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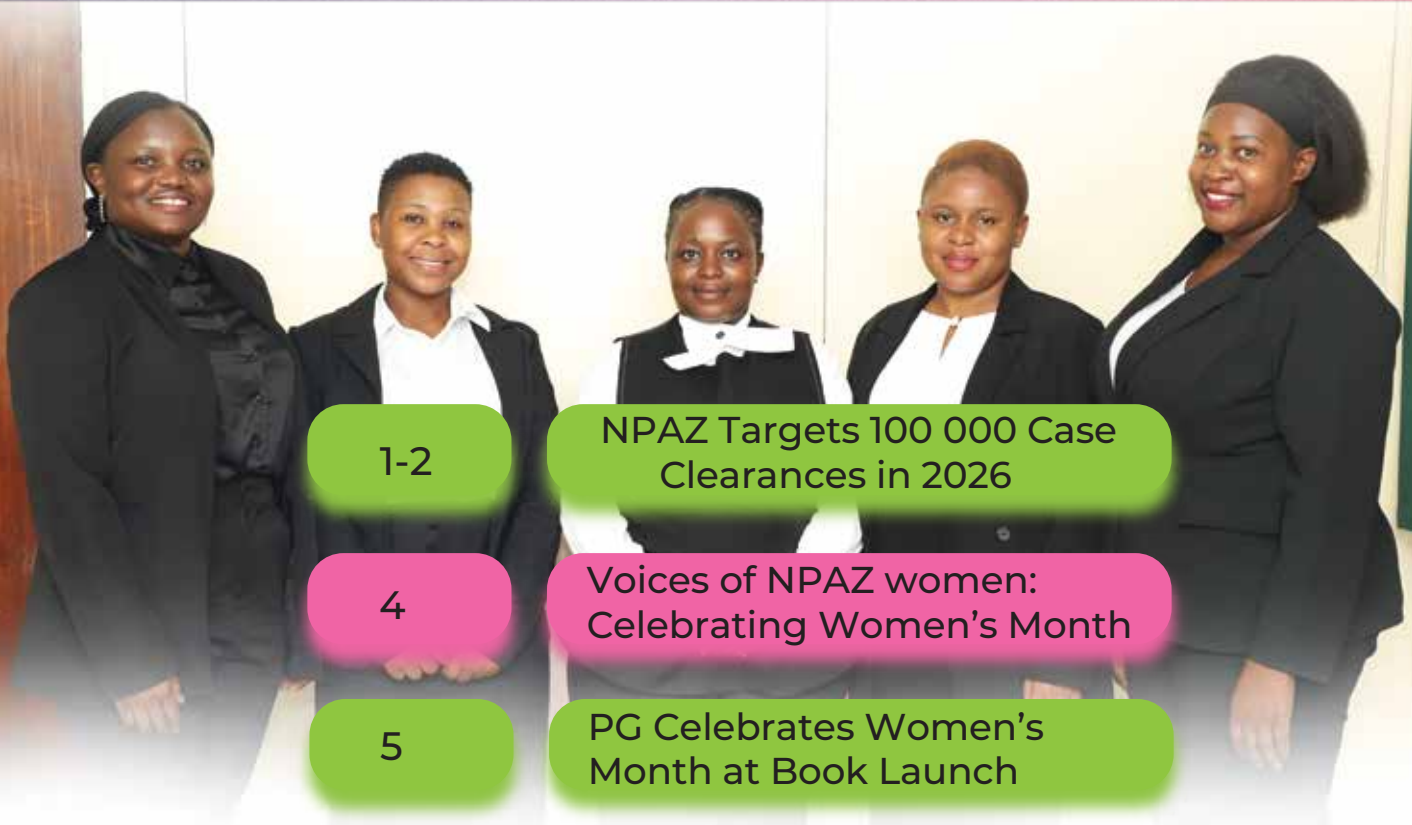
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His Excellency, President Dr. ED Mnangagwa signs Prosecutor General's performance contract at the Harare International Conference Centre in Harare recently while Hon. Loyce Matanda-Moyo looks on.

The National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) has set an ambitious target of clearing at least 100,000 cases in 2026, a goal Prosecutor General Honourable Loyce Matanda-Moyo says is both achievable and necessary to enhance the efficiency of the country's criminal justice system. This renewed drive follows the signing of a performance contract between Honourable Matanda-Moyo and His Excellency, President ED Mnangagwa on 16 March 2026, a development that reinforces the Government's commitment to accountability, service delivery and measurable results across public institutions.

The target builds on notable progress recorded in 2025, during which the Authority successfully cleared over 90,000 cases across courts nationwide. While this milestone reflected steady institutional performance, the Prosecutor General (PG) emphasized that the 2026 goal represents a deliberate shift from consolidation to accelerated service delivery. In an exclusive and wide-ranging interview with the NPAZ Newsletter, Honourable Matanda-Moyo outlined a strategic transformation anchored on strengthening internal systems, enhancing prosecutorial competencies and introducing innovative case management approaches.



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“From 2024 to 2025, our focus was on laying the foundation, establishing structures while still meeting our targets,” she explained. “We are now investing heavily in training our prosecutors so they fully understand the dynamics of prosecution. Once that understanding is entrenched, it naturally leads to faster case disposal and improved outcomes,” added the Honourable PG. This emphasis on capacity-building signals a broader institutional shift towards professionalization and efficiency, with training programmes designed not only to sharpen legal expertise but also to improve decision-making, case preparation, and courtroom performance.

The timing of the performance contract signing carries symbolic significance. Concluded during March, globally recognized as International Women’s Month, the moment underscores both institutional progress and the growing role of women in leadership. As Zimbabwe’s first female PG, Honourable Matanda-Moyo reflected on her journey as one marked by resilience, determination and a commitment to excellence. “The path was not easy,” she noted. “But it is important that women see that it is possible to rise to the highest positions through focus, discipline, and hard work,” said the PG.

She, however, expressed concern over persistent societal perceptions that often attribute women’s success in leadership to external influence rather than ability. “There is a tendency to assume that when a woman rises, it must be because of connections or favouritism,” she bemoaned. “This undermines the hard work and competence that many women bring to their roles,” added the PG. She challenged women in leadership to consistently demonstrate excellence and professionalism, arguing that performance remains the most effective way to dismantle entrenched stereotypes.

“As women, we must ensure that once we are entrusted with responsibility, we deliver. We must excel. Performance is not optional; it is imperative,” said Honourable Matanda-Moyo. The Authority’s 2026 targets are closely aligned with the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), particularly its governance pillar, which prioritizes strong institutions, the rule of law, and efficient public service delivery as key drivers of economic growth and national development. By improving case clearance rates and reducing backlogs, NPAZ is contributing to a more predictable and credible justice system, an essential factor in fostering investor confidence, safeguarding citizens’ rights, and maintaining social stability.

Honourable Matanda-Moyo also acknowledged the critical role played by prosecutors across the country, commending their dedication under often demanding conditions. She assured staff that Government remains seized with efforts to improve their working conditions as part of broader public sector reforms. “I urge our prosecutors to continue with the same commitment and professionalism,” she said. “Your work is central to upholding justice and strengthening public trust in our legal system,” added Honourable Matanda-Moyo.

As NPAZ moves into 2026 with a clear target and strengthened institutional capacity, the focus now shifts from planning to execution, where the success of these reforms will ultimately be measured by the speed, quality, and fairness with which justice is delivered.



8 March

International
♀ WOMEN'S DAY

The National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe joins the global community in commemorating International Women's Day. We reaffirm our commitment to giving our expertise in pursuit of justice. By investing in women, we gain a safer, more transparent, and crime free society.



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COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH: MESSAGES FROM NPAZ FEMALE PROFESSIONALS



When we lead with transparency, we build the public trust necessary for a stable democracy.

Tariro R Takuva
Deputy Prosecutor General



Your strength, resilience and unwavering determination serve as a powerful inspiration to all.

Chiedza Muhwandavaka
Chief Director Prosecution
► Masvingo



This month we celebrate your strength, resilience and achievements. You are the backbone of our communities, driving change and inspiring generations.

Nonhlanhla Ndlovu
Chief Director Prosecution
► Bulawayo



To my learned colleagues in prosecution, your work in upholding justice and protecting the vulnerable is not just a job; it is a calling. As women breaking barriers, you bring invaluable perspective, integrity, and resilience to our justice system.

Carol T Mupazviriwo
Chief Public Prosecutor
► Mashonaland Central



As we celebrate Women's Month, I honour women across the justice system and our communities whose strength and leadership sustain our work. We are more than practitioners of the law; we are architects of a safer, fairer, and more just society. Let us continue to support one another, challenge the status quo, and lead with integrity, courage, empathy, and truth.

Tinashe T Katsiru
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Charlene Gorerino
Chief Public Prosecutor
► Matebeleland North



Never give up and keep pushing boundaries, breaking barriers as well as empowering one another."

Belinda Ncube
Executive Assistant - Complaints Desk
► Harare



Strong, steady and unshaken - that is the essence of a woman. In the face of harsh conditions, uncertainty and pressure, women carry themselves with a quiet strength that speaks louder than words. Happy Women's day

Farai E Hungwe-Kuchivirika
Public Prosecutor
► Gweru

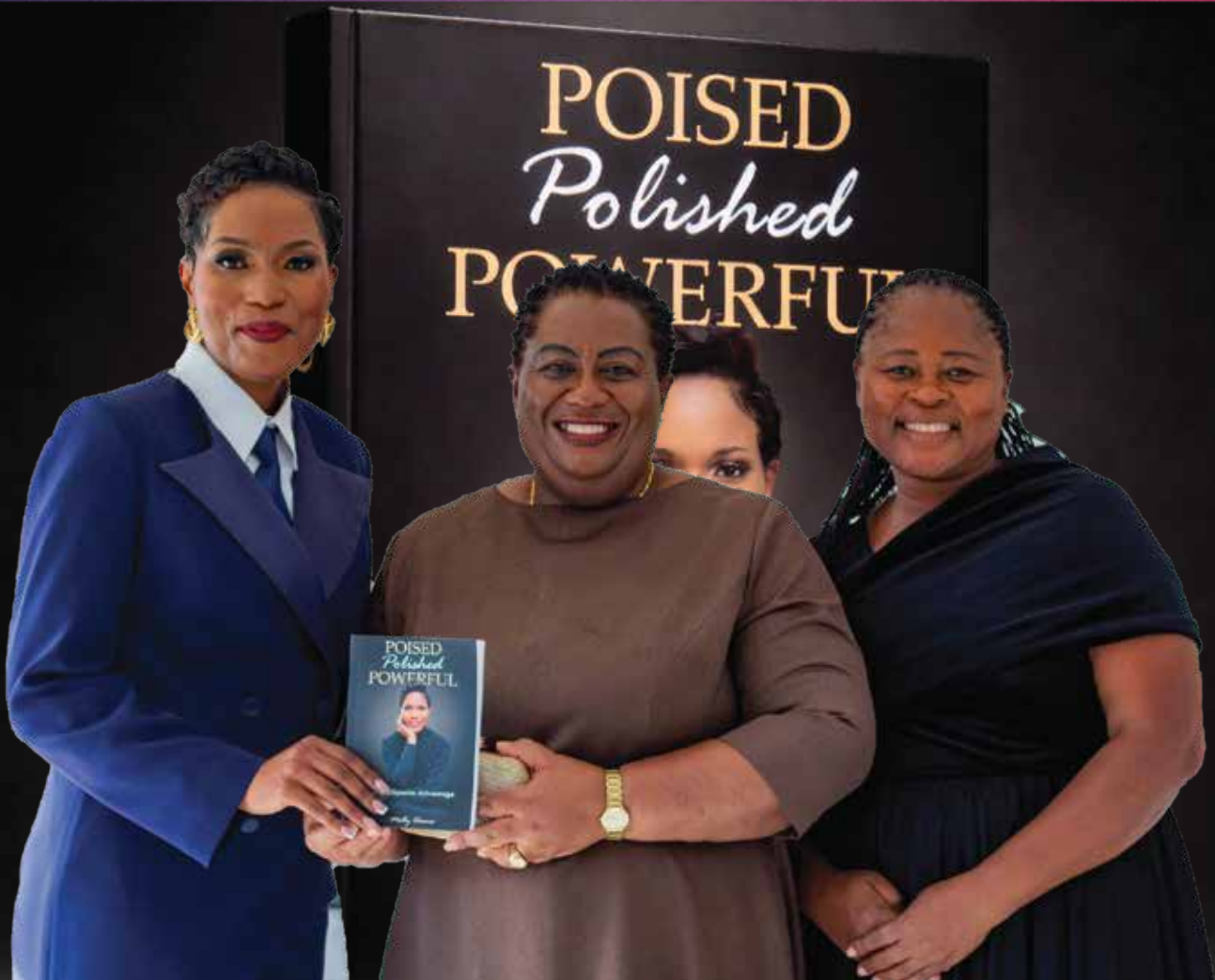


Your sharp minds, unwavering dedication in the court room and pursuit of justice contributes to the delivery of justice.

Carol Mutimusakwa
Principal Public Prosecutor
► Harare



PG CELEBRATES WOMEN'S MONTH AT BOOK LAUNCH



Prosecutor General Honourable Loyce Matanda-Moyo (centre) poses for a photograph with Molly Chuma (left) and Enicah Moyo (right) on the sidelines of a book launch in Harare recently.

Prosecutor General, Honourable Loyce Matanda-Moyo, called for women to anchor their empowerment in character, emotional intelligence, and professional conduct, describing these as critical pillars of effective leadership and lasting influence. Delivering her message during a book launch in Harare on 14 March 2026, she emphasized that true leadership goes beyond competence, but is defined by the impact one leaves on others.

Quoting renowned poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou, the Hon. Matanda-Moyo reminded the audience that, “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”, underscoring the importance of empathy, respect, and integrity in both personal and professional spaces. She urged women to cultivate poise, polish, and purpose as essential tools for navigating leadership roles and contributing meaningfully to society.

Her remarks were delivered at the launch of ‘Poised, Polished, Powerful: The Etiquette Advantage’ by Molly Chuma, an event that brought together professionals and leaders from various sectors as part of Women’s Month commemorations. The gathering highlighted the continued role of women in shaping institutions and communities while reinforcing the importance of values that promote excellence, dignity, and positive societal impact.



THE HERALD LADIES' HIGH TEA IN PICTURES . . .



Prosecutor General Hon. Loyce Matanda-Moyo joined NPAZ ladies and women leaders from across sectors at The Herald Ladies' High Tea to celebrate strength, leadership, and the unstoppable power of women this International Women's Month. Below are some inspiring moments from the day . . .





NPAZ STRENGTHENS WORKPLACE WELLNESS INITIATIVES



Deputy Prosecutor General Mr. CB Mutangadura undergoes medical checks on Wellness Day at NPAZ Head Offices.

The National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ) is prioritizing staff wellness through a range of workplace initiatives. On 11 and 12 March 2026, wellness days were held for employees at the Head Office in Harare and Harare Magistrate Courts offering free health screenings and consultations.

Organized by the Gender and Wellness Department, services included eye and dental checks, cervical and prostate cancer screenings and general health assessments, enabling staff to monitor their health proactively.

These wellness days form part of NPAZ's broader strategy to integrate physical and mental well-being into the workplace. By bringing essential health services directly to employees, the Authority fosters a supportive environment that values and strengthens staff well-being.



SPORTS DAY ENHANCES NPAZ STAFF WELLNESS



Wellness among staff has emerged as a top priority for the Prosecutor General, Honourable Loyce Matanda-Moyo, with the NPAZ intensifying efforts to promote a healthy and supportive working environment. This commitment was evident on 28 February 2026, when staff members stationed at the NPAZ Head Office in Harare gathered at David Livingstone Primary School for a vibrant sports day aimed at enhancing both mental and physical well-being.

Staff traded their office attire for sportswear and participated in a range of activities including football, volleyball and Zumba, creating an atmosphere of energy, camaraderie and shared purpose. The initiative forms part of a broader strategy to foster a balanced workplace culture that prioritizes employee welfare, teamwork and productivity, with every last Friday of the month now set aside for wellness activities across all NPAZ stations nationwide.

By reintroducing structured sporting activities, NPAZ is not only promoting physical fitness but also strengthening collaboration and social cohesion among staff. The programme has been widely welcomed, reflecting a growing appreciation of the link between employee wellness and institutional effectiveness.



TOP STORIES AROUND THE COURTS

TEEN FATALLY STABBED IN GWELUTSHENA

The High Court sitting at Hwange has sentenced Wellington Moyo to 15 years imprisonment after convicting him of the murder of his 17-year-old cousin. On the 6th of April 2025 at a homestead in Gwelutshena, Gugulethu Moyo was pulling logs when the offender approached from behind and stabbed him in the neck with a homemade knife. The teenager ran approximately 50 metres before collapsing and was pronounced dead at the scene.

LUPANE MAN JAILED FOR STABBING WIFE TO DEATH

The High Court sitting at Hwange has sentenced Khulekani Mpofu (35) to 19 years imprisonment with hard labour after he was convicted of the murder of his wife. On the 2nd of September 2025, at Sibanda homestead in Lupane, the offender entered a bedroom hut where the now-deceased was sleeping and launched a violent attack wherein he stabbed her several times all over the body using a kitchen knife. Neighbours awakened by screams saw the offender fleeing while holding a knife. They found the deceased lying naked in a pool of blood. The offender surrendered himself to the police on the 5th of September 2025.

FORMER CABS MANAGER JAILED FOR FRAUD

Talent Tarisai Zimbindi, a 39-year-old former Client Relationship Manager at the Central African Building Society (CABS), has been sentenced to an effective 4 year prison term for defrauding the bank of US\$182 758 by the Harare Magistrates' Court. Between August and October 2024, the offender abused his position by processing loan facilities intended for corporate clients. He diverted the funds to an account belonging to Rozim Mining (Private) Limited, a company he controlled, and withdrew the money for personal use. The fraud was discovered after discrepancies were found in the bank's records. None of the funds were recovered.



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CRIME SPREE ENDS IN 50 YEAR JAIL TERM

Two young men, Conrade Moyo (22) and Milford Sudhakwa (23), have been sentenced to an effective 50 years imprisonment by the Beatrice Magistrates' Court after being convicted of a violent crime spree involving multiple unlawful entries, robberies and theft committed during the night of the 6th of March 2026 in Beatrice. The two offenders, together with an accomplice who is still at large, went on a coordinated rampage targeting homes and business premises. Armed with machetes, an axe, a knife and a bolt cutter, the trio forcibly broke into several properties. Police responded swiftly. Working with residents, officers arrested the two.

REPEAT OFFENDER JAILED FOR THEFT

The Chegutu Magistrates' Court has convicted and sentenced 44-year-old Richard Sikwamba to 36 months imprisonment for the theft of farm equipment. The offender will spend a total of 42 months in jail after a previously suspended 6-month sentence was brought into effect. On the 25th of February 2026, the victim discovered that a water tank, a planter and a disc harrow had been stolen from his farm. The matter was reported to the police and investigations led to the recovery of the stolen property at a plot in Selous, where the offender had sold the items leading to his arrest. The total value of the stolen goods is US\$600, all of which was recovered.

MUREWA WOMAN JAILED FOR SEX WITH MINOR

A 24-year-old woman from Murewa has been sentenced to an effective 26 months imprisonment after she was convicted of having sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old boy by the Murewa Regional Magistrates' Court. On the 14th of February 2026, the offender visited the victim's residence. Later that evening, she followed the victim to a room where she initiated an intimate encounter which resulted in sexual intercourse. On the 27th of February 2026, the victim reported health concerns to his father. Following an enquiry, the victim disclosed he had sexual intercourse with the offender earlier that month. The matter was subsequently reported to the police, leading to the arrest of the offender.



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50 YEAR OLD MAN JAILED FOR RAPING GRADE 5 PUPIL

A 50-year-old man from Gokwe has been convicted and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment by the Gokwe Regional Magistrates' Court on two counts of raping an 11-year-old Grade 5 pupil. Sometime in 2024 in Chief Chireya area, Gokwe North, the victim was tending to goats when the offender approached her and gave her snacks and biscuits before he ordered the girl to lie down and raped her. Using threats, he continued the abuse on several occasions until the 18th of February 2026, when the victim's brother caught him raping her in the grazing lands.

CHIPINGE DUO JAILED FOR ROBBERY

The Chipinge Regional Magistrates' Court convicted and sentenced Witness Makonyedzeni (26) and Blessing Nyabowa (26) to an effective 29 years imprisonment on three counts of robbery. On the 26th of February 2026, the duo stormed a shop at St Kelvin Business Centre armed with a toy pistol, machete, claw hammer and pepper spray. The duo attacked the shop owner and sprayed her with pepper spray before stealing her cellphone, US\$60, R200, a radio set and airtime worth US\$4. They also attacked a second victim and forced him to surrender her cellphone under duress. They also threatened to assault the third victim and robbed her off her cellphone.

MAN JAILED FOR CUTTING TELONE TELECOMMUNICATION WIRES

A 35-year-old man from Highfields, Harare has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by the Harare Magistrates' Court, after being convicted of cutting TelOne Zimbabwe's telecommunication wires. On the 5th of March 2026, at around 0400 hours, the offender, Wesley Muriritirwa climbed onto the roof of a shop at Machipisa Shopping Centre in Harare and cut nine TelOne drop wires measuring a total length of 15.2 metres from a pole. After realizing he had been spotted by the offender, the offender jumped from the building in an attempt to escape but was soon apprehended.



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