year prison term.

## ARMED ROBBERY AT FUNERAL PARLOUR, OFFENDER JAILED 9 YEARS

Clifford Desmond Nare (34) of Cowdray Park has been sentenced by the Tredgold Regional Magistrates' Court to 9 years in prison following his conviction for robbery. On the 1st of February 2025, at approximately 2330 hours, the offender and accomplices, Cordias Nkomo who is still at large, Sipho Ncube and Dumisani Ndlovu who are both deceased, broke into the premises of Kings and Queens Funeral Services in Kelvin North, Bulawayo armed with pistols and a silver sword. They struck one of the security guards above the right eye with a pistol butt, force-marched the two guards at the premises to the backyard and bound with their own shoelaces. While the offender kept watch outside, his accomplices broke into the building through a window and stole USD3 608, ZAR1 130, Huawei Y62 cellphone valued at US\$110 and an Exide battery valued at USD80. The total value of stolen property was USD3,798 and ZAR 1130 and USD110 was recovered.



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## DRIVER JAILED, LICENCE CANCELLED FOLLOWING FATAL HARARE CRASH

The Mbare Magistrates' Court has convicted Hatumwi Tinashe (26) of culpable homicide after a road traffic accident which resulted in the death of a minor. On the 21st of November 2025, at approximately 1130 hours, the offender was driving a Toyota Hiace along an unnamed road in Crowborough Phase 3, Harare. He struck a child pedestrian who was crossing the road. The victim sustained severe head injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival at Sally Mugabe Hospital. The court found the offender negligent for failing to maintain a proper lookout and for neglecting to take reasonable evasive action once a collision became imminent. Following his guilty plea, he was sentenced to two years in prison, coupled with a two-year driving prohibition and the mandatory cancellation of his driver's license.

## LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR BRUTAL MURDER OF POLICE OFFICER

The High Court of Zimbabwe sitting in Mutare has sentenced Sanele Simbarashe Makono (23) of Hatcliffe Extension, Harare and Sterio Joao Mahachi (55) of Machipanda, Mozambique to life imprisonment after convicting them of the murder of Trevor Mundida, a member of the Zimbabwe Republic Police Support Unit. The murder occurred on the 10th of September 2024 along the Mutare–Harare railway line opposite Yeovil Location in Mutare. The offenders and an accomplice who remains at large, viciously attacked and stabbed the now-deceased multiple times using unknown weapons. They robbed him of his wallet, Samsung cellphone and shoes before they fled. The stolen cellphone was later sold in Mozambique. The deceased's body was later discovered lying face down with six stab wounds, including injuries to the back, rib cage, buttock and hip. Violent crimes, particularly those committed against law enforcement officers, will be met with the full weight of the law.



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## SIX JAILED FOR ARMED ROBBERY AT GURUVE MINE

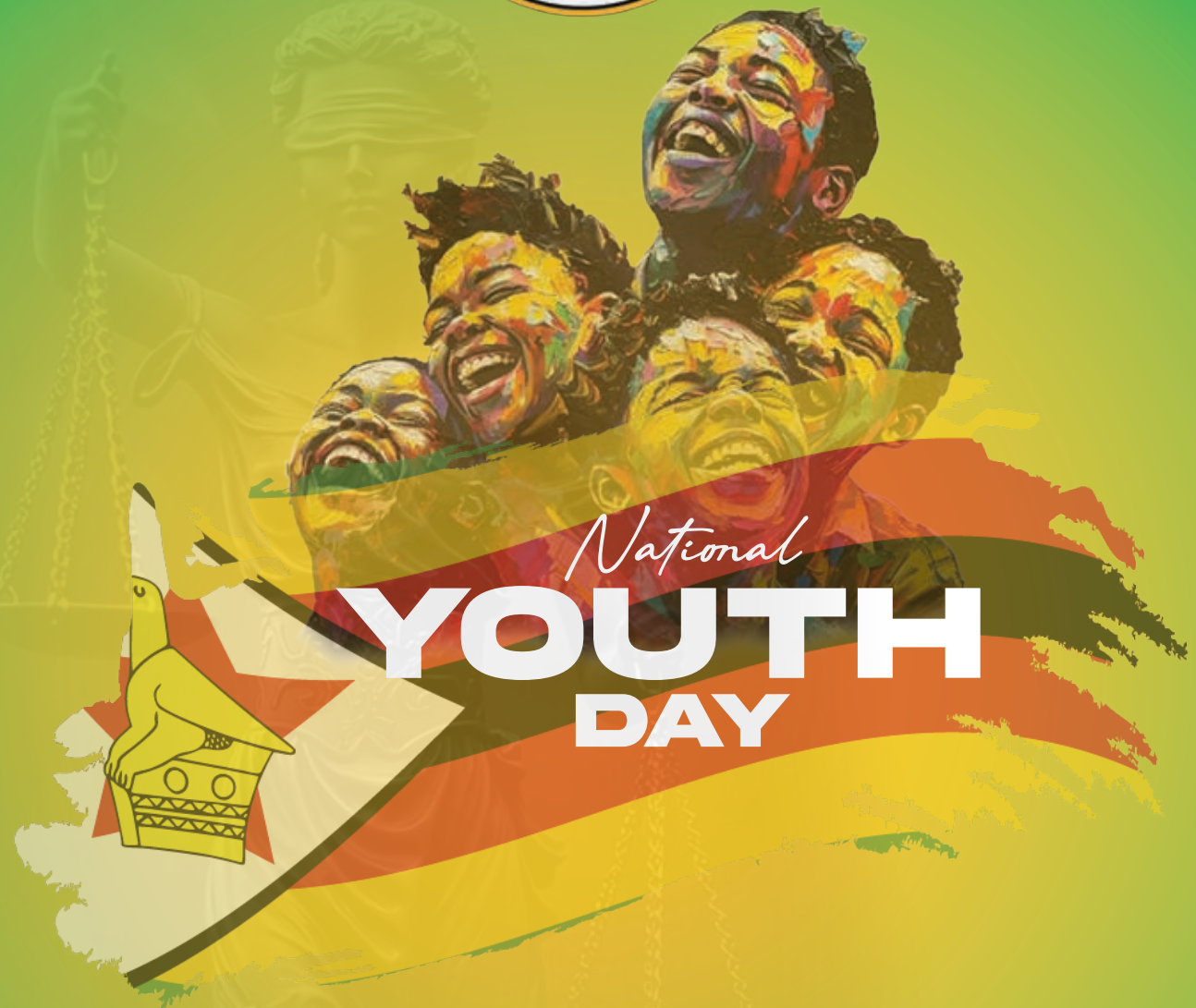
Six men have been sentenced to 12 years in prison by the Guruve Magistrates' Court for an armed robbery at a mine in Mbire. On the 9th of July 2025, Passion Mikiyoni (24), Shawn Mufandaedza (38), Carlington Mungazi (33), Tawanda Chihwani (37), a serving police officer, Tanaka Mhondoro (27) and Playmore Sayi (26) used insider information to plan the robbery. Disguised in police riot gear and armed with rifles, they overpowered a security guard, rounded up mine workers and stole cash, gold, carbon material and cellphones worth USD7650. The robbery was foiled when the mine manager and workers pursued them, forcing the gang to abandon a getaway vehicle containing incriminating evidence. Forensic analysis later tied firearms, uniforms, and cartridges to the crime. USD1000 was recovered. Two years of the 12 year sentence were suspended, leaving each offender with an effective 10 year term. Several accomplices remain at large.

## HIGH COURT ORDERS FORFEITURE OF MANDARA PROPERTY

The High Court in Harare has granted a civil forfeiture order against former NetOne Cellular (Pvt) Ltd cashier Daniel Kalira and four other respondents following an application by the Prosecutor General. In a judgment delivered on January 14, 2026, the court determined that specific high-value assets, including an immovable property and a luxury vehicle, constituted the proceeds of unlawful activities. Consequently, the presiding judge ordered that these illicitly acquired gains be forfeited to the State.

The legal action centers on Kalira, a former employee of NetOne, and a group of respondents cited for their roles in holding or facilitating the ownership of the tainted assets. The forfeiture specifically targets a Toyota Hilux Double Cab and a substantial 6.0283 percent undivided share (Share Number 18) in Stand 913 Mandara Township, a property measuring 3.6134 hectares held under Deed of Transfer 3518/2016. By linking these assets directly to criminal conduct, the court has reinforced the 'no-profit-from-crime' principle essential to Zimbabwe's anti-corruption framework.

The High Court directed the first, second, and third respondents to sign all necessary transfer documents within seven days of the judgment. Should they fail to comply, the Sheriff of Zimbabwe is authorized to execute the transfers on their behalf to ensure the State takes full legal possession.



*National*  
**YOUTH  
DAY**

The Prosecutor General, Hon. L. Matanda-Moyo, the NPAZ Board and staff join His Excellency Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa in celebrating National Youth Day under the theme "Youth Agenda for Transformation."

As we transition into NDS2, the NPAZ remains committed to providing a foundation of justice and accountability. The NPAZ commits to uphold the rule of law through efficient prosecution of crime and corruption without fear, favour, prejudice or bias, thereby ensuring a safe environment for young people to thrive and contribute towards the attainment of Vision 2030. By continuously modernizing our systems, we ensure justice is accessible to all. The NPAZ salutes our youth who are the leaders of tomorrow as we collectively strive for a corruption free nation.

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