



## Speaker Mutti calls for unity as 13<sup>th</sup> National Assembly adjourns sine die ahead of dissolution



Speaker Mutti presides over the final Sitting of the Thirteenth National Assembly on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 before the House adjourned sine die ahead of its dissolution on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**By Namasiku Mubiana**

**S**peaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt Hon Dr Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, has called for unity and peace ahead of the 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 General Elections.

She reminded political actors that while elections come and go, the nation remains and urged all stakeholders to uphold peace before, during and after the elections.

Speaker Mutti made the appeal on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, when she delivered her farewell address to Members of Par-

liament as the Thirteenth National Assembly adjourned sine die ahead of its dissolution on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

The Speaker said the country's stability must remain a priority despite political competition.

Dr Mutti commended Members of Parliament for their legislative service throughout the tenure of the Thirteenth National Assembly.

“Your dedication to legislation, oversight and representation under demanding national circumstances has distinguished this Assembly and contributed



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immensely to the service of the people of Zambia,” she said.

The Speaker further wished all Members intending to contest in the forthcoming elections success in their campaigns, while extending gratitude to those who would not be seeking re-election for their service to the nation.

“It is my desire that as many of you as possible are retained because you hold institutional memory and a reservoir of knowledge that will assist in guiding the new Members of the Fourteenth National Assembly,” she said.

Speaker Mutti also urged incoming Members of the Fourteenth National Assembly to safeguard the Constitution, uphold

the dignity of Parliament and continue strengthening democratic governance in Zambia.

The adjournment was an emotional moment in the House, with Speaker Mutti interacting warmly with Members from both sides of the House as proceedings came to an end.

The Speaker took time to bid farewell to the Members of Parliament following the conclusion of the legislative term, marking the end of the Thirteenth National Assembly.

Parliament officially dissolved on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, in accordance with Article 81 (3) of the Constitutional of Zambia ahead of the general elections.



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## Highlights of the Fifth Session of the Thirteenth National Assembly

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## Speaker Mutti commissions 750kW solar plant at Parliament



The commissioned 750-kilowatt Solar photovoltaic (PV) Plant at Parliament Buildings.

**By Caroline Chikonde & Namasiku Mubiana**

**S**peaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt Hon Dr. Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, has commissioned a 750-kilowatt Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Plant at Parliament Buildings.

Speaker Mutti described the project as a major step towards sustainable energy and improved power liability.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, Dr Mutti stated that the initiative demonstrates Par-

liament's commitment to addressing national energy challenges.

She noted that the solar plant will reduce dependence on the national grid while promoting greener and more sustainable energy development.

Dr Mutti noted that Zambia continues to face energy challenges caused by increased electricity demand, climate related pressures and constrained power supply,

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marking investments in renewable energy increasingly important.

Speaker Mutti also stated that the solar plant will help supplement the National Assembly's power requirement. She further disclosed that excess electricity generated from the plant will be fed into the national grid, contributing to national energy security and benefiting surrounding communities.

Speaking at the same event, Ministry of Energy Permanent Secretary for Electricity, Eng Arnold Simwaba said the commissioning of the solar plant, reflects the National Assembly's commitment to responding positively to the presidential directive, for public institutions to embrace alternative energy sources.

Eng Simwaba encouraged other public institutions to emulate the National Assembly by investing in solar backup systems to improve energy reliability and reduce operational costs.

Meanwhile, Acting ZESCO Managing Director, Francis Namakanda said the installa-

tion of a solar PV system at Parliament Buildings sends a strong message that sustainability should remain at the centre of national development.

Mr Namakanda reaffirmed ZESCO's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote clean energy and operational continuity while building a more resilient electricity sector.

And Head of the Presidential Delivery Unit PDU, Ms Kusobile Kamwambi commended the National Assembly for responding to the President's solar explosion directive aimed at promoting the solarisation of public infrastructure across the country.

Speaking earlier, Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka said the solar power plant installed at Parliament is critical as it will provide a steady source of power.

She stated that this will also help to cut down on operational disruptions and reduce the Assembly's dependence on hydropower.



**Top:** The unveiled plaque after the commissioning of the 750-kilowatt Solar Plant at Parliament Buildings.

**Right:** Speaker Mutti (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right), cuts ribbon alongside Ms Kusobile Kamwambi, Head Presidential Delivery Unit PDU (right), Eng Arnold Simwaba, Ministry of Energy Permanent Secretary for Electricity and Mrs Loveness Mayaka, Clerk of the National Assembly (right), during the commissioning ceremony.





## President Hichilema swears in Loveness Mayaka as Clerk of the National Assembly



Mrs Loveness Maambo Mayaka presents the instrument of Oath to President Hakainde Hichilema after being sworn in as Clerk of the National Assembly at State House.

**By Namasiku Mubiana**

**P**resident Hakainde Hichilema has sworn in Mrs Loveness Mayaka as Clerk of the National Assembly of Zambia.

Her swearing-in follows her appointment and subsequent ratification by the National Assembly pursuant to section 3 (1) of the National Assembly Staff Act, Chapter 257 of the Laws of Zambia.

Speaking during the ceremony held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at State House, President Hichilema said the

appointment of Mrs Mayaka is critical to the smooth operation of the Legislature.

President Hichilema urged the Clerk to ensure that laws are properly drafted and structured to enhance effective governance and service delivery.

“We expect efficiency, integrity and accountability in the discharge of her duties,” he said.

And the President has since called on all Arms of Government to align themselves with the Government’s agenda of turning



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around the economy.

He said national progress requires collective effort and coordination across public institutions.

President Hichilema said that the Executive remains mindful of the challenges facing other Arms of Government as the

country works towards economic recovery and national development.

President Hakainde Hichilema also swore in 40 judges. 4 to the Supreme Court, 3 to the Constitutional Court, 7 to the Court of Appeal and 26 to the High Court.



President Hakainde Hichilema (centre) and Vice President Mutale W K Nalumango, MP, (4<sup>th</sup> from the left), pose for a group photo with First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon Malungo Chisangano, MP, (5<sup>th</sup> from the right), Chief Justice Dr Mumba Malila, SC, (3<sup>rd</sup> from the left) and Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs Loveness Mayaka, (5<sup>th</sup> from the left), together her family members and staff of the National Assembly, following her swearing-in at State House.



Vice President Mutale W K Nalumango, MP, (left) with First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP and Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs Loveness Mayaka, (right), pose for a photo following Mrs Mayaka's swearing in at State House.



Mrs Loveness Mayaka takes the Oath of Office during her swearing in as Clerk of the National Assembly at State House



## First Deputy Speaker Chisangano engages Azerbaijan counterpart on strengthening Parliamentary cooperation



First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP, (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left), with First Deputy Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Hon. Ali Javad oglu Ahmadov, (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right), during a bilateral meeting held on the sidelines of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (WUF13) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**By Jericho Minyoi**

The First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon Malungo Chisangano, MP, has called for enhanced parliamentary cooperation between Zambia and Azerbaijan through strengthened parliamentary diplomacy and legislative collaboration.

Hon Chisangano said this during a high-level bilateral meeting with the First Deputy Speaker of the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Hon Ali Javad oglu Ahmadov, held on the sidelines of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Urban

Forum (WUF13) in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2026.

She stated that Zambia and Azerbaijan continue to enjoy warm and cordial bilateral relations, largely sustained through their shared membership in international organisations such as the Non-Aligned Movement and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Hon Chisangano noted the importance of deepening the longstanding diplomatic ties between the two countries. She described parliamentary diplomacy as an



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important tool in promoting peace, democracy, sustainable development and stronger people-to-people relations between nations.

The First Deputy Speaker therefore, called for the establishment of a Zambia-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Friendship Group, which she said would provide a platform for strengthening relations between the two legislatures, promoting parliamentary exchanges and fostering cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, First Deputy Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Hon Ali Javad oglu Ahmadov, welcomed the proposal to establish a Parliamentary Friendship Group between the two Parliaments.

He stated that the Friendship Group has significant potential to further expand cooperation, particularly at parliamentary level.

Hon Ahmadov reiterated Azerbaijan's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations with Zambia and expressed optimism that increased parliamentary engagement would contribute to enhanced cooperation in various sectors of mutual interest.

Hon Ahmadov also extended his best wishes to Zambia ahead of the country's General Elections scheduled for 13th August 2026, expressing hope for peaceful and successful elections.

Earlier in the day, Hon Chisangano participated in a Roundtable Discussion for Parliamentarians, where discussions focused on the role of Parliaments in translating global commitments into



First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP, delivering her speech during the 13<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (WUF13) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

national outcomes.

The discussions also examined how legislatures can strengthen oversight and accountability mechanisms to ensure that housing policies and budgets deliver tangible improvements for vulnerable communities, among other issues.

The 13<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (WUF13), is the United Nations' premier global conference, on sustainable urbanization, which convened in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026.

Co-organised by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Government of Azerbaijan, under the theme "Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities."

The Zambian delegation to the WUF13 led by Hon Chisangano included, Dr Gabriel Pollen, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ms Prudence Chinama, Permanent Secretary for Luapula Province, Mr Alfred Musemuna, Zambia's High Commissioner to Kenya and other Government officials.



## CONSTITUENCY CORNER

## DC hails CDF projects in Shiwang'andu Constituency



District Commissioner, Ms Maureen Bwembya (right) commissions the successful completion of CDF projects in Shiwang'andu Constituency.



Pictures courtesy of Shiwanga'andu Town Council

Learners from Shiwang'andu Day Secondary School celebrate the handover of a 1x4 classroom block .

**By Dora Haruperi**

Shiwang'andu District Commissioner, Ms. Maureen Bwembya, has stated that the successful completion of more than 10 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) projects worth K7,418,345.48 reflects Government's commitment to improving service delivery and bringing development closer to communities in Shiwang'andu District, Eastern Province.

Ms Bwembya said the completed projects demonstrate the positive impact of decentralised development on local communities.

Speaking when she officiated at the commissioning ceremony, on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at Shiwang'andu Secondary School, Ms. Bwembya said the projects reflect the Government's deliberate effort to ensure that development reaches all parts of the district.

She noted that increased CDF allocation has enabled communities to take an active role in identifying and implementing projects that respond to their priority needs.

The District Commissioner said this has resulted in faster development delivery and improved access to essential services across the district.

“Today, because of CDF, our children are learning in

better classrooms and communities are benefiting from grants and improved infrastructure,” she said.

Ms Bwembya also disclosed that youths are also gaining opportunities through empowerment initiatives and skills training programmes aimed at improving livelihoods.

She urged members of the public to recognise and support the ongoing development being achieved through CDF. She further applauded local contractors for their role in delivering the infrastructure and encouraged them to maintain high standards in future works.

And Constituency Development Fund Committee Chairperson, Mr. Mark Harvey, said quality infrastructure remains key to ensuring long-term benefits for communities.

He stated that there is need to integrate complementary facilities such as staff houses and water reticulation systems, in school infrastructure projects to enhance sustainability and functionality.

Among the commissioned projects were a 1x4 classroom block at Shiwang'andu Day Secondary School, an ablution block and water reticulation system at the same school, a 1x4 classroom block at Mulanga Secondary School, a dormitory at Lwanya Day Secondary School, 1x3 classroom blocks at Kalikiti and Nabutende Primary Schools, staff houses at Kalesha Primary School and Lwanya Health Post, the Yosamu Mufolo Bridge and the Ilondola Boarding Facility.



## Kapata Urban Clinic receives new CDF-funded ambulance



Picture courtesy of Chipata City Council

CDF procured ambulance

**By Lomthunzi Simpemba**

**E**astern Province Deputy Permanent Secretary, Dr. Lewis Mwape, has said the handover of a new ambulance to Kapata Urban Clinic will strengthen healthcare delivery and improve emergency response services for residents in Chipata and surrounding areas.

Dr. Mwape said this on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, when he officiated at the handover ceremony of the ambulance procured through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) for Kapata Urban Clinic, in Kapata Ward, Chipata.

He stated that the Government is committed to improving healthcare delivery through continued investment in health infrastructure, medical equipment and emergency response services across the

country.

He added that the ambulance is among the 156 vehicles acquired by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to enhance patient referral and emergency transportation services.

He explained that the vehicle will play a critical role in transporting critically ill patients, accident victims and expectant mothers, thereby contributing to reduced maternal mortality and improved healthcare outcomes.

Dr. Mwape further disclosed that the fully equipped ambulance will serve more than 231,000 residents of Kapata and surrounding areas by providing timely and safe transportation for patients requiring urgent medical attention.



## Mungule Police Post handed over in Katuba Constituency

Pictures courtesy of Chibombo Town Council



The newly constructed Mungule Police Post financed by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

**By Gwennie Shamizhinga**

Chibombo Town Council has officially handed over the newly constructed Mungule Police Post in Katuba Constituency aimed at strengthening security services in the community.

Speaking during the handover ceremony held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, Council Chairperson, Mr Newton Nyeleti said the construction of the Police Post has been completed at a contract sum of K759,186.70, with works undertaken by Cruz Impact.

He said the facility has also been fully furnished at an additional cost of K138,960.00 to ensure it is ready for immediate use.

Mr Nyeleti said the new Police Post will not only strengthen the presence of police in the area but also ensure quicker response to community security concerns.

He encouraged the Zambia Police Service officers deployed to the post to serve the community diligently and ensure that both citizens and public infrastructure are protected at all times.

And Chibombo Town Council Secretary Mrs Grace Kanyata said the project reflects Government's commitment to improve service delivery.

She explained that the facility is also expected to enhance security presence and contribute to maintaining peace and order in Mungule.

She urged the community to take ownership of the facility and work closely with Zambia Police Service officers, stressing that sustainable security can only be achieved through collaboration between residents and the police.



## Mongu Mayor hands over CDF-funded staff house and water system at Kaande Health Post

Picture courtesy of Mongu Municipa Council



By Makani Kabeta

The newly constructed staff house and water system at Kaande Health Post in Mongu district, Western Province.

**M**ayor of Mongu, His Worship Nyambe Muyumbana has said that the newly constructed staff house and water reticulation system at Kaande Health Post, will help improve access to adequate accommodation and reliable water supply at the health facility.

Speaking during the handover ceremony held on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, in Mongu District, Western Province, the Mayor said the staff house project which was approved under the 2022 CDF allocation at a contract sum of K400,000, commenced construction works in 2023.

He explained that the project, however, experienced delays due to poor contractor performance, forcing the local authority to terminate the initial contract in 2024 and subsequently awarding it to M/S Nyiya General Dealers in 2025 at a contract sum of K120,093.75.

He further revealed that the Local Authority, under the 2025 CDF allocation, approved the construction of a water reticulation system which was completed in April 2026.

Mr. Muyumbana also stated that from 2022 to 2025, a total of 28 staff houses, 11 health posts and eight maternity annexes had been constructed under the CDF in Nalikwanda and Mongu Central constituencies.

He urged contractors undertaking public projects to adhere

to agreed timelines and maintain high standards of workmanship to ensure communities benefit from development projects without unnecessary delays.

Meanwhile, Kaande Ward Councillor, Pereira Francisco, thanked the Government for the increased CDF allocation and the local authority for delivering the projects in his ward.

He said the completed staff house will help address the accommodation crisis at the health post, which had been operating with only one staff house despite having three professional health workers and three community-based volunteers.

And speaking on behalf of the District Health Director, Mongu District Health Planner, Mr Maynard Sing'andu, said there is still a housing deficit for health workers in the district.

Mr Sing'andu said that additional staff accommodation is still required to adequately cater for health personnel at the facility.



## Lusaka City Council hands over Longacres Police Post and Bauleni Mortuary facility

Pictures courtesy of Lusaka City Council



The newly constructed Longacres Police Post financed by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

**By Mukoba Ngulube & Namasiku Mubiana**

**T**he Lusaka City Council has officially handed over a newly constructed Longacres Police Post and the first ever Mortuary at Bauleni Mini Hospital to the residents, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Council Public Relations Manager, Chola Mwamba revealed that the Longacres Police Post constructed under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), at a cost of K830, 500 is expected to strengthen security and improve law enforcement service delivery in Lusaka Central Constituency.

Ms Mwamba further noted that the Bauleni Clinic Mortuary, which includes mortuary fridges has been constructed at a cost of K2,520, 454.13. She said this will greatly improve access to mortuary ser-

vices for residents of Bauleni and surrounding communities.

“Residents will no longer have to take their deceased loved ones to the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) because they now have a facility within Bauleni,” she said.

Speaking at the same event, Lusaka Provincial Local Government Officer, Charlston Hamulyata described the successful completion of the two projects as a game changer.

Mr Hamulyata said the projects reflect Government’s commitment to grassroots development in security and healthcare infrastructure for improved service delivery.



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He added that the projects have not only improved service delivery in the community but also created employment opportunities for local people during the construction phase.

He urged members of the community to guard the infrastructure jealously and ensure that the facilities are protected for future generations.

Meanwhile, Deputy Officer Commanding for Lusaka Urban District, Dr Fleming Chilonga, said the newly constructed Police Post will play a critical role in strengthening security and curbing criminal activities in the area.

Dr Chilonga noted that security remains the backbone of a safe and productive society and commended Government for investing in infrastructure that directly improves the wellbeing of citizens.

And Ministry of Health Public Health Physician, Dr Lalisa Nambeye expressed gratitude to the Government for constructing the mortuary facility.

She said the project is an important investment in strengthening the health system, as it will help address the longstanding challenges associated with inadequate mortuary space in hospitals and support health workers in providing efficient and professional services.

The two important facilities are expected to benefit a population of over 8,000 people.



Lusaka Provincial Local Government Officer, Charlston Hamulyata ( in a blue jacket), alongside Zambia Police Service officers during the hand over of a mortuary at Bauleni Mini Hospital.