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**ZRP commences training
officers for the
Harmonised Elections**



Seated From Left : Deputy Commissioner General (Operations) Learn Ncube, Deputy Commissioner General (Administration) Stephen Mutamba, Commissioner General of Police Tandabantu Godwin Matanga, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage, Major General (Rtd) Dr Gerald Gwinji, Director for Finance and Administration in the Home Affairs Ministry, Mr Exavier Chisoko, Deputy Commissioner General (Human Resources) Mind Elliot Ngirandi, Deputy Commissioner General (Crime) Lorraine Chipato captured with senior officers outside ZRP Golf Club in Harare.



ZRP officers who graduated from Midlands State University recently. From Left to Right : Assistant Inspector Tafara Svikiro, Inspector Sisa Masengu, Assistant Inspector Vimbai Nyateka, Constable Tungamirai Chigogo, Constable Webster Musingarimi, Constable Sarah Dliwayo, Inspector Artinos Badza, Assistant Inspector Clever Mhlanga and Constable Alex Mawene



Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi (seated centre) and Bulawayo Province CRLOs attend an Envision Zimbabwe Women's Trust sponsored workshop

The Outpost through the lens



Staff Members of ZRP Senior Officer's Mess pose for a group photo at Morris Depot



Detective Chief Inspector Portia Chino and an artist admire an elephant sculpture at Tengenenge Arts Centre in Guruve



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faced resistance from land barons and other political heavyweights.

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persons right on the spot. To our surprise, the bottles of beer had petrol meant to bomb our earth moving equipment.

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Police T.G. MATANGA:**

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**Dr A Matibiri
Chief Executive Officer
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Gratitude from Embassy of Senegal

**To the Commissioner General of
Police T.G. MATANGA:**

Thanking you for the professional manner in which you coordinated a tour of Zimbabwe's heritage sites by a Senegalese delegation from 20 to 29 August 2022

Your attention is drawn to the attached letter, regarding the above captioned matter as our Embassy in Senegal is expressing gratitude to the entire Ministry for the manner with which the visit

by four officials from the Ministry of Communications and Culture of the Republic of Senegal was handled and coordinated from 20 to 29 August 2022

It may please you Sir, to know that 043072R Assistant Inspector Sitsware was in charge of this delegation.

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For Secretary for Home Affairs
and Cultural Heritage**

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Commissioner-General of Police, Tandabantu Godwin Matanga (left) shakes hands with Acting Director of ZCHPC Dr. Paul Sambo after signing of the MOU. Looking on is Chief Superintendent Tsitsi Paradzayi.

ZRP collaborates with ZCHPC in forensic science investigations

As the government continues to encourage public-private partnerships, the Zimbabwe Republic Police has partnered a local Information and Communication Technology (ICT) organisation - the Zimbabwe Centre for High Performance Computing (ZCHPC) – to collaborate in forensic science investigations.

Speaking during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Headquarters in Harare, Commissioner-General of Police Tandabantu Godwin Matanga expressed confidence that such collaborations will undoubtedly yield positive results in the fight against the scourge of cyber crimes.

"I am pleased to officiate at this momentous occasion where we are witnessing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Zimbabwe Republic Police and Zimbabwe

Centre for High Performance Computing (ZCHPC). The objective of the MoU is to strengthen collaboration particularly in the realm of Smart Policing initiatives and Information Communication Technologies that empower policing," said Commissioner-General Matanga.

Presenting his organisation's expectations, Acting Director of the Zimbabwe Centre for High Performance Computing, Dr Paul Sambo said the thrust of the partnership would be to capacitate ZRP to improve on its service delivery through smart policing using high computer processors, as well as providing technical expertise in science and technology.

"The Zimbabwe Centre for High Performance Computing is committed to working and realising the successful implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding with ZRP. Our MoU targets areas in forensic sciences,

such as Fingerprint Identification Systems, setting up of Forensic DNA Analysis systems, development of ZRP application systems and harmonising these systems to provide a cutting-edge operational service delivery," he said.

It is envisaged that through this partnership, ZRP will enhance its smart policing initiatives to increase on crime detection and prevention. Policing dynamics across the global village has changed with the passage of time with criminal syndicates becoming more and more sophisticated through the use of technology, thereby posing serious threat to the business environment.

Hence, the lifeline extended to ZRP by ZCHPC will culminate in police officers obtaining modern professional forensic science investigative skills, and heighten the fight against money laundering, fraud, cyber crime and other related offences.



Commissioner-General of Police, Tandabantu Godwin Matanga (seated centre) poses for a group photo with INTERPOL Regional Bureau Harare staff members, officers from the INTERPOL Secretariat and workshop participants from the African Region

INTERPOL Regional Bureau Harare hosts VITFA training

—By Staff Reporter—

The INTERPOL Regional Bureau Harare was recently privileged to host the first ever Victim Identification Task Force Africa (VITFA) training workshop meant to equip police officers in the continent with skills to identify victims and perpetrators of crimes committed against children.

The 5-day workshop held at INTERPOL Region Bureau in Harare, drew participants from 10 countries from the African continent. The workshop was facilitated by officers from INTERPOL's Secretariat based in Leon, France. The aim of the workshop was to capacitate police officers to identify offenders, rescue young victims of violence, as well as to block any material that perpetuates child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Officially opening the workshop, the Commissioner General of Police, Tandabantu Godwin Matanga said crimes of child abuse and exploitation have grown up rapidly owing to the growth of the internet access.

"Given this challenge, an internationally coordinated and targeted training has become essential as it enhances the law enforcement capabilities in different jurisdictions to deal with this despicable phenomenon," said Commissioner-General Matanga.

He added that it was disheartening to note that criminals were taking advantage of the children's presence on the internet to prey on them, at a time when their presence online is now also a necessity.

Head of INTERPOL RB Harare, Mr Sello Moerane, who was represented by the Regional Specialised Officer (RSO) Phiwa Nhlengetfwa, welcomed the training saying, it complements the INTERPOL Bureau's activities on forensic science.

"Some member states within SARPCCO region have set up dedicated social media monitoring units, whose task is to identify, flag and report suspicious and criminal

behaviour to relevant crime desks. Such an approach is among the best practices, I hope to see this shared and implemented in our countries," he said.

He said many children are being lured by criminals in the social media and website pages where they are recruited, groomed, exploited and trafficked by scammers who use fake online accounts.

"The availability of cheap but high quality digital cameras and mobile phones has made the production process of Child Exploitation Materials (CEM) and memorializing physical offending easier than it has ever been. The pedophiles collect such offensive materials for many reasons, which include sexual gratification, grooming, blackmail and trade among others," he added.

As a contingency measure, INTERPOL has developed an International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database that member states can use to identify and ensure wherever the offenders are, they can be arrested and face justice.



ZRP Victim Friendly Unit campaigns against OCSEA

In line with its mandate to protect vulnerable members of society, the Zimbabwe Republic Police Victim Friendly Unit (VFU), recently embarked on a sensitisation programme to campaign against Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA).

The one-day workshop was held at ZRP Golf Club and attended by various stakeholders who include; INTERPOL Regional Bureau (Harare) and National Criminal Bureau (Harare), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Internet and Mobile Service Providers, government departments, as well as members from the ZRP's Victim Friendly Unit in Harare.

"Notwithstanding the sensitivity of the subject and its complexity to investigate, constant interaction with players to raise awareness and share experiences is an indispensable ingredient for proficient service delivery," said

—By Staff Reporter—

Superintendent Bonisiwe Nxumalo, during her welcome remarks.

Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is a new form of criminal activity which violates children's rights and their enjoyment of life. It takes a global scope when child abusive material such as indecent forms of images, videos, text messages and live communication are published through various networks.

In his remarks, David Gitau (the INTERPOL facilitator) emphasised that OCSEA is a crime that traverse borders and there is a need for collaboration between stakeholders and member states to identify cyber bullies and bring them to justice. He added that the safety of children in the digital environment was of paramount importance.

"The new breed of cybercrime, for example, child phonography,

identity theft, revenge phonography and cyber bullying often results in suicide and rape cases," said Assistant Commissioner Edmore Mlambo, the Senior Staff Officer (Crime) at Police General Headquarters.

Meanwhile, Mobile Service Providers also came under fire for failing to properly register all sim cards in their system, a situation, which police say helps criminals to commit offences and go undetected.

It was noted that the call history record is usually kept for a limited period of time, and retrieval of messages and audios, especially on WhatsApp was still a challenge.

The stakeholders agreed to continue with collaboration efforts on intelligence gathering, training and equipping of investigation officers and raising awareness campaigns on OCSEA.



Superintendent Bonisiwe Nxumalo (standing third from right) and officers from INTERPOL Secretariat and ZRP Victim Friendly Unit captured outside ZRP Golf Club in Harare



ZRP collaborates with Botswana Police Service to campaign against GBV

The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) Bulilima-Mangwe District recently charmed their neighbours - Botswana Police Service – to join hands in commemorating the annual global campaign of 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV).

The commemorations also saw the Bulilima Mangwe One-Stop Gender Based Violence Service Centre being officially opened by the Minister of Women Affairs, Small and Medium Enterprise Development, Dr Sithembiso Nyoni. During her speech, the minister condemned the abuse of children, highlighting shocking cases of child abuse, like the nine-year-old Tsholotsho minor who was impregnated by her relative.

“Our fight against gender based violence and harmful practices such as child marriages needs all of us to come together and proffer solutions to this scourge which steals

—By Staff Reporter—

the future of our children. We also cannot achieve the desired results of creating a gender just society if we leave out men and boys,” said Dr Nyoni.

Botswana Police Service Superintendent, Gaolatlhe Ngayaya, who also works under the Gender and Child Protection Branch said her country is dedicated to collaborate with ZRP in the fight against GBV, considering that the two countries share a common border and cultural practices.

“We applaud the ZRP for coming up with this initiative and we hope to learn from their experiences. We are looking forward to work in collaboration with the Bulilima-Mangwe District to also develop our One Stop Centre. We are hopeful that in the near future, we will receive an invitation from ZRP to come and benchmark the project,” she said.

Representing the Commissioner General of Police Tandabantu Godwin Matanga, the Chief Staff Officer (Crime) at PGHQ, Commissioner Abigail Moyo, expressed her gratitude to Bulilima-Mangwe Community and various other stakeholders for their hard work and contribution of resources towards the project.

“As ZRP, we express our gratitude on the invaluable asset that has been handed over to us. We will dutifully make use of it and at the same time make sure that it is well maintained. As the police, we say no to violence against women and children,” she said.

The 16 Days Campaign Against GBV brought together different institutions, corporates and media to rally under the theme; “Unite, Activism to end violence against women and girls”.



Minister of Women Affairs, Small and Medium Enterprise Development, Dr Sithembiso Nyoni (right) cuts the ribbon to officially open Bulilima – Mangwe One Stop Gender Based Violence Centre. Assisting her is Chief Staff Officer (Crime) at PGHQ, Commissioner Abigail Moyo (left).



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Commissioner-General of Police Tandabantu Godwin Matanga (second from left) and his spouse (seated centre), are joined by senior officers and members to follow the sermon during the End of Year Church Service

ZRP conducts a thanksgiving church service

—By Staff Reporter—

As has become the norm, the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) family recently gathered at the New Assembly Hall, Morris Depot to worship the Lord during the 2022 End-of-Year Church Service.

Guest Preacher, Reverend Abel Makahamadze challenged Police officers to exhibit love during the performance of their duties, as Christ himself showed love when he was crucified on the cross for our sins.

“Look beyond your situations and see beyond today, look for solutions from the cross. Our problem is not holiness, our problem that we have is humanity. The word became flesh and even Christ himself came in form of human being so as to be vulnerable and to solve problems of humanity” he said.

ZRP Chaplain-General, Assistant Commissioner Reverend Dr Jeremiah Tendai Doyce emphasized that the church service was an opportune event to celebrate what God has done for the organisation throughout the year.

“As an organisation or police family, we meet to worship God and to praise Him for what he has done for us,” he said.

Meanwhile, the police provinces also held similar church services throughout the country where widows and orphans were given some goodies.

Preaching at the Criminal Investigations Department Church Service, the Provincial Chaplain, Inspector Munyonga called upon congregates to meditate, and reflect on what

they have done as the year 2022 came to an end.

“As the year is ending, ask yourself what have you done, what will you be saying about the year” he said.

The Officer Commanding Police in Mashonaland East Province, Commissioner Grace Ndou also encouraged police officers to create time and worship God, despite the tight schedules they may have.

“This is the only period where members of the ZRP, their families and the public must gather together and worship God. During this time, we must also remember our police widows and orphans,” she added.

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ZRP challenged to intensify fight against drugs

The Zimbabwe Republic Police has been challenged to enhance its capacity in policing by infusing research based strategies and technology to the fight against crime.

Speaking at the 39th Police Staff College Graduation Ceremony held in Harare recently, then Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage, Mr Aaron Nhepera urged the ZRP to engage other stakeholders and up its tempo in fighting the menace of drug and substance abuse.

Mr Nhepera said it was disturbing to note that drug and substance abuse is now entrenched in all communities throughout the country. He reminded the police officers to work together with various groups in society in order to identify and prevent all the nefarious activities affecting members of the society, especially the youths.

"Today's society continues to spawn more, new and different challenges to the policing environment. Currently, the country is grappling

—By Staff Reporter—

with the scourge of drug and substance abuse that is threatening to impair whole generations. May I take this opportunity to call upon the police and all relevant stakeholders to gird up their loins in an effort to eradicate the malady of drug and substance abuse," he said.

Mr Nhepera applauded the Zimbabwe Republic Police for attaching value to its human capital development, saying it was encouraging to note that the organisation continues to imbue its police officers with knowledge and preparing them with skills to deal with modern criminal syndicates.

The ZRP Staff College churned out a total of three hundred and eighty-nine (389) graduands who had completed various Certificates and Diploma programmes.

"Today's graduation, ladies and gentlemen, represents a milestone towards ensuring that our men and women in uniform are better prepared to understand the peace

and security challenges faced by our nation to amass capacity and proffer effective intervention to investigate those challenges.

Addressing graduates at the same occasion, Professor Chipso Dyanda from the University of Zimbabwe pledged the support and continued supervision of the ZRP Staff College programmes.

Professor Dyanda challenged the college to introduce more relevant programmes that will eventually produce graduates who can effectively create a safe and secure environment for businesses and society to thrive.

The officers were awarded with Certificates in Training Methods, Law and Policing, Traffic Management, as well as Diplomas in Adult Education, Business Management and Law.

Fifteen of the graduates were members seconded by the Zimbabwe National Army, Air Force of Zimbabwe and Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services.



Some of the 2022 ZRP Staff College graduands



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ZRP Welfare Fund receives capital injection

The Zimbabwe Republic Police recently received yet another capital injection in the form of a grinding mill and maize dehuller from BP Global Solutions Zimbabwe. The grinding mill project will help to generate funds to boost coffers of the Commissioner-General of Police's Welfare Fund, that supports orphans and widows left by police members who die whilst in service.

The grinding mill was installed at ZRP Highfield New Camp in Harare. In his acceptance speech on behalf of ZRP, the Chief Staff Officer (Human Resources Administration), Commissioner Erasmus Makodza commended the sponsors for their benevolence.

"It gives me pleasure to address you at this event, the official handover of the grinding mill by BP Global Solutions Zimbabwe to the Commissioner-General

—By Staff Reporter—

of Police's Welfare Fund. It is through such noble gestures that the ZRP Welfare Fund has been able to take care of the orphans of both departed members of the Zimbabwe Republic Police and other disadvantaged members of society who are also supported by the ZRP Welfare Fund," said Commissioner Makodza.

BP Global Solutions Zimbabwe, Mr Tonderai Nyakuhwa said his organisation's support to the ZRP is a reciprocal gesture towards the good work being done by the law enforcement agents in the fight against crime while creating a conducive environment for business growth.

"The grinding mill that you see here is a bold gesture and statement of our deepest appreciation of the sterling work that the police

force is doing in our communities. For businesses to thrive, internal peace must be preserved, lives and properties must be secured. Thanks to our police force, Zimbabwe is one of the most peaceful countries on the continent. We believe in our police force," emphasised Mr Nyakuhwa.

Mr Nyakuhwa further highlighted that his organisation is upbeat that the grinding mill will contribute towards the efforts to generate more funds that would resultantly capacitate the Chaplaincy to effectively execute its mandate.

Speaking to *The Outpost* crew, an ecstatic Mrs Linda Magora who resides in New Highfield Camp said the establishment of the grinding is a welcome development not only for police officers and their dependents but for the surrounding community as well.



Commissioner (Human Resources Administration) Erasmus Makodza (second from left) receives the grinding mill and maize dehuller from BP Global Solutions Zimbabwe on behalf of ZRP

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Assistant Commissioner Marshall Dube (left) congratulates Tanatswa Shumba for achieving six units during the Grade 6 end of year examinations. Looking on is the headmaster, Chief Inspector Luckson Kachamaenza

positions, respectively,” said the headmaster, Chief Inspector Luckson Kachamaenza.

Assistant Commissioner (Operations) in Bulawayo Province, Assistant Commissioner Marshal Dube applauded the teachers for continuing to produce good results.

“I urge the school authorities and teachers to keep up the good work which is a result of commitment, hard work and team work. May I challenge parents and guardians to continue supporting the school to the best of their abilities. Your contribution to the school is quite evident as portrayed by the school’s outlook. It is the levies that are paid by parents and guardians that are used to develop infrastructure in the school such as the laboratory and library. Let us continue to equip the laboratory with computers for the benefit of our children,” he said.

The chairperson of the School Development Committee, Inspector Maxwell Sibanda revealed that the SDC has a progressive strategy to improve the learning environment of learners.

“As the SDC, we have plans to carry out a number of capital projects that include building a perimeter wall, to ensure pupils are not detracted when learning.

We also have plans to construct a big hall for holding our functions. As a short term measure, we bought text books for ECD to Grade 7 and other learning materials that include; 7 laptops and 7 desktop computers that have since been mounted in the school’s e-learning centre,” he said.

ZRP Ross Camp Primary remains on top of Bulawayo Schools

—By Staff Reporter—

It was yet another stellar performance by the Zimbabwe Republic Police Ross Camp Primary School when it posted a 100% pass rate in the ZIMSEC 2022 Grade seven examinations.

The impressive results were a replica of the 2021 academic year when the school also finished on top position in Bulawayo Central District.

“I am also very proud to announce that ZRP Ross Camp Primary School recorded yet another 100% pass rate with 8 learners scoring distinctions of 6 Units.

The school not only excelled in the academics, but also managed to do exceptionally well in other extra curriculum activities which saw 2 female volleyball athletes and 1 male chess player qualifying for the provincial and national



Superintendent Enock Chishiri hands over a Certificate of Outstanding Performance to Nhlanhla Ncube of ZRP Entumbane NWC. Looking on is Officer-in-Charge, Chief Inspector Sifiso Siziba

ZRP Entumbane honours NWC members

Thirteen members of ZRP Entumbane's Neighborhood Watch Committee in Bulawayo Province, were recently honoured for their efforts in patrolling their neighbourhood, a situation which police believe has contributed to the reduction of serious crimes in the area.

The members are taking turns to patrol the streets at night whilst accompanied by regular members of the ZRP. They stop and search any suspicious persons they see moving around during the odd hours.

In recognition of their efforts, the Officer-In-Charge ZRP Entumbane, Chief Inspector Sifiso Siziba organised an award giving ceremony to present them with certificates.

Officiating at event, Superintendent Enock Chishiri (Superintendent in charge of crime at ZRP Bulawayo West District) said community policing is of paramount importance in the fight against crime. He called upon all members of the community to participate in community policing activities established by the police, such as the Neighborhood Watch Committee (NWC) and Business Against Crime Forum of Zimbabwe (BACFOZ).

"The police have a mandate to protect lives and property. However,

we cannot perform these duties successfully as an organization in isolation. The active engagement of the community is therefore of paramount importance. The ZRP has platforms for community engagement such as the Neighbourhood Watch Committee, Crime Liaison Committee, Business Against Crime Forum of Zimbabwe among others. We encourage people to join any of these because they involve property owners in participating and protecting their own property," he said.

He commended the NWC members receiving their certificates of recognition for outstanding performance and urged them to continue working hard.

"We are gathered here today to commemorate and recognize the outstanding performance by Emakhandeni NWC members. We found it befitting to award them with certificates of outstanding performance after they managed to arrest several criminals during their patrols. Notably they managed to recover stolen property which includes four aluminum window frames, two empty drums, cellphones and electrical copper cables. This dedication to duty surely deserves recognition. I would like to promise you that more awards are going to come as long as you continue working tirelessly," he added.

BACFOZ Chairperson, Mr Walter Mlauzi thanked members of the Emakhandeni community for coming up with a formidable team in fighting crime. As the business community, we benefit most from their patrols as our premises are the criminals' prime targets.

The Officer-In-Charge, ZRP Entumbane Chief Inspector Sifiso Siziba said the police was happy to be associated with young people who channel their energy towards fighting crimes rather than committing them.

"Joining the NWC is a good initiative that we support as the police. Parents must encourage their children of 18 years and above to come and join us and to shy away from drugs which are destroying their potential in life," he said.

Mlauzi was excited after receiving his certificate. He told the Outpost that it surprised him because he never thought their efforts were being recorded by the police.

Said Mlauzi, "I am so grateful to the ZRP for giving us the certificates. It shows that our efforts in fighting crime are being recognized at high levels in the police. Now that we know that it's being recorded we are going to double our efforts. Next time we want to be recognised even at the Police Headquarters in Harare".

ZRP Family Fun Day back on the annual calendar

The Zimbabwe Republic Police's annual hybrid entertainment festival – ZRP Family Fun Day – has returned onto the organisation's calendar by public demand following persistent calls from revellers.

The recent show, held on the 17th of December 2022 at Morris Depot grounds, was an early Christmas celebration to members of the public after being suspended in 2019 due to Covid 19 restrictions.

It was characterised by merry making and feasting, and fusion of musical entertainment from different artists, police displays, B-car, motor cycle and horse rides, as well as jumping castles.

Since the outbreak of the global pandemic, all gatherings were banned as one of the preventive measures to curtail the spread of the virus.

The ZRP Display team delivered an absolutely thrilling performance to the ecstatic crowd with its dare devil antics of motor cycle and horse drills. There were also martial arts and gymnastics displays, where the 7-year-old Wilfred (Jnr) Mashaya captured the attention of the multitudes. Mashaya (Jnr) has not looked back after joining the ZRP Display team and performing at a grand stage during the country's 2022 Independence Celebrations held in Bulawayo.

Fans were also captivated by the bike riding antics of the pair siblings of Victor Nyamupfukudza (8) and Tadiwanashe

—By Staff Reporter—

Nyamupfukudza (15) from the Bog wheelers Motor Cross Club.

An array of musicians who included Baba naMai Charamba, Uncle Banana, Baba Harare, Eriya Tembo, Barura Express and Caroll Mujokoro, had mouthful performances.

The day also provided an opportunity to individuals and business entities to sell food stuffs, goods and services. The business entities were charged USD50.00 for individual stands while companies were asked a nominal fee of USD200.00 to exhibit their wares.

Speaking to this publication, Senior Staff Officer [Press and Public Relations], Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi said the 2022 edition of the ZRP Family Fun Day was a resounding success.

"The Family Fun Day was a huge success based on the crowd that thronged the venue despite the adverse weather conditions which was characterised by intermittent downpours. We managed to achieve our objectives (of raising funds) with limited resources. All stakeholders who were charged with executing different tasks did so in earnest and their effort is commended. The icing on the cake was the attendance of the organisation's central Planning Committee led by the Commissioner General of Police Tandabantu Godwin

Matanga. People of various age groups attended the event and were satisfied with the entertainment which was provided," Assistant Commissioner Nyathi said.

Most people interviewed by this publication on the sidelines of the event were in jovial mood as they praised the Zimbabwe Republic Police for bringing back the Family Fun Day.

Mr Jabulani Khumalo said the event provides the public with an opportunity to freely interact with the police while having fun.

"Sometimes the public is hesitant to freely interact with members and officers of the police on crime and other issues. Events such as Family Fun Day provide the public with an opportunity to mix and mingle, and at the same time informally interact with the police while being entertained," he said.

The multitudes who braved the rains, began to trickle into Morris Depot Grounds, as early as 0800 hours. The event curtailed at around 2000 hours despite the crowd demanding more from musicians and the Police Band.

All the proceeds of the Family Fun Day are channelled towards the Zimbabwe Republic Police's social responsibility programmes such as paying school fees for the less privileged.



The motorcycle displays were a marvel to watch during the 2022 ZRP Family Fun Day



Chief Superintendents and Superintendents follow proceedings in Bulawayo

ZRP commences training for the 2023 election plebiscite

—By Staff Reporter—

The Zimbabwe Republic Police will not stand by and watch as lives and property of peace-loving citizens are put at risk by misguided elements of society, who have the propensity to instigate violence at every given opportunity.

This warning was issued by the Commissioner-General of Police, Tandabantu Godwin Matanga while officially opening a Public Order Management Training Course, held for senior officers at the Blue Lamp Hall in Bulawayo Province, recently. The Police Chief told the senior officers undergoing training to be ready to make key decisions that will ensure the safety of all citizens and visitors during the forthcoming election plebiscite. A total of 27 officers, mainly Chief Superintendents and Superintendents attended the course.

“As you are all aware, the Republic of Zimbabwe will be holding harmonised elections this year. The ZRP has a constitutional mandate of maintaining law and order in the country, including during the election period. Against this background, it is vital for us to ensure that all our police officers and trainers are equipped with the requisite knowledge and skills necessary for efficient and professional policing of the plebiscite,” he said.

He told the senior officers that they have a huge responsibility on their shoulders to make key decisions that helps junior officers to execute their task effectively and efficiently on the ground.

“The ranks you have are not just for titles but they need action and to act accordingly. If you fail to execute your duties properly, you will have failed the ZRP and the country at large. The significance of this event lies on the importance of roles and responsibilities bestowed on the ZRP in preserving peace and tranquility in the country,” said Commissioner-General Matanga.

He added that world over, policing is now predicated on the continuous training of police officers so that they are capable of maintaining law and order as well as ensuring that all citizens and visitors alike live in a peaceful and secure society. The Police Chief urged the police officers to remain focused and always be guided by their constitutional mandate.

Deputy Commissioner-General (Human Resources) Mind Elliot Ngirandi weighed in saying government was mobilising resources for ZRP and police officers ought to appreciate the government’s efforts by showing commitment to their duties.

“Right now the government is rolling out several developmental programmes in the country, and for any development to occur in a country there must be enough security and we are ones who guarantees that security as the ZRP. This training programme comes at a time when the government is working tirelessly

to ensure that the country attains a middle income economy by the year 2030. This is no doubt a clarion call for us to exercise commitment to duty in guaranteeing a safe and secure environment for industry to strive,” DCG Ngirandi said.

The Officer Commanding Support Unit, Commissioner Bazibi Dube resonated the CGP’s message, urging senior officers to be prepared to give instructions on the ground and be always available when needed for consultations.

“We do not want commanders who develop cold feet when faced with challenging situations. The decisions that you are going to make are very critical especially at your level. Do not give in to political pressure or to influential individuals who may push you to make certain decisions that may not be the best tactical decisions at that time. As long as you are acting within the confines of the law, you are fine. Be a commander of spine and make firm decisions that you will be stand by. Do not be fiddle. Take advantage of this course and start preparing now,” said Commissioner Dube.

The training, which started in Bulawayo will be rolled out to other provinces, and involves Physical Training, Public Order Management Strategy, Public Order Planning and Evaluations, Weapon Handling, Briefing and Debriefings among others.



Stakeholders visit to Tengenenge Arts Centre in Guruve, Mashonaland Central Province

MFFU steps up fight against cultural heritage crimes

—By Staff Reporter—

Zimbabwe Republic Police's Minerals Flora and Fauna Unit (MFFU) is stepping up the fight against cultural heritage crimes, which include among others; the infringements of the Works of Art and Theft of Intellectual Property.

In an interview with *The Outpost* Magazine during a recent visit to Tengenenge Arts Centre in Guruve, Mashonaland Central Province, the Officer-in-Charge MFFU Detective Chief Inspector Portia Chinho said the police are taking seriously the crimes of this nature. She added that MFFU is currently working together with other stakeholders such as the National Archives of Zimbabwe to identify and deal with such concealed crimes of this nature.

"Apart from our responsibility of superintending over issues to do with minerals, flora and fauna as well as vandalism and theft of public utilities, the MFFU is now mandated to also police works of art," she said.

Zimbabwe has a number of legislations that protect works

of art and intellectual property. Pursuant of the Works of Art and Cultural Heritage Strategy, police station stations are required to immediately alert the MFFU upon receipt of any case related to theft of art and culture violation.

Meanwhile, the National Gallery of Zimbabwe is capacitating the law enforcement agency through training workshops to ensure police officers understand the nature of crimes perpetrated against works of art and heritage.

Speaking to *The Outpost* on the sidelines of the Tengenenge Sculpture Village Tour, the National Gallery of Zimbabwe Executive Director Mr Raphel Chikukwa expressed confidence on the importance of partnering with the ZRP and other stakeholders.

"We are working well with the Zimbabwe Republic Police through the Criminal Investigations Department in order to curb cultural heritage crimes that can be committed within and outside Zimbabwe. The idea of

collaborating with police is to make sure that the public is also made aware that defacing and vandalising cultural objects is a crime. We will make sure that perpetrators of such crimes are also brought to book,' he said.

The INTERPOL has approved Standard Operating procedures used by member countries. It (Interpol) provides a number of tools that facilitate the global exchange of information on criminal activities involving works of art, details of the artwork and the criminals involved.

On the other hand, Decision 23 of the 24th Southern Africa Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation (SARPPCO) Annual General Meeting held 2019 in Zambia gives guidelines to the bloc's members on the enforcement of works of art in the region. Zimbabwe is also a signatory and adheres to the principles of the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) 1970 Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing illicit trafficking of cultural property.



Harare man arrested for growing cannabis at church stand

A crafty Harare man was recently arrested by Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Drugs and Narcotics for cultivating more than 700 plants of cannabis without a license at a church stand.

Lawrence Mutizwa (54) of Westlea suburbs in Harare, was a caretaker at a local church who decided to earn the extra income by cultivating the cannabis. His luck ran out when detectives pounced on him after receiving a tip off leading to the recovery of the cannabis plants.

When **The Outpost** crew visited the scene, detectives from

CID Drugs and Narcotics were uprooting the plants. A neighbour who spoke on condition of anonymity said Mutizwa was a violent man who would harass anyone who dared to come nearer to the premises.

"This man did not want to see anyone near the premises. He would charge viciously towards you. We wondered what exactly he was protecting. He had no friend and frequently abused his wife," said the neighbour.

At the time of his arrest, Mutizwa remarkably looked unfazed and kept his cool. He has since

appeared in court and was remanded in custody.

Meanwhile, four other suspects, including a 74-year-old man have been arrested by the CID Drugs and Narcotics for impersonating police officers.

The quartet who were using a Honda fit vehicle would target alleged drug dealers and identify themselves as detectives from the Drugs section and threaten to arrest them before extorting money and confiscating drugs in exchange for freedom. They would then resell the drugs.



Detectives from CID Drugs and Narcotics Harare, uproot cannabis plants from the church stand

Police re-arrest fugitive prison escapee

—By Staff Reporter—

Police in Mashonaland West Province recently re-arrested a 30-year-old fugitive who escaped from Hurungwe Prison Farm and started terrorising Kariba residents through unlawful entry and theft cases.

According to the Member-In-Charge Crime of Kariba Criminal Investigations Department (CID), Detective Assistant Inspector Costa Chinhano, the accused Donald Chigwagwa from Chief Mola, Siakobvu area had escaped from prison in June 2022. Ironically, the unrepentant accused person had been incarcerated for yet another case of unlawful entry and theft offence.

"Following his escape from Hurungwe Prison in June, a report was made at ZRP Makuti and we made all efforts to re-arrest the fugitive. However, we could not immediately locate him since he was of no fixed abode," said Detective Assistant Inspector Chinhano.

Later the police sought help from members of the public who indeed supplied positive information leading to the arrest of the suspect. Upon his arrest, Chigwagwa was linked to five unlawful entry and theft

cases committed in Kariba where property such as fridges were stolen.

P o l i c e investigations established that some of the stolen property were

disposed off in the neighbouring Zambia, while other items had been sold locally. Police recovered a consignment of household goods, which include fridges, queen size beds, four plate stoves, plasma television sets, and laptops amongst others.

At the time of visit by **The Outpost** crew, the accused had been convicted and sentenced to an effective 72 months' jail term for escaping from lawful custody as well as two cases of unlawful entry and theft.



**Detective Assistant Inspector
Costa Chinhano**



The accused fugitive who escaped from Hurungwe Prison Farm, Donald Chigwagwa



Police Detective excels in Forensic Accounting

A police detective based at the Criminal Investigations Department, Commercial Crimes Division (Northern Region) has set a new record by scooping 10 prizes of being a best student in Forensic Accounting.

Inspector Ladislous Mutambanashe, is one of the 26 police officers who recently graduated with a Diploma in Forensic Accounting from the Chartered Governance and Accountancy Institute in Zimbabwe (formerly Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators in Zimbabwe).

He scooped the Overall Best Student Trophy for his class, and 9 other prizes for coming first in the following courses; Essentials of Cost Accounting, Introduction to Forensic Accounting, Quantitative Techniques, Computer Operating Packages, Zimbabwe Taxation, Investigation Process and Techniques, Fundamental Principles of Financial Analysis, Research Methods and Financial Accounting II.

For his sterling performance, the elated junior officer was deservedly awarded a Memorandum of Good Work by Senior Staff Officer Training and Development at Police General Headquarters.

"Generally, my passion is being able to meet the evolving and insurmountable tasks with high-level of dexterity and distinguishing aptitude. My ethos are premised on becoming a business oriented and focused police officer who attaches a premium

—By Staff Reporter—

tag to work demands ahead of personal interests," he said during an interview with **The Outpost** recently.

His dream is to further his studies in forensic accounting to become one of the Certified Fraud Examiners or Certified Forensic Auditor. Forensic Accounting is now a well sought after qualification following the increase of white collar crimes and ever changing technological advancements.

Through applying forensic accounting principles police officers are able to detect and gather sufficient and appropriate evidence to nail the offenders in courts.

The business sector, especially the insurance, banking, health care, pension funds and medical care enterprises are some of the hard hit institutions by fraudsters.

Inspector Mutambanashe is also a holder of Masters Degree in Strategic Management obtained with Chinhoyi University of Technology, and Bachelor of Business Administration in Police and Security Studies from Bindura University of Science Education. He also has several certificates of investigating intellectual property crimes from INTERPOL's International IP Crime Investigators College.

He joined the ZRP on 24 January 2005 and trained at Morris Depot. He was posted to Support Unit Province where he went for further gruelling three months training. After graduating at Support Unit, he was posted to Bravo Troop in Buchwa District.

In May 2013, he was transferred to PGHQ Planning and Development, and later seconded to Deputy Commissioner General (Human Resources) office in 2018. Upon the transfers of Deputy Commissioner Generals in November 2019, he was automatically moved to DCG Crime's office where he was the Member-in-Charge, before being transferred to CID Province.



Inspector Ladislous Mutambanashe display his accolades after scooping the Best Student Award in Forensic Accounting



The Emergence of Cyber Incidents: How institutions can do best to work with law enforcement



As the country joined other countries in celebrating October of each year as the Cybersecurity Awareness

Month (CSAM) and other similar cybersecurity awareness programmes which run throughout the year, I have seen it appropriate to highlight in this article why it is important for other institutions to work with the Police Service in the fight against cyber crimes.

Cyber intrusions now affect businesses and organisations of all sizes and in all sectors and industries. The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has a mandate which is enshrined in the Constitution of Zimbabwe and one of those is to investigate, disrupt and deter malicious cyber activity (prevention). In achieving this, the ZRP work with other stakeholders such as online service providers, civil, administrative, and other regulatory agencies such as Postal Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ) who all draw upon each partner's unique expertise and resources.

In the same vein each sector uses whichever combination of tools which they deem to be most effective in responding to and countering a particular threat. When it comes to cybercrime, the private sector plays an instrumental role due to a combination of factors.

Cyber-attacks on individual

By Nyasha Alford

citizens, communities, or organisations can have instant, wide ranging consequences for the nation's broader national and economic security interests. No country, industry, community, or individual is immune to cyber risks, and no one government agency, company, or individual can thwart risks alone. We all have a role to play in stopping cybercrime – criminal activities that either target or are facilitated through a computer or network, such as through hacking, fraud, identity theft, and copyright infringement.

Law enforcement officers work to keep our nation safe and secure. Law enforcement professionals play a vital role in the policing of internal affairs of Zimbabwe through proactively fighting Internet-related crime, promotion of safer online behaviour, and reminding the public that behaviour in the cyber world, just like the physical world, has real consequences.

ENGAGING THE POLICE AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN A CYBER ATTACK INVESTIGATION

Meeting the cyberthreat requires the help and cooperation of the private sector as well. When deciding whether to notify law enforcement of a cyber incident, organisations weigh the anticipated benefits of a proactive approach against legal, business, reputational and other practical concerns. Its always a smart choice to work with law

enforcement before, during and after a cyber intrusion or attack as this has the direct benefit of helping victims to understand what could have happened; by way of sharing context and information about related incidents; ensuring a proper investigation and preservation of evidence and assisting victims in dealing with regulators.

During investigation it should be noted that even law enforcement agents must deal with issues of human rights as violation can lead to possible criminal prosecution.

Law enforcement also has access to investigative tools and other processes that are not available to the private sector that, in some cases, enable law enforcement to undo some of the harm caused by an incident. For example, law enforcement may be able to seize and recover lost data or work with banks to interrupt a fraudulent transaction.

Research carried out by the ZRP indicates that evolving cyberthreats affect organisations of all sizes and in all sectors and industries, causing them to work tirelessly with a view to detect, mitigate and deter cyberthreats. Furthermore, when an incident happens, there is need for organisations to contain the damage to their organisation, to their customers and to their reputations.

Former FBI Director Robert Mueller once said, 'there are only two types of companies: those that have been hacked and those that will be' and this also applies



to the general citizenry.

In line with the government's national development agenda, National Development Strategy 1 (NDS 1), the strategic document clearly spells out the country's direction on digital economy and it becomes imperative for everyone to know about cyber intrusions being perpetrated by cyber criminals through awareness campaigns, thus leaving no one behind in the development agenda.

The volume and severity of cyberattacks have only increased in the past five years. Although the threat from malicious cyber actors is now relentless, so is the effort of the Zimbabwe Republic Police's Criminal Investigations Department (CID) to counter it.

The thrust of CID as a law enforcement department is to investigate, disrupt and deter malicious cyber activity regardless of who is behind the keyboards thoroughly and professionally. Successfully countering the ever persistent cyberthreat, however, requires the help and cooperation of organisations of all sizes, sectors and industries. This is true whether the organisation is a victim or a witness for example, an internet service provider.

Cybercrime cannot be systemically curbed without confronting the source of cyber-criminal activity, reducing the payoff and making the risk of prosecution real to offenders. With government efforts alone proving insufficient, successful approaches require a convergence of transnational public-private efforts and resources. To date, government cooperation with private-sector actors, both locally and globally, has been fragmented.

Cybercriminals exploit these gaps to act with near impunity. We need to close them.

While the promulgation of the Data Protection Act Chapter 11:22 is a welcome development, prosecution statistics still exhibit a different picture in that there is a "stunning enforcement gap" for cybercrime. The likelihood of successfully prosecuting a cybercrime is estimated at about 0.05%, far below the higher rate of prosecution for violent crime.

Jurisdiction is often murky for cybercrime investigations. In the physical world, a crime occurs at a location with the criminals physically present, but in cyberspace criminals can live in one country, carry out crimes in another and leave evidence in a third. In these instances, government agencies often do not have jurisdiction to investigate all the aspects of crimes committed online, whereas private companies with global operations regularly operate across national boundaries.

Moreover, cybercriminals abuse privately-owned infrastructures to carry out their crimes and this is evidenced by the results that came out of the INTERPOL/AFRIPOL led Africa Cyber Surge Operation in which Zimbabwe took part in and there was collaboration with private sector players who provided significant assistance in countering criminal activities.

A siloed approach to the war against cybercrimes will not yield any positive results and this has seen the international community the international community taking commendable action to enhance national

law enforcement capabilities and facilitate international cooperation on cybercrime – INTERPOL's Global Cybercrime Programme and Innovation Centre in Singapore and the Africa Joint Operation on Cybercrime (AFJOC) leading results of these efforts, as are international policy dialogues such as the United Nations Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group on Cybercrime and the Budapest Convention on Cyber crime.

Finally, it is crucial to share cyber threat information across the industry. Speedy and efficient communication is no doubt necessary to catch up with criminals. On top of traditional information exchange between law enforcement agencies, cross-spectrum information-sharing is indispensable to counter global threats.

For instance, banks, financial institutions and security service providers can update law enforcement officers with the latest security system they are using, while law enforcement officers can share the latest crime trends and *modus operandi*.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The recent upsurge in serious crimes such as murder, robbery, rape, and stock theft in the country, has exposed gaps that exist between job requirements and actual performance particularly among investigating officers in the Zimbabwe Republic Police. This problem has generally been raised in all provinces before as evidenced by the issuance of a circular Number 20/2002 dated 18 of June 2002 (**Uncoded Rules Vol 111**) in which the same issues of poor investigations were well elaborated.

In Matabeleland South Province, in particular, the commanders have taken issue with members to ensure the matter of poor investigations is given the serious attention it duly deserves. During Annual Inspections and other assessments such as Provincial Force Development Committees and District Force Development Committees it has been noted that there are serious deficiencies with regards to investigations of crime, in particular.

Furthermore, the province is inundated with a plethora of complaints from members of the public specifically community leaders citing glaring inadequacies in the investigation and management of cases by police resulting in acquittals at courts.

The lamentations of poor police investigations resulting in poor quality of dockets have been amplified and corroborated by other parties to the criminal justice chain such as the National Prosecution Authority, Judiciary and Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services. In the criminal justice chain, any obstacle or bottleneck that occurs at any stage has a ripple effect on the other stakeholders. The police always start the ball rolling and, if the operating system is normal, affect the work of others either positively or negatively. A case in point is the one cited hereunder;

Commenting on poor investigations in **S v Mukohwa & 50rs HH230 of 2018** Chitapi J indicated that, "In this case, the court felt constrained to comment that its jurisdiction and process had been abused. The court was called upon to preside over a case in which the **investigations were so poorly conducted by the police to the point that an injustice was done in circumstances where a life was lost...**".

It is against this background that Matabeleland South Professional

Crime Investigations Guide Lines

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Updating Centre and the Provincial Commanders designed this module to be used by all investigating officers as a guide to investigations from the time the report is received up to time the case/ docket has been finalised at court.

2.0 SCOPE

The scope of this module is centred on:-

- Report Receiving [in the Charge Office]
- Scene attendance
- Witness [identifying, recording of statement]
- Identification of exhibits, collection and preservation and transportation to relevant experts.
- Statements made by suspects and accused persons [warned and cautioned statement recording and further enquiries]
- Types of Evidence: Exclusionary rules.
- The Process: Subpoena and warning for court.

The specific objectives will therefore follow below each Sub-heading mentioned above:-

3.0 REPORT RECEIVING

Crime investigations start from the time a report is received usually either by an individual making the report in person or by telephone. Essential information and clues are obtained from the person making the report, albeit if the right questions are asked to solicit for such information or clues. This therefore, follows that members receiving reports should be alert to clues and hints by asking relevant pertinent questions which will guide the attendance and further investigations.

COMPLETION OF BOOK 25

3.1 Paragraph A- Call Grading.

Call grading is the first assessment in crime investigations. The grading of calls has been done to ensure that resources are deployed as expeditiously as the situation requires. This is to ensure that, as much as possible, police are able to collect as much evidential clues from the scene of crime as possible while it is still fresh.

Therefore, all things being equal, all scenes regardless of grade **SHOULD** be attended to within the shortest time

possible. In the context of resource constraints currently obtaining in the organisation, grading of scenes for proper prioritisation of deployment of the resources is paramount. However, Commanders have observed that improper grading and total failure to grade calls has contributed immeasurably to poor quality of investigations due to unnecessary delays in crime scene attendance.

As such scenes should be graded accordingly as follows:

GRADE A CALLS

- ❖ **Include all calls where there is danger to life**
- ❖ **Violence is being used or threatened**
- ❖ **A crime is in progress or likely to be committed**
- ❖ **A suspect is present or nearby**
- ❖ **Evidence may be lost by delay**
- ❖ **A road accident involving injury or danger to other road users**
- ❖ **Any other incidents judged to require immediate response**

All such scenes shall be attended to immediately at least within 10 minutes in urban areas and within two hours in rural areas.

GRADE B CALLS

- ❖ **Include all scenes requiring police attendance, which are not under grade A.**
- ❖ **All such scenes shall be attended to as swiftly as possible at least within 3 hours in urban areas and within 48 hours in rural areas.**

3.2 PARAGRAPH B - COMPLAINANT OR INFORMANT

This part should be completed properly. However, some members hastily complete this part. Proper completion assists the attending detail or investigating detail in getting first-hand information, identifying witnesses at the scene or during follow up.

3.3 PARAGRAPH C - REPORT

This paragraph is the skeleton of crime report which needs to be reinforced with flesh/evidence obtained during crime investigations. The whole paragraph will aid the investigating officer in statement recording in an endeavour to answer a 5Ws and 1 H in statement recording. **{What, when, where, who, why and how}.**



It is at this stage that some investigating officers are misled by receiving officers who provide wrong "short title" for example assault instead of "attempted murder" where the victim eventually dies. Where the member is in doubt as to what offence to write, a brief description will guide e.g the accused is alleged to have hit complainant with an axe handle on the head and complainant is unconscious see Part H.

Receiving officers should elicit for time of occurrence as this will guide investigating officer when recording statements because the victim's mind will be fresh especially in rape cases. This will also assist in determining the truthfulness of victims who may be accused of fabricating especially in assault, rape and other sexual offences.

3.4 PARAGRAPH D - ACCUSED OR SUSPECT

Where accused is known, full particulars must be provided. This will assist in carrying out interviews at the scene. It has been noted that some members refuse to write names of suspect(s). There is nothing wrong in writing a list of suspects as this will provide a starting point to investigating officers through elimination by collecting forensic exhibits from them.

3.5 PARAGRAPH E - PROPERTY

Should be completed regularly and value provided wherever possible. Where the value cannot be given at the time of reporting, the fact should be stated in this paragraph.

3.6 PARAGRAPH F - ACTION TAKEN

This is the starting point of crime management where the report is handed to first responders or investigating officers basing on the magnitude of the crime. The delay in handing over the report to investigating officers may result **in loss of evidence** and the case will be very difficult to detect. Officers-In-Charge or Members-In-Charge should often check this book and quickly allocate cases. Receiving members should also quickly relay information about serious crime to their superiors for action.

3.7 PARAGRAPH G - SCENE ATTENDANCE

This is very important paragraph which determines the outcome of a case. A general rule is that all scenes should be attended to for good reasons. Scene attendance gives an opportunity to have an appreciation of how the crime was committed.

When a scene is attended to there is a chance of getting clues of who might have committed the offence, (where suspect is unknown) or collection of evidence that help to connect the offender to the crime.

This gives reassurance to the victim that the police are doing something about the case and usually helps in getting information of some of the complaints raised against police by members of the public.

3.8 PARAGRAPH H - BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCE

Members must always provide brief circumstances of what transpired. Members are discouraged from using technical jargons such as "assaulted", "murdered", "raped" etc but should use plain language such as "the accused person stabbed the complainant twice at the left side of the abdomen and left a knife stuck in the abdomen. The victim is bleeding profusely and lying at the scene of crime. This brief circumstance clearly shows what transpired and provides a clue as to what sort of crime this could be.

3.9 PARAGRAPH I - RESULT

This part should always be completed to determine the outcome.

4.0 Scene Attendance

Scene attendance is a critical component of case management. This part should never be skipped as it forms the basis of any further enquiries to be conducted. The issue of scene attendance is reinforced in Police Standing Orders Volume 1 Part C.4 as well as paragraph 30.1 of the Police Duties and Investigations Manual which stresses that,

"Every effort should be made to attend all scenes as expeditiously as possible".

In order to provide an efficient service and to foster good Police/ Public relations, it is necessary that police attend to all crime scenes, whether there is any likelihood of gaining anything of evidential value or not. While it has been clearly outlined, as a matter of policy, that every scene should be attended to, where police are unable to do so due to circumstances beyond their control the guiding exception rule stated in the Police Duties and Investigations Manual says;

"....where Police are unable to attend immediately for whatever reason, the person making the report should be asked to come into the Station or to

give the report over the phone and be given an assurance that something will be done as soon as possible".

The manner in which the scene of a crime is initially approached, examined and processed by the first Police Officer to arrive, often determines the success or otherwise of the subsequent investigation. It must therefore be borne in the mind that as the first responder there is likelihood to make or break the case!

It is vital that members correctly approach, examine and process a scene to ensure that even the smallest clue is not overlooked. Always use the rule, **No clue is too small to ignore!**

Remember, you **can always dispose of seemingly valueless clues, but you can never replace them.** When processing a scene always make use of the acronym APRA meaning;

- i. **Attendance and Assessment**
- ii. **Protection**
- iii. **Recording.**
- iv. **Action**

4.1 ATTENDANCE AND ASSESSMENT:

The speed with which scenes are attended to is an essential element as:-

- **the perpetrator may still be within vicinity,**
- **victim may die from injuries sustained during the commission of the crime, or**
- **Evidence may be destroyed by natural phenomenon or contaminated by people or animals.**

A margin of minutes may make the difference between a successful or frustrating investigation.

Do not disturb a crime scene (unless there is need to render first aid to injured persons or arrest suspect in situ) until the team has assessed the extent of crime scene area. Even in the circumstances described above, every effort should be made to make a quick assessment of the scene and take note of clues. Where possible ensure that this is jotted down somewhere for the information of the person tasked to make further enquiries in the matter. The following is an inexhaustible list to bear in mind when examining the scene, always remembering that the aim is to

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prove transference of material from one object to another.

Ashes, blood, drugs, dust, explosives, fibres, fingerprints, firearms, footprints, grease, glass, insects, marks on weapons or tools, minerals, oil paint, pigments, poisons, sand, sawdust, semen, soil, tar, stains, traces of metal, tyre marks, vegetable, waxes, weapons, wood, wood shavings.

Further information on collection, preservation and dispatch on each of these can be obtained from the Manual of Scientific Aids to Investigations.

Always keep in mind that the organisation has a forensic directorate. Collect what you can and preserve it well according to specifications. The issue of capability is for the directorate to decide.

4.2 PROTECTION

The importance of protecting the scene cannot be over emphasised. Allowing people to trample all over the scene or failing to protect clues is inexcusable.

NB: The organisation is holding on to dockets that are extremely difficult to prosecute because essential evidence was not collected at the scene.

Where samples have been picked, think about control samples e.g. blood, whose blood, to prove what? This is important and be sure to collect samples and control samples and properly label. Some cases have been destroyed because no control samples were collected and forwarded to forensic laboratory for analysis.

4.3 RECORD

The primary value of clues located and collected lies in their relationship to scene itself. This relationship must be recorded accurately prior to such clue being disturbed by team.

Note that this relationship should connect suspect to the crime.

Recording can be done using a still camera, video or sketch plan (made to scale). The attending team should direct photographers. Photographs are produced in court as evidence by the team, who will state that the photos/plans were taken/ made by the team and at the its discretion. The reality of our

situation is that official cameras are not readily available. While members may use their cell phones to take photos, the best evidence is a sketch plan and notes made at the scene.

Notes must be taken when recording scene as illustrated by figure 3 below;



Figure 3

4.4 ACTION

This refers to action taken at the scene by team/experts/specialists, etc. It can be broken down into 3 stages:

- ❖ Search
- ❖ Examine
- ❖ Retrieve & Preserve

Remember to take the appropriate equipment to the scene.

NB: Remember the **GOLDEN RULE** is, never alter the position of or pick up or even touch an object before its exact position has been photographed, noted for the plan and examined for fingerprints. Scene attendance and scene processing is a painstaking process. The attending team should never be in a hurry to finish.

5.0 STATEMENT RECORDING (COMPLAINANTS AND WITNESSES).

This part should be read in conjunction with part 11 below. Statements form the basis of criminal investigation and prosecution. All statements recorded should essentially address the elements of the crime committed and link the suspect to the crime. The exclusionary rule of evidence should be observed on all forms of evidence for example opinion evidence, hearsay evidence, circumstantial evidence, character evidence, similar fact etc.

It is important for police officers to clearly understand where all these forms of evidence can be useful.

For example opinion evidence, as a general rule, is given by experts in a specialised field/ medical doctors. A doctor can give an opinion as to the cause of death or whether there was penetration or not in rape cases.

It has been observed that statements do not show this understanding, for example where a witness observed a suspect hitting a person with an axe

handle on a part of the body, it is sufficient for that person to just clarify the following issues in respect of that,

"I saw Giant holding an axe handle, in his right hand and striking Shortie once on the left side of the head just under the ear and Shortie fell down and starting bleeding. I saw that Shortie was bleeding from the nose, ear and mouth". In this context the witness is simply narrating what they saw and not expressing an opinion.

It is incorrect to record this as,

"I saw the accused assaulting the now deceased by taking aim with an axe handle on the sensitive part of the head and the now deceased fell down unconscious and died on the spot as a result of the assault". What is striking about the incorrect part is that the witness will be subjected to intense questioning to clarify terms and issues in the event the accused is represented.

Statement recording is a tedious task. In serious cases witnesses should be thoroughly prepared. Take notes as the witness narrates the whole story first and then the recording should go fact by fact targeting element by element of the crime. The member recording the statement should know what is needed to be proved in each crime. The statement should help the prosecution to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that it is, indeed, that particular suspect who committed that crime.

Statements should therefore corroborate each other. The person who witnessed the incident narrates what he/she saw, or did. The expert buttresses this by testifying as to what could have happened e.g doctor, forensic analyst etc. The Police Officer narrates what he/she did. Where circumstantial evidence becomes relevant, in certain cases, e.g murder the person giving such evidence should just concentrate at circumstances for example,

"I saw Tommy taking a shovel from where we were working and leaving the



work place. He followed in the direction that Shapie had gone when he passed where we were working a few minutes earlier. After about what I estimate to be around 30 minutes, Tommy returned to the work place. I noticed that he did not bring back the shovel. I also noticed that he had changed the worksuit he was wearing earlier and was now wearing a blue jean trousers and a black T shirt inscribed 'Born Free' at the front chest. When I asked him why he had changed clothes while we were still working and where he had left the shovel we were using, his response was terse and scary.

He said in isiNdebele;
"Ungibuzelani umbuzo wona lowo?"
 Translated to English,
"why are you asking that question?"

I kept quiet from there on. I also observed that situation became tense at the work place.

From this brief it is clear that the evidence given by this person is circumstantial and a bit of opinion. This should be supported by direct evidence of blood samples on the changed clothes or shovel to connect this to the offender and that indeed he took that shovel and indeed followed the accused. This witness cannot testify that the suspect is the one who killed Shapie because that will be speculative and inadmissible. But his/her testimony gives a chain of evidence that can be supported by other sources of evidence but without stating what he or she perceived.

When recording a statement of complaint, bear in mind the essentials necessary to prove the commission of the crime and check that all the necessary data has been included.

Section 252 of Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act

[Inadmissibility of irrelevant evidence] states that;

"No evidence as to any fact, matter or thing shall be admissible which is irrelevant or immaterial and cannot conduce to prove or disprove any point or fact at issue in the case which is being tried."

6.0 EXHIBITS AND EVIDENCE GATHERING

This part should be read in conjunction with part 11 below. Schmidt (1989), defines evidence as all the information presented to court in order to enable it to settle a factual dispute. It includes written or oral statements made by witnesses as well as objects submitted for inspection.

Gathering information commences at the scene of crime and collection of information can be made through direct and indirect source of information.

6.1 General handling of exhibits

- Once you have taken possession of Exhibits ensure that they are correctly labeled and entered in the Exhibits Book.
- Exhibits must be stored in a safe place, i.e the Exhibit Box or Storeroom and in the case of valuables, placed in the Charge Office safe and an entry made in the Charge Office Diary to this effect.
- If the Exhibits are to be forwarded to the F.S.L.O. for examination ensure that they do not come into contact with each other.
- Perishables - these should be placed in cold storage if possible. Perishable exhibits of a less essential nature, i.e vegetables from a hawker, may be destroyed on the authority of an Officer of or above the rank of Superintendent.
- Livestock - should be returned to the person from whom stolen if known. Where the ownership is in doubt arrangements will have to be made, e.g delivery to the local Pound master.
- Destruction of Exhibits is covered in **section 58 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act Chapter 9.07.**

6.2 Basic Equipment For Crime Investigation.

Every time you are out to attend a scene, remember to have the following wherever possible:-

- Clipboard
- Relevant forms
- Torch (at night)
- Bags
- Pen
- Tape measure
- Cameras
- Chalk
- Envelopes
- Police notebook
- First Aid kit
- Tweezers

7.0 Evidence at a Scene of Crime

This part should be read in conjunction with part 11 below. Retrieval and preservation of evidence pose no problem when scene is attended by experts/specialists. However, this is never possible all the time in our context. It is therefore, the responsibility of the attending team and it is here that headaches are experienced. Potential evidence can be damaged, altered,

destroyed or even lost due to injudicious handling, careless packaging, contamination or decomposition. Also, failures to properly label/mark exhibits and maintain a strict chain of possession affect the integrity of potential evidence.

The following is a list of some of the evidence to be located at crime scenes:

- Fingerprints
- Footwear/Tyre impressions
- Ballistic evidence
- Striation marks/Mechanical Fit
- Forensic evidence / Questioned Document.

The key to any successful criminal investigation and prosecution is the quality of evidence obtained at the crime scene. The more evidence collected, the greater the likelihood of a conviction. Crime scene investigators should be highly skilled in the investigation and collection of evidence, and they often have to be on the lookout for numerous types of evidence.

7.1 Physical Evidence

Physical evidence is one of the most common types of evidence found at a crime scene. Physical evidence consists of the actual physical objects found at the scene. This can mean large items such as damaged cars, broken glass or smashed doors. It also includes items that are minuscule in size, such as hair or clothing fibres.

An investigator may also collect weapons such as knives or guns, or fired bullets and spent casings. Depending on the scene, physical impressions may also be found, including tyre tracks or footprints.

A suspected burglary may lead the investigator to look for tool marks on the doors or windows. Finally, physical evidence also includes fingerprints and lipstick impressions left on glasses or cigarettes. If it can be touched, picked up or moved it constitutes physical evidence.

Every little detail is important. In murder cases description of time, place, what happened, distances, people around, direction of blow, hand used, number of blows, weapon used, size, model, clothes worn by deceased, accused at the time, reaction of deceased. Every detail perceived by the witness should be clarified. Each point that is subject to proof or disproof should be a stand alone fact.

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With no financial muscle to bring in all the household names of artiste and their fully fledged bands, the

ZRP's gamble of using the Police Band to back up some musicians recently paid off good dividends in the recent Family Fun Day.

In fact, the Police Band left audience asking for more with their flawless performance and collaboration skills while backing up the Charambas and Baba Harare. During the Charamba's performance, the Officer -in -Charge ZRP Dance Band One, Inspector Pedzisai Arifero took the lead guitar while Constable Darlington Denhere was the drummer. The police duo delivered a polished act despite not having practised any songs with Pastor Charamba.

In an interview with this publication, Inspector Arifero said

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—By Jameson Kajombo—

the band members' experience, talent and versatility helped them to pull up the performance.

"It is often said that experience is the best teacher. Experience, versatility and talent, enabled Zimbabwe Republic Police band members to blend well with different musicians who to the funfair. I am humbled that Baba and Mai Charamba's fans were thrilled by the police band performance during the show despite the police band members having not practised the songs which were sung by the Charambas," Inspector Arifero said.

The Police band also provided backing vocals and dancers to Baba Harare and Eriah Tembo during their performances.

Now to the musicians performance review

Artist: The Charambas

Baba and Amai Charamba gave a top notch performance, which proved that they are still a force to reckon with in the country's gospel music industry. Some of the songs sung by Charambas include; ***Musamariya, Manger -Vasikana, Rute, Kana Vanhu Vangu, Tauya Kuzomotenda, Moses and Ibasa Rangu.***

Artist: Baba Harare

Baba Harare is one of the musicians who put the stage on fire and kept audience on the dance floor with sing along (*jiti*) tunes such as; Generator Poto Inopisa, Simudza ngere ngere tiende. He curtailed his performance with the crowd favourite tune, ***"Haubvire,"*** which is one of the songs from his latest offering, ***"Zimbabwean Giant"***. The dread locked singer was backed by the police band.

Artist: Carol Mujokoro

Despite the heavy rains that

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Pastor Charles Charamba and Amai Charamba thrilled the crowds during the 2022 ZRP Family Fun Day held at Morris Depot grounds



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Shalom!

In part one, we talked about three lessons that the scribe learnt from his late mother in the first seventeen years of his life. Firstly, a parent must give Jesus to his/her child; secondly teach them to give and thirdly teach them to respect people, especially the elders. Our theme scripture remains **Proverbs 22:6** which, encourages guardians and parents to *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* (KJV).

Lesson Four: A bottle of Coca Cola and Four Buns for Every Visitor

All visitors to the scribe's one roomed sweet home were guaranteed to enjoy a bottle of Coca-Cola and 4 buns within the first 10 minutes of their arrival.

The scribe wonders where the money for this came from; as he reflects, he is convinced that it was just but a miracle as he fails to remember any failure to do this hospitable gesture to any visitor. In a nutshell, she taught the scribe to be hospitable, and, to treat all people the same, whether rich or poor. The benefits of this teaching are substantiated by many biblical examples. Abraham got the promised son, Rebecca was married, and the wealthy Shunammite woman conceived after many barren years, all on the grounds of hospitality.

Lesson Five: Three kinds of church members - the sheep, the frogs and the sharks.

Their church used to conduct evening services every Wednesday and Friday night from 7 – 8pm. The scribes' mother usually

—By Innocent Takaendes—

arrived home from work at around 7:10pm, tired as she used to spend most of her time at work standing. She would just pick her vernacular Bible and say, *'Inno, hande!'* [Innocent let's go to church]. Being tired or late was not an excuse for her to miss church services.

Though the night-services were poorly attended, with an average of around seven adults attending, she was constant and consistent in attending both day/night services with her son, the scribe. If she missed any service, the Pastor and a team of elders would pass through at her place the very same day/night just to check if everything was okay. Why? Because the Pastor knew that she hardly missed services, unless there was a genuine reason of substance. The fact that she had visitors at home was not an excuse for her to miss church.

Fast forward to today, the scribe, a Pastor, now knows that there are three groups of members in the church. Firstly, the sheep - constant and consistent members who hardly miss services. Secondly, the frogs - they always skip services and they claim so called genuine reasons for that behaviour. Lastly, the sharks – those who appear once in a while just to remind the church that they are still part of the team. She was consistent with **Hebrews 10:25** (KJV) which says, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."* She taught the scribe to attend services constantly and consistently.

Lesson Six: Either you respect the fools, or you join them!

Growing up in the overcrowded ghetto place – it was hard to lead a quiet life, surrounded by both the wise and fools. There were always

'unpaid self-proclaimed freelance street journalists' whose business was to spread gossip and pure lies from one house to another, causing ignominious mental and verbal commotion among residents. These were highly gifted in making people believe their lies which would cause even the best of friends to become blatant foes. These people had the guts to falsely allege that an innocent person said such and such statement; and the world would believe them.

The scribes mother was generally a person who minded her own business, but at times she was a victim of these malefactors who were bent to see people fighting all the time. How she responded to these malefactors was so amazing. Her strategy was to make a sensible and logical argument only if the person was in the class of the wise according to her rating. But, if the person was a well decorated fool, she would just say, *'tinozvisiira mumaoko aMwari izvi.'* [We leave these ones in the hands of God].

She chose to respect the fools rather than to join them. She taught the scribe that winning an argument against a fool adds no value; rather, the world will be convinced that you have joined the fools-club. Her teaching dovetailed with the wise council of King Solomon in **Prov 26:4** (NLT), who warns that, *"Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are."*

Lesson Seven: Dress Simple and Smart

Due to limited financial muscle, the arrangement was that she would buy used clothes for the scribe when the need arise during the course of the year and new clothes were a preserve for Christmas celebrations only. The scribe had no problems with the arrangement since he was



involved in her financial obligations and had accepted the status quo. However, she taught the scribe that smartness is not in the new clothes. One can still look good or even better than the one with new clothes, if those used clothes are washed clean, well ironed and having matching colours. She taught him to buy not the best shirt on the market, but the one that will fit and match well with his wardrobe. She dressed modestly as expected of christian women from the teaching of Apostle Paul in **1 Timothy 2:9-10**. Teach your children to dress well and modestly.

Lesson Eight: Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep

The scribe's mother rarely missed a funeral of a close relative and if she failed to attend the burial procedures during the course of the week due to work commitments, it was an obvious prediction that the very next weekend, she would visit the bereaved to pay

her condolences. As for weddings which were done on Saturdays, she used to send the scribe with her gift in the morning and she would then join the proceedings after her Saturday half-day at work. Her actions were influenced by **Romans 12:15 (KJV)**, which says, *"rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."* Teach your children to join hands with others, whether in times of rejoicing or weeping.

Lesson Nine: Do not borrow – live within your means

From Monday to Thursday night, they ate sadza with vegetables and would only have meat on the table on weekends, from Friday to Sunday. This was a budget system meant to live within one's means. They had no electric stove, and relied on the paraffin stove for cooking; neither did they have a refrigerator, and resorted to traditional methods for preservation of food. In all this, the scribe's mother was not a borrower. There are people who can't do without borrowing and they borrow

everything and anything, giving a wrong teaching to their children. **Romans 13:8 (KJV)** warns that, *"Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."*

Conclusion

As alluded to in Part 1, parents and guardians must dedicate time and patience in the child-training process. A child is like a brand new phone with a few applications, what you will install therein is usually what the phone will perform. The owner of the phone should not expect it to perform a function for which one has not installed an application thereof. Therefore, through the child-training process, install in them what you want to see them performing. Even if they may stray for a season, but like the prodigal son, a time will come for them to come back to their senses and return back home, thus returning back to the teachings you would have given them. Teach and pray for children.

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were experienced during her performance, Carol Mujokoro kept the audience on the dance floor with her sing along spiritually uplifting songs such as **Anoona Moyo, Haiwa Jehovah and Anopindura Minamoto**. When her time was over, the audience who had braved the heavy downpour, could not take any of it as they begged the singer to carry on singing her spiritually uplifting songs.

Artist: Howard Dzanambira & Dzanambira Crew

People who are fond of traditional and mbira sounds were in for a treat as Howard Harimedi and his **Dzanambira** music ensemble left them in a frenzy. Some of the songs he sang include; **Mai**

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Havarohwe, Ngoma Yarira and Mwana Anenge Rombe.

Artist: Eriah Tembo & Horizon Band

Eriah Tembo proved that he is on a mission to revive the mighty Bhundu Boys legacy. He delivered a polished act singing songs such as; **Simbimbino, Hatisi Tese, Kuroja Chete and Hupenyu Hwangu**. The Bluu-T outfit front man is currently basking in glory with the release of his latest album titled, **Musandiregerere**, which has songs such as; **Simuka Utambe** featuring Andy Muridzo, **"Dai Waiziva,"** featuring Killer T and **"Ndazomuona"** featuring

Roki .

Artist: Barura Express

The Barura Express took the audience down the memory lane with the late Barura Express front man, Leonard Dembo's signature songs such as; **Chitekete, Madhiri, Mutadzi Ngaaraegererwe and "Zvaunoda Handizvigone.**

Artist: Uncle Banana

Uncle Banana was not be outdone as he proved why is the children most favourite chanter. He belted rhymes such as; **Loli Pop, Uncle Banana and I am a Champion**, which appealed mostly to children. Uncle Banana is warming up to produce a yet to be named 'kids' rhyme album early in 2023.

ZONE VI Games; a necessary experience for ZRP's Volleyball teams

The recent tour of Zambia by ZRP volleyball teams was a necessary experience for the police outfits who are still in need of more game play on indoor facilities. During the 2022 Zone VI Senior Volleyball Club Championship held in Lusaka Zambia, the ZRP was represented by three clubs; ZRP Mambas Queens, ZRP Support Unit Volleyball Women and ZRP Support Unit Volleyball Men.

The sun did not shine for the police teams who lacked experience of playing indoor games. The Zimbabweans struggled to familiarise themselves with the indoor courts as they are used to outdoor facilities where lighting is rarely used. The effect of the wind as well as the trajectory and speed of the ball differs with varying environments said one of the veteran coaches Prisca Mhuru.

ZRP Support Unit Men's team had a flying start when they thumped Green Eagles of Zambia (3-2) in their first match. However, the celebrations were short-lived as they went on to lose out to Nkwazi of Zambia and Eswatini's Correctional Services by (1-3) and (0-3), respectively. In the end, they eventually finished on 10th position out of 17 teams which contested in the tournament.

The Support Unit Men's side assistant coach Radios Mhetu is hopeful of a better performance, given their experience from Zambia.

"Coming from a two-year sabbatical following the Covid-19 pandemic these

—By Staff Reporter—

games gave us the necessary exposure and impetus going forward into 2023. We will certainly come back rejuvenated and prepared knowing what to expect in the next competition", said Radios Mhetu.

The same script was written by ZRP Support Unit Women's Volleyball team who overpowered Eswatini Correctional Services (3-1) in their first match, but went on to lose (1-3) and (0-3) to Botswana Police VI and Botswana Prison Leopards, respectively. Even the experienced duo of Vimbai Chawasarira and Danai Christine Muchenje was not enough to see them go past the Botswana clubs.

However, it was the rejuvenated ZRP Mambas Queens who defied the odds with their brilliant performance despite being grouped with the best clubs from the region. Their first game was a litmus test against hosts and Zambia's best team – the Green Buffaloes. ZRP Mambas Queens shocked all and sundry by snatching the first set (25-23) in scintillating fashion. It was a set in which the "Ambassador" as utility player Hither Kamwamusunga is known in volleyball corridors, silhouetted with some sumptuous display of attacking moves. Her presence was felt as she powered the Mambas Queens to their first ever set in the regional tournament.

The imposing, popular and celebrated player, Sibusisiwe Matizirofa, also known as Tserense displayed some glimpses of brilliance for the Queens.

However, the hosts turned the tables and went on to win the match (3-1) after a spirited fight from the debutants. The Queens suffered a similar fate, falling (1-3) at the hands of Botswana's BDFVI. They found the going even tougher against fellow compatriots Harare City who thumped them (3-0) in their third match.

Mambas Queens found their consolation in their fourth and last match when they out-muscled the Wolves of Malawi (3-2) in a five set thriller to finish their dance in the tournament on a high. Purposeful play from outside attackers Plaxedes Gapote and Rumbidzai Dzuda, as well as the reliable liberos Proceed Mkonto and Melinda Phiri left the Malawians ball watching as the Queens marched to their first triumph at the regional sporting extravaganza.

"It is our first appearance and it gives us confidence finishing on a winning note especially after beating the champions of Malawi. It gives us hope going into the future, look-out for team Mambas Queens come 2023," said Epiphania Runesu.

The Support Unit Volleyball Teams is looking forward to redeem their lost pride, while Mambas Queens will hope to improve on their second dance with Southern Africa's best clubs when they invade Lesotho in the next edition of the Zone VI Games, later this year.

It remains to be seen if the Zimbabwe Volleyball Association can successfully lobby the Ministry of Youth Arts Sports and Recreation through the Sports and Recreation Commission to build more indoor courts around the country to help the Zimbabwean volleyball teams cause.



ZRP Volleyball ladies team

Weddings



B - Sergeant Sofia Fiona Dube of ZRP Makonde DHQ Operations tied the knot with Colchaster Kuzanga

A - Constable Marshall Tatenda Mushanyu of ZRP Makonde DHQ Chaplaincy tied the knot with Sekai Machokoto



C - Constable Cyprian Nhira of Binga Camp Clinic tied the knot with Mildred Mubaiwa at Glengarry Gardens Bulawayo

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